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the games, which begin at 9 a.m. on the main field in Meeks Park on Saturday and Sunday.

This year's Heavy Athletics will include several divisions of competitors hoping to make their mark in many of the classic Scottish games.

There will also be a dedicated Children's Area for kids' activities beginning at 9 a.m.

Older kids will be able to play smaller versions of the adult athletics, just scaled down so they can participate, and there will be other activities for even younger children, such as the ride through Meeks Park, the Castle Space Walk and face painting.

Not only are there games at the festival, but there's tons of authentic Scottish music, too, including Blairsville's own Appalachian Saint Andrew's Pipes & Drums, plus loads of

handmade Scottish wares and plenty of Scottish food vendors from which to choose.

Everyone who attends this year will not want to miss the Opening Ceremony, which is always followed by the Parade of Tartans and the Massed Bands. These activities will occur on Saturday at noon on the main field.

Be sure to check in regularly with the Entertainment Tent, as a variety of performers will grace the stage to keep folks entertained throughout the two-day festival – think Seven Nations, Raven and Red, the Blarney Girls, Comedian Bob Valentine and more.

The Dance Pavilion will be another exciting place to be, as folks can marvel at the amazing footwork of the Royal Scottish Country Dancers and the Glencoe Highland Dancers.



A border collie and sheep demonstration from a past Scottish Festival at Meeks Park.

Photo by Lowell Nicholson

There will also be multiple border collie and sheep demonstrations throughout the weekend, and three falcon demonstrations on Saturday.

All major credit cards will be accepted for admission into the event, and most of the

festival's vendors will also accept credit cards.

For a full schedule of events, check out the festival's website – redesigned by Beth Terry – at BlairsvilleScottishFestival.com.

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a favorite friend to the neighborhood children and her students alike hosting Christmas Teas, Etiquette Dinner Parties, and yearly Senior Class Cookouts. Her sense of humor and adventure allowed many opportunities to teach a lesson in every situation. It was not unusual to find a full sized teepee in her yard with Jo dressed in costume. She loved to surprise dinner guests by serving "BLUE" mashed potatoes. Her travels allowed her the opportunities to ride an elephant in China and a camel in Israel, to see the Pyramids in Egypt, and see New York City and the Florida Keys with her grandchildren.

Mrs. George was a member of Blairsville First Baptist Church for the past 60 years and was a member of the Faith Sunday School Class. In addition to operating a successful insurance agency, a motel and a restaurant, she worked more than 30 years for the Union County School System. She started the first kindergarten in Blairsville, taught classes in the middle school, and served as the counselor in both the middle school and high school. As the sole High School Counselor, she started the Scholarship Program for graduating seniors which today has grown to more than \$1 million. As a lifelong learner herself, she worked diligently to help her students obtain their goals,

encouraged them to further their knowledge and to give back to their communities. In 1992, the year she retired from the school system, Jo was featured by the AJC for her tremendous effort in obtaining 100 percent participation from parents of each graduating senior to meet each of their four years of high school to discuss and equip the students to reach their career goals. The results were the greatest proportion to receive college-prep seals, greatest number to receive vocational seals, and the highest percentage to further their education and training after high school. In recognition of her commitment and service, Mrs. George was awarded an Honorary Diploma from UCHS and graduated with the Class of 1992. After retiring from the school system, Jo turned her efforts toward the

aging. She began the Second Wind Dreams program at the Union County Nursing Home in 2001. Since that time, over 200 citizens – most of whom lived at the nursing home - have been blessed with a Second Wind Dream.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries at www.gbchfm.org. The family will receive friends at the Union County Community Center on Friday, June 1 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. The funeral service will be on Saturday, June 2 at Blairsville First Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. You may sign the family guest book and send condolences online at www.cochranfuneralhomes.com.

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people dangerously through the air at breakneck speeds, which is why Doucette said it's always important to "wear your kill switch lanyard in cases of events like this."

A kill switch lanyard is a cord worn by the captain and attached to the boat motor kill switch. In case the captain is flung away from the controls, the switch is thrown, cutting the motor off. This can minimize an accident and even save a life, said Doucette.

The Lake Nottely Improvement Association, founded in 1991, organizes a lake cleanup in the spring and fall every year as part of its mandate, according to Lynn Varian, a longtime member and current co-president of the

association.

Varian said she's never seen the lake this high.

"We had our cleanup in April, but the water had already started coming up," said Varian. "So, we were about a week too late on that, but we did get a lot of stuff out."

Lately, Varian and Doucette have been warning people about the debris, and Varian said people should be securing their dock ramps because the water is coming up so fast.

At the least, boaters who find impediments to safe boating should report them to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

"We've had a lot of water pretty quick within a

month," said Cpl. Kevin Dyer with DNR Law Enforcement. "The incidents we've had this year so far have been due to waterlogged debris that is almost completely submerged and can't be seen until it's too late."

One recent incident "did extensive damage to the prop of the boat," said Cpl. Dyer, and another one "actually made the boat turn, and it ran into the bank."

It would follow that these logs and other debris in Lake Nottely could also be very dangerous to water skiers and tubers being pulled behind boats, as well as to those driving fast personal water craft.

For detailed boating safety information, search for Boating Education at GADNRLE.org.


Team Dream Ride fundraiser

Come and have a "fantabulous" time Thursday night, June 7th, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Chick-fil-A in Blairsville. This is to benefit Team Dream Ride Bound Blairsville, (special needs teenagers and adults). The money raised goes toward funding their trip to a very special event held for them in Farmington, CT called the Dream Ride. It is a big party, concert, sporting events, motorcycle rally, Car Cruise, and car show, where individuals with special needs are the guests of honor. For more information call Suzanne at 706-897-8997.

Adam Bachman named to President's List

Adam Bachman of Blairsville has completed courses with exemplary marks and made the President's List for the 2018 Spring semester at Georgia College in Milledgeville, GA.

Congratulations




Angebeth Partidas Rivas

The *North Georgia News* congratulates Angebeth Partidas Rivas on her graduation from Union County High School, Class of 2018.

Another student's photo appeared with Ms. Partidas Rivas' name in the May 23 Graduation Section of the newspaper.

For this, the newspaper apologizes. Here is Ms. Partidas Rivas' actual senior photo.

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



June 15, 2018
In memory of
Paula Paris Johnson
Birthday
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

June 17, 2018
In loving memory of
Lori Michelle Nuce
by Mom, Dad, Bette Lou,
and Maryann
Forever in our hearts
and memories

June 19, 2018
In memory of
Bill Meeks Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks