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the laws surrounding these issues, and conducted plenty of research on the topics at hand.

Furthermore, Pilote and Mangifesta will be bringing their own personal law enforcement experiences to bear from local cases they've worked, many of which have included parents who are completely in the dark about their kids' illicit uses of technology.

"You don't know what you don't know – that's the bottom line. It's a generational thing," said Mangifesta. "There are some parents out there that have no idea that that's not just a device for talking to your friends on or calling mom when you're running late. It's a computer.

"Anything you can do, anything you can research, anything you can look up picture wise, you can get on a cellphone. That's one thing we're going to clarify. This is a minicomputer right here, and you can access the internet for anything. Don't think because your kid's got a cellphone that he can't surf the internet and be sexting, sending pictures and videos."

Union County Schools Superintendent John Hill agreed with Mangifesta that, these days, children are playing a whole new ballgame.

"With all the things that are out there that we didn't grow up with, parents need to really listen to what the

sheriff's office has to say about this," said Hill. "It's something that every teenager and parent of a teenager deals with on a daily basis.

"It's something that our entire nation is facing that is very critical, and we're thankful to have the sheriff's office to teach this class to parents. I think it'll be well worth your time to consider attending this if you have teenagers."

The sheriff's office has invited the parents of children in all area schools to attend the class, which will include the following talking points: sexting, general internet safety, suicide awareness and prevention, cyberbullying, personal information, applications and checking teens' phones.

Voting...from Page 1A

For Governor, L.S. "Casey" Cagle, Eddie Hayes, Hunter Hill, Brian Kemp, Clay Tippins, Marc Urbach and Michael Williams, all Republican; and Stacey Abrams and Stacey Evans, both Democrat.

For Lieutenant Governor, Geoff Duncan, Rick Jeffares and David Shafer, all Republican; and Sarah Riggs Amico and Triana Arnold James, both Democrat.

For Secretary of State, David Belle Isle, Buzz Brockway, Josh McKoon and Brad Raffensperger, all Republican; and Josh Barrow, Dee Dawkins-Haigler and Rakeim "RJ" Hadley, all Democrat.

For Attorney General, Incumbent Chris Carr, Republican, and Charlie Bailey, Democrat.

For Commissioner of Agriculture, Incumbent Gary Black, Republican, and Fred Swann, Democrat.

For Commissioner of Insurance, Jim Beck, Jay Florence and Tracy Jordan, all Republican; and Janice Laws and Cindy Zeldin, both Democrat.

For State School Superintendent, Incumbent Richard Woods and John Barge, both Republican; and Sid Chapman, Sam Mosteller and Otha E. Thornton Jr., all Democrat.

For Commissioner of Labor, Incumbent Mark Butler, Republican; and Richard Keatley and Fred Quinn, both Democrat.

For Public Service Commissioner District 3, Incumbent Chuck Eaton; and Lindy Miller, John Noel and Johnny C. White, all

Democrat.

For Public Service Commissioner District 5, Incumbent Tricia Pridemore and John Hitchins III, both Republican; and Dawn A. Randolph and Doug Stoner, both Democrat.

For U.S. Representative in 116th Congress from the 9th Congressional District of Georgia, Incumbent Doug Collins, Republican; and Dave Cooper and Josh McCall, both Democrat.

For State Senator from the 51st District, Incumbent Steve Gooch, Republican.

For State Representative in the General Assembly from the 8th District, Incumbent Matt Gurtler and Mickey Cummings, both Republican.

For District Attorney of the Enotah Judicial Circuit, Incumbent Jeff Langley, Republican.

For County Board of Education District 2, Incumbent Tony Hunter and Joan Anderson, both Republican.

For County Board of Education District 4, Incumbent Keith Potts, William McQuillan and John T. Strickland, all Republican.

For County Board of Education District 5, Incumbent Patrick White, Republican.

On the Nonpartisan General Election Ballot, John Ellington and incumbents Michael P. Boggs, Britt Cagle Grant, Harold D. Melton and Nels Peterson are all running unopposed for Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia.

Incumbents Charlie Bethel, Stephen Dillard, Amanda H. Mercier, M. Yvette Miller, Clyde L. Reese III and Brian Rickman are all running unopposed for Judge, Court of

Appeals Georgia.

Ken Hodges and Ken Shigley are running against one another for Judge, Court of Appeals Georgia, to succeed John Ellington.

Raymond E. George and N. Stanley Gunter are both running unopposed for Judge, Superior Court of the Enotah Judicial Circuit.

Union County voters are also being asked to support or reject ESPLOST V in the May 22 primary.

An ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) is a 1-cent sales tax that is collected by school systems for up to five years, for the purposes of building new facilities, renovating existing facilities, upgrading HVAC systems in the schools, adding to aging bus fleets, updating technology and more.

The sales tax in Union County is 7 cents on the dollar, which includes a penny for current ESPLOST IV collections.

Since the schools are already collecting ESPLOST money, if voters decide to renew the ESPLOST, the sales tax rate within the county will remain at 7 percent.

Should voters choose not to renew the ESPLOST, the sales tax rate will drop to 6 cents on the dollar.

ESPLOST V would have a collection cap of \$21 million over its five-year collection period, just like ESPLOST IV.

The Union County Board of Education has retained the ability to sell bonds for up to \$13.5 million in the event of an emergency, though current board members have pledged to maintain a "pay-as-you-go" model of ESPLOST project funding to keep the school system out of debt.

Sparkman...from Page 1A

occurred in the parking lot of Union County High School on Wednesday, April 25, per the sheriff's office.

Sparkman is a teacher at Union County Schools, and Francis is a student at the high school, per the sheriff's office.

UCSO School Resource Officer Chad Berry responded to Francis' vehicle after being called by school administrators around lunchtime that Wednesday, per the sheriff's office.

Administrators also notified Sparkman, who quickly arrived on the scene, per the sheriff's office.

As one of the administrators attempted to show Deputy Berry a small quantity of a substance suspected to be marijuana discovered inside the vehicle, Sparkman allegedly grabbed it and threw it across the school parking lot, per the sheriff's office.

The substance was recovered by an administrator and soon after tested by authorities and confirmed to be marijuana, per the sheriff's office.

At the scene, Deputy Berry informed Sparkman that she could face criminal charges for her actions, and Superintendent John Hill asked her not to return to the schools until called, per the sheriff's office.

Later that same day, Sparkman allegedly returned to campus and caused a scene at the high school, and the sheriff's office said she only departed after being asked repeatedly to leave by administrative staff.

Following the conclusion of the investigation, the sheriff's office contacted Sparkman and Francis to inform them that they needed to turn themselves in at the Union County Jail on April 27, per the sheriff's office.

Sparkman has been

charged with criminal trespass and tampering with evidence, both misdemeanors, and Francis has been charged with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, also a misdemeanor, per the sheriff's office.

Bond conditions were not available at press time.

Superintendent Hill said he could not comment on any specific incident, but he did say that the schools take seriously any situation involving drugs, and that the school system always cooperates fully with the sheriff's office.

Golf...from Page 1A

Horinek and Wischmeyer will seek the elusive state title that has evaded their collective grasps over the past three seasons.

Union County finished State Runner-Up in 2016 and 2017 following a Third-Place finish in 2015.

This year's state tournament will be played on May 21 and May 22 at Cateechee Golf Club in Hartwell.

For further details on Union County golf, see the Sports Section in this week's paper.