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LETTERS

To the Editor:

The Woman's Enrichment Center of Blairsville and The Woman's Enrichment Center of Andrews, N.C., recently completed a very successful Hawaiian Luau fundraising event. The Woman's Enrichment Center of Blairsville would like to take this opportunity to thank those who assisted us in making our luau such a huge success.

These are the following churches, businesses, and individuals who donated or gave us their total support: Rev. George Cline, their church secretary, Ms. Hazel, and members of Antioch Baptist Church. Our entertainers: Don Hunt, Steve "Elvis" and Emily Carey.

Our sponsors: for dessert, Faith Tabernacle Church; printing by Mountain Graphics; specialty cakes for auction by Choestoe Baptist Church ladies; supplies by Jim and Mary Ann Johnson; Christ the King Antiques and Furniture Thrift Shop; Living Word Christian Fellowship; Mr. and Mrs. Cleaners; United Community Bank of Blairsville; Hughes Accounting; and Little Corner Ice Cream Parlor.

Our monetary sponsors were Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, Seasons Inn on the Square, Ken's Herbs, Appalachian Timber, Custom Wholesale Countertops, Ricky Rich Backhoe & Grading, Prestige Builders, Rick's Rentals, Blairsville Chevron, Sharon's Fashions, Appalachian Community Bank, Raymond James Financial Services-Denise Windham CFP, Lester Chesser Real Estate Services, Mountain View Funeral Home all of Blairsville.

United Community Bank, Jacky Jones Chrysler Dodge, Outspout Dry Cleaners, Hayesville Family practice, Mikas Pizza, N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance group-Andrew Jones, all of Hayesville, N.C. Dr. Jason Ledford and Dr. Michael Worthy of Hiawassee, Ga.

Our silent auction donations: United Community Bank of Blairsville, Comfort Cafe, Mr. and Mrs. Cleaners, Mystic Mountain Coffee House, Jerry and Madeline Rousseau, Bob Meredith, Sandy Grantham, Tucker's Inn, Myra Montanaro, Lorri Gragg Photography, and the Movie Gallery in Hiawassee, Ga.

Special thanks to all who donated their time and talents to make the evening so much fun. Thank you to all who sold tickets, purchased tickets and volunteered to help at the event. We couldn't do the job without you. A big thank you also goes to: Grinds and Glazes for the wonderful job you did for us, all the churches who bought advanced tickets, and the coverage we received in newspapers and radio.

Sincerely,
Chris Scoggins
Executive Director
Woman's Enrichment Center

To the Editor:

First of all, may I compliment you on the news story and coverage on the Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games in the Union Sentinel.

I am the Pipe Major of the Atholl Highlanders Pipes and Drums (USA) of Stone Mountain, Georgia, the host band.

All of the attending pipe bands are very touched by the hospitality shown by the people of Blairsville, Union County and the committee of the Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games.

You have a number of musical pipe bands that show their loyalty to your hospitality: Your own Appalachian St. Andrew's Pipes and Drums Corps; Alhambra Highlander Pipes and Drums; Atholl Highlanders Pipes and Drums (USA) of Stone Mountain; the Chattahoochee Pipes and Drums; and the Heart of Georgia Pipes & Drums, Inc.

I believe I speak for all the Pipe Majors of the respective bands in saying how much we appreciate your attendance and an opportunity to play for you.

A bit about what Pipe Majors and Pipe Bands do: Pipe Majors are the ones that devote a major part of our time to teaching, training, perfecting our playing and tune repertoire to entertain the public. We select tunes that we feel will inspire and entertain. That is our job; that, and the continued teaching of the Highland bagpipe to all levels of pipers.

Each unit also has a drum corps with Drum Sergeant that the Pipe Major works with to insure that the drum scores match and compliment our music. The heart though of every band is the Bass drum that ties it all together and "grounds" us with tempo.

Every member of the band will spend hours each week perfecting and practicing the tunes we play for you. The goal is to always improve and learn new tunes.

