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state highways systems.
Q. Since we are coming off a long economic recession, are job prospects looking up?

A. They certainly are. Two of our largest industrial employers are looking for employees now to fill positions. One is working 24 hours a day with three 8 hour shifts, 6 out of seven days. These jobs require

some special training with machinery and metal work. However, if you are looking for work and willing to put your all into learning, you should be able to find a job. The market has changed so much so fast and we now need more qualified employees.

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worthy and unloved that it is so amazing to me now that I really GET it. God loves me no matter what!"

A parent: "My child's daily tantrums and disobedience at times is overwhelming but has made me realize how much grace and patience our Heavenly Father has with us continuously."

As you ponder life's blessings, you have One to thank. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." "O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, for his mercy endures forever" (Jas. 1:17, Ps. 118:29). Happy Thanksgiving!

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Saturday we will have a Christmas Train for the little guys to ride. Also, there will be local entertainment for everyone to enjoy. And the Food Trailer will be open on both days as well. So, come on out and be with us on December 4-5 at the Farmers Market.

Also, the Canning Plant is offering a class on making Apple Sauce at 7 p.m. on December 3rd. Participants will

learn: 1) How to make apple sauce, 2) About how pH affects food preservation, 3) Tips on prevention of spoilage of home preserved foods. Also, all participants will receive 1 quart of home-made apple sauce to take home. The class is sponsored by the Union County Canning Plant and the Union County Young Farmers Association. If you are interested please call me at 706-781-8802.

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able fiscal position our nation is in today.

By following the basic principles of economic liberty, in a little over one hundred years, the United States had become the richest industrial nation in the world. With only 5% of the earth's land area and 6% of the world's population, the American people were producing over half of almost everything! Unfortunately, after a century of progressive policies government has become way too large relative to the size of

our economy. By simply starting to turn the ship of government toward these principles of freedom our economy will begin to accelerate and we will likely regain our rightful position as leader of the free world.

Joshua's Warriors is a Christ centered men's group whose mission is to restore, preserve and protect the God given rights and freedoms endowed to us in the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

**Fred Hayek
for Joshua's Warriors**

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I pull up to the YIELD sign and of course stop and YIELD for traffic coming around the old Courthouse, but many times am almost plowed in to by people cutting across in front of me to go park in front of one of the retailers there, or go on around the building. And people pulling out from there too, as I continue to make my round around the circle, people coming out of that area there have almost hit me as well. Can there be an alternative way in? I can think of one or two ways myself. Maybe a little out of the way but better safe that way than sorry the way it is now.

And another bad area is in front of Foodland, especially if you are coming up by

the old Sorghum Festival road. You can't halfway see to your left because of things blocking the way there and I remember when this was once a three way stop.

I dont know what they are building along in there either as I have been told it is a by-pass. Lord help us in that area when it is complete. Maybe it will help, maybe it will not I dont know.

But all of these stop and go areas and places are quite confusing as many times, no one knows what to do or when to go! One of these days, every one there is going to go all at the same time!

D. Barnes

Make Christmas special with Toys For Kids in Union County

Veteran Service Organization members continue to collect for Toys for Kids in Union County. New unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the following locations between now and Wednesday, December 15th: Ingles, Food City, Radio Shack, The Dollar Store on Mulky Gap, The Dollar Store on Gum Log, The Dollar Store on Hwy 515, Community & Southern Bank, United Community Bank, CVS, Blairsville Restaurant, Blairsville Bowling Alley, Southern Bank and Trust, Grinds and Glazes, The Book Cellar/Early Bird

Antiques, Nani's Restaurant and Manzanilla Restaurant. Wendy's has also allowed us to place a donation box in their restaurant. Distribution points will be local churches.

To sign up for toys you can call Charlie Sowers at 706-745-5123. He will need your name, address, phone number, number of kids, ages and gender. Also any church affiliation you may have. If you leave a message and don't hear back, call again. Elf Charlie has his hands full! You can also call Charlie if you have any questions.

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age and likeness when it comes to forgiveness. And I do beg her for forgiveness. I have been judgmental as her father, for too many years. You blessed her with skin as lovely as a perfect peach, and she chose to decorate it with inked graphics of which I do not understand. She shares her life with a man and raises the children they've conceived together without having taken vows in your presence. And yet, I know that they have your blessing. It is time they too have mine."

