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It could very well be the exit day from time to eternity.

Today, you could be with God in heaven or you could be in darkness and blackness separated from God.

Henry Clay Trumbell said, "Today is, for all that we know, the opportunity and occasion of our lives. On what we say or do today may depend the success and completeness of our entire life struggle. It is for us, therefore, to use every moment of today

as if our very eternity were dependent upon its words and deeds."

Since our days are numbered and today could be our day of reckoning, today, is the day to hear His voice and experience abundant life.

Yes, there are dog days and ground hog days on the calendar, but God has on His calendar heavenly days for all who will receive them. Won't you make this a red-letter day in your life by seeing the light of day?

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lect dots from someone else and just one of their color dots matches another person's hollow dot. There you go. Connect the dots.

One person tells me they have a silver collection that was left to them by their old maid aunt. They know nothing about silver, what it is worth or whether or not they should unload it in this market. I don't have a clue, either. But two months before this conversation, I was playing poker (my favorite vice) and met a guy who seemed to know everything there was to know about silver investments. Um, how to find him, again.

I make a phone call to the host of the poker game. I find out the guy was visiting from Nova Scotia. He was at the game with his cousin, who happens to be a friend of the host. I call the friend, who gives me the e-mail of the Canadian cousin. I e-mailed him and he e-mails me back and says he'd be happy to advise this person. I share with each the contact info. Two weeks later, I get a call from the former owner of the inherited silver collection telling me she has divested of her silver,

and at a tidy sum, and it was shipped to Canada. No, not to the guy in Nova Scotia, but someone he knew that collected the same sort of silver and lived in Toronto. More dots now have colors.

I share this with you because I heard two stories in the last 24 hours that made me think of the Farmers Market vendors. One was a friend who was always an avid hobbyist of bee keeping.

He told me he was not going to be involved in this anymore.

I wondered what he was going to do with his stuff. Then I heard of a crafter that fell on very hard times, and was looking for a buyer for all their very expensive equipment at a ridiculously low price. During the season I hear of a farmer that has a bumper crop of eggplant and not enough demand, so it goes to waste. These are empty dots and they need to be colored in. Next season, I hope to use the Farmers Market website, Facebook page and the network of vendors, along with this community to keep the dots colored of everyone involved. I hope you'll help. Have a great week.

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to launch their unprovoked missile attacks on Israel?

When Israel retaliates, they drop leaflets warning the civilians to evacuate the places they plan to attack. They perform surgical strikes on their enemy with very little collateral damage. Yes they kill some innocent civilians in their retaliation but nothing like the casualties that could possibly occur if the random missile attacks on Israel by the radical Palestinians hit a school or hospital.

Another point I am always reminded of is the Peaceful Jewish religion as compared to other religions of the world. Throughout history I am unaware of any cases where the Jews tried to force their religious beliefs on any other people. Unlike the Muslim and our own Christian history of torture, beheading and burning at the stake of those that refused to convert to theirs or our beliefs.

Sadly, many radical Mus-

lims still practice this barbaric religious persecution of the infidels. Perhaps we could all learn a lesson from the Jews, the Hindi's and the Buddhists' in the respect of peaceful coexistence and tolerance of other religious beliefs.

I agree completely with Ms. Ramsey regarding the low information and lack of concern of the general population. Our last election proved that. She also made reference to the decisions being made by powerful world order leaders, that many conspiracy theorist believe to be the Illuminati, who control all world affairs behind a cloak of secrecy like the Wizard of Oz.

If that is the case what possible chance do we individuals have against a New World Order being established by such a powerful and resourceful organization that owns our leaders, our industry, our currency and our media?

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Myth 6: I am a nonprofit organization and therefore don't need the Chamber

Reality: Now I am not a CPA or an attorney, so don't hold me responsible for professional advice, but being a nonprofit organization does not mean that you cannot have a surplus of money in your bank account. Having more money means being able to do more good and more boldly carry forth the mission of your organization. Think about some of the largest nonprofit organizations in the U.S. (ex. - American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, and American Cancer Society) and consider their revenues and hence, their impact. Don't let being a nonprofit fool you in to thinking that publicity, awareness, and connections are not necessary. Besides, as a nonprofit, you will need donors and the support of the local business community. Guess who our other members are?

Myth 7: I will join the Chamber and instantly have a line of new customers waiting for me at my business.

