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The case began to unfold last week when Lt. Wilson received detailed information regarding a marijuana grow in northern Towns County. Lt. Wilson and Capt. Edge followed up on the tip and Towns County deputies discovered suspected marijuana plants concealed in various areas, sheriff reports show.

Lt. Wilson immediately opened an investigation and in no time at all, was able to determine that even more marijuana plants were located on the border of Towns and Clay counties.

The original location was close to the North Carolina state line, and it was discovered that most of

the plants were thought to be in Clay County, NC, sheriff's reports show.

Sheriff Clinton then made contact with Clay County Sheriff Vic Davis and the two law enforcement leaders met at the location to discuss the case.

Sheriff Davis contacted his Clay County detectives and North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation agents who arrived and began working the case with Towns County's Lt. Wilson.

Within a matter of hours, a total of 49 marijuana plants were seized from locations in Towns and Clay counties.

A 39-year-old Towns

County man was taken into custody and charged with manufacturing marijuana related to the marijuana grow, Towns County sheriff's reports show.

According to Towns County sheriff's reports, the plants had an estimated street value of approximately \$58,000. Todd Edward Oakes, of Young Harris, was charged with felony manufacturing of marijuana, according to Towns County arrest warrants.

Oakes is free on \$5,000 bond, Towns County Detention Center records show.

Sheriff Clinton said that the case remains under investigation.



Towns County sheriff's Capt. Jeff Edge, Clay County, NC Sheriff Vic Davis, Towns County sheriff's Detective Lt. Brian Wilson and Clay County Detective Wingate pose after a hard day's work on Wednesday last week. The two agencies recovered pot plants with a \$58,000 street value.

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According to the indictment, O'Shields burglarized a room at Manget Hall, Enotah Hall and Winship Hall. Items targeted in the alleged burglaries included a Toshiba Laptop, an Apple Mac Book and an XBOX 360 gaming console, according to the indictment.

Grand Jurors also returned a true bill of indictment against Andrew Virgil

Blackwell, 23, of Hiwassee, on one count of terroristic threats, Battery in violation of Georgia's Family Violence Act and three counts of cruelty to children, according to his indictment.

Harvey Ellis May, 28, of Hayesville, NC was indicted on charges of theft, possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug-related items, ac-

ording to his indictment.

Finally, Moshe Ben-David was indicted on a charge of false imprisonment and battery, according to his indictment. The latter charged, according to the indictment, caused substantial physical harm to the victim. According to the indictment, Ben-David backed his victim down on the ground and sat on her chest for a length of time.

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kids and the challenges of getting acquainted with a new school system."

Early on the challenges many will face will be traffic jams as young parents look to make sure their little ones get settled in the elementary school classrooms as the first couple of days of school get underway.

"The parents of the young students want to make sure their children are safe, so, they'll bring them into the school," Williams said. "It takes a little extra time for the younger ones to get acclimated.

Back to school also means school supply lists must be filled. Local stores

have been busy accommodating shopping parents, who are looking for the right book bags and an ample supply of pens, pencils and paper.

Visit the Towns County Schools' Web site for more details on what your children will need as they head back to the classrooms.

# Football...continued from page 1A

good news. For these guys, they're going to have an opportunity to do good things and contribute in a real meaningful way."

The Indians are solid on offense with a strong group of returning veterans. If Towns County has a weak spot, it's going to be on defense where graduation took a toll.

Gone are linebacker Billy Meier, defensive backs Alan Turpin and Devin Henderson. Linebacker extraordinaire Joseph Foster must sit out the season.

Never fear, Langford is confident in the players who will take the field in 2011.

"We're probably further along in our conditioning more so since I've been here," he said. "I've seen

good teams before with 25, 26 players and I've seen teams with 50 players that weren't so good. That really doesn't matter until you get on the field on Friday nights."

