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flu. Then if you do, it will help it to not be as bad. In addition, over time, this shot will even provide more protection year after year.

**Q. Will a high dose flu shot hurt more than a regular shot?**

A. I can tell you that I had one this year and not only did I not even feel the needle when the shot was given, but my shoulder was not the least bit sore. That is no guarantee, but seldom have I ever had a shot that was this painless.

**Q. Where did you get your flu shot?**

A. I got mine where I do every year, at the Union County Health Department, located at 67 Chase Drive here in Blairsville. This is on the Glenn Gooch Bypass next

to the Department of Driver's Services. However, your doctor may also have the high dose flu shot available.

**Q. Why do you get your flu shot at the Health Department instead of at one of the drug stores?**

A. I like to have a shot from someone that gives shots all the time, not just during flu season. Some pharmacies do not carry the "high dose" flu shot and you may have to ask for it specifically instead of just asking for a flu shot. High dose shots are usually available at the Health Department or your doctor's office.

**Q. Is there anything wrong with getting our flu shot from the drug store?**

A. I am sure that if the drug store gives shots, they would be safe.

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ership put two and two together to determine that their guard had been bribed. Before he was arrested Mountain Tom decided to skip out. So, he left the 2nd Mounted Infantry and eventually fell in with some others of his type. The people of North Alabama called these people "bushwhackers."

They weren't Union nor were they Southern. They preyed upon the innocent. And after the war they continued in the same manner.

Mountain Tom Clark robbed banks, trains and payrolls. He also bragged to anyone who would listen, "Nobody will ever run over Tom Clark." He and his gang soon paid a visit to a plantation owned by John Wilson. They tortured him trying to determine where he hid his money. He never provided the information so the men shot him multiple times. The people of North Alabama suffered at the hands of this man and his gang. So, when he was arrested a lynch mob appeared at the jail and drug him from his cell. They hung him from an oak tree in Florence, Alabama. Authorities were

about to bury him in the city cemetery. One man stepped forward and related the phrase which the outlaw had ragged "no one will ever run over Mountain Tom Clark." So, they buried the outlaw in the middle of Tennessee Street across from the city cemetery in Florence, Alabama. Now he is run over thousands of times a day.

After the war Wyatt came home and got as far as a neighbors house.

At the time his wife didn't know whether he was alive or dead. Wyatt sent the neighbor's son to his home with a message. The boy went to the Cummings home and told Gincy, Wyatt's wife, "There is a man down at our house that is offering \$25 for your milk cow."

He explained to Gincy that the man felt it was not proper for him to be in her home without her husband being present. Since Gincy needed the money she went to the neighbor's house to dicker with the man about the price of the cow. Much to her surprise she found her husband whom she had not seen in four years.

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persive ways to make homes safer from wildfire. With a good understanding of wildfire hazards and mitigation strategies, community residents can effectively lower the wildfire risk and losses to their homes, neighborhoods, and natural resources.

NFPA recognizes that the changes needed to reverse the loss trends begins with a rock-solid understanding of the basics of how wildfires ignite structures combined with scientifically proven mitigation actions. This two-day FEMA-funded "Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire" training is based on research and post fire investigations.

These identify the mitigation techniques that are most effective in reducing wildfire damage potential in the home ignition zone (HIZ) – which is the home itself and everything around it within 30 to 100 or maybe 200 feet depending on topography. This training is the only national standardized training that offers factual solutions and action strategies regarding modern wildfire mitigation.

For more details on Firewise and ways to reduce the risk of wildfire around your home, contact: Frank Riley, Executive Director, Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D at info.cccrd@gmail.com.

**Please sponsor a Foster Child for Christmas**



As former CASA volunteers who created the non-profit "Foster Children's Christmas Program," we are excited to begin our 18th year of providing Christmas presents for the Foster Children of Towns and Union counties.

With your help in sponsoring a child and purchasing gifts from their wish list, or if you prefer, making a monetary donation, we can make their Christmas wishes come true.

As a "sponsor" you will be mailed a wish list which includes details about the child – boy or girl, their age, clothing size and their "Christmas wishes."

Call to sponsor a foster child or make an inquiry: Pat Elliott: (706) 896-3749 or Richard Paolillo (706) 745-1190.

If you choose to make a monetary donation, you can make checks payable to: "The Foster Children's Christmas Program" and mail to: Pat Elliott, 514 Buck Run, Hiawassee, GA 30546 or deposit directly into the fund at Park Sterling Bank in Blairsville or Hiawassee, GA.

All donations go directly to purchase gifts for the children.

On behalf of the children in foster care, thank you for your generosity!

And may each of you have a blessed Holiday Season.

Towns & Union Foster Children's Christmas Program, Inc., is a non-profit 501(c)3 charity.

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on display throughout the entire month of December. It is a great way to advertise your business or organization as we had over 1,200 visitors to the Community Center throughout the month of December last year!

