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Photo by Shawn Jarrard  
Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley reading a proclamation honoring the dispatchers of Union County during an appreciation dinner on Thursday, April 12.

Director David Dyer, with day to day activities managed by Lt. Millie Baxter.

"I'd like to say I really appreciate what everybody does for me," said Lt. Baxter. "As a lieutenant, they've done really good, and I really do appreciate it. We work hard together, and we're a heck of a team."

Dispatchers are Carrie King, Holley Kemp, Becky

Walker, Ashley Churchill, Amber Baltzell, Lynn Powell, Amanda Craig, Heidi Morris, Denny Dills, David Walker and Scott Neidecker, with John Pickelsimer in 911 Mapping.

"I've been here as the director for a year and two months," said Dyer, who also serves as the county fire chief and EMA director. "We're helping folks, and I'm very proud of what everybody

does. "It's a difficult job. I've learned a lot about how crazy this job can be. So, I'm very proud of everybody doing what they do and keeping up the good work. Let's just keep going."

Union County Sheriff Mack Mason was also in attendance that evening, and he shared his own personal gratitude for the people who make sure his deputies are taken care of on emergency calls.

"I appreciate the hard work y'all do, the odd hours you keep, and the lifeline that you are to us, the city police and firefighters out on the road," said Sheriff Mason. "The more information you give us, the more apt we are to go home safely and do our jobs efficiently."

The sheriff delivered an invocation ahead of a delicious barbecue dinner, and the Blairsville Police Department supplied a "Thank You" cake for dessert.

Also in attendance that evening was County Purchasing Agent Pam Hawkins with



Photo by Shawn Jarrard  
Many first responders joined the dispatchers at E-911 headquarters to thank them and break bread on April 12.

Union County Government, who told dispatchers that they "are never forgotten."

Every year during the second week of April, public safety telecommunications personnel are honored

nationwide, according to NPSTW.org.

"This weeklong event, initially set up in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California, is a time to

celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public," per the website. "It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication."

## Union County High School presents INCubator Edu Final Pitch Night

On April 26, 2018 at 6 PM, INCubator EDU Final Pitch Night will be held in the Multipurpose Room located in the new addition at Union County High School!

INCubator EDU is an entrepreneurship program at UCHS where student teams develop business plans and pitch their ideas to investors at the end of the school year

in hopes of receiving start-up funding much like the television show "Shark Tank".

Please plan to join us for this exciting experience for the teams. Admission is free and doors open at 5:45 PM.

The INCubator EDU student teams have been working diligently throughout the school year to validate their business ideas through extensive market research, product development, and financial modeling. The innovative ideas will make the Final Pitch Night one that you will not want to miss!

### S.A.F.E. Board meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of S.A.F.E. (Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.) will be April 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Call 706-379-1901 for location.

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