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special agents with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, charges of aggravated sexual battery and criminal attempt to commit rape were brought against Turnage, Sgt. Osborn said.

"The victim was not physically injured," Sgt. Osborn said.

Sgt. Osborn said that Turnage was arrested soon after Enotah Circuit Superior Court Judge Raymond George signed the arrest warrant.

Turnage is being held without bail at the Union County Jail pending a bond hearing before a Superior Court judge, Sgt. Osborn

said. "Because of the nature of the crimes in question, a Superior Court judge is required for a bond hearing, before bail can be set," Sgt. Osborn said. "Mr. Turnage will be held in the Union County Jail until such time as that event occurs and he makes bail."

Motorcycle Show...from Page 1A

Given Saturday, we have a really good turnout," Bradley said. "Today is a perfect example of that. We've got in the neighborhood of 1,000 motorcycle lovers out here today."

The show features nine different classes that people can enter bikes in from modern up to vintage, Bradley said.

Vintage bikes must be 25 years or older, Bradley said. The bikes enter in custom class, modern American, vintage American, modern Japanese, vintage Japanese, modern European, vintage European, competition (bikes for racing), or special interest. The event has been held at NGTC every year. It's a people's choice, you get a ballot and you go around and each bike has a number on it and you go around and vote on the bikes.

At the end of the event, the votes are tallied for each of the nine classes of bikes. All in attendance are allowed to vote on their favorites.

The event featured sponsors, door prizes, and raffle items, Bradley said.

This year's winners are: **Modern American**, first place, Norm Dear, 2006 Harley Davidson Dyna, second place, Tom Welch 2015 Harley Davidson Street Glide, third place, Len Bivins 2003 Harley Davidson Road King.

Vintage American, first place, Sam Harrison 1960 Cushman, second place, Tom Trezbiak 1963 Mustang Stallion, third place, Paul Klingele 1986 Harley Davidson Springer.

Modern European, first place, Bo Bradshaw, 1995 916 Ducati, second place, Jim Russell 2010 Triumph Tiger,



third Place, Teresa Lovallo 2012 BMW K1300S.

Vintage European, first place, Joe Welch 1957 BSA Clubman, second place, Frank Alexander 1971 Norton Commando, third place, Richard Pettigrew 1968 BMW R60US.

Modern Japanese, first place, Rick Hodgkins, 2006 Kawasaki, second place, Nick Cline, 2005 Yamaha XVS1100, third place, De-jay Dejoseph, 2003 Honda VTX1300.

Vintage Japanese, first place, Derek Josack, 1979 Yamaha RD 400, second place, Dennis Bradley, 1965 Honda 305 Super Hawk, third place, Dennis Bradley, 1968 Yamaha YG5T.

Competition, first place, Bill Welch, 1960 BSA Catalina, second place, Dennis Bradley, 1970 Penton, third place, Frank Alexander, 2007 GasGas Trials.

Custom, first place, Bo Bradshaw, 1972 Honda, second place, RJ Alexander, 1972 Harley Davidson, third place, Daniel Ford, 1970 Triumph.

Special Interest first place, Art Millican Jr., Tesla Trike, second place, Peggy Sue Sampson, 2007 Victory Trike, third place, Keith Hunter, 1979 Harley Davidson.

This year's event was sponsored by Corrugated Replacements, Nelson Tractor, Davenport Transportation, Rick's Rental, Interstate Welding & Steel Supply, Two Wheel Tuesday Group, Trackrock Campground, Bill Duckworth Motorsports Plus, Hemphill Roofing & Vinyl Siding, Appalachian Timber, Union Powersports, Copperhead Lodge, The Biker Barn, Mike's Heating and Air, Beverly Bradley Landscape Design, Bradley Knives, and Janice Boling Web Design.

Cemetery...from Page 1A

Old Blairsville Cemetery.

A work day is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 1, weather permitting, Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris said.

"We will have a work day at the cemetery on Saturday, Nov. 1 starting at 9 a.m.," Commissioner Paris said.

Originally brought to the attention of Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley and Paris by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the historic cemetery is the final resting place of many of the county's earliest settlers.

With 37 marked graves, and approximately 50 unmarked graves, the cemetery is packed with history.

A recent radar detection device shows 105 unmarked graves at the cemetery, Paris said.

The plan is to restore and preserve the cemetery, and enclose it with a wrought-iron fence.

The project is moving forward, but it's still in the starter's block, Commissioner Paris said.

"We know a lot more today than we knew a few months ago," Paris said.

"We have some Boy Scouts who will be helping to clean the headstones. Vince Evans, from Gainesville, who is cemetery professional, will be here to supervise and show folks how to brush a liquid product on the grave markers which to clean most of the residue," Paris said.

"Vince Evans was the overseer of Alta Vista Cemetery in Gainesville for 15 years," Paris said. "He's given us lots of advice on what to use and how to clean the markers."



Mayor Conley said that the Union County Historical Society has a list of the people buried in the cemetery.

"We're hoping that people will get interested in this project," Mayor Conley said. "We're hoping family members will be able to read this story and tell us if they have loved ones buried here."

The next step is for the City of Blairsville to gain title to the property, which is moving forward. There is no record of a property owner of the property on the books in Union County.

"There is no ownership recorded of this property," Commissioner Paris said. "The city will seek what is called a quiet title."

"That will give us control over what goes on with the cemetery," Mayor Conley said.

Each April, the Sons of Confederate Veterans honor those Confederate veterans who fought in the Civil War during

Confederate Memorial Day. This year, when the service was over, a small group of people, Paris and his wife Dinah, Pete White, Regina Allison, and Joseph Adams were present to pay respects.

The group thought so much of the site that they decided it ought to be maintained and claimed by the city and county.

White said the Sons of Confederate Veterans have raised \$2,000 for the project.

Commissioner Paris said donations have been coming in, but, more are needed.

If you'd like to make a donation for the restoration of the Old Blairsville Cemetery, contact White, Mayor Conley at City Hall, Commissioner Paris at the Union County Commissioner's Office or Bud Akins with the Union County Historical Society.

Commissioner Paris urges folks who want to help with the project to please come on out and help on Saturday.

Weapons seized from convicted felon

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An anonymous tip has led to the arrest of a 40-year-old New York native by Union County Sheriff's deputies.

Ramon Ramirez Jr., faces charges of three counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, Union County Sheriff Mack Mason said.

A search warrant was obtained following the post of Ramirez and assault weapons on Facebook.

After serving the search warrant, detectives retrieved an AR-15 rifle, a .40-caliber Springfield handgun and a



.45-caliber Springfield handgun and several hundred rounds of ammunition, Sheriff Mason said.

"We're doing our best to keep weapons out of the

hands of the people who are not supposed to have weapons," Sheriff Mason said.

Ramirez has a long history of criminal activity, local authorities said.