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wood Drive – 0.15, Highland Trace – 0.73, Pinebrook Drive – 0.66, Smyrna Road – 1.034, Town Mountain Road – 0.215, Lower Owltown Road – 0.36, Foster Road – 0.25, Youngcane Road – 0.34.

Q. Why do some of our roads have patches on them and are not totally resurfaced?

A. Money!! While a new paved road LOOKS pretty, it does not necessarily function any better than a road that is patched. We can patch a paved road and maybe last up to 10 years longer before having to repave the entire road. Roads wear out mostly where vehicle traffic drives. This often causes “alligator” cracking in the pavement and while the

center of the driving lane may be in the worse condition, it often spreads to adjacent areas. Therefore patches on the road may extend almost all the way across some roads.

Q. What is the purpose of patching the alligator cracks?

A. The main purpose, other than to make the road smoother and keep it from getting worse, is to keep water out of the cracks. In the winter, water freezing and thawing in those cracks will cause serious damage to the paving. We were lucky this winter, in that while we had some bad weather, we did not have the long, hard, extremely cold, near zero weather.

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ple of my buddies were wearing blue jeans that had Levi written on them. I wanted a pair in a bad way. So, I asked my Mom for some new jeans. I received a pair of “Tough Skins” from the Sears and Roebuck Store. I was disappointed and let Mom know about it. She listened quietly and when I had finished my rant she said, “When your Dad gets home I want you to look at the bottom of his shoes”. I asked her why? She told me to just look at his shoes.

Dad came home and after supper he sat on the couch to watch “Walter Cronkite” and the news. I quietly picked up his shoes and on the bottom there were multiple holes in each of his soles. I went to the kitchen and told Mom what I had found. She said, “Your Dad goes without so you, Debbie and Stacey can have things. First, you have a roof over your head. You have food on the table. You have a new fishing pole and football and you have a brand new pair of “Tough Skins” from the Sears and Roebuck Store.” I never complained about my blue jeans again.

When I was a teenager a bunch of my buddies came by the house to pick me up. We were headed to the Cohutta Mountains to camp and fish for a few days. As I was about to leave my Mom came out of the house and hugged me. I kind of shrugged it off and then to my amazement she sang a song to me in front of my friends. They all laughed and had a good time at my expense. But, that song will stick with me the rest of my life. I thought she had made up the words of the song. But, a couple of years ago I was going to the Canning Plant one morning and listening to the radio. An old song performed by Bill Monroe came on the radio called, “My Curly Headed Baby”. I sat in astonishment. The words I heard were the same words old Bill Monroe sang. Then it hit me. Bill Monroe was my Paw Paw’s favorite singer. I can just imagine my Mother sitting around the old home place listening to Bill Monroe sing “My Curly Headed Baby.” I think I am beginning to understand the extent of my parents’ love for me.

Allison...

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to find, they have not proven to be effective in most circumstances. There are also a variety of baits that are available. However, many rodenticides can also harm humans, pets and other non-target wildlife. The safest and most efficient management method for voles in the garden is to trap the existing population and then take measures to exclude them. To trap voles, locate an exit tunnel and place a mouse trap baited with peanut butter and sunflower seeds at the entrance. Place a dark container, such as a plastic pot or bucket, over both the trap and hole to obscure any light. This will prevent the vole from seeing the trap when it exits the tunnel, and it will go straight for the bait. Check traps every day or two and reset them as needed.

Once you have eliminated the existing population, you can begin to take measures to prevent them from coming back. Voles take shelter in mulch and tall grass, so remove excessive groundcover and keep lawns mowed regularly. If voles do not feel safe and sheltered in an area, they will not establish. Also, protect young trees with cylinders of hardware cloth as voles like to chew on bark during the winter months when there are not as many grazing options.

Because voles reproduce at such high rates, there will always be potential for them to establish in our gardens. Always check your garden for signs of vole activity and try to prevent the problem before it starts!

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soap which makes the soap more conditioning to your skin. Her soaps are made with essential oils and come in 60 different scents. Eucalyptus, spearmint, honeysuckle and pine tar are among her best sellers. You can find Crooked Creek Farms in space 12 in Building A.

