

Michelle Wilson retires after 35 years as chiropractic office manager

After working more than 35 years for Dr. Andrew Linial with Chiropractic Arts PC of Blairsville, Office Manager Michelle Wilson has decided to retire.

Wilson has enjoyed her three and a half decades on the job, in which she dedicated a large part of her life to helping Dr. Linial when he needed it the most.

“I started out as a receptionist basically, and over the years, I took on more responsibilities and ended up finally being office manager,” Wilson said. “I have been doing that for 20 and some odd years.”

Linial and Wilson started in Marietta when he founded his practice in 1985, though they later moved to Blairsville after enjoying the area and wanting to be here permanently.

“We had been coming up part-time to help a little bit at a time,” Wilson said. “I never really cared for Marietta that much, especially the more it got big like Atlanta. I hated it, actually.”

“When he asked if I wanted to move up here, I said yes immediately. I love Blairsville; it is a wonderful place, and I am happy that we moved. I don’t know if I could have stayed in Marietta all that long.”

Wilson thinks incredibly highly of Dr. Linial, saying that their terrific partnership over



Dr. Andrew Linial of Chiropractic Arts PC was sad to say goodbye to his office manager of 35 years, Michelle Wilson, who retired earlier this month. Photo/Submitted

the years helped her stay in the job for so long.

“He is really easy to work for,” Wilson said. “He is very kind and really wants to help people, and that meant a lot to me. Being able to work with the people was great because the people are just great.”

“Most people are great, and it is always lovely working with the public when they are good people. Sometimes, we had some not so good interaction, but during the whole 35

years, that didn’t happen a lot, and I’m glad to say that.”

For his part, Dr. Linial hopes for the best for Wilson as she explores her retired life and moves on in her next chapter, saying, “she will be missed.”

“She was my right arm and always watching my back, and she was one of my best friends,” Linial said. “That is our relationship over the whole 35 years. I could trust her completely, and she worked tire-

lessly and had an incredible work ethic.

“I couldn’t have done what I had in those 35 years without her. She is a great person, and she became a part of the community when we moved up here.

“She belongs to her church and participates in the choir. She has done a lot since she has moved here, and people that know her appreciate her.”

In retirement, Wilson hopes to spend more time with family and contribute even more to her church at St. Clare’s Episcopal.

“I’m going to be 70 in a couple of weeks, and I said that would be long enough,” Wilson said. “I would like to do some more things with my church. I also want to go and be with my son and his wife. She is a little ill right now, and I would like to go and help them when I can.

“It is things like that that I want to be doing. I will also do some container gardening as a little hobby, but that is basically it.”

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A new pavilion is under construction at the backside of Meeks Park, to connect to the gazebo. This image was taken in early March. The project is further along now. Photo by Shawn Jarrard

vacine. Caldwell had a light case of COVID last year; she recovered but is still relieved to be getting vaccinated.

“I have grandchildren that I’m around all the time, and I help my parents with their business at the Farmers Market, so I think it’s just the smart thing to do,” Caldwell said, urging others to get vaccinated “to protect our families, each other and the community.”

Also in the March 18 county meeting, the commissioner offered an update on multiple construction projects in Meeks Park, including the new restrooms located next to the large field adjacent to Butternut Creek in the bottom of the park.

“If you have been to Meeks Park or you ride out there, you will see a new building that is all white,” Paris said. “It is covered in a plastic coating that is put on before the

siding and roofing is put on, and that will be a restroom.

“We have gotten funding from Tennessee Valley Authority – I think \$25,000 – and we will be funding at least that much to be building this restroom. It is going to take a while because we have to get all the sewer, and we have to have a sewer pump for it.”

The goal is to have an amphitheater built there by the end of next year, overlooking the area where much of the Sorghum Festival is held.

Another park project currently underway is the construction of a new pavilion in place of an older one located at the far end of Meeks Park between the lower baseball fields and the playground equipment.

“It was one of the main ones that people used, and it was getting too crowded, and it was old, and it didn’t look

good,” Paris said. “It functioned OK for what was there, but we made the decision to redo it. We have doubled the size of it.

“If you remember, there is a gazebo out there at the end of the playground at the end of Meeks Park. We are tying the gazebo to the new pavilion, so if somebody is doing entertainment and having a band there or having a speaker or anything they do, they can be elevated about two and a half feet above the pavilion and beside it.”

Also in the meeting, Paris accepted an amended affidavit of appointment for Elizabeth “Libby” Stevens to the Union County Board of Elections from Feb. 1, 2021, to Dec. 31, 2024.

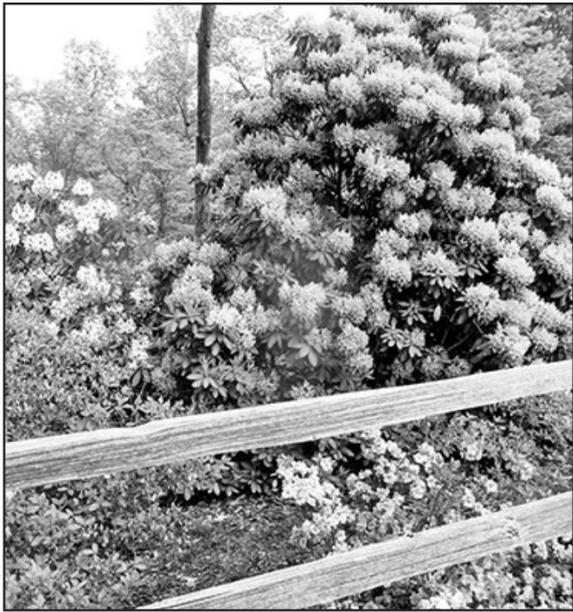
The next regular meeting has been rescheduled from Thursday, April 15, to Tuesday, April 20, at 6 p.m. in the Union County Courthouse.

A Blooming Affair coming soon to Hamilton Gardens

It will be here soon! Spring, when everything, but the rocks and wooden fence will be in bloom. April and into May are the months the dogwood and redbud trees lining the whole tiered parking lot are in bloom, plus in the Gardens you will find kwanzan cherry trees, rhododendrons of every shade and color, native azaleas from yellow to red, and wild flowers covering the ground.

The wonderland of all these unbelievable flowers and the two miles of easy-to-walk mulched trails should be number one on your list of things to do this spring. Bring your children and grandchildren and make a game of finding the big art items—the butterfly, the dragonfly, the cat tails, and a shout-out to those who can find Ellawassee, our large garden elephant, and Oscar, the octopus. So much to see and do and plenty of benches along the way for you to rest in between discoveries. There is a small fee to walk through the Gardens.

The Blooming Affair Plant Sale will begin on Saturday, April 17, 2021, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and you certainly won’t want to miss the gorgeous rhododendrons and native azaleas we will have for sale, priced at \$15 and \$40. All are hardy in this zone and you will love the



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rich colors.

Another thing to mark on your calendars is the Moonlight Concert schedule we will have in the newly designed “West Lawn” area close to the parking lot the last Thursday of each month, beginning the 29th of April at 7-9 p.m. Bring your chair, snacks and the beverage of your choice while relaxing to local music with a different

musician each month.

To reach the Gardens turn into the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds entry from Hwy. 76, take your

first right after the arch and go to the top level of the parking tiers. CDC guidelines recommend social distancing and masks. Call for more details 706 970-0011. NT(Mar24,F6)SH