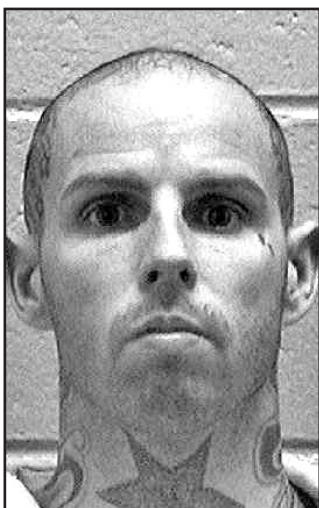


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Kevin Lee Mashburn

alleging that Union/Fannin County resident Kevin Mashburn has been possessing and dealing in large quantities methamphetamine, Sheriff Mason said.

The sheriff said additional information was received that caused UCISO Narcotics Agents to track down Mashburn in Fannin County. In cooperation with

Fannin County Sheriff's Office, Mashburn was located and detained in a driveway of a private residence, belonging to the Mashburn family, Sheriff Mason said.

Since Mashburn is on felony probation for previous offenses, which include aggravated assault, agents were able to legally search his vehicle, Detective Sgt. Tyler Miller said.

Found in his Chevrolet pickup, was approximately two ounces of suspected methamphetamine. Further investigation and after obtaining a search warrant, an additional large quantity (approximately a pound) of methamphetamine was located in another vehicle on the property, Sgt. Miller said.

The street value of the seized drugs, if sold by gram, is valued at approximately \$50,000, Sgt. Miller said. In addition to the drugs that were seized, Mashburn was in possession of two firearms and approximately \$1,900 in U.S. Currency. Also arrested with

Mashburn, Kaley Danielle Crawford, 25, of Fannin County, Sgt. Miller said.

Mashburn has been charged with trafficking in methamphetamine and also possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Crawford has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotic related objects, jail records show.

All of the charges, with exception of the drug related objects charge are felonies. Mashburn and Crawford were booked into Fannin County Jail on Feb. 24, Sgt. Miller said.

Sheriff Mason said this investigation and subsequent arrests are an example of law enforcement agencies working in partnership to investigate, identify and arrest criminal suspects dealing drugs in our mountain communities.

If anyone has additional information concerning these subjects' illegal activities or other similar cases, Sheriff Mason urges them to call the anonymous tip line at the Union County Sheriff's Office - (706) 781-1973.



Nature of Healing
Sukoshi Rice

Getting Sick

On New Year's morning, I woke up with a horrible sore throat. Then it got worse. I wasn't really well again for four weeks of flu and suffering. For a person who basically lives a healthy life, how did that happen? Since my whole interest in health is the connection between mind (emotions) and body, I had a great subject to study.

What I did for starts was pep talk myself, that I could get up and do stuff. My self wasn't buying it. Then I became a little mean, thinking things like, "how can you get this sick and help other people? You don't know anything!" The more I thought that, the worse I felt. Finally a TAT colleague suggested I do TAT on the thought "What would happen if I got well?"

A whole flood of answers came about things in my future that scared me. Bingo! I understood why I had allowed myself to get sick to avoid doing something I was scared to do. Growing up, getting sick was often the only escape, so it became a default setting for getting out of what I didn't want to do.

I wish I could say I got well right then, but the thing had a hold on me and had to run its course. My belief that physical illness has an emotional/mental cause had been validated. Then I just had to lie around til my body caught up.

Sukoshi Rice has been a resident of Blairsville practicing a conscious approach to health since 1979. She offers sessions and classes and can be reached at sukoshir@gmail.com. N(Mar2,Z2)CA

Fireworks clarification at the Georgia State Capitol

By: Sen. Steve Gooch (R - Dahlonega)

The Capitol was exploding with activity as legislators rushed to meet the crossover deadline, so it only seems fitting that three bills related to the purchase and use of fireworks were approved by the Georgia Senate last week. While people were initially excited with the consumer fireworks bill passed last year, it quickly became clear that the law needed some clarification. Senate Bill 369 follows up on the consumer fireworks bill that was passed in 2015 and corrects a number of problems with the original legislation, including time periods of use, seller licensing procedures and locations for ignition.

