Opinions

Everybody has one...

Severe Thunderstorms

Almost every spring and summer, we talk about severe thunderstorms. This may not be as interesting a subject as hurricanes, tornados or ice storms, but severe thunderstorms can be very common for our area and can cause extensive damage. Union County Fire Department/EMA would like to provide some information on thunderstorms and what you can do to keep safe.

The summer heat and humidity provide the right conditions for the development of these severe thunderstorms. They can pop up suddenly and produce heavy rain, dangerous lightning, and flash floods, especially in our mountain terrain.

Fire Dept. County **Fire Chief** David Dyer



The first step in being prepared is to stay informed. Television, radio, social media, and cellphone apps such as CodeRed can provide information on severe weather events. Knowing the difference between a Severe Thunderstorm Watch and a Warning can be very helpful. A Severe Thunderstorm Watch means severe thunderstorms are possible and we should be prepared. A Severe Thunderstorm Warning means a severe storm is expected and we should take shelter. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.

Lightning that is associated with severe thunderstorms can be very dangerous. If you can hear thunder, then there is the potential for lightning in your area. The best practice for possible lightning near you is to get indoors and avoid possible conduction areas. If in a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees. If in an open area, go to a low place such as a ravine or valley. Be alert for flash floods. If on open water, get to land and find shelter immediately.

Thunderstorms can also produce heavy rain in a small area and in a short amount of time. This heavy rain can make driving very dangerous due to water on the road and lack of visibility. The best practice is to slow down; increase distance between vehicles or even pull into a parking area until it passes. The heavy rain can also produce flash flooding. Avoid moving water and never drive through running water. Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and two feet of water can sweep your vehicle away. If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher

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Russell Brand Part Two

I've never seen a Russell Brand show, but I find his spiritual journey interesting. I mentioned him in this space a year ago because he began making public comments about Jesus. "The teachings of Christ are more relevant now than they've ever been," he said. He was on a Godward trajectory

Brand is a British comedian and actor. His father aban-

doned him as an infant but took him as a teenager to a prostitute in Thailand. He suffered from bulimia and illegal drug use. He lived a reckless, promiscuous lifestyle, yet he became successful. His troubled past and high visibility are the makings of a dramatic conversion to faith in



That's what he says has happened. After months of public comments, he received baptism as a Christian. He describes it as "an opportunity to leave the past behind and be reborn in Christ's name like it says in Galatians." Perhaps he refers to "You who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ' (3:27) or "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (2:20). "It's been a big change," Brand says. Given his past, I hope

so. Given my or anyone's past, dying to self and living in the identity of Christ ought to be a big change. "Repentance means that you have to continually change," he says. "I need to surrender myself to an ever-present, internal and accessible Jesus." Brand credits his faith for bringing new people into his

life. He mentions finding strength in prayer despite his failings. He has read C.S. Lewis and Rick Warren. "I know there's so much more to learn," he says. He addresses his TikTok audience directly asking, "Let me know if since I've been talking about this publicly, it's made you think about Christianity differently." It's not for me to say if someone's faith is authentic, but

I see some markers here. Brand has been talking about a person, Jesus, not just religion. He notes the need for repentance and benefits of prayer. He notices an exciting change in his mindset. He has a hunger to learn what God has said in the Bible. He realizes the importance of Christian community and learning from the wisdom and experience of fellow believers. He is ready to engage non-believers and help them find their way to Christ as

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Commissioner's Questions

Q. I would like an opportunity to speak with you. How

A. You may always call my office at 706-439-6000; send an email to me at commissioner@uniongov.com, and if you see me at the Farmer's Market, Church, or just out in the community, you can let me know you need some of my time.

Q. I called your office, and it seems like it took a while for you to return my call. Is this a normal response time?

A. As I stated above you may

reach me via several different outlets,

County Commissioner Paris

Q & A from Union

and sometimes it can be hard for me to get back in touch with someone on what they consider to be a timely basis. The reason for this is I do always have a lot of messages that I have to go through and prioritize. My staff will try to help when possible, so sometimes it can be a couple of weeks before I can return a call or message. If your concern needs a quicker response, please let my staff know and I will make every effort to get with you sooner.

Q. The last time I called your office to speak with you the person answering the phone helped direct me to someone else that answered my question. Is this a normal practice?

