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role in making sure Church News and the local obituaries are current and up to speed.

Libby, Shawn, we appreciate you both. Oh, and we must not to forget our crack photographer, Lowell Nicholson for the outstanding work that he does in Hiwassee and Blairsville.

Meanwhile, back in Blairsville, I must also take the time to thank the folks who have been making the paper here a success, week-in, week-out for quite a while.

Allison Caldwell, Cissy Alexander, Gail Gilbert, Janice Boling, Charlie Rogers, Josh Irick, Elizabeth Harper, Jessica Green, Liz West,

Wanda West, Kenneth West, Steven Caldwell, Sarah Harbison, and last, but not least, Adam Gilreath.

I guess you can toss Todd's name and myself in their somewhere and you get a glimpse of this newspaper behind the scenes.

The bottom line is, we love what we do; we love the people we work for, and we love bringing you, our loyal readers, the news about our communities.

We appreciate your loyalty to the North Georgia News and the Towns County Herald. May God Bless us one and all; if you think about it, he already has.

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Q. How many culverts are in the county on county roads?

A. We have been in the process for two years of inventorying all county culverts and determining their condition. This has never been done before. At present, we have about 75% of them inventoried.

The results so far are 2,737 total culverts inventoried with 779 culverts needing im-

mediate attention; 772 need watching; and 1,186 are in good condition.

I hope you can see from all of this information that it is a tremendously difficult job and excellent job that our Road Dept. does. These costs never go down, but only increase and I hope that you can more fully understand when the county is always looking for more innovative ways to fund our transportation network.

Flower Show at Civic Center



Enter the 4th Annual Union County Farmers Market Community Flower Show. It is open to the public and there are no entry or admission fees. Dates for this year's show are Friday, August 10th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, August 11th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Entries will be received between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8th and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, August 9th at the Haralson Memorial Civic Center Auditorium in Blairsville and limited to exhibitors from Union, Fannin, Towns, Lumpkin and White counties in Georgia and Clay and Cherokee counties in North Carolina.

Containers for cut specimens will be provided to the exhibitors at time of registration. Cut specimens cannot exceed 30 inches in length.

Exhibitors must grow their horticulture and correctly identify plant material with the common and botanical names on the entry forms. Plant identification assistance will be available at registration. Plants must have been in exhibitor's possession at least 90 days.

In addition to the three

divisions we had in last year's show, Horticulture, Youth and Education, we will also have a Design Division this year. The Design Division is also open to the public but requires registration in advance. The classes are Spring Elegance, Summer Iridescence and Fall Abundance each staged in a niche, and Winter Elegance staged on a table with china. If you have never formally entered a floral design, two of these classes are for novices. Information, schedule and rules are available by telephoning Stephanie Gray at 706-745-3714 or emailing stephg@windstream.net. If you decide to make an entry in the Design Division, please call as soon as possible to register.

The Union County Farmer's Market Community Flower Show is sponsored by the Farmer's Market Committee, the Union County Commissioner's Office, the Union County Extension Office, local garden clubs and the Towns-Union Master Gardener Group. Watch your newspaper for upcoming articles about the flower show. Hopefully you will consider entering one or more exhibits at your Union County Farmer's Market Community Flower Show. For more information, you may contact Jo Anne Allen at (706) 400-8139 or Barbara Baumgardner at (706) 835-2812 or email your questions to UCFlowerShow@aol.com. NT01025.Z15)CA

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express their gratitude of this freedom by casting your vote. If you don't, your conscience and all your innards ought to hurt.

Someone has written: "I have to live with myself and so, I want to be fit for myself to know; I want to be able as the days go by, always to look myself in the eye, I don't want to stand with the setting sun, and hate myself for the things I have done.

"I want to go out with my head erect; I want to

deserve all men's respect. Here in the struggle for fame and wealth, I want to be able to like myself. I don't want to look at myself and know, that it's bluster and bluff and empty show.

"I can never hide myself from me; I see what others may never see; I know what others may never know, I can never fool myself and so, Whatever happens I want to be, self-respecting and conscience free."

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sound and rake her horns on the house. My Granny would let out a scream of terror and Papa would run back to check on her and his sons. Eventually, Papa gathered enough nerve to go outside and confront the demon. He laughs about it today. But, back in those days he was plenty scared of that awful sound.

A month or so later a mad dog came to Papa's house. Granny said their house was not even finished yet. It was still summer. The walls of the house weren't finished. Papa said, "We didn't even have some of the outside doors up yet". For those of you that don't know today we would say a mad dog was rabid. Granny said this dog was slobbering at the mouth and attacked their dog. Next the dog came for the family. Granny sent the dogs up into the loft while Papa fetched the gun. She said, "Papa would run from one side of the house to the other searching for the dog". Papa was running around while Granny directed him to a spot where she thought the dog could be safe-

ly shot. She said, "The story is funny now. But, back then if a man got bitten by a rabid dog it was a death sentence". Finally, Papa was able to shoot the dog. Papa said, "Your Granny told me to get doors hung on that house and I did".

