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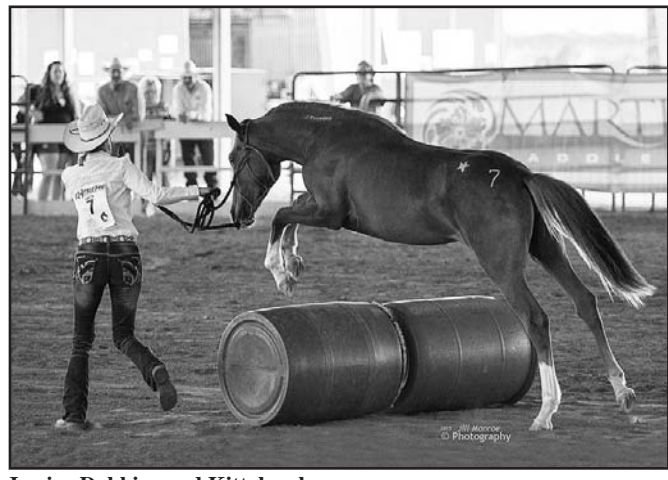
UC Saddle Club members compete at Georgia Extreme Mustang Makeover Challenge

On June 21 and 22, three Union County Saddle Club members: Josh Peebles, Kendra Bilbo, and Jessica Dobbins, competed in the Georgia Extreme Mustang Makeover Challenge at the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center in Gainesville, GA.

In the adult division, Josh Peebles placed in the top ten in all three preliminary classes (2nd in pattern, 4th in handling and conditioning, and 8th in trail) earning a place in the finals. Josh and his Mustang Shorty finished 4th overall in the finals and earned the highest freestyle score of all ten finals competitors.

In the youth division, Kendra Bilbo and her Mustang Mindy won the youth trail class and placed third overall. Jessica Dobbins placed 6th overall in the youth division with her Mustang Kittyhawk.

Only 27 adult and 13 youth trainers were accepted into the Challenge. The trainers picked up their assigned Mustangs in Mississippi 90 days before the competition. The horses had never been handled before being loaded into their trailers. All trainers were tasked with gentling and halter breaking their Mustangs;



Jessica Dobbins and Kittyhawk

adult trainers were required to break their horses under saddle as well.

The Saddle Club congratulates Josh, Kendra, and Jessica on their accomplishments.

Also on June 21 and 22, the Sass 'n Saddles Precision Drill Team performed at the Blue Ridge Professional Rodeo. Riders interested in trying out for next year's team should visit the Saddle Club website for information. Click on the "forms and documents" link.

On September 5, barrel racers from all around north Georgia will return for another National Barrel Horse

Association show. Riders will compete in pee wee, youth, senior, and open divisions in this money-added, 4D event. As always, no charge for spectators, and concessions will be available.

On Friday, September 11, don't miss three-person sorting at the Saddle Club. The event begins at 7 p.m. The next Saddle Club business meeting is Thursday, September 17, at 7 p.m. at the arena. Members and people interested in membership should come out and support the club. For more information on the club and its events, visit www.unioncountysaddleclub.org.

ed Durhamtown Tellico and are looking forward to a return trip in the near future.

Other trips this month included Helton Creek Falls and Forest Service Road 107. At the platform for the falls someone had left a good deal of trash. Our Jeepers, true to form, cleaned up

the trash and removed it from the area. We all believe in the camper's adage; "If You haul it in, You haul it out!" We also went to Showbird Mt. near Robbinsville, NC. Riding most of the day in the rain, our six jeeps came across an emergency crew recovering a pickup truck that

had gone off the Forest Service Road, slid down an embankment, flipped upside down and came to rest against a tree. No driver nor passengers were in the area. Our Monday rides to Beasley Knob are always eventful. One time we were accompanied by a member on his ATV. Another visit we came onto an especially difficult trail and only one of our Jeepers was able to complete the climb to the top. One rainy Monday we had a jeep end up sideways on the trail and he had to be winched back onto the trail. With Beasley Knob closed because of rain, one Monday four of our Jeepers decided to take on Flatland Road located between Blairsville and Suches. This trail now has a Rating Guide of 3.5.

Not all of our activities involve trail riding. Eight Jeepers went to Pantherop Shooting Range in North Carolina and had a fun and safe day sighting in their firearms. We had 14 Jeepers on the trip to the Amish Farm and Benton Shooters Supply near Etowah, TN.

Coming up in early September our group is looking forward to the Pickens County Sheriff Jeepfest in Jasper, GA. This is always a fun event with hundreds of jeeps from all over the country participating in the obstacle course and numerous trail rides. Also we will be going to visit the Georgia Guidestones. These mysterious slabs of granite evoke prophecies that leave the visitor with more questions than answers. Come by and see our jeeps at the Blairsville Cruisers Block Party Car Show at the Union County Farmers' Market on the first Friday of the month.

