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same and to share the Gospel is something we all need to support and she purchased 34 tickets, even though they only needed 32.

She felt sure that there might be a couple of more folks that would need a ticket," said Morgan.

"I then relayed to her that if she had any extra tickets that Fannin County High School's Christian Learning Center would be going and that they had four students that wanted to attend but could not afford the ticket price, and without hesitation she purchased the extra four tickets for these kids," said a very emotional Morgan.

Folks, this is what Christianity is all about, seeing a need and going out of your way

to meet that need. In preparation for their arrival, Joyful Listening would like to invite you to e-mail prayer requests to joyfullistening.com and Morgan assures you that "If you send a prayer request, it will be passed along to Casting Crowns and Kerrie Roberts for them to be praying for you, our town, our leaders, our families, and whatever your need."

Motivated by the love of God, Joyful Listening provides an opportunity for folks to come and hear the Gospel of Christ through the 'joyful listening' of today's contemporary Christian music.

Their goal is to provide "a night of family worship, fellowship, and proclamation

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"Much of what we were able to accomplish would have been put on the back shelf with their support," said Catherine Hansen.

A rare beauty, this one of a kind rhododendron garden is well on its way to becoming a 'must see' botanical destination for anyone traveling to

the beautiful North Georgia Mountains.

The Hansens encourage everyone to come out and help support the Hamilton Gardens this fall by purchasing a garden gift card or a native perennial from the Garden Shop or just come by for a stroll in the gardens.



The sign at Hamilton Gardens says it all. The annual fundraiser is underway. Photos/Libby Shook

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Water Authority members go over the 10-year plan for the future last week in Hiwassee. Photos/Libby Shook

this month. That's very hopeful; the average would be 10-12 per month."

Hooper also was pleased with the fact that they have had "an influx of nine new meters in August."

Maybe this is a sign that things are looking up for the community as a whole.

The TCWA, as well as the entire county, is impacted when residents leave the community to seek work elsewhere or lose their homes to foreclosures.

Hooper said, "The Board does recognize the people of the community and each individual homeowner.

"We are committed to continue providing clean, potable (drinking) water to every customer at the cheapest rate that we can," he said. "There are things that go on behind the scenes that our customers may not see.

"For example, 20 feet of pipe split on King Cove Road which drained our storage tank," Hooper said. "At 3 a.m. on Aug. 21st, our crew was dispatched out and had the problem found and corrected by 9 a.m. the next morning.

Join us for our 39th Fall Festival at Folk School

We invite you to visit the John C. Campbell Folk School's Fall Festival October 6th & 7th and share the experience with your readers. Enjoy free admission when you show your business card or press pass. You are welcome to leave a business card as well. For more information on the Fall Festival, call 1-800-365-5724 or visit www.folkschool.org/fallfestival.

Now in its 39th year, the Fall Festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 6th and 7th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Folk School's Brasstown, NC campus provides a scenic mountain setting for an event that typically draws 12,000 to 14,000 regional attendees.

Brasstown is tucked into the southwest corner of North

"That's the dedication that the Authority has to its customers," said Hooper.

The TCWA has been very busy working behind the scenes over the past several weeks making other needed repairs.

On Aug. 28th, the repair crew was dispatched to Cedarcliff Road with a hole in a 6-inch pipe. One hundred thousand gallons of water was lost.

After the repair was made, they were called once again to the same location where a 6-inch line had been cut by the contractor.

Seven hundred, fifty thousand gallons of water was lost.

Again, as residents lay in their beds sleeping, the Water Authority was out in the middle of the night working behind the scenes to ensure that water service was uninterrupted and that customers were inconvenienced as little as possible.

"We value our customers and we are about quality service at the best possible rates," Hooper said. "We look forward to our customers suggestions and comments to help us provide the best water service available."

Carolina, making it easily accessible for Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee visitors.

The Fall Festival features exhibitors and activities for visitors of all ages: 200 fine craft exhibitors include Folk School instructors and regional artists; 40 artisans offer traditional and contemporary craft demonstrations; 30 music and dance groups perform on two stages; children's activities include wagon rides, pony rides, and a drum circle; a dozen local food vendors offer a variety of options.

Catch our Fall Festival excitement by viewing our 2011 event on Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/folkschool/sets/72157627831398296/>

We hope to see you at the Fall Festival! (N/Sep26,21)CA

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and good story line," is how she described her take on *Trouble with the Curve*.

