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featuring farm tools from a bygone era. The Reece Farm provides an excellent education about not only the life of Appalachian writer, Byron Herbert Reece, but a wonderful snapshot of farming in the late 1800s in this region. The farm has also become a popular outdoor wedding venue. Entrance into the farm is free, so take some time this spring to enjoy nature while learning about the history of our beautiful mountain region.

Everyone is invited to our first Business After Hours for the year on April 18 from 5-7 p.m. at Mountain Top Furniture. Join us for food, live music, and raffle prizes while networking with other business owners in our community.

Mountain Top Furniture is located at 3733 Murphy Highway in Blairsville.

On April 24 at 2 p.m., the Chamber is honored to be able to recognize the tremendous accomplishment made by Blue Ridge Mountain EMC and Georgia Power of running fiber optic cable to the top of Blood Mountain. We'd be delighted for you to join us for the Neels Gap Fiber Dedication at Mountain Crossings. For more information, please visit the Chamber website at visitblairsvillega.com.

I hope everyone will have a chance to go out and enjoy this warmer weather and that you will have time to visit with family and friends this Easter. Have a blessed Easter!

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had a nice electric submersible pump installed in it. However, the house still lacked facilities. So, the family still used the ancient out house which was located behind and off to the east side of the house. Directly in front of the house the lawn was flat and about 30 yards long.

Later the next day the weather had cleared and we boys wanted to play football. We divided teams and had been playing about 30 minutes. Charles was the quarterback on our team and he instructed me to run a fly pattern toward the old outhouse. I did. But my short, fat legs just could not catch up to the ball and it landed about 10 yards in front of me. The ball had actually landed and then bounced and

hit the door of the outhouse. Unknown to me was the fact that Vernon's sister had gone into the outhouse to use the facilities.

So, I ran to the outhouse and as I picked up the football I noticed the big knothole in the door of the outhouse. As I peered into the knothole in the door I couldn't help but notice the "girl" sitting there in the outhouse. I didn't know what to do. But I did know the look on that girl's face said, "If you tell anyone about this I'll kill you." So, I panicked and ran. I tossed the ball to Vernon and said, "I've got chickens to feed." And this is the first time I have told anyone about the girl in the outhouse. I hope she don't read this story.

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future wildfire risk or current post-fire impacts.

The Towns County Citizens Firewise Coalition has plans for an event in front of Hiawassee Hardware on May 4th so come out and participate and see what these citizens are planning to help you make your community and home safer from an out-of-control wildfire. There will be all sorts of activities in Hiawassee that day, with Smokey himself over-seeing the activities. He will be 75 in August, but his message is still loud and clear, "Only You can prevent Wildfires!" Since most wildfires are human caused, he is right, and we can make a difference with a little effort to reduce the risks that we take for granted all around us every day. Things such as leaves and pine needles on our roofs or in our gutters or under our decks all of which are tender fuel waiting for a spark to ignite into a

damaging fire.

There will be Towns Fire Rescue first responders and EMS there with their trucks and equipment for you to see and talk to the people who are there with you in a fire or medical emergency. Come on by the Hardware on May 4 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to hear the fire message to remind you how easy it is to prevent a wildfire. Bring the kids, because if we can train our youth about wildfire, then when they become adults they will already know what to do to reduce wildfire risk where they live and we won't have to train them when they become adults.

I have talked about Fire Adapted Communities many times and this is what it is all about, training ourselves and our children how to reduce the risk of wildfire in our communities by changing our habits to reduce our chances of losing all our stuff to a fire. Help the Towns County Firewise Citizen's Coalition help you become Firewise.

For more information on Firewise or any of our wildfire education programs, call your local fire station, Georgia Forestry Commission, U.S. Forest Service, or The Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council.

For more information on Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council and the programs we provide, email info.crcd@gmail.com, or visit one of our websites, www.chestchattrcd.org and www.appcofac.org

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poet that made Union County proud. His story is happy and sad, and if you haven't visited the farm you and your family are missing out on a Union County jewel.

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He said, "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

The question is, what are you journeying toward? You may never hike the Way or the AT, but your yearnings move you toward some horizon. It's worth noting that every human is created in the image of God, with yearnings that can only be fulfilled in Him. Jesus beckons, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). Journey toward Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He Is Risen!

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tall. This will keep bushes at a more manageable height.

