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ing 6 points and going ahead of Alabama. The crowd went crazy. People were jumping around in celebration and watching the field at the same time.

You should understand that the young man next to my mother had completely consumed all the alcohol from the binoculars by this point in the game, and it showed. He was completely inebriated. He really didn't know

my mother. All he knew was the Dawgs had just scored and he was happy. Do you remember the photograph of the sailor dipping and kissing the nurse at the end of WWII? I guess the young man had seen that photograph, because he grabbed my mother, dipped her, and kissed her right in front of 85,000 screaming UGA fans on that Labor Day evening in 1986.

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Physical or mental changes (memory lapses, poor concentration, lack of coordination, slurred speech, etc.).

Warning signs indicate that there may be a problem that should be looked into—not that there is definitely a problem. If there is suspicion that a youth is abusing substances, it is important to first speak with the youth to get a better understanding of the situation. The next step would be to have the youth screened for substance

use by a professional (e.g., school counselor, social worker, psychologist).

If there is no clear evidence of abuse, families should contact their primary health care physician to rule out a physical problem. If formal intervention is necessary, local substance abuse professionals should be contacted.

In addition, it might be helpful to learn more about screening tools, prevention efforts, and treatments.

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SUN has a great effect on the Earth's atmosphere and global warming! The Sun is the source of energy and HEAT!

I have read numerous articles about global warming and climate change and air pollution, which is supposed to be the cause of these two issues. I have witnessed major reduction in air pollution by the shutting down of steel plants, and I have personally been involved in cleaning up the atmosphere in industrial plants.

One thing that amazes me about the total HOAX of this

discussion is the lack of facts. P.T. Barnum would be proud of the people who concocted the idea that man could control climate change and global warming.

The next time you hear someone say that we need a tax on carbon, 0.0412% of the atmosphere - less than 1% - remember that this tax will have no effect on either global warming or climate change; it will have an effect on the way you live and how much money you have. This is all about POWER AND MONEY!!

Chuck Luca

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tiques" needed sprucing up. Teddy was matted but still had all his appendages, including his tail, two button eyes, a black plastic nose and a red felt mouth.

So, we took Teddy to the cleaners for some "restoration." Teddy had been at the cleaners for almost a month. During that time, we called to check on his progress and were told, a couple of times, Teddy was not dry yet. Mr. Spry wanted him very dry so he could fluff his fur. We could not have asked for better service or nicer folks.

Rod got out of the car near the yellow police crime-scene tape and walked over to a small crowd that had gathered there in the parking lot. As he got closer, he could hear this group comforting Chris Spry, who was trying to process the devastation around him. Mr. Spry knew what was on Rod's mind as he saw him coming toward him and apologetically told him there was no way of knowing Teddy's fate at the present time. Rod expressed how sorry we were for the loss of his business and returned to the car. There was nothing else to say. My heart was broken, but when I considered the feelings of the Spry Family, I realized my Teddy was not very important in the grand scheme of life.

Weeks passed, and I was able to put my memories of teddy in their proper place in my heart. However, one day, after returning from playing bridge in Hiawassee to my car parked at Home Depot, there was a sight I never expected to see. Draped over my steering wheel was my Teddy! Rod had been

told by Mr. Spry that Teddy was at the Spry Dry Cleaners in Hiawassee, where he had been sent after the fire for safekeeping. Teddy had been wrapped up in something and had been spared the flames. Rod delivered Teddy to my car and left a message on my cellphone that said, "Are you ready for some really good news?"

That night, I slept with Teddy next to me on a pillow. Rod was not jealous at all :)
Linda B. McClarnon

Retired Firefighters Breakfast

The Retired Firefighters Breakfast is held the first Friday of each month, 9 a.m. at **Skillet Cafe**, Blairsville, GA.

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addition to many hours spent coordinating all efforts with our Chamber Ambassador program. Al Haywood is someone who always volunteers for Chamber functions as he welcomes new members and businesses with open arms. He, himself, began Pathway Christian Counseling this past year. As a volunteer and in his professional life, Al serves his community daily.

Another servant of our fine city, County Commissioner Lamar Paris gave a warm introduction to Mayor Jim Conley as our 2nd annual Person of the Year. Mayor Conley is beloved by the community. His years of tireless commitment and service to Blairsville, and the people who call Union County home, earned him this recognition. The announcement was received with a standing ovation.

An Evening with the Stars will be held on Tuesday February 11th from 6 - 7:30.

