

Community

Jenkins receives Georgia right to life endorsement



State Representative Charles Jenkins

State Representative Charles Jenkins (D-Blairsville) recently received the endorsement of the Georgia Right to Life Political Action Committee in the November 7, 2006 General Election for his commitment to the protection of human life, born and unborn.

According to GRTL their endorsements are based on responses to their candidate survey, voting history and evaluation of the candidates and their commitment to the cause of life.

Also considered are the aspects of each race, including the reputation of the candidate, the strength of the campaign, and the threat posed by the opponent.

The letter endorsing Jenkins says, "As a candidate who has demonstrated a willingness to stand for sanctity of life, we are especially pleased to commend you and look forward to working with you during the next General Assembly."

"Like the citizens of the 8th

House District I have always been a strong supporter of the rights of the unborn and have voted consistently on the issue," said Jenkins.

"Georgia Right to Life is instrumental in this movement and I commend them for their dedication and am honored to receive their endorsement."

Rep. Jenkins, a lawmaker since 2003, serves on the Economic Development and Tourism, Game Fish and Parks and Retirement committees.

Williams named Union County Chairman

Andy Williams, President of United Community Bank of Union County, has been named Union County Chairman of the \$90,000 "Partners in Service" Campaign of the community Council of the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center. The announcement was made by Lou Ann Bleakley, Chairman of the Council. "We are very fortunate to have Andy heading the effort in Union County. He is a good friend of the Council and a persuasive advocate for our cause. We look forward to working with Andy and his team of volunteers. Under his leadership we are confident the campaign in Union County will be a success," said Bleakley. The campaign will be conducted in the GMRE Center's primary service area of Union, Towns and Fannin Counties over a seven-week period in September and October.

A native of Summerville, Georgia, Williams is a 1975 graduate of The University of Georgia. After two years with Millikin Textiles, he began his banking career in Rossville, Georgia. Later, Williams and twelve associates organized a commercial bank in Statesboro, Georgia. In November 1998 Williams joined

United Community Bank of Union County as president. He is a member of the Union County Rotary Club. Williams serves on the Advisory Council for Leadership Union of Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce and is active on its Budget Committee, assisting in grant writing. He is a Deacon at Grace Community Presbyterian Church. Williams and his wife Sue have two children.

The Community Council has three emphases: educational enrichment experiences for students in the region, outreach programs for adults and preservation projects which help to preserve our mountain heritage.

Williams said, "The Community Council's track record of service to Union County and the region is impressive. We in Union County are fortunate to have the GMRE Center located here. A significant number of our citizens, both students and adults, are benefiting from the programs and activities at the GMRE Center. This is underscored by the fact that last year the Council served 2,100 students and 1,200 of them were from Union County. The work of the Council is worthy of our time and financial support."

Young Harris College News

Reflections on Georgia Politics—Senator Richard B. Russell Jr

Young Harris College and the Institute for Continuing Learning are proud to present a series of fascinating and provocative seminars entitled, "Reflections on Georgia Politics." The seminars, which are open to the community free of charge, provide participants with an inside look at Georgia's public servants over the past five decades.

Noted political historian and campaign consultant Bob Short will review the political life and service of Senator Richard B. Russell, Jr. during the inaugural seminar which takes place on Thursday, August 31, beginning at 3:15 PM in the Goolsby Building's Wilson Lecture Hall on the

campus of the College. Joining Bob will be Senator Russell's nephew Bruce Russell and former aide Earl Leonard, Jr.

Senator Russell was one of the nation's leading statesmen in twentieth century America. He served as United States Senator from Georgia from January 12, 1933, until his death on January 21, 1971, some thirty-eight years later. During that time, he worked with six presidents as a leader in the Senate and played a major role in national policymaking. His career spanned many historic events, including the Great Depression, World War II, the introduction of nuclear power, the Korean and Vietnam wars, the battle for

civil rights, expansion of federal powers and responsibilities, and a host of other major developments. His fingerprints are on most of the historical decisions that were made during his time in the Senate.

