

Community

Union County Arrest Report

The following is the arrest report for the Union County Jail. This report is from the open records for the period of March 5 through March 11, 2007. The following persons were arrested and charged with offenses, but have not been found guilty.

3/5/07
 Michael Anthony Roberson, 43, of Blairsville, serving time;
 Jonathan Berry Brown, 22, of Murphy, N.C., serving time;
 Lindsey Manda Vaughn, 26, Morganton, Ga., driving with license suspended or revoked first;
 Ann Marie Nettles, 24, of Newnan, Ga., arrested for possession of meth w/intent; VGCSA possession; trafficking;
 Timothy Craig Mitchell, 31, of Newnan, Ga., arrested for possession of meth w/intent; VGCSA possession; trafficking;

Donna Lee Howard, 45, of Blairsville, arrested for disorderly conduct;
 Christopher Wayne Bostick, 34, of Blairsville, arrested for hold for other county; fleeing/attempting to elude; tail-lights/taillight lenses required; driving w/ license suspended or revoked;

3/6/07
 William James Carryer, 34, of Blairsville, arrested for driving while declared as a habitual violator;

William Allen Ruse, 19, of Blairsville, arrested for burglary;

3/7/07
 Doyle Clifton Patterson, 50, of Blairsville, serving time;
 Royce Martin Pouncey, 19, of Blairsville, arrested for burglary;

John Auther Gallant, 37, of Blairsville, arrested for probation violation;
3/8/07

Ruth Stepp Shubert, 47, of Blairsville, arrested for simple assault; criminal trespass; criminal damage to property, second degree;

Brian Stephan Lane, 41, of Talking Rock, Ga., arrested for theft by taking;

Shawn Christopher Jinkerson, 26, of Young Harris, Ga., arrested for disorderly conduct; creating hazardous or offensive condition;

3/9/07
 Jerrold Jason Jenkins, 56, of Blairsville, arrested for manufacture, distribute, dispense, sell controlled substance; possession of marijuana, less than one ounce;

Christopher Wayne Rozell, 21, of Blairsville, arrested for probation violation; possession for marijuana, less than one ounce;

Lillian Farr, 49, of Young Harris, serving time;
 Rodney Keith Bridges, 40, of

Blairsville, serving time;
 James Michael Rich, 25, of Blairsville, serving time;
 Joshua James Harris, 21, of Murphy, N.C., bench warrant;

Jackie Lee Burrell, 44, of Blairsville, bench warrant;
 John Robert Peek, 47, of Clayton, Ga., arrested for probation violation;

3/10/07
 Hunter Von Gillen, 49, of Blairsville arrested for battery;

Chad Middleton, 19, of Blairsville, arrested for failure to maintain lane; D.U.I., first offense; underage consumption; safety restraint;

3/11/07
 Wendell Morris Mashburn, 56, of Blairsville, arrested for D.U.I., first offense; failure to maintain lane; safety restraint;

Charles David Love, 48, of Blairsville, arrested for D.U.I., second offense.

LETTERS

Algae instead of Corn for Bio-Fuel

To the Editor:

Algae multiplies so quickly and produces so much oxygen per square foot that ponds with a total surface area five times the size of Colorado would be enough to start to reverse our growing CO2 problem. Algae triples in volume every day. Corn, with 1 crop per year, nets approximately 81 gallons bio-diesel per acre (soy nets 40). Algae yields as high as 15,000 gallons per acre. Enough biodiesel to replace all petroleum transportation fuels could be grown in approximately 9.5 million acres - far less than the 450 million acres used for crop farming in the US, and the over 500 million acres animal grazing land. Hydrogen is dangerous/explosive, extremely expensive and nets zero energy, i.e. it uses more energy than it creates. Algae converts CO2 to O2; is 30-50% oil; and converts easily to Bio-Fuel. Conservation reduces present and future production of CO2. Algae reduces EXISTING CO2. The government needs to quit looking at corn and begin massive and wholesale funding and grants for algae. A new state agri-business of algae farms? Or grants for ocean farming? Algae, pond scum also a planet saver? Yes, if we take action!

