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be accomplished by the Road Dept prior to the ribbon cutting.

**Q. Where does the money come from to continue paving projects?**

A. It is a combination of funds. First, there are LMIG funds which are state grants for asphalt resurfacing. That covers about \$450,000 per year. Second, we utilize SPLOST funds to do most of the rest. We generally have a SPLOST budget of around \$1 million year for paving. In addition, we also utilize about \$1 million per year from

the general fund to operate the Road Department. We have one of the best Road Departments of any rural county and we make our dollars go very far. In addition, we just received today, (9/9/16) checks from FEMA and GEMA to assist with storm damage which the full story will appear in this edition of the NGN. This will cover some of the cost for damages to certain roadways during the flooding in December of 2015 and January of 2016 along with some stream bank restoration.

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Later in the spring they would practice by shooting wasps, hornets and horse flies which landed on fence posts. As spring turned to summer the boys would play in the yard shooting at imaginary enemies. Dad loved the sound of a rock hitting an old tin can. One day while he was practicing in the yard Early Weeks came by with his team of mules and stopped to get a drink of water. He noticed the flip Dad was carrying and what he really needed was a gun. "Nobody can hit anything of value with that flip". Dad tried to show him, but, Early paid him no mind and I think it hurt Dad's feelings. Early told Papa that he would be working on a logging crew down below this place. Uncle Dennis was cutting some timber and Early was snaking logs for the timber crew.

Three quarters of a mile below Papa's house there was a curve to the left with a slight incline up a hill. At the top of the hill there was a big "BLack Jack Oak" at the edge of the woods which provided sufficient cover for a 10 year old boy. Dad and Bud crept down to the big Oak

Tree and hid. After a while here come Early Weeks driving his mules to the logging woods. At the Oak Tree he stopped and walked to the opposite side of the road to relieve himself. Dad was close enough to see a big horsefly land on the mule. Dad raised the flip and took aim. He had decided not to use the steel ball bearings. He kept hearing his uncle's words about saving them for hunting. So, Dad used some blue marbles he no longer needed. The marble flight was true and it struck the horse fly where it was sitting on the rear end of the mule. The mules took off running and left Early standing there wondering what had happened. He had to walk another mile before finding them munching on clover. Each day Early would drive his mules by this tree and each day they would take off running at the same place. He stopped by Papa's place one evening and told him about the mules running when they reached the big Oak tree. Dad overheard the conversation and told them that the horse flies were pretty bad in that part of the country.

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Consequently, many Christians are disgusted with corrupt politics and neglect their civic duty as citizens. They are indifferent and idle: many Christians stay at home on Election Day. Millions of Christians did not vote in the last Presidential election. Because they neglected their civic duty, they are to blame for the current state of our government. Instead of being vigilant

watchmen, many Christians are asleep. And sleeping Christians bring our nation to ruin.

Wake up, Christians! We must do all we can to elect government officials who will be true ministers of God. We must unite to secure Christian representatives for our nation that was founded as a Christian nation.

It is time to put God back into government.  
**Karen Pansler**

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a pet. Adults are about the size of a softball. I find them in tall weeds and grass when mowing near a wood line and must take care to avoid injuring them.

Once when picking up roadside litter along Gumlog Road, I saw a turtle crossing 400 yards away. Knowing that a vehicle would be coming any minute I ran as fast as I could to rescue the little critter, but was two late. A big red pickup approached from the opposite direction and the turtle was in its lane. At the last minute the truck stopped, the driver got out and moved the turtle to the other side of the road. When I arrived to thank him, the driver responded with a comment that I will never forget, "I'm a Navy man and there were times in the past when someone picked me up and moved me to safety."

Last Saturday while again picking up roadside litter I saw in the distance something foreign on the road surface. At closer

range it proved to be the crushed body of a turtle. At a glance I could tell that its injuries were mortal and even if I had been a skilled and experienced doctor, I could not have saved it.

Some reptiles, especially turtles, die slowly and this one was clinging tenaciously to life. Its head was out and the feet were feebly trying to upright the shell that had been its lifelong shelter and defense. Sadly, the driver who took this life steered more than a foot out of his lane to destroy an innocent and harmless creature. Would that same driver deliberately strike your dog if it ran into the road or sideswipe you if you were mowing along the shoulder? I hope that driver was not you and that you will join others of us who drive with care and take precautions to avoid harming anything that ventures into the road ahead of us. Please spare the turtles!  
**Wm. Ronald Gibson**

**Allison ...**

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the requirements they need to get their driver's license. (Students are required to complete additional hours of road driving; this class provides 6 of the required hours).

