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limits.

Q. We were recently at the Transfer Station and saw some work going on and a new road being built. What is going on over there?

A. Actually, most people call the Transfer Station the "Dump" and for a good reason. It is the original landfill and is located about a mile past Union General Hospital. The landfill was closed around 20 years ago, but the property has continued to be used as a place where the public brings their garbage and recyclables. We have been actively exploring many different options over the past three years of how best to handle the garbage situation for the next 20 years. We looked at many solutions and among them was to actually relocate part of the operations of the transfer station to a new location. However, in the end, we think we have reached a solution that will certainly be a significant change for the future. The *North Georgia News* will do a story on this in the next couple of weeks to explain what all is planned.

Q. We noticed the high bank has been graded back

at the intersection of Dean Gap Road and Highway 325 about a 1/2 mile past the Union County Arena. What is the purpose of this?

A. If you do not live out around this intersection, you might not understand what the problem was. If you are pulling out of Dean Gap Road to turn right toward Blairsville or left toward Nottely Dam, the sight distance was just about nil. It is in a curve and at the crest of a hill Highway 325 falls away from the intersection. So if a vehicle was coming from the direction of Nottely Dam, it was almost impossible to see the oncoming vehicle. Even though this problem was on the State Highway, it negatively impacted the County Road. The county secured right of way and took the initiative to grade back the bank a significant amount, vastly improving the visibility and sight distance. It is still not as good as we would like, but it is the best possible because of the sharp hill top. A special thanks to the property owners and our Road Department for an outstanding job and to GDOT for working with us.

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a passion for sharing the benefits of spa ownership with others. Their motto is to make the experience simple and enjoyable! For more information about Spa and Deck Creations, Inc. you can visit their website at <http://spaanddeck.net/>. You can reach them at their Blairsville location at 706-745-0630.

Thank you Rick and Jill for being such an integral part

of our community with not only being members of the Chamber but also your involvement with other organizations such as Tri-State Business Women and the Mountain Networking Referral Group.

I want to say a special thank you to North Georgia Technical College for hosting, catering and co-sponsoring the event along with Dr. Edwin C Pound III. We are thankful to both organizations for your help and support.

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My challenge is for you to consider who your neighbor is, as defined by Jesus. In modern parlance, "paying it forward" or "making a difference" is nice, but why do that?

For the Christian, the answer is that it is an expression of faith affecting life. May your story be one that includes faith, love, and neighbors.

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necessarily life-threatening, they may result in the person relapsing. This could likely pro-

pel the individual back into the addiction cycle they've been trying so hard to break.

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However, the ticks only feed on humans once they become adults. The black-legged tick is smaller than the other ticks and has no white markings. Like the Lone Star tick, the black-legged takes a wide variety of hosts as it develops.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) and Lyme Disease are the two most dangerous diseases transmitted by ticks in Georgia. RMSF is caused by infectious bacteria and the symptoms include sudden chills, fever, headache, and bloodshot eyes. This disease gets its name from the spotted rash it causes, which starts at the hands and feet and spreads throughout the body. Lyme Disease is also caused by bacteria the tick transfers from host to host through its mouthparts. This disease sometimes causes

a rash made up of several rings that looks like a target. Other symptoms include joint pain and flu like symptoms. Both RMSF and Lyme Disease can be effectively managed using antibiotics.

The best way to prevent tick bites and tick-borne diseases is to avoid the places they live: tall, grassy areas with plenty of humidity. However, if you need to enter these areas, make sure to tuck your pants into your socks and cover as much skin as possible. Also, spray yourself with DEET and your clothes with permethrin. Finally, check yourself for ticks as often as possible and remove any that have attached immediately, because the longer the tick stays attached, the greater the chance of disease transmission.

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the dogs away from where his teeth hit the water.

