

# Indictments...from Page 1

living in the Choestoe Falls RV Park for the last 17 years, and he was arrested twice in the 1980s for similar crimes against children, before the institution of any sex crime registries, according to Sgt. Mangifesta's investigation.

The indictment related to his first victim has Ingraham facing charges of child molestation, enticing a child for indecent purposes, sexual battery against a child under 16 years old, two counts of simple battery, two counts of obstruction, and two counts of disorderly conduct.

The indictment related to his second victim has Ingraham facing charges of two counts of aggravated sodomy, two counts of aggravated child molestation, and two counts of enticing a child for indecent purposes, according to the Superior Court indictment.

Also indicted by the Union County Grand Jury during the January Term:

William Harrison Newell, six counts of sexual exploitation of children.

Mary Sue Nichols, 10 counts of aggravated assault.

Barbara Lynn Grady, trafficking marijuana, manufacturing marijuana.

Brian Nestor Pitts, trafficking marijuana, manufacturing marijuana.

Ronald Pitts, trafficking marijuana, manufacturing marijuana, two counts

possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Cody Allyn Jones, battery in violation of Georgia's Family Violence Act.

Kenneth Ray Lauver, aggravated assault, battery in violation of Georgia's Family Violence Act.

Michael William Versyn, first-degree cruelty to children, four counts third-degree cruelty to children, simple battery in violation of Georgia's Family Violence Act.

Dillon Wayne Mullavey, false imprisonment, terroristic threats, disorderly conduct, simple battery.

Marcas William Cheuning, aggravated assault, simple battery in violation of Georgia's Family Violence Act, disorderly conduct, criminal trespass.

Levi Mark Payne, two counts aggravated assault, five counts third-degree cruelty to children.

Kenny Aaron Greene, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a dangerous drug.

Sean Anthony Hensley, Violation of Georgia's Controlled Substance Act, two counts possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, four counts party to a crime with the offense of possession of a controlled substance, possession of

marijuana – less than an ounce, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Marie Danielle Waugh, four counts party to a crime with the offense of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana – less than an ounce, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a controlled substance.

Courtney Nicole White, four counts party to a crime with the offense of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana – less than an ounce, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a controlled substance.

Micah Wayne Peevy, theft by taking.

Richard Allen Schmalenberg, aggravated assault, aggravated assault in violation of Georgia's Family Violence Act, hindering an emergency call.

Roger Elbert Norton, interference with government property, terroristic threats, two counts third-degree cruelty to children, criminal trespass, reckless conduct.

Breona-Lola Davenport, theft by shoplifting, theft by deception.

Anthony Kim Linder, theft by shoplifting, theft by deception.

Lucas McCoy Linder, theft by shoplifting, theft by deception.

# 2nd Annual Miss Columbia County Forestry State Scholarship Pageant open to all North Georgia counties

The 2nd Annual Miss Columbia County Forestry State Scholarship Pageant will be held March 12th in Thomson, GA at the Thomson High School Auditorium.

The age divisions are as follows: Baby Miss ages birth to 23 months; Teeny Miss ages 2 to 3 years; Tiny Miss ages 4 to 6 years; Little Miss ages 7 to 9 years; Junior Miss ages 10 to 12 years; Teen Miss ages 13 to 16 years; Miss ages 17 to 24 years; Ms./Mrs. 16 up, married or with children. The pageant is open to all North Georgia Counties. The deadline to enter is February 15th.

The Georgia Forestry Pageant is the oldest Scholarship Pageant in the state of Georgia going into the 77th year. The winners of the Columbia County Forestry Pageant will receive their entry fees paid to the Miss Georgia Forestry Pageant. The County Queens are treated like true royalty at the Miss Georgia Forestry State Pageant. The girls participate in a parade with their county and title on their car, they are treated to cookouts, tree-farm tours, formal balls, and many more events. This year a formal ball will be held for the Teen and Miss contestants.

The Miss Columbia County Forestry Queen receives, besides the cash scholarship,



2015 Miss Columbia County Forestry Queens

the official round Miss Columbia County Forestry crown, crowning pin, and other gifts. The Miss Georgia Forestry Pageant was started in 1940 to offer educational opportunities to young ladies while promoting Georgia's number one industry, forestry.

