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Experienced professionals with caring hands, fast moving lines, and low fees worked hard to bring this service to local citizens. Because of the rabies clinic, pets are protected from a dreaded and fatal disease. Owners bring their cats, dogs, and ferrets to the Union County Primary School, Precinct Fire House No. 3 on

Highway 129, Ivy Log voting precinct, Jones Creek Fire Station, or Suches Fire Station for the vaccines.

Georgia law requires rabies vaccines for dogs, cats, and ferrets that are 12 weeks of age and older. Dogs and cats are vaccinated at six weeks, nine weeks, 12 weeks, and 15 weeks for

DHPP and FVRCCP. Pets over 12 weeks of age getting their first vaccine should have a booster between 2 to 4 weeks after the first vaccine. For more details about boosters, please contact a veterinarian for vaccine protocols.

The Rabies Clinic is sponsored by the Blairsville Animal Hospital, Union County

Pet Hospital, and Union County 4-H.

Local residents (and their pets) would like to thank Dr. Barnes, Dr. Livingston, Dr. Kessinger, their staff, the members of Union County 4-H, and other volunteers for their generosity and devotion to this worthwhile cause.

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"I truly appreciate the guidance and coordination Master Gardeners Marcia Little, JoAnne Allen, Annette Hoppood and Judy Rich provide to us each year with our flower selection and planting," said DDA Executive Director

Janet Hartman. "They are a great group to work with and are committed to *Keeping Blairsville Beautiful!*"

"Clean up day always brings out energetic, hardworking volunteers," she said. "I look forward to meet-

ing new people at each event we have. So much so that we are planning one for the Fall this year!"

Mayor Conley said once again, he is humbled by the effort of the area garden clubs, especially, the Blairsville Gar-

den Club.

"I must say thank you, thank you, thank you to Blairsville Garden Club for all their help," he said. "And to all who volunteered to help thank you for your help and thank you for caring about our City."

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Bakery along with some soothing entertainment. Stacy Head, Survivor Chair, reports that all this will take place at the far end of the market, sites 1-6. Signage will direct cancer survivors to the area so they can also pick up their 2012 purple survivor shirts for the Opening Ceremony at 6 p.m. at the *Celebration Stage*.

Volunteer Vee Laffoon has coordinated inspired Kids Korner Activities that will be located in sites 33-45 of the market. Activities will include go fishing for the younger set, train rides for little ones, face painting and hair do's, Jimmy The Clown, and a new addition will be a Kindermusik activity at 7:30 p.m. for children 5 and under. There will be Bingo and other children's games also.

The Take It To The Track Time has been refocused to include more school age children to be a part of a special lap at 8:30 p.m. that evening. Thanks to Jessica Frechette for coordinating this family friendly segment to pay tribute to our area's childhood cancer fighters. Those participating in this special lap are asked to donate a new toy that will be given to area Children's Hospitals.

Allyson McGraw, event co-chair, said that the Traditional Opening ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. and will include the invocation, national anthem, presentation of colors, special music and the Survivors Lap. The Team Parade will begin just after the Survivors Lap.

Laffoon has set up a nice array of entertainment which will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the *Cel-*

ebation Stage with local talent followed by Tom Willner, entertainer and cancer survivor from Atlanta at 7 p.m. Willner has some original songs he has composed that will both inspire you and make you laugh at his struggles with cancer. Following the Take It To The Track Time at 8:30 p.m. there will be the Traditional Candle lighting or Luminaria ceremony at 9 p.m. *Focus on Prayer* will lead the program which will include the audience candle ceremony and special music ending with a quiet lap around the market. Activities at campsites and other areas will stop during this quiet time.

Back on the *Celebration Stage* at 10 p.m. the fun will resume with the *Memorial Carlton Shaw Bare Legs* contest with two divisions this year...men and young men under age 12. Great prizes will be awarded for the Prettiest, Ugliest and Hairiest Legs in each division.

At 11 p.m. an all-time favorite of our Blairsville Relayers will be returning to the stage. Kim Armstrong will get us all on our feet and dancing and laughing until midnight. "The Team Midnite Madness activities will start of course at midnight," Laffoon said. Those will include a box car race, a newspaper fashion show and a human scavenger hunt.

