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will continue to get the grass mowed as quickly as possible, but at this time we can simply not keep up.

### Q. Is a LongHorn Restaurant coming to Union County next to the KFC?

A. Many people have asked me about it. We knew there was a contract on the property and then we heard that the property had closed. I have continued to tell people as late as yesterday that until construction has started and you see an announcement sign, nothing is for sure with a large corporation. Well today (Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019) I

just saw the sign installed that says, "Coming Soon, Long-Horn Steakhouse." The site is completely cleared and there is a double row of silt fence completely surrounding the site. So I would say the odds are about 98%. But the only other thing that is the final positive is when they actually level the site, dig the footers and pour the floor. Then you can put it at 100%.

### Q. When will the new LongHorn Steakhouse open?

A. I have not spoken to anyone official telling me, but the last unofficial word I heard is that sometime in Spring of 2020!

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was dead. But, when I smelled the death in his stinking breath I couldn't contain myself."

The young man jumped to his feet letting out a blood curdling scream and promptly ran through the front door without taking the time to open it. Coon Cummings was 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighed 200 pounds. However, his friend and future brother in law was the same height, but, he weighed more than 240 pounds. Needless to say the front door was shattered and lay in a shamble on the front porch.

Papa was in a state of shock. But, soon he gave chase. Now the young man was in good shape and was used to walking a lot. He was always faster than his friend Hollis. So, he started out at a steady pace expecting to catch his friend in a short time. He could see his friend about 200 yards ahead of him. But, at this pace he was not gaining on the scared young man. Coon had to stretch out his long legs and it felt good to really lengthen and quicken his stride. The young men ran down what would later become Turkey Creek Road.

After a mile they crossed the farm of old man Tom Mays and continued down the bluff to a little tributary of the creek. Coon was gaining on his young friend and might not have caught him if not for the

steeper bluff on the other side of the creek. First Hollis and then my Papa ran through the cool waters of Turkey Creek. At a certain point the bluffs in the area was a series of three short but, steep benches which could be climbed if you knew where to go up. Both young men knew this place and went up the bluff. They soon reached the farm of Richard and Anne Adams.

Soon the adrenaline in Hollis' body ran out and he gave out. He sat down under a big Hickory tree in sight of Saint Paul Church which was a full 4 miles from the old bootlegger's house. Hollis WeHunt had never ran so far or fast in his life. Nor would he ever again. Coon soon caught up to his friend and sat down with him to catch his breath. After they had rested for a bit the two young men began to laugh. Afterward the pair went back to the old man's house and finished what they had started. Hollis trimmed the man's hair and beard. They dressed him in clean clothes and gave him a proper burial.

Later Hollis married Coon's sister, Mabel. The families lived close to each other for the rest of their lives and were close knit and always managed to help one another. Each summer at Decoration Day the two men would tell the tale about the time Hollis and the dead man came face to face.

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dopamine is the one that reinforces cravings for pleasurable behaviors, like eating a piece of chocolate cake or playing a video game.

With repeated use, stimulants like methamphetamine can disrupt how the brain's dopamine system works, reducing a person's ability to feel pleasure from normal, everyday activities. People will often develop tolerance, which means they must take more of

the drug to get the desired effect. If a person becomes addicted, they might take the drug just to feel "normal."

After the "high" of methamphetamine wears off, many people experience a "crash" and feel tired or sad for days. They also experience a strong craving to take methamphetamine again to try to feel better. This continued crave and use cycle leads to a psychological dependence on the drug.

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change and the addition of several new apartment complexes, we can't wait to hear from Mitch about upcoming growth and progress in Union County.

Also, we would like to remind all of our local businesses to reserve their booth for the "Buy Local Extravaganza" to be held at the North Georgia Tech campus on Oct. 3 from 4-7 p.m. The Extravaganza was rescheduled from earlier in the year, but now it's time to come out and showcase your services while networking with other local businesses,

just in time for "referral season." Registration to be a vendor is open and filling up fast. This is a great opportunity to browse and buy from our local Chamber member businesses including local farms, unique craft creators, bakeries, service businesses, outdoor activities, retailers, personal care representatives, local gourmet and specialty restaurants, and many more. There will be also be a host of giveaways and sample tastings!

Don't miss out! Reserve your booth today.

