

# Community

## Local students attend Natural Resources Conservation Workshop



**L to R: Emily Dyer, Emily Fox, Anjel Gibson, Caleb Marchant and Amos Williams.**

Local students from Union County recently attended a summer camp in Cochran, Ga., to learn all about Georgia's natural resources and the various indi-

viduals, groups, and agencies that work to protect those resources. More than 100 students attended from all over Georgia.

The Natural Resources Conservation Workshop (NRCW) is targeted toward students with a desire to learn more about Georgia's natural resources and the opportunities and responsibilities they provide. More than \$11,000 in scholarships are awarded based on test scores from quizzes given throughout the week.

The workshop lasted five days and was held on the campus of Middle Georgia College in Cochran. Experts from universities, local, state, and federal natural resource agencies pro-

vided students with lecture and hands-on activities to enhance their understanding of Georgia's vital natural resources and the opportunities and responsibilities that they provide.

The summer camp is open to Georgia high school students ages 15 and 18 who have not graduated from high school.

This workshop gives students a unique, one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn about Georgia's natural resources—soil, water, air, plants, minerals, and animals from the experts in the field.

"Many of our youth do not realize the value of our natural resources that we depend on every day," said Workshop Director Britt Parker. "The camp utilizes classroom and field trip activities to help interested young people learn the basic principles and the responsible use of our natural resources."

Students that attended the

workshop got a taste of college life while spending an entire week on the college campus of Middle Georgia College in Cochran. Next year, the workshop will be held at the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College near Tifton.

Students gained valuable insight into careers through their counselors and instructors consisting of professional personnel from the Department of Natural Resources, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and many private industries and organizations.

Scholarship sponsors include the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors, ABAC Foundation, Georgia Chapter of

American Public Works Association, Georgia Mining Association, Workshop Scholarship Fund and the Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District.

Tuition is \$150 per student and was provided to our students by the Blue Ridge Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District, United Community Bank and Blairsville Kiwanis Club.

Application and information is available online at <http://www.abac.edu/psbo/nrcw/> or through county offices of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division or the Cooperative Extension Service and participating organizations.

## Manifesting Your Dreams Workshop

Entrepreneurs, what is the number one thing that turns a great idea into extraordinary success? Passion! It makes you shout, "It is worth everything I have to do to follow my dream! I will handle my fears. I will ask for help, and I won't

let anything stop me!" When you have this kind of passion, the universe conspires to support you. You'll receive expert coaching to create breakthroughs to your next level of success.

Date: Saturday, August 4.

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Towns County Chamber of Commerce, Young Harris, Ga.

Please register by August 2. Email: [Benita@EspositoInstitute.com](mailto:Benita@EspositoInstitute.com). Phone 706.896.8544.

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### Dollars and Sense

## Don't get scammed by online auctions

By DAVID UFFINGTON

The Apple iPhone came out recently, and within hours the scam artists were up and running. The very next day, a fast check of iPhones on one of the major online auctions sites netted 10,701 listings. Considering what it costs, you really have to wonder about the auctions that offer an iPhone for a starting bid of 1 cent. Or the one that was auctioning off envelopes containing "chances" to win an iPhone.

One entrepreneur was even selling the bottles of water that were handed out while people waited in line. Somehow that inexpensive water might be a better deal than bidding on a fuzzy photo of what might or

might not be a real iPhone. Try as they might, the online auction companies can't find and remove every scam listing that's placed on their site. But there are things you can do to minimize your chances of paying for something you don't get.

- Check the seller's history. If the seller has only auctioned off three items, that's not much of a track record. Stick with listers who've been in business quite a while. Read the feedback comments from previous buyers. There's always the chance of an unhappy bidder leaving a snide comment, but check the overall percentage rate of happy customers.
- Get the seller's name and

address, in case of a problem later.

- Know what you're buying. Ask questions (and save those e-mails). Ask for better photos if you can't see the item clearly. Long-time listers typically only show excellent photos.

- Know when to stop. If the bidding on an item suddenly runs hot, don't take that to mean that you have a lot of competitors wanting the same item. It could be the lister's friends who are running up the bid price.

- Don't pay cash. Use Paypal or a similar service.

- Think about what you're buying. If the bid is for a first edition book that you know to be quite valuable, yet the seller has started the bidding at 99

cents, think twice.

- Deal only on auction sites that offer some kind of help or guarantee if something goes wrong.

Been scammed? Call the police in the seller's area and make a report. Notify the auction site, then call the FTC at 877-382-4357.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or send e-mail to [letters.kfws@hearstsc.com](mailto:letters.kfws@hearstsc.com).

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## Executive Director needed for UCDA

Union County, Georgia, "Land of Scenic Beauty and Friendly People"

The Union County Development Authority is seeking a professional to lead the county's efforts to recruit new industries, promote existing industry development and retention, guide large retail development and entrepreneurship, and better prepare the community for economic development success.

Union County is a thriving rural community located on the

southern border of the Appalachian mountain chain with growing industrial and business sectors, a progressive local government, and a quality of life that you have to see to believe.

The Development Authority exists to improve the quality of life for all citizens of Union County through the promotion of trade, commerce, industry and employment. This position reports directly to a board of directors and is created to increase economic opportunities

through activities that improve the business climate.

Salary range is \$45,000 - \$75,000 per year with a competitive benefits package. Compensation will be negotiated based upon experience.

The principal duties of this position are performed in a general office environment. A background investigation, including supervised drug screening, will be required.

Please submit resumes and references to this address:

Executive Director Candidate, Union County Development Authority, P. O. Box 801, 100 Hospital St., Blairsville, GA 30514-0801, Email: [ucdaapp@brmeme.com](mailto:ucdaapp@brmeme.com)

## Honea to be featured speaker at Writers Group

Robert K. Honea of Blairsville, author of three books: Long Road Winding; Shamrock; and Willie Jack Stem and Calvin, will be the featured speaker at the Georgia Mountain Writers Club on Wednesday, August 8, at 10 a.m. He will be speaking on the subject "Setting Place."

Mr. Honea is an ex-Marine

and retired Police Lieutenant whose writings feature history of the South from the early to mid-1800's. Following retirement, he founded Applied Design, Inc., a building and design firm that he continues to head to the present.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting, which will be held in the modular building behind St.

Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Young Harris Highway, Blairsville.

The Georgia Mountain Writers Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, call Larry Casey, 706-781-6636, or Ellie Dobson, 706-745-0678.

## Self Family Reunion

Friends and relatives of George Washington Self and Rev. Lillie Mae Towe Self are invited on Sunday, August 5 for a family reunion. The covered dish meal will be at 1:00 p.m., at the Self

Pavilion located at the Chestatee River on Rivermist Drive just past Garnet Bridge on Town Creek Church Road in Lumpkin County. For more information, call Sue at 706-864-3790.



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