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### plans and make comments?

A. The plans will be on display on the GDOT website, [www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach](http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach), for ten more days. You can access this information and make comments by following the below steps:

1. Go to the website listed above. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click Go;
2. Then select 122900 Young Harris Bypass;

3. Lastly, click Comment and follow the instructions to leave your comments.

### Q. Does the county have a copy of the construction plans for SR 515?

A. These are layout plans and not construction plans, however they do show how each property is impacted. We have a set you can look at in my office in the courthouse. We also have a copy of the GDOT handout with some additional information.

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friends. A very talented inventor who studied the way birds flew and wondered, "why couldn't a man fly like a bird." He received the patent on September 1, 1874 for his invention. The purpose of his invention, "navigating the air", as he liked to refer to it, was conceptualized and patented 29 years prior to the Wright Brother's famous First Flight. A model of his invention is on display at Old Union County Courthouse along with a wealth of information about the History of Union County. A special thank you to Union County Historical Society for all that you do to preserve the history of Union County and your involvement in the Chamber and the Community.

The remaining time of this episode, was spent with Darren Harper, Program Director of the Downtown Development Authority in Blairsville and Cathy Wheeler, co-owner of The Vacuum Store. They shared valuable information about a program that may not be as familiar to people; Volunteer Blairsville. Volunteer Blairsville was a project that was completed through the Chamber's Leadership Union Program of 2016. The idea is simple; to connect volunteers and organizations. We have a very giving community and a lot of people want to donate their time and tal-

ents to help non-profits and other organizations. On the flip side, these entities are almost always looking for volunteers to help with special projects, programs or events. This allows them to connect and help organizations find the volunteers that they need and give people in the community a way to reach out and find out how they can help. Volunteer Blairsville has a Facebook page which is utilized on a regular basis for organizations to reach out and request help from volunteers in the community.

For more information about Volunteer Blairsville, visit the Chamber website at [VisitBlairsvilleGa.com](http://VisitBlairsvilleGa.com) under the Community heading, select Volunteer. Thank you to Sylvia, Darren, and Cathy for appearing on this episode of the Chamber Connection.

The Chamber Connection airs on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m., 5 and 8 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Windstream Channel 4.

The next Business After Hours/Business of the Quarter will be Thursday, April 20. Thanks to Southern Bank and Trust for sponsoring and hosting the event. We are proud to be honoring Corrugated Replacements, Inc as Business of the Quarter! The event will be from 5:30-7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

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become very old for a dog. So, one day the family acquired a Rat Terrier, named Job, which turned into very good squirrel dog. Daddy said, "Early, one June day we found the den of a ground hog and Papa began digging out the critter. After digging a little ways the ground hog was spotted. But, before Bowser could be called Dad begged Papa to let Job have a go at the varmit.

Papa laughed at the thought of that spectacle. He said, "Are you sure you want to see Job get whooped by a ground hog?" Dad told him Job could lick any critter there was. So, Job was called and the little dog jumped into the hole

with great enthusiasm. Almost immediately the ground hog jumped all over the little terrier. That's all it took, the young pup jumped from the hole and ran to and hid under the house yelping at the top of his lungs". Papa laughed and called Bowser. Slowly but surely Bowser walked to the hole and dispatched the ground hog with one bite.

The little dog refused to come out from under the house until the next day. Every now and then it would let out the most pitiful howl you had ever heard. Job went on to become a good squirrel dog. But, you could not get him close to a ground hog after that day.

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years ago. The Quest study found a 47% increase in marijuana positivity.

While the jump in marijuana use probably doesn't surprise anyone considering the political climate these days, you might be shocked to hear that tests positive for heroin jumped 146%. There are two things you should know about this number. First, even with that kind of jump, heroin accounts for less than one-tenth of one-percent of the positive drug tests. Experts say the increase in heroin use can be directly tied to the crackdown on

prescription drug abuse.

What do these numbers and statistics mean in the real world? They mean employers are struggling to find workers who can pass a drug test! This costs employers in several ways. It can take weeks to find someone who is qualified for the job and can pass the test.

Companies can find themselves chronically understaffed, which often means having to turn down work. The hiring process takes time and resources, which are all lost when a candidate fails the test after getting a job offer.

The drug-using public is getting wise to the testing; cheating has increased, as well as the headaches for HR departments. But if you are thinking drug testing isn't worth the trouble, just imagine what kind of applicants will walk through your door once you become known as a company that doesn't test.