A. I am very fortunate to have a wonderful staff! A few years ago I could keep all of my correspondence returned within the week. Now it is impossible for me to maintain that goal as much as I would like to now, because of the volume. With one factor being there are so many different mediums available to reach me and leave messages, my message count has probably quadrupled to what it was a few years ago. So, yes, I count on my staff more than I did in the past to help me find the answers you need to questions. If you ever call my office do not hesitate to let them know exactly what you need; most times they can help you or let me know what it is you need, so that we may quickly facilitate your request. If your request requires attention from another department, staff can quickly send you to the correct place.

Q. Well I have called your office and didn't get the information I needed, so what do I do now? I would really like to speak with you.

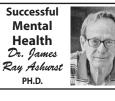
A. That is exactly what you need to tell the person that an-

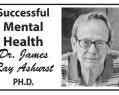
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Self-Esteem in Friendship

A positive self-esteem is a vital ingredient in a valid friendship with others. A high selfesteem gives one self-respect, which is needed in any relationship, because the individual is aware of what he or she is permitted or not in the companionship.

A positive self-esteem allows one to appreciate his or her being a person, and as a result, one can do the same towards others without judging





or condemning them. All of us are in the state of becoming – a sense of growing. A healthy selfesteem motivates the individual to forget ahead and not live in the past. When trauma awaits us, our positive self-esteem encourages all of us to plow through with our heads up. Then when something traumatic or some hardship comes our way, we can use it as a teaching tool in which to learn some of life's lessons. A strong self-esteem can activate one's imagination and creativity in which to learn, to grow, and to become.

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Grateful

of those is the regular letter writers to the editor.

Men who stand up for America and for common

Rains. Thank you, gentlemen; you make me

proud and grateful for your insightful and com-

A Few Suggestions

ened up on the sole commissioner, those Inter-

lopers who ran against him have been very quiet.

The election in November will be a nonevent.

The voters have spoken, no more waving signs at

Union County news. Tell us more about the "Blairsville Big Dig" by the KFC, or is that the

"Big Chicken" of Blairsville? Marietta is not

the only place with a chicken for a landmark in

doing at the hospital? Inquiring minds want to

know how that baby is used. Certainly it can't

be used for surgical procedures? Medicare folks

need to know now! Please tell us about that mon-

ly? Why, people can hardly fish or ski under the

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Re: "Enough Already"

with an R or a D next to their name. I remem-

ber a time when the Republicans and Democrats

got along with each other and worked together

to benefit all the people. Today, that is not hap-

pening. Our Republican Congress can't seem to

get along with each other to get any work done,

and why is it that we are unsure who the House

Speaker will be tomorrow? Us Americans need

to change this. The other countries are laughing

at us. We must have a Congress that will work

together to get the work done. Nobody is always

right – that is why Republicans and Democrats

need to cross the aisle and talk to each other so

that all Americans benefit from their actions.

How have things gotten so divided? Why is there

we work together for each other? No, we do

not. It is alarming that there are voters here in

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Let's look at the State of Georgia. Do

Shawn Jarrard

Publisher/Owner General Manager/Editor Advertising Director Sports Editor

the dump scaring the dogs and old people.

It is good to see that everyone has light-

Just a few suggestions for covering the

And what in the world is that huge crane

Why is the water so high on Lake Notte-

I don't go to the polls to vote for people

mon sense letters.

Eva Lausier

Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

Kenneth West

I am grateful for several things, and one

Men like Mr. Tarter, Mr. Combs, and Mr.

Letters to the Editor

Re: "Extremist"

ter to the editor written by a woman who was disgruntled with the recent election results. To quote one of her sentences, she stated, "I was glad to see someone challenging the status quo here, and to make positive changes to the sheriff's department. MUCH needed changes!"

In the letter, she stated that "only 30% of the eligible voters in Union County voted, and so we still have the good ole boy network, the same ole same ole, instead of working to solve significant problems headed toward this county.'

First, a Georgia Sheriff's Office is "a Constitutional Office by law," not a department. The county commissioners or, in this county, the sole commissioner cannot abolish it. You allude that the low voter turnout of 30% caused your candidate to lose. I'm not sure about that logic, and I also don't connect with your terms "status quo and good ole boys" as it relates to the U.C.S.O. Therefore, I extend to you an invitation to compile your actual concerns, perceived problems, and your other real issues and come up and dis-