When parade time comes, we'll tell our Drum Major what tunes they are to call. That is, if the band has a Drum Major. They are not required and many bands perform without them and the Pipe Major calls the tunes in performances. However, if you have one, you put your 'peacock' out front and they lead us on parade.

The intention of every pipe band is to bring the music of the Highlands and Islands to all. We bring the music of the Celtic Nations of Brittany, Cornwall, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Scotland and Wales to our audience. Though we're also quite happy to play "Rocky Top", "God Bless America", "Amazing Grace" and other American tunes at the drop of a hat.

We also escort Game officials and Family chiefs with our pipes and drums as part of our job. A job we do with pleasure.

It is our pleasure to serve and play for you. We look forward to playing for you at future Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games.

Evan Kohler-Camp
Pipe Major Atholl Highlanders Pipes & Drums (USA) of
Stone Mountain

What would Hillary do?

To the Editor:

Political donations nowadays are flowing, Tsunami-like, into Democratic presidential candidates, as they but trickle into the slim coffers of Republican presidential hopefuls. Americans are angry, not only with the Republican administration but the Congress as well, on both sides of the aisle. They aren't absolutely certain upon whom to heap blame, but the Bush administration, including Vice President Cheney, cast by clever Democratic tacticians in the role of the evil monk Rasputin, offers a too taste tempting target.

So will the Democrats sweep both houses of Congress AND the White House? Probability doesn't bode well for the Republican Party. And based on current aspiring Democratic presidential popularity ratings, the American people may witness the historic advent of our first female president.

I was recently musing on that contingency, and found myself imagining a possible conversation between an outgoing George Bush and the returning resident Hillary Clinton, once the ritual baton of office was passed and state secrets had been disclosed.

Now a bit less than tense, the two talked:

"Madame President, for my own edification, I wonder if we might exchange our separate philosophies regarding world peace and the presumed fate of the American way of life."

"Yes, Mr. President, but first, may I call you George?"

"Of course, and may I call you Hillary?"

"Well, I suppose . . ."

"Well, Hillary, my goal has been to guard the American people from a Crusade-like invasion of Jihad-bent Moslem extremists, intent upon crushing our Judeo-Christian democracy, of ending our freedoms, and forcing our unqualified acceptance of Allah, the God of Islam. And I've read that they would hope to enforce their intent by a measure they call 'purification,' meaning that either we would accept the 'fact' that 'Allah is our God and Muhammad is his Prophet,' or face death. What are your thoughts on all this, Hillary?"

"George, I'm sorry to say, you're out of here because you're a 'negativist.' I'm 'positive.' The people you accuse suffered repeated Christian Crusade invasions, their land was torn apart in 1948, with implementation of the 1917 British Balfour Declaration favoring reestablishment of a Jewish 'National Home' in Palestine. No wonder they're upset. Kindness and understanding is all they want. And I will lead a world effort to win their forgiveness. My plan is to begin by inviting any of their number to visit us here in America, to see how we live. They will, of course, be offered a fast track approach to citizenship, and of course, the right to vote. If we assure them total equality with the American people, they will be touched; indeed, softened. It's all quite simple, George, and should fit neatly within the depth of your intellect."

"Thank you for that compliment, Hillary."

"My pleasure, George, but my title, 'Madame President' will be appropriate for the rest of our little talk. One question, though, George: Will you continue residing in Texas and vacationing in Kennebunkport?"

"Why no, Madame President, Laura and the kids and I will be moving to Alaska. My information has it that the Moslems hate cold weather."

Tom McKeivitt

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 July 1 through July 9, 2007. The following persons were arrested and charged with offenses, but have not been found guilty.

