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Q. What will be the first construction priority for the new property?

A. It will be access road to the property and the Farmers Market from the red light at the Glenn Gooch Bypass intersection with Highway 515. We hope to work hand-in-hand with GDOT to assist us with the intersection construction. We will then build the road into the new property which will also access the Farmers Market. We hope to have this happen by mid-year 2018.

Q. Is any of the recently purchased property located in the new Right of Way acquisitions area of the Highway 515 E (Young Harris Highway) expansion?

A. Yes, it is but this should not create a problem at all. Since we now own nearly 800 feet along Highway 515, which is in the Young Harris Highway expansion area, we will be negotiating with GDOT just like all the property owners along this highway for access points and payment for our property.

Q. How can the county continue to build new fa-

ilities and pay to maintain them?

A. We only build what we can afford to operate. When the county is planning on a project, we discuss and consider the cost of future maintenance and operation before we ever begin construction. This has been our philosophy in the past and will continue to be in the future. We feel after roads, bridges and needed infrastructure, that putting money into recreation and amenities for our youth, adults and senior citizens is of the utmost importance.

Q. Where does the money come from to pay for these recreation related projects?

A. It comes from SPLOST sales tax revenues. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) can be used to purchase land, and construct capital projects.

Maintenance and continued operation of these projects is paid for through the Recreation Department's general budget. As a reminder, 1 penny of the 7-penny sales tax is designated for SPLOST.

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with some brownish gray spots. They get their name from the brown spot on their back that resembles a saddle. This species has venomous spines on the front and back of its body that can pierce the skin, and they often are found on the undersides of leaves. If you come into contact with either of these caterpillars, monitor the rash closely and see a doctor immediately if you begin to have severe reactions such as fever or trouble breathing.

Union and Towns County Extension will be holding a Pesticide Safety Course on Wednesday, Oct. 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Union County Extension Office. Private applicators will receive 2 credit hours, and commercial applicators will receive 4 credits in any one category. There will be a \$40 registration fee to cover costs of speakers. RSVP to Union County Extension by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9th.

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Take another knee in the blood drenched sands of Fal-lujah in 110-degree heat. Wear your Kevlar helmet and battle dress.

Your number won't be printed on it unless your number is up! You'll need to stay hydrated but there won't be anyone to squirt Gatorade into your mouth.

You're on your own. There's a lot of places to take a knee. Americans have given their lives all over the world. When you use the banner under which they fought as a source for your displeasure, you dishonor the memories of those who bled for the very freedoms you have. That's what the red stripes mean. It represents the blood of those who spilled a sea of it defending your liberty.

While you're on your knee, pray for those that came before you, not on a manicured

lawn striped and printed with numbers to announce every inch of ground taken; but on nameless hills and bloodied beaches and sweltering forests and bitter cold mountains; every inch marked by an American life lost serving that flag you protest.

No cheerleaders, no announcers, no coaches, no fans, just American men and women, delivering the real fight against those who chose to harm us.

Blazing a path so you would have the right to "take a knee."

You haven't an inkling what it took to get you where you are, but your "protest" is duly noted. Not only is it disgraceful to a nation of real heroes, it serves the purpose of pointing to your ingratitude for those who chose to defend you under that banner that will still wave long after your jersey is retired.

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the excessive amount of cream. So, each time Mrs. Cummings turned her head I placed a little pinch of chalk dust in her coffee cup. She must have turned her head a dozen times.

Each time dust went into the cup. The anger finally left Mrs. Cummings and she told me I could sit down. As I walked by her desk I heard her mutter, "Boy, this coffee sure is gritty."

After she finished her coffee, Mrs. Cummings' upper

lip had a yellow circle of dust around it.

This event happened about 46 years ago and I now realize Mrs. Cummings could have been harsher in her dealings with me. I wish I could tell her that she was a truly remarkable teacher and person.

I know many of you will be wondering about this boy, Prince Albert. Let me assure you there was really a boy by that name. It seems his father

had a love of Prince Albert tobacco.

Anyway, that was a bunch of Cummins from down

at a little town called Halleluyville. They didn't even spell their name like us more refined Cummings people.

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<https://live2leadnorthga.com/>.

After enjoying the Live2Lead conference on Friday, grab your clubs Saturday Oct. 7th and join the Allegheny Masonic Lodge for their 1st annual golf tournament! This inaugural event is being held at beautiful Butternut Creek Golf Course. Lunch will be provided at 1 p.m. by Chick-fil-A of Blairsville, followed by the shotgun start at 2 p.m. The Allegheny Masonic Lodge would like to thank their event sponsors, Alexander's, Chick-fil-A of Blairsville, and the Club Shoppe. This tournament is a great opportunity to come out and have some fun while supporting a great organization. You will not want to miss the hole in one prizes which include a set of Callaway Irons, a Sharp LCD TV, a set of Mizuno Irons and \$25,000.

