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Senior Cydney Rich became the 2019-2020 Union County High School Homecoming Queen on a soggy evening in Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium on Friday, Oct. 25.

2018 Homecoming

Queen Aladriel Arnold was on hand to crown Rich, who edged out the rest of the 14-member Homecoming Court.

Senior Runner-Up was Miranda Lockaby, Junior Runner-Up went to Katie Baumeister, the Sophomore Runner-Up was Allie Brey, and the Freshman Runner-Up went to Lasada Johnson.

Originally scheduled

to take place before the game, Friday's Homecoming Ceremony was pushed back to halftime due to heavy rain that passed over Blairsville just prior to 7 p.m.

The annual UCHS Homecoming Parade was also postponed until the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 28, due to rain.

For more on Rich and Union County High's 2019 Homecoming festivities, check out this week's Sports Section.

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Grace Nelson.

Dawn Saraney and Al Haywood acted as co-masters of ceremonies for the evening, introducing the judges and interacting with the contestants throughout the show.

Each couple performed an exciting routine that they'd been practicing since June and working hard to master before taking to the big stage Saturday night.

A brief intermission followed the performances, giving audience members a chance to vote for the People's Choice award winners with their donations.

For the People's Choice awards, Second Runner-Up went to Susan Stalcup and Heath Ledford, First Runner-Up went to Renee Deibert and Barbara Wheatley, and the overall winners were Sharon Penner and Marty Evans, who raised the most money of any other couple.

For the judges' awards, Second Runner-Up went to Joey and Katherine Nicolella, First Runner-Up went to Renee Deibert and Barbara Wheatley, and the winners of the 2019 Mirror Ball Trophy were Harry Baughn and Sandi Entwistle.

"I'm crying, and it made an old man happy," said Baughn, who is mayor of Hayesville, North Carolina. "I would never have dreamed that we would have won tonight."

"I'm so grateful. We missed a lot of rehearsals for some health issues that we won't go into, but (Sandi) is a real trooper and she was amazing."

Baughn was a good student and determined to learn the dance moves over the last



Renee Deibert and Barbara Wheatley took home two First Runner-Up prizes at the Dancing with North Georgia Stars competition Saturday, one for People's Choice and one for judges' decision.

Photo by Jarrett Whitener
Enotah CASA. "We also want to advocate our mission, which is to advocate for abused and neglected children in foster care throughout our circuit."

few months, Entwistle said.

"This is wonderful and unexpected," Entwistle said. "Harry was a perfect student. He really gave it his all, and I couldn't ask for anyone better to dance with tonight. I'm glad that we could do this together and win it together."

The entire event acted as a fundraiser for Enotah CASA, which is a nonprofit organization that seeks to reduce and reverse the effects of child abuse and neglect, as well as alleviate the feelings of abandonment and alienation that scar children, according to www.enotahcasa.org.

"This is our fourth year of hosting Dancing with North Georgia Stars, and when we started, we were just hoping to create a really fun event that the community would enjoy and get behind," said Della Lago, executive director of

"I would say that we have made that dream come alive, and tonight is just an example of that. We appreciate all of our returning sponsors and our dancers so much. This event has taken a lot of support from a lot of people."

Attendees and competitors enjoyed entertainment by the Woody Gap Band of Steel that evening, and they continued the celebration at the annual post-event gala hosted at North Georgia Technical College.

Enotah CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates for children. The organization serves kids in Towns, Union, White and Lumpkin counties, and is always looking for volunteers.

DAR Honors Justice O'Connor and Civic Mindedness

Did you know that Georgia generally falls behind national averages in measures of civic health? The Old Unicoi Trail Chapter, DAR, will hold an informational meeting Saturday, November 9th on the civic mindedness of Georgians and how they interact with each other, their communities, and political life. The program is at 10:30 a.m. at the Union County First Methodist Church, 938 Highway 515, Blairsville. To confirm your attendance email oldunicoitrail@gmail.com.

Leading up to the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment August 20, 1920, this one-hour program will focus on iCivics, a project of the first female U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Over the course of her career Justice Sandra Day O'Connor grew concerned about a growing lack of understanding about our system of government and the disengagement that inevitably follows. In 2009, Justice

O'Connor founded iCivics with the goal of transforming civic education in America. iCivics is a national program, which is promoted in Georgia by the State Bar of Georgia and Georgia Family Connection Partnership.

The GA Civic Health Index is a project of the Georgia Family Connection Partnership, gafcp.org; the Georgia Municipal Association, gmanet.com; and the National Conference on Citizenship, ncoc.org. In 2013, the Georgia Family Connection Partnership - with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, GeorgiaForward, and the National Conference on Citizenship - published the first Georgia Civic Health Index™ (CHI). The 2019 second edition of the Georgia CHI shows that overall civic health in Georgia has shown little improvement, and in most areas has declined from the first report . . . voting in local elections dropped from 29th to 40th, volunteering dropped from 34th to 44th and

group participation dropped from 28th to 49th. The DAR understands that such measures indicate the health of our communities and nation.

Join daughters, and invited civic, government and education leaders from Towns, Union and Fannin counties for an introduction to the state of civic health in Georgia and learn about volunteer efforts to support civic education. Staff from the iCivics program of the GA Family Connection Partnership will present.

The DAR is a non-political organization founded in 1890 whose mission is historic preservation, education and patriotism. Without civic-minded citizens, this mission cannot be realized; therefore, we support iCivics. Women 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution are eligible to join DAR. Email oldunicoitrail@gmail.com for information.

★ 2nd Annual ★

Salute to Veterans Car Show

And fund raising AUCTION

The Blairsville Cruisers Car Club invites you to participate
in honoring our veterans

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UNION COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

148 Old Smokey Road in Blairsville, Ga.

Saturday, November 2, 2019

11 am – 4 pm

Registration Starts 10 am

National Anthem at Noon ~ Auction at 2pm

Awards at 3:30 ~ Raffle Car Drawing at 4:00

Registration Fee is DONATION*

**All show proceeds go to local veterans and local veterans organizations*

Participation by area Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters, VFW posts, American Legion posts and other Veterans Organizations in North Georgia & Western North Carolina

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All vehicles Welcome!

Please fly the Flag on your vehicle!

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TOP 20 Awards

Best of Show and Best Military Vehicle

DOOR PRIZES * FOOD * MUSIC * 50/50

LAST CHANCE for raffle tickets on the 2008 Mustang!!