According to data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 10.6 percent of full-time employees and 13.2 percent of part-time employees age 18 or older reported using illicit drugs within the past month. Self-reported drug-use rates are nearly twice as high at companies with fewer than 10 employees, versus companies with 500 or more employees.

## Mattee...

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to early April and the fruit is a dark purple-black. It is native to our zone and the foliage turns a brick red in the fall. Recommended varieties include "Cumulus," "Prince Charles," and "Snowcloud." Amelanchier canadensis is different from A. laevis and A. arborea because it has an upright habit, with stems growing closely together. It is native to bogs, swamps and wetlands from Maine to South Carolina and usually bloom a week later than A. arborea. The fruit is jet black and the fall color is typically yellow and gold, but depending on the summer weather, may be a deep rust color. Recommended cultivars are "Rainbow Pillar," "Spring Glory," and "Tradition."

Many other varieties of this beautiful tree are available, though too numerous to list here. For more information on additional cultivars and serviceberry care, contact the extension office.

## Fowler ...

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15:13-17).

To dismiss the physical, bodily resurrection of Jesus as only a "spiritual" resurrection is to remove the power and meaning from the gospel truth. It also ignores the ample evidence that it actually happened as described in the Bible.

Christians will gather on Easter Sunday around the world to celebrate our Resurrected Savior! We are not "still in our sins" and we have the hope of our own resurrection to eternal life. That historic truth is witnessed by the empty tomb.

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amount. They ask citizens and business owners to donate what they can to assist the stations in serving their community. The continued support from the citizens, the business owners and the community is greatly appreciated by the department.

So, when you receive a letter from your volunteer fire stations, we ask that you read it to stay informed. We also ask you come to the open house of the fire stations. But most important, we ask that you please make a donation to your local volunteer fire station.

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tactic. Trump is not the devil, and he is not Jesus. You want some real change? Don't look to a person or a party. Look to God.

Jessica Brumit

## Combs...

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be patient, but neither will the Holy Spirit place it on a silver platter and offer it to you as a gift. Patience comes through suffering and testing of our faith. Some folks get saved, but never mature in their faith. They remain like babes never growing in their faith. I read of a pastor on a Sunday morning who made the statement that he believed there were more babies in the church service then there were in the nursery downstairs. The pastor said he didn't get many laughs from his congregation.

Lastly James speaks of wisdom, that if we lack wisdom regarding an issue, we need to go to God in prayer. Many folks have knowledge, but they do not have any practical sense, like the fellow I was playing with one day on the golf course and a storm was coming and he ask me what should we do. Common sense is like deodorant. The folks who need it the most, never use it. Wisdom is to know how to act under certain testing, of trials, or when problems arise. Turn to God for He will freely give you what you need, then you can walk in faith whatever comes your way. Amen  
**Frank F. Combs**

### Union County Recreation Art-Tastic Program 2017 Youth Art-Tastic Program Ages: 4-6

Allow your young one to be able to explore their artistic side! This program is designed for children, ages 4-6. Children will meet twice a week for six weeks and participate in Arts and Crafts. One day a week is designed for painting exploration and the second day is creative design crafts. We will meet in the recreation room at the Recreation Office twice a week from April 25-June 2. Sessions will be led by the new Program and Start Smart Director.

Session One Registration begins on April 4, 2017 and ends April 14, 2017 at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn Street).

Registration must be done in person due to cap on participants per session!

## UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	<b>Every Monday:</b> Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
	<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	
Tri State Bus. Women	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	<b>Every Wednesday:</b>	
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
	<b>Every Thursday:</b>	
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	<b>Third Monday of each month:</b>	
Shape Note Music	Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Allegheny Lodge #114	Masonic Lodge	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 pm
	<b>Third Tuesday of each month:</b>	
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon
Healthy Hearts Support	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 pm
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
American Legion, Aux	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 pm
	<b>Third Wednesday of each month:</b>	
Quilts of Valor	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am
GA Mtn. Writers Club	Grinds & Glazes (G&G)	10 am
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	So. Bank & Trust	7 pm
	<b>Third Thursday of each month:</b>	
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
Good N'bors Auto	Rib Country, Murphy	6:30 pm
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
	<b>Third Friday of each month:</b>	
No activities listed		
	<b>Third Saturday of each month:</b>	
UC Republican Party	Civic Center	10 am
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 am