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ception for Kevin Bierschenk, the new CEO of Union General Hospital. I hope you were able to attend that event and learn about the many facets regarding initiatives and activities at Union General and all its area clinics. If you happen to see Kevin or his wife, Cindy, around town, please be sure to extend Southern hospitality and welcome them into our wonderful community.

If you happen to have a passion for fashion, perhaps you attended our Spring Fling Fashion Show. This event continues to grow in numbers and our Chamber staff found themselves setting up additional chairs and tables from the overwhelming response of hosting 70 women. I'd like to extend a thank you to Blue

Ridge Cotton Company, From Me 2 U, and Pat's Hallmark for providing fashions and making this event a continued success. All attendees received samples of goat's milk soaps, hand lotions, and coupons for 15% off in any of the participating vendors stores. Please keep your eyes and ears open for information regarding another fashion show this fall.

To get a list of all the upcoming Chamber events, please visit our website at VisitBlairsvilleGA.com or feel free to stop by our Welcome Center and pick up a list of the events for the year.

As always, please continue to support our local businesses, they make our community an enjoyable place to live, work, and play.

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again. The next September a bunch of the boys were helping Mr. Burnette haul hay. He knew Patrick loved to deer hunt and while they were resting he asked the young man, "I reckon you are looking forward to getting into the woods to hunt." With a grin the young man said, "Yes sir. This little Scoundrel loves to hunt. I bet you can just feel that in your bones Mr. Bur-

nette." The old warden asked, "Was that you and where were you at that day?" The boy recounted the story telling where he hid and what the two Game Wardens discussed. He also told Burnette not to worry, "I'll never hunt illegally again."

Mr. Burnette smiled to himself. He had a tremendous impact on Patrick and many other young men in Union County.

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This is a quick overview of facts that you need. Synthetic drugs are available at some local convenience stores, vape shops and tobacco shops. There are synthetic versions of marijuana, stimulants, opiates and hallucinogens. They are sold under many different names and can be ingested in many ways. These synthetics can be smoked, vaped, taken in pill form or eaten. These products are not regulated and have been proven to contain chemicals that are harmful and, in some cases, lethal.

The purchase of these products has the same age restriction as tobacco products. Legally a person must be 18 or older, however, this restriction has not proven to be effective

in keeping these products away from the adolescent and teen population.

If you suspect someone in your life is using drugs and you want to have a drug test to prove your suspicions, synthetics will not show positive on most over the counter drug screens. There are screens that are specifically made to detect synthetics and the most reliable results are drug screens that are sent to a toxicology lab.

The accessibility and difficulty identifying synthetic drugs creates a perfect storm for communities. Due to the lack of regulations on manufacturing these products, health risk associated with use are extremely high for anyone who chooses to experiment with them.

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geist. Cultural doctrines are sacrosanct. You may pick any spiritual path since they all lead nowhere, really. Any truth or feeling you choose is a valid worldview. Follow your heart and trust yourself to find fulfillment. "No" to all that, the cross says. It says you are lost without a Savior, and beckons your trust in Jesus as the only way to the Father, true fulfillment, and eternity. When Jesus says,

"I am the Truth," He excludes other claims. Quite a stumbling block (Gal. 5:11).

Even if this Memorial doesn't stand, one will. God's purpose through Christ Jesus was "to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross" (Col. 1:20). That Peace Cross is beyond the reach of the courts.

2019 American Cancer Society Memorial Service date set



Sunday, March 24th at 2 PM is the Memorial Service which the Union County Chapter of the American Cancer Society holds annual to remember special family members and friends. The service this year will be held at the Brackett Community Room located behind the United Community Bank at 59 Highway 515. Special persons will have brass plaques dedicated that day.

After a devotional by Rev. Bill Burch, Coosa UMC pastor, Memorials Chairper-

son Sue Upchurch and Barbara Richardson will present "In Memory" plaques to the families or friends of: Wayne Abercrombie, Jefferson Daniel Carlin, Gollie Easter, Alta Foster, Bobbie Young and Bill Prickett.

Friends and families are urged to attend this special service. Brass plaques that are dedicated will be placed on the American Cancer Society's Memorial Board in the lower lobby of Union General Hospital. The brass plaques represent a donation of one hundred dollars to the American Cancer Society. The funds will be used for patient services, education, advocacy, and research.

If you would like to have a plaque dedicated "In Memory" or "In Honor" of a loved one, contact Sue Upchurch at 706-745-6347 for details.

