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damage and soft spots, not to mention actual freezing damage in the winter.

Because of the brutal winter weather this year, there are very few roads in the coun-

ty that did not receive some weather damage.

We ask your patience in keeping our roadways repaired in the most cost efficient way possible.

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the Confederate Army. Uncle Billy refused. So, the Home Guard hung Uncle Billy and left him for dead. Soon Uncle Billy's son found him and cut him down. Somehow Uncle Billy lived through the ordeal. A few months later the Home Guard came back and found Uncle Billy still alive and still adamant about not joining the war. Uncle Billy was hung a second time and lived through the hanging again. After the second hanging Uncle Billy lived another 30 years although he always had a crook in his neck.

Uncle Billy became the poster boy for resistance in Winston County. Although the Home Guard was in control most of the men of Winston County enlisted with the north. Wyatt and his brother, Absolom, enlisted with the 2nd Tennessee Mounted Infantry in Savannah, TN. Absolom never came home from the war. He died from dysentery. Wyatt came home to a community torn in half as a result of the war.

The men who hung Uncle Billy were hunted down and killed (in horrid fashion). Other men who sided with the south were tracked all the way

to Oklahoma and killed. Of course all these killings were without judge or jury. Wyatt came home and found his wife and young family struggling. When he saw what had happened to his community he moved his family to western Tennessee and where he lived out his days. However, his oldest son John never forgot Winston and Franklin County and he came home to the mountains of north Alabama in the late 1870s.

As many of you know the Farmers Market will open on June 7th and we have many activities planned for your enjoyment on that day as well as many others. But, before the opening the Strawberry Festival will be held on May 24. I have talked with many of our growers and expect to see locally grown strawberries at the market on that day. For example, we have a new vendor, Dick Mills with 7M Farms who will have plenty of strawberries and many of our other vendors like Freddie Collins, Ray Long and the Long brothers will also have strawberries for sale. Also, we will open the canning plant on May 27th for those of you who wish to can jelly or preserves.

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of a Tractor." I thought it was worth sharing. It has to do with all the myriad of crops we yield in life. Enjoy pondering.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor; Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled; Meanness don't just happen overnight; Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads; Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong; Keep skunks and bankers at a distance; Life is simpler when you plow around the stump; Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you; It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge; You cannot unsay a cruel word; Every path has a few puddles; When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty; The best sermons are lived, not preached; Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway; Don't judge folks by their relatives; Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer; Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second

time; Don't interfere with something that ain't bothering you none; Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance; If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging; Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got; The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning; Always drink upstream from the herd; Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment; Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in; If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.

Our farmers will be out of the fields and at the Market this Saturday, May 24, in order to bring you a sneak preview of their spring crops, as well as the juiciest and sweetest strawberries. Join us this Saturday for our annual Strawberry Jubilee. And mark your calendars. The Union County Farmers Market's grand season opener is Saturday, June 7.

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good for happiness, and good for future generations.

So here are a few easy suggestions to help keep our roadways clean. Keep a trash bag in your car to toss candy wrappers, napkins, and miscellaneous garbage that often ends up on our roads. Consider placing an attractive trashcan in front of your place of business. Visibility and accessibility of trashcans will keep our roads cleaner. Do not toss loose garbage in the back of your truck which can easily blow out. Cover open beds so that garbage does not end up on the roadways. Properly dispose

of household garbage by making regular trips to the transfer station or hiring a pickup service. Lakes, steep banks, or back roads are not appropriate places to dump your garbage. Finally, be willing to pick up stray pieces of trash as you walk through your community.

These small changes can make a big difference. Keeping the roads clean can mean big returns for all of us and county resources put to much better use. Thank you to the many groups and individuals who volunteer their valuable time to clean our roadways.

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potential tax liability for their Social Security benefits. This was not changed, in any way, by the 1993 law. However, of the 18.2 percent already subject to potential taxation, 10.6 percent saw their potential tax liability increase, while the remaining 7.6 percent suffered no change."

Mr. Adams also credited President Carter with granting immigrants SS at age 65 without paying into the system. However, according to the SS Administration: "Neither immigrants nor anyone else is able to collect Social Security benefits without someone paying Social Security payroll taxes into the system." They go on to clarify the apparent confusion on this issue: "The question confuses the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program with Social Security. SSI is a federal welfare program and no contributions, from immigrants or citizens or anyone else, is required for eligibility. Under certain conditions, immigrants can qualify for SSI benefits. The SSI program was an initiative of the Nixon Administration and was signed into law by President Nixon on October 30, 1972."

