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come up very often but when it does they try and give as much notice as possible. They will also work as fast as possible so that any residents on a road are not inconvenienced any more than absolutely necessary.

Q. Is there any way in the future that there would be enough county funds to pave a lot more of the roads? Yes, it would make them look better, but it would also make them last longer between paving wouldn't it?

A. This is a very interesting point. I would love to have enough money to resurface many more county roads and

pave all the gravel county roads that the public wants paved, but it would require passing another 1% sales tax just for transportation and I am not sure there is enough interest in this right now. If at some point in the future, we feel a need to put it on a ballot, we can, but for now, we still have excellent county roads. If you need verification, just ask a delivery driver (Fed Ex or UPS) and ask them how they enjoy using our county public roads and county address system.

I think most will agree that our county is way above average.

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\$10 ticket has a \$5 off coupon for Dixie Confections Bakery and Café. The entire package featuring a gazebo tent, YETI cooler, Kenmore gas grill, and kayak, along with additional goodies, can be seen in the Chamber lobby. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Chamber office and from several of your favorite downtown businesses, including Rustic Mountain Décor, The Wine Shoppe, and The Shabby Peacock. Chamber reps will also have tickets available at the Union County Farmers Market.

Perhaps you've seen the "Red, White and Blairsville" tee-shirts around town. We have a few left in limited sizes, but they're selling fast! Call the Chamber at 706-745-5789 or stop by United Community Bank to get your tee-shirt today. All proceeds go towards the fireworks display at Meeks Park that will thrill all ages.

We want to thank our lo-

cal businesses for their support and especially our event sponsors: Woodmen Life, United Community Bank, Sears Hometown Store, Union General Hospital, Walmart, Wet N' Wild Car Wash, and Nelson Tractor Company.

This year, we've assembled a wide variety of food vendors for all the folks gathered to watch the display from North Georgia Technical College. Plan on visiting our on-site vendors which include: Chick-fil-A, Heyman Kettle Corn, Kona Ice, and Nana & Papa's Ice Cream. We hope this will keep the kids, both big and small, fed while they wait for the fireworks show to begin.

It is a privilege for the Chamber to provide another brilliant pyrotechnic display for the entertainment and amazement of those in Union County and the many visitors to our town. Thank you to everyone for your continued support!

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This is a quick overview of facts that you need. Synthetic drugs are available at some local convenience stores, vape shops and tobacco shops. There are synthetic versions of marijuana, stimulants, opiates and hallucinogens. They are sold under many different names and can be ingested in many ways. These synthetics can be smoked, vaped, taken in pill form or eaten. These products are not regulated and have been proven to contain chemicals that are harmful and, in some cases, lethal.

The purchase of these products has the same age restriction as tobacco products. Legally a person must be 18 or older, however, this restriction has not proven to be effective

in keeping these products away from the adolescent and teen population.

If you suspect someone in your life is using drugs and you want to have a drug test to prove your suspicions, synthetics will not show positive on most over-the-counter drug screens. There are screens that are specifically made to detect synthetics, and the most reliable results are drug screens that are sent to a toxicology lab.

The accessibility and difficulty identifying synthetic drugs creates a perfect storm for communities. Due to the lack of regulations on manufacturing these products, health risks associated with use are extremely high for anyone who chooses to experiment with them.

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sponded, "If you say one more word about Vince Dooley and the Georgia Bulldogs I will beat the stuffing out of you." Granny didn't know Vince Dooley and she never watched the Dogs play. But, she knew I attended that school. And every month I received a \$20 bill in the mail to help with food.

On another occasion Papa was away working and Granny was washing clothes when she heard a chain saw running on the east side of their farm. She got in the truck and drove over to the community of Dime and down and old logging road to the backside of the farm. She got out of the truck and heard the chainsaws. She pulled out the shotgun and walked toward the saws. She laid down the gun at the base of a big white oak and proceeded another 30 yards to the men running the saw. When she got to the men they were on her place and cutting Cummings timber. When

she confronted the man with the saw he laughed at her. Granny walked back toward the white oak tree and picked up her shotgun. When she got back to the man he was sitting in a skidder. She raised the gun, pointed it at him and told him to get off her place. She did find out his name and he paid Granny for the timber he had stolen.

Granny loved to watch "wrastring." She would bristle at the notion of the sport being faked. One February evening Papa and I were ready to go coon hunting over in the Bankhead National Forest. But, a cold heavy rain changed our minds. So, we stayed at the house with Granny and watched "Hulk Hogan" wrestle "Andre the Giant." We begin to poke a little fun at Granny and she'd had enough. She said, "I'd like to see you in there. Hulk Hogan would beat the ---- out of you." Granny covered her mouth and said, "Look what you made me say."

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CFFP Program. It was finally decided that the nation's fire prevention symbol should be a bear.

