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restless, be aggressive, have difficulty walking, seem overly friendly, or appear to be choking. Drool and foaming of the mouth is not a good indicator because this symptom may not occur or may occur in the later stages of the disease.

Q. What steps should a person who is bitten by a wild animal take?

A. Rabies must be taken seriously for humans, as it is almost always 100% fatal if contracted. Fortunately, rabies infection can be prevented with proper and prompt post exposure treatment. If attacked, seek medical care from your personal physician or ER as soon as possible and report the incident to Animal Control and Environmental Health. If the attacking animal is available for testing, Environmental Health will send the specimen to the state public health lab for rabies testing and typically has results within 24-48 hours. If the results are negative for rabies, post exposure vaccination is unnecessary. If positive for rabies then arrangements should be made with your health care provider to receive post exposure vaccination as soon as possible. If the attacking animal is unavailable for

testing then you should consult with your health care provider about the risk of rabies and the need for post exposure treatment.

Q. Do I call 911 if I see a wild animal or pet I suspect might have rabies?

A. Absolutely! If you suspect a wild animal or a domestic animal has rabies immediately call 911. Give them a description of the animal and a location. If possible keep track of the animal until Law Enforcement or Environmental Health arrives. Again, do not approach the animal!

Q. If a person does not receive treatment for a bite from a rabid animal what can happen?

A. Rabies can be prevented in humans if medical care is sought soon after an exposure to the rabies virus. There is no known effective treatment for rabies once the symptoms of the illness have developed. So, if left untreated, rabies is always deadly.

NOTE: If you have not checked on whether your pet is current on its rabies shot, we suggest that now would be a good time to check on it. We hope this information has been helpful.

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on credit or I am going to fill your gut full of birdshot". The man quit laughing and paid Laura for the gasoline. Laura thanked the man and said, "It was good doing business with you, but, you can't have any more credit at my store".

Even though the Farmers Market closed last Saturday we still have a special event at the Market this Saturday. The FFA Blue and Gold Equipment Auction will be held Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. The auction will continue as long as there are items to sell. Also, many of our vendors will be present as well. These vendors include produce as well as crafts. Also, on Friday evening a livestock and small animal auction will be held at the FFA Showbarn on the by-pass. I know some of the FFA and 4-H Show pigs will be auctioned

off at that event. To find out more about the Blue and Gold or Livestock Auction please call our Ag Teacher, Mr. Pettit at Union County High School.

I would like to end this week's article by telling you how much I appreciate two people that work with me at the Farmers Market. Kristy Peney and Bobby Burch are both irreplaceable employees. Kristy keeps all of our records in order. She is also the one who greets many of you on the phone and she also spends a lot of time working at the Canning Plant. Bobby arrives early at the Farmers Market to get the lights on and trash cans out. He places the cones in the reserved spots on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Thank you, Kristy and Bobby for all of you do at the Union County Farmers Market.

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weeks and have not read one word concerning this event. I did not see anyone at the old courthouse that evening that looked like they might be a reporter. What a disappointment that we haven't seen an article on this event. Our Pastor Marty Duncan of Fellowship of the Hills, contacted the paper about this event: where, when, what and who. You were aware of it!

When Pastor Marty followed up with the paper about why our event was not covered, he was informed that there was concern that events of this nature could be bad for tourism. Give me a break! I have seen articles about the KKK, robberies, murders, suicides and other big and minor events around our community.

Are you not to keep our community informed? This is local news, and I am so disappointed that you all can't man up, put on your 'big boy pants'

and tell us like it is. Yes, I was there.

I love the fact that we hear about 99% of the local news and not the national. But disappointed that you failed us at the 1% level on same sex marriage. I wonder if God is disappointed in our small town newspaper? I stand in agreement with the Apostle Paul when he said "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!"

If we are afraid of offending possible tourists by coverage of this event then shame on us!

But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." [2]

Sincerely,
Judy J. Jones

[1] *The Holy Bible: New International Version. 1984 (Eze 22:30); [2] The Holy Bible: New International Version. 1984 (Jos 24:15).*

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For most of our country's 44 million youth, the only farmer they know is Ole MacDonald, and the closest they've gotten to a pig is cuddling up to a pink stuffed animal while watching the DVD of the porcine movie "Babe". That makes this 1% of young Americans, dedicated to being a part of the future of our nation's agriculture, pretty special.

The Union County Farmers Market has wrapped up its regular season, but this Friday and Saturday you are all invited to come be a part of the future of Union County's agriculture. The local FFA will be sponsoring its annual fundraising Blue and Gold Auction. On Friday evening, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m., show pigs, market hogs and small animals will be auctioned off at the FFA Ag Barn located at 153 Panther Circle, up on the school grounds property.

