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Long event.

The event featured a 5K Race, 10K Race, Corn-Hole competitions, music, kids' games, barbecue and a softball tournament. That's not all; the day's activities also included a silent auction, a cake walk, a bake sale and \$5 barbecue plates.

Bradley Rogers was there in person, serving as the official race starter, complete with megaphone to get everyone ready to race.

His mother, Julie Payne said both she and her son were overwhelmed by the turnout and show of community support by Towns County.

"We had a very sleepless night last night," she said. "It was just nerves. When he was at the hospital this past week, he was telling everybody about it. He was so excited that Mayor (Barbara) Mathis had signed a proclamation. He was very impressed with that and he was thrilled to get to go to the Mayor's Office.

"All of his friends came out today and everybody else was a bonus on top of that," she said. "To see all the young people out here today really meant a lot to him. It meant a lot to us."

The event in total was just simply unbelievable, Julie said.

"We just feel so loved," she said. "The community has come out more than I ever believed they would. We're just so blessed to be a part of this community and to be a part of Towns County and Hiawassee.

"Everybody's come out from near and far and it means so much to me and Bradley," she said. "It's so incredible that the community would come out and support him like this."

Bradley Rogers was diagnosed with cancer in late 2009. Since then, he has undergone treatments, surgeries and physical therapy. Be Strong, Run Long is a celebration of Bradley

Rogers. Even though the cancer has returned, this brave young man still keeps a positive attitude and continues his school studies.

Lori McClure from Bank of Hiawassee came up with the idea for Be Strong, Run Long. The phrase "Be Strong, Run Long," is the pure definition of Bradley Rogers.

"He was strong before all of this and he was a runner before all of this and he hopes to be a runner after all this," Julie said. "Bradley just wants everyone to be strong and run long. He wants people to believe that you can do whatever you set your mind to do."

Over the past few months, it's been hard and Bradley has had a few setbacks, his mother said. His radiation treatments are ongoing at the Children's Hospital at Egleston as well as his physical therapy treatments. He also attends school there.

"Other than that, he's doing well," she said. "He completed his first week of radiation this past week at the Children's Hospital at Egleston and he has five more weeks to go.

"With the two surgeries over the summer, he did have a little bit of a setback, but he's doing really well now and this event meant more to him than words can say," his mother said. "He was really excited that they made it Bradley Rogers Day and he's been thrilled that everybody came out."

Julie would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Sheri Harden of Towns County Schools for her help in making sure Bradley doesn't fall behind in his studies.

"I couldn't start to thank everybody right now who has been a part of this," Julie said. "The list is just enormous, but we want everyone to know that this means a lot to us, it really means a lot to both of us."

AARP TAXAIDE needs volunteers

The AARP TAXAIDE program which is the FREE tax preparation site in Blairsville is looking for volunteers to assist in the preparation of income tax as well as some people who would be willing to be greeters (what we call client facilitators).

The TAXAIDES are trained to prepare income taxes by IRS trained and tested instructors. And you will never be asked to prepare a return you are not comfortable preparing. You will always have someone to ask questions if you should run into something

you are not comfortable with.

The TAXAIDE program people in Blairsville are the best group of people to work with and are always willing to help. The training will be conducted in Blairsville, in January and you will be tested on your understanding of the tax laws and programs.

Last year we prepared over 1400 tax returns and are hoping to get even more this year. If you would be willing to help us, please contact Ted Noelle at 706-745-7998 or tjnoelle@windstream.net before November 15, 2010. NTNov3,M2JSH

Deputy makes drug arrest at jail



On 10/30/2010 Deputy Shawn Dyer, with the Towns County Sheriff's Office Drug

Grant Unit, made contact with two subjects who arrived at the Towns County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Dyer asked if he could help the subjects. They asked Dyer what time visitation was and he then asked the subjects who they were there to visit and he may be able to help them.

The subjects allegedly could not give any name or other information. Further investigation revealed a misdemeanor amount of marijuana, a glass smoking device used to ingest methamphetamine and a felony amount of Methamphetamine. They were charged with Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act, Possession with Intent to Distribute, and Crossing the Guard Line with Contraband. Both subjects were placed under arrest. No other information available at this time due to an ongoing investigation. TNov3,J1JSH

Mountain Community Seniors meet

The Mountain Community Seniors will meet on Thursday, November 11 at 2 at the Senior Center in Hiawassee. We hope that you will be able to join us for Thanksgiving Dinner and all the trimmings after a short program. We look forward to seeing our friends and neighbors in Clay, Towns and Union county. See you there! TNov3,F3JSH

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From the Desk of:



Sheriff Clinton of Towns County

This past week we've had several opportunities to partner with the community to help keep our public informed and safe. On Tuesday, October 26th, I participated in a forum sponsored by the Chatuge Gun Club to help people better understand Senate Bill 308. SB 308 is Georgia's new weapons carry law. About 200 people braved the pouring rain to come to the event and ask questions about the new law.

