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the other side.

**Q. How can the public let GDOT know it is an unreasonable suggestion to close the road and that other alternatives should be considered?**

A. The more details about how the road closure will negatively impact you, the county, or the people of Suches, the better. However, if you only have time to send a very simple letter to GDOT, it is much better than doing nothing. The important part is to send your comments in to GDOT.

**Q. Even if I don't live in Suches, am I able to make a comment regarding this closure to GDOT?**

A. Absolutely! The more comments they receive regarding this issue the better. We are extremely hopeful that once they are aware of how much of a hardship this will be on the community of Suches, and the people of Union County as a whole, they might be better able to figure out a different approach to replacing the bridge and detour options.

**Q. How do we make a comment on the Highway 180 possible road closure project in Suches?**

A. You can simply mail your comment card or letter

to GDOT at the following address: Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30308. Or you can go to the Georgia Department of Transportation website at [www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach](http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach). From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located (Union) and click Go; then select 8/25/2016 – SR 180 at Slaughter Creek (Detour OH); Lastly, click Comment and follow the instructions to leave your comments. If you can in your letter or comment reference PI#: 0007055, County: Union, SR 180 at Slaughter Creek Detour to identify the project. All comments must be received by GDOT on or before September 8th, WHICH IS ONLY TWO WEEKS, so please write your note, comment, or letter NOW!

You can pick up a form from the Commissioner's office, the Wolfpen Gap Store in Suches, or at the Suches Community Center. At the public meeting Thursday, one of the GDOT employees said this was the largest crowd he had seen at one of their public meetings in 20 years. Yay for the people of Suches coming out and letting GDOT know of your concerns.

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all recommended for treatment of brown patch on cool season grasses. However, always pay close attention to the labels as application instructions may differ between cool season and warm season grasses.

Don't forget about our SepTIMBER Forestry Ag Day on September 28th at GMREC in Blairsville from 9 a.m. to 1:45. Admission is \$5 and includes lunch and a chance to win door prizes. Topics covered include native tree identifica-

tion, nuisance wildlife management, invasive species control, tree disease, pest management, and fire prevention. This pro-

gram will offer three hours of commercial pesticide credit in categories 23, 24, and 27, and one hour of private applicator

credit. To RSVP, please contact GMREC at 706-745-2655 by September 14th to ensure your spot.

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plan. Extraordinary things are not a distraction.

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith" (Heb. 12:1-2).

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traveled to an area with Zika, do not have sex, or use condoms the right way, every time, during your pregnancy." They are also recommending that pregnant women should not travel to areas with Zika. Travelers who are returned from an area with Zika and who are infected can spread the virus through mosquito bites. Use precautions to prevent mosquito bites. Infected persons may not know that they are infected because the signs and symptoms can be very mild. There also is no treatment or vaccine at this time for the disease so prevention is the best practice.

Summer is coming to an end; however, there is still a risk. The best practice is prevention and to be informed. Do some research and know the facts. For more information, visit the CDC or Georgia DPH websites. Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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Selection into the program will be based on a written application and interview process and will be limited to 15 students. Applicants must be in the 10th or 11th grade and attend school in Union County or live in Union County. They must demonstrate outstanding character and desire to make an impact in their community through involvement in business organizations, civic club, churches, and/or other extracurricular activities. We seek participants who are honest, have integrity, dependability and a concern for others. If selected, participation is expected by attending all sessions.

Applications and a complete class schedule can be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce, Bank of the Ozarks, or the high school counselors. The deadline for applications to be submitted is Thursday, September 1st. Should you need additional information on Youth Leadership Union, please call 706-745-5789 or visit our website at [www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com](http://www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com).

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turn home.

It is my sincere hope to be in my home watching the Georgia Bulldogs on Sept. 3. I've got my fingers crossed.

I've got my laptop with me, and stories that I can do with a phone interview, well, I'll be writing again. I'll also be writing my columns. It's part of my therapy designed to return me home and back to work.

I hope that return is within reach and soon.