We will also have the Gingerbread Village again this year during Holly Jolly Christmas which is being held Saturday, December 9th from 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Union County Community Center. There is no fee to participate in the Ginger-

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Him to go away? Be careful what you ask for.

Jesus didn't go away when Peter asked. But later, Peter did not repeat the request

when he witnessed the majesty, honor, and glory of Jesus (2 Pet. 1:16-17). By faith, Peter drew near to God. Peter is smart. Be like Peter.

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trees. English hollies have very distinctive leaves which have white variegated margins. The native range of the Yaupon holly is from New York to central Florida, and west all the way to Texas. In our area, it typically grows into a small to moderate sized evergreen tree up to fifteen feet tall and as large as ten feet wide. New growth is purple and turns green throughout the summer.

If you are looking for a smaller option, Japanese hollies are shrubs that typically have spineless leaves and black fruit. They average three to five feet and because they form thick hedges, they are a great alternative to boxwoods. Many different cultivars are available: Helleri is compact and grows up to four feet, Convexa has dark green leaves and produces many berries, Hetzii is a dwarf form of Convexa, and Roundleaf is a small male bush that does not produce any berries.

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Woodrow's grave. He paid special attention to make sure Woodrow's final resting place was well manicured.

It was those times that daddy would share stories about he and Woodrow fishing in Coosa Creek and leading Uncle Harlan along and making sure he caught a fish.

There also were the tales of Robert, Woodrow and Harlan cooling off watermelons in Coosa Creek to help ease a hot summer day.

I remember the heartache that my daddy experienced as he stood over Woodrow's grave.

He anguished over the thoughts of what life would have been like had both survived World War II.

Robert Duncan spent more time thinking about Woodrow on his birthday (Dec. 16), than he did thinking about himself.

Woodrow, according to Daddy, was on the list of Granny Duncan's favorite nephews.

He was like a third son in the eyes of Granny Duncan, Daddy's momma.

Every one of our nation's heroes has a unique -- and often painful -- story. Veterans Day is a time to honor those whose service and stories we will never forget: men and women who may still be living with, or struggling through, the long-term effects of war.

Woodrow, today, the North Georgia News remembers you.

**Farm Bill expands accesstoaffordable land**

Lyons, Nebraska - On Wednesday, Nov. 8, the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Opportunity Act was introduced in Congress by Reps. Tim Walz (D-Minnesota) and Jeff Fortenberry (R-Nebraska).

The bill is to ensure the 2018 farm bill focuses on the future of American agriculture by driving investment toward programs and policies that create opportunities for the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

The Center for Rural Affairs understands the challenges beginning farmers and ranchers face, and has endorsed the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Opportunity Act.

According to Anna Johnson, Center policy program associate, the average age of today's farmer is 58 years old.

Over the course of the next five years (the duration of the next farm bill), nearly 100 million acres of farmland are predicted to change hands.

"While some retiring farmers and ranchers will pass their land and operations to their children or other relatives, many are heading toward retirement without a succession plan in place," Johnson said. "And, beginning farmers taking over lack guidance. We need to support policies that ensure they have the necessary tools and resources to be successful."

The bill expands beginning farmer and rancher access to affordable land; empowers producers with the skills needed to succeed in today's agricultural economy; ensures equitable access to financial capital and federal crop insurance; and encourages commitment to conservation and land stewardship.

"We stand with the congressional sponsors of this legislation in supporting beginning farmers and ranchers," said Johnson.

"The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Opportunity Act should be included in the 2018 farm bill."

bread Village and it is a lot of fun to see what you can create! The Gingerbread Houses will be displayed in the Community Center from Dec. 9th through the 31st.

If you are interested in participating in the Gingerbread Village, give us a call at the Chamber office at (706) 745-5789. People's choice winners will be voted on for the trees, wreaths, and gingerbread houses and awarded at our Holly Jolly Christmas event. Winners will be announced in each category.

We would like to say a special thank you to our spon-

sors Union General Hospital, Inc and Union General Wellness Center for helping to make these events a great success each year. We appreciate your continued support of the Chamber. We would also like to thank Southern Polyurethanes, Inc. They generously gave of their time and resources to paint the cars for the Mayor's Christmas Train! Thank you Barry and Andy Kives and your staff. You did a phenomenal job! For information about upcoming Holiday Events in our community go to our website at Visit-BlairsvilleGa.com.

**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	Cabin Coffee	8 am
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30
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>	
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	<b>Fourth Monday of each month:</b>	
Blue Ridge Comm.	McCaysville Lodge	7:30 pm
	<b>Fourth Tuesday of each month:</b>	
Compassionate Friends	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Dead Theologians Soc.	Cabin Coffee	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30 pm
VFW Post #7394	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
	<b>Fourth Wednesday of each month:</b>	
No activities listed		
	<b>Fourth Thursday of each month:</b>	
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 pm
UT Homebuilders	YH College	7 pm
	<b>Fourth Friday of each month</b>	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 pm
	<b>Fourth Saturday of each month:</b>	
Youngcane Lodge #597	Lodge Hall	7:30 pm