

## Paris...continued from Page 4B

Veterans groups who were assisted by Woodmen Life and its local Chapter 1180. The county employees as well as The Carlton Colwell Detention Center, the Union County Jail crew, and Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, were honored to assist with the installation.

**Q. We noticed in last week's NGN that the Vietnam Veterans recently had a display installed in the Union County Courthouse. What is the purpose of this?**

A. Back in early October (5 thru 12), 2015, the Vietnam Veterans were responsible for bringing the Vietnam Moving Wall to Union County. If you did not get a chance to see it, you really missed something special. It was an expensive endeavor, funded by the Vietnam Veterans and the many donations they received. The experience was tremendous for the organization and the county. In honor of that, the Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1101, presented Union County with a beautiful shadow box that contained a flag and plaque. The Flag was flown over the Nation's Capital, and was presented by Congressman Doug Collins to be flown at the Vietnam Moving Wall here in Blairsville. The plaque reads, "Chapter 1101, Vietnam Veterans of America now dedicates the flag to the wonderful people of Union County whose outpouring and assistance in the moving wall event has impacted the members of Chapter 1101 and contributed greatly in making us feel "Welcome Home".

Rachael Lilly of Brainstorm Creative Products printed the photos, while Marcie and Larry Culpepper of M Design installed the shadowbox and the accompanying photos. Please come by the courthouse, and in the lobby just past the security checkpoint, you can view this beautiful and touching display.

## Cummings... continued from Page 4B

ager ran over my foot and then sped away".

Patrick soon noticed the dog had lost his name tag so he drove to the hardware store and picked up a name tag and new collar. He walked back to his truck and opened the door. I said earlier that Bingo had grown out of the playful puppy stage, but, I was wrong. When the door of the truck opened the dog leaped from the truck and began playing chase with my friend in the parking lot of the hardware store. Another customer soon noticed the commotion and tried to stop the antics of Bingo. As the dog ran toward the man he spread out his arms and legs and bellowed "whoa". This scared the dog and he bolted for the highway.

Bingo ran across 3 lanes of traffic causing a couple of cars to skid off the road. Bingo ran toward a car lot where a family was looking at a new car. The family had left a car door open and a grandmother was sitting in the back seat with her head turned away from the open door.

Bingo jumped into the back seat and as Patrick reached the car he found the elderly lady in a state of exasperated surprise. After apologizing repeatedly Patrick led Bingo back to the truck and home. Patrick took Bingo to the Vet and got his wanderlust cured. Nowadays Bingo has become a trusted cow dog. But, he still has his moments. I will keep you informed.

## Mattee... continued from Page 4B

in four to six weeks, and only one generation of adults occurs each year. Prevent squash bugs from being a problem next year by discarding and destroying all harvested annual plants. This removes available shelter for the adults, which will then die in the winter cold.

Squash vine borer: This moth is found all the way from Canada to Argentina and is the most devastating pest to gourds. Though the adults do not feed on the plants, the larvae bore into stems immediately after hatching and damage plants from the inside. In some cases, they have

been known to feed on the fruit. Signs of squash vine borer damage are sudden wilting of a vine and sawdust-like waste coming from holes in vines. The larvae look similar to beetle grubs with white bodies and brownish heads, while the adults are a striking moth with black wings and a reddish-orange body. The larvae overwinter in the soil, so tilling your garden in the winter will kill any borers left by exposing them to the cold temperatures.

For a publication showing pictures of these pests and detailing effective pesticides, contact your extension office.

## Last free safe boating class August 6

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 23, in partnership with DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources), will be giving their final class for this summer on Safe Boating on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at The Ridges from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Please call Commander John Nixon at 770-316-8703 to register.

Auxiliary Flotilla 23 instructors have been giving free Safe Boating classes each month at The Ridges since early spring. All young people born after 1/1/98 must take this course if they want to steer a boat or oper-

ate a jet ski alone. This is a great time for parents to bond with their children as they take the course together.

This local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla also has members who give free vessel inspections; call the same number as above. Safe boating is the main goal of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and new boat owners are encouraged to take the Safe Boating course and seasoned boaters are encouraged to refresh your knowledge and be aware of new Georgia laws.

