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an interim capacity. Chamber Board Chairman Chris Wadle is optimistic about Rowe's leadership at the chamber moving forward. "Steve and his wife Michelle moved to Blairsville in 1995 from the Atlanta area to start a small business and raise their children, James and Megan," according to Wadle. "Working with local businesses is nothing new to Steve and his family. "As a former owner/operator of a local accounting

firm with hundreds of clients, he is very familiar with what is required to operate a business in Union County. He has been active in the chamber since 1997, serving in various capacities. "In addition, Steve is a past president of the Union County Rotary Club, a Trustee and Deacon at First Baptist Church, and (he) has served on numerous boards and committees since moving to Blairsville. "Steve stated he is

looking forward to working with local businesses to help them grow and prosper. We are excited at the ideas and vision he has for our members and wonderful community." The chamber is staffed by Tobie Chandler as tourism director, Dawn Saraney as member services director, Sheila Freeman as information specialist and Chris Coleman in marketing and communications. For more information on the chamber, check out VisitBlairsvilleGA.com.

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Of course, members will also be able to vote in person at the annual meeting, which will be held at the Union County Schools Fine Arts Center on Saturday, Sept. 8, beginning at 8 a.m. Next week, the EMC Board will hold a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the proposed bylaw changes that will appear on the ballot. All EMC members are invited to attend the Town Hall Meeting, which will take place

at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, in the main lobby of the EMC headquarters at 875 Main Street in Young Harris. Members will be asked to approve two changes to the EMC bylaws in this year's election. One of the changes will include the definition of "member in good standing" as it relates to the qualifications for a member to run for the board of directors, and secondly, the membership will be deciding

whether or not voting for director candidates should be limited to each candidate's home county, or district. This second amendment was proposed on the floor of the 2017 annual meeting, and it would prohibit a member in Union County from voting on a candidate running in Towns County, for example. Historically, the membership has always been able to vote for candidates in all the counties.

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possession of marijuana with intent to distribute; possession of drug-related objects. **Dennis Lamar Lynn**, forgery in the third degree; theft by deception. **Michael David Osborne**, forgery in the third degree; theft by deception. **Rodney Lou Davis Jr.**, six counts burglary in the second degree; eight counts criminal trespass; criminal damage to property in the second degree. **Christopher Michael Rhodes**, six counts burglary in the second degree; eight counts criminal trespass; criminal damage to property in the second degree. **Bevalene W. Torbush-Griffith**, aka Bevalene Waldrip Torbush, Beverlene W. Torbush, Beverlene Waldrip

Torbush-Griffith, Beverlene W. Torbush-Griffith, seven counts theft by taking; three counts exploitation and intimidation of an elder person; three counts exploitation and intimidation of a disabled adult. **Stacy Hollis Waldrip**, two counts theft by taking; two counts theft by receiving stolen property; two counts exploitation and intimidation of an elder person; two counts exploitation and intimidation of a disabled adult. **William Reed Bennett**, two counts sale of marijuana; distribution of marijuana; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute; possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; possession of drug-related objects. **Michael Aaron Jinkerson**, six counts sale of marijuana. **Robert Curtis Payne**, sale of methamphetamine; two counts possession of methamphetamine; possession of a Controlled Substance; two counts fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; reckless driving; no proof of insurance; driving while license suspended; possession of hydrocodone; two counts possession of a Schedule IV Controlled Substance; two counts possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; possession of marijuana, less than one ounce; possession of drug-related objects. **Robert Nicolas Biangel**, two counts criminal attempt to commit a felony. **Amanda Marie Christie**, four counts sale of methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; possession of drug-related objects. **Demetrius Shamus Kline**, four counts sale of methamphetamine. **Cheryl Ann Hubert**, three counts sale of methamphetamine; three counts illegal use of a communication facility; sale of a Schedule IV Controlled Substance. **Travis Matthew Reece**, two counts sale of methamphetamine. **Kristi Gay Barber**, sale of methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine. **Ira Len Fortenberry**, two counts sale of methamphetamine; recidivist. **Alichia Madison Brooks**, aka Breanna Jade Clifton, making a false statement; forgery in the second degree; obstruction of an officer; theft by shoplifting; giving false information to a law enforcement officer. **Richard Stephen Radziwill**, six counts sale of methamphetamine; six counts illegal use of a communication facility. **Tricia Leigh Ingalsbe**, possession of a Controlled Substance; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; possession of drug-related objects; failure to maintain lane. **Tonya Faye Ensley**, possession of methamphetamine; two counts possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; possession of drug-related objects; two counts possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; recidivist. **Jessica Dawn Ramey**, possession of methamphetamine; possession of hydrocodone; two counts possession of a Schedule IV Controlled Substance; two counts possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; possession of marijuana, less than one ounce; possession of drug-related objects. **James Paul Weaver**, possession of methamphetamine; two counts possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; possession of drug-related objects; possession of methamphetamine; two counts possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. **Joshua David Garrison**, two counts aggravated assault, Family Violence; aggravated assault; two counts simple battery, Family Violence; simple battery.

