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Q. Are there other properties available along Highway 515?

A. We are aware of three parcels. Two are asking \$700,000 for commercial sites and one other is asking \$500,000. These are all in the one-acre range, so we feel very comfortable that we received a more than fair price for 13 acres.

Q. Is it true that the Tax Assessors Office had this property valued at \$12,000 per acre and you are paying \$52,000 per acre?

A. Yes, it is true. But it is appraised or assessed as a farm, not commercial property. Georgia law under certain conditions, allows property owners with excess of 10 acres to place their property in a "conservation use covenant" if the property is not being used commercially but only for farming, including trees. One must sign

up their property for this covenant for a 10-year period. It is therefore taxed at a much lower rate since it is valued as farm land. So even though this property had a low assessment, it had absolutely no bearing on the actual commercial value.

Q. Do you know yet what this property will be used for?

A. We will be developing a plan for the use of the property over the next year. However, there are several possibilities that we have in mind related to recreation expansion. Meeks Park is just about full and there are very limited opportunities to expand any of our programs further there. So, as our population grows and especially as we are seeing our recreation programs expanding, we know that we must plan for the future and this property will allow us that opportunity.

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However, some workers disagreed when asked about Collins's idea during a busy late Wednesday afternoon shift change at Pilgrim's Pride Corporation at 920 Queen City Parkway in Gainesville.

"It's not necessary," said James Kirkland, as he walked to the plant's entrance with his wife, Sarah, who also works at Pilgrim's. "It could cause more injuries."

Really, Doug? With all that needs doing, needs correcting, you offer accelerating poultry production?

What happened to the "repealing and replacing" of Obamacare?

What happened to the reworking (simplifying) of the Tax Code?

Why is John Koskinen

still Commissioner of the IRS?

Why doesn't the new Budget (which originates in The House) contain funding for the Border "wall"?

Whatever happened to calls for a "balanced budget"?

Since 1977, the House has met on Capitol Hill for an average of 140.28 days annually.

House members spend 50 percent of their time in their congressional districts talking with constituents, campaigning and fundraising. Their downtime - spending time with family and friends-takes up 17 percent of their time.

The average American worker gets sixteen (16) days of combined vacation and holiday time per year.

George A. Mitchell Blairsville

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We are offering a new opportunity for shoppers during this Buy Local Week; a Buy Local Marketplace! The marketplace is being held in the downstairs conference room of the Union County Community Center located at 129 Union County Recreation Road. The participating businesses will feature a variety of items to purchase-from clothing to jewelry, to makeup and membership in legal services and more! The Marketplace Hours will be from 10am-2pm during Buy Local Week. We would like to thank the following businesses for participating in the Buy Local Marketplace: Roberta L. Ford Mary Kay Ind Beauty Consultant, Premier Designs Jewelry by Alysia Hargus, LegalShield by Jerome & Pam Scruggs, and A. Unique Boutique. Be sure and look for their coupons on the Buy Local Week Coupon Sheet.

In addition to the Marketplace Businesses, we would like to thank the following participating businesses of this Buy Local Week program: our Sponsor Impact Design and Creations, Alexander's Store, Pat's Hallmark Shop, GnG Bakery & Cafe, Cabin Co-

fee of Blairsville, Made with Love Marketplace, Origami Owl - Sharon E Penner, Independent Designer, Bread & Bleu, Lucky Cat Thrift Store, The Sweet Spot Co., From Me 2 U, Paradise Hills Resort & Spa, Habitat for Humanity of Towns/Union County Re Store, Grandaddy Mimm's Distillery & Museum, Pappy's Country Store, Pappy's Fudge Shop, Pappy's Trading Post, Candles By Jean, Monet's Italian Grille & Pizzeria, Dixie Confexions, The Vacuum Store, Essence of Rose, Black & White Antiques, Waffle House, Knitter's Knitch, America's Home Place, Jerae's Unity Alpacas, and Pam's Back to Nature, Health, Wellness & Gift Store.

Residents and guests who are interested in receiving the Flag Wavin' Dollar Savin' Buy Local Week Coupons, can call the Chamber office at 706-745-5789, or log onto our website at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com and request to be added to the e newsletter distribution list. Coupons are also available at the Chamber of Commerce and at participating local businesses. There is no excuse for ever missing another great deal in Union County!

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get high, or starting to inject the drug, are strong indications of an addiction. Once addicted, what may have once been a cheap way to have fun, becomes a necessary habit of function in day-to-day activities.

Signs of a heroin overdose include shallow breathing, dry mouth, tongue discoloration, very small pupils, slow pulse and bluish lips. Symptoms of prolonged heroin use can include severe itchiness, depression and collapsed veins. Other symptoms of heroin addiction include constipation, slurred speech, paranoia, shortness of breath, dry mouth, nausea, and vomiting.

The side effects of heroin use get worse over time. The longer someone uses heroin, the more destruction the drug can wreak on the immune system and internal organs. Prolonged heroin abuse can also lead to heart, lung and liver disease.

Heroin suppresses breathing and heart rates, so there is a high risk of fatal overdose. Even a non-fatal overdose can cause permanent

brain damage or coma.

