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get the money approved for a \$2 million project and get it completed.

Q. What all was done to improve this intersection?

A. A lot was done. A center turn lane was added and the entrance from Pat Harralson Road was widened with a right turn lane. Then a right turn lane was added to Pat Colwell Road. While we had requested a traffic light, the traffic count did not justify one, so that has been a disappointment to many church goers on Sunday.

However, these changes have made major safety improvements to this section of roadway. There are not near as many accidents along this section of roadway as there use to be and even though we may not remember, having these turn lanes has really helped reduce accidents and congestion.

Q. Don't you think that a traffic light at the Highway 129/ Pat Colwell intersection would make this area safer?

A. That is really a question for GDOT to answer. According to their guidelines, there is not enough accident data or traffic counts to warrant a traffic light. They tell me

that sometimes, if you place a traffic light at an intersection, especially on a rural section of highway, it can sometimes cause more accidents than it prevents. It would definitely make it easier for church traffic to get onto the Murphy Highway. GDOT will reexamine this intersection next year for traffic light consideration.

Q. We can already tell that when the county recently graded the road bank back, it has really improved sight distance, but when will we get a turn lane onto Pat Colwell Road from Highway 129 North?

A. It could be done by the time you read this. GDOT engineers came up to visit the sight with me a couple of months ago. They agreed that if we would handle the sight distance problem, they would try to find a crew to come make a turn lane. They began work there last week and if the weather cooperates, they should have the turn lane paved and working soon.

I want to especially thank GDOT for their assistance to me and the county. It often seems that it takes a long time to make something happen and it often does, but they have definitely been a friend to Union County.

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midst of segregation, the First World War, pre-penicillin and for the majority of Americans, life spent in the shadows of weak candlelight. Yet today, in the midst of the 21st century, there are children, even in our own community, who have not what they need, much less what they want for, as winter approaches.

This time of year, especially, we have the opportunity to raise the bar for those children. Buy a book and write a message of encouragement in the front, and then drop it in the bin in the lobby of Wal-Mart. Visit a thrift store, buy up a \$5 bag of coats and sweaters and tag each one with a note, letting a child know that they are special in this world, then drop it in a local box, collecting clothes for those less fortunate.

In the lobby of G&G there are boxes you can fill for Operation Christmas Child, part of the Samaritans Purse project. Include a kazoo, so a child can make music. Toss in a plastic bracelet with a heart charm so they can be reminded of love. Add a small pocket calendar, and write encouraging notes throughout. Attach a note on a hand mirror and encourage them to practice their beautiful smile, for it is a gift they can give everyone, ev-

eryday, for free. There will be Samaritan Purse boxes accepting small donations set up at the Kris Kringle Market, too. Visit the Union County Farmers Market website (www.ucfarmersmarket.com) for a list of 101 Ideas to include. As Billie wrote, "Rich relations give, crust of bread and such/You can help yourself/But don't take too much/Mama may have, papa may have/But God bless the child that's got his own/That's got his own"

Kris Kringle Market is going to be a delightful time for the children in your life, as well. On Friday night, Dec. 6th we will have Santa hearing their requests, story telling and our wonderful bonfire with free S'mores, where everyone gets to roast their own marshmallows. On Saturday, Dec. 7th, we will have our Kids Tent set up with free holiday craft projects, more from Santa, story telling and our own version of the Polar Express with train rides around the market. There will be live entertainment throughout both days of the Market, as well.

If you would like to volunteer to work at the Kids Tent, helping kids with their crafts or handing out balloons, please call (706) 897-5077 or email us at UCFarmersMarket@gmail.com.

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through it.

Even worse, skin tears and bruises easier as you age. Where you don't have age spots, blots and blemishes on your skin you can see your blood veins.

You can almost tell how fast your blood is circulating. Age proves the saying that "Beauty is only skin deep!"

Some of us who used to be "thick skinned" have suddenly gotten thin skinned emotionally.

Some folks, when they were younger didn't get angry no matter what was said to them. They were very thick skinned.

Not so any longer. Some senior adults can get angry pretty quickly. This week a female about 90 years old got so upset I thought she was going to ram me with her car. She kept motioning for

me to get out of her way so she could park. I had stopped to keep from killing a pedestrian. I wasn't about to get her parking space she might have pulled out an AK-47 and made me jump out of my skin.

I know one thing; the skin has been gone off my teeth for a long time because the ones I have left have all been capped.

Another thing I know is that cold weather and hot showers will make you start shedding what skin you have left.

By now I have gotten under your skin and some you would like to skin me alive.

However, this is Thanksgiving Season and I'm sure most of us have never thanked God for our thick skin.

Thank Him right now.