Zyndall Roy Sims Jr., two counts battery, Family Violence. **Kristina Lynn McNabb**, possession of methamphetamine; possession of drug-related objects. **Pamela Duffy Perry**, possession of methamphetamine; possession of drug-related objects. **Heather Chantell Dyer**, trafficking methamphetamine or amphetamine; criminal attempt to commit a felony; two counts possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; two counts crossing the guard lines with drugs; possession of drug-related objects; illegal use of a communication facility. **Billy Steven Smith**, criminal attempt to commit a felony. **Sean Anthony Hensley**, criminal attempt to commit

a felony; illegal use of a communication facility. **Farron Lamar Hensley**, trafficking methamphetamine or amphetamine. **Joscelyn Rae Brock**, criminal attempt to commit a felony. **Joshua Bryan Ellis**, criminal attempt to commit a felony. **Raven Sierra Anderson**, three counts cruelty to children in the first degree; three counts aggravated battery. **Jeannie Frances Silbert**, aggravated assault; obstruction of an officer; simple assault, family violence. **Joni Beaver Carney**, making a false statement. **Melissa Tumlin Hardigree**, burglary in the first degree; possession of methamphetamine; possession of marijuana, less than an ounce.

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Blairsville City Councilmembers Betty Easter and Tony Dyer in the July 24 joint DDA meeting. Photo by Mark Smith

sidewalks and crosswalks, public restrooms, and public access to an ATM in the downtown area. Some of the area on the west side of Pat Haralson Drive, between the Georgia 515 overpass and the town square, has been sold and is pending development. This is commonly referred to as the Haralson Property Development. Concerns before the city and the DDA are how best to integrate the new development into the city, and how best to utilize the vacant, undeveloped area of the Haralson Property. DDA Program Manager Darren Harper said that part of the tentative plan is to build public restrooms behind the Hole in the Wall Restaurant, to be centrally located for convenience by people visiting the square, the downtown area generally and the Haralson Property area. It was agreed in the meeting that there is a need for an ATM somewhere in the downtown area, though Harper said that none of the local banks were willing to install a remote ATM downtown. Another possibility is to utilize a company that installs and maintains ATMs in gas stations and airports, provided the city builds the framework to house the machine. Fees collected for using the ATM would be split between the city and the ATM operator, and the idea is currently being researched by the DDA. Everyone also agreed that the proposed formalized parking lot on the Haralson Property must be constructed in concert with the new building going in next to the Haralson/

Carr Historic Law Office in order to determine the grade. "What we need to decide as a group is what and where things are going to happen and what comes with that," said Harper. "Are we doing sidewalks, are we doing lighting? Which means we have to run electrical. Bathrooms will need to be connected to the sewer properly. "We've got drainage issues behind city hall. If we're going to make that a green space, then we have to do something to level out places. We've got trees that have to come down." City Councilman Buddy Moore said he would like to have some green space and buffers, and not just a parking lot slab. DDA Board Member Robert Rogers cautioned against making quick decisions on developing all of the Haralson Property at one time, suggesting that the city locate other less expensive properties downtown for parking before considering what might be a better use for the more valuable Haralson Property area that has yet to be secured.

UCHS Class of 1998 Reunion

The Union County High School Class of '98 20th Reunion will be September 1, 2018 at The View Grill/Blairsville Community Center, 6-9 p.m. We will be having a catered BBQ dinner. Cost is \$32 per person. Payment can be made upon arrival or contact Brienne Merry at 706-781-4962 for address to send payment.