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the toughest and hard to mow. The grass is extremely thick as it is in the first cutting of hay, and it takes its toll on equipment. While all county mowing tractors are kept in good condition, in this case, most of our mowing tractors had mechanical or electrical problems all at the same time once they started mowing. So it delayed the start of mowing for several of the tractors. Since the grass is so thick and so tall, it means the mowers have to go a lot slower than usual. This should all be caught up with soon and thanks for your patience.

Q. If we see a problem

with tall grass or weeds or limbs at an intersection or any location along the roadways that we think is dangerous, who should we call?

A. You can always call the Union County Road Department at (706) 439-6062 for any county road-related issues. We generally have someone manning the telephone Monday thru Friday and an answering machine for after hours. For issues with the GDOT state roads, you can call (706) 781-3957. This office is not manned so leave a message and they will return your call the next day.

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their idea to their mentor and classroom teacher advisors. They will then go back and tweak anything that they need to in preparation for the "hard sales pitch" to an advisory panel at the end of the school year. This is where the "Shark Tank" aspect comes in play. The panel consists of members of the business community that will come along side the groups to help provide guidance, support and funds to assist them in fulfilling their projects. Becky Brown Dyer was approved by the Board to serve as the Community Outreach Coordinator for this year's class. She will be the link between the school and the business community.

The students who choose to participate in the program will stay in this business elec-

tive class for the entire school year. Because of the scope of work involved, they will receive multiple credits for business and marketing. The class will be open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

I am excited to see what the brilliant minds of these students come up with. I have been so impressed with the kids that I have seen in the High School Band and Chorus performances, Future Leaders Speech Contest, etc... Union County has some very talented kids and I look forward to seeing them shine!

I would like to thank Dr. Jeremy Williams for taking the time to meet with me and educate me about this program. I wish everyone involved in this program, much success!

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other cruel punishments. They certainly were aware of the atrocities committed by church ruled governments in their recent past and often referred to them. Another of its tenets was reason as opposed to miracles, prompting Jefferson to cut and paste to create his own Bible by leaving out all of the supernatural events. They were for the most part Deists. Many of the conservative preachers of the day considered them atheists. Jefferson was particularly mocked. Abraham Lincoln, though not a founding father, considered himself a Christian and often spoke of God, however, he did not believe in an afterlife. We cannot interpret

our history based on modern beliefs and experiences and pull phrases out of context without knowing more about the individuals. Finally, I have to point out that the motto, created and placed on the seal of the US in 1782, was E Pluribus Unum, "One from many." The phrase, "In God We Trust" was created by a Congressional resolution in 1954 in response to what was considered "Godless" Communism and the Cold War, not by the founding fathers. At about the same time "under God" was officially added to the pledge of allegiance for the same reason.

Ed Reed

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bed. He was cantankerous and ill as a hornet. He was trying to get his cotton laid by and there was a threat of rain. So, he went to the field in a rush and began his plowing. By lunch-time the skies had cleared and Papa came in to eat a bite. During lunch it began to thunder in the distance and soon began to rain. So, Papa fumed while we all sat around and watched it rain. He soon got bored, so, he stood up and said, "Come on Mick we're headed for the store." We left the farm about 2 p.m.

We walked into the store and he bought me a Mountain Dew and a Butterfinger. In those days the candy bars were twice as big as they are now and they only cost a dime. After eating my treat I sat around listening to the old men talk about politics and the old days. After what seemed like an eternity I began getting bored. I guess Papa noticed my restlessness. He told me to find myself another snack. This time I chose a Zero Bar and a Nehi Peach. I consumed that as well and suddenly remembered my grandmother's words before we left. So, I told Papa, in front of his friends, "Papa, remember what Granny said. She said not to dilly dally. I think we need to get home." Ebb, the store owner, grinned in response. Papa winced and as his face reddened he said, "Go get yourself another belly wash." So, I found a Nehi Grape and got some M&M's. I quickly ate those and once again reminded Papa of Granny's words. Again old Ebb just grinned as Papa told me to get another snack. But, this time I laid off the sweets. I got myself a Coke and poured peanuts into the bottle. This time when I finished my treat Papa stood up before I could speak and said let's go, it must be supper time. Old Ebb

looked at Papa with a devilish grin and asked, "What's your hurry Coon?"

We got home at 5:30 and Granny had prepared chicken

and dumplings, apple sauce and pickled beets for supper. The sight of that food made this little boy sick to his stomach. Granny wanted to know why I wasn't hungry. Papa acted as if he didn't know. But, Granny

figured it out and Papa was in the dog house for a while. Each time I saw Ebb Trapp after that day he always tried to sell me 3-4 candy bars and sodas. And always had that same grin on his face.