Due to its physically and psychologically addictive qualities, experimenting with heroin can quickly lead to addiction. People addicted to heroin are often reluctant to seek treatment for their problem. For those in the early stages of their addiction, this may be because they don't feel their drug use has become a problem yet. For those with a severe addiction to heroin, they may have tried stopping several times already and find it impossible to quit.

Withdrawal symptoms for heroin addiction can cause severe physical pain and sometimes occur as quickly as within two hours of the last use. There are also psychological symptoms of heroin withdrawal. These symptoms typically last about one week after the last use of heroin, but residual symptoms may last for several months. Heroin withdrawal often requires the help of a professional treatment center to safely manage the user through the detoxification process before going directly into a treatment program.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings/times

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problem and help others to recover from Alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Blairsville: Mountain Presbyterian Church, 2945 Hwy 76, Monday 8 PM, open meeting Wednesday 7 PM,

open meeting. Saturday 8 AM, open meeting St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Hwy 76 next to Presbyterian Church, Tuesday 7 PM, Ladies Meeting, Wednesday noon, open meeting.

Young Harris: Sharp Memorial Methodist Church on College Campus, Tuesday 7 PM, Men's Meeting, Thursday 7 PM, open meeting.

For more meeting info, call 828-837-4440. NT(06/21/20)CA

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"His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:3-4). How awesome is that?

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You see, my family lived in the Owltown community before I was born.

I know that the first instinct of most hunters in the North Georgia Mountains is to go looking for a mountain lion.

I would advise against this. I'm sure that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division would agree.

You see, if it is a Florida Panther, they are a rare breed of cat. In fact, they are the most endangered mammal on the face of the earth.

It is estimated that only 100-180 of these cats walk the face of the earth.

These cats help keep feral hog numbers in check and deer, raccoon and other prey populations balanced and healthy.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Panthers are habitat generalists, which means they use a variety of habitat types, including forests, prairies and swamps.

They are solitary and territorial animals that travel hundreds of miles within their home ranges. Panthers are mostly active between dusk and dawn, resting during the heat of the day. Males have a home range on average of 200 square miles and females about 75 square miles.

Panthers are usually quiet, but they do communicate through vocalizations that have been described as chirps, peeps, whistles, purrs, moans, screams, growls, and hisses. Females signal their readiness to mate by yowling or caterwauling.

I'm not sure how this big cat got here. Over the years, I've heard rumors that the U.S. Forest Service stocked coyotes, wild hogs and other critters in our neck of the woods.

They flat out won't talk about it, which leaves one to wonder if they've moved this big cat in here to correct the mistakes of stocking coyotes and wild hogs here.

I'm not saying they did or they didn't. However, DNR should work to trap this cat and move - him or her - out of the area.

While these cats are noted for their abilities to keep wild hog populations in check, the threat to small children and domestic pets outweighs the need to keep the wild hog population in check.

After all, this cat has been sighted in residential neighborhoods.

That means it serves no essential service in our community - posing more of a threat than anything else.

We're proud to be the Panthers, but we don't actually need panthers in our ever increasing residential communities.

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Union County Fire Department places a great deal of man-hours and effort into the inspection and maintenance of each hydrant.

With your help, we will be able to locate and utilize the hydrants in a fire emergency.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



In loving memory of
Lori Michelle Nuce
by Mom, Dad, Bette Lou,
and Maryann
Forever in our hearts
and memories

In memory of
Paula Paris Johnson
Birthday
by Ginger and Terry Meeks
June 19, 2017
In memory of
Bill Meeks Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

**Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493**

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the old 1957 Chevy step side pick-up. As they drove down the gravel road they rounded a curve. Mabel's door flew open and dumped her out of the truck onto the road. Granny slammed on the brakes and rushed to Aunt Mabel's side. Granny asked, "Mabel are you okay"? Mabel looked up at Granny and began to rant and rave. She accused Granny of slinging her out of the truck on purpose on account of what had happened about the pocket knife, bell and watch. Granny said, "May Bell, get up from there I am taking you home." And the feud continued for a couple more years.

Later on after the feud

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cides can protect a plant, they cannot reverse or "cure" symptoms. Applying fungicides to plants that have already been infected with a pathogen will only protect new growth from being affected. If a plant is starting to decline or almost dead, chances are that a fungicide application will not help on that plant, but it will prevent it from spreading to other healthy tomatoes. For recommendations on what fungicides are effective against Septoria leaf spot, contact your local extension office.

Union and Towns County Extension will be holding a Master Naturalist Class Wednesdays starting July 26th and ending September 20th at the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center. This is an eight week course that meets once a week and covers wildlife management, tree and insect ID, invasive species, Georgia natural history, and many other topics. Registration fee is \$250 for the entire eight week course. Please call ASAP to register!

portrayed the ascension of Jesus into heaven. It was beautiful. Everyone was so pleased with the painting. Granny was especially proud of Mabel's efforts. She called us in Georgia and said, "You must come home and see Sirendy's painting". Granny called Mabel by different names depending on their relationship at the time.

But, in the end the two women still loved and depended on one another.