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public may wish we had more snow, from the Road Department, it was a nice change. However, we do need to have more freezing weather to assist the environment with eliminating some pesky bugs in the Spring.

Q. What is your memory of snow in the mountains growing up?

A. I do not ever remember having any 65 degree weather in the winter. It seems like it was always just cold until Spring. Growing up in Union County, we just about always had several inches of snow each year. Back in the 60's and 70's, Richard Russell Highway would often be snow and ice covered several times in the winter. Crowds of people would ascend up the mountain in jeeps to ride their sleds and car hoods down the two mile thrilling ride to the bottom of the mountain. While I recall a few injuries, it was an unbelievable ride going about 40 mph on a sled only 6" above the road surface. Wow!

Q. Can you still ride a sled down Richard Russell Highway in the winter?

A. Eventually, USFS

stopped vehicles from going up on the mountain during bad weather, but it was a blast back in the day. However, rarely is there enough snow or ice on this road for sledding even if it were allowed.

Q. Was there another major winter weather event you recall from growing up here?

A. Oh yes!! It was the Blizzard of '93. On March 13th, 1993, it snowed 28" and more in some areas, which was the largest snow event anyone can remember. There was another snow storm in 1941 (way before I was born), when it snowed 20".

I remember that we had about 15 people from the neighborhood sleeping in our house for a few days because we had gas heat and gas hot water. Electricity was out in the county for 7 days to 10 days and longer in the remote areas. However, our telephone never quit working.

I also remember the story of Major Leon Davenport, our hospital administrator, walking to work from his home about 3 miles to the hospital in two feet of snow, to assist his staff who could not leave the hospital.

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point, he immediately stopped the sermon and said, "Let us pray." After the prayer, everyone looked back toward the pulpit and noticed that Ronald had removed his jacket and tied it around his waist. The young preacher looked as if he were wearing a kilt. He went on to finish a fine sermon. The next morning, Ronald went down to Chattanooga and purchased a new and larger pair of pants.

Not long after this episode of the splitting pants, a man in our community died. As you know, part of being a minister is being of comfort to those in a congregation that suffer the loss of a loved one. So, upon hearing of the death, my Dad called his new assistant Pastor, Ronald.

The young man agreed to meet Dad to go and visit the family. Ronald and Dad drove to the house and were met at the front door by the grieving widow and her sons. Dad and Ronald walked into the bedroom, and the man was lying

on the bed with his leg and arm hanging off the bed. Dad directed Ronald to turn the man's arm and leg over on the bed. In the meantime, Dad would comfort Miss Polly. Dad walked into the other room and was praying with the family when he heard a scream. Dad ran into the bedroom. Ronald had tried to turn over the dead man's arm and leg and thought he was successful. However, he bent over to tie his shoe when the dead man's body tried to return back to the original position. This action caused the body to fall on top of our friend. Ronald and the dead man's body were entangled on the floor, and each time he pushed it off, the arm of the dead man would fall back onto the face of the young man.

Ronald is still afraid of dead people, though he went on to become a Doctor of Theology and teaches at a large school in Kentucky. But, each time I hear him preach, my mind goes back to his split pants and the dead man.

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Last night we held our annual Evening with the Stars event where we recognized various outstanding students and teachers and presented a check to the Union County Scholarship Fund. It was an amazing evening, and we will be sharing an in-depth recap of the event in next week's column.

Join us in Downtown Blairsville on February 13, 14 & 15th as participating shops & restaurants donate a portion of their daily sales to Habitat for Humanity Towns/Union Counties, Inc. Share the Love with Habitat this Valentine's Day, support local businesses and make a difference!

Tax season is upon us and which means our tax-related questions are on the forefront of our minds. If you would like some of your questions answered, be sure to register for our February Monthly Mingle featuring John Cone, CPA. John will be sharing his

expertise concerning professional tax and accounting services and will be providing insight on various tax updates and current issues. Sign up for the mingle on our website or call the Chamber to register today.

All of our Mingles are sponsored by Blairsville Printing, Homestead Hospice, Chick-fil-A, Mountainside Parcel and Post, and Logan Turnpike Mill. If you would like to become a Mingle Sponsor, please contact the Chamber at (706) 745-5789.

