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Clinton with the knife upraised, and only after several shouted commands did he respond, stop and back away, sheriff's reports show.

Additional Towns County deputies arrived at the scene, and the office doors were locked from the inside in a further attempt to prevent the man from entering, sheriff's reports show.

The man was apparently upset that the doctor's office had refused to provide him with a prescription for oxycodone.

With the man contained in a small area outside the doors of the office, deputies and officers continued to attempt to convince him to drop this weapon, sheriff's reports show.

The man kept up a threatening posture and demeanor, and threatened to kill himself or force the deputies to do it if he did not receive the medication he demanded.

At one point, the suspect moved forward toward sheriff's Deputy Jeff Edge while holding the knife, again saying he wanted officers to kill him, sheriff's reports show.

Authorities say that on several occasions the man kicked the door of the office and demanded to be let back in.

Deputies were stationed all around the area to prevent the man from leaving with the knife, as well as all entry ways to the office.

EMS personnel were notified and were staged nearby to provide medical aid to the man, whose self-inflicted wound continued to bleed, sheriff's reports show.

Eventually, deputies were able to utilize a Stinger, a Tazer-type device, and the man was quickly taken into custody, sheriff's reports show.

He received medical attention on scene, and was transported by ambulance to Chatuge Regional Hospital for further treatment of his wounds, as well as a mental health evaluation, sheriff's reports show.

The man was taken to the Towns County Detention Center and charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer, and was kept there until a bed opened up at a mental health facility.

There is a hold on him upon his release from that facility. Other charges are pending through indictment, sheriff's reports show.

Sheriff Clinton, who was involved in the initial contact and remained until the subject was transported to the hospital, was thankful that no one was seriously injured in the incident.

"We were able to deploy 'less lethal' means to bring this situation to an end," the sheriff said. "Our deputies and Officer Walls were able to contain the person until personnel arrived who were able to subdue the subject without using deadly force."

"I am thankful we have law enforcement officers who are capable of showing restraint, and that we have the training and technology available to help us protect the lives of innocent citizens, our deputies and officers, and the suspect," the sheriff said.

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Allison is involved in five different legislative committees and became the State House's Chief Deputy Whip in January.

He has helped pass legislation every year of his two terms that have benefited his district and has become known as a representative that speaks the truth among his peers.

Allison is proud to have been a part of House Bill 33 that requires a line item budget review for cuts in state budgeting which took two years to pass and House Bill 87, which is one of the strongest immigration bills to be passed in the country.

He also is a staunch advocate of the second amendment.

"I believe law abiding citizens should be able to carry a firearm anywhere a criminal can," Rep. Allison said.

"This would be a strong deterrent to criminals who use a gun to commit crimes," Allison said. "Do you think that a criminal is concerned about a misdemeanor gun charge while they commit a crime? That is the least of their concerns."

Another concern for Allison, the quality of health care the mountain communities receive.

"We are working on a bill now that would allow



Georgia House District 8 State Rep. Stephen Allison launched his reelection bid in Young Harris at the Mountain Movers and Shakers meeting at Mary's Southern Grill. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the state to provide funding to match doctor salaries at rural hospitals," Rep. Allison said.

"This would entice more physicians to consider moving their practices to the mountains."

On hand to support Allison were several local candidates including Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton, who introduced Rep. Allison to the crowd.

Also on hand, 9th Congressional District candidate Doug Collins, Bill Kuykendall,

a candidate for Towns County Tax Commissioner, Tashina Eller, a candidate for Towns County Coroner, and Steve Gerdes, a candidate for Towns County Sole Commissioner.

Also there to provide support was former State Director of the Georgia Republican Party Kevin Harris.

In closing, Allison said first and foremost, he believed in the constitution.

"I believe our constitution and our freedoms are un-

der attack and I would encourage everyone to go to the polls and vote this November," Rep. Allison said. "It is important for voters to be heard regardless of their political affiliation."

"It has been an honor to represent you during this past term and if you vote for me this year, then I will see you next year and if you don't, then at least your voice has been heard. God bless you all and God bless the State of Georgia."

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support.

"Castaway Critters ultimate vision is a future where there are no more homeless pets and all animals are spayed or neutered and humanely cared for by the community," said Bitting.

