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until 5:30 p.m.

This arrangement allowed the boys and girls to swim for the same amount of time and it worked well for most of Coon's teenage years.

But, then Coon began to notice girls. There were three girls in the community who were sisters. Even though the girls had been a part of Papa's life since he could remember he'd never noticed them.

But, one day all of a sudden Coon noticed the Lauderdale Girls and they were beautiful. That is when the trouble began.

One particularly hot day during the Dog Days of August, the boys were having a great time at the swimming hole. When it came time for the boys to get out of the water so the girls could swim the boys refused. The girls hollered at them from the top of the bluff, "Your time is up. It's time for us girls to swim". Papa said, "We just laughed and kept swimming."

Not only were the Lauderdale Girls pretty, but, they were also smart.

While the boys were still swimming, the Lauderdale Girls slipped down to where the boys had left their clothes. The eldest girl knew Papa was the ring leader of the boys. So, she pulled off her underwear and placed them in the bib pocket of Papa's overalls.

After a while Coon and

his brothers got out of the water, put on their clothes and made their way home.

By the time they got home it was suppertime. When Papa and his brothers walked into the house their mother, Laura told them to take off their dirty clothes and place them on the back porch.

Coon was bad about leaving items in his pocket. So, Laura went through his pockets after Coon had left them on the porch.

She found the underwear in his pocket. She grabbed the first thing handy which was a broom and marched into her son's bedroom.

There stood Papa trying to put on a clean pair of britches. Papa said, "All I heard was Columbus Cummings. I looked up and was struck across the top of my head with a broom handle."

Papa tried to explain what happened to his mother. But, each time he opened his mouth he was struck with the broom again and again.

Later that evening Lon came into Coon's room to give him the Father and Son Talk. Papa said, "Mom and Dad always believed I was guilty. But, this was one time I was innocent."

Papa told me he had 5-to-6 knots on his head where his Momma had struck him with the broom. I guess that is the reason Papa always ducked when he heard the name "Columbus."

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and has accelerated since Nov. 6th, last.

I'm not talking about rare Colt revolvers or LeMats from the War of Northern Aggression. I'm talking about every variety of "black rifle."

Every time Obama/Biden

say the words, "assault rifle," the price rises.

Curiously, Obama/Biden are good for the "black rifle" business and I don't see the value of those rifles decreasing.

George Mitchell

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wanderers, tramps and hobos. They live idle lives existing on handouts from others. Some who have been hit hard with life attempt to escape life by hitting the sauce. They get addicted to alcoholic beverages or addicted to other drugs or pleasures of life, pretending or living in a fantasy world.

I am thankful to my God that I grew up in a home where I was taught that life originated with God and that it was precious.

My dad was not a baseball player, but he was a big hitter. He taught me to hit the books when I was just a young boy. He allowed no foolishness at this point. He also taught me to hit the hay at a decent hour. But he also taught me to hit the deck when it was time to get up and go to work. In fact, if I didn't respond properly my dad would not only hit the ceiling, he was known to hit a boy's backside.

Life really is a hit parade. My prayer is that this will not be a hit and run column, but that it will hit the spot in your life today.

Some of you have hit bottom. You think that life is over for you. With all the gusto of my being I want you to know that you can still hit the bull's eye in life.

It is not too late for you. You have been on the devil's hit list too long. When Jesus hit town in Bethlehem, the

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A. If you use a tape measure, you would measure from the point along the edge of the stream where vegetation begins to grow, usually near the top of the bank and 50 feet outward.

Q. What is the temperature of "warm water" or state water streams?

A. Warm waters are basically all water that is not designated as trout waters. It only has a 25-foot wide state buffer. There are few warm water streams in the mountains, with Butternut Creek considered one of the few. These streams are generally considered to be too warm to support trout (69 degrees and above). While they do have a smaller buffer width than trout streams, it is more difficult to obtain a variance on

these waters for special encroachments.

Q. I know someone who lives beside a stream and has cut down many of the trees and vegetation along the stream. Is this allowed?

A. There are laws that govern this and if you are unsure, you should contact our land development office at (706) 439-6057 or e-mail mail to:ucbi@uniongov.com.

However, we should all want to protect our water quality and just because you may want to clear out a view of the stream from your home, also be aware how you may be negatively impacting the environment and water temperature. There are ways to do both if you are careful.

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one of the hot new offerings at their busy downtown Saturday market was Yak steaks. Woods Edge Wool Farms, noted for their Llamas and Alpaca wool, added the Yak to their pasture, and then started selling the meat.

At the Market in Madison, Wis., you can find jars of basil peach raisin chutney or fennel saffron pumpkin butter.

In Honolulu, Hawaii, their premiere Farmers Market is the only one featuring all Hawaii grown and produced foods. So when you think of all the exotic fruits and vegetables available on the Islands, you wouldn't expect that one of the most endearing food vendors is the one selling Fried Green Tomatoes.

Our Farmers Market brings out new produce, canned recipes and agricultural gems each year. Last year

we saw Roger with his 10-plus varieties of garlic. The Berry Lady did some business with her lychee nuts and her Asian pears. There were purple carrots and eggplants that looked like the purple had been shot with a good bit of Clorox.

I hope that the community of vendors (current and those thinking about becoming vendors) will consider that variety is the spice of life.

We have literally thousands of people visiting our market every week. Your new product can be the feature in an article on Farmers Markets in some other burg far from here.

In fact, we just were solicited for photos from our Green Bean Festival to be featured in a French Magazine for children. Come on, folks. We are gearing up for the 2013 season. Start thinking outside the crop!

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High School recipients compete for school system titles; and system STAR students in turn compete for region honors. Region winners and their STAR teachers are invited to Atlanta to compete for state STAR scholarships and awards.

We congratulate each of the 2013 recipients. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Registration is required by Friday, Feb. 15 by calling (706) 745-5789.

Additional Chamber event information can be found on our website at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com. I may be reached anytime at President@BlairsvilleChamber.com.

**Bell Ringing Union
County Old Courthouse**



February 13th
In memory of
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Meeks
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

February 14th
In memory of
Frank Shuler
by Betty J. Shuler

In memory of
Dr. Sid Williams
founder
Life Chiropractic College
by Dr. Dennis and
Cindy Mae Tidwell
Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:		
Garden Tours	GMREC	9 am - 1 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 pm
Every Tuesday:		
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Third Monday of each month:		
High Country Artisan	U.C. Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 pm
Allegheny Lodge	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Prostate Cancer Sup.	U.C. Cancer Center	5 pm
Third Tuesday of each month:		
UC Anti-Drug Coal.	Conference Room	Noon
American Legion, Aux	Civic Center	7 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon
Am. Legion Post 121	Old Civic Center	7 pm
Ladies Aux. Post 121	Old Civic Center	7 pm
Third Wednesday of each month:		
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	Cadence Bank	7 pm
Third Thursday of each month:		
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Good N'bers Auto	Meeks Park	7 pm
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Shape Note Music	Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
MOPS	First Baptist Church	6 pm
Third Friday of each month:		
No activities listed		
Third Saturday of each month:		
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 am