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have chosen where this property would have gone, this would have been what her and her husband Ralph would have wanted.

"I'm sure they're both looking down today with a smile," she said.

The happy day for Nancy comes from being able to do something that her sister would have endorsed, putting the property in a position to be used for the betterment of Towns County.

"They held onto this property for so many years," she said. "It will be used for young people and all who choose to use this park.

"Ralph and Johnnie both loved Towns County, they grew up here," Nancy said.

"They lived in Akron, Ohio for 33 years. Their dream was to retire and move back here permanently. They purchased a small brick house next to the Fieldstone Inn in 1971. Ralph retired in June 1980 and passed away September 1980."

Johnnie Foster was never truly happy again after her husband's death. She and Ralph dreamed of building a log home on the Foster Farm and being active in Towns County as well as traveling in their later years.

"She gave up on their plans but she was still very much interested in Towns

County," Nancy said. "She subscribed to both papers and read them both cover-to-cover. Her health began to fail and she could not become involved in many activities.

"What makes me feel good today is that this park will be a perpetual memorial to the memory of Ralph and Johnnie," Nancy said. "It will be a benefit to Towns County for years to come."

The proceeds from the sale of the Foster Farm will benefit many worthwhile organizations, including students attending Young Harris College, and churches in the area, all named five years ago by Johnnie Foster, prior to her death in 2009.

"Not only will Towns County benefit, but many others will benefit as well," Nancy said.

Members of Ralph Foster's family spoke of their beloved family member. They were proud that so many people will use the Foster Farm for recreation for years to come. They presented Commissioner Kendall with a picture of the old home place to frame and put in the new park building.

Clint Hobbs and Jay Stroman, representing YHC President Cathy Cox, said that the college was humbled by the generosity of Johnnie

and Ralph Foster.

"Johnnie and Ralph were friends of the college and I know that this park is going to be a great addition to the county," Hobbs said. "I want to thank Nancy for making all of this possible and we look forward to using this gift to help young men and women at Young Harris College."

Afterward, the group departed the Courthouse and gathered at the Towns County Recreation Beach for hot dogs and fixings, watermelon, M&M cookies and brownies.

It was a day to remember in Towns County for a very, very long time..

"This is an historic occasion," Commissioner Kendall said. "It's a day the locals will never forget."

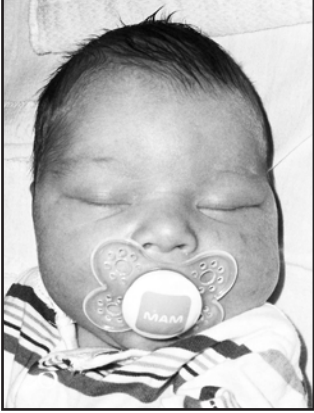
By proclamation, the day they will never forget, July 2, 2010, was aptly named Nancy Broshears Day in Towns County.

Radio stations as far away as Franklin, NC read the proclamation live on the air and hailed Nancy Broshears a hero to be remembered forever for her decision to let the Towns County Community benefit in perpetuity from a community treasure to be named the Ralph and Johnnie Foster Memorial Park.



Alisa Richards makes sure Nancy Broshears has plenty to eat on her special day in Towns County. Commissioner Bill Kendall proclaimed July 2 as "Nancy Broshears Day" in Towns County following the transfer of property for the Ralph and Johnnie Foster Memorial Park on Friday. More than 300 people attended the event held at the Towns County Beach Recreation Area. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Birth Announcement



William Jacob Caldwell

R. Nancy Adriann Garrett and Brian William Caldwell are proud to announce the birth of their son, William Jacob Caldwell, on June 28, 2010 at Union General Hospital delivered by Suzanne Nunn MD. The birth weight of the baby was 8 pounds and 9 ounces. He was 21 inches long. NT(Jul7.Y1)SH

Birth Announcement



Braylen Lee Parrott

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Mcgyver Parrott are proud to announce the birth of their son, Braylen Lee Parrott on July 1, 2010 at Union General Hospital delivered by Sheila Whitener CNM. The birth weight of the baby was 7 pounds and 12 ounces. He was 20 inches long. Mrs. Parrott is the former Taylor Ray Griggs. NT(Jul7.S1)SH

Diabetes Foundation of Georgia, Inc. group



The Diabetes Foundation of Georgia Inc. has a support group in Blairsville. This group meets at the Old Nursing Home location on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. We would like to invite everyone who is involved with diabetes, or is interested in learning about diabetes, to attend the meetings.

