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going West on Highway 515 from Blairsville does not have a red light and the majority of accidents have occurred at this location.

Vehicles leaving Walmart and turning left have to cross over two lanes of moving traffic, then cross center turning lanes, and finally pull into one of the two lanes heading East toward Blairsville.

This is a lot of traffic to try and cross over safely with other vehicles trying to turn in different directions. This intersection will be completely changed with a curb or barrier preventing a vehicle from crossing in the above-mentioned way.

It is called an "R Cut" and when leaving Walmart, vehicles will only be able to turn right toward the red light. They will not be able to go straight and cross over the median. However, if you are coming from Blairsville, you will still be able to turn left onto the new road to the Blairsville Airport.

If you are coming from Blue Ridge, this R Cut will still allow you to turn left into Walmart from that direction.

Q. If it is so simple to close off cross over traffic, why has this not been done before now?

A. Because it requires some other corresponding works to be done as well.

First, the red-light intersection will have to be completely redone including some grading and new paving because currently there is not enough turning radius for a tractor trailer truck to make a U-turn.

Second, adding new arrows must change the red lights.

In addition, a new U-turn area must be made just before the Coosa River Bridge so that vehicles coming from

Blue Ridge going to Walmart, can go just a little past Walmart and make a U-turn to reach the right turn lane West bound.

Q. Why can't we just close the dangerous intersection completely?

A. That is a good question and the problem is that if all traffic movements are moved to the red light, and since it is located right at the top of a hill with limited visibility looking West bound toward Blue Ridge, there is concern that this will only move all the traffic accidents to the red light and concentrate them there.

That is one reason all the traffic has not already been sent to the red-light intersection.

GDOT also, this week, erected a temporary construction flashing signboard to warn people to slow down for construction and have added a temporary turn arrow.

They know it is a problem and are working as fast as they can to make the needed changes.

But in the meantime...

Bottom Line, if people continue to drive while being distracted, we are going to continue to have serious traffic accidents all over the county.

Put your phones up while going though congested areas.

You cannot drive and talk and keep your concentration on the highway.

We all MUST start driving more carefully.

Just because you have the right of way doesn't mean you should not be looking and slowing down when in congested areas.

We want you to all arrive home safely from any trip, but as our county grows, so does our traffic.

Please drive safely.

The life you save may be your own or that of your family.

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home and moved here permanently in 2011.

Kim shared with me that prior to her and Mark starting their company, she worked in a law office as a legal secretary for two attorneys.

She has thoroughly enjoyed running *Sign Makers of FLA/GA, Inc.* with Mark; her favorite part of the job is creating logos.

If she and Mark could take a dream vacation, she would choose to travel to Italy.

When asked if she could learn to do anything, and what

it could be; Kim said she would enjoy learning to fly a small plane. The great news is it's never too late to learn, and I am sure one of our local flight instructors would love that opportunity! Kim has been able to meet several famous people in her lifetime; Jackie Gleason, Don Shula and Dr. Ben Carson.

Stop by to visit with Kim and Mark at *Sign Makers* on the square at 32C in Blairsville or call (706) 745-SIGN for a free quote. Sign Makers still maintains customers in Florida

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to alter it.

Here at last is a real and deliverable, though not fully articulate, rejection of what the Enemy calls Grace."

Rejection of God's grace is the ultimate deception. Was Jesus thinking that when He in-

vised us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation" (Luke 11:4)? Fortunately for us, "God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it" (1 Cor. 10:13). By God's grace we can resist temptation, and worship and serve Him only.

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6091 during business hours or visit tinyurl.com/ucsmoke. Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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counties in Georgia.

In her half-hour talk, Hull plans to look at a broad range of ecological concerns including the effect of climate change now and in the future on gardens, farms, rivers, lakes, and forests in the mountain counties. She will also discuss the effect of global warming on weather in the mountains including its influence on storms and forest fires.

After 21 years of teaching biology in higher education, B. K. Hull, retired from Young Harris College in 2015. Prior to YHC she taught for seven years at East Tennessee State University and Virginia Highlands Community College. Her discipline is ecology but her passion is animal behavior, especially of birds.

Since reading Bill McKibben's "The End of Nature" in 1989, she has followed the progression of climate change and its impact on local and global ecosystems, using ecological processes to show students how and why the planet is changing. An avid gardener and farmer she also attempts to adapt methods for growing her own food to the

unpredictability of nature and the changing climate.

In addition to our featured speaker, a representative of Citizen's Climate Lobby, Dr. Vernon Dixon, a retired psychiatrist, living in Hiawassee, will give a brief presentation on the work of his organization.

Steven Harvey

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sequences.

When Pick was 28 years old his nephew, Paul, was born on his birthday. Papa told me he was almost glowing with the news of his nephew. He was a proud uncle. He drove to Papa's house and parked his car on Jan. 30, 1938. He was beaming as he walked into the house, picked up his nephew and walked toward the door. Granny asked him where he was going. He said, "I'm going to show off my nephew to all the neighbors." Granny said, "Pick, it is spitting snow and cold as a blue blazes." She told me later, "Pick was disappointed, but he understood."

