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communication facility.
Joseph Andrew Yerdon, sale of heroin; illegal use of communication facility.
Timmy Gerald Hollis, violation of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act; two counts sale of methamphetamine; two counts possession of firearm by convicted felon.
Christy Marie Beasley, possession of methamphetamine; possession of marijuana, less than an ounce.
James Keith Cordle, violation of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act; five counts sale of methamphetamine.
Justin Taylor Duffey, four counts violation of Georgia Controlled Substances Act; illegal use of communication facility.
Bobby Dewayne Cantrell, possession of a controlled substance; two counts possession of drug-related objects; five counts possession of firearm by convicted felon; one count driving while license suspended.

Brandi Jean Ringelspaugh, possession of a controlled substance; two counts possession of drug-related objects; five counts possession of firearm by first offender probationer.
Kimberly Faye Lindsey, possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug-related objects.
Justin Lee Dillard, two counts burglary in the first degree.
William Thomas Wooten, two counts distribution of methamphetamine.
Cody Nicole Anderson, AKA Cody Nicole Bennett, possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug-related objects.
Shauna Lynn Garrett, possession of a controlled substance; possession of marijuana, less than an ounce; possession of drug-related objects.
Charles Winfield Burton, two counts sale of heroin; criminal attempt to commit a felony; three counts illegal use of communication facility.
Cameron Tyler Lawler, violation of Racketeer

Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act; five counts sale of methamphetamine; theft by taking.
Bridgett Maria Keith Banks, violation of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act; the counts sale of methamphetamine.
Angela Gail Patterson, three counts sale of methamphetamine.
Matthew Ryan Vaughn, violation of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act; three counts sale of methamphetamine; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute; trafficking methamphetamine or amphetamine.
Clinton Darrick Brown Jr., AKA Clinton Derrick Brown, AKA Darrick Clinton Brown, AKA Derrick Clinton Brown, AKA Derrick Brown, distribution of methamphetamine.
Christie Ann Blair, AKA Christie Ann Goode, trafficking methamphetamine or amphetamine; three counts sale of methamphetamine.
Keelen Dwayne Nix, sale of methamphetamine;

recidivist.
Serena Rochelle Queen, sale of methamphetamine.
Jesse Dockery, possession of methamphetamine; possession of firearm by convicted felon; possession of drug-related objects.
Don Joseph Boehl, possession of methamphetamine.
Adrian John Ermlich, sale of heroin; criminal attempt to commit a felony; illegal use of communication facility.
Duane Alan Stamps, sale of heroin.
Christopher Scott Campbell, possession of a controlled substance; crossing the guard line with contraband; possession of drug-related objects; public drunkenness.
Gary L. Dockery, six counts possession of firearm by convicted felon.
Eric Ronnie Martin Emrich, criminal solicitation; illegal use of communication facility; three counts dissemination of information to promote terroristic act.
Marissa Cheyenne Lee, possession of a controlled substance; possession of marijuana, less than an ounce; two counts possession of drug-related objects.
Carlton Keith Seabolt, possession of firearm by convicted felon; possession of marijuana, less than an ounce; possession of drug-related objects.
Marsha Ann Woodham, possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug-related objects.

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we lost was some hay, but without them, who knows how bad it could have been."
The fire department arrived and doused the flames, resulting in a few race cancellations, however, Kelley is most thankful that nobody suffered any bodily injuries.
"There were so many people that helped out that I can't thank them all by name, but I want them to know that I appreciate everything that everyone did to help us out," Kelley said. "Material items can be replaced but lives cannot."
"Sometimes things happen that's out of our control, and we're sorry for having to cancel some races, but we're just thanking the Good Lord that nobody was injured during the chaos."
Sparky's Cycle Ranch is located on Ivy Log Rd, approximately one-half mile off US129 N/Murphy Highway.
For additional details on Sparky's, including race results, upcoming events, photos and more, people can visit the SparkysCycleRanch Facebook page.



When a fire started in a barn at Sparky's Cycle Ranch on Sept. 17, everyone present pitched in to keep the building from burning down.



