

## Free Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo at Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery May 3rd

Mark your calendars! Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery located in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains of Fannin County on Rock Creek Road off GA Hwy. 60 near Suches, will host a Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo on Friday, May 3, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, rain or shine.

The free event will be open to all U.S. Military Veterans and Active Duty Service men and women. Participants must register for free upon arrival and bring their own fishing gear and bait. Enjoy fishing in Rock Creek for the beautiful trout that will be stocked at the hatchery especially for this event. All Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations will apply. Free BBQ lunch will be provided for participants. All other non-eligible family members are welcome to fish



Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo participant Larry Akins with his catch last year.

after 12 noon for remaining stockers.

For more information, please contact Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery by phone at 706-838-4723,

website [www.fws.gov/chattahoocheeforest](http://www.fws.gov/chattahoocheeforest), Facebook [www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnfh](https://www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnfh) and Friends of the Hatchery [www.friendsofchattahoocheefish.org](http://www.friendsofchattahoocheefish.org).

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## May Garden Chores from your Master Gardener Extension Volunteers

Use rubber soaker hoses among shrubs and flowers in beds and mulch with pine straw to put the water where the plants need it and to conserve water this summer.

Water roses with a soaker hose to keep water off the foliage and possibly prevent blackspot.

Tomatoes can be grown in containers on a sunny deck or patio. Bush-type tomatoes do better in containers; plant in a large pot at least 24 inches across filled with a good quality planting soil. Fertilize and water tomatoes regularly.

Plant rosemary, basil, thyme and other herbs to enhance summer meals. Herbs are a good choice for a flower-box for your patio. Most herbs grow best in full sun, but mint, cilantro, parsley and thyme tolerate moderate shade.

Plant peppers by the first part of June for summer harvest. Strong sun and wind are hard on new transplants. Set them out in the late afternoon so the plants have overnight to acclimate.

Fertilize your vegetable garden every four to six weeks during the summer, always following label directions. Fertilize azaleas, rhododendrons, and roses now. Fertilize flowerbeds with a slow-release fertilizer.

Seeds of annual flowers like zinnias, cosmos, salvia, marigolds, and nasturtiums can be seeded directly into prepared flowerbeds.

Mulch newly planted blueberry plants to insulate shallow roots from heat and drought. Do not pile mulch against the trunks of trees. This can encourage possible insect

and water problems. Mulch should be approximately 6 to 8 inches away on all sides.

Move or replant irises if they did not bloom very well last season. Prune climbing roses after they finish flowering. Remove invasive plants like Chinese privet, poison ivy and English ivy from your landscape.

Do not remove daffodil foliage after they have bloomed until it turns yellow. The leaves absorb sunshine for energy and nutrition for the bulbs so they can bloom again next year.

Look for Lenten rose seedlings underneath your mature plants and transplant them to other shady spots in your garden.

Variiegated hosta may turn green when grown in lots of sun. It's best to grow hosta where it does not get hot afternoon sun. Plant annual vines like moon flower vine and purple hyacinth bean to disguise ugly walls and enliven fences.

Plant sunflowers for a sunny summer flower arrangement. Weed flowerbeds and borders regularly. Pinch out terminal growth (the tip) of annuals to make bushy plants and encourage growth. Caladiums need generous amounts of water and fertilizer to continually produce new leaves during the summer.

Look for fire ant mounds and treat with appropriate insecticides, always following label directions.

Lichens growing on your tree trunk may be an indication that your tree is stressed from soil compaction, poor drainage or insufficient fertilizer.

Prune off sprouts from the base of crape myrtles that are being trained to an upright tree form.

Wait until after your azaleas have bloomed to prune them (if pruning is needed). This is also an ideal time to fertilize them. Replace pansies with summer annuals and plant ornamental grasses now.

Remove faded blooms from rhododendrons to increase the buds that make the blooms for next year. Remove low-hanging and dead limbs from shade trees.

As your spring flowering bulbs die back, plant bulb beds with annuals for summer color, being careful not to disturb your bulbs. It is still not too late to set out roses.

