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graduated from high school in four surrounding counties – Union, Towns, and Cherokee (NC), and Graham (NC).

More than 60 folks turned out for a wonderful event to celebrate some fine young people. There also was good fellowship, delicious food, and the doing of good deeds – a delightful combination for a perfect, but, stormy evening.

“We have an annual car show in October at United Community Bank in Blairsville,” said Marcus Tuschel, the club’s past president. “Through this fundraiser we raise money for the scholarships, and to help local orga-

nizations. This year, we are giving out six scholarships. The Auto Club also donates money regularly to other local organizations, such as food pantries, animal shelters, Meals on Wheels, SAFE, and Civil Air Patrol.”

Recipients of the club’s scholarship awards this year were Darian Colbroth, from Union County High School, who plans to attend Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Keaton Killian graduated from Hiawassee Dam High School and plans to attend Western Carolina University.

Mitchell Lance graduated from Murphy High School

and plans to attend North Carolina State.

The following scholarship recipients were not present: Lindy Hollingshead, a Towns County High School graduate, who plans to attend Valdosta State (her parents were present and accepted her scholarship); Candace Dockery from Robbinsville, NC; and Hanna Harris who graduated from Murphy High School.

Scholarship applications are sent out to the high schools in surrounding counties every year. Then, Auto Club Scholarship Committee members go through the applications submitted, and try

to choose students who really want to go to college and may also have a financial need.

The event also featured a delicious potluck dinner of fried chicken and side dishes provided by the Auto Club members; Joe McGinnis, Auto Club Vice-President, welcomed everyone present.

When asked about the scholarship he received, Colbroth said, “I really appreciate everything the Auto Club has done for everybody, and I appreciate all the money they are handing out. I plan to use the scholarship money for books and whatever is necessary to help me get through college.”

The Good Neighbors Auto Club meets the third Thursday, in the evening, at Meeks Park in Pavilion No. 1.

This year’s Auto Show will be held the third Saturday in October at United Community Bank in Blairsville.

This past year, in 2013, the event had more than 250 cars and trucks.

Be sure to come out and see some beautiful antique cars and trucks and meet some fine people. You’ll also be contributing to some worthy causes, and help some fine young people further their education.

Good Neighbors Auto Club is doing many good deeds. They are indeed good neighbors.

Toddler drowns in Towns County

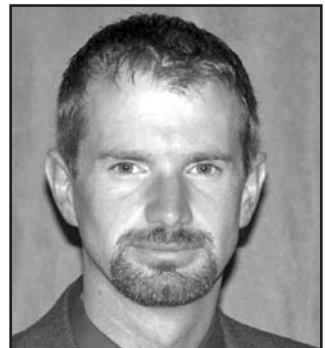
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A 2-year-old boy drowned in a pond on Sunday off Georgia 75 off Cynth Creek Road, Towns County Sheriff Chris Clinton said Sunday.

Sheriff Clinton said Towns County deputies responded to Chatuge Regional Hospital to a report of a 2-year-old child found in a pond unresponsive.

The pond was located near a residence on Cynth Creek Road in Hiawassee, Sheriff Clinton said.

According to Towns County sheriff’s reports, the child was reported to have been outside playing with two



Sheriff Chris Clinton
older brothers. The mother discovered her 2-year-old son missing and began searching for him.

The mother found the child in a nearby pond. The mother began CPR and Towns County EMS was requested to respond to the scene.

The child was transported to Chatuge Regional Hospital in Hiawassee by Towns County EMS.

The child was pronounced dead a short time after arriving at the hospital.

The names of the child and family members are being withheld pending notification of relatives.

It appears to be an accidental drowning. The incident remains under investigation by the Towns County Sheriff’s Office.

“It goes without saying that this is a terrible tragedy,” Sheriff Clinton said. “Our hearts break for this child and family. Please keep them lifted up in your thoughts and prayers.”

Pet-A-Pet a great Mountain success

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The Humane Society Mountain Shelter serving Towns and Union counties unleashed their 2014 Pet-A-Pet on Saturday where more than 150 animal lovers gathered to show support for local pet adoptions and animal awareness.

Many fortunate animals were adopted in lieu of the Mountain Shelter’s efforts, which included face paintings, free hot dogs, animal training for kids as well as adults, and a guided tour of the facility, which has seen a major design and animal-care overhaul over the last few years both inside and outside its doors.

The shelter, which is a private, non-profit, charitable organization, is very family and kid friendly, as they work with elementary through high



school students throughout the year to help teach kids the value of properly caring for animals through a safe, hands-on approach.

“The staff takes pride in their work,” said Lisa McConnell, Director at the Humane Society Mountain Shelter.

“They love it. Our dog trainer is here teaching kids how to properly teach an animal to sit and walk the dogs. The Blairsville Animal Hospital is here. There’s been so much support these last few years. People see the difference in an animal when it’s cooped up. They get sick. They get mean and aggressive. We’ve built spacious areas where our dogs can go out and play ball and our cats have lots of room and they get petted and stay socialized with our volunteers, which we’re very thankful for.”

As a part of their program to educate kids about proper animal care and maintenance, two kids who meet special grade requirements are selected each month during the school year to visit the shelter.

There is a special chauffeur, by way of a CHAMPS squad car, transports the kids to the facility. The children are provided a unique tour, t-shirt, animal socialization and are added to the Mountain Shelter’s newsletter.

As part of their continuing animal guidance, the Mountain Shelter held an essay contest entitled *If My Pet Could Read*, which awarded teen Lindsay Evans of Blairsville to be the recipient of their \$50 check at the Pet-A-Pet’s proceedings.

“Kids around here get very involved. We’ve had kids from the local schools build agility courses for the animals. They think it’s really cool. Pet and animal education with these kids, we believe, is the key to preventing animal abuse and overpopulation,” said McConnell.

“All the rescue groups around are helping contribute toward the reduction of intakes,” she said. “We’re an adoption agency, not a pound. If anyone wants to bring in an animal, we have to call to see if we have room because we don’t euthanize. It’s taken about seven or eight years, but it’s been a different world up here. I can’t even tell you how many donations we’ve received this weekend, but it’s filled to the top. We love the awareness.”

More details on the Humane Society Mountain Shelter Humane Society can be found at www.humansocietymountainshelter.org and the facility is open 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Saturday.

The Mountain Shelter is closed on Sunday.

