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home to a fire is certainly bad enough, but losing your life, your family members or your pets life is another story.

Q. Who pays for this service and the cost of the smoke detectors?

A. The county government pays the cost of Fire Department staff inspecting your detectors and in cooperation with local organizations, such as Home Depot, the smoke detectors are provided free of charge.

Q. What if we only

need batteries for our smoke detectors but are not sure what kind or how to install them. Can the county assist with this?

A. We certainly can. The bottom line is that we do not want a single resident in this county to have any concern about their smoke detectors. This is a lifesaving issue and please take it seriously and let us help if needed. Contact the Fire Department for assistance. *Next week, Part II*

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read "Your pants are ripped." He looked at his wife and even though he was on his first point immediately stopped the sermon and said, "Let us pray". After the prayer everyone looked back toward the pulpit and saw that Ronald had removed his jacket and tied it around his waist. The young preacher looked as if he were wearing a kilt. He went on to finish a fine sermon. The next morning Ronald went down to Chattanooga and purchased a new and larger pair of pants.

Not long after this episode of the splitting pants a man in our community died. As you know part of being a minister is being of comfort to those in a congregation that suffer a loss of a loved one. So, upon hearing of the death my dad called his new Assistant Pastor, Ronald.

Ronald agreed to meet Dad to go and visit the family. Ronald and Dad drove to the house and were met at the front door by the grieving widow and her sons.

Dad and Ronald walked into the bedroom and the man was lying on the bed with his leg and arm hanging off the bed. Dad directed Ronald to lift the man's arm and leg back

on to the bed. In the meantime Dad would comfort the family of the deceased.

Dad walked into the other room and was praying with the family when he heard a scream. Dad ran into the bedroom. Ronald had tried to lift the dead man's arm and leg back on the bed and thought he was successful. But when he would place the arm back across the deceased's chest he would turn to pull the leg up on top of the bed. Rigor mortis had begun so when he would turn to get the leg the man's arm fell causing the hand to slap Ronald on the behind. This frightened the young minister so much that he fell dragging the man's body off the bed and on top of him. Ronald and the dead man's body were entangled on the floor.

Dad said that he looked as if he were in a fight for his life. The young man was almost in tears when Dad came in and helped him to his feet.

Ronald is still afraid of dead people. But, he went on to become a Doctor of Theology and teaches at a large school in Kentucky. But, each time I hear Ronald preach my mind goes back to his split pants and the dead man.

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scape in late October and early November. While they have gone relatively unnoticed during the green seasons of spring and summer, with the breakdown of chlorophyll, the yellow, orange, gold and red pig-

ments finally have their chance to shine.

For more details on native trees, fall colors, and how to landscape for maximum fall color, contact your local extension office.

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at Nottely Dam Road, Georgia 325, and will return northbound traffic to two lanes at that point.

Further expansion from Georgia 325 to the North Carolina State Line is tabled for now.

My wife and I have traveled many of the roundabouts of Europe and England.

We regularly negotiate the roundabout which is a scant two miles from our son's home in Milton, Georgia.

Bringing together all that traffic, routing it around the circle, directing it out the back side toward several directions requires exceptional perceptual acuity on the part of drivers.

High speed traffic will have to slow to negotiate those roundabouts and then will accelerate until the next roundabout.

Old people — and Union County is covered up with us — are going to be challenged, to put it mildly, to make the necessary transitions.

There is increased po-

tential for those planned roundabouts to become the Wal-Mart intersection, multiplied.

The construction proposal allows for six years for completion.

If the 10 years that I-75 south of Macon was under construction is any indication, a six-year timeline is a pipe dream.

The \$50 million-plus of "federal" money was allocated two years ago in the name of "rural improvement."

Unless there are unforeseen complications or a redirection of interest and funding, the Murphy Highway expansion is a done deal.

Current DoT administrators, engineers, researchers and instrumental political figures will be long gone by then but they will have left their legacy for the Sheriff, our local EMTs, doctors and support staff at the hospital, local auto body shops and the people of Union County to manage.

George A. Mitchell

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their love, and their hatred, and their envy is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in anything that is done under the sun."

In Job 7:9, 10 it says, "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more; He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him anymore."

So hopefully these few Bible texts will dispel any fears somebody might have of cem-

eteries or such things as ghosts; whatever they may have experienced in the past with what seemed to be a ghost can be explained with more Bible texts at some other time. Also another topic would be where do the dead go, are they in heaven or hell? That will come later or people can go online to: www.amazingfacts.org and click on Bible Studies for more in-depth studies on the subject of death, hell, etc.

R. L. Entz

UCHS Junior/Senior Parents Night

Union County High School Junior/Senior Parent Night will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center.

The purpose of this meet-

ing is to give parents more information options and avenues for students after graduation.

Parent participation is calculated in the Olympics this year.

