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for easier and more efficient road clearing.

Q. Did the road crews have difficulty keeping up with such a large amount of snow falling in such a short period of time?

A. In this case, when the snow was heavy, with large flakes and when it continued to come down, hour upon hour, the roads went from clear to covered with snow between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m., and the storm was on. While it caught many off guard early Friday morning, the fact that the temperature had been above freezing prior to the snow starting and even though the road surfaces were covered with snow, it was easier for us to scrape because early on, it was not frozen to the roads and allowed the scrape blades to

penetrate through the snow and keep the roads in fairly good condition.

Q. Were the roads easy to scrape the entire duration of the snow?

A. No. Once the temperatures dropped and the snow that was already on the ground froze overnight, it was much more difficult to scrape on Saturday and Sunday. However, we were generally able to use small gravel for traction enhancement, and less salt was needed.

Q. Are most of our snowstorms wet snow?

A. Historically for many years, we rarely had dry snow. However, the past few years, most of our snow has been dry because it has been colder snow with colder temperatures.

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experienced the peace and joy in my life that can only come from Christ.

Life has not been without problems, but Jesus has been with me in the struggles.

So, what about you? God wishes good for your life and is for you.

Please know God offers you the greatest Christmas

blessing of all - "Let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life." (Revelation 22:17).

Merry Christmas to you!

If you have any questions about this or want more information, please email me at Jerrysamson123@gmail.com.

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taining traces of active ingredients from unsafe prescription medications, some of which were pulled off the market or not adequately tested in clinical trials.

The FDA says some of the products' ingredients include cardiovascular medicine, anti-seizure drugs, blood pressure medication and antidepressants. The regulator says these products - including ones claiming to contain only natural ingredients - can contain elements that are not related to weight loss. Compounds in these products can have dangerous interactions with common prescription medications.

The FDA says it has received numerous reports of harm related to weight loss supplements including hypertension (high blood pressure), heart palpitations, stroke, seizures and death.

The FTC has won multi-million dollar fines against some weight loss manufacturers for false advertising, and offering "free trials" that resulted in repeated and unwanted charges on customers' credit cards.

Some of these products' ads contain endorsements sup-

posedly from news organizations and magazines such as *Men's Health* and *Good Housekeeping*. In addition, some of the marketing claims celebrities such as Jennifer Aniston, Paula Deen and Dr. Oz have used the supplements, however, the regulator alleges the celebrities never endorsed the products.

The so-called "miracle" weight loss products are heavily advertised on websites and social media, and use testimonials that claim the supplements can help users lose 23 pounds in five weeks without changes in diet or exercise. The FTC says some of these products' ads falsely claim dramatic weight loss results supported by clinical studies.

Weight loss requires burning more calories than are consumed, and that translates into a healthier diet and exercise.

There are legitimate medical treatments and prescription medications to promote weight loss that are overseen by physicians. Before buying any supplements or starting a new exercise regimen, consult your doctor.

A message from Dr. John Kay

Yeshua the shepherd leaned lightly on his staff, winds of winter caressed his throat, showering his body with earthen chaff.

He stared with starstruck wonder into the dawning light, the echo of angel voices no longer a source of fright.

Lately returned from Bethlehem where in a humble cattle shed, he and his fellow watchmen saw a maiden, a man, a manger bed.

Remembered they a herald sent, a messenger from God on high, recalling a promise told of old of a messiah drawing nigh.

The virgin's name was Mary, with Joseph at her side, the stable place a refuge, a safe place to abide.

A baby slept in the cradle crude, nearby stood friendly beasts; instinctively the shepherds knew that God had come to the lost and least.

Now back upon their hillside home where first they heard the angels' song, and learned of one whose lowly birth fulfilled the hope of ages long, the shepherds vowed to tell the tale and spread the word to all around of one who brings both light and life to those by sin and darkness bound.

Yeshua the shepherd, whose name the child would bear, was keen of all his kinsman the saving news to share.

First by word, then loving deeds, he made the message known to men and women and children too with seeds of love so freely sown.

To us the word is given by shepherds of countless sheep, the word of grace each Christmastide the prophet's promise still to keep.

With Yeshua the savior and Yeshua the shepherd too, we join our voices in joyful song the angel's message to renew.

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Dr. Fred Rayfield, Commissioner Lamar Paris, Mayor Jim Conley, Darren Harper, Mitch Griggs and Kathryn Nelson. We would like to welcome Daniel Liberatore to the Board of Directors, who will begin serving Jan. 1st as Kathryn Nelson has completed her term of service on the Board.

