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Deputy Henderson's girlfriend, Kaley Raper, and sister, Bridget Henderon-Phillips, with members of the Union County Sheriff's Office.

"He is making progress every day," Raper said. "He has a long road ahead of him, but he looks great and is getting better each day."

"We are so thankful for everything that everyone has done, and we appreciate it so much," said Phillips, in regards to the outpouring of support that the Henderson family has received from the community. "He's getting to where we can show him all of the support, and it always brings a smile to his face."

"We also want to thank Lisa Urban for putting this 5K on," Raper added. "We are very thankful to Zaxby's and the Sheriff's Department, they've been his backbone through all of this."

The event, which featured a 5K race and a Prayer Walk, was the brainchild of 17-year old Austin Urban, who turned to his mother, Lisa, to help put the finishing touches on the fundraiser.

"This was something that was on his heart," said Lisa Urban of her son Austin, who runs cross country at Mountain Area Christian Academy. "We are friends of the family, although we don't know Mitchell all that well, but it was something Austin wanted to do, especially with all of the negativity directed at police officers going on right now. We're here to love them and support them, and he wanted to do something special for Mitchell."

Another fundraiser will be held this weekend in Hiwassee with a fishing tournament that will take place on Saturday. For more information you may contact Nathan Noblet at C&J Mountain Outfitters in Hiwassee at (706) 896-7543.

Sponsors of the #239 Turkey Trot 5K were: Zaxby's, First Baptist Church of Blairsville, Coosa Creek Embroidery, Griddle Cafe & Deli, Northeast Georgia Dermatology, Olive Tree Art Center, Ricky Rich Grading, Brasstown Pharmacy Drug & Gun, Panel Built, American Legion Auxiliary, Armadillo Grill, Charlotte Ledford.

Other sponsors included Su Kralj, John, Sarah and Ethan Schutte, All Phase Painting and Pressure Cleaning, High Country Tire & Wheel, Mac Tools, Sicily's Pizza, The Sawmill Place, Kimark Inc., G&G Bakery, Shook Tire, Pat's Hallmark, Mike's Seafood, DMI Collision & Custom, and



Participants in the prayer walk



Lance Underwood was Overall Winner of the "Turkey Trot."

United Community Bank.  
 "We want to thank everyone in the community for their support of Mitchell and our deputies," Lisa Urban said. "Everyone we asked was eager to help out, and they were all extremely generous. We couldn't have done this without them."  
 The top three in each division of the 5K were as follows:  
 Overall winner – Lance Underwood (17:02).  
 Overall Female winner – Cameron Rice (20:41).  
 19-and-under female: Tessa Terlap (28:31), Julia Schoeffler (31:34), Claire Sanders (31:34.50).  
 19-and-under male: Adam Bachman (18:41), Zuya Yellow Dog (18:46), Hunter Hartzog (18:57).  
 20-to-39 female: Kayla Sparling (23:58), Lisa Dockery (26:31), Brandi Barrett (27:02).  
 20-to-39 male: Brandon Wathers (20:57), Andy Gwynn (22:46), Mark Dressler (24:24).  
 40-to-49 female: Erika Reiser (27:27), Mary Goody Kite (29:57), Laura Baumeister (33:05).  
 40-to-49 male: Steven Jarrard (22:06), Kurtis Underwood (26:18), Jeff Gwynn (26:19).  
 50-and-over female: Pam Abernathy (26:10), Shell Terlap (29:48), Sharon Williams (30:04).  
 50-and-over male: Timothy Rutherford (20:44), Bob Buckner (26:07), Steve Cockerham (26:11).

# Drought...from Page 1A

marks the 24th continuous week of severe drought in northwest Georgia, the 22nd week for the Atlanta metro area, the 21st week in northeast Georgia, and the 15th week in central Georgia.

"Today's (Nov. 17) declaration is driven by an extended period of little or no rain and increasing dryness in the impacted areas," said EPD Director Richard Dunn in the governor's statement. "What's more, there is little hope for

relief as weather forecasters expect an unusually warm, dry winter across most of the state."

A Level 2 Drought Response calls for outdoor landscape watering to be limited to two days a week determined by odd and even-numbered addresses: even-numbered addresses and properties without numbered addresses can water on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.;

while odd-numbered addresses can water on Thursdays and Sundays between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.

Furthermore, certain water uses are prohibited outside, such as: washing hard surfaces like streets and sidewalks; water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains; the use of fire hydrants, except for firefighting and public safety; the non-commercial washing of vehicles; non-commercial pressure washing; and fundraising car washes.

Union County has three big public water suppliers: Blairsville City Water, the Notla Water Authority and the Coosa Water Authority.

According to Mayor Conley, the City of Blairsville serves about 3,400 water customers with water from the Nottely River at the water plant on Gainesville Highway, and also with four different wells that supply water for customers.

"To all of our water customers and all of our residents, please conserve," said Mayor Conley. "If you've noticed, the lake levels and the river level – there's places on the Nottely River that you can get across without getting your feet wet just by walking on rocks, the water is down so low."  
 "Pray for rain."

# Mistletoe Market kicks off holiday shopping with cheer



Richard and Berta Saberton of Blairsville sold their handcrafted jewelry at the 2016 Mistletoe Market.