During all this ruckus, Uncle Rufus and my dad were laying on the creek bank laughing so hard they were crying. Uncle Mack finally found his teeth and made his way up the bank of the creek. He wiped

the grit off his teeth and placed them back in his mouth. Next, he looked at my daddy and said, "You're dogs are pretty good dogs, but, you ain't much help in a big scrape."

I guess you could say Uncle Mack was pretty surprised about losing his teeth.

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Trust and Savings in Durant, IA, hopes USDA's predictions are correct. From his vantage point, the trajectory of 2016 crop receipts says otherwise. Hein worries that many producers simply "won't have the cash that once came from higher corn and soybean prices to pay for seed, fertilizer, land rents and other inputs that have not fallen at the same rate compared to commodities."

As for land rents, a June 15, 2016 broadcast on AgDay reported that while increased trade is expected to help boost net farm income, "today, farmers who expanded production by renting more ground are having a hard time repaying loans." AgDay cites a Bloomberg report, which detailed how on-farm profits have sunk to a 14-year low, and rents have barely budged. As reported by Growing America recently, though, more and more producers are applying for direct operating loans from Farm Services Agency (FSA); available funds will likely run out almost three months ahead of the scheduled October 1st fiscal year replenishment. Estimates point to 39 percent of U.S. farm renting ground, which could signal more consolidation to come as farms struggle to repay loans.

All these factors are tending to make life especially difficult for young farmers seeking loans to support their new enterprises. From 2014 to 2015, loans to beginning farmers increased seven points. But with the till close to empty, that money may not be available much longer for this fiscal year.

KSN's Jenkinson said that farmers know they can face tough times, and that things work in a cyclical manner. He points to two factors for causing this year's downturn in Kansas and other ag-centric states.

Fatz Café Job Fair August 5th

Fatz Cafe is hosting an in house job fair at Fatz in Blairsville, GA on Friday, August 5th from noon - 6 p.m.

Career Coach at UC Library

The Career Coach will be visiting Union County on Thursday, July 26th. The Career Coach will be at the Union County Library between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The address for the event is 303 Hunt Martin Street, Blairsville, GA.

The unit will be available to assist individuals with searching and/or applying for jobs online, writing a resume and/or cover letter, discerning career interests, or would like to learn about tuition assistance and on-the-job training programs, please stop by! Please share this event with anyone you know that might benefit from our services.

State Route 348 remains closed for repaving

Sunday, July 17, Union County...

What: Closure of State Route 348 in Union County from mile marker zero to mile marker seven. Both lanes will be closed to traffic to allow repaving of the roadway. Local traffic will be allowed through.

When: Beginning Monday, July 18, 2016 through July 19, 2016 6 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release RSS feed. You also may follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/gadeptof-trans>).

and we will go through tough times again. How soon we will recover from this is still very uncertain." "If we can break even, pay our bills and make our payments, I'd say we're going to be lucky," said one farmer, who has been farming full time since 1999. "We've never seen a downturn like this."


When the final numbers are in at the end of 2016, we will see if USDA forecasts really came to pass. Here's hoping they don't and everyone reading this article survives to farm another year.

For more information on Ag forecasts, contact Frank Riley at info.ccrd@gmail.com.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
A Course in Miracles	298 School Circle	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30
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
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday: Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Blue Ridge Comm.	Fourth Monday of each month: McCaysville Lodge	7:30 pm
Compassionate Friends	Fourth Tuesday of each month: Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Dead Theologians Soc.	Cabin Coffee	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30 pm
VFW Post #7394	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
No activities listed	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
Lions Club	Fourth Thursday of each month: Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 pm
UT Homebuilders	YH College	7 pm
Eastern Star #471	Fourth Friday of each month: Location not listed	7:30 pm
Youngcane Lodge #597	Fourth Saturday of each month: Lodge Hall	7:30 pm

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



July 10th
in memory of
Dr. William T. Meeks, Sr.
Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

July 17th
in memory of
Roy Nash
by The Nash Family

July 19th
in loving memory of
Don Platt Birthday
We love and miss you,
Gloria and Becky

Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493