Logan Turnpike can be found in spaces 18 and 20 in Building A. They have operated their business for 30 years. A friend of George and Cecilia Holland collected old engines and introduced them to his collection. George caught the bug and became interested in the engines. When their friend was transferred they purchased their friend’s old engine. The couple soon began grinding corn and attending festivals. Before they realized it they had to quit their jobs and were attending to a full time business. Recently, they have expanded their operations to include a warehouse and mill in the industrial park in Blairsville.

The Logan Turnpike business is now famous. They have appeared in *Southern Living Magazine* and the famous chef, Kevin Rathman, has used their grits in cooking demonstrations on the *Today Show*. George and Cecilia’s son, Jason, was heavily involved in the Union County 4-H Program. He likes to tell people, “Grits put me through college”. Their top sellers are grits, pancake mix and 3 grain pancake mix. But, you can also purchase their whole

grain bakery products at the market as well.

English Country Gardens of Hiawassee occupies spaces 22 and 24 in Building A at the Farmers Market. Michael and Sally Clark are the owners of the business. As a young man Michael began his horticultural career as an apprentice in England. He was an FFA Member and was able to secure a trip to California to get some working experience on an American Farm. After 1 year he went back home to London, but, soon found himself enrolled as a student at the Ohio State University in 1980. After college he went to work for Greiling Farms in Wisconsin. He moved to Blairsville in 1989 where he met Sally. In the early 2000s Michael and Sally married and began English Country Gardens.

Their specialties include the “Proven Winner” line of plants and the “David Austin” line of roses. English Country Gardens is one of only 3 nurseries in the United States which sell the David Austin Roses. Michael came a long way to set up his business here in Towns County. But, if you ever talk to him you will find that English Country Gardens has come a long way from the 16 feet by 52 feet greenhouse from which they began. Michael enjoys talking with people so come and meet him and our other vendors at the market.

Marijuana ...

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to youth, which can lead to high levels of exposure and can have toxic consequences when accidentally ingested.

People eating a brownie containing marijuana, vaping the oil from an e-cigarette, or mixing it with other drugs may not fully realize the potency or effects until they are feeling unwell or even at a point of crisis from overdose. There are other problems with marijuana use to consider as well. Additives and other chemicals may be toxic. Marijuana concentrate can be extracted by using liquid butane, which is a highly flammable carcinogen. In many cases, trace butane remains and, when inhaled, can lead to long-term cognitive impairment and can affect nervous system functioning. And butane isn’t the only potential chemical exposure – pesticides used when growing the plant are also cause for concern.

Jon Perez, Ph.D., SAMHSA’s Region 9 Administrator, said “In the case of marijuana, the science lags behind policy and access. That means we do not yet have a full understanding of the health consequences of marijuana, hash concentrates, or what happens when it’s consumed through e-cigarettes.” Although more research is needed on the impact of marijuana concentrates, it is clear that in order to prevent use by youth, public education and awareness of the potential health risks are critical.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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
A Course in Miracles	298 School Circle	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
BINGO	Every Wednesday: Civic Center	7 pm
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday: 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
Blue Ridge Comm.	Fourth Monday of each month: McCaysville Lodge	7:30 pm
Compassionate Friends	Fourth Tuesday of each month: Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Dead Theologians Soc.	Cabin Coffee	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30 pm
VFW Post #7394	Veteran’s Center	6:30 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
No activities listed	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
Lions Club	Fourth Thursday of each month: Steve’s Cookie Jar	6 pm
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 pm
UT Homebuilders	YH College	7 pm
Eastern Star #471	Fourth Friday of each month Location not listed	7:30 pm
Youngcane Lodge #597	Fourth Saturday of each month: Lodge Hall	7:30 pm

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



June 15th
In memory of
Paula Paris Johnson’s Birthday
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

June 17th
In loving memory of
Lori Michelle Nuce
by Mom, Dad, Bette Lou,
and Maryann
Forever in our hearts
and memories

June 19th
In memory of
Bill Meeks Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

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