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Q. We live on the Murphy Highway (Hwy 19/129 North) and our striping is becoming very hard to see, especially when it is nighttime or when the highway is wet. Can you help us?

A. We have also let GDOT know of this request, since we have heard it from several people. We hope that they have it on their list, but as of yet, we have not gotten word on this project.

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As he walked into the door. But before he completed his first step, something poked into his chest. As Dad looked down, he noticed the barrel of a 12-gauge shotgun poking into his belly.

At first, the gun did not register with Dad. When he did realize what was happening, Dad became angry and tried to knock the gun away. However, the robber used the stock of the gun to knock the breath from him, then he was hit across the temple with the barrel of the gun.

As Dad hit the floor, he heard the words, "Mister, I am going to blow your head off if you get up." So, he stayed on the floor. He watched as the man walked to Johnson and knocked him to the floor. When Linda saw the gun, she went to the floor. Again, Barbara noticed the gun and passed out.

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County residents will go to other communities.

Positive Impact: Infrastructure, water and sewer capacities, road improvements and public safety projects that better our quality of life are on the list of approved SPLOST projects. They will likely have a favorable impact on property values and economic development.

Transparency: All projects in the jurisdictions of Union County were vetted in public forums and by governing bodies. All lists were approved at county and municipal meetings, allowing for continued input from the community. Updates on projects in the current SPLOST program are offered at regular intervals as well. The staff of Union County and the City of Blairsville have made every effort to offer information about the projects to the public. At this Nov. 6 referendum, citizens of Union County will have the opportunity to vote on the continuation of this funding source.

Shared Funding: A sig-

Q. Is there a phone number we can use to contact GDOT directly?

A. Yes, there is. The local maintenance facility phone number is 706-781-3957. This is the office that is located here locally. If no one answers, leave a message and they will return your call because they are usually out of the office working on things during the day. You can also call the regional office in Cleveland at 706-348-4848.

The man grabbed all the money in her drawer and walked out the front door.

As Dad ran through the front door, he met the same policeman, and together, they caught the man who had robbed his office. Dad and his staff were asked to come into the police station and identify the robber. Dad was asked to sit across a table from this man. Dad was told to place his hand on the back of the man who robbed him. The police turned their backs as Dad walked to the man. They turned their heads long enough to allow Dad to throw several punches to the robber's head before they turned back around. Later, the man would confess to the crime and identify his partner only after the police threatened to leave the two in a room alone for a few minutes.

nificant portion of the collection of sales tax dollars is from out-of-county shoppers. SPLOST captures those dollars for use in Union County.

Community Investment: When you shop in neighboring Fannin, Towns, Lumpkin and White counties, you are contributing to those communities' SPLOST projects.

The decision to vote "yes" or "no" for the continuation of the SPLOST is yours. I encourage you to ask the appropriate questions that will lead you to an informed decision. I also want to remind you that while the current SPLOST is in effect, your purchases in local businesses are one of the easiest and best ways to show support for your local community.

I'm always available for any questions. I can be reached via email at president@blairsvillechamber.com or by phone at 706-745-5789. Be sure to check our website regularly for a full listing of upcoming events at www.VisitBlairsvilleGa.com.

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Mallards dabble to feed on seeds, rootlets and tubers of aquatic plants off swamp and river bottoms. The mallard is the most common duck in the United States, with the greatest abundance between the Appalachian and Rocky Mountains. Mallards winter throughout the United States, with the highest densities typically recorded during winter surveys along the Mississippi Flyway from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to the Gulf of Mexico. They also have the most extended migration period, which lasts from late summer to early winter.

Mallards are found in a variety of habitats, including dry agricultural fields, shallow marshes, oak-dominated forested wetlands, and the Hiawasse River. The mallard is the ancestor of nearly all domestic duck breeds. Domestic ducks can be common in city ponds and can be confusing to identify — they may lack the white neck ring, show white on the chest, be all dark, or show oddly-shaped crests on the head.

The widespread mallard has given rise to several populations around the world that have changed enough that they could be considered separate species. The "Mexican Duck" of central Mexico and the extreme southwestern United States and the Hawaiian Duck both are closely related to the mallard, and in both forms the male is dull like the female.

Mallard pairs form long before the spring breeding season. Pairing takes place in the fall, but courtship can be seen all winter. Only the female incubates the eggs and takes care of the ducklings, except for our duck family where Daddy has been seen babysitting. Ducks are strong flyers; migrating flocks of mallards have been estimated traveling at 55 mph.

The standard duck's quack is the sound of a female mallard. Males don't quack; they make a quieter, rasping sound. Mallards, like other ducks, shed all their flight feathers at the end of the breeding season and are flightless for three to four weeks. They are secretive during this vulnerable time, and their body feathers molt into a conceal-

ing "eclipse" plumage that can make them hard to identify. The oldest known mallard was at least 27 years and 7 months old when he was shot in Arkansas in 2008. He had been banded in Louisiana in 1981.

