

Search warrant results in arrest of drug suspects

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Towns County Sheriff's Office Investigators and Deputies executed a search warrant on Friday, May 25, at a residence located on Pat Plott Road in Young Harris.

The following suspects were arrested at the residence and charged with the following offenses:

Thomas Dewey Duckworth, 42, of Young Harris – Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act, possession of methamphetamine; Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act, possession of drug-related objects; and 1 possession of a firearm during the



Emily Anderson

commission of a crime.

Amber Michele Graham, 21, of Young Harris – Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; Violation of Georgia Controlled



Thomas Duckworth

Substance Act, possession of methamphetamine; Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act, possession of drug-related objects; and 1 possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime.



Amber Graham

Emily Ann Anderson, 22, of Hiawassee – Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act, possession of



Drugs, paraphernalia, guns, phones and other items seized in a recent drug bust.

methamphetamine; Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act, possession of drug-related objects; and 1 possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime.

The investigation is active and ongoing, with the possibility that additional charges may be forthcoming.

Deputies arrest two drug suspects in separate incidents

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Towns County Sheriff's Office Deputies arrested two drug suspects in two separate incidents.

On Saturday, May 26, deputies arrested and charged Joshua Emmett Robertson, 30, of Hiawassee, with one count Violation of Georgia Controlled Substances Act, possession of methamphetamine.

The arrest was in reference to an incident that occurred on May 9 at a residence off Upper Bell Creek Road in Hiawassee.

On Wednesday, May 30, deputies stopped a 2006 Dodge pickup on Georgia 17 in Young Harris on traffic charges.

As a result of the traffic stop, the driver, Mary Frances Coleman, 42, of Murphy, North Carolina, was arrested on the following charges:

Violation Georgia



Joshua Robertson

Controlled Substances Act, possession of methamphetamine; Violation Georgia Controlled Substances Act, possession of marijuana; Violation Georgia Controlled Substances Act, possession



Mary Coleman

of drug-related objects; possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime; driving on suspended license; and failure to maintain lane.

Theft...from Page 1A



The Towns County Sheriff's Office recently recovered this 2005 Toro ATV Workman that was stolen from Brasstown Valley Resort. The vehicle is valued at \$15,000.

Protecting and improving our water quality



GMREC Repair and Planting in Progress at Creek Tributary



Brasstown Creek at Flood Stage

By Carol Chandler
Master Naturalist
Preservation Committee

Water quality is critical for all life forms. Protecting and maintaining this resource can become a part of each one of us. Erosion is lessened by

many ways: more native plant life & grasses rather than a chemically treated lawn in the buffer zone to the water will result in much cleaner water and is a good beginning.

Callie Moore, Executive Director of the Hiwassee River

Watershed Coalition, Inc. presented June 1 to the GMREC attendees a quite informative and "eye opening" insight on the problems and the many ways we can help. The website: www.hrwc.net is excellent with its links to upcoming events, lovely photos of native plants and trees... and more.

All this to protect our mountain water in its journey downstream.

The power of flooding water is unimaginable until experienced. Many experienced the recent damage and deaths this past weekend from a mere tropical storm. After Callie's lecture, there was a short walk to our ethnobotanical garden. Here visitors could actually see the creek's repairs and plantings. It has been healing as the native plants grow and provide both more protection from erosion and more food and shelter for wildlife.

The picture of the fast moving flood stage creek is of Brasstown Creek in 2013 with its thick borders of Rhododendrons that have become strengthened to contain the creek's fury after heavy rains. The second picture is of GMREC's newly completed tributary creek repair... well on its way to a much stronger creek.

For more information, contact Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition Callie Moore or the Restoration Coordinator, Tony Ward: phone/fax 828-837-5414 for more about Riparian Forest Buffers for clean water. Clare Johnston of GMREC can also be contacted for more information at (706-745-2655) at the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center. It's website: www.gmrec.uga.edu is also an extensive searchable site related to forestry, agriculture, back yard gardens and more. Another good place to start is www.georgiaadoptstream.org. NT/June 13, 2018

AARP Driver Safety class July 5th

Special offer for July. AARP Driver Safety will offer the AARP Smart Driver classroom course for \$10 to individuals insured by AARP Medicare Supplement Plans insured by United Healthcare Insurance Company in Georgia.