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Dad held the door allowing Mr. Fitzgivans to enter the interview room and introduced him to Miss Pollardi. Dad shut the door and stood in front of the door. He overheard Mr. Fitzgivans begin the interview. The man asked Miss Pollardi the same questions which Dad had asked. When Dad overheard Miss Pollardi tell Fitzgivans that she was an entertainer Dad grabbed a hold on the door knob and braced his feet against the door jamb. As Miss Pollardi went into her routine he overheard Mr. Fitzgivans say, "Miss Pollardi please don't take off your clothes". Dad soon felt the door knob move and Fitzgivans said, "Let me out of here". Dad held onto the door knob and soon heard "Miss Pollardi, if you will put your clothes back on I will give you this loan." When Dad heard these words he let go of the door and ran to his desk where he acted as if he were on the phone. Soon Fitzgivans was walking through the office red faced and very angry. He looked at Dad and told him to help Miss Pollardi complete the loan process. Mr. Fitzgivans and Dad soon found mutual respect for each other and became close friends. Dad never told him he held the door during the interview process. And yes, Miss

Pollardi paid off her debt to Time Financial.

Please remember the Kris Kringle Christmas Market at the Farmers Market on Dec. 6th - 7th. We will be having appearances by Santa Claus, a desert contest, a Christmas Train for children, a bonfire and Christmas Stories. I hope to see you at the market.

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of Irish coffee, Celtic symbols, or St. Patrick souvenirs. The amount of pride they appear to take in their heritage is admirable. The locals also seemed very grateful for tourism and the positive impact it has on their economy. Through this gratitude, their hospitality shined. Many in our group were offered assistance in navigating the cities and towns simply because we were observed studying a map!

After having experienced international travel this year, I highly encourage those who are able to take the opportunity to experience the world. For me, many things have changed. I am more enlightened and educated as to the cultures and customs of the places I've traveled, and I am inspired to appreciate new things. However, one thing never changes. I am always happy to return to what I consider the most beautiful and perfect place in the world, right here in Union County.

If you would like to be informed of future travel opportunities through the Chamber, please contact our office at 706-745-5789 or me directly at President@BlairsvilleChamber.com. You can see photos from this year's trip on the Chamber's facebook page.

Elliott

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academy was considering removing "So Help Me God," from their oath.

God have mercy and bless America, we need to pray.

Sara Elliott

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com

Wednesday, November 20

10 am The Art of Marc Moss – Blue Ridge
7:30 am Chamber Business Roundtables – U.C. Community Center
11 am Wednesday Drawing Class – Ellen Gerber Art Studio
1:30 pm Misty Mountain Railroad – 16 Misty Mountain Lane
2 pm Friends of Union County Library Meeting – U.C. Library
6 pm Bingo – U.C. Civic Center

Thursday, November 21

8 am Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting-Cook's Country Kitchen
10 am Sisters in Faith – St. Francis of Assisi
12 pm Rotary Club of Union County Meeting – Cadence Bank
3:30 pm Kids Art Classes – Ellen Gerber Art Studio
6:30 pm Woodmen of the World Lodge Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse
6:30 pm Good Neighbors Auto Club – Meeks Park
7 pm Trivia – U.C. Community Center

Friday, November 22

10 am The Art of Marc Moss – Blue Ridge
1:30 pm Misty Mountain Railroad – 16 Misty Mountain Lane

Saturday, November 23

10 am 13th Annual Mistletoe Market and Sugarplum Tea Room – NGTC
11 am Mary Kay - Christmas Open House – Bunker Hill Road
1:30 pm Holiday Open House at Jerae's Unity Alpacas – Henson Road
Misty Mountain Railroad – 16 Misty Mountain Lane

Sunday, November 24

6:30 am 13th Annual Mistletoe Market and Sugarplum Tea Room – NGTC
10:30 am Silver Linings – Online WJUL
12:30 pm Animal Health Forum – Online WJUL
Pat Malone's This Week in Blairsville – Online WJUL

Monday, November 25

1:30 pm Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse
6 pm Misty Mountain Railroad – 16 Misty Mountain Lane
Texas Hold 'em Poker – Lodge at Copperhead

Tuesday, November 26

10 am The Art of Marc Moss – Blue Ridge
8 am Tri-State Business Women's weekly meeting – Blairsville Restaurant
8:30 am Ask The Vet
11 am Holiday Farm/Studio Open House
11:30 am VFW Monthly Meeting
3:30 pm Kids Art Classes - Ellen Gerber Art Studio

Wednesday, November 27

10 am The Art of Marc Moss - Blue Ridge
11 am Holiday Farm/Studio Open House
Pumpkin Bread Day at United Community Bank
11 am Wednesday Drawing Class
1:30 pm Misty Mountain Railroad - 16 Misty Mountain Lane
5 pm Thanksgiving EVE Dinner Buffet @ Brasstown Valley Resort
6 pm Bingo - U.C. Civic Center

UNION COUNTY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Boy Scouts #101	Every Monday: 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	6:30 pm
Sweet Adelines	Every Tuesday: United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Masonic Luncheon	Every Thursday: Cooks Restaurant	11:30 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
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