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U.S. Forest Service, there are certain steps that must be completed. An environmental study is next on the list. Recently, a live fire sound study was completed, and preliminary results seemed positive, but it is not finalized yet.

Q. Where is the proposed shooting range to be located?

A. The proposed site is located along Highway 180 E about 5 miles from the intersection of the Gainesville Highway (Hwy 19/129 S).

Q. What type and caliber of weapons will be allowed at the shooting range?

A. That is yet to be determined. Pistols and rifles will be allowed but will not include

any extra high caliber weapons. Plus, we have to remember that all studies must be successfully completed before this site can be approved by the USFS.

Q. Who will be in control of the gun range?

A. The permit will be in the name of Union County Government, and we will be primarily responsible. However, the Union County Gun Club will be in charge of the gun range. Again, all details will not be complete until final approval of the property, and then all the remaining details will be worked out. For more information, you can go to the Union County Gun Club Website at www.unioncountyguncub.com.

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family eventually went into their house and lay under the table until the objects stopped falling from the sky. Later, Papa learned they witnessed a very intense meteor shower, but for a time, Papa and Granny just knew they were under attack by Nazi Germany. I had always wondered what the phrase on Alabama's car tags "Stars Fell on Alabama" meant, and now, after hearing that story, I know.

Nowadays, we all think

this story is funny and it couldn't happen to any of us in our modern society. However, I can think back a few years to the year 1999, and many people across the world were worried about what was going to happen to our world with the turn of the new century. Do you remember?

There are many things we do not understand in life, and not understanding or knowing something can make us fearful of the future.

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Civic Center. S.A.F.E., which stands for Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, provides support, advocacy, and emergency shelter for victims of Domestic Abuse, Child Abuse, and Sexual Abuse. The dinner, on November 13, starts at 4 p.m. and ends with Trivia Games. S.A.F.E. provides an invaluable service to our community, so please buy a plate of spaghetti to help them out.

Christmas has come early to the Chamber. Christmas trees are now on-site and will be set-up and ready to decorate by Monday the 19th for The Tour of Trees. This annual event is always a major attraction and viewed by over 3,000 visitors each year. Every inch of the Union County Community Center will be decorated for the season, and you do not want to miss the Gingerbread

House competition this year. I hear it is going to be bigger and better than ever. Call the Chamber office now to reserve your tree or wreath. Make sure that your organization shows their Christmas spirit.

The 18th Annual Mistletoe Market is an indoor arts & crafts show held on November 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and November 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Georgia Technical College, Blairsville campus. Local and regional vendors will be showcasing their handmade creations, including wood crafts, jewelry, pottery and soap, to name a few items. Admission is free, and there will be a light lunch available for purchase.

As always, please visit the Chamber events calendar at VisitBlairsvilleGA.com for upcoming events in our area.

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ected for some time. As the fire front passes, these small embers may ignite incipient fires that spread to the home and then from home to home in a neighborhood.

The Gatlinburg fires last fall were caused by ember showers from the mountains above that rained down on the unprepared city and surrounding areas. These ember showers were caused by the extreme winds and dry conditions that created the perfect storm that consumed a large portion of the city that destroyed more than 2,200 homes and businesses and killed 14 people.

I talked to a firefighter from South Dakota who was deployed to Gatlinburg during the fires, and she said that all the homes in the neighborhood they were assigned to protect were threatened by fire and they had to choose to try to save only those that were savable and safe for the crew. The savable ones were the homes where the owners had taken preventative measures to remove fuel on and around the structures or were built with non-combustible materials.

The most important thing we learned in Firefighter 101 is that safety for the firefighters comes first, and in Gatlinburg, the crews could not put themselves in jeopardy to try to save a home that was a hazard to them or their equipment. Fire engines cost much more than most houses, and firefighters' lives are priceless.

S.A.F.E. needs volunteers

S.A.F.E. (Support in Abusive Family Emergencies): we are in need of volunteers for our Thrift stores and our Shelter! We need help in every area. Thrift store, mentoring, newsletters, childcare, life coaching, transporting, crafting, shelter repair, computer lessons, whatever skills you may have! (All volunteers must submit to a criminal background check and depending upon your area of interest, may be required to obtain fingerprinting at our cost.)

You can make a difference in your community. Our purpose is to help those who have been affected by abuse.

GWRRA meetings

Chapter J of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association meets the third Saturday each month (excluding December) at Daniel's Steakhouse, Hiawassee. Fellowship/food at 11 a.m., meet-

ing at noon. Riders of all motorcycle brands located in the north Georgia area welcomed. We focus on friends, fun, riding safety and knowledge. For more info, contact Dave or Pam Worsham at 828-360-2242. Ride schedule at www.chapterj.gwr-ra.com.

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is a "best practice" that ensures employees are adhering to the requirements of the company's drug-free workplace program.

Supervisor oversight and employee accountability within the workplace are essential to ensure a safe, productive work environment. This includes drug-free workplace programs that require pre-employment and random testing (in states where random testing is allowed).

Lowering hiring standards in reaction to applicant shortages caused by a tight labor market is never a good idea. Changing hiring practices that lead to screening out fewer candidates (such as doing away with pre-employment drug testing, or allowing employees who test positive for so-called "softer drugs" to be hired) will increase the risk that the wrong candidates will be allowed in. These bad hires can cost the company substantial amounts of money.

Substance abusers and addicts often engage in counterproductive behaviors, such as theft and other forms of crime, in the workplace. Their drug abuse can lead to the inability to perform certain key job tasks and place them at risk of damaging company property or injuring themselves, customers, clients and coworkers.

If a company must adjust its hiring practices due to staffing problems in a tight

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to give them a voice, hope and the opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home.

I also extend much thanks to the hundreds of people who worked to put on this event. And a special thanks goes to the dedicated dancers. If you were an attendee, dancer, sponsor, advertiser, worker or donor, you too have joined our effort to fight child abuse and neglect.

With gratitude for our caring community,
Linda D'Angelo
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Executive Director

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ing to be different, with its own unique challenges. Farmers have to be lifelong learners to be able to keep adapting to the change of pest pressures, new commodities, and new technologies out there.

I am very proud of all that our 4-H students accomplished this year, and I'm looking forward to coming back next year and competing again. We'll be looking to push the boundaries even further to see how big we can grow our pumpkins. I'm also thankful for the support that we got from the community. This was a huge success for our first year, and we're looking forward to the next.

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

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to meet ISO standards.

Pre-incident plans are important and helpful to firefighters during an emergency. They equip firefighters with valuable information to assist with handling the emergency and to maintain safety. We would like to thank the businesses for their cooperation and assistance with pre-incident planning.

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ing. "If anyone loves God, he is known by Him" (1 Cor. 8:3). Loving God begins with accepting the truth about Jesus Christ, who loved you first despite your *ahem* details.

So be glad that God knows you. The Bible says, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him" (Matt. 6:8). When you sacrifice and serve, "Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you" (Matt. 6:4). To you, He has revealed Himself as Immanuel, or "God with us." You may never receive a medal of honor or write your name in history, but if the God of the universe loves you, knows you, and is with you, then you matter.

UC Primary Title I Meeting

Join us - Union County Primary Annual Title I Meeting, November 16, 2018, 8:30 or 11:30 a.m.

some cases, it might be better to increase requirements in some areas, such as potential, and lower requirements in oth-

ers (like experience). The goal should be to accelerate the company's ability to hire good employees.

labor market, the goal should not be to lower standards. In