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be installed along with new scales for weighing vehicles and a new scale building for staff. There will also be some improvements made to the building itself. This is the part of the transfer center that most people do not visit unless they have large items such as appliances or scrap materials or an occasional large trash load.

**Q. Does the county have the "adopt a road" program in the county?**

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siblings married. Not long after their marriages Mr. Nix from Phil Campbell sold 320 acres to Papa and 3 of his siblings. Each sibling bought an 80 acre tract of land. Papa hired his brother Clay to dig a well on his land. A man came to Papa's place to "witch for water". I am not real sure how this works. But, the man walked around the house place holding to a forked limb. The end of the limb pulled down at a certain place and this fellow told my grandfather to dig down 30 feet and he would strike a spring. Clay began to dig while Papa pulled buckets of dirt from the well. After reaching a depth of 25 feet Clay experienced another epileptic seizure. Granny and her brother-in-law, Denver, were also with Papa that day.

Denver said, "Coon, remember how Clay nearly choked you to death when you were boys? If you are going to climb down that well to help

A. We certainly do, and we have several roads in the county that are picked up by volunteers who care about how their county looks and their neighborhood. We also have dedicated volunteers here and in Suches that collect recyclables at our fire stations and lots of folks that faithfully recycle. For more information about adopt a road program please contact my office at (706)439-6000.

him you better knock him in the head or he could hurt you." A flood of memories rushed through Papa's mind as he climbed down the rope. When he got to Clay he lovingly and with no malice punched Clay as hard as he could right between the eyes. He then tied a rope around Clay so Denver and Granny could pull him up from the well.

Papa and Clay told and retold this story for years. I know that my grandfather loved his brother, because he never did like tight spaces and he would not go under a bluff. It must've taken a lot of love for him to go into that well after his brother. And I also know that Clay loved his older brother.

I never heard him say a bad thing about Papa. Even though he looked as if he'd been beat up, I think he always appreciated what Papa had done for him.

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municipalities on best management practices, they count on these partners' technical assistance and financial support.

GACDS is closely aligned with the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC), since their membership is composed of soil and water conservation district supervisors. Districts were formed in the late 1930s to protect, improve, and conserve the soil and water resources of the State. GACDS partners with the Commission on educating supervisors and the public on conservation issues.

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) offers support in many ways. NACD develops the educational materials distributed by the districts during Stewardship Week each year. Regional meetings, the annual meeting, and the summer legislative conference offer continuing education for supervisors and conservation partners. NACD represents the conservation community on legislative issues and national policy concerning natural resources.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is an active partner on conservation activities. NRCS provides technical assistance to agricultural producers, which is necessary to getting conservation on the ground. NRCS employees help conduct educational activities within the district and work closely with local work groups to establish conservation priorities.

Resource Conservation and Development Councils (RC&D) partner with districts to achieve conservation goals. Several RC&D projects, such as the sustainable agriculture workshops, Cover Crop and No-Till demonstrations, Feral Swine workshops, sawmill demonstrations, fire-on-the-farm, and many others are promoted by the districts.

One supervisor from each district serves as a member on his/her local RC&D council. District and council activities are coordinated through that supervi-

sor and the RC&D coordinator's attendance at district meetings. The Environmental Protection Division (EPD), Soil & Water Districts, and RC&Ds cooperate to protect and improve environmental quality in the state. Information is shared on environmental laws and enforcement so that supervisors have the knowledge needed to carry out their duties. Over the next 3 years, CCRCD will work with the Supervisor groups across Georgia to facilitate field days, workshops, and events that will help educate the citizens about soil health, erosion control, water quality, alternative farming methods, High Tunnels, pasture management, row crop management, and forest management. These are some of the topics that are part Best Management Practices, (BMPs), that are voluntary rules and methods that help farmers conserve and protect our soil and water resources.

Chest-Chat is a member of and attends 5 of these District Supervisor groups meetings each month. We will attend and exhibit at the GACD annual meeting on February 1 at Lake Lanier Islands.

For more information on GS&WCC, S&WCD, GACDS, or NACD, contact us at info.ccrd@gmail.com.

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monly known as the "Jaws of Life." Firefighters must learn how to operate these extrication tools in safe manner in order to prevent firefighter injury or further patient injuries.

Motor vehicle accidents are just one of the many calls that we may be called upon. Union County Firefighters are equipped and trained to respond to these emergencies. We would also like to remind everyone to wear their seat belt in order to reduce the likelihood of being injured during an accident.

Union County Fire Department ~ Our Family Protecting Your Family ~

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come addicted.

Addiction is an all-consuming disease, demanding all the individual's time, energy, and resources. One of the primary signs of drug addiction is an obsession with seeking and using drugs. At the same time, the user will neglect his or her job, relationships, hobbies, social activities, and financial obligations in order to satisfy the overwhelming cravings.

Physical signs and symptoms include unintentional weight loss, loss of sleep, skin problems (lesions, scratch marks, rashes, pimples, bruises, or needle marks at an intravenous injection site), cool or

unnaturally pale skin, or blood-shot eyes. Unusual odors may be detected (may be chemical smells or strong body odors), tremors or loss of motor coordination, slurred speech, frequent nausea and shallow breathing are also symptoms.

Drugs affect the way a person thinks, feels, and behaves as well as the way he or she looks. Here are a few of the psychological and behavioral changes that you might observe in a drug addict: Anxiety, restlessness, uncharacteristic lying, confusion, memory loss or blackouts, stealing money or medications, self-isolation, depression, unusual personality

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ganizations already understand the value of being a member of the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce, there are many more that may not have considered the true impact membership can make. Please allow us share the results of a study detailing the value of joining a local Chamber. The Schapiro Group, an Atlanta-based strategic consulting firm, conducted this study. Their national survey revealed that two-thirds of consumers believe that companies that join their local Chamber of Commerce use good business practices, are reputable, care about their customers, and are involved in their community. When consumers know that a small business is a member of a Chamber of Commerce, they are 49% more likely to think favorably of that business and 80% more likely to purchase goods or services from that company in the future. This survey of over 2,000 adults effectively points out that joining a Chamber is an effective business strategy. To view the original study, you can go to: VisitBlairsvilleGa.

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the work of God in this world. Redemption is within the grasp of your inquiring friends, as God is willing to reconcile them too, not counting their trespasses against them (2 Cor. 5:18-20).

All of these "re" words reveal a story about a loving God and people He created, you in particular. So, yes, take stock of your life now in the first few days of 2019, and believe God's grand narrative that includes you finding your good, true, and beautiful state of being.

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decays to radon can be found at higher levels. If you don't know if there is radon in your well water, have the water tested. The UGA Agricultural and Environmental Services Laboratories in Athens tests water samples for the presence of radon. To get a water testing kit, contact your local Extension Office. Testing for radon in water costs \$40. For more information on radon, visit www.UGAradon.org. Radon can be a serious concern in our area. It's best to be tested to know if you have dangerous levels in your home.

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was tried for Dunlap's murder and was sentenced to death. In 2012, Hilton pleaded guilty to the kidnapping and murder of the Bryants, for which he was sentenced to life in prison.

They will live so long as we remember them.

**George A. Mitchell**

changes or mood swings, failure at school or on the job, increased secrecy and legal problems.

If you see the signs and symptoms of drug addiction in yourself or in someone you

care about, don't wait to get help. Substance abuse professionals can help you intervene on behalf of a loved one if you feel uncomfortable about a personal confrontation.