When you come, please bring a list of

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believer has died? I have, and it is not a pleasant sight indeed. Yes, the body is in the coffin, and as many folks would say, "He looks good, doesn't he." Whoever is doing the service, whether a pastor or a lay person or even a family member, what words of comfort can they say in times like these? What encouragement could you give them as they grieve for their loved ones? I know no one wants to hear about dying, but we must somehow acknowledge that the percent of folks who die is 100%, and where they go afterwards is a major concern for God. Sadly, we all have loved ones who don't know the Lord Jesus Christ, and sadly again, a lot of folks could care less. But listen closely to the words of God, your Creator, whether you believe it or so. There is more said about hell in the Bible than heaven. Why? Because Jesus Christ wanted to make sure that everyone was warned and warned over and over that hell is a real place, but that heaven is

al book called "Day by Day," "Lord Chesterton once said: 'I believe in bedside repentance, but I do not want to depend on it.' But during a serious illness, a person's mind does not function nor-

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Todd Forrest Lowell Nicholson

Chamber of Commerce

Summer is here and that means that July 4th is just around the corner! The Chamber's annual fireworks display, Red, White & Blairsville. will again be at Meeks Park on July the 4th. Be sure to come early and find your favorite spot and spend time with your family in the park. Stop by

the Sorghum Field where several of our area churches will have fun activities, and I have heard there may be food that you will

Blairsville County Chambei Steve Rowe



Several years ago, the residents of Union General Nursing Home were asked what some of their fondest memories were, and what would they like to do if they could. One of the items on the list was to see the fireworks display. Thanks to North Georgia Technical College, we have been able to reserve a few spots there for the residents so they can comfortably enjoy the patriotic display. There will also be a few spots reserved for healthcare workers and first responders, and their families, as an extra thanks for their

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Common Vegetable Diseases

It is getting closer to prime time for the vegetable harvest for gardeners and farmers alike in North Georgia. However, if you venture out to the garden one cool dewy morning and notice that your plants have not fared as well as you expected, here are a few common ailments that may be causing

trouble. In tomatoes. two of the most common reported ailments are blossom end rot and late

tomato blight. Blos-

@UGA Watching and Working Jacob Williams

som end rot is not actually a disease, rather it is

a nutrient deficiency common in tomatoes. It occurs when the tomato fruit does not get enough calcium to aid its growth. The fruit becomes soft at the blossom end, and is then susceptible to a secondary infection, causing loss of the fruit. The best way to fix this problem is to add calcium to the soil, using products like lime or gypsum prior to planting, or by calcium nitrate fertilizer after the problem is noticed. If you have blossom end rot, a soil test before applying fertilizer is a good idea to see how much calcium should be added

Late blight will also begin to affect tomatoes this time of year as the growing season is at its warmest. It is caused by the Phytophthora fungus. Signs of late blight are yellowing to brown dead spots on the leaves, stems and fruit of tomatoes. Plants that are treated earlier in the progression of this disease are likely to survive it, although they may not produce as well. The best treatment for late blight is to remove plants that have excessive damage (and be sure to burn them or tie them in a trash bag and throw them away) and spray the rest of them with a fungicide listed for late blight on tomatoes, such as Daconil or Bravo (chlorothalonil is the active ingredient).

On vegetables like squash, cucumbers, gourds, zucchini, beans and peas, mildew is a common disease that slows production and makes the plant less healthy. There are two common types in North Georgia: Powdery and Downy mildew. Powdery mildew is identified by large gray-white patches on the upper side of the leaves, whereas downy mildew causes many smaller light green to yellow patches on the leaves. The treatment for both diseases is the same: Remove heavily damaged plants to the burn pile or garbage, and spray with Daconil or Bravo (chlorothalonil is the active ingredient).

Before using, any pesticide always read the label and follow its instructions fully. The

Another problem during extended wet periods of the growing season is root rot. This disease can affect most plants, but there are

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Ag Income Union County

who were living during that time will remember

that America was in a bad way. Times were ex-

ceptionally hard in the Southern Appalachians.

However, President Roosevelt began putting the

country back to work through a series of social

ing came from a transcript of a radio show called

the "Farm News and Views" conducted by Co-

operative Extension on WSB out of Atlanta.

The participants in the show were Paul E. Paris,

Union County Farm Supervisor, and James L.

Owenby, Union County Farmer. For those of you

who do not know, Paul Paris was the father of

information. The Farm Security Administration

was a forerunner of the present-day Farm Ser-

vice Agency. This agency administered a pro-

gram called the Rural Rehabilitation Program.

The program was designed to help small farm-

ers of America get back on their feet after the

Great Depression. The program provided a low

interest loan to small farmers across America.

