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"Our Homecoming here invites alumni to come back and enjoy the day with them."

"These are activities for everyone to enjoy; we do everything together. This is the first year we have done the reception after the games, and we get everybody here as our big family."

Senior basketball players Levi Etheridge and Duncan Lee were recognized between the pair of Homecoming Games, and the Homecoming Court was announced following, with each grade level having a representative.

The high school Homecoming Court consisted of freshmen Gretchen Mossinger and Mollie Tritt, and senior Kirstin Ledford.

With everyone gathered in the gym in anticipation of the evening's biggest announcement, Mossinger's name was called as the 2020 Homecoming Queen. Last year's Homecoming Queen Chayil Aponte, now a student at Young Harris College, crowned Mossinger.

After Mossinger humbly accepted her crown and new royal status, the students and visitors made their way to the Woody Gap School Auditorium for a fun mixer that included photo opportunities, games like charades and cornhole, snacks and punch, and, of course, dancing.

Students at Woody Gap find the school to be a great



The Woody Gap School 2020 Homecoming Court

place to build relationships in a small community.

"Most of the time, the friendships that you form here are really close, and you get to know everyone that goes here and that went here," Mollie Tritt said. "The school is like a family, and you know everybody. Even if you move here, you become part of this family."

Alumni feel the exact same way about the overwhelming sense of community shared in Suches, and they enjoy coming back to the school for activities like Homecoming.

"The friendships that I formed here were friendships that I had in pre-K," Woody Gap alumna Kelli Tritt said. "Homecoming has always been something where people aren't really acting like they are in a contest."

"My best friend was always in Homecoming Court, and you get to see all of your friends dressed up all gorgeous, and everyone is taking pictures. It is really awesome seeing the former queen come down and pass down the crown, which is this symbolic thing of passing it through the generations."

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charged with the following crimes:

Steven Hildebrant, 41, of Blairsville, was charged with one count of possession of child pornography.

Shaun Kanady, 20, of Blairsville, was charged with four counts of possession of child pornography.

These investigations are active and ongoing, and

therefore no further information will be released at this time.

The above individuals have been charged only and are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.



For the first time, Woody Gap hosted a family-friendly mixer in the school auditorium following the annual Homecoming Ceremony.

Photo by Jarrett Whitener

Woody Gap High School Fruit Fundraiser for Skills USA

The Woody Gap High School Fruit Fundraiser is raising money for the Skills USA State Competition.

Competing this year: Logan Disser placed 1st at regionals in Brick & Block laying advancing her to compete at the State competition.

Our Crime Scene Team, Duncan Lee, Ernest Waldroup and Luke Mott, placed 4th at State last year. Our team that competing this year is Duncan Lee, Ernest Waldroup, Wes Ponder and Savannah Snow. Austin Crocker placed 3rd in

State in Building Maintenance and will compete in Building Maintenance again this year. Levi Etheridge will compete in Wood Working Display.

Please call 706-747-2401 or email Skills USA Advisor Coach Butler at gbutler@ucschools.org.

Fruit prices and packages are: Florida Oranges: 1 tray (11) \$25; 2 trays (22) \$30. Red Grapfruit: 1 tray (8) \$25; 2 trays (15) \$30. Mixed Oranges and Grapefruit: 1 tray (6 oranges/5 grapefruit) \$25; 2 trays: (12 oranges/10 grape-

fruit) \$30. Tangerines: 10 lb. carton (2) 5 lb. bags, 13-20 pieces per bag - \$30. Toffee and Mandarins: (1) 7 oz. bag of Milk Chocolate Almond Toffee and (1) 2 lb. bag of Mandarins (7-14 pieces) \$20. Pecans and Mandarins: (1) half pound bog of South Georgia Peacans and (1) 2 lb. of Mandarins (7-14 pieces) \$20.

Thank you for supporting our students this year at the Skills USA State Competition in Atlanta, March 12th thru the 14th. NFeb19Z3JCA

Women's Enrichment Center Family Resources Community Connections Meeting

WEC Family Resources (aka Woman's Enrichment Center) is launching Community Connections. Community Connections is a networking of resources in Union and surrounding counties.

In the course of our ministry we have often found ourselves searching for resources to serve our clients. As a result, we have come to realize there is a need for a centralized network of resources available for this area.

From this realization WEC Family Resources has decided to form such a network. We are calling this network Community Connections.

Community Connections will have its first meeting Friday,

February 28, 2020 at the First United Methodist Church of Union County on Hwy 515. The meeting will be held from 12 to 1 PM. The church has asked attendees to use the second drive as their preschool program will be releasing at the same time.

WEC Family Resources is inviting anyone who serves families, from the very young to the very old to attend. This includes government organizations, school social workers, and public/private organizations and services. Please bring materials from your organization with information about the services you provide.

While this is our kick off meeting, we plan to meet on a monthly basis. Over the course

of the next few meetings, everyone will be given an opportunity to share about their program.

The big picture goal is to develop a data base with resources in and around Union County. Lamar Paris has graciously agreed to support this endeavor from the County level providing citizens access to the database via the Union County website.

If you would be interested in attending our first Community Connections Meeting please call Cindy Gallucci or Kelly Randall at WEC Family Resources. We can be reached at 706-745-7518 during our regular business hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9 AM to 4 PM. NT(Feb19.Z13)CA

The 5th Annual Blairsville Snowman Contest

After two years of waiting for enough snow to declare another contest, The 5th Annual Blairsville Snowman Contest was another big success. Given the lack of snow for the last couple of years, the fluffy flakes were a welcome delight for all of Blairsville this year.

There is nothing quite like the magic of getting out in the snow with family and friends. From the inevitable snowball fight, to sloshy, wet snow angels, to building snow forts, the creativity inspired by a fresh blanket of snow is always so much fun.

The Blairsville Snowman Contest began as a way to encourage families to get outside and play, and this year, with over 6,700 views and nearly 2,000 engagements, it is evident that spirit of family is still alive and well here in Union County. Not only is it fun for the young and young at heart, the contest is also a joy for those who are no longer able to go out and play in the powdery stuff themselves. We hope the tradition will continue for years to come.

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1st Place - Ashley Van Beers in the Wall Restaurant for their generous prize donations.

Winners this year are: 1st Place - Ashley Van Beers; 2nd Place - Nicole Lovell; 3rd Place - Teena Atkins; 4th Place - Kimberly Kirkland Nix; 5th

Place - Carol Jean Clark; 6th Place - Luke Kough; 7th Place Tie - Jodi Garrett, Phil Redditt; 8th Place - Tracy Cary and Family; 9th Place 3 way tie - Phillis Sparks Ballew, Katie Brehun Davis, Sue Rogers.



2nd Place - Nicole Lovell



3rd Place - Teena Atkins