We have different speakers each month. Come on out and get involved with Union County Diabetic Support Group. 706-781-1200. N(Jul7.G1)gg

FPL retirees meet

Florida Power and Light retirees meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Hole In The Wall Restaurant on the square at 9 AM. NT(Jul7.G1)gg

New driving laws take effect

State Farm®, Georgia's largest automobile insurer is reminding Georgia motorists of two new laws that took effect July 1st. Senate Bill 360 bans texting while driving for adult drivers and House Bill 23 bans all cell phone usage for teen drivers. Both of these new laws carry fines of \$150 and one point added to your driving record. These new laws are designed to reduce distracted driving. 25 states already ban texting for all drivers and 25 states also ban all cell phone usage for teen drivers.

While the dangers of distracted driving apply to all motorists, there is an increased risk for younger drivers. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, in their first year on the road, teen drivers are more than 10 times as likely to be involved in an automobile accident. Any driver who talks on a mobile phone is four times more likely to be involved in a serious crash, regardless of whether the driver uses a hands-free cell. Cell phone usage is blamed for

Birth Announcement



Keaton Blaise Vaughan-Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin William Rogers are proud to announce the birth of their son, Keaton Blaise Vaughan-Rogers on June 26, 2010 at Union General Hospital delivered by W. David Breedlove MD. The birth weight of the baby was 7 pounds and 3 ounces. He was 20-1/2 inches long. Mrs. Rogers is the former Lindsey Manda Vaughan. NT(Jul7.A1)SH

Green Beans at GMRE Center

By Janice Boling
NGN Reporter

The GMRE Center is hosting an informative (and free) Green Bean Seminar on Friday, July 30th at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the 1st Green Bean Festival. Mark your calendars and plan on arriving early. The seminars at GMRE Center are extremely popular and seats fill up fast.

The folks at the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center are also growing 15 varieties of green beans! Contender Bush, Provider Snap, Royalty Purple Pod, Carson Yellow Wax Snap, Jade Snap, Fresh Pick Snap, Blue Lake 274 Bush, Jumbo Italian Flat Snap, Royal Burgundy Purple Snap, E-Z Pick Snap, Roma II Bush, Mountaineer Half Runner, Kentucky Wonder Pole, October (heirloom), and Scarlet Runner (heirloom) are all included in this year's trials.

The beans were planted on May 17th and are quickly becoming mature specimens. Many are currently in full bloom with flowers in every color from deep purple to white. Baby beans are coming on and harvest will be just around the corner!

Joe Garner is superintendent of the GMRE Center. He oversees research projects conducted by UGA faculty. Currently there are 41 ongoing projects involving apples, asparagus, beef cattle, blueberries, collards, field corn, forages, greenhouse pests, peaches, pumpkins, soybeans, turf grass, woody ornamentals, and wheat.

The Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center is located 3 miles south of Blairsville, Georgia on Hwy 19/129 S. The station grounds cover 415 acres of orchards, test plots, pasture land, specimen and preservation gardens,



2010 Green Bean Yield Trials

historic sites and forests.

The GMRE Center is unique to the University of Georgia system because of its location at the southern end of the Appalachian Mountains and its growing season which is similar to southern Canada. The center is used by UGA faculty to conduct ongoing research and education projects.

In addition, the Community Council of the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center provides month-

ly adult education programs as well as seasonal field experiences for children and youth in Fannin, Union and Towns counties.

The DDA of Blairsville and the Green Bean Festival Committee would like to thank Mr. Garner and the GMRE Center staff for all they do for the local community. For more information about the GMRE Center, please call (706) 745-2655 or visit www.gmrec.uga.edu. NT(Jul7.C4)ac

Have you seen Annie? Reward!