Participants agreed to develop an economic plan

that would help them to generate more cash flow

and the ability to pay back the loans. Union

County was the first county in Georgia in which

all the loans were repaid in full by the partici-

pants. James L. Owenby was one of the farmers

Paul Paris and James Owenby. He started the

program by telling listeners that Union County

was the first county in Georgia where all the Re-

habilitation loans were repaid in full by all par-

ticipants in the program. He further stated "that

these loans had been repaid without the aid of

King Cotton, because not a single stalk of cotton

is grown in Union County." He then introduced

Mr. Owenby by stating, "Mr. James L. Owenby

is 40 years of age, has a wife and six children."

He asked Mr. Owenby to tell the listeners about

fairly well with that old plug mule I was working

at the time. I made \$120 from 2 acres of beans,

and \$51 from 1 acre of potatoes. I only made \$10

from my cabbage, but, I sold a hundred dozen

eggs for \$20 and I took in \$14 from the sale of a

few gallons of syrup. In all, I figure I made \$215

last year." Mr. Owenby also stated that he knew

he could have done better if he had a good pair

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MR Owenby said, "Well, I guess I did

his cash crops and his farm.

A Mr. Carl Hancock was interviewing

Let me give you a little more background

present-day Commissioner Lamar Paris.

programs sponsored

by the Federal gov-

ernment. I found an

example of one of

these programs in

the files at the Ex-

The follow-

tension Office.

of Union County.

Think back with me to 1938. Those of you

Around

The Farm

Mickey

Cumminas

Letters to the Editor

This letter is in answer to the June 12 let-

Deathbed Experience

Dear Editor,

Ever been to a funeral home where a nonwhere God wants you to be.

As spelled out in Billy Graham's devotion-

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Derek Richards

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swers your call, and they will get me the information so I may return your call sooner. I do rely on my staff as I mentioned above so don't get frustrated if they ask you questions. They are just trying to help.

Q. Do you get frustrated with all of the emails, phone calls, Facebook messages, regular mail and in person questions?

A. To be honest, no I don't. I truly love being the Commissioner and enjoy being able to interact with the citizens of Union County. It is rather unfortunate that I can't always please everyone but that is a result of human nature not for lack of trying on my part. The best part of my job is being able to listen to everyone and find out the needs in our county, and then trying to find a solution. I am available; our business is transparent; and we

are accountable to all agencies that oversee County affairs.

This Summer, I would like for everyone to think about your neighbor. If you have an elderly, sick or widowed neighbor please check on them during the summer. Life has a way of moving at a very fast pace and sometimes we forget about the needy among us. Sometimes a person may need just a smile, kind word or a simple handshake, but sometimes a need may go deeper and you might find a neighbor needing food or assistance of some kind. During the summer the temperatures can get hot so if you would take time to check on your neighbor, I am sure they would certainly appreci-

Thank you for being one of the best communities in the country. We are blessed to live in this beautiful county.

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different groups of fungi that cause it depending on the plant. Common symptoms include an unhealthy-looking plant, combined with gummy, black roots, and a stem that is easily broken from the ground at the base. The reason the infection begins is usually due to excess moisture in the soil, or inadequate drainage of the soil. For the vegetable garden, the most effective way to control it is to prevent it. If you planted something there last year that got it, plant that thing in a drier area of the garden next year.

If you use mulch, while it has many benefits, it may be holding too much moisture in the soil. When you water plants, remember to water deeply and less frequently, and let the soil surface become dry for a day or two before watering again.

If you suspect any of these ailments to be troubling your garden, or have any other questions or concerns related to agriculture, landscape or natural resources, please feel free to contact your County Extension office or email Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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all your accomplishments and the achievements that you have made for the betterment of mankind, especially for the citizens of Union County. I'm sure the readers of the North Georgia News would like to know. While you are here, I'd like to share some of mine as well as the officers and staff of the U.C.S.O.

I have lived here in the county since I was 7 years old. My parents were born across the mountain just south of here. I left Blairsville to serve the nation in the U.S. Army in 1973-74. I had almost 30 years with the Georgia State Patrol as Trooper serving the State of Georgia. I have served as Sheriff for 11 and a half years, 40plus years focused on "serving and protecting." My years of being the Sheriff have been spent assuring fairness, accessibility, sound monetary management, and a safe county environment for all our citizens.