Excerpt of a Facebook Post from Sparky's Cycle Ranch: "From all our staff, racers, family and spectators that helped out, and UCFD, UCEMS and UCSO, Thank You!"

Wildfire Risk Assessment: National Fire Prevention Week

The week of October 8th is National Fire Prevention Week which leads us into the approaching fall wildfire season, where leaves are falling, dry weather is the norm, humidity is low, and there are more than usual trees and limbs on the ground, blown down by the recent storms. These factors make our area a tinder box where we live and all that is missing is a spark to start a destructive wildfire. Don't let your guard down, it can happen here!
There are three threats or exposures that a building can experience during a wildfire, grassfire, or brushfire: wind-borne embers, radiant heat, and direct flame contact. When considering the vulnerability of your home or business to wildfire, you need to evaluate and address all three potential exposures. Ember exposure is considered the most important, because most building ignitions have been attributed to them. Embers can ignite building components and contents directly, or ignite vegetation and other combustible items adjacent to or near a building; this then can result in a radiant heat and/or direct flame contact exposure.
For example, embers may land on and ignite debris

that has accumulated in your gutter. The burning debris then causes direct flame contact on the edge of the roof. Or, embers that ignite nearby vegetation could result in a radiant heat exposure to the side of a building, potentially igniting combustible siding or breaking the glass in a window. The opening from broken glass then would allow embers to enter the building and ignite combustible materials, such as carpeting or furniture.
What to know to better protect your home from wildfire - slope - The slope of the land around your home is a major consideration in assessing wildfire risk. Wildfires burn up a slope faster and more intensely than along flat ground. A steeper slope will result in a faster moving fire, with longer flame lengths. Homes located mid- or top of a slope (without set back) are generally more vulnerable because of increased flame length and intensity of a fire moving up the slope. Depending on the location of your home, defensible space may need to be increased.
Zone 1 - 5 ft. around the perimeter. The objective of this zone is to reduce the chance of wind-blown embers from a nearby fire landing near the home, igniting combustible de-



bris or materials and exposing the home to flames. This zone is closest to the house, so it requires the most careful selection and management of vegetation and other materials.
Zone 2 - 30 ft. around the perimeter (or to the property line). The objective of this zone is to create and maintain a landscape that, if ignited, will not readily transmit fire to the home. Trees and shrubs in this zone should be in well-spaced groupings and well maintained. Ladder fuels (i.e., shorter vegetation or shrubs under taller trees) should be avoided to prevent the fire from climbing into the crown or upper portions of trees. If these groupings were to be ignited by wind-blown embers, the resulting fire should not be able to threaten the home by a radiant heat exposure or by flames being able to touch the exterior surfaces of your home.
Zone 3 - 100 ft. (or to the property line). The objective of vegetation management in this zone is to reduce the energy and speed of the wildfire. Tree and brush spacing should force the fire in the tops of the tree, brush, or shrub crowns to drop to the ground. Flame length should decrease.
To learn more about how to reduce your risk from a wildfire, call the Georgia Forestry Commission and schedule a free home assessment for your property and help make your home Firewise. The Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council is administering Firewise and Fire Adapted programs across Georgia, western North Carolina, and southwestern Virginia that help communities learn how to reduce the risk of wildfires that can destroy neighborhoods and dramatically change their citizens way of life.
Frank M. Riley, Jr. is Executive Director - Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council. For more information on Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council and programs, visit our web site www.chestchattred.org or www.appocafac.org; 706- 894-1591; email www.info.ccrecd@gmail.com.

NGTC free GeorgiaBEST Class

Do you want to increase your chances of getting a job? Do you want to learn the soft skills that employers are looking for?
North Georgia Technical College Adult Education program is offering a free two-week GeorgiaBEST class at NGTC Shirley Miller

Building October 16-26 from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Wednesday. At the end of the class, you will receive a GeorgiaBEST certificate from the Department of Labor.
To register please call Paula Ary at 706-439-6321. We are located at 38 Blalock St., Blairsville, GA 30512.