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Larry Madison, who lives on Pat Colwell Road, said he went outside around daybreak after hearing power saws.

"Well, I came down about daybreak when I heard the power saws, and the county had about six or seven guys out and three or four trucks, and they were stopping traffic," Madison said.

"The power saws were running, and they were cutting a large oak out. One of the workers told me that he was there when the big tree fell, and he said, it's as if he was standing on glass — it scooted him all the way across the road, that's what he said, when the big tree fell.

"And he said, he was very lucky, because it just fell right beside him. They were there working on another pine that had fallen over at the same time," Madison said.

Madison had high praise for the Union County Road Department.

"I will hand it to the county crew. They came and handled it very, very quickly. The cars were having to stop before they got here.

"We could see them from my bedroom from up there, we could see them turn-



ing around and going back before the county got out here.

"But they came pretty quickly, because I was hear-

ing the wind, and then a very short time later, we saw the cars turning around and the county was out here with their

trucks," Madison said.

County workers were out early Monday surveying the damage.

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Parker grew up in Union County in the 1930s and 1940s, when there was no sort of civic organization, especially nothing like the Kiwanis Club.

"Our game was marbles. We played marbles," he chuckled.

On Thursday, the only sunny day of the week, with the exception of Saturday, the fair opened up to disabled kids.

"We had about a 150 here on Thursday," said Parker. "They opened the rides to the kids. We cooked lunch for them. That's one of the highlights we enjoy, is doing things for kids."

The Fair helps to pay for other Kiwanis programs that reach out to underprivileged kids in the area.

"The best program that we have is called Kid Care," Parker said. "We have an agreement with the counselors at school, and when they see a child that's in need of clothing or school supplies or stuff like that, they will get in touch with us. Then we'll go out and purchase that and take it back to the counselors."

Two offshoots of the Kiwanis club are the Key Club at Union County High School and the Circle K at Young Harris College.

# Home Show

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Inside this edition is a special pullout section featuring all you need to know about the event. Richard C. MacCrea is your guide to the 2015 Mountain Home Show inside this edition of the newspaper.

Some of the special seminars include How to Remodel and Get More for Less; How to Save the Most Energy for the Least Cost; and Top 10 Mistakes you don't want to make with your log home experience.

Come see ideas for your home. The event offers some of the best companies displaying great ideas for home improvements this year.

Local building permits are on the rise and there couldn't be a better time for a Mountain Home Show.

The economy continues in the recovery phase, and the show will be better than ever with many new exhibitors. When you see these beautiful exhibits, you will know the exhibitors are proud of what they do.

Learn how to remodel and get more for less; learn how to save the most energy for the least cost; generate ideas for your mountain home; and attend exhibits sponsored by local businesses.

One community run trade show helps local businesses share the cost of advertising. Your attendance is a way of helping support the local construction industry which employs your neighbors.

Experience the Mountain Home Show, you'll be glad you did.

The Mountain Home Show tabloid is designed and printed by *North Georgia News* and West Printing Co. The event is held at North Georgia Technical College, a half mile west of Blairsville, on Georgia Highway 515.

The event takes place Friday, April 24, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Over at the high school, they collect food for the food banks, that's one of their big projects. And I think they do the same thing at Young Harris College," said Parker.

For an organization with only 20 members, the Kiwanis Club knows how to make a lot happen in a short amount of time.

Sonny Mahan, the current president of the Kiwanis Club, explained, "Everybody has a part, and we have different committees. As president, I'm just directing everybody around. If it wasn't for the members, you wouldn't be able to have a club. Everybody's got a part in it."

Mahan was a hard man to get to stand still. All weekend he was working the Fair, navigating the mud and helping to make sure things ran

smoothly.

A lot of work went into preparing. From setting up the tents to mowing the grass, the Kiwanis Club had its hands full. Yet they managed to do it in a relatively short amount of time.

"We get everything put out here in less than a week's time," Mahan said. "Because we've got a plan. And we have it where we can get it all out here at one time."

He said this just after he and a few other men helped to push a stuck vehicle out of the mud.

"The biggest thing we can't control is the weather," he added afterward. "Unfortunately, this year we've had way more rain. We've still got the mud, and we've got people out here today wading through it."

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Sheriff Mason said.

A subsequent search of the vehicle yielded a quantity of marijuana and heroin was discovered by detectives, Sheriff Mason said.

Mohammed was charged with possession of heroin with intent to distribute, and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, Sheriff Mason said.

Due to the circumstances, and the amount of drugs

found in the vehicle - more than what is considered for recreational use by an individual - the distribution charges applied, Sheriff Mason said.

Detectives also retrieved scales, baggies and other drug-related objects from the vehicle, Sheriff Mason said.

Mohammed and Dupuis were being held in the Union County Jail at press time.