Thank you, Kathryn, for all your hard work through the years. I know you will be missed.

I would also like to say a special thank you to the Chamber Ambassador Team: Chair-Alysia Hargus, Pam Scruggs, Jerome Scruggs, Adam Born, Roberta Ford, Sharon Penner,

Laura Ward, Kim Madren, Deanna Myers, Missy Mashburn, Ginny Gurley, Kimberly Miller, Margie Porter, Paula Pendleton, R.L. Key, and Rebecca Mathis. Thank you for going above and beyond to help in any way that you can. We appreciate your support for the Chamber and the community.

As I am winding down my time at the Chamber, I wanted to say again what an honor and privilege it has been to serve in this capacity.

It has been truly humbling to receive so many calls, emails, and in person visits from so many of you over the past few weeks. I am grateful to

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For a bacterial test, all faucet attachments, such as nozzles and aerators, must be removed and the neck of the faucet itself must

be sterilized using a very specific procedure and container.

For more information on water testing, please contact your extension office to receive our "Testing for Water Quality" publication.

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ing and Thurman was a good hunter. Granny's brother-in-law, Oscar Harris, was poor by standards in that day and time. The family did not own a gun. They couldn't afford one. But, that didn't stop his son, Thurman, from being a good hunter. Dad said, "I watched him run down a rabbit and catch it with his hands." But, what he was really good at was taking game with a flip. Today, people call it a "sling shot."

Dad said, "All the men folk took to the hollers and woods around Turkey Creek in search of a mess of squirrels. Papa and our uncles carried their shotguns or .22 caliber rifles. Thurman carried his flip. One of the older men chuckled at Thurman and made a snide remark about the flip. Thurman only smiled."

According to Dad his cousin had a sharp eye. He could spot the squirrel and shoot it before any of the men could raise their gun. When the hunt was over he had 10 squirrels and the rest of the men had only 12 among them. The family went home and prepared a big pot of squirrel dumplings for supper.

Remember, Dad and his younger brother were no more than 10 at the time. Their cousin was a hero in their eyes. So, when they asked him about the type of ammunition he used with his flip he grinned and pulled a steel ball bearing from his pants pocket. The young man worked as a machinist. When he replaced ball bearings with new ones he was able to keep the old ones. Later in the fall Dad and Uncle Bud each received a hand-carved, hickory flip. It had two straps of rubber inner tube tied to each

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Our need for rescue, help, and healing, as well as love, generosity, and second chances will always exist.

In these times, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The Lord of hosts is with us" (Psa. 46:1,7). His identity is revealed as "The heavens are telling of the glory of God, and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands" (Psa. 19:1).

This same God Most High loves the most vulnerable. "Permit the children to come to Me; for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14). Our history is His story.

As His storybook of 2017 closes, may it tell how you have come to love your Creator and your neighbor as God has purposed for you.

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suitable donor is easy.

It's a no pressure call to Leanne, a registered nurse at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. For those interested in being considered for the donor program, call (404) 605-4605.

In talking with MiLan, she's confident that there is a match out there somewhere. She's confident that God will make sure that she gets a new kidney.

She lays in bed at night hoping and dreaming of a day when she's not subjected to dialysis any longer.

Almost a decade has gone by since she became a dialysis regular.

She keeps the faith that a Christmas Miracle is still within reach.

She prays that her quest for a donor kidney comes to complete fruition.

The *North Georgia News* prays that MiLan receives her Christmas Miracle and that the Angels in Heaven point her to the person that will satisfy her desire to lead a healthy, normal and active life for the rest of her days.

have had the opportunity to get to know so many people working in this position and have enjoyed doing what I can to help

the Members and our amazing community.

I wish all of you a Blessed 2018!

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday: 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
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	8 am
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	Every Wednesday:	
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
	Every Thursday:	
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	First Monday of each month:	
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, Masonic Lodge		6:30 pm
	First Tuesday of each month:	
Brownie Scouts	United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 pm
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 pm
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 pm
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 pm
Enotah Ch. #24 RAM	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
	First Wednesday of each month:	
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	Monet's Rest.	Noon
Better Breathers	UGH Classroom 2nd Fl.	1 pm
	First Thursday of each month:	
Quilts of Valor	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am-2:30 pm
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 am
NAMI Fam. Support	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 pm
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
	First Friday of each month:	
"Nailed" Book Club	G-N-G Bakery	10:30 am
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm