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Turk suggested that Judge Miller put Stokes under house arrest, monitoring her whereabouts with an ankle monitor.

Langley disagreed. "She attempted to cover her tracks," Langley said. "She was willing to deter law enforcement; willing to hide a fugitive from law enforcement."

Bond denied, Miller said.

Adams-Donaldson, who spent a portion of her youth in Union County, was discovered in an old hand-dug well at the old Roper farm on Turner Turnpike in rural Towns County.

Adams-Donaldson's remains were recovered approximately at 7 p.m. on July 11th. The well was in close proximity to the residence where Adams-Donaldson lived.

Adams-Donaldson was

reported missing on June 24th by family members.

Ledford and Stokes have confessed to the crime, which murder warrants allege happened June 17th, following extensive interrogations by Towns County sheriff's investigators and GBI agents, according to the Towns County Sheriff's Office.

Ledford and Stokes were already inmates at the Towns County Detention Center at

the time of their confessions, sheriff's reports show.

Prior to the murder charges, Ledford was being held on charges that include first-degree forgery, eight counts of deposit account fraud, and criminal trespass, Towns County arrest warrants show.

Stokes was being held on an obstruction charge, Towns County arrest warrants show.

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an effort to involve the community in order to increase the rate of dual enrollment.

"North Georgia Technical College and Young Harris College are great to work with," Hill said.

There will be various pathways students can pursue as well. Pathways include three courses sequenced in a certain concentration, and this year, music has been added.

"This allows kids to explore various careers such as nursing," Hill explained. "It is going to allow kids to dig deeper into fields of study before they graduate."

Students also will have the opportunity to earn high school credits before eighth grade, allowing a lot of flexibility for dual enrollment and advanced placement classes later on, leading to the possibility of recognition from prestigious colleges.

The school recently received a grant for \$1.1 million written by Union County Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams.

The grant will enable children to stretch their abilities.

"Retired English teacher Maureen Batchelor did professional development with our teachers during pre-planning time," Hill said. "Everything is literacy based, so we're trying to do a better job of preparing these students for college. We didn't have any furlough days, so our teachers were able to prepare during pre-planning."

Dr. Williams has helped with the implementation of the Flipped Classroom. This inverts traditional teaching methods, using online technology, and moving homework into the classroom.

It allows students to watch lectures at home, and communicate with peers and teachers through online discussion.

Essentially, it makes school quite user-friendly for the students, especially since they are obsessed with technology already, Hill said.

"It can be used on their own technology on their own time," Hill said. "It gives kids a judgment free classroom, and it allows for more one on one time during class periods."

The program has been used for two years at the

schools, and it is not just beneficial to the students. The program also allows various departments to share certain knowledge and also add supplemental aid.

Assistant UCHS Principal C.T. Hussion explained that the online learning management system used is similar to what NGTC and YHC use.

"It gives students access to our curriculum in order," Hussion said.

It uses Moodle, an acronym for Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment, and it's the only one being used on a high school level, primary school, and even middle school.

It seems to be well liked by students and teachers, as Hussion explained.

"One hundred teachers use it now, and over 1,000 students," Hussion said. "The goal is for all of the students, teachers, and parents to use it, especially in primary and elementary school."

Hussion is grateful for Kristi Chapman, Special Education Coordinator, for coming up with the idea of using it.

Hussion implemented it, and the teachers helped make it all it could be. The program seems to be working.

When compared to similar schools demographically, the data from CRCT testing showed Union was ranked number one compared to surrounding schools in the state.

Despite the already impressive ranking, Hill said they plan to push to make improvements.

Hill said he is very excited about the upcoming year, and all of the changes.

"The students here are outstanding," he said proudly.

And to protect those outstanding students, there will be new safety precautions taken to ensure their safety, including a guard at the front door.

Hill said nothing happened that caused anyone to worry, they just want to make sure they are doing everything they can.

There also will be additional cameras, and the doors will run off a buzzer system, allowing them to stay locked continuously.

Along with the newly added educational programs, events, such as softball games are "Full speed ahead," Hill said.

Softball season starts Wednesday, Aug. 7th, while football season begins Aug. 30th.

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antiquated water lines from the 1940s with new industrial lines, and rehabilitation of two city water tanks.

"For the majority of these projects, we've been able to secure grant money, and in one instance, a big chunk of federal stimulus money," Mayor Conley said. "Water and sewer are the major appeal for businesses looking to relocate. A low tax base is the other. We have all those things in place to attract new business."

The city also has one of the top law enforcement agencies in Northeast Georgia. The Blairsville Police Department headed by Chief Johnny Carroll, was named Agency of the Year in 2012.

"We're very proud of our police department," Mayor Conley said. "Chief Carroll has done an outstanding job during his tenure as Police Chief. We feel blessed to have such a fine department, and for the first time, they're deputized to assist outside the City Limits."

Mayor Conley said the city isn't just about the mayor, it's about the team.

"I've been fortunate enough to work with two

outstanding City Councils during my tenure as mayor," Mayor Conley said. "The city of Blairsville is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of public servants, as the group that serves on the Blairsville City Council. I feel blessed to work with each and every

one of them.

"Yes, we're a team here, and every employee is an important cog in the delivery of services to the city of Blairsville," Mayor Conley said. "We're fortunate to have such a dedicated group of employees."

Al-Anon meetings/times

Blairsville: Mountain Presbyterian Church, 2945 Young Harris Hwy. 76, Wednesday 8 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting. Saint Clare's Episcopal Church, Friday 12 noon Al-anon Group Discussion, open meeting.


Young Harris: Sharp Memorial Methodist Church, Tuesday 12 noon Al-Anon Family Group discussion, open meeting.

Hiawassee: Chatuge Regional Hospital, 110 South Main Street, Sunday 7 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting. Christ the King Church, Monday 7 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting.

Al-Anon is open to anyone who has been affected by another person's drinking. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or a friend.

Call 706-835-5827, 706-897-0628 or 828-389-8981. for more information. NT(Aug7Z)CA

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