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the scenic views of the county and cannot be located within 1,000 ft. of a church, public park, public playground, public recreation area, public forest, or cemetery. Billboards are restricted by distance from one another. There is also a setback of 25 ft. from the edge of any roadway.

Q. I have noticed in other counties where trees have been cut to allow for billboards. Can trees be cut in Union County in front of

billboards?

A. No trees can be cut along any right-of-way on any county road before or after locating, placing or erecting a billboard, except where a legal permit has been obtained from the Georgia Department of Transportation. Any billboard permitted in the county adjacent to a state highway MUST be also permitted by the State of Georgia.

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nal 240 acres he and his brother purchased back in the 1930s.

During this time Papa cut timber on a regular basis to put money in his pocket. Many times he would walk back across the farm and crossed Turkey Creek to meet a group cutting cross ties for a railroad. One day while walking home he had to walk an ice covered log across the creek. Half-way across the slick log Papa slipped and fell causing the sharp axe to cut into the back of his neck. His wound was serious and needed stitches. Papa lifted himself from the creek and wrapped a kerchief around his neck. By the time he finished the almost two mile walk home his britches were froze and his shirt was covered in blood.

Granny cleaned the

wound and then poured coal oil (kerosene) over the wound. She sewed up the wound by running long thorns through either side of the cut. The wound was closed after six or seven thorns were inserted through his skin. I don't know if I could endure anything using that kind of process.

Papa was a man, which endured much pain and hardship and yet never lost his enthusiasm for life. I hope we never lose our enthusiasm for our Farmers Market. Last week we met with last year's vendors to discuss policy changes, logistics, days of operation and marketing strategies for 2015. Over the next few weeks we will discuss some of these things in this column. Next week we will discuss the 2015 Farmers Market RSVP Process.

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rate world, I have been an entrepreneur in various business ventures since.

3. What would people reading this be surprised to know about you?

I was an Air Force Captain flying Airborne Alert Missions in B-52s during the Cuban Crisis.

4. What is one of your favorite quotes?

One of my favorite quotes is from Bob Proctor, a mentor of mine. "If you want

to change your life, you got to change your life."

5. If you could choose to stay a certain age forever, what age would it be?

I would choose 29. The reason is that when I was 29 I refused to turn 30. I stayed 29 for 4 years. Even my mother thought I was still 29. What a hoot!

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we be surprised since he was raised an Indonesian Muslim.

"Comics and a comedy, Attorney Cheves?" I don't think so. Obama a traitor, I say, "Yes!" The country at risk is ours - and yours! And America is the last refuge in the world that offers some semblance of justice, honor, personal freedom and a reasonable pursuit of happiness for all of its citizens.

Yes! We have our first African-American president.

It's a shame he is who he is as he shows his narcissistic character, his allegiance to special interest groups and his shameless bigotry toward white, Juedo-Christian, capitalist America. What an untruth when he stated, "I intend to be the President who represents ALL Americans!" He also promised, "Change." And to our detriment there he and his lackeys are succeeding admirably!

Richard Y. Fiser

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governing authority. All funds must be directed toward road and bridge improvements. Under the proposed Act, loss of a SPLOST sales tax on gasoline will create a problem with budgets for county, city, and schools.

Question: with present discretion by local governing county and city authorities to use SPLOST funds for road and bridge improvements if they so choose, why do we even need a 3 or 6 cents per gallon excise gas tax? I'm sure tax weary citizens would

be glad to get some tax relief. And as one regular letter writer makes mention, the school system could tighten the belt a little also.

This Transportation Act has the smell of the TSPLOST Act from several years ago, with even less input from those who would pay for this, the voter. Yep, every time the General Assembly meets, hold on to your pocket book and find out who gets exempted by special privilege.

Mike Sims

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Maypop or Purple Passionflower (*Passiflora incarnata*); Blackhaw Viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*). I'm familiar with all of these with the exception of the Maypop and the Blackhaw.