Their upcoming events include High Tea at Brasstown Manor on Aug. 29th, 3 p.m. to

4:30 p.m. in Hiwassee.

They will also be hosting a Second Annual Putts for Paws Golf Scramble and Dinner Extravaganza at Butternut Creek Golf Course in Blairsville on Sept. 8th.

For additional information, check out their website, www.castaway-critters.org.

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Atchison.

According to Annette Hoppgood, Constitution Week Chairperson, the week which commemorates America's most important document is one of our country's least known official observances.

"It is an excellent time for young adults and young people to learn more about their nation's constitution, the basis of our government," Hoppgood said.

Known as the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, DAR has more than 170,000 members with approximately 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries.

The DAR has long promoted patriotism through commemorative celebrations, memorials, scholarships, and activities for children and programs for new immigrants.

The DAR lead the local celebration to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; to inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and to encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Also active in the celebration is the local Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The National Society of Daughter's of the American Revolution is a service organization which compiles and organizes historic, educational, and patriotic events.

"The organization was founded on service in trying to make a better place in which to live," Atchison said. "It offers an opportunity to work with youth through educational programs, encouragement to become active in the community, assisting in historic preservation of important documents and records of the past, establishing friendships with others who cherish the priceless heritage enjoyed by all while promoting the ideals of patriotism and love of country."

"A couple of things the Sons has done is to donate more than \$500,000 dollars for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and locating and indexing unmarked graves of Revolutionary Soldiers, all at our own expense," said a proud Atchison.

Atchison went on to discuss what the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter of Blairsville has accomplished.

"They promote good citizenship and American history

through the local schools by awarding prizes and scholarships to students who present their essays on annually assigned subjects," said Atchison.

"The Chapter places flags on Revolutionary and War of 1812 Veterans' graves, and places markers for the Sons of the American Revolution," she said. "They recognize Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, Patriot's Day, Georgia Day/President's Day (February), Constitution Week (September), National Defense Month (November), memorialize 911, and many more celebrations and memorials."

Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to read and study this great document which safeguards our American liberties.

Visit the Constitution Week Exhibit at the Union County and Mountain Regional Libraries September 10th - 23rd.

The DAR invite everyone to join them at the Union County Historical Society when it rings the historic Courthouse bell on Monday Sept. 17th at 4 p.m. in honor of the U.S. Constitution.

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speaking kind words; volunteering for a day or more at the local animal shelter; babysitting for a single parent; volunteering at your local CASA (child advocacy group); or offering to mentor an at-risk child or teenager.

These are only suggestions and there are so many ways you can show your compassion and kindness.

The most important thing, regardless of what you decide to do, is just do it. Take the challenge and watch the trickle-down effect.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

Sharon Penner Van Huss leads the Local Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group at Cadence Bank in Blairsville on the first Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sharon has a library of information on hand (brochures, videos, books and literature) and offers workshops for caregivers to understand this devastating disease.

Please contact Sharon at (770) 789-2044 or pennervanhuss@yahoo.com for more information about Alzheimer's disease, caregiving, volunteering, donations, caring closet, or becoming an advocate for Alzheimer's.

Phillips remembers the Cedar Cliff community

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The August meeting of the Towns County Historical Society once again packed the Senior Center as Betty Phillips talked about the history of the Cedar Cliff community.

There were several folks that had never attended before, but because of their ties to this community, they stopped by to learn all they could about Cedar Cliff.

Phillips informed and entertained with many interesting and humorous stories of the early days of Cedar Cliff.

This was an interactive presentation as members and guests were invited to ask questions and interject any information they had regarding the Cedar Cliff community.

Phillips had a PowerPoint presentation with pictures and maps of the early days of the community including a copy of the TVA Land Acquisition Map (July 1941), the Chatuge Reservation Map (September 1964), a picture of the old Church of God and Carl B. Kimsey Store, a TVA Auction ad that had been run in the Towns County Herald, as well as a plat of TVA lots to be sold.

"Before 1941, the Cedar Cliff community was made up of about 795 acres," Phillips said. "The best farm land was located in this community of Towns County."

