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Second, "Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow additional reckless driving penalties or fees to be added to the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund to pay for care and rehabilitative services

for Georgia citizens who have survived neurotrauma with head or spinal cord injuries?"

The ballot also includes a Statewide Referendum question.

"Shall property owned

by the University System of Georgia and utilized by providers of college and university student housing and other facilities continue to be exempt from taxation to keep costs affordable?"

On Tuesday, Nov. 4,

polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout Union County.

The North Georgia News will hold for the General Election results and will be delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

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Also present were retired U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, as well as U.S. Senate Candidate Michelle Nunn, in support of their longtime friends Zell and Shirley Miller.

Members of the Rollins and Miller families were present as special guests of both dedication ceremonies.

"The Rollins family has been an integral part of the history and growth of the college for more than four decades," according to Young Harris College literature. "O. Wayne Rollins joined the board of trustees in 1970 and systematically addressed the College's needs with generous support and leadership."

Majority funding for the Rollins Campus Center came in the form of a \$22 million gift from the Atlanta-based O. Wayne Rollins Foundation.

"The building was made possible because of contributions from very generous people, like the Millers and the Rollins family. They have given an incredible gift that will forever change our campus," said sophomore business and public policy major and Student Government



Association President Espen Myklebust of Asker, Norway, during the Rollins Campus Center ceremony.

Zell and Shirley Miller met as students at Young Harris College, and the namesake library dedicated to both of them seems only fitting for a couple that has meant so much to the city of Young Harris and the entire state of Georgia.

"We thank our Young Harris College family," said Shirley Miller. "We're always at home when we're on this campus. And our community and church, who have loved us - we cherish our memories with them, and have enjoyed living in such a wonderful community and being a part

of this college."

Zell Miller spoke candidly about his feelings Thursday, just before he and Shirley, along with family members, cut the ribbon to officially open the namesake library.

"Thank you so much for coming," said Miller. "Thank you for understanding, I hope, just how much this means to me. I went through it yesterday and I could not believe it, they've done a wonderful job with it."

The Rollins Campus Center boasts 121,000 square feet of space. Housed within the center is the 40,000-square-foot Zell and Shirley Miller Library, which is more

than twice the size of the previous campus library.

Students can peruse the library's growing permanent and special collections, and now have new study spaces, featuring a 24-hour study area and study rooms, reading carrels and computer stations.

There's also plenty of places to eat, with the Grace Rollins Dining Hall, which can seat more than 500 people, and a Chik-fil-A Express and Starbucks.

And when it's time to relax after a hard day of studying, many will find entertainment in the game room, complete with foosball, a pool table and large TVs.

"This building is a mix of city and Young Harris without ruining the enchanted valley atmosphere," said music education major Morgan Wright. "I was worried when they were building this, that it would ruin the small city feel, and it doesn't."

The college broke ground on the \$41 million Rollins Campus Center in April 2013, and construction was completed when the building opened to students on Oct. 1 of this year.

## Halloween...from Page 1A

Halloween on the Square.

Thanks to the Union County Historical Society for welcoming all the little munchkins and pumpkins to the square for this much anticipated evening.

Please be aware that on Halloween night, Blairsville's Old Town Square will be closed to traffic from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., so that we

can have a safe night for everyone.

As a way of giving back to the community, we'd like to encourage everyone to bring a canned food item for the Union County Food Bank.

Collection bins for donated items will be set up around the square.

With the upcoming holiday season quickly approach-

ing, your donations will go a long way to help the less fortunate in our community.

In past years, a few pets have accompanied owners to Halloween on the Square.

This year, event organizers ask that pets be left at home.

Yes, some doggies are perfectly fine around large groups of children, but many

dogs are not and they can be unpredictable.

For the safety of hundreds of little kids in close quarters, please adhere to this request.

Interested in being a part of Halloween on the Square?

Contact Darren E. Harper, DDA Program Manager, at 706-347-3503, to find out how.

## Speech...from Page 1A

Crosby said the competition personally meant a lot to her as well.

"At school, I'm on Mock Trial Team and so of-

ten through Mock Trial you have to stand and speak before people in competition," Crosby said. "It meant a lot to get more experience and speaking in front of a crowd of people."

"It's such a great opportunity to be able to write a piece and tell a room full of people why I feel the way I do," she said.

Crosby said the opportunity offered by the Speech Contest was an incredible one for future speech writers and orators.

"It's a way to get scholarship money and be able to show opinions, and write a speech on why they feel the way they do," Crosby said. "It's a great experience to be able to stand up in front of a crowd of people and express your opinions."

Capstick said the opportunity to prepare and deliver a speech on her convictions was a great one.

"I'm planning on going into law, and possibly into politics, so I think it's very important to develop your views early on and take a hard stance on something and show that you're very passionate about something," Capstick said. "It's also a great opportunity to get up and express yourself in front of a crowd of people."

Capstick said the competition was a great opportunity for future students to stand up and express themselves.

"It's a great opportunity to learn how to write a speech, and deliver it in front of a crowd of people," she said. "I'd love to see this event continue, not only because of the scholarship opportunities, but the real life experience itself."

Khepal took home a \$1,000 scholarship, Crosby took home \$600, and Capstick earned \$400 in scholarship money.

If either of the three decide to attend Young Harris College, the school will match the scholarship earned during the Speech Contest.

Other contestants included UCHS sophomores Brittany Hemphill, and Katie Yaboni, juniors Knox Kiernan and Sage Royston, and UCHS freshman McKenzie Hooper.

Senior Rachel Todd and sophomore Savana Watson were unable to attend the competition.

Judges for the event included District 8 State Rep. Stephen Allison, Enotah Circuit District Attorney Jeff



**Emma Crosby**

Langley, First Baptist Church of Blairsville's the Rev. Fred Lodge, Patrick Malone, and United Community Bank's Director of Marketing, Te-



**Madison Capstick**

resa Moore, also chairperson of the Family Connections of Union County.

Dale Allison was the event moderator.