Blueberries aren't bothered by many insects or diseases. However, one disease to look out for is mummy berry. It will cause berries to shrivel up and drop. The berries that drop carry the pathogen over to the next year. Therefore, it's important to keep the space beneath your bushes sanitary. Remove any old berries, wood, and leaves. Placing thick mulch around the base of plants will help prevent the disease from spreading as well. Captan is an effective fungicide at controlling mummy berry if it's sprayed at bud break and first flower.

If you have questions about growing blueberries contact your local Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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cial life. Supervise their online activities, monitor their spending and do not be afraid to drop in and check on your child if they are away from home.

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Innovation and Carbon Dividend Bill, HR763" and asked readers to "study these proposals thoroughly," which I did. I beg you do the same. It is the biggest load of regulatory bull I've ever seen. Please read it! The "Citizens' Climate Lobby," whoever they are, claims it will produce 2.1 million jobs. That could be right just to administer the law.

I'll explain the real evidence another time.

Chris Crawford

25th Anniversary Dinner & Auction



The Relay For Life Team of the First United Methodist Church invites you to our 25th Anniversary Dinner & Silent Auction on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the MAC. The tickets are \$20 a person and include an Hawaiian-themed dinner, a silent auction and great entertainment to kickoff this year's Relay for Life! We will only be selling 240 tickets, so get yours early. Please see any Relay Team Member for tickets, or contact Glenda Taylor at 706-781-7528 or Ingrid Engle at 561-358-6199. We hope to see you there!

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who was willing to come and go to the Cross, heaven would not be an option.

Folks, the Cross of Christ made the difference between heaven and hell, and also to be reconciled back to our heavenly Father, that whosoever accepts His free gift of salvation could spend eternity with Christ in glory. The Bible is clear of what one must do to inherit the kingdom of God. All must believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and if one doesn't believe in it, then it is meaningless and foolish to them. Why spend your whole

life wondering and pondering about the Cross, for the Bible also says in John 14:6—Jesus is speaking: I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father in heaven, except through Me.

Folks, I am only the messenger sent from God to show you the way to heaven, not hell. Please take a moment after you read this article and ponder the question: "The Cross" made the difference. May it make a difference in your choice of places to go when death calls out your name!

Frank F. Combs

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A stone will always be a stone, never amounting to anything. Lost people can become saved people by God's grace, can become children of God. A stone will always be exactly what it is meant to be — a stone, doing nothing and going no place. God can and does remove stones and mountains.

Let's have a "revival" revival, to revive our hearts, get connected to the "power line." Faith without power will never remove a mountain or a stone, or transform a lost soul.

Bringing the apple tree writing back to mind, I have been fed some tasty spiritual food from the apple tree just below my home. I call the tree the Ralph tree, since he has gone on to Heaven. His friends still pass by his trees and reach for an apple along their way, enjoying the taste of God's power. The trees do not bear apples in the winter months. Now springtime, they have been trimmed, just waiting their time. They are planning a "revival" soon. They are waiting and expecting, not all at once, but as the power comes. Even the trees know God is working in their lives, same as ours. Their roots are grounded deep within the good soil. When the power comes, so will the buds. They will be filled with power. Next comes a tree full of white

snowballs — blooms! though they are snowball Heaven in my view. Next, the fruit of the (vine) tree. Little green apples first, kind of the saying of the sour grapes the Bible speaks about. Next, by the connection of the power, big red apples, and sometimes yellow ones.

We need to see and feel the power of the Holy Spirit. I am thankful for the picture I see and enjoy from my own front door daily. Lord Jesus, help us to connect to your power and receive the power for revival, a spiritual revival, sent by our Father in Heaven.

It is springtime, and I am expecting a harvest. Are you?

Irene Porter, Suches

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is greatly appreciated by the dedicated volunteers and the department.

So, when you receive a letter from your volunteer fire station, 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.

Union County Fire Department ~ Our Family Protecting Your Family ~

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.
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.
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
Blue Ridge Comm.	Fourth Monday of each month: McCaysville Lodge	7:30 p.m.
Compassionate Friends	Fourth Tuesday of each month: 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.
No activities listed	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
Cruisers Club Meeting	Fourth Thursday of each month: Sr. Center pavilion	6 p.m.
UT Homebuilders	YH College	7 p.m.
Eastern Star #471	Fourth Friday of each month: Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
Youngeane Lodge #597	Fourth Saturday of each month: Lodge Hall	7:30 p.m.