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to teach a valuable lesson to 14 paramedics taking part in the training.

Rabun County Paramedic Dale Trusty is the instructor, those taking part in the training are from Union, Towns, Fannin, Rabun, Hall and Gwinnett counties.

There's even two students from North Georgia Technical College taking part in the event.

Trusty says the recent training exercise is the only EMT program in the area that provides real life staged case scenarios that benefits the advanced training of EMTs.

The training evaluates the skills of EMTs and is designed for EMTs to make mistakes.

"I'd rather they make a mistake in a training scenario than in real life," Trusty said.

One-by-one, the teams of three encounter the same case scenario, the victim struck by the oncoming vehicle as she chased a ball into a busy roadway.

The trick to this scenario, is surveying the entire accident scene to make sure of the number of victims, Trusty said.

In this case, every team



The accident scene is secured on Martin Street. Photo/Charles Duncan

failed the exercise. The way they figured out that they failed the exercise, a young girl comes out of nowhere to tell the EMTs that she's dead and that they had overlooked

her at the scene.

Indeed they had. While attending to the obvious victim on one side of the vehicle, it was apparent that there was another victim on the other

side of the vehicle.

No one noticed her, or bothered to look on the other side of the vehicle.

"It's a solid exercise," Trusty said. "You really see some surprised professionals when the second victim emerges from the other side of the vehicle."

"This exercise is designed to make an EMT think and remember that all victims must be accounted quickly," Trusty said.

The exercise gives the EMTs a chance to evaluate their skills at the midway point of their Advanced EMT training classes, Trusty said.

EMTs attending the training exercise included Adam Gilreath, Justin Mathis, Jimmy Wheeler, Brandon Burkhead, Marlana Perricone and C.J. Townsend from Union County, T.J. Shook, James Rosser, Jonathan Wilson and Charlie Russell from Towns County, Jessie Payne and Austin Morgan from North Georgia Technical College, Robert Hart from Fannin County, Dale Trusty, Rabun County, and Justin Owenby, Gwinnett County.

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on one guitar," Akins said.

The fifth of seven children born to Franklin and Verdie Duckworth, Ensley is a 2007 inductee into the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame.

Ensley would go on to graduate from Young Harris Academy and attended Young Harris College, West Georgia, Georgia Southern, North Georgia, and the University of Georgia.

As a youngster, Ensley knew that music would play a major role in his life when Zip Silvey of Young Harris gave him his first guitar lessons.

Since the early 1960s Ensley has been actively involved in music, playing the mandolin and guitar in bands, all across Georgia.

The retired teacher from the Union County School System, has remained actively involved as a member of the Union County Historical Society since the early 1980s.

Ensley has been responsible for the Friday night concerts on the Historic Courthouse Square as well as the Music on the Porch during the Mountain Heritage Festival for the past 11 years. He also composed the song titled, "The Old Courthouse on the Square."

The announcement about Sam Ensley Appreciation Day was made at the

Mountain Heritage Festival.

The public is invited to Sam Ensley Appreciation Day on Saturday 15, at the Mock House.

"The Young Cane Lodge will be holding a barbecue and live music will be provided as long as there is one guitar left," Don Byers said.

Sam Ensley told a story of a practical joke that he used to play on certain students who, "thought they knew it all."

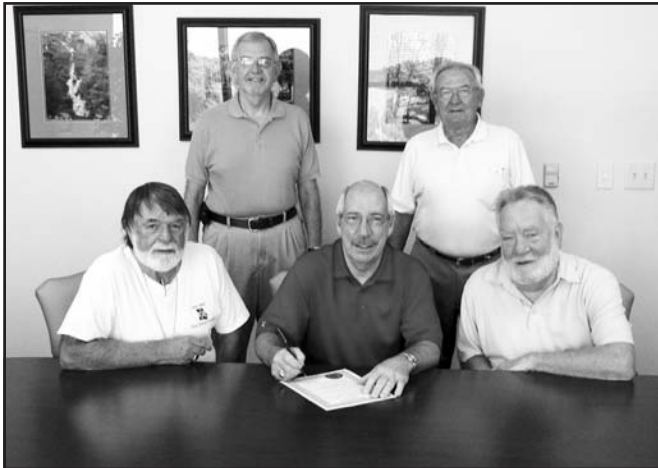
did exactly as I said, that the dead would respond exactly how I said they would."

Ensley would then have the student walk around the grave three times, clap three times, lean over and ask "what are you doing down there?" three times, and that the dead would answer the student with "nothing at all."

So after the student went through the process of circling the grave, clapping, and asking three times, and

they soon realized that it was all a ruse when they were answered with silence.

Whenever the student asked for his dollar, Ensley would simply reply, "I told you they would say nothing at all."



Sam Ensley Day will be 10 a.m. Sept. 15th at the Mock House.

Ensley would take them to the old cemetery above the Board of Education office.

"I would take them over there and tell them how to speak with the dead," Ensley said. "I told them that I would give them a dollar, that if they

Woody Gap PTSO



Woody Gap PTSO Officers: Carolyn Anderson - President, Robin Bagley - Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer - Amanda Brown

Woody Gap PTSO had their first meeting of the 2012-2013 school year. We had a great turn out of people including parents, teachers and community members. We hope to accomplish a lot this year for the students at Woody Gap. We will be fund raising, host-

ing community dances, and volunteering all in an effort to help our students and the school have a great year!

Our next meeting will be September 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Suches Community Center Gym. Everyone is welcome to attend! N(SEP12,24)CA

Regency Hospice hosts Dining with Friends in Blairsville



Regency Hospice - Dining with Friends

Eleven men and women of the Regency Hospice bereavement group in Blairsville met for their bi-monthly meeting at the United Community Bank on Thursday, September 6, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Afterwards the group joined Regency Chaplain Jan Devereaux for Dining With Friends at Antonietta's restaurant for an enjoyable supper.

The Blairsville group

meets on the first and third Thursday of the month and is open to anyone who is living through the loss of a friend or loved one. The Dining With Friends group gathers following the meeting on the first Thursday of the month and is also open to anyone.

For more information contact Barbara Colvert, Regency Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, at 706-896-1251.

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