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According to our ordinance, since private homes don't operate on a daily basis with an approved exposure plan, that would eliminate the possibility of tattooing at a private residence.

Q. Why is the ordinance for tattooing and body piercing so strict?

A. Because those involved in establishing the ordinance felt that the health and welfare of the citizens was more important than allowing anyone, trained or untrained, to just set up a businesses overnight with no oversight, guidelines or protection for the public.

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"Writing Spider" spinning a web in the window of his truck. It needs to be said that Preacher Amos was nearly as afraid of spiders as Mr. Huskey was afraid of snakes. As you can imagine Preacher Amos had a hissy fit. After he calmed down a broom was used to remove the spider from his truck. The next day he and Mr. Huskey made another trip to Watts Bar Lake for a little fishing.

Preacher Amos was about to learn that you should not pull jokes on people if you can't take a joke in return. Mr. Huskey had also left his window down on the previous day and unknown to him his cat had decided to use the cab of his truck as a place of safety for her kittens. Each of her 8 kittens had been placed in the cab and as Huskey opened his door he smiled because he'd heard the soft meow of a little kitten. So, he retrieved the kittens. But one was left in the truck. When the truck arrived at the house of Preacher Amos he got in and

the men drove away once again in the dark.

Preacher Amos could not sit still. His feet and legs were in constant motion. Also, he always wore dark colored high topped nylon socks. I can imagine what the little kitten thought as those legs kept shifting and moving in front of him. They must have been a tempting site. After a while the temptation was too much and with a slight snarl the kitten reached out with both claws and latched on to those nylon sock covered legs. The kitten's claws were hung in the nylon and it could not let go. Meanwhile Preacher Amos could think of only one thing. That big spider he had dispatched would not leave his mind. So, once again a man climbed through a window and dove out of a moving truck. As was Huskey Preacher Amos was fine outside of a few bruises. Please remember the Canning Plant will be open on November 12 and 17 at 6 a.m.

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public access.

3. How do Union County residents benefit from the work that you do?

All residents benefit from our water quality monitoring program, particularly since we added the ability to sample for bacterial contamination. We can now easily know which streams are safe for swimming and which aren't using current data instead of relying on data collected by government agencies years ago. We have also done several restoration projects along Butternut and Ivy Log Creeks. Our most visible project is at the Union County Farmers Market and we are hoping to install a kiosk soon with photos of what the creek looked like before we did the work there. We have a technical assistance program that is available to all residents that have erosion or stormwater runoff problems and we hold one of our C.R.E.E.K. events for middle school youth at Meeks Park every year. In 2016 we plan to develop a watershed plan for Butternut Creek that will help us secure grant funding for work to improve water quality and trout habitat there.

4. What do you like best about your job?

Working with our partners and volunteers for real accomplishments toward sustaining good water quality! Since 2000, the Coalition has brought \$6.8 million dollars into the upper Hiwassee River watershed (4-county area that includes Union). Approximately 93% of these funds were spent for on-the-ground projects and programs to facilitate water

quality improvements in areas where it has declined! Through these efforts we have actually seen streams come off of the state's list of impaired waters. Our partners in Union County include Union County government, the chamber (of course!), Blue Ridge Mountain Soil & Water Conservation District, Blairsville Kiwanis Club, GA Mountain Research & Education Center, Lake Nottely Improvement Association, Mountain High Hikers, Southern Roots Tree Nursery, Beverly Bradley Landscape Design, and Trout Unlimited Chapter 692.

5. I hear that you have an event coming up soon. Tell us more!

Yes! Today, grants for the Coalition's work are more competitive than ever. As a result membership dues, proceeds from fundraising events and other local contributions form the foundation of our budget. Typically our second largest fundraiser is a food booth at the John C. Campbell Folk School Fall Festival and this year that festival was cancelled due to anticipated heavy rains the first weekend in October. To help make up for some of the lost revenue, Butternut Creek & Friends has offered to play a benefit concert for the Coalition on Saturday, November 21 at 6 p.m. at the historic courthouse on the square in Blairsville. Join us for some good music to benefit clean water in our rivers, lakes and streams!

For more information or to reach Callie, call (828) 837-5414 or email cmoore@hrwc.net.

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Third, Christian opposition to homosexual marriage isn't about discrimination of anyone; it's about the explosion of sexual promiscuity, which, along with the government sanctioned abortion business, is destroying the American family unit... a major goal of the Communists.

