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“The reason I wanted to do it was to help the college be the best it can be,” Bradshaw said. “But I also wanted to help the kids in our area and make sure this college would be offering things for the kids here. I would like to see more kids get involved with a technical school.”

“There are so many trades that they offer, like welding. We have had so many kids from Towns County that have gone there for welding, and they are out and making money. I just want it to grow and offer more classes that are needed and fit the needs of our graduating seniors.”

The board meets once a month and is instrumental in steering the direction of the college, NGTC Vice President of College & Community Relations Amy Hulsey said.

“They guide our decision making and what needs there are in the community,” Hulsey

said. “Each one brings a unique perspective from their particular background or business. That gives us an idea of how we can tailor our programs to make sure we are meeting the needs of our community.”

According to Hulsey, Bradshaw’s presence will bring a fresh perspective to the board, which is composed of various members with diverse backgrounds from seven other counties.

“We are super excited to have him and very fortunate that he has time to commit to the college,” Hulsey said. “We do have the Blairsville Campus, and that North Georgia Region is vital to making sure that those students are being represented in those programs and the jobs are represented.”

“We want to make sure that we are making the correct curriculum decisions and instructor decisions. (Bradshaw) lets us know if

there is a need or what we should look at, because if we didn’t have representation from Towns County, then we would have a big hole on our board.”

“We service eight counties, and we try to make sure that we have representation for everybody. Having the sole commissioner is very vital for our success for that campus satellite in Blairsville.”

Bradshaw has experience on the Towns County Board of Education, and like all boards involved with education, the NGTC Board of Directors has a focus on supporting its students and ensuring their safety while giving them the best education possible.

“Luckily, the board has been able to meet virtually,” Hulsey said. “We have been giving them our information about how we had to pivot and make certain decisions based on in-person versus online.”

“With a technical

college, you have to have the lab training in person, so it is really a difficult decision for figuring out what that will look like for us. The board is very aware of what we are trying to do and very supportive.”

“We did open some labs that we were able to get small amounts of students into and making sure everybody was going by the CDC restrictions and guidelines.”

The commissioner will undertake a three-year term on the board with the option of serving two more terms for a total of nine years.

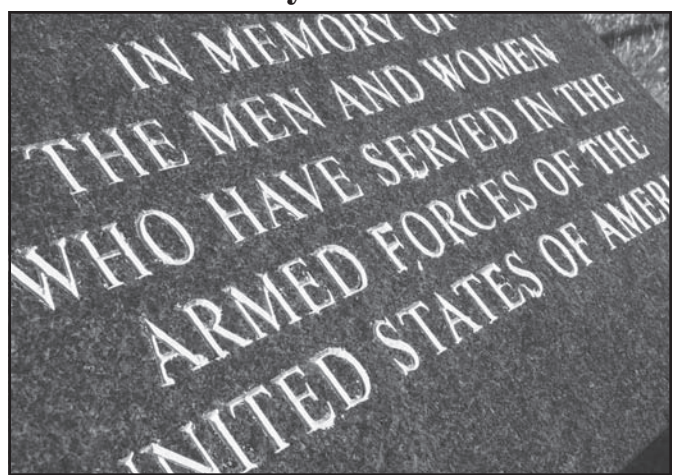
The board is composed of Ron Barden, Rabun County; Rebecca Stovall, Franklin County; Chan Caudell, Habersham County; Jane Brackett, Fannin County; Kennon Yori, Habersham County; Rope Roberts, Habersham County; Gilbert Barrett, Habersham County; Jim Wade, Stephens County; Julia Barnett, Union County; Mitchel Barrett, White County; and now Bradshaw, Towns County.

Veterans Day, November 11th - A day to honor all veterans

The month of November is a special time for the nation’s veterans. While Memorial Day honors fallen soldiers and service people, Veteran’s Day, which takes place each November, is an opportunity to commemorate the efforts of all who have been in the armed forces, with a special emphasis on living veterans. While people are encouraged to thank veterans throughout the year, Veteran’s Day is a particularly poignant time to show your appreciation for the men and women of the military.