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.
	Every Tuesday:		
Tri State Bus. Women		Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers		Mtn Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30
Smoky Mtn. Melodies		United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers		Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
	Every Wednesday:		
Kiwanis Club		The Griddle	Noon
BINGO		Civic Center	7 p.m.
	Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon		Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club		NGTC	Noon
	Fourth Monday of each month:		
Blue Ridge Comm.		McCaysville Lodge	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Tuesday of each month:		
Compassionate Friends		Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Dead Theologians Soc.		Cabin Coffee	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild		Blairsville UMC	12:30 p.m.
VFW Post #7394		Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
Eastern Star #304		Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Wednesday of each month:		
No activities listed			
	Fourth Thursday of each month:		
Cruisers Club Meeting		Sr. Center pavilion	6 p.m.
UT Homebuilders		YH College	7 p.m.
	Fourth Friday of each month		
Eastern Star #471		Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Saturday of each month:		
Youngcane Lodge #597		Lodge Hall	7:30 p.m.

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first orientation flight may only last a few seconds, just enough to mark the position of the hive. Subsequent mating flights may last from 5 minutes to 30 minutes, and she may mate with several male drones on each flight. Over several matings, possibly a dozen or more, the queen receives and stores enough sperm from a succession of drones to fertilize hundreds of thousands of eggs. If the queen does not mate and produce eggs, the worker bees will kill the non-performing queen and produce another. Without a properly performing queen, the hive is doomed. Mating takes place at some distance from the hive and often several hundred feet in the air; it is thought that this separates the strongest drones from the weaker ones, ensuring that only the fastest and strongest drones get to pass on their genes and then they die. Female worker bees, typically 30,000-50,000 in a hive make up most of the bees in a hive are the worker bees. At the height of summer when activity in the hive is frantic and work goes on non-stop, the life of a worker bee may be as short as 6 weeks; in late autumn, when no brood is being raised and no nectar is being harvested, a young bee may live for 16 weeks. For the first few weeks of the worker bee's lifespan, they perform basic chores within the hive:

cleaning empty brood cells, removing debris and other house-keeping tasks, making wax for building, or repairing comb, and feeding larvae. Later, they may ventilate the hive or guard the entrance. Older workers leave the hive daily, weather permitting, to forage for nectar, pollen, water, and propolis, up to a mile away.

Male drones, range from thousands in a strong hive in spring to very few during the cold season, are the largest bees in the hive at almost twice the size of a worker bee. They have much larger eyes than the workers have, presumably to better locate the queen during the mating flight. They do not work, do not forage for pollen or nectar, are unable to sting, and have no other known function than to mate with new queens and fertilize them on their mating flights.

A bee colony generally starts to raise drones a few weeks before building queen cells, so they can supersede a failing queen or prepare for swarming. When queen-raising for the season is over, bees in colder climates drive drones out of the hive to die because they are no longer needed for that season. Everybody in a hive has a job and they do it well to produce the honey that we all enjoy all year long. For more information on the event, Contact Glen Henderson, President, Mountain Beekeepers' Assoc. at 706-745-1840, abletinker@windstream.net or the CCRC&D at info.ccrd@gmail.com.

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plication in a wide circumference around the tree. Fertilizer left on the leaves can burn the leaves.

Knowing how much to apply is very important. Under fertilizing can leave plants underdeveloped. Over fertilizing can result in a lot of young tender growth that is susceptible to disease or insect pests. Taking a soil test and bringing it to the Extension office, to send to the lab, will tell you exactly how much fertilizer you need for what you are growing.

For answers about fertilizers, contact your local Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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how to establish the water supply, pump the apparatus, and utilize the master stream from the tip of the extended ladder. This required the firefighter to climb to the tip of the ladder and operate the nozzle.

Union County firefighters are always willing to learn and train in order to be better prepared. This class provided the knowledge and skills to improve our operations and to give each firefighter more confidence in operating the ladder apparatus and its equipment. We want to thank the Atlanta and Dekalb fire officers for instructing this class.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



- February 25, 2019**
In memory of
Curtis Jefferson Owens
Anniversary
by Billy and Carol Owens
 - March 2, 2019**
In memory of
Bill Miller
of his passing,
February 20, 2019
Family of Miller/Plott Reunion
 - March 11, 2019**
In memory of
Paula Paris Johnson
Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks
 - March 16, 2019**
In loving memory
of our daughter
Karen Lee Tharp
by The Naegler Family
 - March 15, 2019**
Congratulations
In honor of
Ira T. Harkins 100 Birthday
By your loving family
 - March 19, 2019**
In memory of
Harry Walker
on Our 65th Wedding
Anniversary
by Shirley Walker
 - March 27, 2019**
In memory of
Gertrude W. Shuler
by Betty J. Shuler
 - March 29, 2019**
In memory of
Randy Siggers
Date of Death - July, 2015
by Rebia, Cindy, Ed, Candy & Nate
- Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493**