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Should the county increase 2016 revenues as much as it did between 2014 and 2015 fiscal years, the shortfall may not even have to come out of reserves.

"If it continues anything near like what it is right now, we'll be able to absorb it in there, and I don't even think it will be a big issue," said Commissioner Paris.

Concluded the commissioner: "I know that I personally work better from a tight budget, and I think, as

a whole, government does. Government's got too much money, and they traditionally find a way to waste it.

"So I feel like, really working to keep that millage rate (down) – not only is it the best thing for our citizens, but it's the best thing for our government operations. It makes us stay on our toes to try to look for every way we can to save money and be frugal, and not be wasteful in what we do in the county government."

Crash...from Page 1A

Whatley's van left the road and came to rest against a tree on the southbound lane's embankment, according to state patrol.

Whatley, who was wearing his seatbelt, died at the scene, and a passenger in Whatley's vehicle was airlifted to Northeast Georgia Medical Center for a non-fatal head injury, according to GSP.

The 16-year-old driver of the Ford truck stated "that he did not know what happened,"

according to state patrol, before being transported via ambulance to Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

Charges for the 16-year-old driver of the Ford truck are pending, according to GSP.

Two witnesses responded initially to the scene to render aid, though they did not actually see the accident occur, according to state patrol.

Whatley was originally from Florida, though he and his family moved to Blairsville in 1994, according to his obituary:

"Having never met a stranger, Mickey was loved by all people with whom he came in contact; his huge, kind heart and sweet, giving spirit made him one of a kind.

"He was so very happy, and it always shined through his bright smile. The bright light he brought to this world will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

"There was no bigger Tennessee Volunteers fan in all of Blairsville; the friendly rivalry he had with his Georgia Bulldogs friends was



legendary.

"Mickey loved his job at Mike's Heating & Air, where he worked for twelve years. He was always up for a spur of the moment camping trip, and he loved bowling, fishing, singing, Jeep riding, and taking cruises.

"Above all, Mickey was a loving fiancé, daddy, son, brother, and friend. Mickey is survived by his fiancée, Danielle Rosenthal of Blairsville, and

his children, Emily Whatley and Michael 'Trey' Bernard Whatley III of Orange Park, Florida, and Brodi Elrod of Blairsville."

A visitation was held in the chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home on Sunday, Aug. 14, and the family has stated that donations in Whatley's memory may be made to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

Dancing...from Page 1A

Enotah CASA is a nonprofit organization serving four Georgia counties: Towns, Union, White and Hall. This event will be the second of its kind that CASA has organized, the first being in Dahlonega earlier in the year.

"All of our folks are volunteers, aside from a few staff members," said Linda D'Angelo, Enotah CASA executive director. "They each receive at least 30 hours of training in terms of child development, the law, how the court proceedings work and so forth. They spend 10 hours observing in court before they become sworn in as an actual officer of the court, serving the juvenile court.

"The role of a CASA is to be an advocate for the best interest of these children who have been neglected or abused. Most of the children are in foster care, meaning they've been taken out of their homes."

CASA volunteers typically handle an average of two cases that they will work on for at least two years. In the last year, CASA members have served 219 children from the area, and most of these children

2016 Tractor Show and Parade "A Salute to our Farmers"



Come join us Labor Day Weekend for some fun: Union County Farm Bureau along with Union County Farmer's Market will be having our 7th Annual Tractor Show and Parade on September 3, 2016 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Union County Farmer's Market in Blairsville, GA.

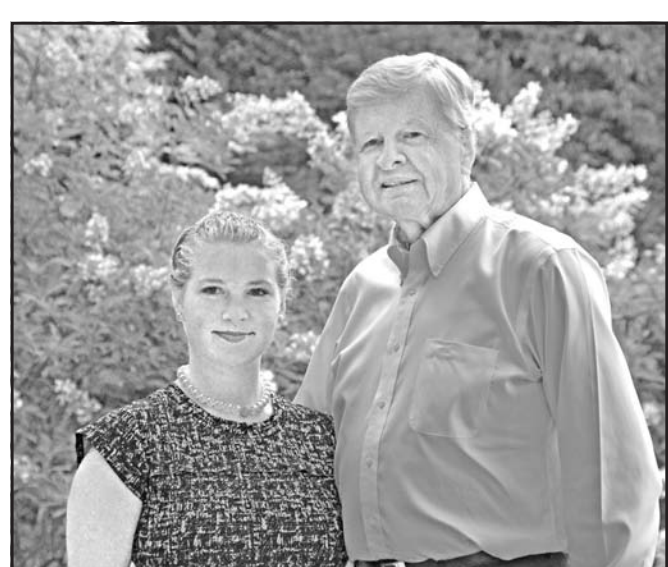
Bring any type of tractor you have and enter it in our show and parade. The tractors can be old or new, used or antique, everything farm related is welcome to show and be in the parade or remain at the Farmer's Market for the public to view. If you don't have a tractor, just come and watch the parade, look around and buy some produce or goods from our local farmers.

If you are entering the tractor show/parade, please arrive by 8 a.m. at the Farmer's Market in Blairsville with the parade to begin at 11 a.m.

Each participant in the tractor show will be given a t-shirt. This event is sponsored by the Union County Farm Bureau and Union County Farmer's Market. Make plans today to come, bring a chair and be with us at the 6th Annual Tractor Show/Parade at the Union County Farmer's Market.

For more information or questions, please call Mickey Cummings at 706-781-8802 or call Union County Farm Bureau at 706-745-6962, or go to our web site ucfarmers-market.com.

If you need further assistance you can e-mail us at farmersmarket@uniongov.com.



Molly Brendle and Harry Steiner

are under the age of 12.

Dancing with the North Georgia Stars will act as a fundraiser for Enotah CASA, with all proceeds going to help abused and neglected children within the four-county district. Those who wish to donate can become a sponsor for the event, purchase tickets for the event and Gala, or both.

The Towns/Union Dancing with the North Georgia Stars presenting sponsor is United Community Bank, which donated \$3,500 to the cause. Other sponsorships available for purchase are Silver Sponsor for \$500, Gold Sponsor for \$1,000 and the Gala Sponsor for \$2,000.

Tickets for the event are \$25 for the show only,

\$20 for only the Gala and \$40 for both. These tickets may be purchased from the dancers, at the Towns County Chamber of Commerce or online at www.dancingwithnorthgeorgiastars.com.

The Dancing with the North Georgia Stars couples are as follows: Harry Steiner and Molly Brendle; Mary Lynn McKenzie and Roy Perren; Bob Levy and Brett Taylor; Pat Griffin and Ron Proto; Andrew Smith and Aly Sanchez; Dr. Claire Worthy and Kris Berrong; Lee Knight and Angela Thompson Puleo; Amy Harper and Kenan Olsen; Sam Hamby and Lynn Hayes; Jeff Davis and Martina Gibboney; and Renee Deibert and Rick Kmet.