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ning and budgeting. We feel this a very beneficial service that we can provide the citizens and taxpayers. If the county or hospital were to suffer negative financial conditions, or if the cost of the service were to dramatically increase, we would not be able to continue the coverage. For now, we are pleased to be able to provide this service through Air Methods and appreciate their continuing to work with us.

**Q. Can I decide to use the membership to be trans-**

## ported to another hospital in the helicopter versus being transported by ambulance?

A. No. The hospital and doctors determine if it is medically necessary for a patient to be transported by helicopter or by ambulance to another hospital. The helicopter is reserved for life and death emergencies and is utilized when a patient needs to get to a different facility as fast as absolutely possible. The membership with Air Methods only covers medically necessary flights.

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ic and scream. The pallbearers came to the rescue and got the body placed back into the coffin allowing the service to resume. Afterwards, Milo explained that each time he conducts a funeral for this family something similar happens.

Later my father became a minister, and late in his career he went to a church in southeastern Tennessee. He soon became friends with a minister up on the Cumberland Plateau. This fellow asked Dad to go with him to a see a man which had been bitten by a big rattlesnake. Dad and the old preacher went way back in the woods over close to Tracy City. They drove down a gravel road for many miles and eventually came to the house to which they were going. They pulled into the yard and noticed eight to 10 vehicles parked around the home. They were escorted into the house where they found an old man laying in bed surrounded by five to six of his sons and a few daughters.

The old man asked the old Preacher to pray for him. He bowed his head and said, "Father, thank you for the opportunity of talking with this foul sinner and his sons. Lord, you will remember I asked you to send a snake to bite this man and you did. Thank you Lord for sending the snake because I can now talk to him about Jesus." Dad told me later that he just knew that man's sons were going to hog tie and skin

him and the old preacher. But, the opposite happened. That old man and all of his sons accepted Jesus and joined the old Preacher's congregation.

A few years later Dad and Mom were at a new church close to Dunlap, Tennessee. Dad heard about a man that was lost and needed the Lord. So, he and Mom went to visit this man and his family. They drove way back in the woods on a one-lane road. After a few miles they rounded a curve and came upon a man in the middle of the road. Dad stopped and rolled down his window. This fellow asked Dad what he needed. Dad explained that he needed to visit old man Jones so he could invite him to his church. This fellow grinned and said, "We appreciate you coming up here to invite us to church. But, you can't come in here on Tuesday afternoons. Would you mind coming back on Wednesday or Thursday?"

Dad and Mom did go back a couple of days later. They visited with the man and his whole family came to know the Lord. The man gave up his moonshine making. They even showed Dad the still in a storm cellar underneath the garden. The revenuers would come looking for the still and walked across the top of it each time. It was never found.

God did what the government couldn't. He shut down an illegal whiskey making operation.

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in the same environment that many of us did.

Have you registered for the Chamber's Dress with Style fashion event yet? This year's show will feature six different local merchants who can't wait to share with you their ideas for the upcoming holiday season. The event takes place on November 13 from 12 - 1 p.m. and includes lunch and dessert. Register online today!

Our monthly mingle is taking place on November 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will feature Amy McCombs who will be discussing the GA Best Program as well as the Southern Highland Employer Committee for their Workforce Challenges Symposium. This event is free, and lunch will be provided, but availability is limited, so register today by calling (706) 745-5789 or visit us online at visitblairsvillega.com.

Finally, if you have not reserved your tree or wreath for our "Tour of Trees" display, be sure to call the Chamber today. It is estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 visitors will view your custom decorated tree—and you may win the prize for Fan Favorite! So, give Sheila a call at the Chamber, and start making plans for your tree. We can't wait to see them all on display from December 1 - 31.

Our festive Holly Jolly Christmas event with Santa will take place on December 7, which is also when we will vote for our favorite Gingerbread creation for the Gingerbread Competition. Christmas is a wonderful time of year to spend in Blairsville, and we hope you will join us in celebrating with the rest of the community during the holiday season.

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This is a quick overview of facts that you need. Synthetic drugs are available at some local convenience stores, vape shops and tobacco shops. There are synthetic versions of marijuana, stimulants, opiates and hallucinogens. They are sold under many different names and can be ingested in many ways. These synthetics can be smoked, vaped, taken in pill form or eaten. These products are not regulated and have been proven to contain chemicals that are harmful and, in some cases, lethal.

