

Opinions

Everybody has one...

Station 13 Update

Union County Fire Department broke ground on a new career fire station back in September of 2022. This new station will be Station No. 13 and is located at the Hidden Harbor entrance on Highway 129 North, also known as the Murphy Hwy. This location was chosen due to the increased call volume and the ISO (Insurance Services Organization) rating for some homes and businesses in that specific area. The location will shorten the response time to emergencies in that area by seven to nine minutes.

Construction is well underway. The pad was completed, the walls are up, and the roof has been completed.

Work is being done to finish laying the shingles on the roof when the weather cooperates. There are other contractors working on the site this month to install the HVAC, the plumbing, and the wiring. Construction completion dates are estimated as being late summer or early fall. Once completed, the station will be certified by Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.

The new station will be a career station, meaning that there will be career firefighters at the station 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to respond to calls in that area. These calls range from medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, rescues, searches for hazardous materials, all fires, and other various emergencies. The career firefighters will be part of and support the volunteer firefighters who operate the three volunteer stations in the north division of the county.

The station is also designed to house an ambulance and crew if the Union General Ambulance Service desires to place an ambulance in that station. We have also included office space and access for the Union County Sheriff's Office deputies who may be working in that area. This design enables the station to be a public safety station and not just a fire station.

The fire station will be the third career station, joining Station 1 in Blairsville and Station 5 in Suches. This will provide more career firefighters for any major fire or emergency. Having a fire station in that area may reduce the ISO rating for some home and business owners. We are excited to see the progress of this station and look forward to including it in our operations.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

Fire Dept. from Union County Fire Chief
David Dyer



The Broken Prayer

Indiana Jones traveled the world and faced treacherous situations to accomplish his purpose. So did Bob Pierce, only he's not fictitious. Pierce's purpose was simple: to tell people who Jesus is. His method was practical compassion – meeting people at their point of need, hoping to earn their permission to talk about Jesus.

Pierce was a contemporary of Billy Graham. They were both involved in Youth for Christ as young men. Pierce went on to found Samaritan's Purse. He was a mentor to Franklin Graham who succeeded Pierce at that organization. "I never dreamed of the impact Bob would have on my son," Billy Graham said, "imparting to him the same vision that he had."

Pierce lived as a broken man who prayed. A lot. You'll understand what I mean by broken with this favorite prayer of his: "Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God." When God answered that prayer, Pierce acted. "He firmly believed that when God burdened his heart with a deep need," Franklin Graham said, "he was not to rest until he had done something about it – regardless of the cost."

During the Lebanese civil war in the 1970s, Pierce traveled to support pastor Sami Dagher. Pierce was within a month of losing his battle with leukemia. After the church service, the shelling began again. Travel being too risky, Dagher stayed with Pierce in his hotel room. "That was the most unusual, inspiring night I have ever known," Dagher said. "Bob prayed all night long! Hour after hour, as he prayed for people I didn't know as well as people under fire that night, the presence of God was so real I didn't dare close my eyes. I just lay at the feet of this man who was dying...and knew how to die."

Richard Halverson, the former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, also knew Pierce well. "Bob Pierce functioned from a broken heart," Halverson wrote. "It was absolutely uncanny how he would manage to be at a place of crisis when it occurred." That was probably due to another of Pierce's favorite prayers. "Lord, I give you license to interfere in my life and plans at any time, in any way, at any cost to me."

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All Things New

Wayne Fowler



Commissioner's Questions

Q. What is Adult Protective Services?

A. Adult Protective Services (APS) programs promote the safety, independence, and quality-of-life for vulnerable adults who are, or are in danger of, being abused, neglected by self or others, or financially exploited, and who are unable to protect themselves. APS is a social service program authorized by law in every state to receive and investigate reports of elder or vulnerable adult maltreatment and to intervene to protect the victims to the extent possible. In Georgia, Adult Protective Services (APS) is the state entity charged with investigating all reports of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of older persons (65+) or an adult (18+) with a disability who do not reside in long-term care facilities pursuant to the Disabled Adults and Elder Persons Protection Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 30-5-1, et seq.

