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Q. Will this be a very expensive project for the county?

A. No. Since we already have the property, the fencing and gazebo will be the largest expenditure for the county. We are using county Road Department employees and detainees to assist in the under brushing and clearing of the site. Thanks to Gracian Sabo, Boy Scout Troop 101, his mom, Tamara, other pet owners and their cooperation with the Leadership Union class, and Tyler Veney, funding will be raised to acquire agility equipment and benches to further enhance the park. Later on, they hope to also add water features for the dogs.

Q. I was told that the area for the Paw Park was used in the past by the archery program in shooting bows and arrows. Will this cause this group a problem?

A. No, we do not think so, as we have property located across the creek where they can

shoot in the opposite direction that should be very adequate for their use.

Q. Exactly where is this Paw Park property located?

A. It is located directly across from Pavilion #3 and across the upper bridge of the Union County Farmers Market. It is also across the creek from the Hunter/England historic log home village that is under construction.

Final Note: I hope that when people hear that the county has purchased land and sometimes without a particular use in mind, this is a perfect example of the good that comes from that.

Thanks to the Ralph and Jane Rogers family and the Leon Davenport family, both who gave the county the opportunity to purchase their property adjacent to the Union County Farmers Market, we now have this property available for these great uses, including a future (young kids) ballpark complex within a couple of years.

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the Chamber. This is a fantastic event that allows the community to gain some insight into many of the developments taking place in Union County.

We have already started planning for our 2020 Shooting for the Stars golf tournament and the field is almost full. This year's tournament will take place on May 8th, and we still have several hole sponsors and event sponsor slots to fill. Thanks to our 2019 sponsors and participates we were able to contribute \$4,500 to the Union County School Scholarship Foundation to provide scholarships to Union County Seniors. With your help we can exceed that in 2020.

We have several ribbon cutting ceremonies planned for the month of the March and

we hope everyone can come out and be introduced to these amazing new businesses who have decided to make Blairsville their town of choice to grow as entrepreneurs. I always say what makes Blairsville special is the people and their willingness to make others feel welcome to this wonderful community. Please visit our online calendar to find out when and where these ribbon cutting ceremonies take place.

Come join us each and every first Thursday of the month for 'Shop Late Thursday's' in Downtown Blairsville! Participating Downtown Blairsville businesses will be open additional hours, from 5 PM - 8 PM, and will feature deals, discounts and other exciting offers!

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pull it off Sam's back while it was still biting his ear.

In the meantime, 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 looked at my Daddy and said, "Your dogs are pretty good dogs, but, you ain't much help."

Mack and Rufus Baker are long gone, but, their memories live on in us that knew them. Mack was known to be a man which loved the outdoors,

and he loved to laugh. He would take me aside and tell me how proud he was of the young man I was becoming. Uncle Rufus had a reputation for growing the best rutabagas in Franklin County. When my grandmother would take me fishing at his pond, he'd show up and watch us boys fish. He'd talk to each of us in a way that made us feel we were all very important. After a conversation with him, you felt self confidence. All of us kids loved Mack and Rufus Baker. We didn't realize their importance until they were gone.

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ica; stop all this mind deadening need for recognition for hardships! We all suffer from the same afflictions. If Americans really need to vent, then speak of our true concern... It's called our Constitutional rights being violated, or, simply put, the ever-rapid deterioration of our Civil Rights as Americans! It has absolutely nothing to do with minorities.

The Founders of this once great Nation set the ground rules for stopping this nonsense, the preamble to our Bill of Rights and first several Amendments that most politicians continue to keep trying to eradicate from our minds and lives. Do the proper thing this time when it comes time to vote... these politicians who are constantly feeding the fires of prejudice and hatred, or are corrupt beyond doubt, or if you feel there are no qualified can-

didates for a particular office, check "Other" and write down "No Confidence". For crying out loud, don't vote for one of them!

As per our preamble to the Constitution, it is not only our right, it is our duty as American citizens to put down tyrannical members of government and re-institute new members. They can only govern by the consent of the governed! I personally, with what has been done to my Civil Rights and having suffered more injustices than I can put into words, have lost faith in our government body as a whole. They no longer have my consent to govern, and I will mark "Other - No Confidence" on nearly all ballot choices. Our voices do matter, as do our words!

