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A. No, you cannot. Union County does not offer single Stream Recycling. If you wish to recycle you have to separate the items yourself and then place them in the newly remodeled recycle center across from the trash bins. You simply pull over there to deposit your recyclables in the appropriate bin. Please do not put your recyclables in the trash bins as several people did today. They will not be recycled if placed in the bins for bagged trash.

Q. What recyclables are accepted at the Transfer Center?

A. The recyclables that are accepted are plastic bottles, mixed paper (if you can tear it with your hands, we can take it), corrugated cardboard, and aluminum cans. If you have steel,

metal, or appliances to dispose of, that is all done through the old scale side of the Transfer Station.

Q. Where can we recycle glass?

A. Glass can now be recycled at the Convenience Center located at the intersection of Highway 515 and Highway 325 at the Horse Arena.

Q. We have a large TV and wondered when electronic recycling will be held again?

A. We do not have a date set yet, but it will be some time in the Spring.

If you have any other questions regarding recycling or any other issue, please feel free to call my office at 706 439 6000.

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with some friends. We camped out at Little Rock Creek within a short distance of a waterfall. Wade has always loved waterfalls. I explained to him about the importance of avoiding slick rocks watching where he walked. I told the boys to stay away from the waterfall until I finished unloading the truck. As I was setting up our tent I heard a scream and ran to the waterfall. Not only had Wade been at the waterfall he was in the creek above the waterfall and was swept over the ledge. The waterfall was only few feet high, but, Wade was only a few feet tall. He was soaking wet but unharmed. As I was drying him off I looked into his big brown eyes and thanked the

Lord for his safety.

A couple of years ago Wade and I went rafting on Section IV of the Chattooga River. Our first white water was a waterfall called Seven Foot Falls. As we went over the falls the raft tipped and guess who went out of the raft. As I came back to the surface of the river my head hit the bottom of the raft. I worked my way from underneath the raft and looked up to notice a big rock fast approaching. I turned to pull myself into the raft and there extending his arm was my youngest son. I noticed the same grin and the same look in those big brown eyes I had noticed nearly 20 years ago as I had dried him off after he was washed over the waterfall.

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the minimum annual threshold for employees to be exempt from overtime from \$455 to \$913 per week, or 47,476 annually. This ruling will affect thousands of Georgians and the Chamber wants to ensure that employees are informed and prepared to begin implementing the changes with their employees before December 1st deadline. Attendees will form a panel of business leaders and professionals in human resources as they share insight, experiences and plans for implementing the overtime law. This will be a live interactive webinar so those in attendance will be able to ask questions and gain information and resources specific to their business size and industry.

The Georgia Department of Labor will also be hosting a Regional Summit on Wednesday, October 5th at the Oaks at Lanier Charter Career Academy in Gainesville, GA. This will be a half-day seminar targeting the needs of managers, human resources professionals, business owners and supervisors seeking practical guidance and real world tips for handling

management and compliance challenges.

The sessions being held at this event are as follows:

Meet and Hear from the Commissioner of Labor Mark Butler as he shares valuable information on current GDOL initiatives and programs.

Receive information from a Labor Law expert including practical tips on how to avoid DOL investigations and costly Wage and Hour litigation.

Learn about the Unemployment Insurance Systems in Georgia and get an accelerated course on Tax, Benefits and Appeals information.

Discover how to use social media to make business more profitable and get a better understanding of its benefits.

The Georgia Department of Labor request that attendees pre-register by visiting their website at dol.gov in the "Spotlights" section and click on "2016 Regional Business Summits".

For information about the upcoming events or Chamber Membership, be sure to visit our website at VisitBlairsvilleGa.com or give us a call at 706-745-5789.

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by a pine bark beetle outbreak in 1999-2000, which eliminated much of the shortleaf. They compared bat activity and insect abundance in unburned control stands 90 ft² Basal area (BA) with that in stands that were thinned to 60 or 30 ft² of BA and then burned. Groups that included the big brown bat and the eastern red bat were the most commonly detected, and tricolored bats were also fairly common. Similar to the Ohio study, they found that stands that were thinned, and in this case all thinned stands were burned, had the greatest levels of bat activity, particularly the stands that were thinned down to 30 ft² BA.

Insect numbers did not differ across treatments, so the authors concluded that thinning and burning did not have a significant impact on prey abundance. Further analyses showed that the increased bat activity was largely the result of reduced "clutter" after thinning and burning. Although the Ohio study showed a decrease in eastern red bat activity im-

mediately after the prescribed fire, taken together, the two studies found that bat activity was substantially greater in open stands than in closed stands.

