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that we spend trying to prove or disprove something that happened on the bus. And if we had a video clip, we could have that discussion and a solution in about five minutes.”

During the board’s work session, which takes place immediately prior to the regular meeting, Dr. Rayfield went over the school system’s enrollment totals from the start of the year.

Coincidentally, the start of year totals for the 2017-2018 school year match the number of students from the 2016-2017 school year, with both sitting right at 2,844 students systemwide.

Even though the totals are the same, there are differences in the levels maintained by each school between the two years, with the primary school, elementary school and Woody Gap School starting with fewer students this year, and both the middle school and high school starting with more students.

The board approved the purchase of a new replacement fryer at the elementary school in the amount of \$11,544.18 in the Aug. 15 board meeting.

Also in the regular meeting, the board recognized the Union County High School Athletic Program for having won the Georgia High School Association Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award for Region 7 in Class 3-A during the 2016-2017 school year.

“Student athletes, fellow students, school staff, parents and event spectators are recognized for the sportsmanship they display,” per the GHSA. “The award is not only a school honor, but a community honor as well. The GHSA region secretaries select winners based upon sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the school year.”

Union County High was one of only eight Class 3-A high schools honored statewide for sportsmanship.



The Five Union County Schools Principals, L-R: Gwen Stafford, UCMS; Trish Cook, UCES; C.T. Hussion, UCHS; Carol Knight, WGS; and Millie Owenby, UCPS.

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settlers into the area during the Gold Rush in the late 1830s and mines were established throughout the county in Ivy Log, Gum Log, High Tower, Brasstown and Coosa.

While this brought some growth and development to the area, the way of life of those settlers who sought refuge

and solace in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains was preserved, and has long since been remembered.

The Heritage Festival is an annual tribute to those early pioneers of long ago.

“This festival is a family-oriented event,” said Stephens. “It’s free, there’s something

there for the kids. There’s something there for the adults. And there’s something there that represents our history.”

All activities are centered around the 1906 Grapelle Mock House, the restored 1861 Civil War era Payne Family log cabin, barn, corn crib and smithy.

Parking for the event can be found anywhere in the downtown area, including around the square. Union County Recreation Department shuttle bus will be running throughout downtown to take visitors to the festival, free of charge.

And for those who wish to continue the fun later in the evening, there will be live music around the square in Downtown Blairsville, featuring The “Do a Lil” Pickin Band and “Tom & Julie,” beginning at 6 p.m.

Make this a Labor Day Weekend you and your family won’t soon forget.

Honoring Public Safety

On Friday, September 8, 2017, the Quarterback Club will be honoring all Public Safety personnel in Union County, at the home opening Union County High School Football game. This special recognition will happen at the beginning of the game. All Public Safety personnel are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call 706-745-2050.

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