Reality: Oh, if only it were this easy! While we all dream of a magic wand, magic potion, or magic ball, the reality of running a business is not so

simple. The Chamber, like any other advertising avenue, cannot guarantee that customers will immediately contact you and purchase your product or service. What we can guarantee is that we will provide you with a long list of benefits, services, and opportunities to grow your business and make connections with potential customers. The harsh reality is that if you are not offering a competitive product with outstanding customer service, no amount of advertising will make you instantly profitable. When partnering with the Chamber, a lot will happen without you having to lift a finger - website exposure, search engine optimization, welcome center referrals, etc. However, the true value of membership comes, when you utilize the opportunities afforded to you - which include product development and customer service training if needed.

Next week, I will present the final three myths and wrap us this series, so stay tuned. In the meantime, should you have questions regarding the Chamber please contact us at 706-745-5789, online at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com or me directly at president@blairsvillechamber.com.

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still growing considerably in excess of inflation.

Note to voters: Obama's "cuts" are always made from a hypothetical spending line which points inexorably north. It's a little like the wife who claims to have saved her husband money by buying three new handbags instead of four.

Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare alone now account for 44 percent of all federal spending. When Obamacare is added in, the four programs will sap about 18.5 percent of the Gross Domestic Product by 2050, according to the Heritage Foundation - or roughly the same portion historically claimed by all government

functions. That is, every other spending need, from defense to education, will be paid for with borrowed money. (Some analysts project this will occur by as soon as 2025.) Over the next 10 years Obamacare - the "Affordable Patient Care Act" - will add an estimated \$30 Trillion to what we already owe.

P.S. The 2012 Budget for the Department of Education was \$100 Billion.

Where, in the Constitution, does the Congress find the authority to be involved in local schools? Return that \$100 billion to the 50 states. That would be \$2 billion in "found" money.

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This difference of opinion between the man and his wife led to a separation and John moved to Missouri with another woman.

This other woman happened to be the daughter of John's own sister. This event coupled with other events had far reaching impacts upon the Cummings boys.

Many of you have called our office asking about reserva-

tions for the Farmers Market. Plans are being made now for the 2013 year. We will begin taking reservations for Farmers in early March. After the farmer signup we will take reservations for last year's non-farmer vendors. If we have any spaces still available at that point we will take reservations for new vendors. So, watch the North Georgia News and UCFarmersMarket.com for announcements.

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Q. Do you have a final rainfall total for last week?

A. Yes. From Jan. 11 through Jan. 17th we had a total of 6.9 inches!

| Daily Totals (inches) | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Jan. 11 | .46 |
| Jan. 12 | .02 |
| Jan. 13 | .4 |
| Jan. 14 | 1.59 |
| Jan. 15 | 1.89 |
| Jan. 16 | .81 |
| Jan. 17 | 1.73 |

Q. When was the last significant rainfall in Union County causing flooding?

A. We checked with the Experiment Station (Mountain Research and Education Center) and it looks like the last time was in September 2004 when we had 4.11 inches in one day, Sept. 16. Previously that month we had already had 2.99 in. on Sept. 7.

Q. How has this rain impacted the lake level of Lake Nottely?

A. As you can tell just by looking, the lake levels are significantly higher. We called TVA to see just how much the levels have gone up and were told they went up 8ft. from normal winter levels. They also told us that they are working "like the devil" to get the levels back down to normal for this time of year, so don't expect this to last.

Q. What is a watershed?

A. The watershed is the area uphill from your location and is where all the water from a rain or a stream comes from. There are many watersheds in the county. In fact, the majority of the entire county water flows to Lake Nottely (Nottely River Watershed). But at the same time, if you live on or near Butternut Creek, that watershed goes from Blairsville up the Young Harris Highway to dividing ridge. (This is the hill top you cross just past (east of) the Humane Society Mountain Shelter.) So all the rain that falls from that point up to the mountain tops along that area, flows back toward Blairsville (west) and on to Lake Nottely. How-

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In the Lanza case, the mother was (according to media reports) the family's gun fancier; it was she who was the purchaser; and, it was she who encouraged her son to accompany her to shooting ranges.

How ironic that she was the first to die on that fateful day.

Expanded background checks, including mental health records, now being proposed as part of new gun control laws, would probably have had no effect in the Lanza situation, since the mother - being the purchaser - evidently had no mental problems herself and Adam's mental problems would never have been revealed or would have been minimized as Asperger's.

If one can perhaps excuse a mother's reluctance to admit her son's potentially dangerous mental condition, it surely does not absolve the father and older brother - even friends - from the responsibility of warning authorities, familiar loyalty notwithstanding.

We all have an obligation to protect the innocent, even to the extent of being labeled a neighborhood busybody.

Ruth Elizabeth Ramsey