

Community

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Ramay elected to Community Council



Left to right: Lou Ann Bleakley, Community Council Chairman; Bob Ramay; Cathy Jarrett, Chairman of the Council's Nominating Committee.

At its meeting on March 8 the Community Council elected Bob Ramay as a member of the Council, Class of 2009. The announcement was made by Lou Ann Bleakley, Council Chairman. "Bob is one of our most effective advocates and enthusiastic supporters. He is serving with distinction as a member of the Preservation Committee and as Chairman of its Presentation Committee for the Plant Rescue Project. Bob has spoken to numerous civic clubs, churches and other groups about the project. He is a great addition to the Council," said Bleakley.

Cathy Jarrett, Chairman of the Council's Nominating Committee, added, "With the election of Bob, the Community Council became even stronger. It will be most helpful to have his input on the Council as we work to improve and expand our services to Union County and the region."

Ramay is a retired IBM Marketing Executive. He and his wife Cinda met and married while they were attending college. Ramay has a degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Virginia. He served four years in the U.S. Navy as a member of the Construction Battalion (SeaBees) where he held the rank of Lieutenant. The Ramays moved to Blairsville in 2002 from Tallahassee, Florida. They have three daughters and six grandchildren.

Ramay is President of the Union County Rotary Club. He was very active in planning the initial Rotary supported Water Quality Day Camp at the GMRE Center last summer. Ramay is a member of the Campaign Steering Committee of the "Partners in Service" Campaign. He has taught computer classes at North Georgia Tech and continues to consult on a limited basis. Cinda, a Master Gardener, shares his interest in the work of the Council and is Secretary of the Preservation Committee.

"I am honored to be invited to serve on the Council," said Ramay. "The Council's record of service to students and adults in the region and its efforts to preserve our beautiful mountain heritage are impressive. Having grown up in Mississippi with most of my family active in farming, I learned very early to cherish the land and to provide good stewardship of our natural resources. I look forward to serving," he said.

Elvie Mae Odom

Mrs. Elvie Mae Odom, 78, of Blairsville, Ga., died Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

Mrs. Odom was born Tuesday, March 27, 1928 in Union County, Ga., to the late Ernest Beaver and the late Vestie Thomas Beaver. She was a designer of models for the Rushton Toy Company. She was very creative working with her hands, and enjoyed crocheting and quilting. Elvie also sang gospel music, and was a member of Welcome Grove Baptist Church in Smyrna, Ga. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hoyet A. Odom in 1998.

Survivors include daughters, Doris Parker of Ranger, Ga., Iris Sparks of Ackworth, Ga., and Eva Lanning of Smyrna, Ga.; son, Alfred Odom of Ellijay,

Ga.; brothers, Loys Beaver and Randall Beaver, both of Blairsville; sister, Birdie Davenport of Morganton, Ga.; six grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren survive, along with many friends and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 23, 2007, at 11 a.m. from the Henry-Cochran Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Luther Thomas, Rev. Kenneth Parker and Rev. Avery Beaver officiating. Music was by Luther Thomas, Sally Robinson and Charolett Young. Interment followed in Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery on Loving Road.

The Henry-Cochran Funeral Home of Blue Ridge, Ga., served the Odom Family. You may send condolences to the family and sign the guest register at www.cochranfuneralhomes.com.



Roger Clark Parmer

Mr. Roger Clark Parmer, 66, of Sunset Drive E., Young Harris, Ga., died Saturday, March 24, 2007 at his home following a brief illness.

Mr. Parmer was born May 24, 1940 in Lagrange, Ga., the son of the late Henry Parmer and the late Pearl Prestridge Parmer. Mr. Parmer was a teacher and had taught at Young Harris College from 1985-1992, and also had taught at Plano E. Sr. High. He retired in 2005. He was always easy going and always had a smile on his face. Roger was a loving husband and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Mr. Parmer attended Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church.

Surviving Mr. Parmer is his loving wife of 45 years, Janice Hubbard Parmer of Young Harris; sister and brother-in-law, Aillen and Bill Stephenson of Lithonia, Ga.; several nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends also survive.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 2 p.m. from the Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Kay officiating. In lieu of flowers if you wish, the family requests that memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Sharp Memorial Church in Mr. Parmer's memory.

Mountain View Funeral Home of Blairsville in charge of the arrangements.



April is Autism Awareness Month

April is National Autism Awareness Month (NAAM)—an awareness initiative established in 1972 by the Autism Society of America (ASA)—and ASA's national headquartered and its network of nearly 200 local chapters across the nation are preparing to increase autism awareness throughout the month.

Ten-year-old Trevor Tracy, a local Blairsville child with autism, will be doing his part in raising awareness by placing posters around town and giving out puzzle piece awareness ribbons. He will also be raising money for a "Walk For a Cure of Autism" in Atlanta on May 19, 2007 at Atlantic Stadium.

If you would like to learn more about this rising epidemic that affects 1 in 150 people, 1 in 94 boys, according to a recent study released by the CDC, or walk in Atlanta this May, you can check out the Autism Speaks website at www.autismspeaks.org. You can also support Trevor in his efforts to help raise money for a cure for autism at www.walknow.org, select the Atlanta walk and click on the "Sponsor a Walker" button and enter "Trevor Tracy."



Trevor Tracy of Blairsville does his part in raising autism awareness.

One hundred percent of all donations are tax deductible and go directly to autism research. This year more children will be diagnosed with autism than AIDS, cancer and diabetes combined.

Local Lions receive 'dynamic' education

Gene and Louise Little, two outstanding Union County Community; Building a Club Program; Managing Club Governing; Building Leaders to Address the Challenge; Motivating Members to do more; Age and Gender Issues; Overworking vs. Underworking; Leaving Club meetings feeling good; and even the brief 45-minute lunch break was about Fostering Fellowing Among Diverse People.

Some of the topics covered at the workshop started at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. were as follows: What prevents your club from being dynamic?;

Relevance of Your Club to the Community; Building a Club Program; Managing Club Governing; Building Leaders to Address the Challenge; Motivating Members to do more; Age and Gender Issues; Overworking vs. Underworking; Leaving Club meetings feeling good; and even the brief 45-minute lunch break was about Fostering Fellowing Among Diverse People.

Receiving Certificates of Completion, Lions Gene and Louise returned from this

Dynamic Workshop truly inspired. In fact, several suggestions are being implemented into the Union County Lions Club. They are a mentoring program, a leadership committee and a club retreat.

Longtime Lion Mark Miller of the Jasper Lions Club was the Coordinator of the Workshop. Truly, the results of this workshop and the implementing of even more programs will help Union County Lions Club to better emulate the Lions Motto: We Serve.

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Union General Hospital Auxilians Pay It Forward

Did you ever see the movie "Pay It Forward?" It's about a teacher who gives his class a social studies assignment: think of some idea that will improve mankind. A young boy decides that if he can do three good deeds for someone and they in turn can "pay it forward" and so forth, positive changes can occur.

It's not easy to implement changes. It takes a lot of hard work and determination and it doesn't happen overnight. What if a concept like this really was implemented? What if every single person that had a favor bestowed upon them was asked to pay it forward? Is it possible? I doubt it, but it certainly would go a long way to making this world a better place to live. Sometimes the simplest idea can make the biggest difference.

In our world helping other people is perhaps the most important we can do. The film reminds us about the good in the world and the changes just one individual can make.

Please attend the next meeting of the Union General Hospital Auxiliary on Friday, April 6 at noon at the Union County Nursing Home and

you will soon learn how you too can actually do a lot to "pay it forward."

Remember when someone does you a big favor, don't pay it back.. Pay It Forward.

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