I was notified several days ago that there may be a change in the program effective January 1st. My understanding is that it may no longer be available to everyone free of charge. I want to encourage parents/guardians of teenage children with their learner's permit, or about to get their learner's permit, to reach out and contact Kassy Baird with North Georgia Technical College as soon as possible to get enrolled in the program. Her telephone number is 706-754-7713. The classroom and driving instruction will need to be completed before December 31st to receive the full benefit

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tion, nuisance wildlife management, invasive species control, tree disease, pest management, and fire prevention. This program will offer three hours of commercial pesticide credit in categories 23, 24, and 27, and one hour of private applicator credit. To RSVP, please contact GMREC at 706-745-2655 by September 14th to ensure your spot.

**Fowler...**

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You can deny that Jesus is God the Son, but to do so you must explain away much evidence in the Bible. The reason it exists is so you can know God and receive eternal life by faith in Christ Jesus.

After my visitors left, I realized my mistake. I spent too much effort on the debate and not enough offering Jesus' saving grace. I won't make that same mistake with you, dear reader. I invite you to believe the Truth, and live!

**DeGolyer...**

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that we are all human, with a wonderful spirit inside. Greedy humans take for themselves with full intentions of hurting others, generally those they are 'prejudiced' against. They do not see humans as homo sapiens, rather as black or white, Christian or Muslim, American or European.

The Good Book says there are seven deadly sins. There are not. There is only one. Greed. Lust - greed for sex, gluttony - greed for food, etc. All root down to greed at the surface.

Until greed is unlearned and removed from our minds and our Earth, the homo sapien race will never evolve as a whole, nor will we see a better world for our children and their children's children.

**Nick DeGolyer**

**Chief...**

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up for what is right; and to be brave in the face of certain danger. We can educate them on the fact that there is evil in this world and to quote Edmund Burke, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." We can pass on to the next generation what we had learned. We shall never forget and we can make certain that it will never be forgotten.

**Combs ...**

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finally put two and two together and realize what their parents or grandparents had been telling them about Christ coming back was the truth.

The Bible tells us that the Lord is coming back very soon, so my question to you who still don't really believe in Jesus Christ: Are you ready for the impossible to take place here on earth? No human knows the hour or day, only God knows. I pray you watch this movie with an open mind and a receptive heart for your eternal destiny depends upon it...  
**Frank F. Combs**

**CBs & Ham Radio Swap Meet**

A CBs & Ham Radio Swap Meet will be held Saturday, October 1st at North Georgia Tech, Senior Pavilion, 8 a.m. - ? No admission. Anyone is welcome to sell or trade any items related to CBs or Ham Radios. Tailgaters welcome. Free coffee & soft drinks. For more info call 706-745-0021 or 706-745-1013 or 706-897-5499.

of it being free of charge.

If you were to enroll a child in a program of this caliber at a driving school, it could

run into hundreds of dollars. The cost of this program- \$0. Be sure to call as soon as possible to receive an application

to have the student enrolled in the course. You must submit a copy of the student's learner's permit with the application.

**UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Garden Tours	<b>Every Monday:</b> GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
A Course in Miracles	298 School Circle	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	<b>Every Tuesday:</b> Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
BINGO	<b>Every Wednesday:</b> Civic Center	7 pm
Butternut Ladies Golf	<b>Every Thursday:</b> Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Shape Note Music	<b>Third Monday of each month:</b> Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Allegheny Lodge #114	Masonic Lodge	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 pm
UC Homemakers	<b>Third Tuesday of each month:</b> Dooley Chapter	Noon
Healthy Hearts Support	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 pm
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
American Legion, Aux	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 pm
Quilts of Valor	<b>Third Wednesday of each month:</b> Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am
GA Mtn. Writers Club	Grinds & Glazes (G&G)	10 am
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	So. Bank & Trust	7 pm
MMQG	<b>Third Thursday of each month:</b> Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
Good N'bers Auto	Rib Country, Murphy	6:30 pm
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
UC Republican Party	<b>Third Saturday of each month:</b> Civic Center	10 am