Q. Who pays for this service? Who funds the organization?

A. Adult Protective Services is part of the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services. It is paid for by the State of Georgia.

Q. What can Adult Protective Services do for an elderly person?

A. Adult Protective Services supports exploited older people or adults with disabilities in sharing information, solving problems, and improving the quality of services for these victims of elder and vulnerable adult mistreatment. Some types of elder abuse addressed includes physical abuse, mental, emotional, or verbal abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation. Adult Protective Services receives reports of alleged abuse, neglect, self-neglect or financial exploitation and determines if the client is eligible. It investigates the allegations through interviewing the client, collateral contacts, alleged abuser(s) and through the examination of evidence such as medical and bank records. It addresses emergency needs for food, shelter or law enforcement protection. It determines whether abuse is occurring or not. If it is not, the case is closed. If it is, develops a case plan, with the client, to stop the abuse, and to address the client's health and safety needs through services such as medical or mental health treat-

Q & A from Union County Commissioner

Lamar Paris



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Letters to the Editor

First Amendment Rights

Dear Editor,

I was heartened to read two recent pieces noting that religion (specifically christian religion as espoused by a frequently published contributor) seems to get more than its share of ink on the Opinions page. In my opinion, a newspaper that already dedicates two full pages to local chatter (along with numerous articles that, on a regular basis, explicitly or implicitly embrace conservative christian ideas) already has more than enough religion for most readers.

The oft-cited First Amendment specifically protects the rights of citizens to practice the religion of their choice. At the same time it prohibits the state from favoring or supporting a particular religion at the expense of all others. This separation of church and state has served the country well and is intended to keep the religious and non-religious on equal footing.

I encourage the editor of the North Georgia News to follow this example by letting the Opinions page be a place where issues of interest and importance to all residents (roads, taxes, education, etc.) are discussed and debated. Those who feel a need to proselytize have more than enough freedom and protections to do so elsewhere.

Myron Brooks



Letters to the Editor

CCP Spy Balloon Saga

Dear Editor,

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a...Chinese Communist Party spy balloon.

Last Thursday, Montanans spotted an odd object in the sky, which turned out to be a Chinese surveillance balloon. Americans across the country quickly urged the Biden Administration to shoot down the ship, yet the President remained silent and stagnant on the matter for days. Meanwhile, the CCP spy balloon drifted across the continental United States, passing above states and collecting intelligence.

On Saturday, the surveillance device made its way to the Carolina coast, where it was finally shot down over the Atlantic. While I applaud our servicemembers for successfully neutralizing the Chinese spy balloon, it is completely unacceptable that this action was not taken sooner by our Commander-in-Chief.

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The Abortion Pill

Dear Editor,

What a year 2022 was as we witnessed monumental progress in the fight against abortion. Roe v. Wade was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court returning the responsibility for legislation of abortion laws back to the individual states. In our State of Georgia, the Heartbeat Law was enacted which makes abortion illegal after a baby has a detectable heartbeat, usually by 5-6 weeks gestation.

With progress often comes challenges as we are seeing at the Georgia Mountain Pregnancy Center Medical here in Blairsville, and as are being seen at other pregnancy centers across our state and nation. In states like ours where abortion laws have greatly reduced the time limits for legal abortion, or have outlawed it altogether, abortion-minded women are focusing their attention on the abortion pill. Before the laws changed, most women had time to seek information and assistance from pregnancy centers before making their decision. They were able to have an ultrasound and see the life growing inside them, often changing hearts to choose life. Now, with stricter time limits imposed, many women are fearful of running out of time. They aren't taking time to process their options, but instead, they are going straight for the abortion pill, bypassing the pregnancy centers all together.

You have probably seen in the news that CVS, Walgreens, and other pharmacies are offering the abortion pills with a prescription from a licensed provider. Abortion pills are also easily obtained from abortion clinics and abortion providers as well as over the internet. Over the

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The Well

Papa's younger brother Clay was a young man who enjoyed life. He was the smallest of Lon Cummings' sons. Clay loved being around other people and he enjoyed laughter. Whenever a crowd was gathered and you could hear laughter, there was a good chance Clay was in the middle of the group telling one of his tales.

