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complex dedicated to the small kids. Currently, if your child plays T-Ball, Coaches Pitch or 8 and under baseball, they have to move all the bases, utilize temporary fences and shrink larger ball fields down to their size. That alone is not a problem, but time and space is. Our ball fields at Meeks Park are becoming more crowded and we hope that this measure will extend the useful life of keeping all the remaining ballfields at Meeks Park for several years to come. Plus, we can keep all the smaller kids in one area at the new complex. We hope there will also be room for a young

kids soccer/football field.

Q. Are there other future uses of the property and the new access road at the Farmers Market?

A. Yes and it is safety. The Jenkins family has two acres along the highway adjacent to this road entrance. This property is on the market for commercial business development and will be much more desired and safer for the public with the new access road. In addition, the county still has about 10 acres with Hwy 515 frontage near the new Sears store, which we are still developing plans for.

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the wind leave Veto's lungs when he hit the ground. When Dad and Junior quit laughing, they walked around the bank to the thicket and searched for Veto. All they found were some pieces of clothing and blood stains. The boys followed the blood stains back to the road and then down the road toward Phil Campbell. So, they walked back to the car and drove slowly down the road to Phil Campbell. Dad said they expected any minute to come across Veto but never did. Pretty soon,

the blood trail disappeared, and Dad began to worry. However, someone must have picked up Veto, because Dad and Junior drove back to the Pool Hall in Phil Campbell and found Veto laying on a pool table. Glenn Cummings was on top of Veto with a big pair of side cutter pliers pulling out 1 inch long thorns from the backside of Veto. The boys had a big laugh at the expense of Veto.

They did become good friends, and to this day, they are still speaking to each other.

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business wanting to participate or to be a sponsor, call (706) 994-6233. For those seeking new employment opportunities, visit the Job Fair on June 13th at the North Georgia Tech College from 12 pm - 4 pm.

Booths for the Buy Local Extravaganza on June 20th are going fast, so call the Chamber today to get your choice of locations. This is a great chance to showcase your business and to network with other local business owners. This event is free for the public to attend and there will be a raffle for a fabulous gift basket full of incredible items from our local businesses! Tickets for the gift basket will be sold at the door

and proceeds will go towards the 4th of July Fireworks display at Meeks Park.

We still have Red, White & Blairsville T-shirts available in limited sizes and quantities. You can check out the t-shirts at United Community Bank every Friday until July 4th, or you can stop by the Chamber to pick one up. We would like to thank the bank and other local merchants for helping sell the t-shirts and raffle tickets for our "Ultimate Tailgate Package" worth over \$1,000. Come by the Chamber Office and see the package on display in the lobby. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the Fireworks display.

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also increase the water holding capacity of soil. There is not a lot of scientific research out on biochar, but a lot of anecdotal evidence says that it is beneficial for soil and can improve the water holding capacity of soil.

If you have a pond, you'll want to pay special attention to the fish during dry times. Ponds will dry up, exposing more shoreline and reducing the pond volume. Less volume means that you can't hold as many fish, so some extra harvesting may be nec-

essary. Weed growth in ponds will also increase, because the water level is lower so sunlight is able to penetrate to the bottom of the pond in more spots. Higher temperatures also means less oxygen in the water for fish to breathe. An aerator may be necessary to get oxygen back into the pond to prevent a fish kill.

If you have questions about the impact that dry conditions may have, contact your local Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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78-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can soar to between 100 and 120 degrees in just minutes, and on a 90-degree day, the interior can reach as high as 160 degrees in less than 10 minutes. Despite your good intentions, cracked windows will decrease that amount by fewer than 5 degrees. Remember, dogs can cool themselves only by panting and by sweating through their paw pads. Your animal can suffer brain damage or even die from heatstroke in less than 15 minutes. Please leave him or her home!

We've asked the local police department what citizens should do if they see a dog in a parked car. The Blairsville Chief of Police suggests that

you request help in locating the owner from the management of the business you're visiting. If that doesn't help, call 911. Give them a clear description of the vehicle and where it is. Wait by the car until the police arrive. In our experience, that doesn't take long. Then let the police take it from there.

The best solution, though, is for all of us to remember that no matter how much we enjoy our pets' company and they ours, in the summer they should be left at home and not in a hot car, even with the windows cracked, even for just a few minutes. Don't risk your dog's life. Please leave your pets at home!

Ruth Shannon

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duce high amounts of CBD, it is THC that is produced at very different levels. Hemp contains 0.3% of THC while marijuana can contain more than 30% THC. Simply put, due to the low concentration of THC, using hemp or hemp-derived products will not cause intoxication.

The Agriculture Act of 2018 (A.K.A. The 2018 Farm Bill), legalized Hemp and reclassified it from a Schedule I controlled substance to an agricultural product. Marijuana is still considered a controlled substance and is federally illegal under the controlled substance act. CBD oil can be derived from both hemp and marijuana, but the 2018 Farm Bill explicitly applies to hemp or hemp derived products. CBD oil manufactured from marijuana is under the regulation of the Food and Drug Administration as a controlled substance. The Drug Enforcement Agency considers CBD derived from marijuana a Schedule I controlled substance, however hemp derived CBD is not regulated and considered legal.

