

## Corrugated Replacements – Business of The Year



Corrugated Replacements Staff

Corrugated Replacements was chosen as Business of the Year for 2017 by the Blairsville Union County Chamber of Commerce. After being chosen as Business of the Quarter earlier in the year, CRI was an automatic candidate for Business of The Year. The criteria of the award are based on the chamber member being actively involved in chamber and community functions throughout the year and is of the highest moral and ethical character and demonstrates a genuine concern for community affairs through participation in civic groups, volunteer programs or non-profit organizations.

Jenny Chandler, President of the company stated, "I would first like to thank the Blairsville/Union Chamber of Commerce and all its members. It is an honor to be recognized as Business of the

Year. Union County is a great place to both live and work. At Corrugated Replacements, we truly have some of the best employees that I consider to be a part of my family. Our continued growth and success would not be possible without each one of them. Due to their hard work and dedication, we have been able to expand more both locally and globally. Thank you to the high school and WBL program for providing us with some great high school students as employees. We look forward to a continued partnership with both the school system and the community."

Corrugated Replacements, Inc. has 100 employees and moved to Union County in 1996 but has been in business since 1981. CRI offers several programs including a Work-Study mentioned above and an apprenticeship program is also another community-based



**Jenny Chandler** program where anyone who wants to learn about all the aspects of the company through a 28-month, with a certificate upon completion, can go into the department they excel in as a permanent employee. The company continues to grow and to hire people in the area and be active in the community as a chamber member and a business. N(Mar21,28)CA

## SAR honors Linda and Jim Gorman of Quilts of Valor

At the March 13th meeting of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Linda and Jim Gorman were special guests honored for their service to veterans through Quilts of Valor. Quilts of Valor honors veterans for their service by presenting them with a quilt. Quilts of Valor started with the love of a mother for her wounded son. She made a special quilt and gave it to her son as he recovered in the hospital. The quilt was meant to represent the love and comfort of home. It was a little piece of home while he was away from home. If you have never been a soldier away from home, you will never understand just how special a "touch of home" can be. Soon quilts were being given to other wounded veterans. Then it was extended to non-wounded veterans and it is now nationwide. The Quilts of Valor is a powerful "Thank you for your service and sacrifice" and a tangible expression that someone cares. This is especially meaningful to the Vietnam Veterans that felt despised and that nobody cared.

Most people, in our area, may know that Linda Gorman has been involved with the Quilts of Valor for many years. What they probably do not know is that Linda Gorman is the person that brought Quilts of Valor into our area. If not for Linda Gorman, Quilts of Valor would not be here. Jim Gorman is a veteran. Jim, worked for years behind the scenes to take pictures of Quilts of Valor recipients and to get their stories in the lo-



(L-R): Jim Gorman, Linda Gorman, and Sid Turner



Linda Gorman receives "hugs" from North Georgia Honor Guard cal papers to ensure that the veterans got the recognition that they deserved. When the Vietnam Moving Wall came to Blairsville in 2015, Jim presided over a ceremony in which twenty Quilts of Valor were presented. Both Linda and Jim were presented with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. When Quilts of Valor are presented they are shaped and wrapped around the veteran like a "hug". Then the presenter gives the veteran a hug. When Linda Gorman received her Good Citizenship Medal, all the veterans in the Eastern Division of the North Georgia Honor Guard and all of the other veterans present at the meeting lined up and gave Linda a hug. NT(Mar21,216)CA

## Habitat...continued from Page 1A

left in the surrounding areas, and a portion of them are nearly uninhabitable, so it's important for the organization to help build safe and secure environments

### Journey to Freedom

A non-residential rehab for anyone troubled with life controlling issues such as alcohol and drugs but not limited to just those. We can help people going through depression, anger problems, loss of a loved one, etc. We meet each Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Blairsville Vineyard Church, 27 Pinebrooke Road, Blairsville, GA. Contact Joan Moore 423-241-9473. N(Mar21,21)CA

for families to live in.

"There is a huge need for decent houses," said Thomas. "Children who are brought up in an owned home compared to a rental home are less likely to get involved with drugs and crime."

The organization also has another program known as Helping Hands, which aims to help people who own their homes but have issues related to mobility.

For their most recent project, Habitat volunteers helped a disabled veteran install a wheelchair ramp into his yard.

Problems the organization faces include the funding of the projects, and their average

volunteers are retirement age and have a little more trouble with the construction process, so Habitat relies on contractors for most projects.

Some cost of the projects can be covered by grant money, but that money cannot always cover the total for the required work.

The organization asks for the assistance of the community to help the deserving families build a better life.

For community members that would like to get involved by way of volunteer work or donations, go to the Habitat for Humanity Restore located at 7693 Highway 76 in Young Harris, or visit their website at [TownsUnionHabitat.org](http://TownsUnionHabitat.org).

## Art contest to benefit Hamilton Gardens

Hamilton Gardens invites you to submit your two dimensional art in their "As Our Gardens Grow" art contest. This contest will benefit Hamilton Gardens at Lake Chatuge, Inc. and is the forerunner to A Blooming Affair at Hamilton Gardens. On April 14 and for several weekends following, there will be plant sales and various activities to celebrate the beauty of the Gardens and share with the community what is happening as our gardens grow. Artists are encouraged to

include one or several botanical elements in a creative yet realistic piece. The image size must be no smaller than 11" x 14" in oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media or drawing. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners with amounts to be announced later. The deadline to enter your art will be April 20th.

Our friends at Artworks in Hiwassee will be displaying all of the entries beginning April 23rd. ArtWorks Gallery is owned and operated by the Mountain Regional Arts and

Crafts Guild, Inc. a 501c-3 organization, where members may sell their work and share their expertise with students on a regular basis by teaching classes. Artists participating in Hamilton Gardens' Art Contest, with the exception of the winner, may have their art entries available for sale while the exhibition is open at Artworks. A complete set of rules and guidelines and an entry form are available at [hamiltongardens.org](http://hamiltongardens.org). You may also call (706)970-0011 for more information. NT(Mar21,1)SH

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