Fourth, the issue of marriage is a religious, moral issue, reserved to the States; the Supreme Court has no Constitutional jurisdiction, and, for that matter, no business handling down such a ruling. Nor does the federal government have Constitutional authority to make laws regarding same. It's another nail in the coffin of the American family unit.

Fifth, if Mr. Parks had read his history, he would know that America WAS established as a Christian na-

tion; not a Muslim nation; not a Hindu nation; not an atheist nation or anything else... a Christian nation. Where does he think the Rule of Law came from?

Sixth, 'religious people', Deists, keep their religion in their church. To them, God is irrelevant. Christians, however, strive to emulate Christ-like behavior and to be guided by Biblical Principles; no brick-and-mortar church can contain that... nor was it meant to be contained.

And last, a strict interpretation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment would preclude the federal government not only from establishing a national religion, but also from favoritizing or restricting the precepts of any one religion over another.

Mark Smith

Bagpipe instruction

The Appalachian Saint Andrew's Pipes and Drums Bagpipe Band is offering free instruction to all who want to learn how to play the Great Highland Bagpipe or to learn Regimental Drumming.

The band meets each Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon in the Parish Hall of Saint Clare's Episcopal Church for instruction and practice.

For further information, call 770-833-5411 or 1-828-557-3812.

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not a chemical compound created in some laboratory. Shellac is a sticky material derived from secretions of the female Kerria lacca, an insect native to Thailand and India. Essentially, gender based bug secretion is smeared on your candy corn.

I know some of you are feeling very haughty right now because you scrub your fruits with one of those 50 cent an ounce special veggie washes (which calculates out to \$64 a gallon, by the way. Paint thinner is just \$10 a gallon). And I'm sure you are going to tell me you only indulge in jelly beans at Easter. Well, you can kiss your pompous attitude goodbye, because that time

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small. So hold me Jesus, 'cause I'm shaking like a leaf! You have been King of my glory, won't You be my Prince of Peace?

Jesus Christ wants you to receive his unconditional love, even if you carry around pain and loneliness that can block your way to Him. He bore great pain to offer you his life-changing love. Manning wrote, "Jesus is so unbearably forgiving, so infinitely patient, and so unendingly loving that he provides us with the resources we need to live lives of gracious response." So is Paul's prayer that you "know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God" (Eph 3:19).

Mullins passed away in a tragic accident in 1997. Manning died in 2013 at the age of 78. But their message resonates that Jesus even loves ragamuffins. The movie is on Netflix.

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On the afternoon of September 11, 2001, U.S senators and congressmen stood on the capitol steps and sang it after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Two nights later, when Broadway turned its lights back on, the casts of numerous shows led theatergoers in renditions of the same song. The entire country sang "God Bless America". The song was also sung at the Pentagon memorial dedication, September 11, 2008.

Irving Berlin's God Bless America lyrics:

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,

Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,

Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,

As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:

God Bless America, land that I love,

Stand beside her and guide her

Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,

To the oceans white with foam,

God Bless America, My home sweet home.

Irving Berlin: An immigrant, who did not take away from, but gave back to his country of America, that gave his family the privilege to live here.

Birth Name: Israel Isidor Baline (Beilin); Born: May 11, 1888 in Tyumen, Russian Empire; Died: September 22, 1989 (age 101) in his sleep of natural causes, New York City, NY, United States; Interred: Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, New York; Occupation Song-writer, Composer, Lyricist. Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Kerr

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings/times

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problem and help others to recover from Alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Blairsville: Mountain Presbyterian Church, 2945 Hwy 76, Monday 8 PM, open meeting Wednesday 7 PM, open meeting. Saturday 8 AM, open meeting St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Hwy 76 next to Presbyterian Church, Tuesday 7 PM, Ladies Meeting, Wednesday noon, open meeting.

Young Harris: Sharp Memorial Methodist Church on College Campus, Tuesday 7 PM, Men's Meeting, Thursday 7 PM, open meeting.

For more meeting info, call 828-837-4440.

medicine in a tablet with shellac. Your mouth and stomach are acidic environments, but your intestines are alkaline. The uncoated medicine starts dissolving immediately in your mouth and stomach, but the coated portion only starts to work after it makes its way down into your intestines, some time later. Hence, time release

medicine.

I've now reached into my container of almonds three more times for a total of 25 almonds. The sesame seeds are glued on the almonds with sugar, even though they are called sesame honey almonds. I don't eat sugar. It's not healthy. I instead eat shellac covered fruit and printed labels.