"This film will live on and on as an economic asset to Towns County, Young Harris College, and this area in general," said Shirley Miller.

More than 300 extras from Towns County and the North Georgia area were used on the set of *Trouble with the Curve*, Eastwood's return to the Silver Screen.

Players from the Young Harris College Mountain Lions' baseball team were also extras and were able to participate as the opposing team for the baseball scene filmed in Young Harris at the Zell B. Miller Field on the Young Harris College campus.

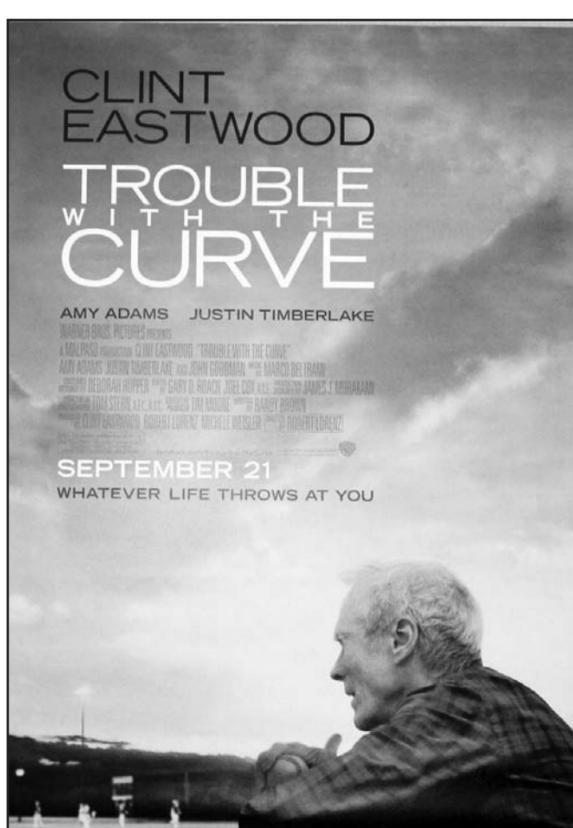
A private VIP viewing was held Thursday night for Young Harris College students, faculty, staff, and trustees according to Fieldstone employee Brittney McKinney.

The setting for this viewing was Theater 1 which has a seating capacity of 400 seats plus 50 overflow seats.

McKinney said that every seat was filled. There were also three representatives from Warner Brothers Studio present for this private viewing.

"The movie got great reviews and everybody loved it. They especially loved that it was filmed here," employee Tyler Faggard said.

Guy Firor, Hiwassee resident and movie extra, said being a part of the film was



Movie posters and television advertisements give a strong indication that *Trouble with the Curve* is a hot ticket item.

an honor.

"This was quite an honor just to be part of the process in which an American icon spent time with us in the Towns County area and allowed us a peek into his world," Firor said.

"The movie did a great job of showing the natural beauty of the North Georgia and North Carolina Mountains. The Zell Miller Field was beautiful," he said. "One of the lasting legacies of

the movie will be how Mr. Eastwood interacted with the local townspeople. There are photos everywhere with him visiting many local establishments."

"He is real down to earth and stays in great shape at 82," Firor said.

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce and Towns County Tourism Association were instrumental in bringing 'The Curve' to Towns County.

Towns County is a Camera Ready Community which means there is a liaison in the county to assist production companies with everything from shooting locations and housing to film permitting and navigating local government.

Candace Lee is the Camera Ready liaison for Towns County, but she gives credit to the Towns County Tourism Association, especially Chairman Hilda Thomason.

Thomason worked very closely with the film crew and was able to provide the perfect location, the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, for parking large vehicles, tryouts for baseball players, as well as bus shuttles for the extras.

This movie, during the filming phase, provided a huge economic boost to the county as well as providing a huge, national audience the opportunity to witness the beauty and majesty of Towns County.

Let's just hope they don't all move here at once.

Customers appreciated at Country Cut away

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Owner Angie Conley could not have dreamed up a more beautiful day than the first day of fall provided for Country Cut Away's Customer Appreciation Day at their new location in Hiwassee's Antique Mall.

With a hot dog stand set up outside and balloons flying lightly in the breeze with the sun shining brightly overhead, the perfect setting was created.