On Saturday, Nov 7th, the FFA will be holding their

annual farm equipment auction on the grounds of the Farmers Market, 148 Old Smokey Road starting at 10 a.m. For both of these auctions, consignments are accepted, so anyone can buy or sell, and commissions will be retained by the FFA. Terms are cash or check only, with checks having to be accompanied by a bank letter or guarantee.

In support of this fundraising effort, many of our regular season vendors will be at the Market, selling their wares, produce and prepared food items. So, on behalf of the FFA, we are essentially getting another week to our season. I encourage you to come out and meet more of the youth that are the future of our food supply. Your support helps this organization provide these students hands on education as well as scholarships for them to continue to pursue their education. For more information call 706-781-4808.

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they age.

4. What is your favorite time of the year?

Now - I love fall, the cool crisp mornings and watching the leaves change colors. Although if you ask me again in the spring, that may be my favorite season; by then I am ready to see things blooming again and getting outside.

5. What is your favorite

outdoor activity?

I love to work in our yard - from the garden in the summer to planting flowers and shrubs to doing clean-up work during this time of year.

To learn more about the unique services provided by Visiting Angels, you can visit them at their office located in the Hillcrest Plaza located at 294 Hwy. 515 in Blairsville, call them at 706-219-1415 or email jfoster@visitingangels.com / smurray@visitingangels.com. You can also visit their website at www.visitingangels/northeastgeorgia.com.

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might be inclined to take issue with the results of the Pew poll. However, one can readily note that repeated calls for the faithful to attend public prayer, abortion protests and other attempts to rally the faithful are not very productive and are usually attended by those classified as elderly.

The absence of young people is quite understandable, and will become more obvious as young people are encouraged to seek higher education. By this means, they will come to the realization that biblical fairy tales cannot be scientifically substantiated. It is not realistic to ask anyone to rely merely on faith alone.

Why, in an area of suffocating Protestant fundamentalism, do we have so many murders? So much drug use? So many babies born out of wedlock? So many charged with failure to provide child support? So much family abuse? So many divorces? Why do couples no longer marry in church? Something does not add up.

Perhaps someone can explain why the brand of religion has failed so many people in this area.

Sincerely,
Ruth Elizabeth Ramsey

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through with it. As I prayed for the occupants in each car, I was filled with emotion over the scars of years gone by that had impacted this nation. And I also prayed for the one million+ married couples who could not adopt a newborn baby in the U.S. last year.

It is encouraging that even so many years after that fateful Supreme Court decision legalizing what had always been seen as an unthinkable act, there are still people who value human life. Some people value "life" in different forms—like the tiny snail-darter that had to be protected and a bridge project scuttled to save its habitat, or the lion killed by the hunter, whose act was considered guilty of jail time. But those who valiantly stand to remember those helpless preborn babies whose lives were cut short, stood reverently and respectfully, with an aim of raising awareness and showing compassion for all those who were touched by abortion.

The recent videos of the atrocities of planned parenthood employees talking callously about selling the specific body parts of aborted babies—and ensuring the steps to keep them alive until they could be "harvested,"—makes one's stomach turn. For the most part, the general public has not seen them, and the mainstream media has called them a "political issue." May God have mercy on a nation that so devalues the life that resides in that helpless little baby. Who knows how many we have destroyed who might have had the knowledge to cure cancer or other illnesses, to solve problems for the betterment of our world, who were talented beyond human understanding?

Perhaps we could come up with a different title for pre-born babies, so they could be protected like a snail-darter. Respectfully submitted,
Arlene M. Gray

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son. The first group of invitees was unwilling, and abused the messengers. Then the king said, "Go to the main highways, and as many as you find there invite to the wedding feast" (Mat.

22:9). Jesus has prepared his own great banquet, and the invitations have been issued. It is an invitation to receive His gift of love. And that, friend, is amazing grace.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday: Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
A Course in Miracles	UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	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
Spiritual Living Group	UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	6:30 pm
	Every Wednesday:	
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
	Every Thursday:	
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
	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	6:30 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)	
	Second Wednesday of each month:	
GA Mtn Writers Club	So. Bank & Trust	10 am
Parkinson's Sup. Grp.	So. Bank & Trust	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	Clubhouse, Industrial Blvd.	6 pm
Democratic Party	UC Senior Center	6:30 pm
Trout Unlimited	So. Bank & Trust	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