YHC Concert Band Senior Showcase

The Young Harris College Concert Band presents its annual Senior Showcase on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Glenn-McGinnis Hall on the YHC campus.

This concert is free and open to the public and under

the direction of Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Bands Dr. Mary Land. The performance is designed to feature YHC's most talented senior musicians performing professional solos with the YHC band. Call (706) 379-5182.

Woody Gap School

new fund raiser The Giving Bean

Woody Gap Construction class, Skills USA and the Junior class have started a new and exciting fundraiser featuring delicious whole bean and ground coffees, K-cups, gourmet cocoas, chai... artisan blended teas and shortbread cookies. The Giving Bean is a gourmet roaster with a variety of delicious coffees and teas. We will be taking orders

through October 31st. Please visit custom website and view all the great items we are offering. You can place an order on line, call or email an order to:

Coach Butler (706) 747-2401 ext 1616. gbutler@ucschools.org

Our online web address is <http://www.givingbean.com/store/home.php?partner=ccc31>.

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and Brett Taylor; 5. Clay Logan and Lynn Hayes; 6. Pattie Kenney and Amy Williams; 7. Solomon Patrick and Nichole Patrick; 9. Wes Cook and Martina Gibbone; 10. Heath Ledford and Nikya Murphy.

Tickets can be purchased for Dancing with the North Georgia Stars and the Gala from one of the members of the dance team, online at NorthGeorgiaStars.com, or at the Fine Arts Center the night of the event. You can help your favorite team win the coveted People's Choice Award if you purchase your tickets online or make a donation and notate your favorite couple's number. Whichever team raises the

most money wins this award! You can vote online until 11:30 a.m. Nov. 4th and at the event.

The teams will be judged on the night of the competition on their costume, choreography and technical performance by an impartial three-judge panel. The winning team will be awarded the Mirror Ball trophy.

Be sure to also get your ticket for the Gala After Party at North Georgia Technical College, which starts immediately after the show. You will enjoy some great music, dancing and a chance to meet the celebrities and their dance partners. Funds raised by this event

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Jesus told a sobering story about a wedding feast with an imposter not dressed in wedding clothes.

Hanging out with the real guests didn't make him one. He was thrown out (Matt. 22:13). Following a powerless religion makes you an imposter; following Jesus means you are robed in righteousness, ready for the feast.

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it opened and maybe 5 on the Courthouse square. I think this shows that slowing people down, forcing them to either read the signage or look at where they are going, encourages driver concentration.

The very danger of traffic light intersections is that they co-mingle traffic at high rates of speed often causing serious traffic accidents.

I too have traveled around several round-a-bouts in Europe, and find them to be attractive, neat, and safe. So, to think that there is a future problem on the Murphy Highway having round-a-bouts just does not make sense to me. If you have the opportunity to slow people down at intersections, what could add to safety more than this? The biggest down side is that it might add five to 10 minutes to a trip to Murphy, but once again, slowing people down, even if they speed back up, is a positive. It is similar to the speed bump on Hunt Martin Street in Blairsville. It is aggravating that you have to slow down for the bump, but it really slows traffic on the street making it safer for not only the drivers, but pedestrians and neighborhood kids.

Thanks again for always taking an interest in our county and city. While we often do not agree on issues, at least you are bringing the ideas up for others to consid-

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ing to take the valuable training and support their community by becoming a volunteer firefighter. If you are interested, please contact Headquarters at (706) 439-6091 or visit our Facebook page "Union County Fire/Rescue & EMA."

Union County Fire Department ~ *Our Family Protecting Your Family* ~

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Proceeds from the event will benefit Enotah CASA, a non-profit organization that provides trained community volunteers, appointed by a juvenile judge, to advocate for the best interest of abused or neglected children in foster care from Towns, Union, Lumpkin and White counties.

Tickets are still available and range between \$10 and \$40. The difference - a ticket to The Show is admission to the dance competition and its entertainment only.

Add a ticket to the Gala and gain admission to the Gala after party. Or, a ticket to the after party is available if you're not up for an evening of dance.

Tickets are available for sale at The Show. Please arrive early as there may be a line. You can purchase by cash, check or credit card.

The entertainment-packed competition has been underway as dancers seek the support of friends, family and the community through event sponsorships, ticket sales and donations to CASA. Every dollar earned by a dancer equals one vote. The community can vote for their favorite celebrity couple through donations prior to Nov. 4th and at the event.

The Show and Gala are held at two different locations. The Dancing with North Georgia Stars Show/dance competition will be held at the Union County Schools Fine Arts Center.

The Gala after party will be held just down the road at North Georgia Technical College, off Georgia 515.

Here's hoping you will join the stars and share the fun for both events and help a good cause.

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ter care from Towns, Union, Lumpkin & White counties.

To learn more about becoming a volunteer or donate go to their website at Enotah-CASA.org or give them a call at (706) 864-0300.