McGraw adds that there will be a special prize incentive for those team members who take turns walking and staying up all night beginning at midnight and ending at 6 a.m. for the *Closing Ceremony*.

There will be Papa's Pizza

for the teams at midnight and Wendy's breakfast treats at 5:30 a.m. In addition there will be brownies from Ruby Warren Hoges as well as lots of delicious goodies and food items for donations.

The Upchurch family also reports that the Barbecue Ribs and Sauce competition will be back this year. The judged event will begin around 4 p.m. so that the food will be ready for judging and tasting donations from the public at 6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Club members also will be on hand with hamburgers, hotdogs, and soft drinks for donations to Relay For Life.

"As you can see there will be lots of family friendly activities for the Relay For Life team members and the general public to enjoy...all done in the spirit of fighting cancer and lessening the burden of cancer on families and our communities," McGraw said. "This is a tobacco free event in keeping with the American Cancer Society guidelines. There will also be no political campaigning at the event. We will be sharing our common ground of hope and healing as we all join together to Relay For Life and Stay Strong in the Fight Against Cancer," McGraw said. For more details on our local event you may contact McGraw at (706) 835-8384 or check out our local Facebook page at Union County Relay For Life.

The American Cancer Society also maintains a 24/7/365 information and education line that is free for all to use. There is also the American Cancer Society's web site at www.cancer.org. This is a great

starting point for those who need information on the disease of cancer, the services of the American Cancer Society, and quality links to other cancer-related sites.

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port said.

"Excellent choice," Davenport said. "The board doesn't have to take any action because it's in house. Nevertheless, Brandon is an excellent choice."

Bradburn, who is waiting on the final outcome, said he has some big shoes to fill.

"Coach Hussion mentored me," Bradburn said. "I appreciate the school system's confidence in me; I feel I'm up to the task. When we took over the program five years ago, the kids were ecstatic about winning two games in a row. That hadn't happened in a long time.

"Our whole program has continually gotten better over the years," Bradburn said.

"Our program is really in good shape with 20 players coming back from the 2012 team."

While Bradburn is looking forward to building memories, Hughes has a ton to take with him.

Hughes won 242 games as Girls' Head Basketball Coach. He won two Region titles and made one Elite Eight appearance. The Lady Panthers finished as Region Runner Up in 1986 and 1987.

"Winning a Region Championship in '94 and '95 was special," Hughes said. "So was my first trip to the state tournament and advancing to the Elite Eight. We finished sixth in the state that year, you don't forget stuff like that."

Hughes also collected a

Region Championship in Golf.

"It's been a career," he said. "I'm very fortunate to have seen both of my daughters compete for state championships (Kelly in basketball; Angie in softball). I wouldn't trade a second of my time here."

Hughes said he will cherish the good times and good memories from Union County Schools.

"Wow, a lot of good memories to take with me," he said. "My basketball girls have been my highlights for sure."

Hughes plans to stay active in the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association, watch some college softball and maybe take a part-time job to keep him busy.

"We'll see," he said.

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and a great networking experience.

Each vendor held drawings for free door prizes and gifts. Many demonstrated their talents and offered free samples.

The Expo was the place to be for good food, live music, and the opportunity to meet some great, local residents.

The Business Expo is an excellent place for local businesses to showcase their products and services to the public. During the event, guests learned about everything from good nutrition to vacuum cleaners. There were booths featuring hot tubs, home decor, insurance, beauty products, crafts, cleaning services, printing services, food, and more.

Tri-State Business Women is a not for profit organization of Entrepreneurial women in Union and surrounding counties who get together regularly to support one another in continuing success through education, networking and marketing.

They meet every Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. at Cook's Restaurant in Blairsville with a program designed to teach or showcase various subjects of interest to business owners.

For more details about the organization, call Cathy at (706) 897-2072 or visit the Website at www.tri-statebusinesswomen.com.

GMREC Native Plant Garden Tours

Free Garden Tours every Monday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., except holidays May through September at the Ethnobotanic and Woodland Medicine Trail gardens of the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center (formerly the Experiment Station) located 3 miles south of Blairsville on Hwy

19/129 south. See and learn about the plants our ancestors depended upon for food, medicine and crafts. Tour guides are available. Bring a lunch and picnic in our pavilion. Group tours available. For more information call Clare Johnston at 706 745-2655. NIMay16Z18JCA