The purchase of these products has the same age restriction as tobacco products. Legally a person must be 18 or older, however, this restriction has not proven to be effective

in keeping these products away from the adolescent and teen population.

If you suspect someone in your life is using drugs and you want to have a drug test to prove your suspicions, synthetics will not show positive on most over the counter drug screens. There are screens that are specifically made to detect synthetics and the most reliable results are drug screens that are sent to a toxicology lab.

The accessibility and difficulty identifying synthetic drugs creates a perfect storm for communities. Due to the lack of regulations on manufacturing these products, health risk associated with use are extremely high for anyone who chooses to experiment with them.

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tion when planning activities. Broadly defined to address national challenges, these guidelines can be tailored to meet local and regional needs. Meeting the challenges requires priorities.

Safe and effective response to wildfires is the highest priority of the National Strategy and includes enhancing wildfire response preparedness with an emphasis on both structural protection and wildfire prevention to maximize the effectiveness of initial response.

The second priority is vegetation and fuels management and is perhaps the most challenging issue. General guidance in this area includes designing and prioritizing fuel treatments; strategically placing fuel treatments; increasing use of wildland fire for meeting resource objectives; and continuing and expanding the use of all methods to improve the resiliency of our forests and rangelands.

The third priority involves engaging homeowners and communities in taking proactive action prior to wildfires.

The fourth priority includes emphasizing programs and activities, tailored to meet identified local needs, which seek to prevent human-caused ignitions.

Cohesive Strategy vision for the next century: To safely

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in a culture increasingly hostile to people of faith. But to ignore Jesus' claims for that reason is to suffer as a cynic, and a hostage to the fear of shame. The mistake cynics make about Jesus is not realizing that the benefits of faith far outweigh the cost.

We could have told the proprietor that we didn't care if our check was right and refuse to pay. But we aren't cynics. [mountainchristian@brmemc.net](mailto:mountainchristian@brmemc.net)

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rid of them? If they are inside a simple method is to just vacuum them up and then throw them in the trash. Sealing cracks around doors or windows is a good way to keep them from entering in the first place. Ladybugs are small, so they can use a crack that's 1/8th of an inch. There are ladybug traps that use black light to attract them. These can be effective at capturing ones that have already entered, especially if you use it in a dark space, like a closet or attic. If you have a serious infestation, it's best to call a pest control company.

Ladybugs can be a nuisance inside the house, but remember that they are beneficial to farmers and gardeners. If you have questions about ladybugs contact your County Extension Office or email me at [Jacob.Williams@uga.edu](mailto:Jacob.Williams@uga.edu).

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that there are working smoke alarms in the home and that everyone knows the home escape plan. For more information on smoke alarms and home fire escape plans, please contact the department.

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earth, but only the truth shall set one free from the bondage of Satan's deceiving and cunning lies that will send millions of souls to hell on God's judgment day. I have said this before and I repeat it again. God Almighty is going to judge the unrighteous who have rejected His truth. I leave you with a verse in II Thessalonians 2:12 that tells the truth of God's spoken word: (That they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.) God cannot lie. It is not in His nature, for He is a pure and holy righteous God of love.

**Frank F. Combs**

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form the foundation for achieving the vision for the future of wildland fire management.

For more info go to: <https://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/strategy>.

## Energy Assistance funds for 2019

Ninth District Opportunity Energy Assistance Program. A one-time payment will be made to the home energy supplier on behalf of eligible households. Eligibility for the program is based on the income of everyone living in the home (please see income chart below for maximum annual income per household size). All eligible households must be responsible for their home heating bill.

Income guidelines for 2019 by Household Size/Annual Gross Income: 1 - \$23,776; 2 - \$31,092; 3 - \$38,408; 4 - \$45,724; 5 - \$53,040; 6 - \$60,356; 7 - \$61,727.

Elderly/Homebound Household ONLY: November 1, 2019. \*All applicants must be age 65 or older - or - completely unable to leave the home due to health reasons

General Public: December 2, 2019.

When applying for assistance, the applicant will provide: Social Security Number verification for everyone in the home. Citizen Verification for the Applicant (photo ID). Verification of all household income for the past 30 days. Most recent home heating AND electric bill.

Towns and Union County call 855-636-3108. Must have an appointment!

For more information, visit us online at [www.ndo.org](http://www.ndo.org).