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injuries.

"Then I went to Urgent Care where the area was cleaned and I was put on strong antibiotics. Since I had already paid for my trip, I went to Minnesota, but could not run due to the severity of my injuries. The owner was amazed that her "gentle" dogs had viciously attacked me."

According to Wiley's

testimony, Mather was hysterical when he reached her.

"I jumped out of the truck and the smaller dog was more aggressive toward me and then the larger dog came after me," Wiley testified. "When I got the tire tool off my truck, we did not have any more problems. I helped Mrs. Mather into my truck."

Diane Raper, Brawn's

significant other, led the defense of Zeus before the Board of Health. She told the board that she did not consider it fair that Zeus should be classified as a potentially dangerous dog.

She told board members that Zeus was not vicious in any manner.

She added that she did not feel that the couple should

have to pay a fine, or be burdened due to the classification of a potentially dangerous dog because Mather, she said, has a fear of dogs from a previous incident.

Raper and Brawn must now register Zeus as a potentially dangerous dog and pay a fee, Board of Health Chairman Conley said.

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1956," Justus said. "Bobby Dodd got paid \$75 a week in 1932 for coaching Georgia Tech (football). In 1932, \$75 a week was a lot of money. I can't say that for 1956."

Justus was greeted on Friday by Chief Worden and Station 1 personnel. Justus, his family, and the folks on The Dream Team got a tour of the new Station 1 facilities led by Station 1 Career Firefighter William Barton.

It was a prelude to a day of excitement for Justus and a ride on Engine 1 through Downtown Blairsville, and yes, the lights were flashing.

When Justus climbed into the cab of Engine 1, his eyes lit up. He waved to family and friends as UCFD Lt. Damon Hood put Engine 1 in gear and began to head toward Downtown.

The dream continued once Justus returned to Station 1. Chief Worden and Station 1 personnel presented him with a UCFD T-shirt, a plaque recognizing June 21st as Bill Justus Firefighter Day in Union County, and an Afghan complete with the Firefighter's Prayer embroidered on it.

"It brought back memories," Justus said, referring to his ride in Engine 1. "It's been awhile since I've rode in a fire truck."



Bill Justus' Dream Team at Union County's New Fire Station 1 on Shoe Factory Road in Blairsville. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Upon his return to Station 1 from one more ride in a fire truck, Justus and his guests, his sister Dianne Justus, brother Jerry Justus, and members of The Dream Team, as well as Chief Worden and Station 1 personnel, sat down to a feast that included Firehouse Stew.

Afterward, Bill Justus talked about his experience as a firefighter at "Fort Mac."

"There were two fire calls in 14 years. I was off duty both times," he said. "On one of the calls, the call came in that there was a fire at the library, no other details. There were two libraries. When they got to one library,

there wasn't a fire.

"Then they went to the other library," he said. "By the time they got there, it had burned down."

Bill Justus was proud to be an honorary firefighter for one day in Union County.

"It was special to be treated so good, it was a big day today," he said. "It was neat to get all those special items; it was really nice of Chief Worden to do all that. It was a bigger event than I expected it to be.

"I didn't think they would make this big of a fuss over me," he said. "They pulled out the stops on this; it was all right. Next time, I'd like

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vice and dedication to the department.

He added that he's living proof that retirement doesn't mean a whole lot.

Sheriff Mason had retired from the Georgia State Patrol prior to running for and winning the sheriff's race in November 2012.

"Bob has done an excellent job for Union County for 22 years," Sheriff Mason said. "He's survived five sher-

iffs during those years.

"Sometimes, it's hard enough to survive just one," Sheriff Mason said. "We're all proud to have been associated with Bob and experience his professionalism."

"Sgt. Craig Davenport has some big shoes to fill," he said.

Sgt. Hutchinson made a special presentation to Sgt. Davenport after all the fuss was made about him.

"I want to give Craig this big dog bone," Sgt. Hutchinson said. "It helps get you in certain places when you're out serving papers."

"Thank you Bob, I'm going to need all the help I can get," Sgt. Davenport said.

Afterward, the group sat down to a meal of hamburger, hot dogs, all the fixings, cold drinks (water or Cokes or Diet Cokes for some of the deputies) and some select desserts.

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The students were selected from these three counties because the membership of the Auto Club is comprised of these counties.

Ginger Rettstadt, Corresponding Secretary for the Auto Club said, "We have a huge car show annually in October at United Community Bank in Blairsville. It is through this fundraiser that we raise money for the scholarships. This past October, we had a record number of cars in the car show - around 230 cars! We also cooked on the grill and sold food at the car show. Up until this year, we gave out four scholarships, but this year, we are giving out six. This is the most we have ever given out."

When asked about the selection process for the scholarships, Rettstadt said that the club's Scholarship Committee of four members (one member from each of the three counties, plus one) goes through the applications submitted by students, and tries to choose students who really want to go to college and may have a financial need. She said, "The selection process

isn't easy. Children or grandchildren of club members receive first preference, and the club always tries to choose at least one student from each participating county."

Following a delicious potluck dinner provided by the Auto Club members, Marcus Tuschel, club president, welcomed all of the students who had been chosen for the scholarships and their families who were present. He then asked the Auto Club student sponsors from each county to recognize the student scholarship recipients.

This year, there were two students chosen to receive scholarships from each of the three counties representing the membership of the Auto Club. The fortunate recipients of the scholarships this year were the following: Kristin Dahncke, who graduated from Union County High School, and will attend Southern Polytechnic State University. Kyle Wade, who graduated from Union County High School, and plans to attend Young Harris College. Dillon Thompson, who graduated from Towns County High School and will attend the National Auto Diesel College. Rachel Weatherly, who gradu-

ated from Tri-County Early College (she completed high school and college concurrently), and will attend Western Carolina University. Enoch Christopher, who graduated from Hiwassee Dam High School, and plans to attend Catawba Valley Community College. William Harper, who graduated from Murphy High School and will attend Tri-County Community College.

When asked about the scholarship she received, Dahncke said she was amazed by the generosity of the club. "And I'm thankful that they can offer assistance to so many graduates," she said. "College can get extremely expensive and this will really help us out."

In addition to this good neighborly deed, the Good Neighbors Auto Club also donates \$100 on a monthly basis to other local organizations. Examples of organizations that have benefited from their donations are: Union County Nursing Home, Civil Air Patrol, local public schools, Towns County Food Pantry and local animal shelters.

Good Neighbors Auto Club is doing many good deeds. They are good neighbors, indeed.

## ICL class at YHC starting July 3

Near Death Experiences: The class will be in a guided discussion format centering on recent books by two medical doctors on what is known as a "Near Death Experience": Eben Alexander, *Proof of Heaven* and Pim van Lommel, *Consciousness Beyond Life*.

The first book is the story and thoughts of a physician who had a "near death experience" (NDE). The second is an examination of the phenomenon by a Dutch physician who became intrigued when some of his patients reported NDEs.

The guide for the discussion will be David Tinsley, pastor of Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Institute's curriculum committee continually reviews members' interests and expands the curriculum accordingly. There are no age restrictions and the \$25 annual ICL membership is not required for summer courses. Individual course registration fees range from \$7 to \$20 each. For more information, call 706-379-5194 and leave a message or send an email to icl@yhc.edu or visit www.iclyhc.org for registration and detailed course information.

to come by and see the pump-er in operation when I stop by to say hello to the crew."