I'm quite enraptured with the fragrance and distinctive taste of the Black Walnut. They grow relatively prolifically here, yet they generally sell at our Farmers Market for \$20 a pound, shelled. My limited memory of Economics 101 suggests this defies the laws of supply and demand. It's not that these walnuts are in short supply, but that it takes numerous man-hours to shell the truly evasive meats. That's also true of some of my other favorite nuts that grow here, including American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*); Pecan (*Carya illinoensis*) and Shagbark Hickory (*Carya ovata*). Two others listed by Mr. Smarty Pants that I'm not familiar with are the Chinquapin (*Castanea pumila*) and the Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*).

Growing up in the Northeast, my August birthday fell in the heart of red raspberry season.

I always wanted Mom to make me a homemade red raspberry pie instead of a birthday cake. To this day, most any berry has my heart. Here in the North Georgia mountains we can expect to find Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*); Virginia Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*); Sawtooth Blackberry (*Rubus argutus*) and Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra*). It looks like I'm about 60% informed because again, there were two on the list that I wasn't familiar with – the Southern Dewberry (*Rubus trivialis*) and the Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*).

I remember my first spring here in Blairsville. I was mowing my grass for the initial time that season. As I'm shearing the spring green lawn, I was overtaken with the smell of garlic. I wasn't familiar with the Meadow Garlic (*Allium canadense*) until that day. I now grow it in my herb garden and wouldn't go without it in my kitchen. The herb White Bergamot (*Monarda clinopodia*) can also be found in these parts. This is not the flavoring for Earl Grey Tea, for that is produced from the rind of the Italian fruit "Orange Bergamot". Others on the list I'm acquainted with are Scarlet Beebalm (*Monarda didyma*); Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*) and Narrowleaf Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*). Yes, there were still a duce on his list that I was ignorant of – the Common Sweetleaf (*Symplocos tinctoria*) and the Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*).

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ered to live rightly! By faith, you participate in the change. By faith you are in Christ, and in Christ you no longer have to yield to sin. People are not independent; either we are subject to sin or to God. God's grace is the only power which can break the mastery of sin.

I appreciate Mr. Waltrip's account of his life. Look for his humorous, heartfelt speech on YouTube. He may have had a 30-year career turning left, but he turned out right!

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price for refusal to "convert" was death. After centuries of the systematic genocide of Christians at the hands of these jihadists, the Byzantine emperor appealed to Pope Urban II for help. Thus, the call for Christians to free fellow Christians from persecution, which resulted in the Crusades.

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heaven. When Jesus said: I Am The Truth, in essence he was declaring the truth of God's word that will stand the test of time. Yes you can choose to reject it, deny it, slander it, spit on it, stomp on it and even kill those who believe in it, but God's word of Truth will prevail into eternity and lastly Jesus said: I am Life. When Christ died on the Cross and arose on the third day, He defeated death, sin and the grave so those who have the Spirit of the Lord living within them will be with Christ when they pass from this old sinful world into the splendor of heaven forevermore. All other people will not be allowed to enter heaven, but because of their rejection of Christ, they will be in Hell forevermore. Don't miss out on the best deal of eternity. God has never given up on you. Let Him show you The Way. Amen.

Frank F. Combs

We all know that some of the cutest of our mountain animal kingdom love to eat roots. As adorable as Beatrice Potter captured them, anyone who grows a garden in these parts has been tested by the likes of root grubbing thieves like chipmunks, deer, squirrels, rabbits and gophers. It seems though, that they are on to something with pulling nourishment from under the clay. Yes, there are two on the list that had me stumped. They include Carolina Spring Beauty (*Claytonia caroliniana*) – edible root on small flower and Groundnut (*Apios americana*) – vine with edible root if cooked. Those I have tried before, though not necessarily in their "wild" form are Sunchoke/Jerusalem Artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*) – edible root of a sunflower; Wild Sweet Potato (*Ipomoea pandurata*) – edible root of a morning glory; Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*) – shrub or small tree; bark of root used for flavoring and Canadian Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*) – ankle-high forest herb; root used for flavoring.

Do any of my readers plant a forest food garden? I'd love to hear from you. I'm hoping my friends Janice Boling, Jennifer Cordier and the Union County Master Gardeners will pool their immense knowledge on these perfect foods and will offer us a workshop this year at the Farmers Market on such a garden.

A big announcement this week. The market opens June 6th. That's just 15 weeks away!