Your imagination can cause you some severe problems. In the first story Papa was scared of a sound. Little did he realize the sound was nothing but his old milk cow. In the second story Granny was so stricken with fear for Papa's safety she couldn't give him proper directions. But, we can use our imaginations to help us achieve our goals. Before the new farmers market was completed I thought it would be a great thing for Union County. But, I never imagined the Farmers Market would see more than 5,000 people attending on any given Saturday. I don't know if Commissioner Paris ever envisioned this amount of success at the Farmers Market. But, I am glad he had the vision to place the Farmers Market on the original SPLOST Vote and I am glad the voters of Union County approved that SPLOST vote. Because our Union County Farmers Market is a great success because of the people who visit the Farmers Market. Come and be with us at the Farmers Market on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Next Tuesday we will hold an educational meeting on Water testing and Soil testing. See you then!

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as the foundation for their plan and of course, Mother Nature, that makes this train's journey so delightful for all of us to ride each week.

For a full list of the season's events, pick up a rack card at the Market, or visit www.UCFarmersMarket.com. See you at the Market!

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munity can be grand when just plain good folks like you and I pull together to help those that have been through devastating times. It's a great pleasure to show my thankfulness for the blessings I enjoy daily by helping raise money to buy a home for the McCollums. I'm proud to be helping Billy and Lena who have been down on their luck in the past. With the help of many caring people in our communities, we will get Billy and Lena a roof over their heads. We just need help from A LOT of people in the community. If only 1,200 people (out of 25,000-plus in Union County) could give \$20 each; we could get Lena and Billy (life-long residents of Union County) a mobile home and have it set up within a month! If you can help, give me a call at (828) 360-5748.

Ann Carroll
Local Realtor® with *Appalachian Land Company*

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waivers to relieve certain states from their obligation to enforce the work and training requirements contained within the bill. While under the Reform Act recipients are required to either be employed or be enrolled in a job training program in order to receive public assistance. With the stroke of the Presidential pen, and without Congressional Authority, President Obama has altered a bill that has stood as the law of the land for 18 years.

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rate." Furthermore we learn that this claim of Republican prowess in affecting the unemployment rate is "stretching the statistic pretty thin" because "... the unemployment rate has fallen in 49 states in the last year..." The grade assigned by politifact to this assertion is "half true." Regarding the comment in the letter concerning the news media, whenever I happen to be tuned into Fox News (or is it Fox Views?) I often think of Hamlet. When asked what he was reading, the Danish prince replied, "Words, words words." **Philip McPherson Rudisill**

Chamber of Commerce events
For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com

Wednesday, August 1		
2pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad	
Thursday, August 2		
12pm	Rotary Club of Union County - Cadence Bank	
Friday, August 3		
8am	Union County Farmers Market - Trash To Treasure Sale	
11:30am	Ribbon Cutting for The Rock Church of Blairsville, Inc.	
6pm	Northeast Ga Board of Realtors presents Bingo Night -Stephens Masonic Lodge in Young Harris, Ga	
7pm	Friday Night Concert,Steel String Session - Historic Union County Courthouse	
7pm	You can be the Star Karaoke - Lodge at Copperhead	
Saturday, August 4		
7am	Union County Farmer's Market	
Monday, August 6		
12pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Monthly Meeting - Steve's Cookie Jar Restaurant	
6pm	Free Texas Hold'em Tournament - Lodge at Copperhead	
Tuesday, August 7		
8am	Tri-State Business Women's weekly meeting - Cooks Restaurant	
3pm	Union County Farmer's Market	

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	Noon
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 pm
Every Tuesday:		
Mtn. Woodcarvers	Senior Center	6 pm
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Rotary Club	St. Francis of Assisi	Noon
Second Monday of each month:		
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Hayesville	10 am-3 pm
Disabled Am Veterans	UC Annex, Rm 116	Noon (Jan-Oct)
Second Tuesday of each month:		
Historical Society Bd.	Old Courthouse	9:30 am
Band Boosters	UC Middle School	7:30 pm
(Aug through May, except Dec)		
Beta Sigma Phi	Kappa Alpha Chapter	7 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts	Union County Library	10 am
Mtn. Reg. Arts/Crafts	Library - Young Harris	7 pm
NARFE	Antonietta's Rest.	Noon
FPL Retirees	Hole in Wall Rest.	9 am
Second Wednesday of each month:		
Parkinson's Sup. Grp	Cadence Bank	3 pm
UC Interagency Grp.	UC Civic Center	Noon
GA Mtn Writers Club	St. Francis of Assisi	10 am
Second Thursday of each month:		
Sons Confederate Vet.	Union County Library	7 pm
Appalachian Shriners	Allegheny Lodge	6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus	Marian Hall	7:30 pm
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Democratic Party	UC Senior Center	6:30 pm
Second Friday of each month:		
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Second Saturday of each month:		
His Victory Riders	Blairsville Restaurant	5 pm