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trees may be infected by dirty pruners that have come into contact with infected sap.

The best way to make sure that your trees stay fire blight free is to proactively treat them with chemicals that prevent the establishment of the disease. Treat trees before bloom with a copper fungicide, and during bloom with streptomycin every three to four days as long as blossoms are present. These are the only two times that you can prevent the spread of fire blight, because the bacteria enter the tree through the blooms. Streptomycin is only a preventative and can only be used during bloom because you cannot harvest fruit less than fifty days after application. If you use copper fungicides or streptomycin to prevent fire blight, remember to follow

all mixing directions on the label very carefully.

If you do have a tree that is severely affected by fire blight, the best course of action is to wait until winter to do heavy pruning. When trees are pruned in the summer, more buds could sprout and provide more material for the fire blight bacterium to infect. Instead, remove damaged wood during normal cold weather pruning. Fire blight infected wood will be a dark brown or blackish color and have a burned appearance, much different than the reddish new growth of the previous spring. Remove all infected wood from susceptible plants as the bacteria overwinter in the branches.

For more information on fire blight resistant tree varieties, stop by your extension office.

UGH Employee of the Quarter



Judy Rogers

Judy Rogers, Food Service, was recognized as the Hospital Employee of the 1st Quarter 2016. Judy's work ethic, dedication, and untiring devotion to her team and patients pushed her nomination over the top. She volunteers for any event our Dietary Department supports. Having 35 years with UGH, Judy never waivers in her service to patients and staff. She is a shining example to every employee and UGH is fortunate to have her on our team!^{N(06/1/24)}

Seifarth named to Coastal Carolina President's List

Peter Seifarth, a senior majoring in theatre arts from Young Harris, GA, has made the President's List at Coastal Carolina University for the Spring 2016 semester.

To qualify for the President's List for high academic achievement, students must earn a 4.0 grade point average and must be enrolled full time.

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crawling under the skin, loss of consciousness and psychotic symptoms, including paranoia and hallucinations.

We still don't know that much about dabbing. Most research on marijuana has been conducted with much lower concentrations of THC than what is found in BHO. Research already shows that smoking marijuana is harmful for teens and their developing brains. We do know that marijuana can be addictive, especially for those who begin experimenting at younger ages.

Some scientists have said there should be more public education about the risks of dabbing. As more states legalize medical or recreational marijuana, it appears likely that dabbing will become more widespread among teens. Parents should look for items like butane containers, glass or metal tubes, glass baking dishes, isopropyl alcohol, and coffee filters. It is important that parents understand the dangers and know the warning signs so they can intervene if needed.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:		
Garden Tours	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	6:30 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Every Tuesday:		
Tri State Bus. Women	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
MMQG Tues. Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
Every Wednesday:		
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
Every Thursday:		
Butternut Ladies Golf	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
Second Monday of each month:		
MMQG Sewcials	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Enotah Chapter #24	Masonic Lodge	7:30 pm
Disabled Am Veterans	Veterans Center	7 pm (Jan-Oct)
Second Tuesday of each month:		
FPL Retirees	Hole in Wall Rest.	9 am
Historical Society Bd.	Old Courthouse	9:30 am
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts	Union County Library	10 am
Active/Retired Fed Emp.	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 pm
Mountain Coin Club	N. GA Tech	6 pm
Blairsville PTO	UC Primary School	6 pm
Blue Ridge Mtn Jeepers	Steve's Steakhouse	6:00 pm
Beta Sigma Phi	Kappa Alpha Chapter	7 pm
Mtn. Reg. Arts/Crafts	Library - Young Harris	7 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Second Wednesday of each month:		
Parkinson's Sup. Grp.	Cabin Coffee Co.	3 pm
Second Thursday of each month:		
UC Interagency Grp.	Civic Cntr. Conf. Rm.	12 noon
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Appalachian Shrine Club	Shrine Building	6:30 pm
Democratic Party	UC Senior Center	6:30 pm
Trout Unlimited	UC Community Cntr - A	6:30 pm
Sons Confederate Vet.	UCB Community Rm	7 pm
Knights of Columbus	Marian Hall	7:30 pm
Second Friday of each month:		
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Second Saturday of each month:		
His Victory Riders	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Second Sunday of each month:		
PFLAG	Call 706-389-5269 for Info	