If you are wondering why all this matter, let me explain. CBD has great potential as an alternative treatment for chronic health conditions, but

it is not without risk. Consumers should research brands, standards and the country of origin before using any CBD product.

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After World War II, the GI Bill provided educational opportunities for the returning soldiers. Because there are so many job openings and not enough qualified and trained employees to fill them, the State of Georgia should do its part to save lives and train our Veterans to fill these positions.

The State of Georgia has state-sponsored Technical Schools and Colleges. Veterans should have their first year of training tuition free and have a state-regulated discount for the remainder of and to the conclusion of their training. The initial cost for this program is cost neutral, as the resources to put this program into effect are already in place. The state will benefit from this program by the taxes paid when the Veteran starts earning income from a well paying job. And of course another benefit is that this program will also save lives!

Chuck Luca

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and playing with our tractors. Local farmers need a place to sell their crops and this is where our local farmer's markets provide the place to sell what they grow so they can try to recoup some of their investment.

Farmers Markets are a throwback to earlier days when our ancestors had to grow their own food and then they would bring what they did not use to town to sell to the community. Today Farmers Markets are gaining popularity across the country from the metro cities to the most rural of our towns. Local Farmers Markets have become popular community events that are drawing people together on Saturday mornings and other days of the week all over the country.

These markets give us a place to meet and greet our neighbors and take-home local grown produce that is much better for us and a lot tastier than those products that are grown somewhere far away. Buying local also keeps our money in the community and helps turn us back toward at least a partial self-sustaining lifestyle. It is a lot more rewarding to plant and harvest our own gardens or buy the local grown vegetables than it is to drive to the grocery store to buy stuff that we have no clue as to where it came from, how it was grown, what it has been treated with, how long it has been since it was harvested or what dread disease we might get by eating it.

Each generation that passes moves further away from the days when our ancestors had to grow their food or go hungry and now most of our children have no clue as to where their food comes from except the grocery store.

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about Him; He has revealed Himself. He has declared truth that does not change; religious whims of the day notwithstanding. He is hope for the widowed, comfort for the grieving, and love for the lonely. He is a friend to the traveler, the forger of the repentant, and the anchor for your soul. The one who practices truth has come "to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God" (John 3:21). By faith in Jesus you have a purposeful and eternal life. That, God hath wrought.

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plane went down in the ocean, never to be found. Our hearts are full of gratitude and of tears as well, as we once again bring our prayers forward to all families who have lost family members in wartime. May our God of love and grace rest in your hearts and bring you peace in times of sorrow. Amen.

Judi Combs

Mountain Shelter membership meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Humane Society's Mountain Shelter will be held Tuesday, June 25, at 5:30 in the Community Room of United Community Bank in Blairsville.

All members are invited to attend.

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



June 15, 2019

In memory of

Paula Paris Johnson
Birthday

by Ginger and Terry Meeks

June 17, 2019

In loving memory of

Lori Michelle Nuce
by Mom, Dad,

Bette Lou and Maryann
Forever in our hearts and memories.

June 19, 2019

In memory of

Bill Meeks Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

In memory of

Maurice Farabee
who passed away on

May 29, 2019
Union County
Historical Society

Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493

markets and support your local farmers, it's good for us and good for the community.

For more information on Locally Grown, Farmers Markets, contact us at: info.ccrd@gmail.com

The State of Georgia is blessed to have many thriving community farmer's markets scattered all over the state. The Georgia Department of Agriculture oversees these community farmer's markets and administers nine State Farmers Markets which form the network for sales of fruits and vegetables throughout Georgia and the Southeast. These state facilities maintain a viable market for Georgia farmers and farm products in the communities where they are located. The large State Farmers Markets are responsible for over one billion dollars in sales each year. Most local farmer's markets are often operated by non-profits or local governments and serve their local communities and surrounding areas.

In our area, Union County has a state-of-the-art farmers market with a new canning plant that is growing rapidly, Hayesville has a market on the square, and Towns County has its Farmers Market located next to the county beach north of Hiwassee. Come out on Saturday mornings and see what the local farmers have to offer or grow your own and come out and sell it.

Visit your local farmer's

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The Praise & Preparedness Partnership Program offers three ways to build upon these traditional roles. The first is facility safety. Conduct a facility safety assessment and complete or update the emergency plan for all the congregational buildings. Second is congregational safety by encouraging members of the congregation to develop family emergency plans. Third is expanded ministries where congregations can explore new opportunities to become involved in community emergency disaster relief efforts.

After attending the Church Security and Safety seminar, participants are more informed on how to plan and prepare for any man-made or natural disasters.

For more information about Praise and Preparedness visit www.praise.ga.gov or contact Union County EMA at 706-439-6091.

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