

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 the period of March 2 through March 9, 2007. The following persons were arrested and charged with offenses, but have not been found guilty.

3/2/07
 Ramona Lynn Montgomery, 37, of Monroe, Ga., arrested for bench warrant;
 Michael Allen Hammond, 29, of Blairsville, arrested for reckless driving; too fast for conditions;
 Teresa Patrick Stover, 42, of Copperhill, Tenn., arrested for driving with license suspended or revoked; speeding in excess of maximum limits;
 Leighann Beavers, 27, of Young Harris, Ga., arrested for probation violation;
 Michael Andrew Cheek, 21, of Blairsville, arrested for bench warrant;
4/4/07
 Tony Lawrence Lloyd, 34, of Blairsville, arrested for battery; disorderly conduct; cruelty to children (three counts); driving with license suspended or revoked;
 Aaron Dwight Jones, 22, of Copperhill, Tenn., arrested for bench warrant;
4/5/07
 Teresa Ann Colwell, 34, of Blairsville, arrested for probation violation; first degree felony;
 Charlotte Antoinette Duckworth, 39, of Blairsville, arrested for theft by receiving stolen property;
 Clarence Douglas Eller, 47, of Blairsville, arrested for theft by receiving stolen property; forgery, second degree;
4/6/07
 Larry Joe Southerland, 49, of Blairsville, arrested for possession of marijuana, less than one ounce; possession of marijuana with intent;
 Blanche Taylor, 47, of Blairsville, serving time;
 Steven Riley Beaver, 18, of Blairsville, arrested for aggravated assault; terroristic threats and acts; obstruction of officer; disorderly conduct; cruelty to children (three counts);
 Amanda Kate Beck, 29, of Blairsville, arrested for driving with license suspended or revoked;
 William Lewis Pittman, 43, of Blairsville, hold for other county;
4/7/07
 Michael Junior Thomas, 37, of Blairsville, arrested for D.U.I., third offense; open container; failure to maintain lane;
 Justin William Kamper, 33, of Young Harris, Ga., arrested for cruelty to children (three counts); battery;
 Thomas Joseph Hayes, 70, of Marietta, Ga., arrested for illegal sale or purchase of game—small game (four counts);
 Joel Vernon Wigenton, 65, of Acworth, Ga., arrested for arrested for illegal sale or purchase of game—small game (three counts);
 Christopher Raymond Clafin, 56, of Blairsville, arrested for driving with license suspended or revoked; hit and run/leaving the scene of an accident;
 Peter Allen Clark, 50, of Hobe Sound, Fla., arrested for open container; failure to maintain lane; D.U.I., first offense;
4/8/07
 Blanche Taylor, 47, of Blairsville, serving time;
 Derek Paul McKendree, 29, of Dahlonega, Ga., arrested for probation violation.

Legislative report

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Governmental Affairs matters Committee; and proposes a Constitutional amendment whereby the General Assembly, by law, may create townships for the limited purpose of exercising the power of zoning; the regulation of land use and development within the boundaries of such townships; and provide for the funding and operation of such townships

SB 169—in the House Higher Education Committee; and would offer eligible Georgia students a state funded education loan through the Georgia Student Finance Authority

SB 89—in the House Governmental Affairs Committee; and would give local communities an alternative, other than forming new cities, for handling zoning

The Atlanta Journal Constitution reported this week that the HOPE scholarship program has \$744 million in reserve. It is critical that we, as lawmakers, use this money in an efficient and fiscally sound manner to ensure Georgia students have access to the resources necessary to obtain a quality college education. As a supporter of higher education, I intend to do so.

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Plane crash

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Opoliner, was about five to 10 feet away from the plane and was talking to rescuers. Fire department personnel extinguished the fire and Opoliner was airlifted to Erlanger.

The downed power lines on Airport Road cut electricity to about half of Andrews, including traffic signals, Esposito said. Power was restored later that morning.

The plane had been traveling from Orlando Executive Airport in Florida, where Opoliner was reportedly visiting his children.

Lights are on all night at the airport,

Ellis said. No one was at the airport at the time of the crash as the airport closes at 7 p.m. However, the intensity of the lights can be controlled by pilots, who can make the lights brighter or dimmer, Ellis said. Another pair of lights flash colors that tell pilots if they are approaching the airport at a safe altitude.

The last crash in the vicinity of the airport was about five years ago when a plane crashed on Joanna Bald, Ellis said.

Opoliner was being treated for multiple injuries and burns over about 25 percent of his body, according to officials.

Murphy Medical Center CEO Mike Stevenson said, "I am grateful Dr. Opoliner survived this crash and wish him a speedy recovery. My heart goes out to the other victims and their families."

Stevenson said efforts are currently under way to make arrangements for Dr. Opoliner's patients' care.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the accident and it may be months before the investigation into what may have caused the crash is completed.

Mayor Conley

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people, three were actually built by local people. As growth comes to the area we will need a new county road from Interstate 515 to the new terminal area.

"We would need over a half-million dollars to build a new terminal, but would have

to acquire property first, but that would all be a 2008 consideration," according to the Mayor.

The Mayor closed his comments by saying that "the hardest thing of all is making things happen quickly enough." We need so many things, like good

guidelines for clear cutting; looking at the many requests for commuter flights into our airport; working on the downtown area; building the new sewer and water system, to name a few. "Oh, and remember..." he said, "April 28th is clean up day and it's not to late

to sign up."

The Business Women of Blairsville is a group of entrepreneurial business women in Union County. Their first annual EXPO is being held at the Brackett Room behind United Community Bank on April 28 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

'Reflections on Georgia Politics' Seminar – Former Governor Marvin Griffin

Young Harris College and the Institute for Continuing Learning's seminars, "Reflections on Georgia Politics," will present a program on former Georgia Governor Marvin Griffin, who held the state's highest office from 1955-1959. Program host, Bob Short, will share his thoughts on the Griffin years on Thursday, April 12 at 3:15 p.m. in the Wilson Lecture Hall on the Young Harris College campus. The seminar, which is open to the community free of charge, provides participants with an inside look at Georgia's public servants over the past five decades.

Marvin Griffin succeeded Herman Talmadge as governor, and after increasing the state's

income tax revenues, he pushed through legislation which helped move Georgia in to a position of strength. Griffin's Rural Roads Authority paved over 12,000 miles of roads, and his expenditures on education brought Georgia teachers a 25% pay increase. In addition, Griffin built science and technology centers at the state's major universities, along with the development of Stone Mountain Park. Known as an ardent segregationist, Griffin, nonetheless, appropriated record amounts of money on black schools and teacher salaries.

Marvin Griffin's public life began when he served as Editor of the Bainbridge Post-Searchlight, the newspaper


which is still edited by the Griffin family. His political career ended with his defeat to Governor Carl Sanders in 1962. Griffin, known for his sense of humor, said after his loss to Sanders that he was retiring from politics due to ill health—"The voters were sick and tired of me."

Other April programs in the "Reflections on Georgia Politics" series are as follows: Thursday April 19, former Governor George Busbee, and Thursday April 26, Senator Johnny Isakson.

Contact the Office of Administration at Young Harris College (706-379-5164) for additional information. ICL is a not-for-profit organization with

excess operating moneys going toward scholarships for students at YHC. In its 16th year of operation, the Institute offers a wide range of educational opportunities for adults of all ages.

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Blairsville Youth Bowlers say 'thanks'

The Blairsville Youth Bowlers recently held two car-washes to help raise money for them to attend the U.S.B.C., Georgia Youth State Tournament.

We would like to thank the following businesses in

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