The younger girls are judged a 1 to 20 on poise, beauty, gown, personality, and overall appearance. The Teen and Miss

are judged on interview, public speaking, and evening gown.

The reigning Miss Columbia County Forestry Queens are Kirklyn Zorn, Teeny Miss; Juliana Latimore, Little Miss; Leslie Kate Duncan, Junior Miss; Imani Anderson, Teen Miss and Samantha Miller, Miss.

For more information on to enter call Brittany Allen 706-664-5010 or email localpageants@gmail.com. NTUJan20,ZA/CA

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Drive has been going on for the past four years, and has grown since Union County Manager Larry Garrett brainstormed the idea with Conley of the rec department.

"What started it was, the Food Pantry was running low on food," said Garrett, thinking back to four years ago. "We thought, hey, we can help. I got together with Larry Conley, and we started talking about having some games before the kids go on Christmas break.

"And instead of collecting money and charging them, why don't we do a Food Drive, where one can of food gets you in. A lot of people, instead of buying a can of food, they'll pay the dollar. We take that money, and we turn around and buy food with that."

The idea and fire of charitable giving proved catching, and before too long, every county department had begun collecting food for the Food Drive.

"That time of the year, the demand on the Food Pantry is hard," said Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris. "More people are needy, more people are needing food. And generally, except for this Christmas, it's colder and harder for people to get out, and the rec department decided it would be a good community project to do. I can't take any credit for it, because that's something that the rec department came up with and did."

Ann Sullivan, who runs the Food Pantry out of

the Blairsville Civic Center, informed the commissioner's office that their efforts have grown year over year, which is the goal of all involved in the Food Drive in order to meet growing demand.

"It just makes you feel good that time of the year – any time of the year, but Christmastime of the year, it makes you feel good to be able to do something to help people," said Commissioner Paris. "People try to help those who can't help themselves at Christmas, and that's why the staff have come up with this idea.

"They've just done a great job, and I'm proud for the county, proud for the county government that our people have taken this initiative on totally without my influence, and made it a great project."

# February Garden Chores from Your Master Gardener Extension Volunteers

Forsythia and quince are easy to force into bloom indoors. Cut branches when the buds show a touch of color and place them in a vase of water. They should bloom within a week or so.

Prune flowering shrubs that flower before May just after they bloom; prune those that bloom after May prior to spring growth. Prune climbing roses after the first flush of blooms. Now is a good time to tie main canes to a support before they leaf out and remove any stray canes.

Observe Arbor Day by planting a tree on February 19th. In Georgia, Arbor Day is celebrated the third Friday in February.

Cut back butterfly bush to 12-18 inches to promote thicker growth and more blooms. Clean out the old nesting materials in your bluebird boxes early in the month and they will be ready when the bluebirds are ready to nest.

Prune ornamental grasses down to 12-18 inches to expose base of clump to sunshine. Prune apple and pear trees.

February is a good month to plant and transplant trees and shrubs. Feed birds and provide them with a sup-

ply of water.

If necessary, prune crepe myrtle by selecting 3, 5, or 7 main stems. Prune old seed heads and twiggy growth that grows from the base of the plant.

Look for blooms on your Lenten rose (Hellebores orientalis). Divide ground covers that have become too thick and prune back liriop before new spring growth begins by setting your lawn mower to its highest setting and cut.

Use cat litter or sand on icy sidewalks instead of salt. Too much salt can burn nearby plant roots. Take soil samples from your garden area in order to plan your fertilizer program. Contact your County Extension Agent for instructions on having your soil tested.

Prepare vegetable garden area for planting. Add fertilizer and lime if indicated by your soil test. An occasional lukewarm bath in the sink or shower is a tonic for houseplants that overwinter in hot, dry rooms.

Continue dormant pruning; prune out any tree branches that are crossed, broken, or diseased. Fertilize spring bulbs as they emerge with 10-10-10, following label directions. Note gaps in plantings

and plan fall blub order.

