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wishing to get their pets vaccinated, but who may not have had the budget for an extra \$40 to \$45 exam fee at the vet's office.

"We're giving one-year rabies vaccinations, unless they're already in our system," said David Bell, head technician at Union County Pet Hospital. "They can get the three-year rabies only if they've had the one-year rabies, and only if they're in our system."

"Some are getting distemper hepatitis and parvovirus vaccinations, or they can have the distemper hepatitis leptospirosis. If the owners opt for more, they're getting combination vaccines, but most of them just do rabies vaccinations."

As in previous years, Dr. Barnes enlisted the help of the Union County Rotarians with coordinating and assisting with this event, along with

her personal staff.

Rotary and Interact volunteers moved from car to car and back again, assisting the completion of patient forms, keying pet information into the computer and handling payments for the vaccines.

"As cars start coming in, they get forms to fill out to get specifics so that they go in a computer for next year, that way we can track animal population and the health of the individual animals," said Rotary volunteer Edward Sternberg. "As the cars move up the line, they're assigned a number and we collect the money for the shots."

"They pull up to me, I stamp it paid, enter it into the computer, and as they move up into the line one of the vets will lean into the car and do the inoculations. Last year we gave around a thousand vaccinations, so who knows how many we'll have this year."

Dr. Barnes explained that she and her staff are ever grateful for the help and involvement of the Rotarians with the event. With their help, Union County Pet Hospital estimated they were once more able to deliver around a thousand vaccinations this year, which doesn't include the vaccinations administered by Blairsville Animal Hospital at other locations in the county.

"The reminder is that this is a project where we do rabies vaccinations for pets and human health, because 99 percent of human rabies cases are from dog bites," said Dr. Barnes. "That's how these rabies clinics started across the country. Everybody here has obviously seen the effect of healthier pets, but it also means healthier humans. That's our goal, to have a win, win, win for everybody."

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music, the full choral numbers, and once that was completed I started helping clean up the choreography," said Covington.

While this may be Covington's first theatrical show, it certainly won't be her last — she and Adams have already scheduled to work on a fall show together.

With the overwhelming popularity of *Beauty and the Beast*, everyone will be sitting on the edge of their seats to see what masterpieces come out of the two departments next.

The reason for such a successful show this first year?

While some might have a more technical answer to such a question, Director Adams believes it boils down to knowing what you want to do and coming together to do it.

"I usually let the students choose the play," said Adams. "They wanted to do something Disney, and most of them immediately said to do *Beauty and the Beast*. Fortunately, I'd had experience with the show, and since it was our first show, we thought it'd go well."

Adams isn't the only one who firmly believes success comes from banding together — just ask senior Brooks Patterson.

"It's a whole family thing," said Patterson. "Everyone puts in their part, and once everyone comes together it ends up turning out really well."

By all accounts, this first-year program has grown into quite the extraordinary family overnight.

And while this may seem like a short-lived venture for some seniors, others have made it very clear that they wish to continue their journeys beyond the walls of UCHS.

"I want to go to New York after I graduate and continue performing, but this has been a dream," said senior Kyla Meigs on getting the chance to perform in high

school.

"Everyone in the cast has been amazing. We all pitched in and everyone fit their part perfectly," she said.

Meigs isn't the only one looking forward to more opportunities in the world of theater.

Though Patterson may not be pursuing a career in acting like his classmate, he still hopes to find himself back on the stage someday.

"I'm going to UGA to major in biology, but I'm looking into getting into more performing arts while I'm there," said Patterson.

As far as the show itself is concerned, this one knocked it out of the park.

Donned in Broadway-worthy costumes on a stage fit for any theater kings and queens, these students put on their best and asked all to "be their guests" for the evening.

Blairsville DDA Board meeting Tuesday May 10th

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