The Indians kick off the 2011 Prep Football campaign at home at Frank McClure Stadium when they take on border rival Hayesville at 7:30 p.m. A week later, they travel to Blairsville to take on the Union County Panthers.

All-in-all, the Indians are focused on the task at hand.

"We have a good freshman group coming up," Coach Langford said. "They've all been around me personally so much that it seems as though they're not freshman because I

know them so well.

"They've worked for us in the weight room close to three years now," he said. "They're very comfortable with what were trying to do. The transition is almost a seamless one. In some years you might have it where the freshmen catch a hard time; the older guys rattle them. That's not really the case this year, these guys just slid right in.

"With this group it's not like you say their freshman, sophomores, juniors or seniors," Coach Langford said. "It just really seems like one group of kids. That's good and important. It's something that we've been trying to get done for a while now. We're glad to see it take place this year."

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Towns County Tourism Association board member Chad Hooper.

"I can't even begin to imagine how many people and cars we'll have this year, said Hooper, Ridges Resort & Marina general manager, whose venue will host the Haulin' Mash Kickoff Bash. "They're a lot of folks already to go for this year's event. We want to get everyone behind this again in 2011."

The number of people that come to Towns County can expect another dose of local hospitality.

"We'll have plenty of food vendors to accommodate hungry folks," he said. "They'll eat in your

restaurants at breakfast and supper."

The Ridges Resort hosted the inaugural kickoff party in August 2009 and 2010. They'll do it again in 2011. Hooper said the last two years have been incredible.

"We believe that we're better organized and better prepared for what should be another solid year for the Cruise-In," he said.

Tourism Association Chair Hilda Thomason, who also serves as general manager of the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, said she too was excited about the prospects for 2011. "This is an exciting

event for Towns County," she said. "It's going to flow again this year."

Parrish said the event is growing on the North Georgia Mountains.

"This is becoming a lasting event for Towns County and Hiwassee," he said. "We want to see folks in your shops and restaurants. We'll only have these car show folks from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Then we'll turn them loose and we want them to come do business with you.

"Anyone who wants to stay open late on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, that's great," he said. "We can direct these folks to you."

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magnetism of the giant cats.

It was The Midway, or the carnival rides that sat virtually empty throughout the heat of the day as not even youngsters wanted to be out in the heat that for

most days reached well into the 90-degree or higher range.

For the most part, the GMF did its part to aid the local economy in times of economic plight. Restau-

rants stayed busy and hotels did quite well also.

Here's hoping that 2012 gets a break from the extreme temperatures that made 2011 almost unbearable.



Little Roy Lewis and Elizabeth Lizzy Long delighted the crowd at Anderson Music Hall on Thursday during Bluegrass Day at the Fairgrounds. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

# Win a free makeover from Mayfair Salon & Spa



Katrina Smelt of Mayfair Salon

It is so easy to attend the Blairsville Tri-County Women's Connection luncheons on August 3 and September 7 to enter your name in the drawing for our Diva for a Day giveaway. Our winning Diva will be treated to a mini-facial,

browshaping, makeup application, hair cut and style from the professional staff at Mayfair. The winning name will be drawn at the September 7 luncheon and the lucky lady will show her new look at our October 5th luncheon.

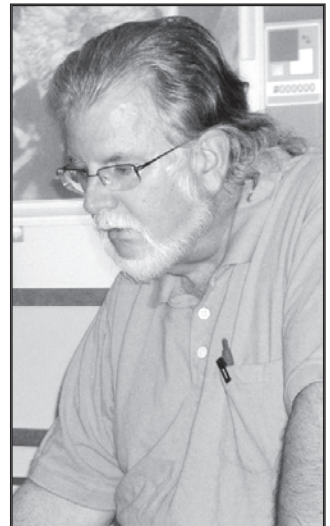
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2, Blairsville, 706-745-1447.