When the weather is extremely cold, close the window shades or place protective cardboard between houseplants and window glass to protect houseplants. Check the mulch around your landscape plants and add some if necessary. Trees and shrubs should have about a six inch thick covering layer of mulch.

Service your lawn mower so it will be ready when you are for spring grass cutting. Keep faded flowers and weak growth removed from pansies and keep them well watered and fertilized.

Prune Clematis armandii immediately after it blooms. Prune overgrown broadleaf shrubs late this month. Prune evergreens. Do not severely prune pines, spruce, or junipers as they are unable to generate new growth from old wood.

Fertilize established ornamental trees and shrubs always following label directions. Add any remaining leaves and garden debris to your compost pile if you have one. If you do not have a compost pile, start one.

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Rhonda Mahan, Ricky Abercrombie and W.C. Nelson DDA Board Member discuss business

paying the BRMEMC to attach on to the poles. So to me, (rerouting the lines) is their (Windstream's) deal. Now, if it was their pole and they had built the line, it would be a different story."

Thompson noted that the local Windstream employees that they've reached out to are not the ones pulling the strings, it's the corporate office that sent the bill to the city and is calling the shots.

Nelson and Thompson told the board and the mayor that they would continue to

discuss the situation with Windstream and hopefully forge an agreement.

As for new business inquiries, the House of Threads in Blue Ridge, Christy Lee's, and Blue Ridge Mountain Outfitters have shown interest in opening in the downtown area.

According to DDA Program Manager Darren Harper, Threads, a clothing boutique, has already signed the paperwork and will be opening a fourth location (Blue Ridge, Ellijay, Copperhill,

Tenn.), in the building that currently houses the Fiddle Shop on the Blairsville Square, which is expected to close by the end of the month. Following renovations, Threads should be open for business in May.

In other business, Harper notified the board that the Merchants Walk is expected to be completely torn down within a few weeks.

The DDA holds its public meetings at the Blairsville City Hall on the second Tuesday of every month at noon.

# National Activity Professionals Week January 18-22

Union County Nursing Home is pleased to recognize their staff of activity professionals. Union County has one of the state's largest activity staffs at this time, for a bed of 150 residents, there are 4 full time and 2 part-time staff members.

The staff includes Activity Director, Pam Ouzts; Ruth Horn, very musically talented; Lisa Harden, employee of 30+ years; Eddie Deeb, a veteran and has filled a real need of men's activities and formed a bond of card players as well;

Pam Malsom, recently joined activity staff after working night shifts as a CNA; and Carla Colombo, volunteered for 5 years before becoming an employee last year.

The mission statement of the activity department is "to provide activities that promote self-esteem, happiness, and improve the quality of life to each individual resident."

Regularly scheduled activities at the nursing home include not only bingo, but garden boxes in the spring, birthday parties, supper clubs,

outside pavilion for grilling and picnics, ice cream socials, daily exercise, pet and music therapy, weekly church services and Bible Study, field trips, barber / beauty shop, musical entertainment, and a host of independent leisure resources such as books, cards, board games.

Each of these staff members bring their own history of experience, wisdom and fresh ideas to the activity department. Our goal is to enhance the life of every resident while at our facility. We take our job seriously and have a passion both for the job and for the residents. NTUJan20,Z15/CA

# University of North Georgia announces Fall 2015 President's List

Dr. Bonita C. Jacobs, president of the University of North Georgia, has recognized more than 1,200 students who achieved a 4.0 grade point average during the fall 2015 semester.

Local students in bachelor's degree programs who achieved a 4.0 grade point average and were enrolled in 12 or

more credit hours were named to the President's Honor Roll include: Kimber Hutchison and Brooklyn Wood of Suches; Hannah Long and Richard Davis of Morganton; Stephany Cristofaro, Olivia Burrell, Courtney Busbee, Brittaney Dyer, Kristin Hamby, William Harbin and Caroline Rollins all of Blairsville. NTUJan20,Z8/CA

# Richard Sarrell on Dean's List

Richard W. Sarrell II of Blairsville, GA, was named to the fall 2015 dean's list at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. To qualify for the honor, a student must have earned a minimum 3.0 grade point average NTUJan20,Z8/CA