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Cowell sued Roberts for negligence and was seeking damages for his injuries, claiming Roberts did not perform her proper ministerial duties in making sure that all students were brought inside when the order was given by the trainer.

Cowell alleged that Roberts "had it out for him," because Roberts wanted Glenn Miller to get a scholarship by making it so Cowell could not perform that Friday night.

In doing so, the recruiter would only see Miller and give him the scholarship.

Playing the role of Roberts was Sidney Rowan, Cowell was portrayed by Jacob Cook, and the role of Schmitt was played by Sage Royston.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff were Rachel Todd, lead at-



The 2013 Union County High School Mock Trial Competition Team.

torney, Lorene Irvin, and Marissa Evans.

Lead Attorney for the defendant was Corey Harris.

Other attorneys were Alice Francis, Devin Bachman, and Katie Sanchez.

Witnesses for the plaintiff were portrayed by Jared Roach, Gina Nalasci, Raven Heyer, and Morgan Owenby.

Witnesses for the defense were Abby Gayle Watts, Ryan Rogers, Abhy Kheepal, and Zach King.

Owenby was also the time keeper for the Plaintiff.

Emily Cummings was time keeper for the defense.

John Spaulding and Kenna Bauman were the courtroom artists, who will also compete at the Region competition for a chance at State.

During the Region Competition, Union County's defense team will compete

against another school's prosecution, and vice versa.

"We have a young team this year with eight of the 12 roles being new," Coach Amy Payne said. "The scrimmage was an attempt to put them in a pressure situation in front of our evaluators."

The four evaluators were Mark Dehler, Cathy Cox-Brakefield, Janna Davenport-Akins, and Michelle Vaughn, who played the role of judge.

The Honorable Judge Murphy Miller, Beth Martin, and Daniel Davenport are the squad's Attorney Coaches, while Payne and Brett Chatham are the Teacher Coaches.

The squad would also like to thank Union County Schools Superintendent Gary Steppe, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams, the Union County Board of Education, the UCHS Admin-

istration, parents, Brasstown Pharmacy and Amy Galloway, Robbie Colwell, Attorney at Law, Jeannie Davis, Attorney at Law, Enotah Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Russell and Lillian Jackson, J. Britt McAfee Law Firm, Stephanie McConnell, Attorney at Law, Donald and Janice Shattles, Lawrence S. Sorgen, Attorney at Law, Wesley Williams, Attorney at Law, United Community Bank, and Michelle Vaughn, Attorney at Law.

The Region Competition will take place this Saturday in Dalton at the Whitfield County Courthouse.

The Mock Trial mission statement is that trial competition helps students gain an understanding of the legal system by providing opportunities for school teams to take part in academic competitions.

May the best team win.

Making Things Happen For Rural America Is What We Do

The Chest/Chatt RC&D's mission is to "Assist local people in planning and carrying out activities that conserve natural resources, support economic development, enhance the environment, and improve the standard of living for all citizens." One service that Chest/Chatt RC&D offers the citizens that it serves is to provide information and links to Local, State, and Federal Government programs, services, and agencies where help is available for farmers, ranchers and forestland managers. Below is a News Release from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that may be of interest to some of our readers.

"ATHENS, GA, (Jan. 15, 2013)--James E. Tillman, Sr., State Conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Georgia today announced a sign-up for specific initiatives under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) - applications are due by Feb. 15.

EQIP is a voluntary program that funds conservation practices based on state identified natural resource concerns.

The specific initiatives being funded under this sign-up are; on-farm energy, seasonal high tunnels, organic operations and longleaf pine. Some of the benefits of these special initiatives through EQIP offered by the NRCS include: On-Farm Energy Initiative: helps producers conserve energy on their operations.

Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative: helps producers install high tunnels designed to extend the growing season into the cold months, increase productivity, keep plants at a steady temperature and conserve water and energy.

Organic Initiative: helps producers to install conservation practices on certified organic operations or those working toward organic certification.

Longleaf Pine Initiative: helps producers in the implementation of conservation practices including planting longleaf pine, installing firebreaks, conducting prescribed burning and controlling invasive plants.

"The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) offers farmers, ranchers and forestland managers a variety of options to conserve natural resources while boosting production on their lands," State Conservationist Tillman said. "This financial assistance for conservation investment

helps improve environmental health and the economy of Georgia rural communities."

Interested producers should visit their local NRCS office for information on this sign-up period. Applications are taken on a continuous basis but only those applications received by the cutoff will be considered for this sign-up. To participate in EQIP, an applicant must be an individual, entity or joint operation that meets EQIP eligibility criteria.

For more details about EQIP or other technical or financial assistance programs offered by NRCS, please contact your local service center: "http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrsc

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For more information on Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council, visit our website "http://www.chestchat-tred.org" www.chestchat-tred.org or Phone our office at (706) 894-1591 or email "mailto:susan.ccrd@gmail.com" susan.ccrd@gmail.com.

You can also check us out on our Face Book page at "https://www.facebook.com/ccrd" https://www.facebook.com/ccrd

Frank Riley is Executive Director of the Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council.



Executive Director of RC&D
Frank Riley

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:		
Garden Tours	GMREC	9 am - 1 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 pm
Every Tuesday:		
Mtn. Woodcarvers	Senior Center	6 pm
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
First Monday of each month:		
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
Union County DFCS	Conference room	8 pm
	(Feb, May, Aug, Oct ONLY)	
Allegheny Lodge	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Alzheimer's Caregivers	Cadence Bank	6 pm
Support Group	(Except holiday months)	
First Tuesday of each month:		
UC Amer. Red Cross	Red Cross Office	Noon
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 pm
Brownie Scouts	United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm
Enotah Ch. #24 RAM	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 pm
Business Women	Cook's Restaurant	8 am
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 pm
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 pm
First Wednesday of each month:		
Tri-City Wom. Lunch	Antonietta's Rest.	Noon
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
First Thursday of each month:		
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
First Friday of each month:		
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm
"Nailed" Book Club	G-N-G Bakery	10:30am
Firefighters Bkfst.	Hole in the Wall Rest.	9 am

Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com

Wednesday, January 30	
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane
6 pm	Women's Issues - NGTC
Thursday, January 31	
8 am	Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting - Cooks Country Kitchen
12 pm	Rotary Club of Union County - Cadence Bank, 2nd Floor
Friday, February 1	
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane
Saturday, February 2	
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane
Monday, February 4	
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Monthly Meeting - Steve's Cookie Jar Restaurant
6 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group - Cadence Bank, 2nd Floor
Tuesday, February 5	
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting - Cooks Restaurant
Wednesday, February 6	
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane
6 pm	Women's Health Issues - NGTC
6 pm	Village Boutique 2 & Premier Designs Jewelry Fashion Showcase 307J Cleveland Street