Inside customers were busy registering for door prizes which were being given away every 15 minutes and checking out the amazing specials being offered for this day only.

All styling and tanning products were half price. A month's tanning package with unlimited visits was available for only \$13 as well as a \$3 special on eye brow waxing.

There was also the excited anticipation of the end of the day grand prize drawing in which some lucky folks would walk away with a hair dryer, tanning basket, or styling product basket.

It was obvious that the customers felt right at home and the salon's staff was very courteous, friendly, and more than willing to provide whatever services were needed.

"We just do this because we are very thankful for our clients, and this is our way of letting them know how much we appreciate their patronage," said Conley.

Country Cut Away has been providing quality salon services to customers since 1999 including hair styling, manicures, pedicures, and tanning.

Virginia Shook of Hiwassee has been a customer for the past two years.

"Angie is a great stylist and this is such a friendly shop. The girls are all so very helpful every time I come in," said Shook.

Karen Lairsy of Blairsville seconded that remark.



Inside, customers enjoy registering for door prizes; outside, the cherish a free hot dog. The first day of fall worked like magic for Country Cut Away. Photos/Libby Shook

She has been a customer for more than a year.

"They are so friendly here. They always make you feel comfortable and are always willing to work with you," she said.

Lairsy's husband, Mark Latch, chimed in to give his assessment.

"As picky as Karen is, they always do a great job and she always walks away very satisfied," he said.

Krista Moore of Hayesville, NC has been with the salon for almost five years.

"I am very thankful to be working with such a wonderful group of ladies and I appreciate my many loyal customers," said Moore.

Hair Stylist Lori Land of Blairsville said she has been blessed to work there.

"I have been with Country Cut Away for about 6 months and in that time, I

have been blessed with the best clients and work environment. I am thankful to Angie for giving me the opportunity to be part of the team here," she said.

The "team" is made up of a professional group of ladies who are quick with a smile and eager to provide quality salon services to all who walk through the door.

At the end of the day, it was apparent, a good time was had by all.

ICL new classes next week

The Institute for Continuing Learning (ICL) at Young Harris College has announced the diverse array of courses for the fall term. The Institute offers a wide range of educational opportunities for adults of all ages who are interested in intellectual stimulation as well as cultural enrichment and shared interests.

The following courses are starting next week: Fall Landscape Colors (6 Sessions) - start date: Oct 4.

Join us in a week by week observation of the changing colors of this season. Resharpener your sketching skills in a group setting geared towards discovery and understanding technique, both in the seeing part of drawing and the use of media. Light, placement of shadows, contrast, compositional design, and other individual elements will be covered every week.

Enjoy the beautiful colors of Fall on a mountain campus



Fall Landscape Colors by Juli Sibley as you hone your powers of observation! This class is for beginners through advanced and all those with a love of nature. Bring: 9x12 (or similar) sketchbook, colored pencil set, (any brand) regular pencil, sharpener, or conte crayons.

Mountain artist Juli Sibley creates from her home studio on the edge of the forest. Her creations portray the wonder, mystery & glory of all life forms. Paintings, prints,

art quilts, batiks & drawings on paper & fabric make up the body of her work. Juli is a YHC alumni and holds a Masters in Fine Arts from Western Carolina University.

For more information please visit www.iclyhc.org for registration and detailed course information.

The Institute's curriculum committee continually reviews members' interests and expands the curriculum accordingly. There are no age restrictions for the \$20 annual

Ride with the Mountain Miatas

Do you have a Mazda Miata? The Mountain Miatas have formed a group right here in the North Georgia Mountains. We ride on the first Saturday of every month and a few rides in between. Come join us. Call Jon or Pegg at 706-897-3784. (N/Sep26,21)CA

ICL membership. ICL offers a new series of subjects every quarter, commencing in January, April, June and September. For more information, call 706.379.5194 and leave a message or send an email to icl@yhcc.edu. (N/Sep26,21)CA

MACA meal night

Mountain Area Christian Academy, in cooperation with area local churches, is proud to announce the beginning of MACA Meal Night every Thursday night from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Mountain Area Christian Academy, 14090 Old Hwy. 76, Morganton, GA.

Every Thursday night a hot meal will be provided to anyone who would like to eat and socialize at our school. A love offering jar will be available for anyone wishing to give money for their meal.

Please come and let us serve you! (N/Sep26,21)CA