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community room.

A 5. The Humane Society – The expansion of this site and the facility itself allows for expanded services for our orphaned pets. It gives the pets, who are waiting for adoptive families, more outside space for exercise and fresh air during their stay at the Humane Society. With the upgrades to the facility it makes it easier and more efficient for the volunteers and employees to provide the best possible care for the animals.

A 6. Suches Community Center – Not only did this new facility create a space in the Suches community for people to meet, hold dinners, meetings and square dances, it also included an expansion of the Suches Fire Station. In addition, it was partly a historic restoration as the old school gym's steel frame was reused for the new structure and some of the original bleachers were installed in the new facility maintaining the feel of the early gym.

A 7. Union County Senior Center – The expansion of the main building has allowed room for new programs to be offered to our Senior Citizens. Many activities are held here daily that would not have been possible without the additions to the facility. The awning out back makes the Meals on Wheels Program, which is vital for many senior citizens, much easier and more efficient. The added outdoor space of the pavilion gives even more opportunities for events and activities.

A 8. Meeks Park – Owning the additional land adjacent to Meeks Park has allowed the County to expand the park and facilities over the years. We have one of the best public parks in Georgia. Some of these expansions include: The

Splash Park, Tennis Courts, new playground areas, the Skateboard Park and Basketball Court, new swings, and additional ball fields, new grassed infields, kayak/canoe ramp, new trails and brand new passive exercise area in Meeks Park II. It also includes the new reconstruction of the Tate Grist Mill.

A 9. The Tennessee Valley Authority partnership - This partnership has allowed the opening of new TVA land back to the public. We have new campsites and a new bathhouse at Poteet Creek, new bicycle/walking trails along over a mile of lake front, fishing area and hiking trail below Nottely dam, improvements to boat ramps, and Kayak Ramp at Meeks Park II, all with cost share funding with TVA.

A 10. The new Health Department facility serves the entire county, making flu shots easily available, providing child safety seat education, pediatric dental programs, communicable disease protection, women's health and much more. Their motto is to Prevent, Promote and Protect the Public Health of our citizens and they do a wonderful job with an outstanding and courteous staff. Because we had purchased this property and had the room adjacent to the Health Department, we were able to attract the Drivers Service Facility from the State of Georgia. Without this, you would be having to drive to Blue Ridge and wait in long lines to receive your driver's license.

A 11. One of our main future projects includes a new Basketball Gymnasium near our existing gyms. The schedule for this and other future SPLOST projects depend on SPLOST revenues continuing at the current levels.

Allison ...

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ing and that their vote matters. In the last Presidential race, we had over an 80% turnout of registered voters which was one of the top 4 turnouts in the State of Georgia. This election, thus far, is showing to be true to form for Union County as the early voting numbers have been very high. I am glad people are getting out having their voice heard. Be sure to stop at the Courthouse for early voting or at your voting precinct on November 8th.

I want to thank all the people who work in the voter registration office and at the polling precincts. We appreciate all that you do!

Drugs ...

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opioid addiction as a moral failure, yet opioid addiction can happen to anyone.

Wilson said despite what she's gone through and the fact that she's recovered, it doesn't make her more deserving of respect or special consideration than others with different circumstances who suffer from the same disease as her. She said she also has to account for the "terrible things" she did while in the peak of her addiction.

"To somebody they (the addict) are everything, no matter how many bad things they've done," she said. "Somebody loves them, and their lives are valuable, period."

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and supplements if your pasture does not have a healthy stand of fresh green grass for them to graze. This will greatly reduce the urge to eat things that they are not supposed to and prevent a costly visit from the vet!

Combs ...

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upon us. I will not let the devil steal my joy in my Lord and Master Jesus Christ, because He has paid a high cost for my salvation, so I am going to encourage everyone who loves the Lord, God to do the same thing.

God knew the outcome of this election before the foundation of the world was made and He is in charge, still calling all the shots and still in complete control of everything, so I rejoice in whatever decision my God above makes, because I know He is Holy. He is righteous and just and He is all truth. How can I go wrong trusting in the dearest friend I have ever had? Oh, to trust Him more.

Frank F. Combs

Gray ...