While these studies suggest that prescribed fire may not be necessary to increase bat activity in the short-term, which thinning alone can accomplish, fire is an effective tool to maintain the open structure that supports increased bat activity and fire also favors oak regeneration.

To put it simply, Bats like open areas where they can dart, dip, and dive to catch insects. Bats are essential to life as we know it and we must do all we can to keep them thriving and doing what they do best to keep the insect population in check. When you see these little creatures flying around at dusk, don't panic, be thankful that they are on the job protecting us from biting insects.

For more information on bats, contact Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D council at info.ccrccd@gmail.com.

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likely to have been diagnosed with ADHD or to have related symptoms as children, such as being easily distracted and having trouble paying attention. As adults, they were more likely to have trouble following instructions and to dislike tasks requiring focus.

Misusers also were more apt to meet criteria for substance-use disorder -- including use of drugs and alcohol together. Two-thirds met or approached criteria for stimulant-use disorder. They got stimulants from friends or acquaintances, were more likely to say they used any drugs to "get high" and had a lower overall sense of well-being.

The study data suggest that college students who misuse prescription stimulant medications are more likely to exhibit "clinically relevant psychiatric dysfunction", according to author Dr. Timothy Wilens. He said not everyone uses these drugs simply to "get high." Some misusers of stim-

ulant drugs may be pressured to use a friend's prescription if they believe it will improve academic performance, which is not likely if combined with alcohol or other drugs, according to Dr. Wilens, Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and co-director of the hospital's Center for Addiction Medi-

cine. "We know that untreated ADHD is associated with increased risk of alcohol and drug-use disorders, so it is not surprising that we found high rates of co-occurring ADHD and of stimulant-use and overall substance-use disorders in those misusing stimulants," he said.

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worms, however, make cocoons using needles from evergreen trees and hide in these cases suspended from branches. They continuously add to their cases as they feed on the trees. While mild infestations of bagworms can slow the growth of trees, if there are enough of them, they can kill entire plants. Often, a single side of a cypress will turn a dead, grayish color. The cases will be the same color, so they can sometimes be difficult to spot. If the infestation is mild and the cases are within reach, remove as many as possible in the winter. In cases of severe infestation, consult your extension office for a pesticide recommendation.

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The church today is strong among convictional Christians even as it is jettisoned by the "nones." There is a winnowing, you might say. A clarifying moment for all parties. Perhaps God will bring about another Awakening. If so, we won't need a Pew Survey to tell us He did.

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the facility since the Blairsville clinic is within 40 miles of our home. We were informed even though they are at capacity and my husband is unable to be seen there, the actual facility is within the program's distance criteria so we would still have to spend an entire day and go to Oakwood or Atlanta. Does this make any sense what so ever, I have read the text of the law and would truly appreciate an explanation on this. While we hope to get a response from you, we will continue to do what we unfortunately are used to doing, waiting on our government to give a darn about our wounded veterans and fix this mess!

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God who wants more than anything for you to be with Him in heaven for all of eternity. You can search the whole world over and you will never find a better deal, than this one. Why? Because it's the truth. Don't let the truth of God's word keep you out of heaven. Come, embrace it for all of eternity.

Frank F. Combs

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



September 17th - 23rd in recognition of **U.S. Constitution Week** by Old Unicoi Trail Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

September 12th In memory of **John J. Meeks Anniversary** by Ginger & Terry Meeks

Feb. 20, 1957 to Sep. 19, 2015 In memory of **Ginger Booth Quinn** by Patti and Donald Caraway

Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

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Rockin' Through The Decades
 Food • Cake Walk • Musical Chairs Dance Contest
 50's & 60's - Jitter Bug - \$100 Prize for best couple!
 70's & 80's - Disco - \$75 prize for best couple
 90's - Macarena - \$25 prize for best single performance
 2000's - Whip Nae Nae - \$25 Gift Card for best single performance
Saturday, October 22nd
Blairsville Civic Center
5:00 pm - Till you leave!
Come Out & Join Us For A Great Time!
Admission \$7.00 per person
All proceeds benefit Season of Giving a Non-Profit Organization that helps families in need at Christmas by providing them with a Christmas Celebration including dinner, presents and groceries to take home. Contact Pam and Charlie Hinson for more information 706-897-3910.