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is completed and receives a lot of sun, the surface must have gravel dust applied to help prevent bleeding through of the tar. Once it is cured and the loose gravel is swept off after two or three days, it is a very durable surface and has saved the county millions of dollars over the past few years.

Q. What roads received surface treatment paving this year?

A. Each year we try to complete surface treatments on some of the county maintained roads that need it the most. So far this year we have been able to complete surface treatments on 12 roads which are listed below. We also put surface treatment on the new Highway 325 Transfer Station and Meeks Park II.

Surface treated roads are Pleasant Valley Lane; James

Browner Road; Pine Oak Lane; Stonewall Drive; Coker Smith Drive; Holbrooks Road; Rocking Horse Farm Road; Hawks Nest Lane; Seabolt Lane; Dills Road Extension; Tritt Road; Woody Lane.

Q. How many county maintained and how many private roads are in the county?

A. There are 831 county maintained roads, with 249 of those still being gravel. There are 2,233 private roads still in the county.

Q. How many miles of roads do we have in the county?

A. For roads that are county maintained we have 397.64 miles of paved roads, 138.75 miles of gravel roads, and 15.19 miles of surface treatment roads. There are also 474.31 miles of private roads.

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their own dresses which were as pretty as store bought dresses. Each lady was wearing a beautiful, brightly colored hat with an encircling ribbon which was hand tatted.

Dad Baker finally grew weary of the day and stood up which was a signal to Mommy that it was time to go. As he stood Minnie looked up and asked for a ride back toward Ray Mountain. Dad told her that would be fine except all they had was a log truck and the ladies would have to ride in the back. Minnie and her 2 daughters agreed. They walked to the truck and mother and her grandparents started to get in when Minnie asked, "Charlie, I believe I can get into the truck, but, I would be much obliged if you'd help my two daughters. They have been feeling poorly lately and probably can't climb up into the bed of that truck." Dad never cracked a smile and asked "Who is going to help me?" Mother said, " I can remember laughing hysterically until Mommy Baker placed her

gentle hand on my shoulder". Mom thought she was in trouble until the old truck started and began driving down the road. Mom said, "Dad Baker looked at Mommy and both of them began to laugh and they laughed so hard they began to cry".

Mother's first trip to town reminds me of the Saturday mornings at the Farmers Market. This next Saturday will be one that is especially memorable. We have "Johnny Appleseed" coming to the Farmers Market. He will be with us beginning at 10 a. m. So, you can come out to meet him. At 10:30 and again around 11 a.m. Johnny will be at the pavilion next to the food trailer at which time he will tell his story about traveling across our country. After you enjoy his story you can buy a biscuit from Millie and spread some apple butter on it. The first 100 people that visit the canning plant beginning at 11 a.m. will receive a small jar of apple butter prepared by the Union County Canning Plant. See you Saturday!

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Honor2Lead is designed for a variety of business leaders and individuals including small businesses, large corporations, veteran owned businesses, students, faculty and administration, active-duty military, and veterans. Presenters include Dr. John Maxwell (#1 Leadership Expert), Julia Davis (CIO - Aflac), Jay Rogers (CEO - Local Motors), Major Gen. Stayce Harris (Pilot - United Airlines), Lieutenant General James L. Terry (3rd Army Commander), Mary C. Gentile (Director, GVV Curriculum - Babson College), and Leonard A. Schlesinger (Professor of BA - Harvard Business School). If

you know someone who might be interested in attending this event, please share this information with them.

The live global simulcast will take place on Friday, September 25th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The University of North Georgia's Blue Ridge Campus is the nearest host location and has limited seating available at no charge. If you are interested in registering please do so as early as possible by contacting Sandy Ott at sandy.ott@ung.edu or by calling 706-946-5463.

CEUs in General Business will be offered through the University of North Georgia.

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tance on all 9-1-1- calls, they do not have the choice to pick and choose who they will assist or when. These very men and women put their very lives on the line each and everyday, at a very low wage, to make our communities and neighborhoods safe for each everyone of us, small or large, rich or poor, regardless of race, creed, color or mental health state (psychiatric crisis!), "my hat goes off to them."

