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on committees that include Appropriations, Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications, and Juvenile Justice. He serves as Secretary of the Judiciary Committee, and Vice Chairman of the Game, Fish and Parks Committee.

First elected in 2008, State Rep. Allison was reelected in November 2012, to a third term as House District 8 representative by more than 70 percent of the vote.

State Rep. Allison is the founding partner of the law firm

of Allison & Ledford, headquartered in Blairsville.

The Lodge at Copperhead is located at 171 Copperhead Parkway, Blairsville, off Nottely Dam Road (State Highway 325). The meeting is open to everyone seeking to gather more details in

order to make a well-informed decision at the ballot box.

For more details on the November meeting, contact Party Chairman Billy Turnage at chairman@uniongop.org or call (706) 745-5125.

## Mistletoe... from Page 1A

50 vendors including many lo-

cal artisans from the Northeast Georgia and Western Carolina Mountain communities.

The talented artists offer their latest works in ceramic items, one of a kind jewelry pieces, unique work with gourds, beautifully sewn and embroidered infant and children's clothing, unusual gifts, all types of wood items such as hand carved pens, walking sticks, turned bowls,

furniture, quilts, painting and photography.

The ever-popular Sugar Plum Tearoom will be back again this year. The homemade goodies, salads, wonderful soups, sandwiches, and desserts are a delight for any palette. After shopping in the Market area, be sure to venture over to the Tearoom for a relaxing lunch. Then take a final shopping tour through

the Market for those "just remembered" purchases before you head home as a happy, successful, and refreshed early Christmas shopper.

For other related information regarding Mountain Regional Arts and Crafts Guild and Art Works, please call 706-896-0932 or visit the website at [www.mtnregartscraftsguild.com](http://www.mtnregartscraftsguild.com).

## Shop... from Page 1A

Never before had 61 children had the privilege to be a part of the program. Giving in 2012 was incredible, a tribute to the Blairsville-Union County community and beyond, Chief Carroll said.

"Yes, they're excited about Shop With A Cop. They've got their lists made out," he said, referring to this year's prospective shoppers. "You'd be surprised how many are buying for other family members, not for them-

selves. It really warms your heart to see these kids buying Christmas for their families."

The officers, many who volunteer their time to help with the event, make a difference in the lives of local youth. The officers take the youth to Wal-Mart to shop, they take them out to eat and then they'll take them home.

The program also makes a difference in the lives of several Blairsville families as the officers deliver food

for a Christmas meal to those in need.

"It's a big deal to us, once a year, every year, we get to make a difference," Baxter said. "It's something that we look forward to. The community has blessed us with this opportunity. We know times are hard, the economy is still down, but the local businesses and residents have backed us up. We appreciate that, you just don't know how much we appreciate that."

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Rebecca Ann Stokes



Brittany Elizabeth Ledford

Senior Superior Court Judge Murphy Miller denied bond for both Ledford and Stokes following a hearing on Aug. 4th.

Adams-Donaldson, who spent a portion of her youth in Union County, was discovered in the old hand-dug well at the old Roper farm on Turner Turnpike in rural Towns County. Adams-Donaldson's remains were recovered approximately at 7 p.m. on July 11th. The well was in close

proximity to the residence where Adams-Donaldson lived and was murdered.

Adams-Donaldson was reported missing on June 24th by family members.

Ledford and Stokes have confessed to the crime, which murder warrants allege happened June 17th, following extensive interrogations by Towns County sheriff's investigators and GBI agents, according to the Towns County Sheriff's Office.

Ledford and Stokes

were already inmates at the Towns County Detention Center at the time of their confessions, sheriff's reports show.

Prior to the murder charges, Ledford was being held on charges that include first-degree forgery, eight counts of deposit account fraud, and criminal trespass. Towns County arrest warrants show. Stokes was being held on an obstruction charge. Towns County arrest warrants show.

## Celebration of Retired Educator's Day

As part of the Retired Educator's Day celebration, Union County Schools will be hosting a luncheon for the Union County Retired Educators Association on Wednesday, November 13, at 10:45 a.m. in the Union County Middle School cafeteria.

This will serve as our regular November meeting, so please remember to bring children's books for donating to preschoolers. All members are encouraged to attend, bring a book, have lunch, and enjoy the hospitality of the middle school! The Union County Retired Educators Association is an affiliate of the Georgia Retired Educators Association and all retired educators are invited to join this local unit.

## Blairsville Blood Drive

The Blairsville Community Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, November 12th from 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Haralson Civic Center. All presenting blood and platelet donors will be entered to win one of three \$1,000 gift cards to use toward looking and feeling your best!

Please donate blood! All types are needed now! Call Betty Easter at 706-745-2335 to make your appointment today or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).