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daughter is a part of this class. Another reason is, this is the first group I taught during my first year at Towns, so they are special."

After the blackout, the seniors headed into the lobby, pairing up with a friend to make a grand entrance for their Senior

Walk. Coach Jeff Stowers stood just outside the "Rabbit Hole" with a microphone, and each senior stated their name as they entered the dance floor.

After the senior walk, the Prom King and Queen were crowned, and the students chose to make seniors Lance



Students danced the night away at their 2019 Prom at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

Sewell and Laura Burch 2019 royalty. The students cleared the dance floor for the King and Queen to share a dance.

After their big dance, the students made their way back to the dance floor for some more fun before the night ended.

"My Senior Prom was gnarly, and it was great to see us together and enjoying each other before we graduate," said senior Trent Bradshaw.

Several of the students and chaperones expressed how amazing prom was this year and how much fun they had.

"It's been a blessing to grow up with all these people who I call family," said senior Jake Parker. "It's nothing but a group of friends that would do anything for each other."

Cornett added, "To see what all of them have become as young men and women is a testament to our Principal Connie Hobbs and all the teachers at Towns County High School."



Senior Lane Denton sporting particularly patriotic eveningwear for Prom Night on April 27. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

Hiawassee man charged in stabbing incident off Cedar Cliff Road

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On Monday, April 22, investigators and deputies with the Towns County Sheriff's Office were called to investigate a report of an aggravated assault.

Initially, deputies responded to the Friendship Store located on US 76 at Georgia 288 in Hiawassee in reference to a subject who had been stabbed. The victim had entered the store and requested the store clerk call 911.

The incident was reported to have occurred at a residence located off Cedar Cliff Road in Hiawassee.

Deputies responded to and secured the Cedar Cliff Road residence, searching

there and in a nearby area for the suspect. Deputies found the suspect hiding in a Ford Explorer, and he was taken into custody without incident.

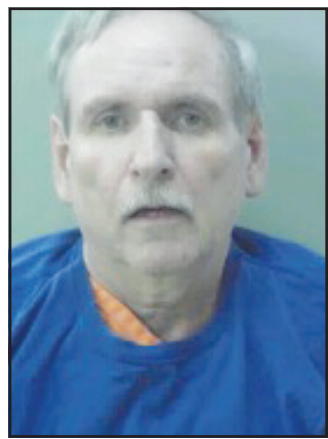
The victim was identified as Danny Gibson of Hiawassee, and he was transported to the hospital for treatment of a stab wound.

Anthony Scott Barrett, 60, of Hiawassee, was identified as the stabbing suspect, arrested and transported to the Towns County Jail.

Barrett has been charged with aggravated assault, and a probation violation warrant was served on the suspect as well.

He is also being held for the Fannin County Sheriff's Office on active warrants.

The investigation is cur-



Anthony Scott Barrett

rently active and ongoing at this time, and the case will be forwarded to the Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

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, Facebook www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestfnh and Friends of the Hatchery www.friendsofchattahoocheefnh.org.

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The Valley River Ringers upcoming concerts



Valley River Ringers (L-R) front: Nancy Jo Willis, Anita Sloan, Katie Gilbert, Suzanne West (director), Eleanor Vaughn, Suzi Perkins, Diane Barfield; back: Keith Bruce, Susie Evans, Kay Poindexter, Noah Woods; not pictured: Michelle Crawford

The Valley River Ringers, a community-based handbell group, start the concert season this year with their annual Spring extravaganzas. This group plays around our mountain area in a variety of venues and this year you will find them at these free to the public locations: Saturday, May 4 at 2 PM at the Murphy Art Center (MAC); and a second concert Saturday, May 4 at 7 PM at the Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Murphy; Saturday, May 11 at noon at the

Hiawassee Park Senior Living Community in Hiawassee; and a second concert Saturday, May 11 at 3 PM at Brasstown Manor, also in Hiawassee.

Organized and directed by Suzanne West, Music Director at the First United Methodist Church in Murphy, this group of experienced ringers plays on 4 octaves of Schulerich handbells, chimes and percussion instruments. Master of Ceremonies, Harry Gilbert, explains the artistic interpretation of the piece, and

how the Valley River Ringers use handbells and other instruments to broaden the exposure of handbells to the performing arts.

Included in the program this Spring will be audience favorites such as the well-known "Here Comes the Sun", "The Lion Sleeps Tonight", and every little girl's favorite "Music Box Dancer."

For additional information, please contact director Suzanne West at 828-557-7926. NT(May129)CA