

Help make an impact

This week, I hand my column over to the Friends of Tricia Spear. On Valentine's Day, the No Greater LOVE 5K and 1-mile Walk will be held at Meeks Park.

Straight Shooting

Charles Duncan



Trustworthy Source

As he approached the rim, he began to smell the smoke. The terrain and rocks under his feet were a color and texture foreign to his experience.

All Things New

Wayne Fowler



Questions and Answers

Part 1: For the next few weeks we will be doing a series of questions on Union County Codes and Ordinances.

Q. How can I find out what ordinances Union County has? A. You can find our ordinances on our website at www.unioncountyga.gov.

Q & A from Union County Commissioner

Lamar Paris



Now it's our turn. We (Friends of Tricia Spear) are hosting the No Greater LOVE 5K and 1-mile Walk on Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14th at Meeks Park.

This could begin the fictional, fanciful tale of an unfulfilled adventurer. But it could be a true story with witnesses still alive that could authenticate the details.

Q. What exactly is an ordinance? A. In order to perform its various functions, a county governing authority enacts its own legislation, usually in the form of an ordinance.

Q. How do you decide to enact an ordinance? A. We really try NOT to adopt ordinances unless absolutely necessary. Adopting ordinances are hard decisions to make.

Q. How is an ordinance adopted in Union County? A. There is a "first reading" held at a regular county meeting. This is the first public notice.

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Letters to the Editor ...

Food For Thought

Dear Editor, Remember the game hide and seek when we were young kids, one kid would hide his eyes against a tree or the side of a barn and count to 50.



"Oh, no! The highlight of my year is Opening Day!"

Theories

Dear Editor, I am sure that the "Fossil Lady" is a very nice person who means well in all she does for students. But when it comes to "science," most Christians who also believe in factual science.

See Braddy, page 5A

Junior

My father, Paul, was a senior at Phil Campbell High School in the spring of 1956. His cousin, Junior and his good friend, Billy Ray were his lab partners in a chemistry class.

Around The Farm

Mickey Cummings



One day the Chemistry class was conducting laboratory experiment. The experiment was designed to teach students the process whereby alcohol was distilled.

When Billy Ray finally made it to class the experiment had already begun and he wanted to know what was happening.

At this point Mr. Steele came rushing to the boys and demanded to know the reason for their behavior. Junior told Mr. Steele that somehow Billy Ray got the idea the class was making whiskey.

Junior also liked to prank his teachers. Mrs. Underwood was the best loved teacher at Phil Campbell High School.

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An Evening with the STARS

It is with great pleasure that I announce the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce upcoming event, An Evening with the STARS sponsored by Woodmen of the World.

Blairsville - Union County Chamber

Cindy Williams



The Chamber is also proud to be the local sponsor of the STAR Student/Teacher program. At this year's event we will recognize the local STAR students and teachers from Union County High School and Mountain Education Charter.

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Voting

Dear Editor, It seems to me that it is in fashion today to claim your elected official did not follow "the will of the people" when they cast a vote with which you disagree.

Now consider the 50 percent plus 1 or more who did vote for that elected official. I think it would be reasonable to say that some within that group of supporters do not believe the vote with which you disagree was necessarily a bad vote.

So standing up and saying your elected official did not follow the "will of the people" is silly only surpassed by an individual who agrees with their elected official on 99 percent of the issues but runs against them because they disagree with a single vote or on a single issue.

Patrick Malone

Tax rate in question

Dear Editor, There are 159 counties in the State of Georgia. These 84 have lower tax rates than Union County. These 2015 figures are based on the average property taxes for a \$165,000 single family home.

George Mitchell

Separation of church and state

Dear Editor, Last week Don Allen and Georgia Mitchell provided the comics section of the North Georgia News with their absurd, silly comments. Allen, advocating unlimited freedom to carry whatever weapon you like where ever you like.

You are very convincing, Don. You've convinced me that you are abysmally ignorant of the history of WWII in the Pacific. George Mitchell's contribution is his ludicrous opinion that progressive/liberal/Democrat hungry curs want to eliminate Christianity from the US.

Charles Cheves

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