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sounds and we would never have to listen to anything we feel is unpleasant again?

A. There is nothing simple about a noise ordinance. Occasionally one may hear some music or outside noise, but so long as it is not on a regular basis and the noise stops at a reasonable hour or in a reasonable amount of time, then we need to try to not get too excited. When disturbing noise is on a regular basis, seriously impacts your quality of life and causes a continuous amount of stress, then you certainly have the right to contact authorities.

Q. What time of year do you get the most complaints about guns being fired?

A. It is almost always in the fall prior to the opening of deer season (usually around the end of September) that we get a lot of calls. I always tell those complaining that it always happens about this time of year when hunters are trying to sight their guns in and it will soon stop and it does. No one has the money or the time to constantly shoot guns. Georgia law gives gun owners a tremendous amount of protection related to discharging firearms. Georgia law also allows fireworks to be used with certain restrictions. Unfortunately, Georgia law does not have any regulations

related to the use of Tannerite and these loud explosions can legally occur at most any time other than the limits set by the State Nuisance Law.

Q. I feel it is my right to have peace and quiet. How can I get this?

A. This is not something that is a reality unless you own a large amount of land and have your house situated right in the middle. Most everyone has neighbors and will have to endure some noise. While you may feel you have a right to peace and quiet, your neighbor feels they have a right to play some music during their family barbeque, or they have a right to target practice a couple of hours on Saturday. You cannot take away one person's right to do what they want on their property just to give another person what they want. We can hope for reasonable solutions to noise issues and some good neighborly behavior.

Summary - It is practically impossible to develop a noise ordinance in a rural area that is workable. We will keep working on the issue and look for solutions, but mostly, we expect people to treat others as they would want to be treated. There is a state Nuisance Law that we can refer to if necessary.

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employee morale. Co-worker discomfort can be most notable in environments where physical safety is a concern.

Legalization of marijuana in several places in recent years has raised concern among many employers and health officials of even greater potential for workplace impairment and the additional problems that could arise.

Currently, two groups, the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses and The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, are collaborating on a study to determine the expanded safety issues of workplace marijuana usage in conjunction with other longstanding substance issues.

The National Drug-Free Workplace Alliance reports the following statistics:

- 40 percent of all industrial fatalities resulted from workplace drug abuse.
- Drug users were 3.6 times more likely than non-drug users to be involved in workplace accidents.
- Substance abusers filed claims with company health insurance three times more often than non-abusers.
- 80 percent of illegal

drug abusers steal from their employers to support their habit.

- Substance abuse is the 3rd leading cause of workplace violence.

The NCADD also reports that 70 percent of those who use illegal drugs are employed. Individuals who have had at least three jobs in the past five years are twice as likely to be substance abusers than those with fewer job changes.

How do you fix the problem? An important first step to a drug-free workplace is to develop a comprehensive step-by-step drug-free workplace initiative that incorporates the efforts of the entire staff.

The drug-free program should start with a clear policy statement, unconditionally supported by management, that describes the expectations, objectives, penalties and remedies for substance abuse. The plan should include a coordinated drug testing strategy for every employee, top to bottom, and testing should be random.

Education programs should be offered to all employees to ensure full employee understanding of the company policy. Summaries of the drug-free policy should be posted in prominent locations throughout the building. Rehabilitation and retraining programs may be available for offenders to improve both their working and personal life situations.

Chronic substance abusers are continually concocting ways to "beat" drug testing. A pre-scheduled testing appointment may result in tampering or exchanging specimens with someone. The most efficient drug testing solution is to do regular random testing, and on-site if practical. In this manner, employees have no advance notice, the loss of work time reduces, and the samples cannot be as easily compromised. Remember, a drug testing program is only good if the integrity of the specimen collection process is protected.

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board. She walked back into the pool room and pointed the shotgun at the traveling sales-

man. Laura said, "I want the 75 cents for the 3 gallons of gasoline I let you have on credit or I

am going to shoot you in front of everybody." The man quit laughing and paid Laura for the gasoline. Laura thanked the

man and said, "It was good doing business with you, but, you can't have any more credit at my store."

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She's a hometown girl - done good. When you become Miss Georgia Mountain Fair, all county lines are erased.

I am so proud of Eryn, and I know the folks in Towns and Union counties are as well.

She'll likely be around for Fall Festival at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds.

Take in a Lady Mountain

Lion basketball game this season, and watch as Eryn lights up the court. She's not afraid to drive the lane and draw a foul.

In fact, she's one of the best free throw shooters around in the NCAA.

So please join me in wishing Eryn Cochran much success as Miss Georgia Mountain Fair, and as a Young Harris College Lady Mountain Lion.

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while held in an internment camp by the Japanese during WWII. He gave from his athletics, education, and possessions. In 1945, Liddell died of a brain tumor while in captivity after giving up his place in a prisoner swap to a young ex-

pectant mother.

God has given you the gift of life, abilities, resources, and knowledge that He can use to advance His Kingdom. Your purpose is to "do all to the glory of God." You only have one race to run, and this is it.