The AARP Smart Driver classroom course on Thursday, July 5th will be hosted by the Union County Senior Center located at 95 Senior Center Drive, Blairsville, GA. Sign in time is 8:30 a.m. The classroom course starts promptly at 9 a.m. ending at 4 p.m. Course fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non members. Registration is recommended to secure your place in the classroom. Telephone the instructor, Rosemary Kerr, at 706-745-7046.

Please speak clearly when leaving your name and telephone number for call back confirmation.

You will learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, new traffic laws, rules of the road and new vehicle technology innovations. No test to pass or writing required. The AARP Smart Driver Course is opened to licensed drivers of all ages.

AARP is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all as we age. At the end of the course you will receive your AARP Smart Driving Certificate. You may also qualify for a multi-year discount on your automobile insurance as well as a reduction of points on your drivers license.

Free escorted Bike Run & Rally



Sons of Liberty Riders - Southeast and Joshua Warriors - Blairsville, GA present "Stand for the Flag, Kneel for God" Bike Run & Rally, a combined ride-in and drive-in event. Ride registration is at 8:30 a.m., Town Square, Hiawassee, GA, KSU 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16th,

Meeks Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This event is free and open to the public featuring music, food, fun, fellowship and the Blairsville Cruisers Car Show. Food is available for purchase by Joshua Warriors and Full Throttle Ministries. A patriotic program with special guest speakers starts at 12 noon.

For more information contact: Bike Run - Dr. Dan (NC-SOLR President) at 828-361-2649 or DrDan@DrDance-Freedomforum.com; Rally - R. Jay Fopman (Joshua Warriors co-chair) at 706-400-2404 or jay.atlantic@yahoo.com.

Wendell Patterson in concert at Old Courthouse

The Union County Historical Society presents native son, Wendell Patterson, in concert at The Old Courthouse on the Square at 7 PM on Friday, June 15. Since his retirement from teaching, Wendell has been busy writing new songs. He has just finished his second recording project in less than a year. The title of the album is "Getting Over You." All of the songs on the project were written by Wendell. In his own words, here is a synopsis of Wendell's musical career: "I grew up in Union County, GA in a family of singers and musicians. My father was a gospel singer and teacher as well as an accomplished fiddle player. I had many singers and musicians on both sides of my family.

Being limited to radio stations in the fifties, I listened to Nashville's WSM for country music, and WLAC for artists such as B.B. King, Howling Wolf and many other blues artists. These musical genres put a little soul in my country.

I moved to the Atlanta area after high school and began playing weekend gigs. I switched to electric bass when the band I was in at the time needed a bass player. I fell in love with bass, and I'm still there.

Over the years, it was my pleasure to work clubs

with some of Atlanta's greats, including Steve Goetzman who later became, and still is, the drummer for the band Exile. I had an eight month gig as a studio bass player, and did an eight-month tour with a Florida band, "Pieces of Eight." I also did several short road trips with other Atlanta bands.

After fifteen years I moved back to Blairsville and started playing with the local bands. In the late eighties, some friends and I formed "The Rubber Band." We played clubs in the North Georgia area and recorded an LP, "Facing the Music." The project consisted of our original music along with the writing of a close friend. It received a lot of air-play in this area.

Over the years, all of my exposure to good music and good musicians eventually led to writing and recording my own music. I have recorded four CDs in the past seven years and I have the material for a new one in the near future."

For the Old Courthouse concert, Wendell will be accompanied by Jody West and Kathy. Jody has worked with Wendell on several occasions. Probably the most outstanding was their work in "The Rubber Band" which was very popular in this area. That band produced one album of the same name. Kathy Gregory is well



Wendell Patterson

known in this area for her musical work, both singularly and with different groups, mostly gospel.

There is never an admission charge for concerts presented by the Union County Historical Society in The Old Courthouse on the Square. The musicians donate their time and talents. Voluntary donations to the maintenance fund are always welcomed and appreciated. N/June 13, 2018

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