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Festival. This annual event will be held at the Union County Fine Arts Center beginning at 9 AM on Friday morning. Come prepared for the activities to be both fun and entertaining with a focus on Appalachian stories, both traditional and contemporary. For more information, please log on to www.gamountainstoryfest.org.

On Saturday April 13th, the Union County Recreation Department will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Meeks Park. This year, they will hide over 4000 eggs for children from toddlers to 12 years of age. The hunt will be held on the upper baseball fields.

The Hackney Warehouse in Murphy, North Carolina will be hosting the "Hackney Hoax" on April 14th. This fake wedding will include local vendors who will provide tips and insight into how to plan your Spring wedding. If you are planning a wedding or know someone who is, be sure to at-

tend on April 14th at 5 PM to see what our local vendors and venues have to offer. Food and drinks will be provided. For additional information, please visit www.thehackneywarehouse.com.

Don't miss the Chamber's Business After Hours at Mountain Top Furniture on April 18th from 5-7 PM. In addition to free food and raffle prizes, live music will be provided by Buck & Oz. The Business of the Quarter for the beginning of 2019, will be awarded that evening as well.

Come out and network with other business owners and check out the latest trends in indoor and outdoor furniture and décor just in time for Spring weather.

Mountain Top Furniture is located at 3733 Murphy Highway. To check out their wide inventory, you can find them at www.mtntopfurniture.com or give them a call at 706-745-9410.

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angered God because the man had failed to protect his village. So, God sent a bolt of lightning which killed the bird. The lightning was so strong it also killed the sentry and exploded part of the cliff face.

When viewed from the east Standing Indian Mountain looks like the face of the sentry who was supposedly guarding the village at Hayesville from the Giant Bird.

I don't know if the story is true or not. However, there are mountains around our area where primitive forts have been found and there is no explanation of why they were built. There is such a fort on Fort Mountain above Chatsworth and there is another on Fort Mountain in the Owl Town area of Union County. You can still see the foundations of the walls and the rooms of the fort on the mountain in Owl Town.

I have heard the Spanish built these forts or maybe the English. I know of one person which found a cannon ball close to this place in Owl Town. After the way the Spanish had treated other tribes while they were making their way north through Georgia maybe they decided to build a fort here and protected it with cannons. Some have said that the forts could've even been built by the Cherokee to protect the gold in this land from outside intruders. This is doubtful to me because the Native Americans didn't seem to value gold as much as the colonists and later the Americans. I have no idea who built these forts. But, the ancient stories of Cherokee or maybe the ones before them built forts and created bald on mountains to protect themselves from giant predatory birds.

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If you know someone that abuses prescription opiates or heroin, it is important to know how to recognize the signs and symptoms of Overdose: The face is extremely pale and/or clammy to the touch; The body is limp; Fingernails or lips have a blue or purple cast; The person is vomiting or making gurgling noises; The person cannot be awakened from sleep or cannot speak; Breathing is very slow or stopped; The heartbeat is very slow or stopped.

If you recognize these symptoms, time is critical. Call

911 immediately. If you have Naloxone, which is medication that reverses an opioid overdose, administer as soon as you recognize signs of an overdose. For more information about what to do in the event of an overdose, SAMHSA.GOV has a complete guide for family members that gives simple and clear instructions as well as treatment options.

This is information that none of us want to know but knowing the facts can be a matter of life and death for the person abusing opiates.

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times she would win a round, and sometimes death would land a blow that would put her in the emergency room of the hospital.

On more than one of these visits, Dr. Gowder saved her life to fight another day. For that, I will be eternally grateful for Dr. Gowder, a skilled medical professional who saved lives.

And while I cannot condone illegal activities from anyone, whether they be thieves or doctors, when I hear of such misdeeds, I always wonder about "the rest of the story," as Paul Harvey used to say.

What drives a person to commit crimes and/or cause harm to his fellow man? Greed or an unknown mental condition on a chemical imbalance? Perhaps a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde syndrome? We may never know.