On Thursday, we participated in an evacuation drill with the Towns County School system. A couple of months ago the Sheriff's Office participated as observers in an evacuation drill to get a better understanding of the school's protocols for handling emergency situations. Thursday's drill involved Towns County Schools, Towns County Sheriff's Office, Towns County Fire Department and Towns County EMS. The drill went very smoothly and was a great opportunity for all of us to work together and become familiar with how such an event would be handled. While it is unlikely that an event requiring all these resources should happen, it is always the best policy to be prepared. I have often said that it is too late to prepare for a crisis if one is occurring. I would like to thank the school's administration and faculty,

Dr. Behrens, Fire Chief Mitch Floyd and the Towns County Fire Department, Ricky Mathis and Towns County EMS, as well as the deputies who participated in the event for their professionalism and dedication to keeping our children and our community safe.

On Saturday I participated in an NRA course taught by Ed Jones of the Chatuge Gun Club. I was asked by Ed to teach the slot regarding Georgia's laws pertaining to weapons and the use of force. I enjoyed the opportunity to share information with the public. I would like to use this opportunity to again express that if you have a group that has questions and would like the input of the Sheriff's Office, I or the staff at the Sheriff's Office will be glad to serve you in this manner. Simply contact Vicki Ellis at the Towns County Sheriff's Office at 706-896-4444 to schedule the event.

Finally, as we approach the holiday season I want to remind everyone about the Sheriff's Empty Stocking Fund. This is an effort each year by the Sheriff's Office to provide for local children who otherwise would not receive gifts due to hardships. Fred's store in Hiawassee is currently taking donations for the Sheriff's Empty Stocking Fund. If you would like to help us address these needs contact Vicki Ellis at the Towns County Sheriff's Office at 706-896-4444.

If you would like more information about the Towns County Sheriff's Office, visit us online at www.townscounty-sheriffsoffice.com, or call 706-896-4444. To make an anonymous report of a crime visit the website or call 706-896-3697. TNov3,H2JSH

Arrest and Fire Reports

Local law enforcement provides the following information for publication. Names are spelled as they were when received from the law enforcement agencies. It is important to remember that the following individuals have been charged only and are presumed innocent until such time as they are found guilty by a court or enter a guilty plea.

ARREST REPORT	
Towns County Jail	
Sheriff-Chris Clinton	
10/31/10	Jeremy Lee Clifton, age 30, Murphy, NC Possession of marijuana - misdemeanor, Driving while license suspended or revoked, Drug related objects, Possession of meth with intent
10/28/10	Donald Elmer Denny, age 55, Key West, FL Driving while license suspended or revoked, Insurance required - no insurance, No registration
10/29/10	Michael Leroy Dills, age 51, Hayesville, NC Probation violation
10/28/10	Michael David Hand, age 31, Gainesville, FL Housed for Union County
10/26/10	David Ray Hoffman, age 45, Calhoun, GA Probation violation
10/31/10	Daniel Phillip Lear, age 57, Warne, NC Permitting unlicensed person to drive, Possession and use of drug-related objects, Possession of meth with intent, Possession of marijuana - misdemeanor
10/29/10	Robert Jeremy Dale, age 26, Hiawassee, GA Serve weekends
10/30/10	Lisa Marie Partin, age 30, Young Harris, GA Driving while license suspended, Use of safety belt in passenger area
10/31/10	Denise Christine Schmidt, age 45, Hayesville, NC Driving under the influence, Driving on roadways laned, Open container - passenger area
10/25/10	Davis Lee Sutton, age 61, Hiawassee, GA Driving under the influence, Driving on roadways laned

TC Fire Department RESPONSE REPORT

From: Fire Chief Mitchell Floyd



10/17/10	Itsey Rd. Church St. Hwy. 76 E.	Med assist Med assist Motorcycle accident w/ injury Cancelled
10/18/10	Church St. Shake Rag Rd.	Med assist
10/19/10	Fodder Creek Shake Rag Rd.	2 car mva/injuries Med assist
10/20/10	Lapidary Ln. Posey Rd. Lovingood Rd.	Smoke alarm Brush fire Med assist
10/21/10	Taylor Rd. Lake Point In. Beach Cove Rd. Bell Creek Rd. Hwy. 76 W. Chatuge Manor Dr. Upper Bell Creek	Med assist Med assist Med assist Med assist Med assist Brush fire Med assist
10/22/10	Winchester Ck. Hwy. 66	Grass fire 2 car mva/injury landing zone
10/23/10	Hiawassee City Hall Missy Denton Gap YHC Hwy. 76 W.	Med assist Elevator assist Med assist
10/24/10	Shake Rag Rd. Wood Lake	Med assist Med assist
10/25/10	YHC Meadow Ln. Possum Holler	Med assist Med assist
10/26/10	Hidden Fields Brasstown Valley Res. Hwy. 17 N. Hidden Valley	Fire alarm Fire alarm Cancelled Med assist
10/27/10	Byers Creek Rd. Hwy. 66 Main Hiawassee	Med assist Med assist 2 car mva Smoke investigation Med assist
	Main Hiawassee Ket Hedden Rd. Brasstown Valley Resort Hwy. 288 Hwy. 75 S. Brasstown Valley Resort	Med assist Med assist Alarm/no fire Power line down Mva Alarm/no fire
10/28/10	Brasstown Valley Resort Main Hiawassee Hwy. 76 W. YHC	Alarm/no fire Fire alarm Response drill Med assist
10/29/10	Baldview Rd. Hwy. 76 E. Pine Ridge Trail Hwy. 75 S.	Med assist Med assist Alarm/no fire Med assist
10/30/10	Hwy. 76 W.	Med assist 2 car mva