

events in August was the trip to Durhamtown Tellico Off Road Park near Tellico Plains, TN. This track took us onto some back roads rated at 4.0 to 4.5 by the Standard Trail Rating Guide. See our Trail Rating Guide on our website. Five of our Jeep-The highlight of our ers maneuvered though the Park

avoiding huge boulders and very deep wash-outs. This ride includes visiting a beautiful waterfall and the site of an airplane crash that happened years ago. But, they all came out of this experience the better for it. All the participants expressed their satisfaction for having completed Durhamtown Tellico and are looking forward to a return trip in the near future.

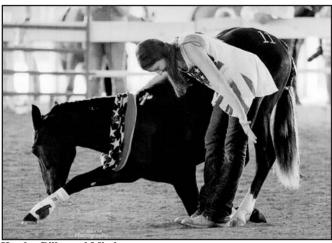
Other trips this month included Helton Creek Falls and Forest Service Road 107. At the platform for the falls someone had left a good deal of trash. Our Jeepers, true to form, cleaned up the trash and removed it from had gone off the Forest Service the area. We all believe in the camper's adage; "If You haul it in, You haul it out!" We also went to Showbird Mt. near Robbinsville, NC. Riding most of the day in the rain, our six jeeps came across an emergency crew recovering a pickup truck that

Congratulations Kendra



Kendra, yours and Mindy's performance in last week's "Extreme Mustang Makeover" was extraordinary. Your friends at Union Realty commend you for your effort and wish you the best for your future. Union Realty Group, LLC

Extreme "Mustang Makeover"



I didn't win the championship in the Extreme "Mustang Makeover," but I did make the top three, coming in third. I'm so proud of my Mindy and couldn't be happier with her performance! She won my heart and the hearts of many fans in the crowd. I'm so thankful for the opportunity and so proud of my baby girl and her willingness and gratitude to be my partner. I love her with all my heart and such a blessing from God to have the opportunity to be with her. - Kendra

Wild West Golfers wanted for Butternut Creek Invitational

The Butternut Creek Ladies Golf Association invites you to the 2015 Ladies Wild West Invitational on Thursday, September 17, 2015 for a 'rip roaring day' of golf - so whip up your wildest west outfit and come join us for a fun day of golf & fellowship. Deadline September 9, 2015.

tational is 'Wanted' Wild Wild West Women Golfers'. Our Banquet Hall will be decorated in ways showing the Wild West theme! Check-in and breakfast begins at 8 a.m. and a Shotgun (and we mean a real shotgun) start at 9 a.m. Raffle Baskets, Mulligans, Sandies & 50-50 The format is a 4 women - 2 Best Ball (net) - you must have thru 6th place - also - Closest Road, Blairsville, GA. (706an established handicap to par- to the Pin, Closest to the Line 439-6076). N(Sep2,A3)SH

Road, slid down an embank-

ment, flipped upside down and came to rest against a tree. No driver nor passengers were in the area. Our Monday rides to Beasley Knob are always eventful. One time we were accompanied by a member on his ATV. Another visit we came onto an especially difficult trail and only one of our Jeepers was able to complete the climb to the top. One rainy Monday we had a jeep end up sideways on the trail and he had to be winched back onto the trail. With Beasley Knob closed because of rain, one Monday four of our Jeepers decided to take on Flatland Road located between Blairsville and Suches. This trail now has a Rating Guide of 3.5. Not all of our activities

involve trail riding. Eight Jeepers went to Panthertop Shooting Range in North Carolina and had a fun and safe day sighting in their firearms. We had 14 Jeepers on the trip to the Amish Farm and Benton Shooters Supply near Etowah, TN.

tember our group is looking forward to the Pickens County Sheriff Jeepfest in Jasper, GA. This is always a fun event with hundreds of jeeps from all over the country participating in the obstacle course and numerous trail rides. Also we will be going to visit the Georgia Guidestones. These mysterious slabs of granite evoke prophesies that leave the visitor with more questions than answers. Come by and see our jeeps at the Blairsville Cruisers Block Party Car Show at the Union County Farmers' Market on the

would like to take some fun rides with the BRMJ's check our events calendar, pick a date and come join us. Our website www.blueridgemountainis: jeepers.com. In addition, pictures and videos of our recent rides and events are posted for your enjoyment. Our monthly meeting is held every second Tuesday at Steve's Steakhouse in Blairsville with dinner at 5:30 PM and meeting at 6:30



Josh Peebles and Shorty



Kendra Bilbo and Mindy

Festival...from Page 1A

Meanwhile, the Heritage Festival helps tell the story of life in this rugged land more than a century ago, giving visitors a glimpse of the inventive, hardworking, and self-sufficient mountain people who settled this Godfearing Christian community.

Union County was carved from Cherokee territory during the Georgia Land Lottery of 1832. Many of Union County's early settlers were stalwart, spirit-led adventurers. many of which were dedicated circuit-riding ministers and local preachers who faithfully spread the Gospel. The land was rugged, and it took heart to labor and build and preserve a community nestled in this deep mountain setting. Many of the first settlers came out of the mountains of North Carolina and many others from Habersham County. By 1849, there were 13 Methodist churches in what was called the Blairsville Circuit. The churches were typical of small churches of the era, simple, but neatly nestled in accessible locations, easily reached by foot or by horse and buggy.