*FSO-PA Joan Crothers*

## Chief ...

continued from Page 4B

showing signs and symptoms or if you suspect heat stroke.

Summer extreme heat can take its toll on a person. Remember the tips for staying cool and visit [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov) for more information on extreme heat. Be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion/heat stroke and recognize when a person is showing these signs and symptoms in order to get them the needed medical treatment. Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

## Fowler...

continued from Page 4B

5. "Not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." In his story of the "Rich Fool," Jesus warned about prioritizing wealth. *Fortune* magazine (Jan. 2016) reported that 44% of lottery winners were broke within five years, and nearly a third declared bankruptcy and ended up worse off than before they became rich. Be careful what you wish for. Be "rich toward God." (Luk. 12:13-21)

Money is the object of the sin of greed. If you want to bend your heart Godward, invest in what matters to God. What you do with your money is what you do with your life. "You cannot serve God and money" – Jesus.

## Riley...

continued from Page 4B

crossed the state, visiting each of the state's former capitals. In June 1979, after a journey of almost six weeks, the wagon train pulled up to the city limits of Dahlonega and before the end of the year, enough gold for the dome had been collected. By 1981 the total regilding of the capitol dome was complete.

Agriculture and agri-tourism are top business industries in Lumpkin County. Since the mid-1990s, Lumpkin County has been recognized as "The Heart of Georgia Wine Country." The county features multiple vineyards and five licensed wineries that attract many tourists. In 2015, Senator Steve Gooch introduced Georgia Senate Resolution 125 officially recognizing Lumpkin County as the Wine Tasting Room Capital of Georgia.

Lumpkin County is the home of the U.S. Army's Camp Frank D. Merrill, the home of the 5th Ranger Training Battalion of the U.S. Army Ranger School's mountain Phase. Camp Frank D. Merrill is located in the Northern end of the County, within the Blue Ridge Wildlife Management Area of the Chattahoochee National Forest. Twice yearly Veterans memorial crosses line both sides of the major roads in Dahlonega, from mid-May through the Fourth of July and again for the Month of November. The Crosses are adorned with the names of the county's veterans who have died, some in combat (marked with KIA), and those who returned home and later died.

The summit of Blood Mountain, which Lumpkin shares with Union County to the north, is the highest point in the county. At 4458 feet, Blood Mountain is the 5th-highest peak in Georgia and the highest point on Georgia's portion of the Appalachian Trail.


Twenty-one miles from the Dahlonega square is a bronze plaque set into the stone of Springer Mountain, marking the first step of the Appalachian Trail and on a tree overhead is a 2"x6" white blaze, the first of 165,000 on this single track footpath that begins in Georgia and ends in Maine.

For more information on Lumpkin County or any of the programs provided by Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D contact Frank Riley at [info.crcd@gmail.com](mailto:info.crcd@gmail.com).

## Wild Game Supper August 20

A Wild Game Supper hosted by Camp Jabez Retreat Center, [www.campjabez.com](http://www.campjabez.com), will be held on August 20th at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jeff Deaver. Raffle prizes will be included with dinner. Call 706-374-6374 for tickets and more information.

**Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse**



**Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493**

## UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

	<b>Every Monday:</b>	
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
	<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	
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
	<b>Every Wednesday:</b>	
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
	<b>Every Thursday:</b>	
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
	<b>Second Monday of each month:</b>	
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)
	<b>Second Tuesday of each month:</b>	
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
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
Band Boosters	UC Middle School	7:30 pm
	(Aug through May, except Dec)	
	<b>Second Wednesday of each month:</b>	
Parkinson's Sup. Grp.	Cabin Coffee Co.	3 pm
	<b>Second Thursday of each month:</b>	
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	Unity Church of B'ville	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
	<b>Second Friday of each month:</b>	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 pm
	<b>Second Saturday of each month:</b>	
His Victory Riders	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
	<b>Second Sunday of each month:</b>	
PFLAG	Call 706-389-5269 for Info	