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field Road. There will be NO CHARGE for leaves and you will simply need to dump them out of the bag onto a pile. If you are going to take a pickup load or small trailer load of debris and leaves, the cost will be \$2.50. If you take a large trailer or truck the charge will be \$5. We want to thank Lisa and Terry for doing this for the county since we are under a burn ban and probably will be for several more weeks.

Q. Why is the Road Department not putting gravel on County Maintained roads right now?

A. Once gravel is placed on a road, vehicles traveling over it packs it down. The ground is too dry and hard right now to allow the gravel to be packed down. If we were to place gravel on a road right now vehicles would have a hard time driving on it and the new gravel would eventually just be pushed to the sides of the road. It would just be

a waste of money and gravel. Once we have a substantial amount of rain they will begin putting gravel on county maintained roads again.

Q. When it finally does rain, what are some issues the Road Department might face?

A. Depending on the amount of rain we receive, when it finally does rain, there could be a couple of issues. There could be washing of gravel roads if it rains faster than the ground can soak in the water. Also, there will be a lot of leaves in ditches that haven't been washed down by rain, so we will have some stopped up culverts. When it does rain, the Road Department will be very busy getting caught up with grading and gravel so please be patient when that time comes. We are very sorry, but Mother Nature has put us in a condition we have never witnessed before and we are trying to do the best we can.

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the hospital for many months. After a correct diagnosis and beginning insulin therapy, her health began to improve. Still, she struggled with her condition and required lifestyle changes that made her feel different from her friends. The parent's doctor suggested programs of support and training for the family, and after a period of adjustment the daughter and family began to thrive again.

A few years later, the mother's younger daughter developed an addiction to opiate pain medications, after suffering a serious sports injury. Always quiet and shy, this daughter became sullen and withdrawn. She started acting out, embarrassing her family. The question everyone silently asked, "Why won't she just stop?" Friends and loved ones all insisted that she wouldn't stop until "she hit bottom," and even their doctor didn't think her addiction was a medical problem. Anything loving and positive the mother did toward this daughter was seen as "enabling" and as making her daughter worse. Feeling like she was out of options and following the advice of her closest friends, the mother finally told her daughter she had to leave home. Less than two weeks later, the daughter was found by police in an abandoned car – she had died from an overdose of heroin.

The mother's regret and message to anyone who would listen was "Why didn't I care for my younger daughter and fight for her healing with the same determination and love as my other daughter? Why wasn't I told that there are other, better options and even new

medications to consider?" Why indeed.

We believe that there is a path to recovery for everyone, but no single path for everybody. Like other adolescent and young adult health issues, there is increasing evidence that parents with kids who are struggling with drugs or alcohol who are given guidance, support and training have better outcomes with their kids than parents who don't. Scientific and medical research is showing that some approaches work better than others. But parents must know that there are options, and that conventional wisdom about people needing to "hit rock bottom" often ends up not helping, or making things worse.

The recently passed Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act is the most important piece of legislation for families in recent memory. The state-based Good Samaritan laws and wider availability of Naloxone, a rescue medication that helps reverse the effects of opioid overdose, are helping to reduce overdose deaths. Millions of people who are in recovery and millions of families who are healing are beginning to speak out for change and fighting the stigma of addiction.

So much of the suffering is preventable, so many lives could be saved and so many parents should have better information and support to help their children thrive. We must also do a better job leveraging the most powerful force in healing – a parent's love and drive to help and protect their children from drugs, starting with education and prevention at an early age.

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he consumed alcohol. Drinking also made Uncle Dennis hungry. Uncle Dennis and Uncle Pogy were drinking to celebrate the Holidays in 1949. The pair of men soon began to feel pretty good and Uncle Dennis suddenly became quite hungry. He looked at his partner and exclaimed, "You know my sister, Glenna, makes the best cake in the world and I bet she has made a coconut cake for the holidays". So, the men walked the 2 miles through the woods to Coon's and Glenna's house. They never even knocked at the door. They walked right in and Dennis said, "Glenna, I know you have one of them Coconut Cakes hidden in here. I smelled it plum over to Lon's house." My great uncle began looking through the house for the cake before his sister could even answer.

While this was going on in the house the boys, Paul and Bud, were sent outside to hide what was left of Dennis and Pogy's moonshine. Uncle Dennis did find that cake and it was devoured in one sitting. Well fed, the pair of drunken men left the house and the farm and made their way home.

Granny began baking another cake and her sons went outside and wondered at the world around them. As they were wondering the boys watched the rooster and his flock of hens. They knew moonshine was made from corn and didn't want it to go to waste. And they knew chickens ate corn. So, their scientific mindedness got the best of them.

They used an eye dropper to give that old rooster some of that Dennis's moonshine. The boys sat down on the porch to watch and Granny must've heard them laughing. She walked outside and watched as that old rooster stumbled and staggered across the barn yard.

Dad said, "That old rooster couldn't even stand up straight. It tried to fly up on a fence post and hit the post with its head. The old fellow finally gave up and just laid there in a drunken stupor". At first Granny thought the rooster had rabies and wanted to kill it. Her boys suggested that they just watch him for a while to see if he got better which it did.

I guess those are the reasons I never took up drinking. I have a difficult time of trying to keep myself straight as it is.

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We would also like to thank Marcie Culpepper of M-Designs for all her help decorating the Community Center with her own special flare! For more information about the Tour of Trees and all the events happening during the holidays, visit our website at VisitBlairsvilleGa.com or give us a call at 706-745-5789.

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official insect presence while protecting your crop at the same time. Tall flowers can attract bees and hoverflies, while at the same time provide some much needed shade for sensitive plants such as lettuce. Marigolds and dahlias help prevent nematode establishment, and yarrow repels insects and makes a great addition to compost.

Keeping these tips in mind while you plan out your gardens now will help prevent a lot of problems next year. For more information on any of these topics, contact the extension office.

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not let kindness and truth leave you... write them on the tablet of your heart" (Pr. 3:3).

The truth matters about our world, our country, and ourselves. You can spin, twist, bend, and bury the truth, which is what happened to Jesus. Yet the truth lives to set you free from whatever binds you from the life and eternity God planned for you. He has revealed truth in creation, in the Bible, and in our Savior, Jesus Christ. We who embrace faith in the only One who makes sense of this world can never be post-truth.

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instead of the world's view of things there will always be conflict, turmoil and total destruction of human life, because there is no guidelines for godliness, in a godless society.

Frank F. Combs

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These are just a few tips to keep us all safe and to help the department protect you. ~Union County Fire Department – Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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