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for counting. Union County's Board of Elections will begin opening and scanning absentee ballots at 7 a.m. Election Day but will wait until 7 p.m. to tabulate those votes. Absentee ballots are due back to the Registrar's Office no later than 7 p.m. Election Day, and voters can use the drop box outside the main floor of the courthouse. Since this is a primary, voters must declare a political party to receive a ballot, otherwise, voters will only be able to vote in the Nonpartisan General Election. Election Day will be Tuesday, June 9, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and that day, voters should report to one of the 11 pre-assigned Union County voting precincts: Ivy Log, Dooley, Gum Log, Blairsville, Pat Colwell, Trackrock, Coosa, Jones Creek, Owl Town, Choestoe and Suches. Voters are not required

to bring their mailed precinct cards, but they must show a photo ID to vote. Poll workers are wearing masks during early voting, and voters are still being encouraged to wear facial coverings to vote, though masks are not required. Hand sanitizer is being provided by the Union County Government, and all election equipment is being regularly cleaned by employees of the Registrar's Office and poll workers. For the General Primary, voters are selecting candidates for various local, state and federal offices to lead their party of choice in the Nov. 3 General Election, and winners of the Nonpartisan Election will be sworn into office in 2021. Sample ballots listing all candidates in the June 9 election can be found at mvp.sos.ga.gov. As previously reported, the Special Election to fill

the remaining term of retired U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson will occur in November. As such, people will not see this race on their General Primary Election ballots. People who voted early for the Presidential Preference Primary will receive a ballot without presidential candidates, while people who didn't get to vote in that election will receive a ballot with presidential candidates. As a recap, registered voters who will be at least 18 years of age by Election Day are eligible to vote during early voting, though May 11 was the registration deadline for voters looking to participate in the June 9 election. Absentee ballots marked for the May 19, 2020, General Primary Election are good for the June 9, 2020, election. The election date was changed after the ballots were printed. If people want to fill out their absentee ballot

applications/ballots and drop them off in person during early voting, they can do so using a specially marked box affixed outside the upper entrance to the courthouse. Voters who have received an absentee ballot by mail but decide to vote in person will need to have their absentee ballot canceled at the polling place. For more information on absentee ballots, visit the Secretary of State's Office website at sos.ga.gov, call the local Registrar's Office at 706-439-6016, or swing by the office at 65 Courthouse Street. Voters can access mvp.sos.ga.gov ahead of the election for information on voter registration status, mail-in application and ballot status, poll location, registration information on file with the county office, sample ballots and more.

Arrested...from Page 1A

and charged Patterson in Union County with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He bonded out of jail in Union County and was transported to the Towns County Jail on May 26, where he is being held without bond. Subsequent to his May 22 arrest, the Enotah Judicial

Circuit District Attorney's Office filed both probation revocation and bond revocation paperwork on Patterson, District Attorney Jeff Langley said last week. "After the (judicial) state of emergency is lifted entirely and jury trials resume, he'll be a high priority for trial, and

he'll be in jail without bond," Langley said. One of Patterson's 2018 arrests occurred after Sheriff Mack Mason pulled him over for loud mufflers, at which point he was served with a warrant for theft by receiving stolen property in connection with a motorcycle allegedly taken from Cherokee County, North Carolina. In a separate incident over the long Memorial Day Weekend, the Sheriff's Office arrested a Lilburn man on May 23 at the Chevron gas station located at the intersection of Georgia 515 and the Glenn Gooch Bypass. Deputies responded to a "be on the lookout" issued around 3 p.m. Saturday regarding a male driver possibly passed out at the wheel of his vehicle, UCSO Maj. Shawn Dyer said. When deputies arrived on the scene, they observed the male apparently "passed out" inside his car, though he became aware of their presence and attempted to leave before being stopped for questioning, Dyer said. The driver - Garantz Predvil, 30, of Lilburn - then failed a field sobriety test,

according to Dyer, and he was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of drugs. Predvil initially refused a toxicology test, Dyer said, so the Sheriff's Office obtained a warrant to test his blood for drugs and alcohol, at which point Predvil complied. Results were still pending at press time. Following his arrest and an inventory of his vehicle, Predvil was found to be in possession of methamphetamine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, a semiautomatic pistol and AR-style rifle, Dyer said. He was further charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime, possession of methamphetamine, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, and possession of drug-related objects. Predvil had yet to make bond and was still being held at the Union County Jail by press time. Firearms are always confiscated in a felony arrest, including those of Patterson and Predvil, both of whom have been charged only and are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.



Kiwanis meetings resume June 17th

As Georgia businesses continue to reopen and the shelter-in-place order for seniors ends, Blairsville Kiwanis Club resume our Wednesday noon meetings beginning June 17 at Blairsville's Skillet Cafe, 223 Wellborn Street. Everyone is welcome but attendance may be limited in order to maintain social distancing. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. The Blairsville Kiwanis Club aids the local community through various service

and fundraising projects. Our club has been in service to the Blairsville community since 1950. We are part of Kiwanis International, an organization serving children for over 100 years. The Blairsville Kiwanis Club is always looking for new members concerned with the well-being of the youth in our community and a desire for community service. Visit us in person or online at <https://blairvillekiwanis.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Kiwanis-Blairsville-136062656503192>. N0um3Z6JCA

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