Annie is missing from the area of Hwy. 76, 2 miles west of Hiawassee. She is wearing a purple collar. If you have seen or

found her or have any information regarding her whereabouts, please call: 706-781-7062 or 706-896-2940. T(Jul7.G2)SH

Birthday party for Buffy



L to r: Dorothy Austin with Rocky, Joyce Johnson with Jewel, and Grace Cartledge with Buffy. Photo by Jackie Ford

A special birthday party was held recently at the Big Sky Village apartment homes for senior citizens in Hiawassee. The guest of honor was Buffy, a white miniature Poodle whose owner, resident Mrs. Grace Cartledge, invited all the canines in the community to Buffy's 12th birthday party.

Promptly at 10:30 a.m. on a sunny Saturday morning, a group of well-behaved guests arrived at the shaded picnic area for the big celebration. They included Rocky, a black Schnauzer; Suki, a Japanese Chin; Jewel, a white Pomeranian; Yorkshires Delilah and Lilly; Poodles Jingles and Nancy; and a tan Chihuahua named Winston. Only Emma, a black and

white Lhasa Apso, true to her gender, arrived fashionably late.

The band of small furry friends donned colorful birthday hats and sat on their owners' laps to enjoy Tasty Paws, a frozen treat for dogs and yellow cupcakes, followed by water. As candles were lit on the birthday cake, everyone sang Happy Birthday to Buffy, who sat quietly on Cartledge's lap enjoying his special day. The cake, a decorated giant chocolate chip cookie was for the owners only, chocolate being harmful to dogs.

Guests were asked not to bring gifts; instead, donations were made to their favorite animal rescue organizations. T(Jul7.G1)SH

Mountain Shelter News

Humane Society Serving Towns and Union Counties

The Humane Society Mountain Shelter's 4th Annual Bark In The Park will be held next Saturday, July 10th, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event will be held in the Union County Dog Park at Meeks Park rain or shine.

Grab your leash, best costume, and your dog(s) and join the Humane Society for a fun-filled day. There will be many contests, something for all, prizes, and awards for the best canine in each group. In addition, there will be a 50/50 raffle, local photographer with printer, blessing of the pets, and much more. HSMS will also provide a microchip for each canine that may not already have one for a small fee. HSMS will be serving lunch from Rib Country for \$5.

Mark your calendar for this event. All proceeds will benefit the Humane Society Mountain Shelter. For more information or if you would like to volunteer at this event, call (706)781-3843 or contact Warne Todd at wtodd1208@yahoo.com. NT(Jul7.Z2)SH

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Remember Me?

I remember my family saying that they'd "had it" with me but I don't remember what I did to make them so angry. The next thing I knew, they threw me out. Well, I walked for awhile and then I started to cross the highway and that's when it happened. Blam. A car, or was it a pickup, slammed into me. I was thrown into the car.

All I could think of was my babies. My unborn babies. I dragged myself to the edge of the road across from the Macedonia Church and then the pain came... blinding pain in my leg and hip. I couldn't tell if my babies were still alive within me. I could only feel the awful pain.

I sort of slid myself under a park bench and waited... surely my family will come and get me, take me home, care for me. And then the doubts came tumbling in.

Hours passed and then a car stopped. A lady and a little girl peered at me. "Please help," I cried, but they drove off. Soon they returned with another car and two more people. A nice man picked me up and wrapped me gently in the little girl's coat. I could see the kindness in their eyes.

They took me to the Shelter and made me as comfortable as they could but the pain was so bad I kept crying out. I couldn't help it. Then I was back in the car again.

We went to the doctor's and he x-rayed me. Somehow I knew the way he shook his head that things were bad. There was some talking and then the doctor had a syringe in his hand.

There is no more pain now. My babies and I are dead.

I can't help wondering, if my family didn't want me, why didn't they take me to the shelter? We'd be alive now, my babies and I and those folks there would have found homes for us... real homes, loving homes.

By Barbara DeYoung
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Kennel Club monthly meeting

Hiwassee River Valley Kennel Club meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Brother's Restaurant on Hwy 64 in Murphy, NC. We invite all those interested in pure bred dogs and canine activities to attend. Call President Kit Miracle at 706-492-5253 or Peggy Moorman at 828-835-1082 for details. NT(Jun30.G1)gg

Ride with the Mountain Miatas

Do you have a Mazda Miata? The Mountain Miatas have formed a group right here in the North Georgia Mountains. We ride on the first Saturday of every month and a few rides in between. Come join us. Call Jon or Peggy at 706-897-3784. NT(Jul7.G3)gg