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snake. It jumped in the air and crawled into the drainpipe, Officer Walker said.

Officer Walker checked with Animal Control to see if they had a device to get a grip on the rattler – to no avail.

Along came Jimmy Nichols, and he had just the device to help coax the snake out of the drain – golf clubs.

“Jimmy had some golf clubs in the back of his truck and that’s about all we had to get the snake out of the drain,” Officer Walker said. “He had a couple of putters and we worked with those and tried to get the snake out of the



**Dustin Walker**  
drain.”

As Officer Walker started working the drain with the putters, the rattler began crawling up the drainpipe.

“We were trying to get a hold on him and pull him back out of the drain – eventually, with time and patience, we got him out of the drain,” Officer Walker said.

It was the end of the line for the rattler, which had five rattles and a button.

“We had people on Facebook writing that they hoped we didn’t kill the rattlesnake,” Officer Walker said. “But, we’ve got families and small children walking around and

a rattlesnake is a very dangerous and poisonous snake. We couldn’t take any chances.

“Our job is to make sure people are safe and we made sure of that in this instance,” Officer Walker said. “It was three and a half feet long. It was a decent-sized rattlesnake.”

Officer Walker said this was one of the most unusual incidents in his four-year career on the force.

“Anytime you’re dealing with something like that, you’re just focused on how to handle it the best way,” he said. “It definitely ranks right

up there as one of my more unusual experiences.”

Officer Walker urges residents to watch their surroundings, even in low cut grass because snakes – copperheads and rattlesnakes – are on the prowl this time of year.

“You never know,” he said. “I’ve heard a lot of conversations locally where people are seeing a lot of rattlesnakes.

Keep your eyes open.”

In Hiawassee on Monday, a copperhead was killed after it crawled from the undercarriage of a white van. The incident was in the *Towns County Herald* parking lot. See this week’s *Towns County Herald* for additional details.

Again, be careful and on the lookout for venomous snakes.

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iff Mason said. “The case is still under investigation.”

## Another bust

In an unrelated case, the Union County Narcotics Squad and Union County sheriff’s deputies arrested six males following a report of shots fired on Pat Colwell Road last week, Sheriff Mason said.

“On Aug. 13, Union County 911 dispatch received a complaint of shots fired in

the area of Paradise Road off of Pat Colwell Road,” Sheriff Mason said. “The caller told dispatch that several persons were shooting across the lake.

“Upon arrival, patrol officers observed six young males outside of a residence. Officers observed various signs of alcohol and suspected drug activity,” Sheriff Mason said. “Our narcotics officers were notified and responded to the location.

“After a subsequent investigation it was confirmed that numerous drugs were present including Cocaine, MDMA, and marijuana,” Sheriff Mason said. “All six males were placed under arrest and transported to Union County Jail.”

The six arrested were Forrest Schneider, 18, of Atlanta; Jones Koblinsky, 19, of Atlanta;

Robert Stonecipher,

20, of Brookhaven; Jacob St. Amand, 19, of Atlanta; Alexander Binder, 19, of Atlanta; and Harrison Holmes, 19, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., jail records show.

Each was charged with one count each of possession of a controlled substance – ecstasy; possession of a controlled substance – cocaine; and misdemeanor possession of marijuana, jail records show.

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“Without producers or camera crews following their every move, the survivalist experts are truly going off-the-grid to persevere with endurance.”

Kay has been joined on Vancouver Island by Josh Chavez, a 32-year-old law enforcement professional from Jackson, Ohio; Dustin Feher, a 38-year-old carpenter from Pittsburgh, PA; Larson, a 22-year-old customer relations representative from Lincoln, Neb.; Brant McGee, a 45-year-old private military con-

tractor from Albermarle, NC; Lucas Miller, a 32-year-old wilderness guide from Albuquerque, NM; Mitch Michell, a 34-year-old apprentice butcher, from Bellingham, MA; Joe Robinet, a 30-year-old research assistant from Windsor Ontario, Canada; Wayne Russell, a 47-year-old carpenter from New Brunswick, Canada; and Chris Weatherman, a 42-year-old author from Umatilla, Fla.

Miller and Mitchell tapped out on last week’s epi-

sode leaving Kay and Larson to see which one will be the last man standing.

Kay’s adventure has been followed throughout Northeast Georgia by thousands of fans.

During his stay, he has survived on kelp, seaweed, salmon, dog fish, snails, duck and crabs.

He has quoted Edgar Allan Poe’s *The Raven*, sang Italian opera, and has talked often about his love of his family.

During one episode, Kay talked about how he would much rather be home reading a book to his children.

However, on last week’s episode, he told the national viewing audience that he finishes what he starts.

“They’d have to medicate me out of here for me to leave now,” he said.

Tune in on Thursday night and cheer on Blairsville’s own Alan Kay as he attempts to be the last man standing on

# Grand Jury Indictments for July Term

The following persons were indicted during the July Term of the Union County Grand Jury:

**Timothy Andrew Boggs**, two counts theft by shoplifting; financial transaction card theft; three counts fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance.

**Russell Paul Brewster**, entering an auto; possession of tools of a crime; prowling (loitering); criminal trespass; two counts disorderly conduct; two counts obstruction.

**Derick Randal Canup**, theft by shoplifting.

**Phillip Ray Collins**, three counts aggravated assault; two counts first-degree cruelty to children; DUI (alcohol).

**Clifford Cord Cothren**, aggravated assault in

violation of Georgia’s Family Violence Act; two counts obstruction.

**Joshua David Cramer**, robbery by sudden snatching, third-degree cruelty to children; burglary.

**John Clifford Foster**, false statements; DUI (alcohol); failure to report an accident; failure to maintain lane; open container.

**Jordan Heath King**, conspiracy to commit escape, criminal attempt to commit a felony; crossing guard lines with unauthorized items.

**Maranda Lynn King**, conspiracy to commit escape; criminal attempt to commit a felony.

**Larry Lee Law**, first-degree burglary.

**Christopher B. Montgomery**, DUI (alcohol); ob-

struction; interference with government property; criminal trespass; fleeing, attempting to elude an officer; reckless driving; open container.

**James Darren Nelson**, theft by shoplifting.

**Andrew Carter Ownby**, DUI (alcohol); suspended driver’s license; driving with an unlawful alcohol level; failure to maintain lane.

**Sandi Hope Pate**, theft by shoplifting.

**Kevin Bristol Patterson**, conspiracy to commit escape; two counts criminal attempt to commit a felony; criminal solicitation; crossing guard lines with unauthorized items.

**Katarina Frances Piliotis**, theft by shoplifting.

**Francisco Arturo Serano**, two counts flee/attempt

to elude law enforcement; reckless driving; improper passing; failure to maintain lane; theft by shoplifting.

**Matthew Christopher Senecal**, peeping tom; criminal trespass.

**Donald Raymond Spencer**, first-degree cruelty to children; aggravated assault; third-degree arson.

**Valerie Spencer**, first-degree cruelty to children.

**Ryan Keith Wigley**, robbery by sudden snatching; third-degree cruelty to children.

**Darrien Paul Wilkins**, possession of methamphetamine.

**Trent Harold Wilson**, four counts theft by shoplifting; three counts possession of a controlled substance; crossing guard lines with drugs.

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