For more details about the tournament contact Dick Fleming at (770) 833-7690 or Ivy Smith at (478) 731-6050.

Allegheny Masonic Lodge No. 114 was chartered in October of 1849 and has been a functioning lodge for 168 years. As Freemasons, their primary focus is on charitable giving and care for our community. Some of their main charities include: The Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center, 4-H, Boy Scout Troop 101, and the Masonic Children's Home of Georgia. Allegheny Masonic Lodge also provides scholarships to graduating seniors in our local communities.

We are so grateful to all our members who have so graciously hosted and sponsored the Business After Hours Events throughout this year. Thank you for all your hard work in making each one a great experience!

We are thrilled to announce the Sawmill Place Restaurant will be hosting/sponsoring the last Business After

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and become a child of God, by confessing and repenting of their sins and live the kind of life God meant for us to enjoy. When we become a child of God then we are commanded to love one another as Christ loved us. Love is not a feeling or some kind of suggestion, but love is an action that we show to others, because of what Christ has done for us on the Cross. Loving others becomes easier, because we now have the love of God living in our heart and we understand now the kind of love God showers us with each day.

Can love hurt or disappoint us? Yes! But better to have loved, than to never have loved. When Jesus was dying on the cross His last words were: Father forgive them for they know not what they do. Jesus' love is sometimes called an agape love which is an unconditional love, a love that was rejected, spit on, beaten and hung on an old rugged tree for you and me. What kind of love do you show to others? Is your love for your neighbor real or fake? Does your love go the extra mile to help others in need? Do you really love your church family? Do you pray for others with a sincere heart of compassion? I once read a statement from a man who said: Love like you have never been hurt and the love of Christ will be your testimony.

**Amen
Frank Combs**

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to accomplish in community with one another.

Diversity is beautiful when we unite in our worship of the God who sent his Son into this world, and the Son who sent his Spirit to the faithful. Heaven is for people of all nations and tribes, and you experience it here on earth when you find unity, even in diversity.

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Plan 2 Ways Out!" and home escape planning, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

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couraged to participate to learn about our mountain heritage.

All told, the Sorghum Festival has something for everybody, young and old alike, with crowd favorite events that have been a part of the festival for years.

From "biskit" eating to pole climbing, from square dancing to log sawing, the Sorghum Festival offers a glimpse of the past, when communities came together at harvest time to celebrate a successful crop.

Not only do these clas-

sic traditions continue, they're still fun, and folks from all over the South can enjoy seeing just how our ancestors lived.

Through the years, the Sorghum Festival has been one of the most identifying characteristics that define Blairsville-Union County.

It is all about our community - proceeds go to Union County's own - most important, our kids, through scholarships, and families in need.

We invite you to attend. Believe it!

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
MMQG Tues. Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30am.-2:30pm.
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
BINGO	Every Wednesday: Civic Center	7 p.m.
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday: Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 p.m.
MMQG Sewcials	Second Monday of each month: Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Enotah Chapter #24	Masonic Lodge	7:30 p.m.
Disabled Am Veterans	Veterans Center	7 p.m. (Jan-Oct)
FPL Retirees	Second Tuesday of each month: Hole in Wall Rest.	9 a.m.
Historical Society Bd.	Old Courthouse	9:30 a.m.
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts	Union County Library	10 a.m.
Active/Retired Fed Emp.	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 p.m.
Mountain Coin Club	N. GA Tech	6 p.m.
Blairsville PTO	UC Primary School	6 p.m.
Blue Ridge Mtn Jeepers	Steve's Steakhouse	6 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi	Kappa Alpha Chapter	7 p.m.
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
Band Boosters	UC Middle School	7:30 p.m. (Aug through May, except Dec)
Lions Club	Second Thursday of each month: Steve's Cookie Jar	6 p.m.
Appalachian Shrine Club	Shrine Building	6:30 p.m.
Democratic Party	Unity Church of Bville	6:30 p.m.
Trout Unlimited	UC Community Center - A	6:30 p.m.
Sons Confederate Vet.	UCB Community Room	7 p.m.
Knights of Columbus	Marian Hall	7:30 p.m.
Eastern Star #471	Second Friday of each month: Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
His Victory Riders	Second Saturday of each month: Blairsville Restaurant	8 a.m.
PFLAG	Second Sunday of each month: Call (706) 389-5269 for details	