If you have a jeep and would like to take some fun rides with the BRMJ's check our events calendar, pick a date and come join us. Our website is: www.blueridgemountain-jeepers.com. In addition, pictures and videos of our recent rides and events are posted for your enjoyment. Our monthly meeting is held every second Tuesday at Steve's Steakhouse in Blairsville with dinner at 5:30 PM and meeting at 6:30 PM. NT(Sep2,F3)SH

Congratulations Kendra



Kendra, yours and Mindy's performance in last week's "Extreme Mustang Makeover" was extraordinary. Your friends at Union Realty commend you for your effort and wish you the best for your future. Union Realty Group, LLC

Extreme "Mustang Makeover"



Kendra Bilbo and Mindy

I didn't win the championship in the Extreme "Mustang Makeover," but I did make the top three, coming in third. I'm so proud of my Mindy and couldn't be happier with her performance! She won my heart and the hearts of many fans in the crowd. I'm so thankful for the opportunity and so proud of my baby girl and her willingness and gratitude to be my partner. I love her with all my heart and such a blessing from God to have the opportunity to be with her. - Kendra NT(Sep2,Z8)CA

Wild West Golfers wanted for Butternut Creek Invitational

The Butternut Creek Ladies Golf Association invites you to the 2015 Ladies Wild West Invitational on Thursday, September 17, 2015 for a 'rip roaring day' of golf - so whip up your wildest west outfit and come join us for a fun day of golf & fellowship. Deadline September 9, 2015.



Our theme for our Invitational is 'Wanted' Wild West Women Golfers'. Our Banquet Hall will be decorated in ways showing the Wild West theme! Check-in and breakfast begins at 8 a.m. and a Shotgun (and we mean a real shotgun) start at 9 a.m. Raffle Baskets, Mulligans, Sandies & 50-50 will be available for purchase. The format is a 4 women - 2 Best Ball (net) - you must have an established handicap to participate and you can bring your own team. Please list: Cowgirl name - GHIN # - EMAIL. Prizes will be given for 1st thru 6th place - also - Closest to the Pin, Closest to the Line

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Register now for the Lake Chatuge Charity Classic Golf Tournament

The 2015 Lake Chatuge Charity Classic Golf Tournament is to be held Friday, September 18, 2015.

hosting this four-person scramble format tournament at the beautiful Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and all golfers are welcome!

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce is

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Trout stocking sites week of August 24-28, 2015



Fannin: Rock Creek
Union: Cooper Creek
Note: Information is subject to change. For the latest on stocking and event information, remember to "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChattahoocheeForestNationalFishHatchery. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the State. NT(Sep2,Z17)CA

Osborn said, "She had been indicted by the Union County Grand Jury. She didn't appear in court and three bench warrants were issued."

Festival...from Page 1A

Meanwhile, the Heritage Festival helps tell the story of life in this rugged land more than a century ago, giving visitors a glimpse of the inventive, hardworking, and self-sufficient mountain people who settled this God-fearing Christian community. Union County was carved from Cherokee territory during the Georgia Land Lottery of 1832. Many of Union County's early settlers were stalwart, spirit-led adventurers, many of which were dedicated circuit-riding ministers and local preachers who faithfully spread the Gospel.

era, simple, but neatly nestled in accessible locations, easily reached by foot or by horse and buggy.

Likewise, the homes were simple and efficient, handcrafted by their owners and carved out of the wilderness that made up the North Georgia Mountains.

The Heritage Festival is an annual tribute to those early pioneers of yesteryear.

Hosted by the Union County Historical Society, the festival opens a window to the past and the cultural heritage of the North Georgia Mountains.

The event features handmade crafts, traditional foods, music, craft demonstrations that include quilting, spinning, basket making, chair caning, needlework and making rugs.

It also features old-time music with live performances by talented musicians on autoharp, mandolin, guitar and the fiddle.

All activities are centered around the 1906 Grapelle Mock House, the restored

1861 Payne Family log cabin, the Mauney Family barn, the Duncan Family cabin, and other structures from Union County's storied past.

Other heritage activities historically have included sorghum cane to taste, gold-panning, holding or petting goats, mules, a calf, and lots of chickens.

Free and open to the public, the Mountain Heritage Festival is a unique event promising wholesome family fun, and teachable moments for all ages.

There is something for every taste and budget at this event so be sure to bring your appetite. Festival foods also are available with kettle corn, fresh tomato sandwiches, homemade ice cream, candied nuts, corn dogs, and BBQ plates at the top of the list.

Live music is a special treat at this community festival. The event features some of the best Bluegrass and Gospel music in the Southeast.

Make this a Labor Day Weekend you'll never forget.

Charges...from Page 1A

under investigation by our Criminal Investigations Division and Narcotics Squad," Lt. Osborn said. "The arrest of Ms. McPherson brings

resolution to a three-month investigation.

"Although the investigation continues, Ms. McPherson is in custody," Lt.

Tri County British Car Club holds August 30th luncheon

On Sunday, August 30th, members and guests of the Tri County British Car Club, got together for their monthly meeting at Brother's Willow Ranch Restaurant, in Young Harris. As usual, the meeting was centered around classic British road cars.



by email at : tricitybritishcarclub@yahoo.com. You can

also "Like" them on Facebook at Tri county British Car Club. NT(Sep2,C4)ac

Auditions for Let's Murder Marsha at Licklog

Licklog Players Community Theater will hold auditions for their upcoming production of Let's Murder Marsha. Four (4) women and three (3) men are needed for this mystery comedy about a happy housewife named Marsha,

who is hopelessly addicted to reading murder mysteries and who overhears her loving husband discussing her upcoming birthday surprise only to misunderstand it as a plot for her murder. Auditions will be held by director, Lisa Maliska, on

Saturday, September 5th at 10 a.m., and Monday & Tuesday, September 7th & 8th at 7 p.m. Maliska is also looking for volunteers for a production crew, including lighting and sound, stage hands, set design, and costuming. NT(Sep2,C3)ac

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