"Everyday, I miss my wife. She went to stay with you before I was ready. That's not true, is it? I know you want me to speak the truth to you. You took her before you took me, and I'm jealous. That's alright to admit, right? I'm human. You saw to that. So, today I want to thank you for at least the memories you have left me with. I still can smell the spices of her sweet potato pies, the countless numbers she made every Thanksgiving; two for the family and dozens for the members of our church who were elderly and infirmed."

"This morning, as I was about to settle for a Little Debbie with my cup of coffee, I remembered my wife's care each morning as she made sure I never left for work without a warm, hearty breakfast. I honored that memory you left me and I forced myself to crack and fry an egg to have with my hot biscuit, which only a few minutes before was frozen. So, I now want to thank you also for the Pillsbury Doughboy, though he's no substitute for my sweet Georgia bride."

"On my way to the park today, I witnessed an act of love from which I know you directed in my path. As I passed her home I saw Mrs. Schumlacher shaking her door mat with so much vigor, if there had been the slightest breeze I know she would have been airborne. I greeted her with a tip of my hat, as I do whenever I have the misfortune of seeing her out, praying under my breath that she has been stricken with laryngitis, so as not to be able to engage me in a conversa-

tion that will keep me standing outside her door for most of the afternoon. Mr. Schumlacher called for her and she went to him without even acknowledging me. You answer even my malevolent prayers."

"I stood a moment and got a glimpse of her through the living room window. Just as she entered the room, the lights on the Christmas tree came on and so did the light in her eyes. Then I witnessed her throw her arms around Mr. Schumlacher's neck, in gratitude. That wasn't the act of love I was referring to, though, my God. It was the act of fussing hours with those lights, every year, to please his wife and to help carry on the family traditions. I'm not sure you have ever experienced the challenge of several strings of lights that have inconceivably tangled themselves up over a twelve month stationary stay. But then again, what hand don't you have in all of life's puzzles? Yes, it is true. You work in mysterious ways."

"With that, I bid you adio for today. As always, I enjoyed our time together. Thank you for waking me up this morning, so we could have another day for gratitude."

From all of us at the Union County Farmers Market, we wish you and yours a bountiful of shared love this Thanksgiving. And when we are counting our blessings, your continued support will be high on our list.

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would be fair, but He did promise peace on earth, good will toward man. Amen

Frank F. Combs

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United Community Bank; Amy Harper, Secretary – Tugaloo Home Health; Steve Rowe, Treasurer – W. Steven Rowe, CPA; Marcie Culpepper – M-Design; Doug Davenport – Union County Nursing Home; Renee Deibert – North Georgia Technical College; Tony Dyer – Park Sterling Bank; Chad Larisey – The Mountain Life Team; Patrick Malone – The PAR Group; Kathryn Nelson – Reflexology by Kathryn; Dr. Jeremy Williams – Union County Schools; Mayor Jim Conley; Commissioner Lamar Paris; Mitch Griggs - Union County Development Authority; and Darren Harper -Blairsville Downtown Development Authority.

Another group of shining stars in the Chamber are the 2015 Chamber Ambassadors. Dedicating many hours to the Chamber and community projects, these individuals are an extension of our membership services and are the Chamber's support network in so many ways. This year's Ambassador team includes: Brian Bell – Brown Haven Builders; Chris Collins – Carter Insurance & Investments; Roberta Ford – Mary Kay Cosmetics; Matt Meeks – m6media; Paula Pendleton – Curves; Joe Scerbo – The Hair People; Rick Siefken – Budget Blinds; and Cathy Wheeler – The Vacuum Store.

Finally, I am very thankful to the *North Georgia News* for allowing the Chamber this column as a means to connect with our member and our community. The entire team is a delight to work with as it relates to sharing community news.

To all of our members and the entire Blairsville-Union County area, Happy Thanksgiving! If we can assist with your holiday plans please call us at 706-745-5789 or explore our website at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com.

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at a crossroads -- which only the Assembly can exacerbate or ameliorate.

Simplicity is a virtue -- especially when teaching students.

Academic excellence is directly tied to freeing teachers to teach.

George A. Mitchell

**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 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Tuesday 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
BINGO	Every Wednesday: Civic Center	7 pm
Masonic Luncheon	Every Thursday: Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	First Monday of each month: Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, off the square		6:30 pm
Brownie Scouts	First Tuesday of each month: United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 pm
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 pm
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 pm
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 pm
Enotah Ch. #24 RAM	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Exercise class	First Wednesday of each month: Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	Monet's Rest.	Noon
Quilts of Valor	First Thursday of each month: Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am-2:30 pm
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 am
NAMI Fam. Support	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 pm
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
"Nailed" Book Club	First Friday of each month: G-N-G Bakery	10 am
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm