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Arrest made in school threat

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Jonathan Tingle

A 16-year-old Tuscola High School student was arrested by Haywood County Sheriff's Office deputies Thursday

afternoon and charged with a felony after telling fellow students he planned to commit mass acts of violence at school Friday.

According to Sheriff Greg Christopher, deputies arrested Jonathan Miller Tingle, of Clyde, about 3:30 p.m. and charged him with making a false report of mass violence on educational property.

Tingle is alleged to have told classmates he planned to "commemorate" the anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting on Friday, April 20.

"We take these situations very seriously," said Sheriff Christopher. "School safety is of the utmost importance to us. We will continue to diligently work to protect our children, as well as the teachers and staff in our schools."

Tingle was jailed in lieu of \$10,000 secured bond. His first court appearance is scheduled for May 1.

EVERYTHING IS BLOOMING



I Love

HAYWOOD in the SPRINGTIME



These photos submitted by Rick Bennett depict spring in Maggie Valley. Bennett is a frequent visitor to Haywood County where he enjoys taking landscape and wildlife photography.

More of his photos can be viewed at www.rwbadventures.com.

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Help Little Howell

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Brenda O'Keefe, owner of Joy's Pancake House in Maggie Valley, has known the Brown family for years, and she frequently saw them in her restaurant enjoying breakfast.

But suddenly, they stopped coming, and that's when O'Keefe began to hear the rumors that "Little Howell," Howell and Susan Brown's son, was sick — very sick.

"It was kind of a shock," O'Keefe said while sitting in the restaurant. "I thought, 'Oh, it can't be because he had just been here.'"

Unfortunately, what O'Keefe hoped was just a rumor turned out to be true. After trying to contact the family but missing

Howell continues on 8A



Charter school forms

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Several parents in Haywood County have formed a committee and are taking the necessary steps toward establishing what would be the county's first charter school.

If all the applications are approved at the state level, the proposed Shining Rock Classical Academy would begin as a kindergarten through fifth-grade school. But the long-term goal is to have a K-12 charter school.

What is a charter school?

A charter school is a public school that receives public money but is given more flexibility and local control over opera-

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Junkyard business evolves through the years

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Times were hard in 1942, when the U.S. was in the midst of World War II. But it was because of the war that one of Haywood County's oldest businesses started with an unlikely entrepreneur.

Betsy Schulhofer's husband, Jake, was serving in the military in France at the time, leaving her with sole responsibility to put food on the table for their 4-year-old son, Bill.

At the time, demand for metal was tremendous, so Betsy started her own business going from house to house collecting scrap metal and having it recycled for profit. Even after the war was over, Jake stayed overseas two more years as a hospital medic in Europe.

When he returned home in 1946, he landed a job working for the town of Waynesville. But to supplement the income, Betsy continued growing the business, which would later be

Junkyard continues on 8A



DeeAnna Haney photo

RECYCLING — The modern-day junkyard is perhaps the oldest form of recycling. Schulhofer's Junkyard accepts — and sells — a variety of other people's cast-offs, including cinder blocks.



WEATHER



Today

Rain
High 62 F
Low 35 F



Saturday

Sunny
High 61 F
Low 35 F



Sunday

Mostly cloudy
High 62 F
Low 38 F



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