To my knowledge, as well as the longtime director of the Georgia Sheriff's Association, I am the only sheriff of 159 counties who allows his deputies to work for a police department within his county and their officers to work for me. I strive on getting along with other agencies to "serve and protect." As to your comment "good ole boys," our officers do as good of job, are professional, dedicated, and caring as any I have ever seen. Many of them are not what you would call "locals" (the Chief Deputy since I took office is from Florida). They have moved here because they like the way of life and dedicate themselves to serving and "giving back" to Union County. Many are military veterans

enforcement agencies.

We handle over 22,000 calls a year where a paper trail is made (burglary, alarms, traffic stops/arrests, welfare checks, domestic violence, scams, elder abuse, drug arrests, just to name a few). We get very few complaints and constant praise from our citizens and others we encounter thanking us for the job we do.

and/or veterans of other law

I bet you don't like to pay taxes! I don't either. I don't know when you got here, but when I took over the Sheriff's Office 11.5 years ago, we had no new vehicles. The newest were seven or eight that were three years old. I was given a total of only \$220,000 (over three years) to purchase eight new cars on lease to own. During those first three years we took over a half million dollars from drug dealers/users and sent several to prison. Over 20 used Crown Vic patrol cars, and some new cars were purchased with that asset forfeiture money. Since then, monies of that nature have provided trades, upgrades, and new vehicle purchases. We have 50 new or year-old vehicles under warranty and the majority bought with drug seizure monies or SPLOST funds. Some years, little to no tax dollars were

chased with seizure money. Starting salaries for jailers have gone from \$9.50 per hour to almost double since 2013. Deputy pay in 2013 was \$12 per hour to current \$21 starting pay. This has helped us retain officers. We are the only Sheriff's Office around without a lot of vacancies. All of this has been done with little to no increase in the tax millage rate. Our officers and jailers booked in over 900 people to the jail (54-bed capacity) again last year. Working together with the District Attorney, Probate and Magistrate Judges, Probation, and others, we have incurred "zero" expense housing out inmates since 2018.

used for trades and new vehicle

purchases. We have new up-

to-date equipment, much pur-

Our traffic unit and deputies wrote 3,142 traffic citations last year, plus numerous felony arrests that were warrant-based. Narcotics agents continue to make drug arrests and seize property (over \$400,000 in the last six months) in an attempt to keep our citizens safe.

So, this is just a few of the reasons your candidate lost, and why Shawn Dyer won by a landslide. He has been a huge asset to the U.C.S.O. for the past 11.5 years. That was clearly shown by the Sheriff election totals. Again, bring your concerns and grievances spelled out and I will be glad to listen, and be sure to bring your accomplishments and contributions to Union County with you.

Respectfully, **Mack Mason**

Sheriff, Union County Georgia

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Georgia who do not have the opportunity to cast their vote for some people running for office because the person's name is simply not on their ballot. That is just wrong and needs to be changed. I have never voted straight party and should not be forced to.

Now, let's look at what is going on today. The war in Ukraine – plain and simple, Vladimir Putin must not be allowed to prevail in this war. We must all stand by Ukraine. If Russia were to take Ukraine, they would not stop there; someone else would be next.

Now, the Israeli war – this war didn't just start; it has been going on for thousands of years since God promised Abraham the land of Israel to pass through his son Isaac, and to the Israelite descendants of

Jacob, Abraham's grandson. That land belongs to Israel.

I spent 18 years in the military and have been in two wars: Desert Storm helping liberate Kuwait, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, which should not have happened. We should have all gone to Afghanistan. Our soldiers needed help there, but we never showed up. That blame is on both major parties. I am grateful to be part of this country's volunteer military. There have been many great people who have served this country well. John McCain is a hero no matter what a commander-in-chief has said. I am so grateful for his service; he was a great and fair man. It was not right for a commander-inchief to tear down our military and its men and women who have served. **David Miller**

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We also owe a debt of

gratitude to the people that

sacrificed their milk cows and

other necessities back in 1899.

I know you are wondering

what I am talking about. So let

me explain. During the 1880s,

our beloved courthouse burned

to the ground. Our County

Government didn't wish to go

into debt, so a one-time tax

was levied to bring in enough

income to pay for a new court-

house. There were no bonds

issued or loans taken out. The

tax was difficult for the citi-

zens of Union County. People

had to sell their milk cows and

other important items. But, the

money was raised and a new

courthouse was built in 1899,

and this year we are celebrating

the 125th anniversary of the re-

building of our courthouse by

having a BBQ on the Court-

house lawn on July 13th. The

cost of the meal is \$12, and you

can purchase a ticket from the

Union County Historical So-

ciety located in the Old Court-

side and learn about the history

of the Courthouse through a se-

ries of talks presented by Jack

Lance, Lamar Paris and Bud

Akins beginning at 1 p.m.