I know y'all have missed me, and Lord knows I've missed you.

It's so good to be writing again.

**Retired Firefighters Breakfast**

The Retired Firefighters Breakfast is held the first Friday of each month, 9 a.m. at Hole in the Wall Restaurant, Blairsville, GA.

**Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse**



August 26th  
in memory of  
**Dr. William T. Meeks, Sr.**  
**Birthday**  
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

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

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So, Mom explained to Myrtle Jean that she was no longer in the country with just a few people. Therefore, she needed to bathe every day and use deodorant. Mom gave her a list of items she could use. Myrtle Jean was appreciative and thanked Mom for her advice. Mom's boss thanked her as well.

Later that week Myrtle Jean and Roy came to the house to grill some hot dogs. Also, Dad's longtime friend William Shelnett was there with his wife. At that time Dad and William were not church going people and they enjoyed drinking. Roy and Myrtle Jean showed up to the event where upon Roy was offered a beer. Myrtle Jean said, "Oh my Roy don't drink". Dad exclaimed, "Well he had some the other night". Roy's face became red and he sat down on the edge

of an armless sofa. He tried to explain that he only drank a little every now and then. William asked, "Roy what about that 6 pack you borrowed from me the other day"? Myrtle Jean had endured enough, she drew back her tiny hand and slapped Roy across the face. The impact knocked him off the couch and into the floor. Then she rolled her eyes in disgust just like Granny did when she heard Roy Heathe proclaiming to everyone about his knowledge of scripture and virtues of human life. I now understand what Granny was thinking all those years ago.

We have all dealt with folks that act one way in public and another way around friends. I hope those folks can all have a Myrtle Jean come into their lives. A little dynamite goes a long way. It sure helped Roy Heathe.

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vasive plants and trees portion of the workshop. Those who attend will not only learn what these plants are, but also best management practices of each species. "We're going to learn how to identify different fungal diseases, different insects that could be infecting trees and the forest environment, and that is actually going to give us what is called pesticide credit, says Mickey Cummings."

Chest/Chatt RC&D secured a grant from the USDA NRCS to hold field days with various topics and this Sep-TIMBER Forest and Ag field day at the GMREC will be the first in a series to be held here over the next 3 years. Some other topics will be soil health, alternative farming methods, seasonal high tunnels, organic farming, and other topics of interest to our farmers and landowners. Cost for the event is \$5 which will include a locally cooked lunch.

This is a multi-county program in which participation will be targeted primarily for

landowners in the Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council's area in Northeast Georgia as well as the area that the GMREC draws from, but will not be limited to these areas, so anyone is encouraged to attend. Come out and join with others who want to learn how we manage the only renewable natural resource that we have, our Forests.

A representative from the local Firewise Communities Program will also be making a presentation at the workshop. Firewise is program housed within the National Fire Protection Association that focuses on educating community members on how best to prevent wildfires in their neighborhoods.

The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register for the event, contact GMREC at 706-745- 2655 or Frank Riley Executive Director, Chest/Chatt RC&D Council at: [info.ccrecd@gmail.com](mailto:info.ccrecd@gmail.com) or 706-894-1591.

**UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Garden Tours	<b>Every Monday:</b> 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 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	<b>Every Tuesday:</b> 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
BINGO	<b>Every Wednesday:</b> Civic Center	7 pm
Butternut Ladies Golf	<b>Every Thursday:</b> 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
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	<b>First Monday of each month:</b> Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, Masonic Lodge		6:30 pm
Brownie Scouts	<b>First Tuesday of each month:</b> 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	<b>First Wednesday of each month:</b> Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	Monet's Rest.	Noon
Better Breathers	UGH Classroom 2nd Fl.	1 pm
Quilts of Valor	<b>First Thursday of each month:</b> 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	<b>First Friday of each month:</b> G-N-G Bakery	10:30 am
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Cruisers Block Party	Farmer's Market	5 pm (Apr-Oct)
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm
Cruise-In	<b>First Saturday of each month:</b> On the Square	4 pm (Apr-Oct)