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phia when 9/11 happened, and they evacuated Philadelphia," said Mary Beth. "She called and said, 'I've packed my car and I'm on my way home. Family should be together.'"

Impressed with her knowledge and sales experience, the home health care company CareSouth offered Elizabeth a marketing position as area representative. Part of the orientation program called for her to shadow health care professionals to learn how to better communicate what they do.

"That's what made me want to go to med school, was riding around with a nurse and seeing that interaction in how she took care of patients," said Elizabeth. "From the moment I decided to become a doctor, I knew I wanted to come back here and join my mother as a primary care doctor – I never wavered from that."

She graduated with honors from the Georgia campus of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwannee, and received the Excellence in Primary Care Award. After graduation, she began her three-year residency in the same elite program as her mother years ago, and received the Patient and Family Centered Care & Teamwork Award.



Dr. Elizabeth Wiles, left, is proudly accompanied by her mother Dr. Mary Beth Wiles as Elizabeth graduates from medical school. The mother/daughter duo now share a medical practice in Blairsville.

"While at Emory, I was able to train under some of the same physicians who trained my mother," said Elizabeth. "I frequently heard stories of what a great resident she had been, which made me proud to be walking in her footsteps."

Outside of medicine, Elizabeth loves to travel, hike, kayak and play softball.

"I played T-ball from the time I was 4, then played boys baseball until they created a girls softball team for my age

bracket in the recreation department," said Elizabeth. "I played rec softball every year through high school, played on the high school team and a traveling team."

Elizabeth enjoyed much success with the Lady Panthers, as they went to the state tournament nearly every year she played.

"I won the .500 plus batting average in 1993, and in 1995 the .550 plus batting average and the offensive

award," said Elizabeth. "I continued to play coed softball after high school and throughout med school. During residency, I was just too busy, but I'd really like to get back into that."

Elizabeth traveled the globe with her family while growing up. She remembers trips to the UK, Germany, Spain, Greece, and throughout the United States in the family pop up camper. As an adult she remains an avid traveler. Some of her favorite locations include Turkey, Ireland, Costa Rica, New Zealand and the Galapagos Islands, and she recently completed a tour of U.S. National Parks.

"She's wonderful," said Mary Beth. "She takes the bull by the horns, she's a very strong personality and she's extremely methodical – you can always count on her. She checks the ins and outs of everything, leaves no stone untouched. That's my Elizabeth."

"I just think this is a gorgeous area," said Elizabeth. "I love the mountains – you can pretty much go in any direction and find a place to spend a whole weekend."

Having been a part of this community for her entire life, it only makes sense that Elizabeth decided to call Union County home of all the places she could have gone as a doctor.

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Sheriff Mason said.

"Cable was wanted in several Georgia counties and in North Carolina for similar crimes," Sgt. Osborn said. "Also, further investigation revealed that Cable had stolen two Lincoln Welders from The Home Depot in Blairsville."

Sgt. Osborn said that Cable has been charged in Union County with four

counts of theft by shoplifting, and two counts obstructing or hindering law enforcement. Donaldson has been charged with two counts of shoplifting. Freeman, who has an outstanding warrant out of Murray County for theft, was charged with possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, Sgt. Osborn said.

All three remain in the Union County Jail, Sgt. Osborn said.

"The total bond for Cable is \$31,000. Donaldson is being held on \$10,000 bail and Freeman is being held on \$746 bail, and awaiting pick up by Murray County Sheriff's Office," Sgt. Osborn said.

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community and the tournament helps to raise the funds to further this cause.

The Kiwanis and Union General want to invite everyone to a Friday afternoon of golf, food, and good old fashioned competition.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. on Friday at Old Union Golf Course.

Lunch will also be served at 11 a.m. before a Shotgun Start at 12:30 p.m.

The format will be a traditional 4-person, best-ball

format and the winning teams will receive cash prizes. Cash prizes will also be awarded for the closest-to-the-pin on Par 3s to go along with several door prizes to be handed out.

The cost is \$300 per team or \$75 for an individual. King Ford in Murphy, NC is offering a chance to win a 2014 Ford F-150 with a hole-in-one.

For additional details regarding the tournament or sponsorship, contact Mary

Colwell at (706) 781-8489 or Jimmy Nichols at (706) 745-2151.

Old Union Golf Course is located off Highway 129 North in the Owen Glen Golf Community.

Registration forms for the event are available on page 13A of this edition of the *North Georgia News*.

All proceeds from this event will be used to assist children right here in Union County.

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as a historic part of our park," Paris said. "It remembers those children who perished and honors their memory."

A public dedication ceremony is set for Sunday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. at Meeks Park.

"The public is invited and everyone will be encouraged to plant a daffodil bulb in memory of a child," Weinroth said.

Beginning in 2010, Am Yisrael Chai planted 1,800 daffodil bulbs. That number grew to more than 10,000 in 2011, and to 14,250 planted in 2012. Last year, Am Yisrael Chai planted 51,508 bulbs.

The goal for 2014 is

75,000. The total number of daffodils planted since 2010 – 77,558.

"We will continue planting until we have planted 1.5 million daffodils and beyond," Weinroth said.

Local Master Gardeners JoAnne Allen, Barbara Baumgardner and Judy Caines have been a huge part of the Blairsville Daffodil Project, Weinroth said.

The effort to plant daffodils has a symbolic meaning to remember those who perished in the Holocaust, Weinroth said.

The shape and color of the daffodils represent the

Yellow stars that Jews were forced to wear during the Holocaust. Yellow is the color of remembrance.

Daffodils are flowers that represent poignant hope for the future. Daffodils represent renewal of nature after the harshness of winter. They are resilient and return with a burst of color each Spring.

Despite great tragedies, life continues with hope, renewal and beauty. The daffodils also honor those who survived the Holocaust and went on to build new lives after this dark and difficult period.

Sheriff Mack Mason needs your help



The man standing beside the pickup truck parked beside the Jeep, is one of two men sought by Union County Sheriff's detectives, Union County Sheriff Mack Mason said. The man inside the Jeep's passenger side door is about to steal the Jeep. This photo was taken from a Wal-Mart security photo. The Jeep was stolen on Sept. 11 about 3:32 in the afternoon. Anyone with information about the truck and the man standing beside the driver's side fender, call the Sheriff's Tip Line at (706) 781-1973. All calls are regarded as confidential, Sheriff Mason said.

Leaf Watch website tracks best fall color in Georgia

Atlanta, September 18, 2014 – "When will the leaves change?" That's the question park rangers hear most often once the calendar turns to October. Only Mother Nature knows, of course, but peak color in Georgia is usually toward the end of October or early November. The key for a vibrant autumn is warm sunny days coupled with cool – not freezing – nights.

Georgia's top 15 state parks for leaf watching include

Amicalola Falls, Black Rock Mountain, Cloudland Canyon, Don Carter, F.D. Roosevelt, Fort Mountain, Hard Labor Creek, Moccasin Creek, James H. Sloppy Floyd, Red Top Mountain, Smithgall Woods, Sweetwater Creek, Tallulah Gorge, Unicoi and Vogel. For quieter getaways, visitors may want to explore parks further south, which can offer pretty autumn color as well.

Vogel State Park – Blairsville: The 4-mile Bear Hair Gap

Trail makes a nice day trip for experienced hikers, offering great mountain color and a birds-eye view of the park's lake. For an easier walk, follow the Lake Loop to a small waterfall. The twisting roads around Vogel, particularly Wolf Pen Gap Road, offer some of north Georgia's prettiest fall scenery. www.gastateparks.org/Vogel.

Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-864-7275 or at GeorgiaStateParks.org/reservations.