Lon Cummings raised two girls and four boys in a three bedroom house on the hill overlooking Cummings Creek. Mabel and Pogy slept in one room while Papa, Clay and Lon slept in another room. Pick and Pogy slept in one feather bed while Papa and Clay slept in another. One evening in late summer an event occurred that effected Papa for the rest of his life.

The boys had worked out an order of cross ties for Lon. The railroad between Hamilton and Phil Campbell was being worked on and Lon had secured the contract for 30 miles of cross ties. The boys worked at the sawmill for 10 hours a day of milling cross ties. This was a bog order and they'd been working for weeks while trying to meet the order.

The next day they would be making their usual delivery of the cross ties to the railroad. Pogy was the youngest of the boys, and he was so tired that he fell asleep while eating supper that evening. He dozed off and his face fell right into his mashed potatoes. All four of the young men collapsed into bed that evening. Papa said he was beyond tired and his sleep was filled with crazy dreams. The last dream he remembered was of him being robbed. And it scared him plenty.

He said, "The dream was so real, and then all of a sudden the robber reached out and grabbed me by the neck and began to choke me. I began to kick and scream for help, and then the two of us rolled off the bluff and under a big rock. The fearful part was that he never let go of my neck." Actually, Clay had an epileptic seizure and was choking Papa. The two boys had rolled off their bed and then wound up underneath the bed.

Upon hearing the commotion Lon had run into the room and with Uncle Pick's help pulled Clay and Papa from under the bed. His grasp of my grandfather's neck was strong enough to require both Lon's and Pick's strength to break him free. The young man's neck was bruised for days. After which he was always afraid of being in a tight place due to his experience under the bed. Clay's epileptic seizures would plague him intermittently over the next several years.

During the 1930s Papa and each of his siblings married. Not long after their marriages Mr.

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Around The Farm

Mickey Cummings



Soil Testing

Soil testing is a very important part of growing a quality crop, having a good-looking garden, having a quality lawn, or a good pasture. Soil testing gives you an insider look at what is going on in your soil. Even though it's only February now is a good time to think about soil testing and prepping the soil. Let's take a look at what a soil test can do for you and why it's a good idea to have your soil tested.

If you have a garden at your house it's a good idea to have your soil tested every other year. A soil test will show you the pH, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, zinc, and manganese levels in your soil. These are essential elements for plant growth. Nitrogen is also a very important nutrient for plant growth. However, nitrogen is very mobile in the soil. Therefore, you could test your soil and by the time that you receive your soil results back from the lab the amount of nitrogen in the soil could be drastically different.

pH is often the most limiting factors when it comes to growing plants in the mountains. A soil test will tell you the pH and the recommended lime to bring that pH up to an acceptable level for the plants. Any lime that is added to soil will take 3-6 months to fully take effect. That means for spring plantings, now is a good time to take a soil test and begin adding lime.

When taking a sample for your lawn, a depth of 4 inches is appropriate. If you're taking a sample for gardens, ornamentals, mixed fruit trees, and wildlife plots sample to a depth of 6-8 inches. You can use a spade or a soil probe. When you take the sample it's best to take multiple samples from around the plot that you are interested in. This way you'll get an average of the area that you're sampling and a better representative sample. Using a trowel or small shovel, take 8-10 samples and mix them together in a bucket. From that bucket take the sample that you'll bring into the Extension office so that we can send it to the UGA labs. Make sure that you get enough soil so that the lab can test properly. About 2 cups of soil is needed.

If you're sampling from an area that has mulch or grass on top of it push that material away so that you penetrate down to the soil. Pull out any rock or roots that you get with the soil sample and throw them away. When you take the sample, spread the wet/damp soil on a newspaper and let the soil air out overnight before bringing it in to the office, so that it dries down some.

When deciding how many samples you need to take, look at the area and determine how many different types of conditions you have.

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Chamber of Commerce

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope everyone has plans to visit one of our great restaurants. We have the cuisine to suit and a selection of wonderful local beverages to top off your evening with that special someone.