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there's a lot to keep up with. And there are only so many hours in each day. The number of possibilities can feel overwhelming. This session will help make sense of the noise.

During this seminar, you will be shown how to make the most of the combination of email and social media for your business. When the session is done you'll have a greater understanding of marketing basics like goals and objectives. You'll learn what a "campaign" is and what to write about and offer in that campaign.

You'll be given some simple but powerful tips for how to get your messages opened and read, shared and socially visible. There are some great tools you can use to help engage with your existing customers and supporters as well as expand your reach to new prospects. Throughout the session you'll be given opportunities to capture your own ideas and build out the framework of your own "next great campaign." So, join us and start to build a plan that will help you grow your business by eliciting the responses you want from your customers or supporters.

Mr. Tom Murphy, president of MURCON (Murphy Consulting, Inc.) of Pendergrass, is this month's presenter. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and earned a Master of Systems Management degree from the University of Southern California.

He moved to Jackson County, in 2001. MURCON's focus is using Internet-based tools to help small businesses and nonprofits grow their orga-

nizations.

Tom is a Constant Contact Certified Solution Provider and brings his internet marketing expertise to groups through Constant Contact's series of Engagement Marketing best practices seminars and associated services.

Come with your lunch and be ready to get your questions answered at this free training!

Cancer Support Group

The Union County Cancer Support Group will host a monthly community cancer support group on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 12:30-1:30 p.m. The sessions, which will be held at Coosa United Methodist Church, will focus on support and the sharing of experiences of life after diagnosis. All cancer diagnoses are welcome, active and in remission. Caregivers are also encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is preferred but not necessary.

For more information or to register, please call Pat Cook at 706-781-1908 or xpcook@windstream.net.

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sometimes unsightly, they do not harm plants. If the smell becomes overwhelming, you can pluck up the mushrooms and seal them in an airtight container and throw them away.

Fairy rings are the most common problem mushrooms that can actually damage lawns. These rings of mushrooms range in size from a few inches to several feet in diameter. Once you see these in your lawn, they are very hard to control and unlike the other fungi I have mentioned, they produce harmful toxins that will kill surrounding grass. Remove the mushrooms as soon as you see them and tend to your grass in September. Aerating, fertilizing and watering appropriately will help prevent these mushrooms from doing more damage. While fairy rings are nearly impossible to avoid, you can minimize the amount of grass they kill by making sure your lawn is as healthy as possible.

For more information on mushrooms in Georgia, visit www.gamushroomclub.org, or contact your local extension office.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| Garden Tours | Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct) | 9 am - 1 pm |
| Children's Story Time | Union County Library | 11 am |
| Kiwanis Club | Steve's Steakhouse | Noon |
| Civil Air Patrol | Blairsville Airport | 6:30 pm |
| Boy Scouts #101 | United Methodist Ch | 7 pm |
| | Every Tuesday: | |
| Tri State Bus. Women | Cabin Coffee | 8 am |
| MMQG Tues. 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 |
| | Every Wednesday: | |
| BINGO | Civic Center | 7 pm |
| | Every Thursday: | |
| Butternut Ladies Golf | 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 |
| | Second Monday of each month: | |
| MMQG Sewcials | Mtn. Presbyterian Ch | 10 am-3 pm |
| Enotah Chapter #24 | Masonic Lodge | 7:30 pm |
| Disabled Am Veterans | Veterans Center | 7 pm (Jan-Oct) |
| | Second Tuesday of each month: | |
| FPL Retirees | Hole in Wall Rest. | 9 am |
| Historical Society Bd. | Old Courthouse | 9:30 am |
| Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts | Union County Library | 10 am |
| Active/Retired Fed Emp. | Grinds & Glazes | Noon |
| Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer | Sr. Citizens Center | 1:30-3:30 pm |
| Mountain Coin Club | N. GA Tech | 6 pm |
| Blairsville PTO | UC Primary School | 6 pm |
| Blue Ridge Mtn Jeepers | Steve's Steakhouse | 6:00 pm |
| Beta Sigma Phi | Kappa Alpha Chapter | 7 pm |
| Eastern Star #304 | Location not listed | 7:30 pm |
| Band Boosters | UC Middle School | 7:30 pm |
| | (Aug through May, except Dec) | |
| | Second Thursday of each month: | |
| Lions Club | Steve's Cookie Jar | 6 pm |
| Appalachian Shrine Club | Shrine Building | 6:30 pm |
| Democratic Party | Unity Church of B'ville | 6:30 pm |
| Trout Unlimited | UC Community Cntr - A | 6:30 pm |
| Sons Confederate Vet. | UCB Community Rm | 7 pm |
| Knights of Columbus | Marian Hall | 7:30 pm |
| | Second Friday of each month: | |
| Eastern Star #471 | Location not listed | 7:30 pm |
| | Second Saturday of each month: | |
| His Victory Riders | Blairsville Restaurant | 8 am |
| | Second Sunday of each month: | |
| PFLAG | Call 706-389-5269 for Info | |

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



August 3, 2017
In memory of
Marie Rich Crump
Birthday
by Union County
Historical Society

Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493