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this week after the snow. If you do live on a county gravel road, it is going to be a little mushy because the roads have been frozen and thawed time after time. If you then add a layer of snow on top, which soaks into the road surface as it melts, you will often have an inch or so of soft dirt or mud on the surface. As the rain stops and traffic packs down the road surface, in most cases the gravel roads will start to harden back up and may even get smoother than before.

Q. Why can't the county just grade and put new gravel on our county gravel road now?

A. The ground is simply too soft to put a motor grader on these roads. There will

also be some small potholes develop that may appear on some parts of roads, especially where the road is fairly flat and level. For those spots that do not clear up, let the Road Dept. know, and they may need to put some gravel on them when they harden and dry some. Just remember that gravel is delivered with a big truck and this time of year, the truck can do more harm than good. Be patient. All our gravel roads have thick bases and while they may be a little soft right now, they will improve. If not, you can call the Road Dept. at 706-439-6062 for assistance. Thanks for your patience throughout the winter weather conditions.

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person was going to be Mom.

So, Mom explained to Myrtle Jean that she was no longer in the country with just a few people. Therefore, she needed to bathe every day and use deodorant. Mom gave her a list of items she could use. Myrtle Jean was appreciative and thanked Mom for her advice. Mom's boss thanked her as well. Later that week Myrtle Jean and Roy came to the house to grill some hot dogs. Also, Dad's longtime friend William Shelnut was there with his wife. At that time my dad and William were not church going people and they enjoyed drinking beer. Roy and Myrtle Jean showed up to the event where upon Roy was offered a beer. Myrtle Jean said, "Oh my Roy don't drink". Dad exclaimed, "Well he had some the other night". Roy's face became red and he sat down on the edge of an armless sofa. He tried to explain that he only drank a little every now and then. William asked, "Roy what about that

six pack you borrowed from me the other day"? Myrtle Jean had endured enough; she drew back her tiny hand and slapped Roy across the face. The impact knocked him off the couch and onto the floor. Then she rolled her eyes in disgust just like Granny did when she heard Roy Heather proclaiming to everyone about his knowledge and virtues. I now understand what Granny was thinking all those years ago.

The Trash to Treasures Sale at the Farmers Market will begin on April 9th. The sale will be held each Thursday and Friday from 8 AM until 1 PM at the Farmers Market the cost of which is \$10/day. For more information please visit our website at UCFarmersMarket.com. And do not forget about vendor signups at the Farmers Market. Last year's vendor sign-up is this week. New vendor sign-up is next week. Come to the Canning Plant Office Monday through Friday, 9 AM until 2 PM. Have a nice week!

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Transportation will be provided to travelers from Blairsville to the Atlanta airport and back. Collette will handle all flight and hotel arrangements as well as luggage transfers between hotels. Fourteen total meals are also included in the tour pricing which starts at \$3,999 per person for double occupancy if you book by April 20, 2015.

Interested travelers can learn more about the tour by attending an upcoming, free

and informational presentation on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Union County Community Center. Please note that this trip is open to the entire community – business owners, families, retirees, etc. For more information about the Canadian Rockies by Train tour and to RSVP for the presentation, please call the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce at 706-745-5789 or email travel@blairsvillechamber.com.

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way through a crisis, and I'll show you authentic community. Living in community is a privilege that we too easily forego. Bonhoeffer urges us to be thankful for what it is, since complaints only "hinder God from letting our fellowship grow according to the measure and riches which are there for us all in Jesus Christ."

So now I ask you, Christian, who are you living your life with? You might be missing out on something.

Endnotes: I believe you will be inspired by one of the recent movies made about Bonhoeffer. I invite response to this article at <https://christophile2u.wordpress.com>.

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call her Friends -to step up to the plate-whether it be to live-trap, help fund vet bills or help babysit someone's pet if their owner had to leave on an emergency.

Tricia is someone you can depend on. We can't count the number of times she called us to live-trap some starving, abandoned cat or dog. Or the tireless hours she spends trying to place animals when there is a waiting list at the Shelter. Believe me, Tricia's job is no 9 to 5 picnic! Rather, it is a 7 day a week, 24 hour a day commitment to her community and the people and animals who reside there.

Tricia is now in the toughest battle of her life-Fighting cancer. We have No doubt she will win this battle. She is a strong, resilient woman. There are so many ways to help Tricia. She always puts her money where her mouth is- so lets all be copycats and do as she does-If you see a stray dog or cat (especially in these fierce winter months) don't drive by-

stop and help it. Be generous through your churches, your charities and support your Humane Society. Nothing would make Tricia happier.

Be a true friend to a woman who is a friend to all living creatures- Start and End your day with a Prayer for her recovery.

*We love you Tricia,
Get Well soon-
Keith and Marcy Clark*

Narcotics Anonymous

A new NA group called "One Is Too Many" has started meeting in Young Harris at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church. Meetings are being held every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. The church is on campus and the meeting entrance is through the back door.

For further questions about Narcotics Anonymous please call the NA Help Line at 706-974-9990. NT(May18,21)CA

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cility in Sverdlovsk, livestock died at a greater distance from the plant compared to human cases.