On Aug. 9, 1944, the new fire prevention symbol was agreed upon by the Forest Service and the Wartime Advertising Council. The first poster of Smokey Bear showed a bear pouring a bucket of water on a campfire. Smokey Bear soon became very popular and his image began appearing on fire prevention materials. "Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires" was first used as a slogan in 1947.

One spring day in 1950 in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico, an observer in one of the fire towers spotted smoke and called the location into the nearest Ranger Station. The first crew to arrive discovered a major fire being swept along by strong winds. Word spread rapidly and more crews were called to help. Forest rangers, Army soldiers, New Mexico State Game and Fish Department employees and civilian volunteers worked together to control the raging fire.

During one of the lulls in the firefighting, there was a report of a lonely cub seen wandering near the fire line. The little cub had been caught in the path of the fire. He had taken refuge in a tree that was now nothing but a charred, smoking snag. His climb had saved his life but left his paws and hind legs badly burned. The firefighters removed the little bear cub from the burned tree, and a

rancher, who had been helping the firefighters, agreed to take the cub home. The cub needed veterinary aid and was flown to Santa Fe where the burns were treated and bandaged.

The news about the little bear spread swiftly throughout New Mexico. Soon the United Press and Associated Press picked up the story and broadcast it nationwide. The State Game Warden wrote an official letter to the Chief of the Forest Service, offering to present the cub to the agency with the understanding that the small bear would be dedicated to a publicity program for fire prevention and wildlife conservation. The go-ahead was given to send the bear cub to Washington, D.C. Once there, he found a home at the National Zoo and became the living symbol of Smokey Bear.

Smokey died in 1976 and was returned to Capitan, New Mexico, where he is buried in the State Historical Park. Smokey will be 75 years old on Aug. 9, 2019. Smokey's new slogan is "Only you can prevent Wildfires!". Smokey did too good of a job for years by encouraging every fire to be put out which has led to the high fuel loads we have in our forests today. We are planning several events to celebrate his birthday including the Georgia Mountain Fair Parade.

For more information check out www.appcofac.org - www.smokeybear.com/ - www.facebook.com/smokeybear/ - www.youtube.com/user/SmokeyBear/.

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A single hay test can cover an entire hay lot. A hay lot would be all the hay from a particular field at the same cutting. I have a hay probe in my office and I would be happy to come out and collect the hay sample for you. Once we've processed a hay sample, I can help you come up with a balanced ration to get you through the hay feeding months.

I also want to remind you about the Well Water Program that we are having July 25 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Union County Civic Center. Please RSVP for this free event at 706-439-6030 or my email below to learn about well maintenance, protection and testing.

If you have questions about hay testing, contact your local Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:31-36)

The Christian worldview promotes human freedom. It also answers the cry of the human heart that feels the weight of bondage. In the words of Paul, "It was for freedom that Christ set us free" (Gal. 5:5). Indeed!

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Response Team) that provides training on how to deal with local emergencies in your home and community.

These are a few tips to get people started on how to prepare for an emergency. The best plan is to do your homework and know what to do before the emergency happens. For information on how to join CERT or to receive training on how to react to emergencies, please contact Station 1 @ 706-439-6091. Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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sician quickly diagnosed my condition and excellent care was given.

The nurses and other personnel on the third floor were more than attentive, skilled and willing to help. Even the food was great.

We are all fortunate to have access to such quality care in our community, and we are truly grateful.

David and Louise Copp

Young Harris Jamboree

Country Western Jamboree Session at Stephens Lodge in Young Harris next door to Young Harris Pharmacy hosted by John Cochran and the Cowhands. First Friday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. Food available. Food sales to raise funds for Young Harris Scholarship Fund.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR		
Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
	Every Wednesday:	
Kiwanis Club	The Griddle	Noon
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
	Every Thursday:	
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
	First Monday of each month:	
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	Blairsville Restaurant	9 a.m.
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 p.m.
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 p.m.
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, Masonic Lodge		6:30 p.m.
	First Tuesday of each month:	
Brownie Scouts	United Methodist Ch	3-5 p.m.
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 p.m.
Amateur Radio Club	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 p.m.
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 p.m.
Enotah Ch. #24 RA.m.	Masonic Temple	7:30 p.m.
	First Wednesday of each month:	
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 a.m.
Better Breathers	UGH Classroom 2nd Fl.	1 p.m.
	First Thursday of each month:	
Quilts of Valor	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30am-2:30pm.
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 a.m.
NAMI Fam. Support	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 p.m.
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 p.m.
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 p.m.
	First Friday of each month:	
"Nailed" Book Club	Ingles Cafe	10:30 a.m.
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Cruisers Block Party	Farmer's Market	5 p.m. (Apr-Oct)
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 p.m.
	First Saturday of each month:	
Amateur Radio Exams	UC Comm Cntr	9 a.m.
Cruise-In	On the Square	4 p.m. (Apr-Oct)