7/01/07

Miguel Gomez Hernandez, 25, of Blairsville, arrested for disorderly conduct; obstruction of officer; battery; cruelty to children;

7/02/07

Robert Emory Green, 45, of Blairsville, serving time; Walter Lee Shelton, 36, of Athens, Tenn., arrested for theft by conversion;

Lisa Parker Williams, 43, of Athens, Tenn., arrested for theft by conversion;

David Baron Burrell, 22, of Blairsville, hold for another county;

Mira Rachelle Wright, 21, of Blairsville, arrested for D.U.I. (first offense); failure to maintain lane;

7/03/07

Terry Allen Conley, 20, of Blairsville, arrested for obstruction of officer; VGCSA possession; drugs not in original container;

Ashley Susanne Johnson, 27, of Blairsville, arrested for drugs not in original container; obstruction of officer; manufacture, distribute, dispense, sell controlled substance; unlawful to purchase, possess, or have control of any controlled substance;

Robert Jeremy Dale, 23, of Hiawassee, Ga., arrested for probation violation;

Leslie Nicole Killian, 23, of Oakwood, Ga., arrested for probation violation;

Joseph Dyer Ivester, 42, of Blairsville, arrested for probation violation;

7/04/07

Toye Ray Holton, 28, of Blairsville, arrested for manufacture, distribute, dispense, sell controlled substance;

Charles Edmond Dougan, 28, of Blairsville, arrested for probation violation; VGCSA possession;

William Jacob Baxter, 50, of Blairsville, arrested for tampering with evidence; unlawful to purchase, possess, or have control of any controlled substance; manufacture, distribute, dispense, sell controlled substance; possession of marijuana, less than 1 oz.;

Frankie Carpenter, 50, of Blairsville, arrested for tampering with evidence; obstruction of officer; unlawful to purchase, possess, or have control of any controlled substance; manufacture, distribute, dispense, sell controlled substance;

Edward Lee Houston, 38, of Blairsville, arrested for unlawful to purchase, possess, or have control of any controlled substance; manufacture, distribute, dispense, sell controlled substance;

Andrew Martin Schutt, 24, of

Blairsville, arrested for possession of marijuana;

Jared Zachary Pedine; 24, of Blairsville, arrested for possession of marijuana less than 1 oz.; drugs not in original container; possession of dangerous drug;

7/05/07

Jared Stanley Harn, 17, of Blairsville, arrested for underage consumption;

James Adamson, Jr., 19, of Blairsville, arrested for criminal interference with government property;

Christopher Robert Foster, 19, of Blairsville, arrested for criminal interference with government property;

Andrew Laurence Groeger, 17, of Blairsville, arrested for criminal interference with government property;

Kamala Marissa Cone, 26, of Buford, Ga., arrested for failure to maintain lane; D.U.I drugs;

7/06/07

Glenn Delaska Elliot, 71, of Suches, Ga., arrested for aggravated assault; disorderly conduct; terroristic threats and acts;

T.J. Arsua, 19, of Morganton, Ga., arrested for drugs not in original container; possession of a dangerous drug; possession of marijuana less than 1 oz.; D.U.I. drugs;

Ronald David Holcomb, 22, of Blairsville, hold for another county;

Lisa Marie Atha Jordan, 43, of Blairsville, arrested for aggravated assault; cruelty to children;

Angela Renee Collins, 28, of Blairsville, arrested for pedestrian under the influence;

7/07/07

Larry Lee Watkins, 49, of Suches, Ga., arrested for false statements and writings, pedestrian under the influence; battery; criminal trespass; cruelty to children;

Todd Gregory Anderson, 37, of Inboden, Ark., arrested for theft by taking;

Hobert Donald Fortenberry, 68, of Blairsville, arrested for interference with a 911 call; battery; cruelty to children;

Shane Anthony Derreberry, 19, of Blairsville, arrested for theft by conversion;

Chastity Brown, 33, of Blairsville, arrested for failure to maintain lane; no proof of insurance; striking a fixed object; false statements and writings; hit and run/leaving the scene of an accident; too fast for conditions; failure to report accident with damage, personal injury;

Clinton Derrick Brown, 34, of Blairsville, arrested for false statements and writings;

7/08/07

Joshua Brittan Ballard, 17, of Blairsville, arrested for battery; disorderly conduct;

Carl Eugene Travis, 35, of Blairsville, arrested for disorderly conduct; battery;

Jewel Hayward, 54, of Young Harris, Ga., arrested for theft by shoplifting;

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