For me within the last thirty days alone; I've had to make two separate 9-1-1 calls about two completely different situations... both times the Blairsville Police Department handled each 9-1-1- call with "flying colors." They appeared well within a timely response frame, attended to my distress with the upmost respect and professionalism that I have ever experienced or seen. Thank you Assistant Chief "Bear"

Baxter, all the Sheriff and Georgia Probation officers, and most recently, Officer Adam Deyton for your kindness and assistance to me when I needed it. To all our police and local law enforcement officers, may God bless you, may God keep you and yours, and may He shine His face upon you always. In regards,

Susan M. (Case) Ravenhall, RN

P.S. - If anyone else has had, like me, a positive experience with our local Police and Sheriff's Department, take the time to write a thank you. You can address it to: Blairsville Police Department, c/o Assistant Chief Michael J. Baxter, 62 Blue Ridge Street, P.O. Box 307, Blairsville, GA 30512. These "servants of justice" securing the peace in our town; deserve a well deserved "thank you" as in the words of Clint Eastwoods "Dirty Harry", "make their day!" -Peace

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to live out in the vineyards. The vineyard keepers noticed that when Priapus played in the vineyards the birds stayed away from the grapes and the harvest was the best ever. Other farmers decided to make statues that looked like Priapus to use in their vineyards. They painted the figures purple and put a club in one hand to make the statue look more dangerous and a sickle in the other for a good harvest. The Romans effectively copied the Greek custom and when Roman armies went to places like France, Germany, and England they introduced the people who lived there to Priapus scarecrows.

Throughout North America, in order to protect their corn crops, Native American tribes used scarecrows or bird scarers. Most Indian bird scarers were adult men. Here in Georgia, Creek Indian families moved into huts in their corn fields during the growing season. The men would sit on raised wooden platforms and howl and shout if crows or woodchucks came near the corn. You are familiar with the expression "crazy birds"? Seneca Indians, in what is now New York, soaked corn seeds in a poisonous herb mixture that would make the crows fly crazily around the fields and scare away the other birds.

Immigrants who moved to the United States during the 1800s brought with them a variety of ideas for making scarecrows. In Pennsylvania, German farmers built human looking scarecrows called a bootzamon or bogeyman. His body was a wooden cross and his head was a broom or mop top or a cloth bundle stuffed with straw. The bootzamon wore old overalls, a long-sleeved shirt or coat, a worn woolen or straw hat, and a large red handkerchief around his neck. Sometimes a second scarecrow was built to keep the bootzamon company. A bootza-

frau or bogeywife, dressed in a long dress or coat and wearing a sunbonnet on her head, was placed on the opposite end of the field. The bootzamon and bootzafrau guarded cornfields, strawberry patches, and cherry orchards. Hmmm, cherry orchards.

When I relocated here from Florida eighteen years ago, one of the selling factors of my new residence was that fact that the property had a fruit bearing, mature sweet cherry tree. I couldn't wait till the day I could pick the first dark, red sweet fruit. I watched all spring as they blossomed, matured and were starting to ripen. One morning I decided that I could not wait any longer; I must have my first picking. The dogs and I headed out to the north end of the property only to find that the tree that had been laden with fruit the previous afternoon, was now bare. If only I had been apprised of the merits of the bootzamon.

I'm working on my scarecrow for this years competition. I encourage you to do the same. Let's have a scarecrow in every yard. Let's make Blairsville and Union County the epitome of Scarecrow-ville. For more information, visit www.Scarecrow-ville.com or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ScarecrowVille.

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Abraham was born, I am" (Jn. 8:58). They tried to stone him after that one. Same thing happened when he said, "I and the Father are one." They knew he was making the audacious claim to be God (Jn. 10:30,33).

So you might be thinking Jesus had it coming. True, but not because of what he said. He had it coming by his own choice. It was for you. You are real to him, even if he isn't to you. The humbling premise of the Christian gospel is that something is wrong with you, and you need a Savior. There it is, being 'real.' It's not Mr. Trump's job to stomp that real message, that's on us, brothers and sisters. Believe it!

McCay Lodge Bass Tournament

The McCay Lodge Bass Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 26th at Lake Chatuge, Ledford Chapel Ramp, beginning at 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. 100% guaranteed based on 40 boat field. Entry fee is \$80 per boat.


First Place - \$1,000; Second Place - \$700; Third Place - \$500; Fourth Place - \$300; and Fifth Place - \$100. Big Fish - \$200 donated by Blue Ridge Insurance and Smallest Fish - Victory Custom Road donated by David Helton.

This is a fund raising project for the Masonic lodges and McCay Lodge. With the proceeds from this tournament, we help support the children's home and other projects. N(Sep9,Z13)CA

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday:	9 am - 1 pm
Children's Story Time	GMREC (May-Oct)	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Union County Library	Noon
A Course in Miracles	Steve's Steakhouse	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol	UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	Blairsville Airport	7 pm
	United Methodist Ch	
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
Spiritual Living Group	UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	6:30 pm
	Every Thursday:	
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	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
VFW Post #7394	Veteran's Center	6:30 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

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



September 6th
In loving memory of
Samuel P. Clark's Birthday
We all love and miss you.
The Priest, Clark and Sanchez families

September 12th
In memory of
John J. Meeks Anniversary
By Ginger and Terry Meeks

September 17th-23rd
In recognition of U.S. Constitution Week
by Old Unicoi Trail Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution

Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493