

Community

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

On March 15, 2007 Commissioner Lamar Paris declared April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Union County. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a time to increase the public's knowledge of an all too prevalent reality in our community. During this month, the H.O.P.E. Sexual Assault Program will be joining with people throughout the state and the nation to focus the public's attention on this important issue.

Sexual assault is defined as any unwanted sexual advances, touching, grabbing, speech or behaviors that cause the victim to feel violated or uncomfortable. Sexual violence is a crime of epidemic proportions.

It affects everyone. The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that one in three women and one in ten men will be raped in their lifetimes. Of these assaults, at least 80% are committed by someone the victim/survivor knows. In 2006, 191 victims of sexual assaults from Towns and Union Counties accessed services through the H.O.P.E. Program. An additional 173 victims/survivors and their friends or family received crisis intervention and support services during that same year.

During the month of April there are various activities that you can participate in to help raise awareness. On Thursday, April 5th numerous local busi-

nesses and organizations are going to be participating in our annual Jeans for Justice Campaign. This campaign is a nation wide initiative that is done in remembrance of a ruling from the Italian High Court in 1999. The court ruled that because a woman was wearing jeans, she couldn't have been raped. You can get involved, utilize the symbolism of jeans to bring attention to sexual assault, and let others know that such crimes will not be tolerated in your community. Simply sign your place of business up to participate in JEANS FOR JUSTICE. Call Lori at 706-835-1637 for further information on how to get involved.

On April 17 we will be

hosting a Mock Sexual Assault Trial at Young Harris College. The Trial will be held in Wilson Lecture Hall at 7 p.m. A jury will be selected from the audience, and a verdict determined at the end of the trial.

For more information on Sexual Assault Awareness Month and related activities, contact Lori M. Fogle at 706-835-1637. If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, confidential help is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week at 706-379-3000 V/TTY.

The H.O.P.E. Sexual Assault Program is a part of S.A.F.E., a DHR state-certified sexual assault program serving Towns and Union Counties.

OBITUARIES

Ellen Blount

Mrs. Ellen Blount, 65, of Trogan St., Orlando, Fla., formerly of Blairsville, Ga., died Wednesday, March 28, 2007 following a brief illness.



Mrs. Blount was born Dec. 10, 1942 in Lakeland, Fla., the daughter of the late I.U. Underwood and the late Emma Woody Hampton. She and her husband had their own home building business which they operated for several years. Mrs. Blount was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving Mrs. Blount are sons, Billy Larrimore of Orlando,

Fla., Michael Collins of Panama City, Fla.; sister, Virginia Myers of Blairsville; three grandchildren, one great grandchild, many other relatives and friends also survive.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers if you wish, the family requests that memorials may be made to the House of Prayer Church in Mrs. Blount's memory.

Mountain View Funeral Home of Blairsville. You may sign the family guest book and send condolences on line at www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com.

Cecil Calvin Chambers

Mr. Cecil Calvin Chambers, 79, of Lawrenceville, Ga., died Tuesday, March 27, 2007.



Mr. Chambers was a native of Union County, Ga., and a son of the late Calvin Juan Chambers and Myrtle Ivey Jordan Chambers. He was born Tuesday, February 28, 1928. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, and a member of Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula. Mr. Chambers had been a resident of Atlanta during the years of 1966 through 1988. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eula Lee Turner Chambers; son, Anthony Chambers; his parents, Calvin and Myrtle Chambers; sisters, Marie Burnette, Rachel Chambers and Audrey Sheffield; brothers, Jay, Ray and Jerry Chambers.

Surviving family members include daughter and son-in-law, Donna and James Mills of Atlanta; son, Richard L. Chambers of Lawrenceville; sisters, Ellavie Walden, of Pensacola, Fla., and Retha Overstreet of Blairsville; brothers, Roger Chambers of Blue Ridge, Ga., Earl Chambers, of

Morganton, Ga., and Winston Chambers of Blairsville; grandchildren, Holli Mills of Charlotte, N.C., and Courtnei Mills of Atlanta; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives also survive.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 30, 2007, at 1 p.m., at Bethlehem Baptist Church with Brother James Mills officiating. Special music was presented by Janit McKinney, Lew McKinney, Carolyn Filer, and Glenda Montgomery. Pallbearers were Richard Chambers, Bobby Overstreet, Butch Treadwell, Kent Montgomery, Larry Vivian and Brian Leech. Burial was in the church cemetery.

If you wish, memorial contributions may be made to The American Diabetes Foundation, Atlanta Georgia Office, 17 Executive Park, Suite 115, Atlanta, GA 30329-2012.

Arrangements entrusted to Cochran Funeral Home and Crematory of Blairsville. Please view Mr. Chamber's video tribute, and sign the guest register by visiting our website at www.cochranfuneralhomes.com

Lynn McCormack Stultz

Mrs. Lynn McCormack Stultz, 75, of Kendrick Rd., Blairsville, Ga., formerly of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., died Saturday March 31, 2007 at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Stultz was born April 17, 1931 in Covina, Calif., the daughter of the late Roy McCormack and the late Gladys Dille McCormack. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her. Mrs. Stultz attended the Blairsville Christian Center.