After the meal, come in-

house.

of mares. So, he was able to use his profit to buy two brand-new mares for his farm. Mr. Owenby and Mr. Paris developed an economic plan for his farm for the year 1938, and in that plan Owenby was able to double his profit because of the wise management of his farming operation.

Hancock then asked Mr.

Hancock then asked Mr. Paris to comment on agricultural income of Union County Farmers. Mr. Paris stated, "In 1937 the average family grew 1 acre of potatoes, 1.5 acres of beans and ½ acre of cabbage. From these three sources, plus the sale of livestock products, the average farm family netted an income of \$177.50."

Today's modern small farmer in Union County generates close to \$2,000 per acre. The ornamental industry, beef cattle, vegetable production, and poultry generate a lot of income in Union County, and we have a healthy agricultural industry in Union County because of people that preceded us. Paul Paris and James Owenby laid the foundation for today's Union County Ag Industry.

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service. All other spots are free and open to the public. Don't forget to check out the vendors on that side of the highway for

food and souvenirs.

The 4th of July raffle is worth up to \$2,900, from a free stay at Byron Herbert Reece to a boat ride from Freedom Boat Club, there is something for everyone. Each ticket is \$10, and you can stop by the Chamber or see us at the Farmers Market to get your lucky ticket.

Help make Life Better in Blairsville.

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he has. So, my question here is not about Brand, but about you. Are these marks of authentic faith present in your life?

Last year, Brand said people are "looking for fulfillment in things that will only leave them empty." That describes his own stumbling experience of the blind leading the blind. While secular seers veer past truth, you need not look far to find it. "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him" (Psa. 145:18).

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mally. Getting right with God is something one should do in the bloom of health. However, as far as the Lord is concerned, 'His ear is not heavy that He cannot hear, nor His arm shortened that He cannot save' (Isaiah 59:1) God loves us equally in sickness or good health, while we are living or while we are dying. I have not known too many people who found Christ on their deathbed. When we come to Christ in our vouth, a life is saved. When we come of age, a soul is salvaged and life eternal is assured, but the opportunity to live a life for

Christ has been lost." This article is not being printed to make you depressed or upset, but to let you know how much the Lord God loves you and wants the best possible eternal life with you in heaven. The Bible has all the answers to your undying questions if you will just come to Jesus and accept His free gift of salvation. The penalty for your sin and mine was paid in full on the cross. All you have to do is believe upon the Name of Jesus Christ and you will be saved and headed to heaven after you depart this old world into a perfect world full of joy and contentment for eternity. Frank F. Combs

Blairsville Cruisers members Thursday meeting



The monthly membership pot luck and meeting will be held Thursday, June 27th at 6 PM.

The meeting takes place

at the pavilion in the Union County Farmers Market. The upcoming very busy July calendar of events will be presented.

Other club business

will be discussed including the remaining June events. All members should attend and guests are always welcome.

Please plan to attend this important event.

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bridges. Maybe enough power has been generated.

Gas prices sure change fast in Blairsville. One store has many prices for gas. Cash, debit card, straight out of your account, out of your friend's account or

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Friends with a positive

self-esteem can usually tell to what degree their friends rate in the self-esteem department. If the friend has as low opinion of self, the positive-thinking pal will want to help build the esteem of the friend. It's going to be a lopsided relationship if there is a distinct difference in the self-esteem category between the two. The goal needs to be helping the low-esteem person grow inwardly, which in turn changes the outward person. It isn't a fast process because the one with low selfesteem has to muster up the courage and fortitude to enact the changes. But the friend is there to encourage and to guide. It becomes a privilege, and honor, in which to help someone else. Such is based on a loving, respectful, and trustworthy relationship.

out of your savings and goodness knows what else. I suppose lottery winners get a free fill up. I have to wait in line forever to pay for my V8 juice while those boys are scratching tickets.

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The grass is so high on Pat Colwell Road my wife misses the Walmart turn. Get some pictures in the paper so the grass cutting crews know where to go.

One last thing, stop putting pictures of ugly people on the front page. You are scaring the tourists.

Yours for better journalisms.

Yours for better journalisms, **Richard E Hyer**

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We all want to enjoy our summer, but we must keep safety in mind. Stay informed of potential severe weather. Be aware of any possible thunderstorms, and know the watches and warnings. Be ready for lightning, heavy rain, and possible flash flooding that may be associated with these thunderstorms.

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