The Blairsville Tri-County Women's Connection meets at noon the first Wednesday of each month at Antonietta's Restaurant for a fabulous lunch, door prizes and programs that include interesting Special Features (fashion shows, self-defense tactics, healthy eating/cooking ideas, etc) musical guest and inspirational speaker. Cost is \$11 and includes lunch, drink, dessert and tax. For reservations and more information, please call Jocelyn Bowers at 706-781-1537.

Don't miss out on your chance for a fabulous new you! NT(Aug3,A4)SH

# Computer Club to discuss Editing Digital Photography



Alex Peers will be discussing tips & tricks for editing digital photographs

On Monday, August 8th, the Mountain Computer Users Group (MCUG) will host a presentation on Digital Photography at the Young Harris College. The presentation will

be given by Alex Peers, who has an extensive background in photography and is an instructor of classes for ICL at YHC. Alex will be discussing uploading/downloading digital images, editing, storage and use of images. Some of the programs to be discussed include PhotoPos Pro, Paint, Net, Photobie, PhotoScape, and Picasa 3. All of these are freebies and can be downloaded from the Internet.

Alex has asked that you bring questions or problems regarding digital images. He will do his best to either fix the problem or give you a solution. You can send your problem image via email to mcugUsers@gmail.com or bring it on a flash drive (USB). Please limit you file size to 400 KB or less.

A technology "Q&A" session will begin at 6 PM

(prior to the feature presentation) so bring your questions and we will try to find you an answer. Join us for an interesting evening discussing personal computer related subjects. The meeting will be held in the Goolsby Center (Wilson Lecture Hall), Young Harris College. All the Mountain Computer User Group (MCUG) meetings are open to the public the 2nd Monday of each month. Great door prizes are awarded to members present. For more information please go to [www.mcug.org](http://www.mcug.org). NT(Aug3,ZA)CA

# Book sale on the square

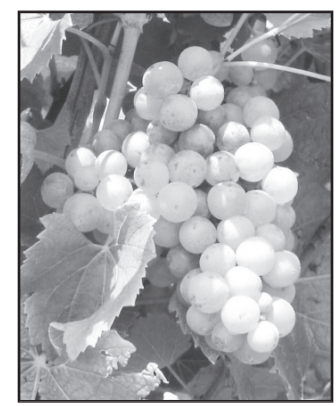
The Towns and Union County Democratic parties are having a book sale on the square in Hiwassee, August 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. TA(Aug3,FI)SH

# Winemaking at Home seminar

The Community Council of the Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center invites you to a free seminar to learn how to safely and successfully make your own wine. The seminar, "Winemaking at Home" will take place on Friday, August 12, at 10 a.m., in the auditorium of the GMRE Center.

The Center is located three miles south of Blairsville, on Hwy 19/129. This seminar is free and no pre-registration is necessary. However, seating is limited to the first 100 in attendance.

Our speaker, Dr. William Hurst, is an Extension Specialist and Professor in the Food Science and Technology Department at the University of Georgia. Dr. Hurst will instruct us on the fundamental stages for consistent winemaking success. Procedures, ingredients and basic equipment will be discussed. Home winemaking can be an enjoyable, creative and satisfying hobby. Come to this seminar to learn



Grapes ripening on the vine

the steps in winemaking and avoid the common mistakes.

This seminar is sponsored by the Community Council. Since the first class in 2004, more than 6,000 adults have benefited from these seminars. The operating budget of the Community Council is funded by gifts from friends through an annual campaign. Please visit our website at [www.gmrec.uga.edu](http://www.gmrec.uga.edu), or call 706-745-2655 for questions or to be put on our seminar email list. NT(Aug3,ZA)CA

# Any and all addictions

A new open 12 Step Recovery Program to help suffering people regardless of the particular addiction or addictions. We meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship of the Hills Church, Pinebrook Drive and 129 S, Blairsville, GA. For information email: [recoveryjeff@gmail.com](mailto:recoveryjeff@gmail.com), or call 706-835-1855. NT(Aug3,Z)CA

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