We had an exciting Evening with the STARS last week where we were able to recognize some very special students, teachers, and alumni. The awards included, UCHS Star Student – Destiny Gibson, Star Teacher – Dixie Conger, Reaching for the Stars Award – Tristan Hayes, Alumni Pacesetter Star Award (Alumni Award) – Emmi Schakat, Shining Star Award – Courtney Foster, All Star Panther Award – Eli Underwood, North Star Award – Mattie Brookshire, and the Community Star Award – Autumn Skinner. An Evening with the STARS is an excellent way to recognize and honor students who have excelled in academics and other activities. By celebrating their work, we are able to motivate them and encourage them

Blairsville - Union County Chamber President

Steve Rowe



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To the Good Guys and the Girls Too

Dear Editor,

Here is a well deserved shout-out to the law enforcement officers of Towns and Union counties, both men and women, and not just local, but across the U.S.

When the officers stopped the criminals, they had fentanyl and money, too! Not guilty? What will the officers have to do? Catch the criminals shoving the drugs in our 2-year-olds' mouths?

Good guys (officers), don't give up hope and throw your hands in the air along with your hat. Give the criminals a shout along with a little New Orleans slang; just ask, "Who's dat?"

Thanks to Sheriff Mack Mason and his crew for a job well done. When you guys have a day off and are in my neighborhood, stop by and give me a shout. I am always home or thereabout: 341 Crawley Gap Road in Blairsville.

From the father of an officer, concerned and seasoned by fire, thank you.

Mac Harkins

A Variety of Observations

Dear Editor,

Regarding several recent recurring subjects:

1. Growth. Sadly, we just lost the Sears Home Store, where my wife and I bought all our appliances for our new home. The staff there were friendly, attentive and genuinely made us feel like we mattered to them. Not just our money, but our happiness and satisfaction. Should that storefront remain vacant? If another national chain wanted to lease that space, should we deny them in the name of "controlling growth?" I don't want Blairsville to turn into Atlanta, or Phoenix (or worse yet, New York City) any more than you do. But reasonable, moderate commercial and residential growth benefits everyone. We should monitor growth closely and wisely. But, if it fills a need and improves our local prosperity, we should also welcome it.

2. Fast-food restaurants. The fast-food restaurants in Blairsville generate somewhere around \$75,000 per week in local income, using an estimate of: 15 restaurants X 10 employees per place X 30 hours per week each X an average pay rate of \$17 an hour. Let's remember that when thinking about getting rid of them. They can peacefully and functionally co-exist with our beloved and excellent mom-n-pop restaurants. And, other than Sundays, when is Chick-fil-A's drive-thru empty? There's clearly enough demand. Does Blairsville need more fast-food chains? No. But I feel we could use a couple

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ment, housing assistance, legal assistance, financial assistance, personal care, and home delivered meals.

Q. What is meant by the term “self-neglect?”

A. Vulnerable adults who neglect themselves are unwilling or unable to do needed self-care. This can include such things as 1) Not eating enough good to the point of malnourishment; 2) Wearing clothes that are dirty, torn, or not suited for the weather; 3) Living in dirty, unsanitary, or hazardous conditions; or 4) Not getting needed medical care.

Q. How does Adult Protective Services work? If I call them, what happens?

A. Each situation is different, so a decision is made once the specific condition/abuse is investigated. For persons living in the community, Georgia law requires mandatory reporting of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation by certain professionals who are mandated reporters. Mandated Reporters include physicians and other hospital or medical personnel. Mandated reporters must make a report

when they have a reasonable cause to believe that 1) an at-risk adult has had an injury or injuries inflicted upon them by a caretaker or 2) has been neglected or exploited by a caretaker.

Q. What is the difference between a welfare check and Adult Protective Services?

A. A welfare check, also known as a wellness check, is when police stop by a person's home to make sure they are okay. Requests for welfare checks are made by friends, family, and neighbors, typically after someone unexpectedly stops answering their phone or getting in touch with others. This is very different from a report to Adult Protective Services where State entities receive and investigate reports of elder or vulnerable adult maltreatment. However, a welfare check could possibly lead to a report to Adult Protective Services.

If you need to report vulnerable adult maltreatment, please call 1-866-522-4464. If someone is in immediate danger, please call 911.

