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the morning of Sept. 19, including a brain injury, though his condition "improved tremendously over the weekend," and Lt. Osborn said he was expected to move forward this week with important medical procedures.

The 25-year-old deputy is a native of Young Harris, where he currently resides.

Henderson had just started his shift and was on his way to a wreck in Union County that Monday morning, between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m., when another deputy radioed to Henderson that he would handle the accident instead, according to Lt. Osborn.

"And Henderson didn't answer - then they dispatched a wreck in Towns County," said Lt. Osborn.

The accident is still under investigation, but for some reason Henderson's vehicle left the road a little ways past Gibby's Furniture on GA 515 headed toward Union County, according to Lt. Osborn.

His patrol car spun after leaving the road and ended up hitting a tree on the driver's side. Towns County Fire & Rescue responded to the scene to extricate Henderson by cutting off the top of his

vehicle.

Henderson was then transported by Towns County EMS to Union General Hospital. Due to foggy conditions that morning, he couldn't be airlifted, so he was taken from there by Union General EMS to Northeast Georgia Medical Center, according to Lt. Osborn.

UCSO escorted the ambulance to Gainesville, and received assistance from law enforcement agencies in White and Hall counties to help clear the route.

Since he arrived in Gainesville, Henderson has been surrounded by family and friends. He has family staying in a hotel nearby, and the Union County Sheriff's Office has had a deputy at the hospital around the clock.

Lt. Osborn says that prayers for Henderson and his family are more than welcome during this difficult time. For major updates to Henderson's condition, stay tuned to the "Union County - Georgia Sheriff's Office" Facebook page.

There has already been a successful GoFundMe account set up to give the community a way to show their support, which can also be found on the UCSO Facebook page.

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things to eat from barbeque plates to funnel cakes and cotton candy, and the teacher's booth will have hotdogs and hamburgers.

The Gaddistown Homemakers will have a quilt show and all kinds of delicious pies for sale. Come participate in the Run Above the Clouds with 10K and 1-mile runs starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

For more information on the Run Above the Clouds, please contact Jim Miner at (706) 747-5434.

Attendees will want to kick up their heels at the Country Square Dance on Saturday night beginning at 7 p.m. The evening promises all sorts of fun, and will feature the musical talents of Jim Wood and the Georgia Mountain Fair Band.

Live entertainment throughout the weekend will include performances by Cartecay River Band, Nealy

Webster, Haley Grizzle, Rewind, and the Woody Gap Band of Steel.

There will be a play performed by the Woody Gap School elementary students, a live auction, and plenty for the kids, including a bouncing house, obstacle course and slide.

The Suches Fire Department will provide free parking.

Admission is only \$4 for ages 13 and up, \$2 for 7-12, and 6 and under is free.


All proceeds from the festival go to benefit the students of Woody Gap School.

For information on booth space contact Annette Gooch at (706) 781-5529, or for general information contact Larry Wood at (706) 973-0289.

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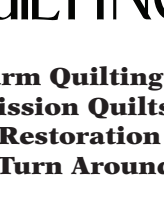


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