Tami Freedman
 Ooltewah TN

Legislative report

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Proposals making their way to the House floor include:

- Senate Bill 1, which would prohibit registered sex offenders from photographing minors without consent of a parent or guardian. SB 1 has already passed the Senate.
- House Bill 185, which would allow judges to impose the death penalty if nine or more of the 12 jurors recommend it in capital cases.
- SB 10, which would provide state funded vouchers for special-needs students to attend private schools or public schools

outside their resident districts. SB 10 has already passed the Senate.

• SB 39, which has passed the Senate, would allow a school district to convert to a charter school system. This is part of Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle's education package of legislation.

• HB 262 would allow school systems to shorten the 180 day school year by up to 10 days, while HB 347 would provide pilot project grants to school districts that wish to add up to 40 days to their school calendar.

• HB 187 would require school systems to pay for road, bridge, and utility work associated with school construction funded by sales tax levies.

• SB 15, which has passed the Senate, would increase penalties for driving without a valid driver's license and empowers jailers to determine the nationality of violators.

• SB 38 would require Georgia residents to have a Georgia driver's license or Georgia identification card to register their automobiles and obtain a car tag. SB 38 has also

passed the Senate

• HB 77 would ban the use of red light camera surveillance by local law enforcement agencies to enforce traffic laws.

The House Appropriations Committee is continuing to deliberate over the annual state budget. To date, the midyear supplemental budget will add \$659 million in spending through the end of the current fiscal year (June 30). The fiscal budget for 2008 is slated at \$20.2 billion.

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Making some progress

To the Editor:

Living in Georgia, where law-abiding citizens routinely "keep and bear" firearms for personal protection in homes, businesses, and vehicles, we tend to forget that there are places in this country where exercising such God-given, constitutionally protected individual rights are denied. Take for example, Washington, D. C. (on and off, the murder capital of the nation), where the law prohibits having an assembled, operable, loaded shotgun in the home (an unassembled, inoperable, unloaded shotgun is about as useful as a stick for self-defense), and absolutely bans possession of all handguns not acquired and registered before 1977 (and even handguns registered before 1977 cannot be carried from room to room in a home without a license, which is never granted!). From time to time, such draconian laws are challenged, and once in a blue moon, the anti-self-defense forces actually lose. Such was the case last week when the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit reversed a lower federal court on all counts and concluded that "the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms." Hurrah! This case was not about machine guns and assault weapons, it was about ordinary, law-abiding citizens wanting to possess functional firearms within their homes for self-defense, and they won! This was the second time in recent years that a federal circuit court has upheld the individual nature of the Second Amendment, so we are making some progress in restoring our basic rights.

Cordially,
 Chuck Esposito
 Suches, Ga.

Suches FD

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of the department need to be honored.

It has also been the practice of the department to share the evening with some of the people from the wider community who have been especially important in the life of the department during the past year. This year the department was honored to have as special guests the two representatives from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company who were instrumental in the department having received a grant of some \$30,000 for search and rescue equipment and training. Mrs. Betty Lynch and Ms. Theresa Rice were thanked for their dedicated efforts on behalf of the department and presented with proclamations naming them as honorary life

members as well as baseball caps with department ID and their names.

The two fire stations in Suches are a part of the county-wide fire department which consists of the paid headquarters station in Blairsville and a dozen volunteer stations in five districts throughout the county. The career and volunteer firefighters and first responders throughout this system are dedicated to the protection of life and property of Union County residents and visitors alike. If you are interested in sharing this rewarding service, contact the department at (706)439-6095 and you will be put in touch with representatives of the district and station that serve where you live. It is important to know that there are volunteer opportunities at several levels ? you do not have to be interested in going into burning buildings to participate and serve. Firefighting involves much more than that. There are important support activities, both on fire scenes and at the stations, which can be tailored to most degrees of abilities and availabilities. The success of the entire Union County Fire Department depends on not only the combined efforts of the paid and volunteer members currently in the department but on the continued involvement of the community as a whole. There are opportunities for rewarding service and fellowship in the Union County Fire Department: the door is open—c'mon in!



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