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President Biden and Department of Defense officials claim shooting down the object earlier was not feasible, citing concerns for debris causing damage to citizens and structures. However, we now know that the balloon first entered U.S. airspace over Alaska on January 28th before departing on the 30th. While I look forward to receiving a full briefing on the matter in the coming days, the airship certainly could have been neutralized before allowing it to re-enter our airspace and travel across the country.

Ultimately, the issue isn't just that the spy balloon flew across the continental U.S. and

collected intelligence, but that the object entered our airspace in the first place. Americans deserve a Commander-in-Chief who exudes strength, tenacity, and resolve — not weakness, incompetence, and failed leadership. It's past time the Biden Administration stopped kowtowing to China and started leading on the world stage.

I'm confident that House Republicans will investigate the troubling CCP spy balloon saga, as well as the Biden Administration's lack of urgency — and transparency — on the matter.

**Soli Deo Gloria,
Andrew S. Clyde
U.S. Representative**

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internet, a woman just fills out a medical questionnaire online, submits payment, and someone in another country writes a prescription. The pills are then mailed to her home from pharmacies in countries like India or China. There is no lawful regulation or oversight to abortion pills obtained over the internet making the process even more dangerous than it already is for women seeking an abortion. She gets no counseling, no education on what to expect during the process, and no ultrasound to assure she doesn't have an ectopic pregnancy, which is when a fertilized egg attaches outside the uterus, and if untreated, may lead to life-threatening bleeding.

As you can see, abortion pills are very dangerous, and yet this is not something the pharmaceutical companies, abortion providers, our government, and the media are willing to tell women or society. Instead, they say abortion pills are safe and effective, and women may just experience a little cramping and bleeding like during their menstrual period. The true reality is, abortion pills put a woman into full-blown labor, and the pain and bleeding she experiences are often severe, so severe sometimes that she will hemorrhage, losing over half of her body's blood volume, maybe leading to death but certainly requiring emergency medical treatment. Sometimes, the abortion is not complete, and she will require a surgical procedure to remove her dead baby. These women suffer trauma upon trauma.

But we know that we serve a mighty God who desires for life to be preserved (Psalm 139:13-16, ESV), and we will not be shaken! We will continue to stand and fight to rescue babies and their moth-

ers from the evils of abortion. That is why we are both excited and hopeful to share information with you about abortion pill reversal. You may not have known that it is possible for an abortion to be reversed. Praise our mighty God because yes, it is possible in many instances. If a woman takes the first of the two abortion pills and then regrets her decision, fearing she has made a mistake, she can seek assistance from the Abortion Pill Reversal Network. This network will connect her with a physician who will review her case, and if she meets medical criteria, will start her on a hormone called progesterone which can block and counteract the actions of the first abortion pill. She will be monitored closely with ultrasound for weeks, and in many cases, these women go on to continue their pregnancy and have healthy full-term babies. God is good, He always provides a way!

The Georgia Mountain Pregnancy Center Medical is partnering with a physician in our region who is part of the Abortion Pill Reversal Network. Our Center will be able to provide free ultrasound services to women in our region that includes northern Georgia, western North Carolina, and eastern Tennessee who are going through the reversal process.

We will also have the opportunity to provide her with pregnancy, childbirth, and parenting education classes, community resource referrals, and most importantly, to share the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ with her. Praise God!!

**Dana Ware, RN
Chuck Morgan,
Board Secretary
Georgia Mountain
Pregnancy Center Medical**

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Nix from Phil Campbell sold 320 acres to Papa and three of his siblings. Each sibling bought an 80-acre tract of land. Papa hired his brother Clay to dig a well on his land. A man came to Papa's place to "witch for water." I am not real sure how this works. But, the man walked around the house place holding to a forked limb. The end of the limb pulled down at a certain place, and this fellow told my grandfather to dig down 30 feet and he would

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I feel safe in saying Pierce would not want you to consider him some kind of super-Christian. He believed all Christians really have only one thing to do. How you fulfill that one thing is unique to you. Pierce closed one of his last letters with these final words. "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14, KJV).