Later the family moved to Chicago and Uncle Pick came for a visit. After the visit the whole family loaded up in Pick's car and made their way back to Alabama. In Alabama there were very few traffic lights and the few that were there were hung on cables above the intersections. But, in Chicago and other big towns the traffic lights were mounted on sign posts at the corners of intersections. Before Pick left Chicago he had run 15 red lights and by the time he made it to Paducah, Kentucky he had run through four more. The young man from Trapptown,

Alabama could never master driving in Chicago. He always complained about the driving habits of those Yankee drivers. Dad was about 13 at the time and Uncle Pick offered Dad his keys saying, "Paul, I believe you could do better than me." Dad told me that he wanted to but Papa took the keys instead.

A few years later Dad and his family moved back to Alabama whereupon Papa and his brother opened up a car dealership in Russellville. One of Uncle Pick's first customers was my Dad, Paul Cummings. He bought a 1951 sky blue Ford. Dad still remembers that car to this day. Meanwhile Uncle Pick became very popular with the citizens of Franklin County and was elected first to the city council of Russellville and later to the post of Probate Judge where he served with distinction for a number of years.

When my son, Will, came along we named him William Paul. He had the same initials, W. P., as Uncle Pick. When I told my great Uncle about this it was as if that same light came on again. He almost glowed at the thought of another Cummings generation that would remember Walker Pickens Cummings.

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priorities and fiscal realities of the administering state. In each case, communities affected by transmission development realize significant benefits only when state law allows for most or all of this revenue to be invested locally.

Jonathan Hladik

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gram to be called HOPE.

Georgia voters approved the lottery in 1992, and lottery tickets went on sale in late June of the following year.

I'll never forget my first up close encounter with the governor. It was 1993, I was covering the Governor's School of Excellence Awards in Atlanta.

You guessed it, Zell was the keynote speaker. He unveiled a plan for the future of Georgia schools.

No one political figure has ever been as focused on education as Zell.

I waited in line to talk with him. He was signing autographs for those in attendance. He looked down to me, and said, "you've either got a burning question, or you've got the patience of Job."

I replied, "a little of both." Zell and I have hit it off ever since.

I covered the kickoff of his re-election campaign for governor. We met again in Dawsonville at a book signing.

We even ate breakfast a time or two over in Hiawassee.

His wife Shirley continues to be his rock. She is an incredible woman, and she has stood steadfast beside him for 63 years.

He performed the eulogy at my Uncle Harlan's funeral. Zell once told me that my Uncle Harlan Duncan put him on the path to righteousness by locking him up in Blue Ridge when he was in his teens.

Zell told me that he joined the United States Marine Corps the very next day after his arrest for a traffic violation.

Gov. Miller, you are and will always be a treasure to the people of Georgia, especially, the North Georgia Mountains.

as well as in the other 48 United States, since they offer *Free Shipping*. Their tag line is *If it doesn't light up, we make it.*

For more details, about all our Chamber Members, be sure to check out our website at VisitBlairsvilleGa.com.

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tect root systems as well.

Preserving heat is another way to protect plants. Draping a large blanket or cloth over young or sensitive plants can protect them from frost crystals forming and hold in heat absorbed by the soil. Leave the cloth loose and let it hang all the way down to the ground. Do not tie the cloth to the trunk of the tree or shrub, as this cuts the foliage off from the heat being released by the ground. Remove the cloth in the morning

to prevent too much heat from building up, causing the plant to exit dormancy.

Though sensitive greenery does need to be protected during severe temperatures, it is important not to overprotect on milder nights. Exposure to some cold temperatures can actually aid in cold-hardening plants. For more information on how to protect your plants against frost or what varieties may be susceptible, contact your extension office.

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and two weekends of sorghum celebration and information on this plant was absent.

A quick search online told us that the plant originated in Africa, was brought to this country by the British and is an important food crop in Africa, Central America and South Asia.

In addition to the syrup, it is used as animal fodder, in the production of alcoholic beverages and biofuels.

It is a nutritious and increasingly popular edible grain in this country and is the 5th

most important cereal crop grown in the world.

The grain is often found in commercial bird food and can be popped like popcorn.

There is additional information online.

I did not personally put any effort into the festival and am grateful to those who did, but I humbly suggest more information on this amazing plant be available to festival goers in the future.

Or else, call it the Sorghum Syrup Festival.

Betty MacCloud

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bringing them together into one body. After God takes the church out of the world, then the great Tribulation Period will continue for seven years in which time the Anti-Christ, Satan's sidekick will be reigning on earth, but we believers in Christ shall be with Jesus.

After the seven years of the worst devastation in all of history, then Christ shall return

with His saints, we the church and set up His kingdom in the Millennium Period for a thousand years.

Oh, what a glorious time that will be! Hallelujah! Will you be one of God's saints when Christ returns to gather His church to Himself? I pray you be.

Amen,
Frank F. Combs