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individual by for a visit to see if the program will be a good fit for them. Once approved, the Alzheimer patient can be brought on the above days and dropped off to participate in the programs that are tailored to their needs. There are volunteers and employees available to help them with their basic needs and lead the programs. They offer music activities, hand/eye coordination exercises, a flexibility program, and bingo. Refreshments are also served during this time.

Q. Is transportation available to and from the Senior Center?

A. Transportation can be provided to and from the Senior Center. For details concerning the service area, contact the Senior Center. On certain days during the week, the Senior Center Transportation will also

take seniors to do their grocery shopping.

Q. What is the cost for a Senior Citizen to participate in the activities and benefit from the services provided?

A. There is no fee to join the Senior Center. If you join, you can participate in most of the activities and programs that are offered on a regular basis. If individuals are able to donate or make contributions for their participation or for their use of the services, they are welcome to do so, but there are no required fees. There are some fee-based programs such as Tai Chi and Yoga, because these are offered from an outside source. Also, if you are not a member and you just want to participate in the Silver Sneakers Exercise Program or play pool, there is a fee for that, but art classes are not open to non-members.

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Campbell was closing in on a victory with four seconds left in the game when Bobby Joe stole the ball and went to the basket for a lay-up. The young man missed the shot, turned toward his friend Paul, and cursed because of his missed shot. Paul the referee called a technical foul because of the cursing. Hackleburgh made two foul shots and received the ball at half court with three seconds left in the game. The arch rival of Phil Campbell won the game with a

long jump shot from the top of the key. All of Paul's friends and family refused to talk to him for two weeks. He was even ostracized by his parents and brother. So, once again, the young man was down in the mouth about his circumstances.

However, he wasn't down for long. After all, he still had his girlfriend. So, Paul didn't care what others thought as long as Shirley, who would become my mother two years later, thought well of him.

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and feature live Christian Music until 7 p.m. The family film will begin after dark at 8 p.m.

If you're looking to have a fantastic time while supporting a wonderful cause, you won't want to miss the Towns-Union Habitat for Humanity's annual "High Heels and Hard Hats Gala" on Sept. 8. With lots of entertainment, including casino tables with real dealers, silent auctions, music, dancing, and lots more, this event is guaranteed to be a smashing success! Located at North Georgia Technical College,

dinner is being prepared and served by students in the Culinary Arts Program. Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at Habitat for Humanity's Restore (706-379-2484), North Georgia Technical College (706-439-6300), and The Vacuum Store (706-781-1050). The evening's proceeds directly benefit Towns-Union Habitat for Humanity and will help build the next Habitat home.

For a list of other upcoming events, please visit the Chamber of Commerce website at www.visitblairsvillega.com.

Blairsville Parkinson's Disease Support Group meeting

The monthly meeting place for the Blairsville Parkinson's Disease Support Group has changed. We will meet at 2 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at North Georgia Technical College, meeting room 415. The college is located at 121 Meeks Ave., Blairsville, off Hwy. 515.



Our September 12th speaker, will be Ann Marie Stanczyk, M.S., M.T. She has a Masters degree in Holistic Nutrition and certification in Culinary Arts. She will guide us in food selections and preparation with a special emphasis on Parkinson's Disease. For more information call Kay Fordham at 706-745-8836.

National Recovery Month

Prevention Works - Treatment is Effective - People Recover - North Enotah Drug Court announces: The month of September is National Recovery Month!

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to: North Enotah Drug Court, Inc. A minimum 18-month treatment program for adults with felony charges related to drug addiction.

Call 781-1319 during the month of September for information on how you can give. Visit our website: north-enotahdrugcourt.vpweb.com.



Are you the male descendant of a Confederate Veteran and tired of seeing American history maligned, reinterpreted and erased?

Consider joining the David W. Payne Camp #1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Monthly meetings are held in the Community Room of the United Community Bank in Blairsville, across from Chick-fil-A, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Meetings are of a historical nature and the public is welcome to attend.

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to be aware of a national drug epidemic than to recognize addiction in their own communities. It found only 13% of those questioned from the southern U.S. and 10% of those from the north-eastern U.S. felt "drugs posed a crisis in their own communities." However, north-eastern states like Vermont and Pennsylvania and southern states like West Virginia and Kentucky represent communities hardest hit by the opioid epidemic.

Dr. Lawrence Tucker, who is medical director of Laguna treatment hospital and who established the first opioid dependence program in Virginia in 2006, said he was surprised by the findings "because the opioid epidemic is rampant, despite regional differences."

Dr. Tucker was directly involved with the recently published study, titled "Perceptions of Addiction." It surveyed 999 Americans, 45 percent male and 55 percent female, from across the US. Between the

ages of 18 and 76, one-third of those surveyed self-identified as having had an addiction at some point in their lives.

The survey supports findings from a 2014 Pew Research study that revealed how few Americans were aware of the growing opioid crisis. Four years later, the opioid crisis has officially been declared an epidemic and specialists, such as Dr. Tucker, wanted to find out if Americans' awareness had changed.