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Each soil test costs \$10. For example, if you have a low lying spot, a steep slope, and a wooded area, each one of these would need a unique soil sample done. When you receive the results from the lab they will have recommendations for you based on the types of plants that you have or plan to have.

Bring soil samples into your County Extension Office. If you have questions regarding the soil sampling or the results you can call your local Extension office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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to continue succeeding. Such events are made more special by recognizing each honoree's unique contributions to the Union County Schools.

We also traveled to Cumming for our Northeast Georgia Mountains Travel Association meeting where we were able to network and discuss what is going on with tourism travel in our state and region. While tourism travel may be slowing down in other parts of the state, people still love coming to the mountains. The economy may have caused some to put those more expensive vacations on hold, but the mountains, waterfalls, and hiking trails are still popular among day trip and quick overnight travelers. The slower pace and the friendly locals don't hurt either.

Remember to greet someone with a smile or maybe even hold the door; this helps us show them the true Southern hospitality and to keep Life Better in Blairsville!

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more sit-down chain restaurants for some variety. A 90-minute drive to dinner is tough to swallow.

3. Religious letters. Speaking of co-existing, freedom of religion, by definition, *includes* freedom FROM religion. The constitutional right to be Baptist, Jewish, Mormon, Buddhist, Muslim, Druid, or anything else (or nothing else, in the case of atheists) is every bit as inalienable as the right to be Christian. I would ask those who favor weekly Christian sermons on the editorial page how they would feel if there were weekly letters advocating the non-existence of a supreme being. There is literally an entire section of this newspaper dedicated to "church news." For non-churchgoers (and I'm not one, by the way)... not so much. I think it's safe to say that the religious community's views are being heard.

I love this town. Living here is the realization of a dream I chased for decades. The people here are truly wonderful and welcoming. This is our forever home. And there will always be issues to debate. But a successful debate requires the equal and valid representation of both sides of the issue being debated. "Fair" means equal service to all involved. Everything else is just opinion. Thank you for considering mine.

Gary St. Lawrence

S.A.F.E. Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of S.A.F.E. (Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.) will be February 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM. Call 706-379-1901 for location.

strike a spring. Clay began to dig while Papa pulled buckets of dirt from the well. After reaching a depth of 25 feet, Clay experienced another epileptic seizure. Granny and her brother-in-law, Denver, were also with Papa that day.

Denver said, "Coon, remember how Clay nearly choked you to death when you were boys? If you are going to climb down that well to help him you better knock him in the head or he could hurt you."

A flood of memories rushed through Papa's mind as he climbed down the rope. When he got to Clay he lovingly and with no malice punched Clay as hard as he could right between the eyes. He then tied a rope around Clay so Denver and Granny could pull him up from the well.

Papa and Clay told and retold this story for years. I know that my grandfather loved his brother. Because he never did like tight spaces and he would not go under a bluff. It must've taken a lot of love for him to go into that well after his brother. And I also know that Clay loved his older brother. I never heard him say a bad thing about Papa. Even though he looked as if he'd been beat up I think he always appreciated what Papa had done for him.



January Net Tax Revenues Up 1.1 Percent

The State of Georgia's net tax collections for January totaled nearly \$2.99 billion for an increase of \$32.9 million, or 1.1 percent, compared to January 2022 when net tax collections totaled \$2.95 billion. Year-to-date, net tax collections totaled roughly \$18.81 billion for an increase of almost \$1 billion, or 5.6 percent, compared to FY 2022 when revenues totaled \$17.81 billion at the end of January 2022.

The changes within the following tax categories help further explain January's overall net tax revenue increase:

Individual Income Tax: Individual Income Tax collections decreased by a total of roughly \$70.1 million, or -4 percent, compared to last year

when Individual Tax collections totaled \$1.74 billion.

The following notable components within Individual Income Tax combine for the net decrease:

Individual Income Tax refunds issued (net of voided checks) increased by \$98.4 million, or 198.4 percent.

Individual Withholding payments increased by \$92.9 million, or 7.4 percent, over January 2022.

Individual Income Tax Estimated payments were down \$26.2 million, or -7.6 percent, from FY 2022.

All other Individual Tax categories, including Non-Resident Tax payments, were down a combined \$38.4 million.