Rejuvenate houseplants by lightly pruning them and moving them outdoors to a partly sunny/partly shady area for the summer. Start fertilizing at half the recommended strength.

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### Appalachian Duplicate Bridge Club News

The Appalachian Duplicate Bridge Club had five and one half tables involved in a Howell movement at All Saints Lutheran Church in Blairsville, GA on Monday, April 15. Average scoring for this game was 54.0. Joyce Geiger and Pat Mosteller were the first place winners on this day with a score of 69.75. They were followed closely by Ray Berry and Joe Wald in second place with a score of 68.06. Joe and Joan Lane were the third place winners with a score of 66.38. They were followed by Jim Full and Margaret Scagilone in fourth place with a score of 65.25.

Four full table were in play on Thursday, April 18 with an average score of 42.0. Frank Fulford and Dee Short finished in first place with a score of 50.0. Joan and Joe Lane came in second place scoring 47.5. Today's third place winners were Ray Ferree and Tom Faulconer with 47.0 points.

The bridge club plays every Monday and Thursday at All Saints and would welcome any interested bridge players to join in on the fun. If you would be interested in learning more about the games or finding a partner, contact Ray Ferree 850-384-3642 or rayfer1430@gmail.com.

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## Union/Towns Volunteers monthly meeting

The Union/Towns Volunteers meet the first Monday of the month, 7 PM, at First United Methodist Church in Blairsville, GA. NT(Apr24,22)CA

## Trial Run...from Page 1A

Supervisor at the time, Chad Deyton, and other drug agents for assistance in getting the operation off to a good start.

Deyton and other agents provided guidance and direction as to how their unit operated, as well as assisted with a couple of initial investigations.

During the nine-month investigation, "Operation Trial Run" resulted in 37 suspects being arrested on over 150 drug and various other charges.

Numerous search warrants were taken and executed throughout Towns County during the operation.

More than \$81,000 worth of illegal drugs were taken off the roads and out of residences within the county.

The operation resulted in the seizures of a residential home, vehicles, cash and firearms valued at over \$322,000.

Once these seizures have been successfully completed and awarded back to the Sheriff's Office, these funds can be used for law enforcement purposes to combat other illegal activity within the county.



"Operation Trial Run" resulted in the arrest of 37 suspects on more than 150 charges between May 2018 and January 2019.

"Operation Trial Run" proved to be very successful. The Sheriff's Office has operated and will continue to operate with an in-house drug agent. Already, additional suspects have been arrested and seizures made, and other arrests and seizures will be forthcoming in the near future.

In combatting the drug activity in these communities, it's the job of the Sheriff's

Office to stay focused on getting the bad guy off the street at the end of the day and not worrying about who gets the credit. This is what makes for truly successful investigations.

The Towns County Sheriff's Office would like to extend its sincere appreciation to all departments and law enforcement agencies that assisted in making "Operation Trial Run" such a success.

## Firewise...from Page 1A



A number of fire professionals and local leaders met for the April 16 Towns County Firewise Citizens Coalition meeting.

Photo by Mark Smith

moving forward.

Frank Riley, a Towns County Firewise Citizens Coalition board member, talked about the Ready, Set, Go! Program, which encourages every household to prepare an evacuation plan in case of

wildfire.

Folks can learn more about Ready, Set, Go! during Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on May 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the north parking lot of Hiwassee Hardware at 139 North Main

Street. The event will be a joint effort with the Towns County Fire Department.

For information on how to become a local Firewise Community, contact Michael Courey at 813-486-8997.

## Active Shooter...from Page 1A

shooter situations, it's always a matter of when – not if – they will occur, and Wickersham knows that in order to make the most difference when a shooter opens fire, first responder agencies have to do more than just plan for the worst.

They must put boots on the ground and train.

"It's the only way we actually gain some experience in reacting to a real situation," said Wickersham. "Planning it

and doing it are different. You have to get involved and make mistakes to find out where your weak points are.

