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how it has been done in the past," Steppe said.

Results will be broken down to determine what levels students are scoring – high, medium and lower levels.

Students scoring at a high level will be compared with students in other school systems that score at a high level and so forth.

"You'll have different layers of comparison," Steppe said. "Teacher evaluations will be focused on student growth. It will compare where the students were at the begin-

ning of the year, and how they finished the year."

The method of determining schools' progress has changed as well.

"Adequate Yearly Progress was broken down in 'Did not meet Standards, Meets Standards and Exceeds Standards,'" Steppe said. "The new assessment test will have four levels. They haven't been named as of yet, but, it will add a new layer, more than likely to include 'Improving.'" Steppe says the Geor-

gia Milestones testing will be more open-ended, with more questions that challenge students to answer them in their own words.

Up until now, students have been choosing answers from multiple-choice questions.

The new testing method also will combine Reading, Language Arts and Writing into one test, where as before, each were separate tests.

Because of the sweeping changes, State School Superintendent Dr. John Barge

urges school systems not to expect too much too soon.

"If the playing field is level, even if scores are low, and the kids are learning more, we're making progress," Steppe said. "Testing does drive curriculum. The new tests are designed to see how much each student has learned. It will be the new measuring stick."

Georgia's classrooms will begin the new assessment-testing program in the fall.

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39.20 percent.

In the GOP side of the U.S. Senate race, hopefuls David Perdue, and U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston are in a runoff. Perdue took the most votes in May, but not the magic 50-plus 1 percent to claim vic-

tory.

The winner faces Democrat Michelle Nunn in November.

In the State School Superintendent's race, on the GOP ticket, Mike Buck squares off against Richard

Wood; on the Democratic ticket, Valarie Wilson faces Alisha Thomas Morgan.

The winner of each respective runoff election will face each other in the November General Election.

If you voted in the Re-

publican or Democratic primaries, you must stick with ballots from those respective elections.

If you are a qualified registered voter and didn't vote in the May 20 Primary you may pick your ballot.

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As for the competitors who risk life and limb for the fans and the love of their sport, there were no complaints.

"They were happy with the quality of the stock and how everything went," Miller said. "Everything ran smooth for the course of a two-and-a-half hour show."

As for next year, the groundwork has been laid for the 2015 Blairsville Pro Rodeo with June 19th and 20th as the set dates for the event.

The Saddle Club would like to send out a thank you to Union General Hospital for sending an emergency medical team to the arena on both



nights.

They also wish to thank Sheriff Mack Mason and the Union County Sheriff's Office

for all of their help.

Finally, a huge thank you goes to the sponsors: Zaxby's, Jimmy's Metal

Roofing, Alexander's Store, McClure Trucking, Nelson Tractor Company, Total Recovery Paint and Body, The Home Depot, Jim's Smokin' Que, Michelle Vaughn, General Supply, Mike's Seafood, Rick's Rental, United Community Bank, Ingles, Head-Westgate Corp., Circle K, Anderson's Cowboy Store, Charles, Denise, and Brit-tany Long, Michael Sossei, and Complete Cash-Discount Title Pawn.

Y'all come back and see us again next year for the Blairsville Pro Rodeo on June 19th and June 20th.

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medication. Brown's arrest also led to the seizure of his personal vehicle, Sheriff Mason said.

Also, on May 28, the Narcotics Division executed a search warrant resulting in the arrest of Nina C. Conlon, 27, on charges of distribution

of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance, jail records show.

Two other persons were arrested during the execution of this search warrant for possession of a controlled substance and felony obstruction of an officer, Sheriff Mason

said.

On May 22, the Narcotics Division executed a search warrant, which resulted in four arrests, Sheriff Mason said.

William B. Nash, 24, and Jessica M. Dailey, 24, were both charged with distri-

bution of methamphetamine, LSD, marijuana and MDMA, Union County jail records show.

Two other persons were arrested for possession of a controlled substance, Sheriff Mason said.

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ministration/North Terminal two-story building. The estimated cost of his services will be 4 percent, approximately \$32,500 with a retainer fee of \$2,500. This drawing and

layout plan must be submitted in order to obtain federal or state grant monies. Council approved the move unanimously.

**Councilman Tony Dyer** motioned for the city to purchase a 2014 Super Cab F150. Mayor Pro Tem Buddy Moore seconded the move with a unanimous yea vote by the Council to purchase the truck from King Ford in Murphy, NC for the low bid of \$21,168.00 to be used at the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

**Councilman Dyer** motioned to adopt a Resolution and approve all documents for the sale of the Ben Carr Building and property and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all Resolutions, Promissory Notes and Intergovernmental Agreements. Councilwoman Martha Cone seconded the move with a unanimous yes vote by Council.

**Mayor Pro Tem Moore**

## University of North Georgia graduates

The following local students graduated from the University of North Georgia during its spring commencement ceremonies, held May 9-10 on UNG's Dahlonega and Gainesville campuses.

Charlie Lewis Bailey graduated with Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting; Danielle Lianna Balsamo graduated with Bachelor of Science in Psychology; Norma Jean Bond graduated with Associate of Science in Nursing; Codey Julius Collins graduate d magna cum laude with Bachelor of Science in Sociology; Kristy Lynn De La Keur graduated with Associate of Arts in Political Science and with Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology Management; Laura Elizabeth Driskell graduated magna cum laude with Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting; James Barry Emerine graduated with Bachelor of Arts in History; Joseph Kyle Hatley graduated with Doctor of Physical Therapy in Physical Therapy; Howard Shane Kelley graduated with Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Shawna Renee Lester graduated with distinction with Associate of Science in Nursing; Trudy Lorraine Lockaby graduated with Associate of Science in Nursing; Geoffrey Howard Nelson graduated with Bachelor of Science in Biology; Michael Adam Richardson graduated with Master of Business Administration; Heidi Lisette Smallwood graduated with Bachelor of Science in Biology; Adina L. Whitmire graduated with Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice all of Blairsville, GA and Bradley Thomas Beise graduated with Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training; and Heather Lynne Welch graduated with Master of Arts in World History, both of Young Harris, GA.

motioned to approve the execution of a contract with the state of Georgia Correction Work Detail for \$39,500 annually. Councilwoman Rhonda Mahan seconded the move with a unanimous yes vote by Council to approve the execution of the contract.

**Mayor Pro Tem Moore** motioned to reduce the meter size from 2 inches to 1 inch for the Old "A" school building per the BOE letter of request. Councilwoman Cone seconded the move with a unanimous yes vote by Council to reduce the meter size.