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The county budget and some of the operation is managed by the Sole Commissioner, who is elected. But there are also 6 other county elected officials who run and operate their own county departments independent of the commissioner. They are the Union County Sheriff, the Clerk of Court, the Probate Judge, the Magistrate Judge, the Tax Commissioner and the Coroner. Each of these officials must have their budget approved by the county commissioner, but they are totally in charge of the employees and operation of each of their departments.

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off to that sprinkler head after the fire is out to minimize water damage.

Union County Fire Department would like to thank the Union General Hospital, the staff, and the administration for allowing us to perform the walk through and for all the assistance that they provide to the department.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

Weekly Patriot Reflection



A Republic

One of the guiding principles of our founding fathers was that the "United States of America shall be a Republic." Webster's Dictionary defines Republic as: A government in which supreme power resides in a body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representatives responsible to them and governing according to law. There are many reasons why the Founders wanted a Republican form of government rather than a democracy, monarchy or some other system. They were attempting to come out from under a monarchy, not go into another form of the same. Democracy only works if everyone participates in the decision making process. They wanted a system whereby the people had an active voice and representation in how the government would operate. Our Republican form of government was the result

There are those who want to steer us away from the Republic, and control government without the consent of the governed. It is critical that we elect those to public office who will follow the Constitution and Bill of Rights and uphold our Republican form of government.

A Patriot Reflection is presented weekly by www.joshuawarriors.org.

The Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program honors Georgia's highest achieving high school seniors and the teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development.

We will also honor several other local students and alumni for their achievements. Don't wait to get your ticket as this event will sellout fast.

Your local Chamber is active with the Monthly Mingle series, Eggs & Issues and the Power Lunch, all bringing informative speakers and the opportunity to network.

Our goal remains to help grow member businesses as they stay informed on what is happening in our area.

Another exciting event coming up on May 8th is the Second Annual Shoot for the Stars Golf Event. We launched Shoot for the Stars last November with great success and are confident that this will be another Chamber favorite. Golf Teams and other sponsorships are selling out in record number, so don't delay.

Currently, we have sold 75% of our golf teams. Contact Jen at your Chamber of Commerce today for Golf Team and Sponsorship details. And, as always, check out our events calendar online at visitblairsville.com to keep up with other activities taking place in the coming months.

Remember, our local merchants are here to support us year-round, so let's not forget to support them. Shop Local!

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about the decline of Christianity, insofar as Christianity might be a bulwark against something worse."

Steve Green, President of Hobby Lobby, was instrumental in the founding of the Museum of the Bible. He writes about the revolutionary preaching and ministry of Jesus and notes, "Within three centuries, this nonviolent movement had swept the Roman Empire. Doctrines of racism were laid aside, crucifixion and the cruel gladiator games of the arenas were ended, the dignity of life was taken to new levels, the seeds of the emancipation of slaves were planted, and the groundwork of modern science was laid. It was the beginning of countless blessings bestowed on the world by the Christian church. Why would anyone want to see that end?" Good question.

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tree. If you have a spot where the tree can grow and does not need shaping for space concerns, pruning is not necessary. I encourage everyone to do some research on finding the variety that will fit in the space that they have, because that will solve a lot of pruning issues before they arise.

If you have questions about crape myrtle pruning contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday: Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 p.m.
Exercise Class	UMC Lower Level	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Club	Every Wednesday: Skillet Cafe	Noon
Exercise Class	UMC Lower Level	5:30-6:30 p.m.
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Every Thursday: Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	First Monday of each month: Blairsville Restaurant	9 a.m.
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 p.m.
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 p.m.
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, Masonic Lodge	Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, Masonic Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Brownie Scouts	First Tuesday of each month: United Methodist Ch	3-5 p.m.
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 p.m.
Amateur Radio Club	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 p.m.
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 p.m.
Enotah Ch. #24 RA.m.	Masonic Temple	7:30 p.m.
Exercise class	First Wednesday of each month: Senior Citizens Center	10:30 a.m.
Better Breathers	UGH Classroom 2nd Fl.	1 p.m.
Quilts of Valor	First Thursday of each month: Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30am-2:30pm.
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 a.m.
NAMI Fam. Support	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 p.m.
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 p.m.
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 p.m.
"Nailed" Book Club	First Friday of each month: Ingles Cafe	10:30 a.m.
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 p.m.
Amateur Radio Exams	First Saturday of each month: UC Comm Cntr	9 a.m.