I did not bother to check Mr. Adams other assertions but what I have pointed out

actually proves his point better than he did ("Parties don't make a difference.") Whereas he attempted to denigrate the Democrats with a lopsided, inaccurate argument, it was both parties that contributed to the taxability of SS benefits for a few. With the advent of the Internet, fact-checking is rather easy and if writers took the time, they could present more factually-based reasoning and stop spreading misinformation.

Jim Fitzgerald

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day, the honor was paid to a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. On behalf of the Keller/Stewart extended families, I would like to extend our gratitude for this great honor shown to our family and all the other families who are so honored.

We extend our appreciation to the staff of the Mountain View Funeral Home for their kindness. Our deep gratitude goes to the Union County Nursing Home CNAs and nurses who cared for Clarena and came to pay their respects. Also, thank you to the members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for the delicious home cooked bereavement luncheon and for the support during this difficult time.

Lena Stewart Saradnik

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become part of His family tree so you can enjoy the fruit of the Tree of Life forever. The Psalmist said, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful... and he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper (Psalm 1:1-3), KJV.

Al-Anon

meetings/times

Blairsville: Mountain Presbyterian Church, 2945 Young Harris Hwy. 76, Wednesday 8 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting. Saint Clare's Episcopal Church, Friday 12 noon Al-anon Group Discussion, open meeting.

Young Harris: Sharp Memorial Methodist Church, Tuesday 12 noon Al-Anon Family Group discussion, open meeting.

Hiawassee: Chatuge Regional Hospital, 110 South Main Street, Sunday 7 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting. Christ the King Church, Monday 7 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Discussion, open meeting.

Al-Anon is open to anyone who has been affected by another person's drinking. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or a friend.

Call 706-835-5827, 706-897-0628 or 828-389-8981. for more information. NT(May21,Z)JCA

Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events

see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com

Wednesday, May 21

1 pm Better Breathers Club - Union General Hospital 2nd Floor
2 pm Friends of Union County Library Mtg. - UC Library Community Room
6 pm Bingo - Haralson Memorial Civic Center

Thursday, May 22

8 am Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting - Cooks Country Kitchen
8 am Trash and Treasures Sale - Union County Farmers Market
12 pm Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565
6 pm Blairsville Cruisers Car Club General Mtg. - www.BlairsvilleCruisers.com
6:30 pm Union County Lions Club Meeting - Steve's Steakhouse, The Cookie Jar
6:30 pm Trivia at The View - Union County Community Center

Friday, May 23

8 am Trash and Treasures Sale - Union County Farmers Market
8 am Friends of Library Trash & Treasure Sale - Haralson Memorial Civic Center
10 am Celebrate Memorial Day 23- 26 at No. GA. Zoo & Farm, Cleveland
6 pm Friday Evening Tapas - Crane Creek Vineyards
6 pm Wine & Swine till 9 - Hightower Creek Vineyards
7 pm Friday Night Concert "Without Pearls" - Old Historic Courthouse

Saturday, May 24

8 am Friends of Library Trash & Treasure Sale - Haralson Memorial Civic Center
8 am CLBC Make a Way with a 5k - Meeks Park
8 am 3rd Annual Strawberry Festival - Union County Farmers Market
10 am Memorial Day Parade - Downtown Blairsville
11 am 2nd Annual Mountain Wine Country Festival - Crane Creek Vineyards
2 pm "Vino and Vibes" @ Hightower Creek Vineyards - 7150 Canaan Dr.
7 pm Ty Bates Live - The Copperhead Lodge Amphitheater

Sunday, May 25

5 pm Poolside with Mike Watson - The Copperhead Lodge

Monday, May 26

9 am Garden Tours - GA Mountain Research & Education Center
12 pm Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Mtg. - Steve's Steakhouse, Cookie Jar Restaurant

6 pm Texas Hold'em Poker - The Lodge at Copperhead

Tuesday, May 27

8 am Tri-State Business Women's Meeting - Blairsville Restaurant

6:30 pm Do You Sing? Join our Sweet Adeline Chorus! - First UMC

Wednesday, May 28

6pm Bingo - Haralson Memorial Civic Center

UNION COUNTY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
	Every Tuesday:	
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	Every Thursday:	
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	Fourth Tuesday of each month:	
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
VFW Post #7394	78 Old Blue Ridge Hwy.	11:30 am
Compassionate Friends	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 pm
	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Fourth Thursday of each month:	
UT Homebuilders	YH College	7 pm
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 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