"So, I think these types of exercises make all kinds of difference in terms of how many lives are saved and how many are not, and frankly, that's what it boils down to."

Wickersham is thankful to all of the first responder partners who will be participating in the exercise, and he sees the

opportunity to train in the community as a win-win for everyone.

"This is good for the community," said Wickersham. "Us doing these coordination exercises improves our preparedness, and that's what it's for."

"The community is our client, and that's who we serve, so this is something good for them, and we beg their indulgence while we do this."

## Carter...from Page 1A

warrant for Carter in Union County on Sept. 11, 2018.

It was unclear at press time if the Towns County warrants were still active or had been recalled subsequent to the charge being filed in Union County, though Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney Jeff Langley said it would ultimately be up to his office to decide what charges to bring and where to present them before a grand jury.

"There is still investigative work taking place to verify the exact location," said Langley. "It is believed that a shot was fired from within a motor vehicle, and there was some question as to the location at that time being in either Towns or Union County."

"The law requires that charges be brought and, if necessary, a trial take place in the county where the crime occurred. If after due diligence it cannot be clearly determined whether the vehicle was in Towns or Union when the crime occurred, then Georgia law would allow it to be tried in either county."

"After the investigation is completed, there would likely be a grand jury presentation in July in the appropriate county. At that time, a final charging determination would be made and warrants in the other county would be dismissed."

As previously reported, on Sept. 8, 2018, deputies with the Towns County Sheriff's Office responded to Chatuge Regional Hospital in reference to a male subject who had been shot.

The subject was identified as William Craig Henderson of Young Harris, who survived the shooting but had to be airlifted

to a nearby trauma center.

After allegedly dropping a wounded Henderson off at Chatuge Regional, Carter is said to have left the scene in his Chevrolet Tahoe. The truck was discovered abandoned later that night in the parking lot of the Marathon gas station on Georgia 75 North in Hiwassee.

Detectives determined that Carter left the Marathon in her own red Ford pickup, which was located the next day at a residence in Clay County, North Carolina.

Following her disappearance, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation continued to search for Carter, tracking down leads in Hiwassee and Athens in Georgia, as well as in Hayesville, North Carolina, and elsewhere.

Carter has ties in Union County and in Clay County, North Carolina, where she was eventually apprehended.

Last week, the Clay County, North Carolina, Sheriff's Office posted a statement to Facebook regarding her April 16 arrest in Hayesville.

"Carter was wanted by GBI and Towns County Sheriff's Office for the 2018 shooting of William Craig Henderson," per the statement. "Since that time, numerous tips have been received and acted upon, which resulted in Carter remaining one step ahead, that is, until yesterday."

"Acting on yet another tip, deputies of the Clay County Patrol Division returned to a residence that had been searched multiple times in the past. This time, Carter was in the residence and taken into custody without incident."

"The Towns County

Sheriff's Office and GBI expressed their gratitude for the assistance of the Clay County Sheriff's Office in their relentless efforts to finally bring a dangerous fugitive to justice.

"This is just one more example of our two communities helping each other to keep the fine people of Clay and Towns counties safe."

The Clay County Sheriff's Office also shared a statement by Sheriff Bobby Deese. "One of my goals was to develop and maintain the best of relationships between my office and all our neighboring law enforcement," said Deese. "The relationship between Clay and Towns County Sheriff's Office is the best it's ever been, and I thank Sheriff (Chris) Clinton and his staff for that."

## Cancer freezing procedure

Freezing procedures available for breast, lung, liver, and prostate cancers. These procedures have been around for years, yet so many people do not know about them. Research information under [www.radiologyinfo.org](http://www.radiologyinfo.org) and look up procedure by name. Cryotherapy. NT(Apr24,22)CA

## Young Harris Jamboree

Country Western Jamboree Session at Stephens Lodge in Young Harris next door to Young Harris Pharmacy hosted by John Cochran and the Cowhands. First Friday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. Food available. Food sales to raise funds for Young Harris Scholarship Fund. NT(Apr24,22)CA