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interest of residents, before a conscientious decision could be made. Perhaps a simple petition—like “Do you support the recycling of glass”—could be poised when people go to polling places to vote. There are many ways to garner information to have a true degree of what the interest is, but not if all that is available is evaluating one recycling center not centrally located. We need a more comprehensive look on how to collect this reusable resource. Glass has been recycled throughout the world for years, and is easily recycled. Commissioner Paris is well-known for being an effective negotiator with other counties and entities, and I believe he will find an answer to this situation.

Recently at the Landfill, with my bag of glass for recycling still in my car, I regretfully decided against the long drive to the site on Hwy 325. Was I one of the many unheard voices of support? Respectfully submitted,

Arlene M. Gray

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Three times. Fortunately Jesus forgave and restored him after the Resurrection when he affirmed his faith three times publicly. Later when arrested for proclaiming Jesus, Peter courageously declared, “We must obey God rather than men!” (Acts 5:29). His disregard for the consequences is like “d--- the torpedoes, full steam ahead!” (regards to Admiral Farragut!).

To take a stand for the Way, Truth, and Life will increasingly call for resolve, and has already caused consequences for some. No this isn't about politics, but join me in praying for leaders, judges, and laws that do not infringe on our freedom to express our personal faith publicly.

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man, who was overweight, soon tired and Bud really began to work on him. Eventually, Bud hit Finch so hard he crumpled unconscious to the ground. He was going to continue the pounding until Dad pulled him off the fellow. He soon calmed down and pointed his finger at the crew still inside the truck, he said, “You take this man home. Tell him if he does not pay the money he owes my dad by Monday I will be visiting him again.” Afterwards, Bud, picked the man up and laid him on the bed of the truck. After the truck left the boys turned to find Granny standing on the porch with her .22 rifle in her hands.

Monday came and went without any payment, so, Dad and his brother paid a visit to the Finch place. They knocked on the door and heard Mr. Finch grumbling. His wife answered the door and Bud immediately apologized. Then he said, “You

married a liar and a thief and I promised your husband I would come to visit him if he didn't pay my dad the money he owes”.

He walked through the front door and drug Finch by the collar into the front yard where he proceeded to give the man another whipping. Upon finishing the job Bud once again apologized to the man's wife and told her to remind him he would be back if Papa didn't receive his money.

The next Monday the family was sitting at the dinner table and Papa went to his room to gather up a poke. He came back to the table and poured about \$2800 from the sack. He looked at his family and said, “See now, I told you Mr. Finch would pay me for that timber. He was having a hard time that was all. He must've been in a car wreck or something because he was black and blue all over”.

with the firefighters. It is a great thrill for them all. We try to make every event and education fun and informative. ~Union County Fire Department – Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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Of course the biggest thrill for the student (and the firefighters) is to see the red lights, hear the siren, and squirt water. Each student gets a tour of the fire apparatus and equipment. They also get to handle the nozzle and squirt water

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR		
Children's Story Time	Every Monday: Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
MMQG Tues. Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 pm
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
Masonic Luncheon	Every Thursday: Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
MMQG Sewcials	Second Monday of each month: Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Enotah Chapter #24	Masonic Lodge	7:30 pm
FPL Retirees	Second Tuesday of each month: Hole in Wall Rest.	9 am
Historical Society Bd.	Old Courthouse	9:30 am
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts	Union County Library	10 am
Active/Retired Fed Emp.	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 pm
Mountain Coin Club	N. GA Tech	6 pm
Blairsville PTO	UC Primary School	6 pm
Blue Ridge Mtn Jeepers	Steve's Steakhouse	6:00 pm
Beta Sigma Phi	Kappa Alpha Chapter	7 pm
Mtn. Reg. Arts/Crafts	Library - Young Harris	7 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Band Boosters	UC Middle School	7:30 pm
	(Aug through May, except Dec)	
Parkinson's Sup. Grp.	Second Wednesday of each month: Cabin Coffee Co.	3 pm
Lions Club	Second Thursday of each month: Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Appalachian Shrine Club	Shrine Building	6:30 pm
Democratic Party	Unity Church of B'ville	6:30 pm
Trout Unlimited	UC Community Cntr - A	6:30 pm
Sons Confederate Vet.	UCB Community Rm	7 pm
Knights of Columbus	Marian Hall	7:30 pm
Eastern Star #471	Second Friday of each month: Location not listed	7:30 pm
His Victory Riders	Second Saturday of each month: Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
PFLAG	Second Sunday of each month: Call 706-389-5269 for Info	