Surviving Mrs. Stultz is her loving husband of 58 years, Richard Stultz of Blairsville; sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Ginny Stultz of Wash., Christopher and Jacqueline Stultz of Margate, Fla., Timothy and Carolyn Stultz of Boca Raton, Fla.; daughters and sons-in-laws, Linda

and Joseph Nickerson of Blairsville, Sandra and Frank Loya of Blairsville, Teresa and Jorge Correa of Pasadena, Calif., Mary Stultz of Pasadena, Rita and Barry Van Beers of Blairsville; 23 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, many other relatives and friends also survive.

Memorial services were held Monday, April 2, 2007 at 4 p.m. from the Blairsville Christian Center with Pastor Wofford Kelley and Pastor Chris Stultz officiating. Special music was presented by Sarah Kelley. In lieu of flowers if you wish, the family requests that memorials may be made to "His Lambs, Our Lambs" in care of the Blairsville Christian Center in Mrs. Stultz's memory.

Mountain View Funeral Home of Blairsville in charge of the arrangements. You may sign the family guest book and send condolences on line at www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com.

Growing a business beyond northeast Georgia

Can growers and businesses in northeast Georgia sell blueberries to Belize or salsa to Salzburg? The "Opportunities in Exporting: Broaden Your Business by Selling Abroad" workshop to be held at the North Georgia Technical College Clarkesville Campus on April 10 promises to answer those kinds of questions and more.

The purpose of the workshop is to offer growers and entrepreneurs in the area the chance to explore possibilities for growing their businesses beyond northeast Georgia and the United States.

Exportation has certainly had a positive effect on Baldwin-based Fieldale Farms. "We began exporting poultry and poultry products in 1972,"

said Julie Adamson, export sales for Fieldale. "Most people in the community may not realize that we have customers in China, Russia, the Caribbean and many other countries. Exporting to these markets has definitely been an important part of our growth." Ms. Adamson plans to attend the workshop and will participate in a panel discussion as part of the class agenda.

Another company that is testing the exportation waters is Cornelia-based NAS Manufacturing, a sewing manufacturing business that makes allergy proof covers for multiple healthcare markets. "Although we manufacture for various customers throughout the U.S., we are also doing a limited amount of shipping to customers in Europe, Mexico, and even Asia," reports Lee Hardy, vice president and general manager. "Strategically it is very important for us to

develop our export business, and we are working to do a better job of finding and maintaining customers in the world market." Mr. Hardy plans to be part of the workshop as well.

Primary instructor for the class will be Charles Boyanton who is the director of the UGA Small Business Development Center's International Trade Center. Attendees will also hear from Renee Rosenheck, an international trade specialist with the Georgia Department of Economic Development who was previously with the Department of Agriculture.

For more information on the Exportation workshop scheduled for April 10, from 5:30-9:30 p.m., contact the Small Business Resource Center at 706-754-7880. Registration is \$39 and includes dinner and materials. To register, call 706-754-7716 or visit www.northgatech.edu/coned/registration.cfm.

BCBS rep to speak at NARFE

Allan Graham, Senior Account Consultant for Federal Employee Program, will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday April 10th NARFE meeting. NARFE meetings are open to all current or retired federal employees, their spouses or survivors, and are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Cobbs Mill Restaurant in Blairsville starting at noon.

NARFE was founded in 1921 with the mission of protecting the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal workers. NARFE is the largest federal employee/retiree organization dedicated to solely to representing the retirement interests of

current and future annuitants their spouses and survivors.

Active and retired federal workers, retired and active military personal should be pursuing enactment of legislation to pay for health insurance premiums with pre-tax dollars. Federal Retiree Health Care Tax Relief Bills S-773 and H.R. 1110 will allow the deduction of these premiums from their Income Tax. Current federal employees enjoy this benefit but will lose it when they retire.

For more information about other legislative issues, come to the meeting or contact George 706 745 7286 or Larry 706-745-4092 Larjon@brmemc.net.



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Part Time Positions

PART TIME: HOUSEKEEPING:

Duties include the everyday clean up responsibilities associated with a hospital and nursing home. Hours: 6am-2pm with every other weekend.

RESPIRATORY CARE--PRN CRT OR RRT JOB DESCRIPTION:

All aspects of respiratory care including but not limited to: performing breathing tests, EKG, ABG, Vent and Bipap care, CPT, oxygen tests etc., Knowledge of EEG, Holter & Event monitor placement. PFTs helpful.

Full Time Positions

FULL TIME: Housekeeping/Floor Tech

Position is for 2nd/3rd shift. Duties include the everyday clean up responsibilities associated with a hospital and nursing home. Experience is preferred because this position includes the clean up/maintenance of the executive/staff offices. Pay is determined by experience. Benefits included with this full time position.

FULL TIME: ICU-REGISTERED NURSE

Job Description: This individual will provide total bedside care for critically ill patients at North Georgia Medical Center. Required Licenses and Certifications: GA RN, ACLS, PALS required. Hours: This position is full time working a 7PM-7AM shift.

Full time positions include

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