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With Christmas just around the corner, 'tis the season for shopping, and the Mistletoe Market hosted its 18th annual event at North Georgia Technical College, bringing hundreds of shoppers out for the two-day show on Saturday, Nov. 19, and Sunday, Nov. 20.

The Mistletoe Market, presented by the Mountain Regional Arts and Crafts Guild, is the guild's third and final show of the year, following right behind the Celebrate Autumn show in September and the Mountain Fling in June.

The show featured 48 vendors showcasing handmade items ranging from paintings, woodworking, fiber arts, fabric arts, jewelry, wreaths, soaps, homemade baked goods and delicious snacks, skincare, floral, furniture, yard art, holiday gifts, decorations and more.

All vendors are carefully selected by the guild's jurying process to make certain the work is original, handmade, and will be most satisfactory to both new and returning customers.

"Many of the vendors here told me that their sales exceeded last year's," said Patricia Tompkins-Smith, event coordinator. "One of the things I tried to do was promote the show on local media, on social media, and just tried to make sure that people knew about it and could plan to come."

"This is the beginning of the shopping season. Additionally, for the vendors, it helps them have more income for the holiday season. It's the time of year where visitors come into town to spend the holidays, so it's just a nice way of showing off what the area has to offer."

Longtime market vendors Richard and Berta Saberton sold their handcrafted jewelry over the weekend. The Sabertons have been selling at the show for nearly 10 years, beginning with its original location in Hiwassee.

Richard is the pioneer of the duo, creating each piece of jewelry with an intricate design, all made of either 14-karat gold filled or sterling silver.

"Everything is made out of wire," said Saberton. "Each individual strand is a piece of wire, held together with wire, so there isn't any soldering. We have different sizes for different wrists because you can't adjust them because they're solid."



Festive gourds and more galore filled the 2016 Mistletoe Market at North Georgia Technical College on Saturday, Nov. 19, and Sunday, Nov. 20.



This is the 18th annual Mistletoe Market celebrated in the North Georgia Mountains.

"I've been doing this for about 20 years. What I did was I took a basic course over at William Holland (School of Lapidary Arts) that taught you how to wrap and how to work the metal. Then, I just expanded to create what I do here. I create all of my designs as I go along."

"My favorite part of the whole experience is selling something to someone, then seeing them wearing it on the street and being happy with it. It makes me feel real good that they're happy."

Although not as seasoned in the Mistletoe madness as the Sabertons, Pat Hanbery has been bringing her fairy crafts to the show for going on four years, and she has seen a significant burst in business since joining.

Original in every aspect, Hanbery creates tiny fairy worlds inside mason jars, something that allows her to hold onto the happiness of youth.

"When I retired, I wanted to do something fun, so I started playing with fairies," said Hanbery. "A while back, I had given a sick little girl a fairy jar, saying that it was rescued. "The nurses in the hospital fell in love with it, so I was making them as I was working, and donating them to the nurses to give to the little girls."

"When I retired, I said, that's what I want to do. I want to make fairies and make people smile. It just keeps growing. It's been a fun chore."

"And, you know, the quality of this market is outstanding. I think the big thing is that people expect to find good things here, and they do."

All in all, the Mistletoe Market was one for the record books, bringing in the largest crowd to date and spreading holiday cheer as the season of thanks and appreciation of loved ones draws near.

# Union General Hospital Auxiliary hosts Robin Gerard jewelry sale

By popular request from previous patrons, you don't want to miss this opportunity to visit Robin Gerard's jewelry sale, sponsored by the UGH Auxiliary. Two full days: Tuesday, December 6, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, December 7, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sale will be located in the old lobby of the hospital—Deep South Farm Road side of UGH.

Buy any necklace and select a free pair of earrings—your choice! Come by to register for a drawing of \$75 in free jewelry each day! Prices start at \$5 and cash, checks, and all credit cards accepted.

Robin Gerard celebrates over 20 years in the fashion jewelry business. He has represented and worked with Givenchy, Calvin Klein, Karl Lagerfeld, Ann Klein, and Liz Claiborne. He has also represented the fashion houses of

Nine West, Guess, and Walt Disney. His work has landed in most quality department and specialty stores.

In 2007, while on a design trip to Asia, he ingested a food borne virus which eventually rendered him paralyzed from the neck down and required an extended hospital stay and intense rehabilitation period. Guillian-Barre Syndrome did not stop him from eventually getting back most of his normal functions. But, with all life changing experiences, he decided to leave the corporate world behind and use his experiences and artistic talent to bring the best quality fashion jewelry directly to you.

Today, Robin focuses mostly on fund-raisers using his design talents to help others and non-profit organizations. He interprets current fashion and color trends

in unique but understandable fashion jewelry pieces. Some of his favorite materials include turquoise, coral jasper, pearl, crystal, and shell.

The Auxiliary will benefit from a percentage of sales and therefore continue to have funds to help with scholarships, needs of residents at the nursing home and other community projects.

We always appreciate our community's support with our Auxiliary fund raisers!

# Black Friday Sale at Vogel State Park

Black Friday Sale at Vogel State Park, November 25, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Start your Christmas shopping early with discounts on ornaments, jewelry, clothing, candles, specialty teas and everything in the store but food and books. Come early for best selection. Sponsored by the Vogel Volunteers.