American Born and Proud,
Nick DeGolyer

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government programs for your farm operation.

The conference will also include field trips to a fruit tree and vegetable farm, a vineyard to see wine and grapes, Pasture and grazing demonstrations, and other topics of interest to farmers and interested citizens alike.

The conference is produced with cooperation with the West Georgia Soil and water conservation district that is led by volunteer supervisors who work to conserve, improve, and protect Georgia's natural resources.

Some of these Supervisors are elected by the people in the counties where they live and some of the supervisors are appointed by the local districts.

Towns, Union, Fannin, and Rabun counties are serviced by the Blue Ridge Soil & Water Conservation District that meets monthly to discuss issues pertaining to soil and water conservation in these counties.

The Soil and water districts also approve (or disapprove) soil and erosion plans that are required by the state for any disturbance that could lead to soil erosion and water

quality issues.

These plans are submitted by developers, construction companies, and others whose operations will potentially disturb the soil and water on the sites where they are operating, and these district supervisors have the last word for acceptance (or not) for these plans.

This conference will provide speakers who will address some of the issues and farming methods that can lead to soil erosion and water quality issues and will show methods to improve soil health and water quality.

At the state level, the Georgia Soil, and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) supports the 40 locally led soil and water conservation districts through education, technical, financial and planning assistance and through program oversight.

Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D strives to improve quality of life by protecting and improving our natural resources that can help improve the local economy and this conference helps CCRCD carry out this mission.

Farmers or others interested in attending the conference should contact UGA Extension Carroll County at carroll.extension@uga.edu.

For more information on this and other programs, contact the Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council, on our website www.chestchat-tred.org, by phone at 706-894-1591, or by email at info.ccrd@gmail.com.

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letins and guidelines to health care workers for screening and preparing for this virus. Do not be alarmed if you are asked by healthcare workers or 911 operators if you or someone close to you has been to China or out of the country in the last 14 days.

A couple of things to keep in mind. First, the CDC considers this to be a serious public health threat, however, the current risk for the United States is low. At this time, we should be more concerned with Type A and B Flu. Second, this is a fluid situation and can change, so stay informed. This is the current information available at print time. For more information on the Coronavirus COVID-19, visit www.cdc.gov.

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an outdoor faucet. If you use an indoor faucet you run the risk of highly chlorinated water in the septic system killing the beneficial bacteria.

Finally test your water for Coliform bacteria and E. coli. The Extension Office has kits available for testing your water. Contact your local Extension Office for more information on Coliform testing or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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of wrath...But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ...and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:3-7). How sublime is God's love, mercy, and grace for you!

So God rescues you, makes you more alive than you have ever been, and continues that kindness "in the ages to come." That raises a better question. Why not you?

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However, some say using substances to self-medicate can lead to symptoms of mental illness. For example, the Anxiety and Depression Association of America says that alcohol and other substances can worsen anxiety symptoms.

Self-medication can have a negative impact on mental health and does very little to treat the underlying condition. Recognizing forms of self-medication can help you understand how substance abuse may be related to depression and other mental health conditions.

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of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book."

Verse 19: "And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book."

Charlotte Thompson

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday: Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: G&G Bakery & Cafe	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 p.m.
Exercise Class	UMC Lower Level	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Club	Every Wednesday: Skillet Cafe	Noon
Exercise Class	UMC Lower Level	5:30-6:30 p.m.
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Every Thursday: Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	The Skillet Café	Noon
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	First Monday of each month: Blairsville Restaurant	9 a.m.
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 p.m.
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 p.m.
Allegheny Masonic Ldg.	#114, Masonic Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Brownie Scouts	First Tuesday of each month: United Methodist Ch	3-5 p.m.
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 p.m.
Amateur Radio Club	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 p.m.
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 p.m.
Enotah Ch. #24 RA.m.	Masonic Temple	7:30 p.m.
Exercise class	First Wednesday of each month: Senior Citizens Center	10:30 a.m.
Better Breathers	UGH Classroom 2nd Fl.	1 p.m.
Quilts of Valor	First Thursday of each month: Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30am-2:30pm.
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 a.m.
NAMI Fam. Support	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 p.m.
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 p.m.
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 p.m.
"Nailed" Book Club	First Friday of each month: Ingles Cafe	10:30 a.m.
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 p.m.