"In fact, during the Great Depression, my grandparents,



Left, items from the old days; right, Betty Phillips and Carl Kimsey. Photo/Libby Shook

John Burton Penland and Mary Johnson Penland, permitted people to plant crops in the bottom lands along Long Bull Creek and the Hiwassee River," she said. "From stories I have heard, the people in this area didn't realize there was a depression, because they worked hard, lived within their means, and helped their neighbors and those less fortunate in the community."

"The only thing they didn't have was sugar and coffee," Phillips said. "In the spring of 1941, the TVA came in to Clay County, NC and Towns County."

"They took possession of people's farmland by power of eminent domain," she said. "Folks had no choice but to give up their land."

Phillips went on to explain what a devastation this



was to the folks of the Cedar Cliff community and how helpless they were to try and hold on to their property.

There was a delay in the TVA take-over, however, as James Harvey (Squire) Penland had fallen ill and was bed-ridden.

"His doctor told the TVA if he were to be moved, he would die," Phillips said. "So the TVA waited until his death in February 1942 before filling the lake with water."

Penland was 92 years old at the time of his death.

"You can't fight the government," she said. "But Uncle Squire helped delay it, giving folks a little bit more time before they had to pick up and leave."

"By the end of February 1942, water from the Hiwassee River had covered the farmland

for the TVA and Lake Chatuge was created," Phillips said. "My grandmother was paid \$11,000 for her 240 acre farm and was told that she could not keep Rocky Ridge because it would be an island after the lake was filled to capacity."

The Penland farm was an important part of the Cedar Cliff community during the early years according to Phillips.

"It was known as the gathering place for picnics, church socials, musicals, and swimming for neighborhood kids at the 'Joe Hole' in the Hiwassee River," she said.

Phillips added that there is always a positive in everything.

"Since Lake Chatuge came in, Towns County has grown and prospered and it probably wouldn't have otherwise," she said.

From the Desk of:

Sheriff Clinton of Towns County

From time to time, we receive questions from people concerning the law regarding the use of seatbelts and particularly child safety restraints. This week I would like to simply share the Georgia law that requires the use of such devices. Keeping children safe is something we must all play a role in. We at the sheriff's office spend a considerable amount of our energy on educating parents and children in areas that will help keep your child safe.

Georgia code 40-8-76 states the following: (a) No new private passenger automobile manufactured after January 1, 1964, shall be sold to the general public in this state unless such automobile shall be equipped with two sets of safety belts for the front seat thereof. The safety belts may be installed by the manufacturer prior to delivery to the dealer, or they may be installed by the dealer. (b) (1) Every driver who transports a child under eight years of age in a passenger automobile, van, or pickup truck, other than a taxicab as defined by Code Section 33-34-5.1 or a public transit vehicle as defined by Code Section 16-5-20, shall, while such motor vehicle is in motion and operated on a public road, street, or highway of this state, provide for the proper restraint of such child in a child passen-

ger restraining system appropriate for such child's height and weight and approved by the United States Department of Transportation under provisions of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213 in effect on January 1, 1983, or at the time of manufacture, subject to the following specific requirements and exceptions: (A) Any such child weighing at least 40 pounds may be secured by a lap belt when: (i) The vehicle is not equipped with both lap and shoulder belts; or (ii) Not including the driver's seat, the vehicle is equipped with one or more lap and shoulder belts that are all being used to

properly restrain other children; (B) Any such child shall be properly restrained in a rear seat of the motor vehicle consistent with the requirements of this paragraph. If the vehicle has no rear seating position appropriate for correctly restraining a child or all appropriate rear seating positions are occupied by other children, any such child may be properly restrained in a front seat consistent with the requirements of this paragraph; (C) A driver shall not be deemed to be complying with the provisions of this paragraph unless any child passenger restraining system required by this

paragraph is installed and being used in accordance with the manufacturer's directions for such system; and (D) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply when the child's parent or guardian either obtains a physician's written statement that a physical or medical condition of the child prevents placing or restraining him or her in the manner required by this paragraph. If the parent or guardian can show the child's height is over 4 feet and 9 inches, such child shall be restrained in a safety belt as required in Code Section 40-8-76.1. T(Aug22,11)SH