Veteran’s Day takes place on November 11 and marks an important moment in history. On November 11, 1918, World War I, known at the time as “The Great War,” unofficially ended when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, took place between Germany and the Allied nations on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. World War I ended on paper when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Armistice Day became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. However, after



subsequent wars, including World War II and the Korean War, veterans’ service organizations lobbied for Armistice Day to be revised so it would be more inclusive of all veterans. On June 1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation to strike the word “Armistice” from the holiday’s name in favor of “Veterans.” Since then, November 11 has been known as “Veterans Day” and has honored veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday in October for roughly seven years under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which sought to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating certain national holidays on Mondays.

But since November 11 bore such significance, many states disapproved and continued to observe the holiday on November 11. In 1975, President Gerald Ford signed legislation to return the observation of Veterans Day to November 11 beginning in 1978. Should the day fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively, according to History.com.

The United States isn’t the only country to celebrate its veterans. Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and France also commemorate the veterans of World War I and II on or near November 11 as Remembrance Day or Remembrance Sunday.

Huge Patriotic “Salute to Veterans” Car Show at the Union County Farmers Market Saturday



The Blairsville Cruisers 3rd Annual “Salute to Veterans” Car Show and Auction will be a record setter this Saturday, November 7th at the Union County Farmers Market. The car show starts at 11 AM with vehicle registration starting at 10 AM. In addition to the over 200 vehicles expected there will be an auction featuring home décor, tools, art, gift certificates from area restaurants, furniture and all kinds of great items donated by local businesses and car club members. Register to bid and get your bid paddle starting at 11 AM. The auction starts at 2 PM. This is an ideal time to “Christmas gift shop” while supporting local Veterans. This is a family friendly event. Please use social distancing at this event and wear a mask if you desire.

This is an open car show with all vehicles welcome. Please fly our great flag on your vehicle.

There is a voluntary Donation Fee for vehicle registration. Admission is free to the public for this event, but donations are appreciated. 100% of all donations, food sales and auction proceeds go to the local Veterans in need and to local Veterans organizations.

There will be “Top 20” Awards as well as trophies for Best GM, Best Ford, Best MOPAR, Best Truck and Best Military Vehicle and the “Best Of Show” Trophy for one lucky winner.

A record 50/50 cash drawing is expected, so get your 50/50 tickets early at the show.

In addition to the great vehicles there will be booths featuring local veteran organizations. Vietnam Veterans of America, VFW and American Legion posts, Marine Corp League, Warrior Veterans Outreach, Tri-State Chaplains Corps Veterans Mission Council, American Legion Riders, American Legion Auxillary

and others from the North Georgia and Western North Carolina area will be represented.

The North Georgia Honor Guard will present the flag in ceremony at noon along with our great National Anthem.

The National Veterans Resources “The Hero Mobile” will be featured. This is a traveling RV tribute to America’s Heroes. Be sure to come visit this display and honor our heroes.

The Blairsville Fire Department Ladder Truck will fly Old Glory over the event so don’t miss seeing that display. Bring the kids out and enjoy a Patriotic day.

Delicious Bar-B-Q by Roy Phillips will be available at the event, so plan to eat. All food sale proceeds support our veterans.

100% of proceeds from this event go to local veterans in need and to local veterans organizations in Blairsville, Hiawassee, Hayesville, and Murphy communities.

The Blairsville Cruisers Car Club is a 501(c)3 non profit. The Cruisers, their sponsors and supporters has contributed to the community since 2007 with scholarships and donations to various local organizations.

Many of our car club members are veterans and they appreciate your support of this great Annual Veterans event.

Blairsville Cruisers Club members reside primarily in North Georgia and Western North Carolina and in various locations in Georgia and Florida. All automotive enthusiasts are welcome to join the Cruisers. You need only an interest in automobiles and be willing to serve your community to be a part of our club.

Bagpipe instruction

The Appalachian Saint Andrew’s Pipes and Drums Bagpipe Band is offering free instruction to all who want to learn how to play the Great Highland Bagpipe or to learn Regimental Drumming.

The band meets each Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon in the Parish Hall of St. Clare’s Episcopal Church for instruction and practice.

For further information, call 770-833-5411 or 1-828-557-3812.

Nov 20
11 am - 2 pm

BBQ Benefit

Spider Web Ministries

BBQ

Benefit for Troy Phillips, Jr.

Friday, November 20th
11 am to 2 pm

\$ 8 Per Plate
Pulled Pork, Slaw, Chips,
Dessert & Drink
Delivery Available

BBQ provided by Full Throttle Ministries
Union County Civic Center
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