For more information on wild things around us, contact your local Georgia DNR office, or email ChestChattRC&D@info.ccrd@gmail.com.

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way, too. Yellow jackets aren't diggers. They use holes other critters have made, so they can be trapped inside if there is only one entrance. There are yellow jacket traps that can be effective at controlling them, too. Another method of control is to use hot water mixed with dish washing soap and pouring it down the hole. Whenever you are working with yellow jackets, the safest time will be at night. They will be more inactive at nighttime, so your chances of being stung decrease. It is still a good idea to wear protective clothing. If you have a serious yellow jacket problem, it's best to call a professional for help.

If you have any questions about yellow jacket identification or control, please call your local Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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Scotland. Also on the personal level, his daughter Ivanka, son-in-law Jared Kushner and grandchildren are all Jews.

These facts contradict the lame and tired divisive political ploys that we've become accustomed to from the Democrats, not unlike their current "guilt by accusation" strategy against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. What would you expect from a political party that ignored Bill Clinton's long history of sexual impropriety, continues to revere an old segregationist and anti-Semite like Jimmy Carter, or, until his death in 2010, had Robert Byrd, an actual Ku Klux Klansman, as its titular head!
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which tracks drug use among American teens, showed that marijuana use has increased among high school students in recent years, while disapproval of cannabis among teens has declined. At one time, marijuana was not considered to be addictive, but recent studies have shown that this drug can cause symptoms of dependence and addiction, including cravings, insomnia, anxiety, depression and agitation.

Cocaine is a central nervous system stimulant that remains one of the most popular drugs of abuse in the United States. Its euphoric, energizing effects are not only seductive, but also highly addictive. The 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health reported that nearly 640,000 American adults tried cocaine for the first time in that year, an average of almost 2,000 per day. Over one million Americans met the criteria for dependence on cocaine that same year. Crack cocaine, a more potent form of the drug, is between 75 and 100 percent more powerful than the powdered form, according to the Foundation for a Drug-Free World. Crack is highly addictive, causing changes in brain chemistry that quickly lead to compulsive abuse and dependence.

Known as "meth," "crank," "ice," "crystal," "glass," and many other street names, methamphetamine is a central nervous system stimulant that has become increasingly popular in recent years. The effects of meth are similar to the effects of cocaine, but methamphetamine is generally less expensive and easier to obtain. The production of meth in underground labs around the U.S. has become increasingly common, contributing to the rise in addiction.

Pain-relieving substances derived from opium, a compound found in the opium poppy, is some of the most potent and addictive. Some of these drugs, like morphine and codeine, are classified as non-

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on the fire from an elevated position.

Union County was one of the few fire departments in north Georgia that did not have a ladder apparatus. Ladder 1 is a great addition to our fleet. It will enable us to maintain our ISO rating of 4/4Y and better serve our community.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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(just don't forget to call me to heaven!).

Charles Miles (d.1946) was trained as a pharmacist. He left that career to become a composer and publisher. Some of his lyrics read, "There's a new name written down in glory, and it's mine, yes it's mine! With my sins forgiven I am bound for heaven, nevermore to roam." The Bible says, "There is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). That name is Jesus Christ.

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America has joined with Ira Weaver American Legion Post 121, 78 Old blue Ridge Highway, Blairsville, for the upcoming holiday season. Wreaths Across America, with the help individuals, families, small business and corporations gather monies to place holiday wreaths on the graves of veterans. The efforts between Ira Weaver Post 121 and the Wreaths Across America will ensure that any donation made to Wreaths Across America using the donation form obtained from American Legion Post 121, goes directly to placing Holiday Wreaths on the graves at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton. Last Christmas there were insufficient Wreaths for all graves in Canton.

Effective 9-11-18, the donation form can be viewed and download from the American Legion Post 121 website, by visiting Legionpost121.org. If questions arise please contact Stephen Stratman at smstratman@legionpost121.org or call 912-856-7951.

Please help Wreaths Across America and American Legion Post 121, Blairsville, GA to place a wreath on the grave of a veteran who gave so much to this great country of ours.

were written for analgesics like Vicodin, Norco and Percocet. At the same time, the CDC estimates that 46 Americans die every day from overdoses on narcotic pain relievers, and that addiction to prescription drugs now surpasses both heroin and cocaine.

Opiates aren't the only prescription medications that

can cause dependence and addiction. Other commonly abused prescription drugs include sedatives in the benzodiazepine family (Valium, Klonopin, Ativan, Xanax), stimulants used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (Adderall, Ritalin, Concerta), and prescription sleeping pills (Ambien, Lunesta).