Bob Short is a veteran public affairs and political consultant who has served as administrative aide to four Georgia governors and two U.S. Senators. He has also managed the campaigns of several public officials, including Jimmy Carter when he ran for Governor in 1966.

Contact the office of the Vice President for Administration at Young Harris College (706-379-5164) for additional information. ICL is a

not-for-profit organization with excess operating moneys going toward scholarships for students at YHC. In its 16th year of operation, the Institute offers a wide range of educational opportunities for adults of all ages.

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Chastain takes thunder tour win

By LARRY SAMS

(Blue Ridge, GA) August 18- Johnny Chastain of Murphy, NC took the \$3,000 win in the Advance Auto Parts Thunder Tour event at Sugar Creek Raceway in Blue Ridge, GA this past Friday night. Chastain took the lead just after the half-way point in the event when he caught the then-leader Steve Smith in traffic and made the pass. On lap 45 other local racers, David Payne of Murphy and Shane Tankersley of Morganton, GA, passed Smith for second and third when Smith up into the wall. Chastain's brother, Shawn, caught the only female driver in the race, April Farmer, at the finish line to take home a fifth place finish of the "Hot Summer Nights" Championship race.

In what many thought was the most competitive race of the event Tyke Prince of Copperhill, TN took the win by passing Jamie Oliver and Danny Ledford in the

closing laps of the Limited Late Model feature. Cross made his pass of Ledford on the last lap to secure the second spot leaving Oliver to finish third. Jason Payne took fourth and Kevin Bradshaw captured fifth.

The Crate Motor Late Model class found Bobby Panter of Morganton, GA, for the second time in as many races, taking the win. Greg Ledford took second over Sam Parris in third, Jim Bob Davis in fourth and Tim Cochran nailed down the fifth position.

Modified Hobby class racing saw Joe Picklesimer of Chatsworth, GA adding to his multiple wins this racing season. This week Devin Stuart took second, John Walker captured third, Tim Ford took fourth, and Travis Lawson captured fifth.

The Economy Hobby class had Gooch Spriggs taking his first win of the season at Sugar Creek. Tom Darby finished on

the rear bumper of Spriggs for second over Jadrien Beavers in third making her best showing of the season so far. In fourth Brandon Cook held off Howard Price who settled for the fifth spot.

Jamie Cross of Hayesville, NC took the win in the Modified Mini class over Brian McDonald in second and Junior Dillinger in the third spot.

The Stock Mini class saw Justin Woodard take his first win of the 2006 season at Sugar Creek. Shannon Jones took second over Micheal Barrett in third, Casey Mulkey in fourth and Greg Sudderth in fifth.

This week Sugar Creek Raceway will again offer a full racing program. The gates will open at 5 p.m. with practice at 7 p.m. and racing at 8 p.m. For more information you may contact the track at (706) 632-9083.

The Conservative Country Coalition

The Conservative Country Coalition, a local non-profit organization, will be holding an interest meeting on Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Union County Library in Blairsville. This meeting is open to anyone who is interest-

ed in finding out more about the Coalition's efforts to protect and preserve conservative family values in the Blue Ridge Mountain region, as well as its special support the troops projects. Now, more than ever, it is vital that we act to preserve tra-

ditional values because the future of our country depends on it. Recently the ACLU won round one of a crucial battle being waged in our backyard. Even now, the ACLU lawyers are gearing up for their lawsuit against the White County

School Board. Should they prevail, our neighbors will be forced to pay a vast sum as punishment for standing up for family values. But, if the increasingly bold ACLU were to be handed a defeat, the effects would be felt throughout the entire nation. To find out more about what you can do to help defeat this giant, please attend the meeting. The meeting will be informal and refreshments will be available. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to learn about and volunteer for open positions within the Coalition. For more information visit: ConservativeCountry.org.



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