Likewise, the homes were simple and efficient, handcrafted by their owners and carved out of the wilderness that made up the North Georgia Mountains.

The Heritage Festival

1861 Payne Family log cabin, the Mauney Family barn, the Duncan Family cabin, and other structures from Union County's storied past.

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Other heritage activities historically have included sorghum cane to taste, goldpanning, holding or petting goats, mules, a calf, and lots of chickens.

Our theme for our Invi-



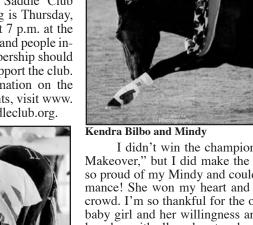
own team. Please list: Cowgirl CreekLGA.com. Butternut will be available for purchase. name - GHIN # - EMAIL. Creek Golf Course - 129 Prizes

and Longest Putt. Cost: \$60 per player includes breakfast, appetizers, lunch, dessert bar, gifts for each player & prizes. Please make check payable to BCLGA and mail to Sharon McClure, 169 Spanish Oak Circle, Murphy, NC 28906.

You can participate in a Practice Round scheduled for Wednesday - tee times available after 10 a.m. - cost \$25. Please call the Pro Shop for tee times at 706-439-6076.

For more information, call Sharon McClure at 828-837-3567 or Karen Mussoline at 352-638-3649 or visit ticipate and you can bring your our website www.Butternutwill be given for 1st Union County Recreation

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UC Saddle Club members compete at Georgia Extreme Mustang Makeover Challenge

On June 21 and 22, three Union County Saddle Club members: Josh Peebles, Kendra Bilbo, and Jessica Dobbins, competed in the Georgia Extreme Mustang Makeover Challenge at the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center in Gainesville, GA.

In the adult division, Josh Peebles placed in the top ten in all three preliminary classes (2nd in pattern, 4th in handling and conditioning, and 8th in trail) earning a place in the finals. Josh and his Mustang Shorty finished 4th overall in the finals and earned the highest freestyle score of all ten finals competitors.

In the youth division, Kendra Bilbo and her Mustang Mindy won the youth trail class and placed third overall. Jessica Dobbins placed 6th overall in the youth division with her Mustang Kittyhawk.

Only 27 adult and 13 youth trainers were accepted into the Challenge. The trainers picked up their assigned Mustangs in Mississippi 90 days before the competition. The horses had never been handled before being loaded into their trailers. All trainers were tasked with gentling and halter breaking their Mustangs;



Jessica Dobbins and Kittyhawk

adult trainers were required to Association show. Riders will break their horses under saddle as well.

The Saddle Club congratulates Josh, Kendra, and always, no charge for specta-Jessica on their accomplishments.

Also on June 21 and 22, the Sass 'n Saddles Precision 11, don't miss three-person Drill Team performed at the Blue Ridge Professional Rodeo. Riders interested in trying out for next year's team should business meeting is Thursday, visit the Saddle Club website for information. Click on the arena. Members and people in-"forms and documents" link.

racers from all around north For more information on the Georgia will return for another National Barrel Horse unioncountysaddleclub.org.

compete in pee wee, youth, senior, and open divisions in this money-added, 4D event. As tors, and concessions will be available.

On Friday, September sorting at the Saddle Club. The event begins at 7 p.m.

The next Saddle Club September 17, at 7 p.m. at the terested in membership should On September 5, barrel come out and support the club. club and its events, visit www.

Coming up in early Sep-

If you have a jeep and

first Friday of the month.

PM. NT(Sep2,F3)SH

is an annual tribute to those early pioneers of yesteryear.

Hosted by the Union County Historical Society, the festival opens a window to the past and the cultural heritage of the North Georgia Mountains.

The event features handmade crafts, traditional foods, music, craft demonstrations that include quilting, spinning, basket making, chair caning, needlework and making rugs.

It also features old-time music with live performances by talented musicians on autoharp, mandolin, guitar and the fiddle.

All activities are centered around the 1906 Grapelle Mock House, the restored

Free and open to the public, the Mountain Heritage Festival is a unique event promising wholesome family fun, and teachable moments for all ages.

There is something for every taste and budget at this event so be sure to bring your appetite. Festival foods also are available with kettle corn, fresh tomato sandwiches, homemade ice cream, candied nuts, corn dogs, and BBQ plates at the top of the list.

Live music is a special treat at this community festival. The event features some of the best Bluegrass and Gospel music in the Southeast.

Make this a Labor Day Weekend you'll never forget.

Register now for the Lake Chatuge Charity Classic Golf Tournament

this

scramble format tournament at

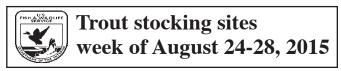
the beautiful Brasstown Valley

Resort & Spa. There will be a

four-person

The 2015 Lake Chatuge Charity Classic Golf Tournament is to be held Friday, September 18, 2015.