Our special Eggs and Issues event, an all-inclusive breakfast featuring Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris, is quickly approaching. Last year's event sold out quickly, so be sure to sign up for this year's as soon as possible. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 24 from 8 - 9 a.m. Sign up online, or call the Chamber today.

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The annual meeting is a more personal gathering of members where the Agribusiness council presents the current events pertaining to ag, and more specifically, how they are addressing those issues. This sit-down dinner is an opportunity for members to connect with other members, become educated on the issues, and to see how they can get more in-

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to keep the public informed. The Union County Emergency Alert Notification System is a major component of that communication system.

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fourth year, the plant should be able to handle full crop, but if you have some weak looking canes, thin out the buds to prevent over fruiting, which can cause permanent bending of canes from the weight.

Each year after harvest is completed cut plants back so that they don't become too tall. Tall plants are more difficult to harvest, except for bears and birds.

If you have questions about pruning blueberries, contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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you accept what God knows about you and trust Him with your soul, then you know what it means to fear Him.

God knows more about you than any technology can capture. The God who fashioned you also sees you, loves you, and invites you into community with Him. It is His mercy that gives you hope. As you rely on Him you have reason to rejoice that He knows you personally. Is there any other way to respond to the One who sees?

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substances, lack of interest in school participation and frequent alienation of others. Prevention programs that address substance use and high-risk sexual behaviors are proven to be more effective than programs that just focus on substance abuse or just focus on high risk sexual behaviors. These programs include individuals, peers, families, schools and communities.

Prevention strategies that are successful in reducing teen risk include multiple prevention activities in different areas of the teen's life. School based programs that focus on social skills and emotional awareness are fundamental to teaching students how to manage peer pressure. Peer led drug and alcohol resistance programs like Students Against Destructive Decisions, offers a safe social circle that practices low risk behaviors. Parenting programs that offer support and skills for dealing with difficult teen behaviors and programs that encourage parental engagement is another invaluable tool in reducing engagement in substance use and high-risk sexual behavior. Finally, family support programs that address the needs of each family member. When students have a supportive school environment and their parents are actively engaged in their lives, they are less likely to engage in high risk behaviors.

Allegheny Masonic Lodge

Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114 meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Dinner 6:30 PM and meeting 7:30 PM.

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



February 13, 2020
In memory of
John and Virginia B. Meeks
Wedding Anniversary
February 13, 1933
By: Ginger & Terry Meeks
Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493

coalition building within the agricultural community. This year's Harvest Celebration was held on November 22, 2019 at the Cobb Galleria Centre and it was another great success with over 800 tickets sold and Jeff Carson performing "A Night of Country Legends".

The Georgia Agribusiness Council gives Georgia's

farmers and ag industry a voice under the Gold Dome and represents Georgia's largest industry and many voters across the state.

For more information on Georgia Agribusiness Council, check www.ga-agribusiness.org or www.chesthattrcd.org and Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D on Facebook.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday: Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 p.m.
Exercise Class	UMC Lower Level	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
	Every Wednesday:	
Kiwanis Club	Skillet Cafe	Noon
Exercise Class	UMC Lower Level	5:30-6:30 p.m.
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
	Every Thursday:	
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	The Skillet Café	Noon
	Third Monday of each month:	
Shape Note Music	Old Courthouse	6:30 p.m.
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 p.m.
Allegheny Lodge #114	Masonic Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 p.m.
	Third Tuesday of each month:	
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon
Healthy Hearts Support	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 p.m.
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
American Legion, Aux	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 p.m.
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 p.m.
	Third Wednesday of each month:	
Quilts of Valor	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 a.m.
GA Mtn. Writers Club	Appalachian Reg. Library	10 a.m.
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	So. Bank & Trust	7 p.m.
	Third Thursday of each month:	
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 p.m.
Good N'bers Auto	Rib Country, Murphy	6:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi	Civic Center	7 p.m.
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 p.m.
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 p.m.
	Third Friday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Third Saturday of each month:	
Joshua's Warriors	The Skillet Café	8 a.m.
UC Republican Party	The Skillet Café	10 a.m.
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 a.m.