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fortunate during my career to have people that would support you and help you.”

Also during his career, Rogers somehow managed to find the time to earn a master's degree in physical education from North Georgia College and an educational specialist degree from Jacksonville State University in Alabama.

He has been awarded many honors as a coach and athletic director throughout the years, including Regional Athletic Director of the Year, Class A Athletic Director for the State, and the Lifetime Membership Award and Distinguished Coaching Service Award from the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association.

Rogers also earned the title of national Certified Athletic Administrator in 1995, and he later received an award from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association for 25 years of service as an athletic administrator.

And the North Georgia News would like to congratulate Rogers on his latest honor of

being inducted into the Georgia Athletic Director's Association Class of 2019 Hall of Fame.

Terry Rogers is the father of Mark Rogers, who is also featured in this week's edition of the newspaper for having won the 2018 Waterfowl Call Makers Championship.



The seven inaugural members of the Union County Football Hall of Fame in 2017: Gary Hill, Bill Jones, Lewis McAfee, Terry Rogers, Phil Kelley, Robby Rogers and Mickey Jones. Photo/Facebook

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day, with 4-H student Katie Baxter following the pledge with a reading of the famous Joyce Kilmer poem "Trees."

After the poem reading, Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley spoke about the importance of the day and read a special proclamation.

"The Garden Club has done a lot for the community and used to be on the square all the time," said Conley. "But since we have made so many changes and planted different plants around the square, we don't see the Garden Club like we used to be seeing them out there ... either weeding or planting."

"I kind of miss those days, but you know the traffic congestion today wouldn't allow us to do that. Besides, the square is more compact now than it ever has been, since we have done all the streetscapes, but I appreciate each and every one of you."

Mayor Conley commented on the importance of the Garden Club as an asset to the community and a group being dedicated to preserving the trees and plant life in



Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley joined members of the Garden Club and Georgia Forestry Commission for an Arbor Day celebration at the Haralson Memorial Civic Center on Friday, Feb. 15. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

Blairsville.

Ranger Tony Harkins of the Georgia Forestry Commission expressed the value of Arbor Day and what it means to the area.

"This is a big deal, and I appreciate everybody coming," said Harkins. "I appreciate the mayor's work over the years

with this, because he's the only one I don't have to call and remind about Arbor Day.

"To me, what makes Arbor Day so special is that there are very few holidays that celebrate the future. I mean, we've got Easter, but Arbor Day is a celebration for the future. Some of the things we are going to face in the coming years is going to be insects, disease, and invasive species, and the Arborists that work for the city are already addressing these things as they come, rather than trying to catch up before it's too late."

Following the meeting, the group gathered at the Old Blairsville Cemetery to plant a tree in recognition of Arbor Day.

The Blairsville Garden Club invites the community to come out and help them with their organization, with meetings being open to the public on the third Wednesday of every month through May.

For more information on how to get involved with the organization, contact Future President Margaret Lynch at 404-625-7860.

Young Harris College Band concert March 3

The Community Band will be performing a free concert on March 3, 2019 at 3 PM at Young Harris College Glenn-McGinnis Hall.

How many people know that Young Harris College has a Community Band? This talented band is made up of retired adults, working adults, college students, and High School students. Practice is every Tuesday evening, and there are at least three concerts per year.

This is all volunteer and everyone involved puts a lot of effort in this wonderful music conducted by Dr. Kerry Byrant and Dr. Javian Brabham.

Come hear this great band, you will not be disappointed. Also as an added treat the Misty Mountain Quintet will be playing a few pieces, you do not want to miss this!

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