A federal judge will decide Dr. Gowder's fate and we will all read about it in this newspaper, but in spite of whatever involvement Dr. Gowder had with this crime, I will always remember and be thankful for the man that once saved my wife's life.

Sincerely,
John Q. Adams III

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oped the grassroots network and leadership to keep the programs alive well into the future. The Fire Adapted Communities program is as one of our members put it, "a way of life and an attitude" and is a never-ending process that will continue to grow and evolve as long as people live in the WUI. Fire Adapted is an umbrella encompassing all agencies and groups responsible for preventing, suppressing, and preparing for the eventual wildfire that WILL happen one day in our communities.

The Towns County Firewise Citizen's Coalition consists of six citizens and three agency representatives, all dedicated to wild land-fire safety and public education. The citizens represent various communities, businesses, and institutions in the county. Members of the Towns County Firewise Coalition are Michael Courey, Ann Atchison, Judy Potter, Jim Roberts, Benda Hunt, Harold Copeland, Towns Fire Chief, and Tony Harkins, Georgia Forestry Commission Chief Ranger, Towns, Union, & Fannin counties. Supporting the coalition is an ex-officio group providing technical expertise, resources and funds as needed.

The Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council has been awarded several grants

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We are fascinated with the night sky because we sense there is more to reality than we see or comprehend. We are attracted to the beauty of light amidst deep darkness. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life" (John 8:12). Follow that Light and you will know the mystery beyond the stars.

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pesticides have a mode of action. The mode of action is the specific way that a pest is killed by the pesticide. If you use the same mode of action over and over, eventually you will have resistance to it. Rotating modes of action means that you keep switching things up on the pest, and so they will be less likely to become resistant. Pesticides have made it simple tell which mode of action you're using by creating a number system. Each mode of action has its own number associated with it. If you rotate the numbers, you'll rotate the modes of action.

Pesticide resistance is something that anyone who uses pesticides needs to be aware of. Some pesticides are going to be more susceptible to resistance than others are. Some pests are going to be more susceptible to resistance. If you have any questions about pesticide resistance, contact your local Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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systems which will alert the dispatch center if any component of the system is having an issue. There is a double redundancy built into the hardware to ensure no interruption in services and technical support will be available to troubleshoot any issues.

The Union County E911 Communications Center is a vital part of the emergency services and serves as a communication hub for multiple agencies. We are proud to have such dedicated employees and this upgrade of equipment.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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the one driving that car... A phone call asking for our help on a work day at church? What if Jesus were the one doing the asking... How easy it is, Lord, to forget to treat others as if we were treating you in that manner. Help us, Lord, to never forget to see you in the faces of those around us.

Jane Hughes

Free AARP tax preparation

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offering a free in-person tax preparation service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 7 Ewing Street, Blue Ridge, GA every Friday from February 1 - April 12, 2019, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call or text (706) 455-8023 for an appointment. Walk-ins welcome, first come, first serve.

on Firewise, Fire Adapted, or Ready-Set-Go! Contact the FAC Coalition at [\[fireadapted@gmail.com\]\(mailto:fireadapted@gmail.com\) or \[www.appcofac.org\]\(http://www.appcofac.org\)](http://www.towns-</p>
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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: Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Club	Every Wednesday: The Griddle	Noon
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday: Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Shape Note Music	Third Monday of each month: Old Courthouse	6:30 p.m.
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 p.m.
Allegheny Lodge #114	Masonic Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 p.m.
UC Homemakers	Third Tuesday of each month: Dooley Chapter	Noon
Healthy Hearts Support	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 p.m.
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
American Legion, Aux	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 p.m.
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 p.m.
Quilts of Valor	Third Wednesday of each month: Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 a.m.
GA Mtn. Writers Club	Grinds & Glazes (G&G)	10 a.m.
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 p.m.
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	So. Bank & Trust	7 p.m.
MMQG	Third Thursday of each month: Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 p.m.
Good N'bers Auto	Rib Country, Murphy	6:30 p.m.
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi	Civic Center	7 p.m.
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 p.m.
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 p.m.
No activities listed	Third Friday of each month:	
UC Republican Party	Civic Center	10 a.m.
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 a.m.