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Lance, Perren and Trull elected to EMC Board; no district voting

By Shawn Jarrard
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BLAIRSVILLE – The membership of the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC has spoken, and Jack Lance Jr., Roy Perren and Gayland Trull will serve as newly elected representatives on the BRMEMC Board of Directors.

Results of the election were announced at the EMC Annual Meeting on Sept. 8 inside the Union County Schools Fine Arts Center.

Lance of Union County faced three competitors – John Batts, Larry Flegle and Richard Hyer – and he won his race with 2,359 votes. Lance is taking over the seat most recently occupied by Mickey Cummings.

“I want to thank everyone who voted either for me or voted period, showing participation,” said Lance. “My vision is to try to work with the board to provide the best service we can for the members, and also on behalf of the employees.

“I don’t think it has to be mutually exclusive, that you’re just for one or the other. That can be balanced in a manner that benefits everyone, and that’s what I hope to assist in providing moving forward.”

Incumbent Perren faced one challenger, Jason Waldroup, for the Towns County board seat, and Perren won the race with 2,343 votes to Waldroup’s 1,706 votes.

“We will continue to provide safe, reliable electricity, and will look at getting

broadband expanded to more of the service area,” said Perren. “I just want to thank the voters for their confidence and their support for my re-election.”

Trull ran unopposed in Fannett and received 2,967 votes. Trull is taking over from Director Larry Williams.

“I certainly thank everybody that put their confidence in me to elect me to the board,” said Trull. “Two things that’s really important is the employees and our membership.

“I look forward to working with the board to make sure that our employees have the training and the equipment to do a safe and efficient job.

And of course, our membership, we want to protect them and do

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Meet the new BRMEMC Directors – Roy Perren (returning), Jack Lance Jr. and Gayland Trull. Photo by Shawn Jarrard

Bury crowned 2018 Homecoming Queen; Indians win 21-19



Homecoming Queen Ella Bury with Homecoming King Trent Bradshaw and Homecoming Princess Taylor Cornett on Sept. 7. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

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Congratulations to Towns County High School senior Ella Bury, who was crowned 2018

Football Homecoming Queen on Sept. 7.

“I’m shocked and I’m honored, of course,” said Bury. “I was not expecting it at all, but I’m happy beyond words.”

2017 Homecoming Queen Hannah Whitehead returned home from college to crown Bury and Homecoming Princess Taylor Cornett, both

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Bradshaw crowned Homecoming King at school bonfire

By Jarrett Whitener
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Every year, as Homecoming approaches, the students of Towns County High School take the time to celebrate each other, their school system and the community at large.

This year, many students and their families gathered in front of the high school on Thursday, Sept. 6, to enjoy an evening Homecoming bonfire, play lawn games and listen to the band play.

“We host this event mainly to announce our Homecoming King,” said Towns County High School Principal Dr. Connie Hobbs. “We want everyone to come out and enjoy the night with us

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Trent Bradshaw receiving his crown as 2018 Homecoming King from Joyce Rogers. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

Clark sworn in to vacant Young Harris City Council seat

By Shawn Jarrard
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The Young Harris City Council has welcomed a new member into its ranks – Steve Clark.

Clark was appointed by the council at the start of the Tuesday, Sept. 4, regular city meeting, and he swore in right then and there to begin his work as a duly appointed councilman.

He is taking over the seat previously vacated by Stuart Miller, though he’s not a new face inside city hall.

For the past several years, Clark has served on the city’s planning commission.

“My background is a civil

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New Young Harris City Councilman Steve Clark sworn in to the vacant council seat on Tuesday, Sept. 4, with City Clerk Shirley Jarrard. Photo by Shawn Jarrard

Habitat hosts ‘Casino Night’ gala fundraiser for new build



Habitat for Humanity Towns/Union Counties hosted a Casino Night to raise money for their upcoming home build on Saturday, Sept. 8. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

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BLAIRSVILLE – More than 100 people gathered for the Annual High Heels and Hard Hats Habitat for Humanity Gala fundraiser at the North Georgia Technical College on Saturday,

Sept. 8. This year’s gala had the unique theme of “Casino Night,” during which people enjoyed an evening at the casino without having to spend all their money.

“I don’t think anybody around here has ever done a

casino night, or at least not since I’ve been around,” said Bryan Thomas, executive director of Towns/Union Habitat for Humanity. “We wanted to do some sort of fundraiser that would be fun for everyone, and our gala is a great opportunity

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TCSO executes search warrant in ‘Operation Unicoi Pipeline’

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YOUNG HARRIS – Towns County Sheriff’s Deputies, along with agents from the Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office, executed a search at the residence of Michael Byers off of King Cove Road on Wednesday, Sept. 5, as part of “Operation Unicoi Pipeline.”

Towns County Sheriff’s Deputies began developing information on suspects involved in an illegal drug trafficking operation in the North Georgia and North Carolina area 16 months ago. The information as it was developed was shared with the Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office, or ARDEO.

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Some of the 15 pounds of meth seized in Operation Unicoi Pipeline.

Sheriff’s Office looking for woman wanted in attempted murder

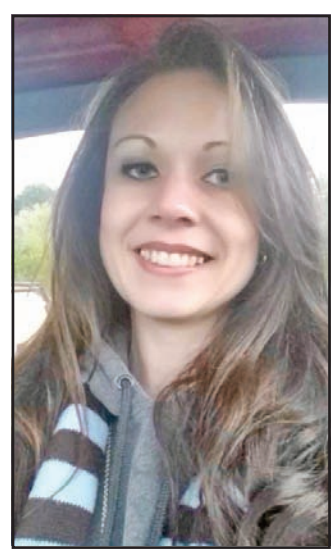
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The Towns County Sheriff’s Office is asking the public’s help in locating Crystal LeAnne Carter, 37, of Hiwassee, who had not been found as of press Monday.

Carter is currently wanted for attempted murder and aggravated assault, according to the Sheriff’s Office

She is known to have ties in Union County and Clay County, North Carolina, and her Facebook page lists her as a graduate of Union County High School.

Anyone with information is being asked to call 911, and people are being advised not to approach Carter, who should be considered armed and dangerous, according to the Sheriff’s Office.



Crystal LeAnne Carter

The search for Carter stems from an incident that occurred the evening of Saturday, Sept. 8, according to

the Sheriff’s Office.

Deputies responded to Chatuge Regional Hospital in reference to a male subject who was brought to the hospital with a bullet wound to the chest, according to the Sheriff’s Office.

The victim was identified as William Craig Henderson of Young Harris, and he was airlifted to another medical facility with a trauma center, where he remains in stable condition, according to the Sheriff’s Office.

After dropping Henderson of at Chatuge Regional Hospital, Carter left in his Chevrolet Tahoe, according to the Sheriff’s Office.

The vehicle was discovered later that night, abandoned in the parking lot of the Marathon station on Georgia 75 North

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