Towns County shotgun start at 9 a.m. and all The Chamber of Commerce is golfers are welcome!



hosting

Note: Information is subject to change. For the latest on stocking and event information, remember to "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChattahoocheeForestNationalFishHatchery. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. N(Sep2.Z17)CA

Hole in One! Highlights 6th Annual **House of Prayer Golf Tournament**

of Prayer Interdenominational Church Golf Tournament hosted by the Men's Ministry Board was held on Saturday, August 22nd at Butternut Creek Golf Course. The event kicked off with an 8 a.m. shotgun start to mostly clear skies, some fog persisted in the low lying areas of the course until 9:15. However before the fog cleared, the "Closest to the Pin" Prize was already locked up on hole 17 by Kenny Prince of the "Team Helton Group" (Terry, Darlene, and Nathan Helton and Kenny). None of the group witnessed the ball roll into the hole due to the fog, however after searching, Team Helton found the ball IN the cup touching the pin. You cannot get closer than that! This was the first ace in the six year history of the event and to have it occur on a prize hole made it exceptionally exciting! The event as always is

open to both men and women and all about fun, friends and fellowship! The entry fee in- link. N(Sep2,Z11)CA

The 6th Annual House cludes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and goodie bag. Always held the Saturday nearest the 20th of August at Butternut Creek. Prize Certificates are awarded to the top three teams' participants as well as individual prizes for the "Longest Drive" (men and women) won by Chris Peck and Stacey Poteete respectively this year, as well as "Closest to the Pin' Kenny Prince. Additionally there are numerous door prizes awarded following the lunch.

The Men's Ministry Board at HOP wishes to thank all of our players, sponsors and prize donors, it is your support that make this fun event the success it is each year!

Plan on joining us next year on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Butternut Creek, detailed information will be available mid May of 2016 by calling House of Prayer at 706-745-5925 or going on line to HOPB.org or godisgood. info and scrolling to the golf

This charity tournament will benefit athletic scholarships for Towns County graduates. There will be prizes awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive, a hole-in-one wins a car, and the winning team receives the grand prize! The cost is \$80 per player

or \$90 which includes 2 mulligans. Registration is now open at the Towns County Chamber office at 1411 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris, GA or at mountaintopga.com. Entry deadline is September 11th.

For more information, call (706) 896-4966, or you can email Candace Lee at candacelee@brmemc.net.NT(Sep2,A2)SH

Bowling scores

Monday Night Men (225+): Steve Wittenburg 236, Ron Wingate 231, Joe Teague 247, Derick Rice 237, Jay Burrell 225, 231, Mel White 227, Greg Wittenburg 627 series.

Monday Night Women (180+): Peggy Kidder 183, 192, Susanna White 180, Monita Rodgers 182, Amber Gilbert 225.

Young at Heart (women 180+ & men 200+): Cliff Halling 223, Ron Gaucher 202, Peggy Kidder 184, Barb Ransom 198, Bob Landis 266, 223, Del Neiffer 230, Monita Rodgers 230, Sarah Chumbly 189.

Thursday Night Fun Mixed (women 180+ & men 200+): Chuck Reeves 211, 224 Tony Lynch 221, Bill Cox 204, Roy Johnson 218, 220.

Good start to the 2015-2016 season. N(Sep2,Z17)CA

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under investigation by our Criminal Investigations Division and Narcotics Squad," Lt. Osborn said. "The arrest of Ms. McPherson brings

resolution to a three-month investigation.

"Although the investigation continues, Ms. McPherson is in custody," Lt.

Osborn said. "She had been indicted by the Union County Grand Jury. She didn't appear in court and three bench warrants were issued.'

Tri County British Car Club holds August 30th luncheon

On Sunday, August 30th, members and guests of the Tri County British Car Club, got together for their monthly meeting at Brother's Willow Ranch Restaurant, in Young Harris. As usual, the meeting was centered around classic British road cars.

A discussion of upcoming car cruises and and shows was also on the agenda.

The purpose of the TCBCC, is the preservation and enjoyment of these great marques...Anyone interested in participating in the club, and its activities, can contact them



by email at : tricountybritish- also "Like" them on Facebook carclub@yahoo.com . You can at Tri county British Car Club.

Auditions for *Let's Murder Marsha* at Licklog

Licklog Players Community Theater will hold auditions for their upcoming production of Let's Murder Marsha. Four (4) women and three (3) men are needed for this mystery comedy about a happy housewife named Marsha, by director, Lisa Maliska, on costuming. NT(Sep2,C3)ac

who is hopelessly addicted to reading murder mysteries and who overhears her loving husband discussing her upcoming birthday surprise only to misunderstand it as a plot for her murder. Auditions will be held stage hands, set design, and

Saturday, September 5th at 10 a.m., and Monday & Tuesday, September 7th & 8th at 7 p.m. Maliska is also looking for volunteers for a production crew, including lighting and sound,

Fannin: Rock Creek Union: Cooper Creek