Which brings me to the dilemma of pesticides and their effect on bees. Depending on the root of the pesticide, it affects bees differently. Contact pesticides are usually sprayed on plants and can kill bees when they crawl over sprayed surfaces of plants or other media. Systemic pesticides, on the other hand, are usually incorporated into the soil or onto seeds and move up into the stem, leaves, nectar, and pollen of plants.

Dust and wettable powder pesticides tend to be more hazardous to bees, usually held responsible for Colony Collapse Disorder. You may not know the name of it, but you've heard some about this syndrome that is characterized by the sudden loss of adult bees from the hive. A governmental report released eight years ago suggested that if colony collapse disorder continues at the current rate, managed honey bees will disappear by 2035.

Are we likely to collapse from these same pesticides? Is the bee the animal sentinel alerting us to our own demise? Or is it a less direct message of the demise of agriculture as we know it? One third of our food

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try now.They'll say this all the while they are wrecking the countryside and paving it over, making it into the very paved-over landscape they claim they came here to escape. At least ISIS is only destroying human creations thousands of years old; while we here are destroying the timeless handiwork of God.

Will Lance

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Regarding the statement "...going through the Pope, bishops, or priests won't cut it..." Jesus prayed for his disciples and: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word" (Jn 17:20). God accomplishes the salvation of man through man. Catholic clergy are servants of the faithful. Christ works through them and through all who proclaim His Gospel in truth and charity.

We Christians have an enemy, and it's not each other. Satan delights in our divisions. Before He died, Christ prayed a heart-rending prayer that we would all be one (Jn 17:9-26). So, let us then work toward that unity, looking for common ground. Where we differ, offer love and respect. And let us not create divisions where none exist, chastising others for beliefs that they do not hold. May God overflow our hearts with love for one another.

Louise Koschler

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in Pennsylvania and a month prior to that in West Virginia. Both resulting in massive fires and an estimated half a million gallons of crude flowed into rivers and streams, including perhaps reaching the Mississippi River. The movement of oil through a pipeline is much, much less dangerous.

The writer's assumption...would have been transported...to the Gulf Coast to be shipped to China and elsewhere is flat out false.

The Natural Resources Defense Council (a left-wing group also against the pipeline) and IHS (a leading global source of information and analytics) concluded without explaining their calculations that approximately 50.7 percent would go overseas and 49.3 would remain in the United States.

Another misleading statement is the pipeline process, "...involves the clearing of thousands of acres of forest..." it's a "pipeline."

Lastly, "Many people were misled by the supposed lure of jobs..." Again, the writer estimated 9,000 full-time jobs, each paying from \$34 to \$40 an hour with thousands of part-time workers. I personally know one person who went up there and is making much more than \$40 an hour.

I fervently believe when all the facts are presented, the congress will override Obama's veto.
Chris Crawford

we'll teleport pollen someday.

We live in a world where a canary can save lives and men can live in outer space for years eating space food. In this region, we thrive on our agricultural practices, using the latest in scientific discoveries and state of the art equipment while still referring to the Farmers Almanac as the agricultural bible. Experience a little bit of both worlds at the Union County Farmers Market this weekend as we celebrate Agriculture Day in Union County.

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this. There will be severe heat waves, massive crop failures, a marked increase in starvation and famine across the world, a marked increase in wildfires, floods, and storms, continued melting of the Greenland and West Antarctic ice fields with resultant sea level rises and flooding of coastal areas and cities, the melting of glaciers around the world that will leave many areas with a loss of the water supply that has supported their agriculture, the spread of more diseases and insect damage of trees due to warmer temperatures, the loss of up to 60% of the species on our earth, mass disruption of populations, severe political

This Saturday's events, beginning at 10 a.m. and open free to the public, will include the Nelson Tractor John Deere Drive Green Event, FFA Blue & Gold Equipment Auction, Sprayer Calibration Clinic, and the Hay Bale Weight Guessing Contest. As a bonus, many of your favorite Union County Farmers Market Vendors will be there with pre-season offerings. Come celebrate the start of Spring 2015 with us at the Market!

turmoil and a high probability of wars around the globe, and a severe loss of financial stability across the globe.

I believe that we have a moral duty to act, and to act now. If we do not act, and the scientists are right, do we want to leave this type of world to future generations? If there was even a 5% chance of this happening, would we be willing to take that chance? What greater moral duty could we have? How can we even consider leaving this type of world to our children and future generations? If the scientists are wrong, what do we really have to lose?

Vernon Dixon

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:		
Children's Story Time	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:		
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 Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Fourth Tuesday of each month:		
Compassionate Friends	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30 pm
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 pm
VFW Post #7394	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
UC Tea Party Patriots	Shawdownland Tabernacle	7 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Fourth Wednesday of each month:		
No activities listed		
Fourth Thursday of each month:		
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 pm
UT Homebuilders	YH College	7 pm
Fourth Friday of each month		
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Fourth Saturday of each month:		
Youngcane Lodge #597	Lodge Hall	7:30 pm