## Combs...

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that if God said it, it's a done deal. Don't try understanding all about God, but know that He loves us all with an everlasting love into all of eternity and that is good enough for me. Life is too short of what if's, just come as you are and believe upon His Holy Name and enjoy all of eternity what He has in store for His people of faith. Understanding that God so loved the world is a great start in knowing how much He truly loves you and me.

Frank F. Combs

## Fowler...

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pen another verse to the hymn. "When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!"

You worship a great God who rescues you from the bounds of time and decay! You can travel lightly on this earthly journey with the confirmation that you have a place to call home, forever.

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at a grassroots level. They did this by telling the people who live in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) the risks of wildfire where they live.

The fire agency representatives who started Firewise, Ready-Set-Go & Fire Adapted Communities in Towns County soon realized that they were the only ones pushing the fire safety issue and if we quit pushing, the momentum would roll to a stop, no one would notice, and people would go back to business as usual assuming that the wildfire was something that only happens "out west" and they would only worry about it when a fire threatened. The fire agency representatives recognized that wildfire risk is very real and could happen anytime, so in 2013, we formed the Towns County Firewise Citizen's Coalition that is made up of citizens who are at risk and who the programs are designed to protect.

The coalition took ownership of the Firewise, Ready-Set-Go, and Fire Adapted Communities programs and since has developed a grassroots network and built leadership to keep the programs alive into the future.

The Towns Citizen's Coalition has been developed, led, and driven by many dedicated leaders and again our own "sparkplug" Marsha Elliott was one of those who added to the momentum. The Fire Adapted Communities program is, as one of our members put it, "a way of life and an attitude" and is a never-ending process that will continue to grow and evolve as long as people live in the WUI and there are citizen sparkplugs like Marsha to drive it.

As control of Towns' RSG and FAC programs passed to the coalition, the development team took the lessons learned in Towns to jump-start new Fire-Adapted Communities in surrounding areas using the peer to peer learning network to build these programs. The success is due to the dedication of our engaged citizens and especially to our "sparkplug" Marsha Elliott who directed our work and never admitted that something couldn't be done.

Marsha guided the coalition around obstacles and won over skeptics and helped create the largest number of Firewise communities in any county in Georgia. Towns now has 22 Firewise communities out of the 108 in Georgia.

A program such as this must have a spark from a sparkplug like Marsha and be properly fueled by the citizens that it is designed to protect, and once ignited, it will spread on its own through local grassroots channels.

Help us fuel this fire, be-

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The evening was topped off with the award for Firefighter of the Year. Firefighters must meet certain standards and be voted on by their fellow firefighters for this award. We were honored to award the Firefighter of the Year to Eric McClure. He exhibits the character and dedication of a firefighter.

Union County Fire Department is proud of the certifications and years of dedication to the department and community. It was a pleasure to recognize these achievements.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

## Williams...

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23rd and 24th of August. After completing your count, you can go online and upload your data. The website <https://ggapc.org/> has more information about the pollinator census. I am looking forward to this event and hope that you decide to come and join us.

If you'd like to know more about the pollinator census contact you county Extension Office or send me an email at [Jacob.Williams@uga.edu](mailto:Jacob.Williams@uga.edu).

### Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



August 26, 2019  
In memory of  
**Dr. William T. Meeks, Sr.**  
Birthday  
by Ginger and Terry Meeks  
Bell ringing information  
at 706-745-5493

## The Woman's Enrichment Center Fall Fundraiser Talent Search

The Woman's Enrichment Center is looking for local talent to compete in our fall fundraiser. We are looking for all types of talent - Singers, Dancers (single & groups), Gymnastics, Drill Teams, Cheer Teams, Baton Twirlers, Jugglers, Musical Groups, Instrumentalists, Comedians, Magicians, Danger Acts (no fire), Martial Arts, etc.

Cash prizes awarded for winners: 1st prize - \$500; 2nd prize - \$250; 3rd prize - \$100.

There is a \$10 non-refundable entry fee for all entrants. The entry deadline is August 15, 2019. Video talent auditions can be sent to [wecnorthgatalentsearch@gmail.com](mailto:wecnorthgatalentsearch@gmail.com).

The North Georgia Talent Search Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the First United Methodist Church in Blairsville in the MAC Building from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Our very own Steven Phillips of The Morning Dish at WJUL 97.7 will be the Master of Ceremonies for this event! Our Guest Judges include Lee Knight (Union County Tax Commissioner), Kevin S. Davis, MD (Union General Women's Health) and Kimberly Miller (Chamber of Commerce and UNG Dahlonega).