The study team did see certain improvements from the 2014 Pew study, particularly an increased awareness among Hispanic and African American communities. Race seemed to play a huge role.

"Some races, particularly white young adults, are being hit harder than others," said Tucker. "Which is why the neighborhoods that are affected the most are certainly aware of the epidemic, because they have lost loved ones and friends. But the communities

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Hebrew word Sheol, and three Greek words Hades, Tartarus, and Gehenna. These words do not mean hell. Let us now clearly explain the true biblical meanings of these words.

Sheol means the grave or the pit and is seen 65 times in Hebrew writings. In Greek, Hades occurs 11 times and means the same, grave or pit. Tartarus was the ruined earth after the pre-adamic destruction of Earth by the floods. This earth was the place the fallen angels were placed on. It is believed that the fallen ones became air spirits who roam the earth confusing mankind.

Gehenna takes its name from a valley located in Jerusalem called the Valley of Hinnom. During Jesus's time on earth, this valley was used as the city dump. A fire was constantly kept alight there to burn

up and consume all of the city's unwanted rubbish.

And the Protestants accepted and enforced this falsehood. In Greece is a cave called The Portal to Hell, which leads into an active volcano. The belief of Hell comes primarily from Dante's "Inferno" and Milton's "Paradise Lost." Both of which are theatre plays and books.

Would a loving God of creation destroy and condemn millions upon millions of people who have never heard of Yeshua (Jesus)?

Lester Smith

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make yourself look big and wave your arms and shout while backing away slowly. Do not get between a mother bear and her cubs. If you are attacked, fight back aggressively with anything you can get your hands on. Bears can be dangerous, but know that there are no recorded attacks or fatalities in Georgia.

Towns & Union County Extension are having a Master Gardeners training course that will begin Jan. 29. This is a 10-week course that will teach about horticultural practices and includes volunteer opportunities. The cost is \$175. Contact your local Extension office for more information or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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is to love God and neighbor, which Jesus says are the foundation of God's law (Matt. 22:37-40).

Destiny: You are accountable to the Creator, who wants you to share eternity with Him. Yet you must be made whole since all are sin sick. God the Son "bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed" (1 Pet. 2:24). By faith in Christ, you can live like there is a better tomorrow, forever.

To some, Christianity is no more plausible than the latest conspiracy theory. But its answers make sense of the world as we experience it, and that draws you to the Shepherd and Guardian of your soul.

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And, yes, I will continue to not only fret, but to fight in my limited way, against Trump's efforts to remake America in his own, perverted image.

David Schilling

Derrick Whittle Memorial Scholarship Fund

Smoked Boston Butts by Jimmy Combs - September 22nd - \$35. Proceeds will go to Derrick Whittle Memorial Scholarship Fund.

These scholarships will be awarded to Union County graduating seniors in May 2019. Call 706-781-7581 to place your advance order!

Don't forget about the huge yard sale on September 21 and 22 at the Union County Civic Center!

that aren't really aware of the opioid epidemic is because it's just not affecting them as much due to the racial makeup of their neighborhoods."

In July 2017, Dr. Nicole Gastala attempted to explain why communities, ravaged by addiction, are seemingly unaware of the problem. Her published report "Denial: The

Greatest Barrier to the Opioid Epidemic" is based on her experience as a new family physician facing the Iowa opioid epidemic. She found that a community's resistance to change is often a factor in reluctance to realize the scale of the problem, a situation that perpetuates a cycle of addiction.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Kiwanis Club	Sammies Sub Shop	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
MMQG Tues. Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 p.m.
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
BINGO	Every Wednesday: Civic Center	7 p.m.
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday: Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 p.m.
MMQG Sewcials	Second Monday of each month: Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Enotah Chapter #24	Masonic Lodge	7:30 p.m.
Disabled A.m. Veterans	Veterans Center	7 p.m. (Jan-Oct)
FPL Retirees	Second Tuesday of each month: Hole in Wall Rest.	9 a.m.
Historical Society Bd.	Old Courthouse	10:30 a.m.
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts	Union County Library	10 a.m.
Active/Retired Fed Emp.	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 p.m.
Mountain Coin Club	N. GA Tech	6 p.m.
Blairsville PTO	UC Primary School	6 p.m.
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
Band Boosters	UC Middle School (Aug through May, except Dec)	7:30 p.m.
Appalachian Shrine Club	Second Thursday of each month: Shrine Building	6:30 p.m.
Democratic Party	Unity Church of B'ville	6:30 p.m.
Trout Unlimited	UC Community Cntr - A	6:30 p.m.
Sons Confederate Vet.	UCB Community Rm	7 p.m.
Knights of Columbus	Marian Hall	7:30 p.m.
Eastern Star #471	Second Friday of each month: Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
No activities listed	Second Saturday of each month:	
PFLAG	Second Sunday of each month: Call 706-389-5269 for Info	