Two other bills connected to the sale of fireworks will also strengthen Georgia's trauma care network, if approved by both the General Assembly and voter referendum. Senate Bill 350 would allocate the proceeds from consumer fireworks excise taxes towards public safety purposes, including funding for the Georgia Trauma Care Network Com-

mission and the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council. However, Senate Bill 350 cannot become law without the approval of Georgia voters. Senate Resolution 558 is the constitutional amendment that must be approved in order to enact the provisions of Senate Bill 350. The resolution also clarifies that revenues deposited under Senate Bill 350 will not go into the general fund. All three fireworks bills have now been transferred to the Georgia House for consideration.

I presented two bills for a Senate floor vote last week—Senate Bill 316 and Senate Bill 366. The first bill lifts the daily cash or gift prize limit of \$1,500 on bingo games, but keeps the weekly prize limit of \$3,000. This legislation benefits charities and local organizations that run bingo games as fund raisers. The second bill, Senate Bill 366, allows the Georgia Department of Transportation to use an alternative process for selecting and contracting project services based on the lowest priced proposal. This will ensure efficiency in both project cost and contract



Georgia State Senator Steve Gooch
Senate Majority Whip

selection.

It was an honor to recognize the recreation and tourism of White County with Senate Resolution 877 last week. I was joined by Mayor of Helen Fred Garmon; Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger and Commissioner Edwin Nix of the White County Board of Commissioners; and City of Cleveland Council Member Annie Sutton for the presentation of the resolution. We're very lucky to have such close access to great outdoor recreational areas like the Appalachian Trail, Yonah Mountain and the Chattahoochee River.

Please continue reaching out to me with any questions, comments or concerns about legislation during the 2016 legislative session. I always appreciate and encourage your feedback! N(Mar2,A3)gg

Lewis Stanley receives Second Wind Dream at UCNH

It was a special day for Lewis Stanley on February 17, 2016 when he was honored by the Second Wind Dreams Team in the sunroom at the Union County Nursing Home. He was joined in the festivities by his granddaughter, Sarah Stanley.

After enjoying his favorite meal from Chick-Fil-A, he was given a basket filled with some of his favorite candy and cookies and a gift of clothing.

Mr. Stanley is an avid bingo player, and we wished him luck in the bingo games that would follow his party. He conceded that it was fun to play bingo whether he won or not.

If you or a member of your organization would like



Family and friends surround Lewis Stanley (seated)

more information about the Second Wind Dreams Program, please contact the Union

County Nursing Home Activities Department at 706-745-4948. N(Mar2,Z9)CA

Union County Schools 2016-17 Pre-K Registration Roundup

Bright from the Start and Union County Schools recognize the documented advantages of early learning and predicted success in later grades. Our school system meets the child-care and early educational needs of Georgia's children and their families by providing a daily, quality, fun learning environment. The Union County Pre-K program is open to any four-year-old child who loves to play and learn! Our Pre-K program prepares children for Kindergarten and beyond. The Pre-K classes are located in the primary school and transportation is provided, if needed. Children who will

be four years old on or before September 1, 2016 are eligible to enroll.

Monday, February 22nd to Friday, March 4th: call to set up a registration appointment, 706-835-4321.

Parents/Guardians must call (706-835-4321) or visit the Union County Schools Registrar's Office prior to face-to-face registration.

Monday, March 21st to Friday, March 25th: Face-To-Face Registration of your 4 year old (must turn or be 4 years old by September 1st).

Parents/Guardians must have made an appointment during Registration Roundup in order to register during the

week of 3/21 - 3/24 and to secure a spot in the UCPS Pre K Program.

The Pre-K Registration will be held at the Union County Primary School and you will be given a date and time to come in to register.

Bowling scores

Monday Night Ladies: Monita Rodgers 204.

Monday Night Men: Ryan West 212, Chris Ellinwood 200, 203, Kenneth Clark 214, 257, Jay Burrell 247, 247, Ray Everett 202, 201, 235, Joe Teague 212, 226, Derick Rice 203, 265, BJ Gilbert 210, Keith Rhodes 209, Max Puett 204, Bart Rodgers 204, Doug Tanner 223, 226, 209, Richard Tanner 218, 226, Bill Smith 206, 204, Dewey Allen 215, Steve Whittenburg 209, 246, Johnathan Everett 201, Greg Whittenburg 221.

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