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Run Above the Cloud organizers Wynn Mott and Jim Miner joined Woody Gap Principal Carol Knight for a special award presentation at the Board Office Nov. 17. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

kid is on the yellow line, and (the bus driver) starts hitting the horn, and the kid makes one good jump and lunges out of the way, and the car went right by the kid."

Fortunately, the schools were able to identify the driver's plate through camera footage, and Deyton said they were working on finding the driver for running the bus stop sign.

Although the driver was not of the area, the board still wants to enforce and encourage

the community to use the utmost caution when there is a school bus.

"This is an everyday thing," Deyton said. "I know the City of Blairsville and the Sheriff's Office, everybody is kind of monitoring our buses right now. It is sad that you hear in the afternoons how many (motorists) pass stopped school buses. This instance, this kid just barely got out of the way."

Also in the meeting, Woody Gap Principal Knight

awarded Run Above the Clouds organizers Wynn Mott and Jim Miner for their efforts in providing Woody Gap graduates scholarship money. This year's run was canceled due to COVID-19.

"For over 20 years, the Run Above the Clouds has been the opening event of the Indian Summer Festival," Knight said. "And it has evolved into a USA Track and Field Certified Race and a qualifier for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race.

"The races continue to fill their original purpose, to raise funds for scholarships for graduates of Woody Gap School while also seeking to enrich the lives of students of the Suches Community, such as funding summer college

experiences.

"What makes the Run Above the Clouds approach different from other scholarship providers is that students are eligible to receive funds through the whole course of their postsecondary education."

In his Superintendent's Address, Hill complimented all faculty and staff, bragging about the amazing people who help the district function and keep students as safe as possible.

"Our staff is working

very hard to ensure success for all," Hill said. "They are to be commended. We are operating with a reduced staff in every department in every school, and every one of our employees has additional duties.

"When you absorb a large number of employees (through attrition) like we have this year, there are one of two things that are going to happen. One is, balls are going to drop, there are going to be things that fall through the cracks, and people are not going to perform

very well.

"Or, everyone else that is employed here in the district and working very hard that did not retire, they are working overtime. They are doing extra duties and extra jobs. Our staff is to be commended for that. I am very proud of this."

The schools continue to release COVID-19 weekly updates every Friday, demonstrating that, so far, the virus has been having minimal impact on students and staff.

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