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ompet Authority. The Silver Sponsor is Dixie Confexions. And the Bronze Sponsor is United Community Bank. We are tremendously grateful for all these businesses do to help the Chamber provide top-notch events.

If you are interested in participating as a business in this year's Extravaganza, the cost is \$65. Non-profit Chamber members can participate for a discounted rate of \$45. Restaurants receive complimentary booth space with the understanding that they are required to provide samples for the event attendees. Booths with electrical outlets are limited and on a first come, first serve basis. Spaces are going fast, so please either register online at www.visitblairsville-ga.com or stop by the Chamber to pick up a registration form. This is an event you don't want to miss!

Many of you know that the Chamber pays for the annual fireworks display in Meeks

Park and this year is no exception. Be on the lookout very soon for raffle tickets that directly offset the cost of the fireworks. This year's tickets are \$10 apiece and each purchase will enter you into a drawing for a Summer Fun Tailgate package, valued at over \$1000. Some of the items in the package include a grill, a kayak, a Yeti cooler, and much, much more!

Additionally, we are going to have t-shirts for sale for \$15 each. The design, created by Darren Harper of Downtown Development Authority, features a flag with the words, "Red, White, & Blairsville." Shirts will be available at the Chamber Welcome Center and in various retail shops and businesses. We are very grateful to our merchants partnering with us to sell both tickets and t-shirts this year!

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call 706-745-5789.

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they try to kill a snake. Non-venomous snake are protected by state law. If you are bitten 1) Stay calm; 2) Get competent medical help as quickly as possible; 3) Keep the affected limb level with the body; 4) Do not cut, suck, or apply ice or a tourniquet to the wound. Wear closed-toed shoes when walking in areas where snakes might be present.

There are no chemical poisons or effective repellents

for snakes. Mothballs are not registered for use as snake repellent. They also can't hear, so any kind of repellent that uses sound isn't going to work. Make sure that the area around your house is kept clear and your house is sealed to that snakes can't enter your home.

If you have any questions about snakes, please contact your local Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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(4) feet. In Georgia and North Carolina, cyclists are required to obey all laws as required of automobiles and have the legal right to ride on the road.

This tragic accident should not be repeated. The Southern Appalachian Bicycling Association (SABA) is an advocate for safe road cycling and obeying all rules of the road. We will continue to enforce biking safety rules for cyclists within our community.

Awareness and obeying the laws are essential for the safety of everyone in "Sharing the Road." It should not take the death of a pedestrian or cyclist to change the design of our roads.

For additional information regarding SABA and bicycling in our area, visit our website at <https://sabacycling.com>. The Southern Appalachian Bicycle Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Noel Turner

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climate change are becoming increasingly apparent, the need for legislative solutions like this is more urgent than ever."

From Trout Unlimited: "Just as we learned in the 1990s that we had to move from the stream to the watershed scale to recover trout and salmon, we must reduce carbon emissions to slow climate change. For this reason, Trout Unlimited is supporting passage of common sense legislation such as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. The time for Band-Aids is past."

Given the impacts of climate change, such as the droughts and wildfires of two years ago and worsening storms and flooding that we're seeing here in the Hiwassee area, we hope that Rep. Collins will cosponsor H.R. 763. We also hope that Sens. Isakson and Perdue will support similar legislation in the Senate.

Following the outpouring of support for the first Earth Day, Democrats and Republicans in Congress came together to enact policies that protected

the environment and made our lives better. Likewise, Democrats and Republicans must now come together to enact effective policies to prevent our climate from unraveling beyond the point of no return. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act offers the opportunity for that much needed bipartisan collaboration.
Vernon Dixon, MD



UCES is requesting your involvement in reviewing, updating, and revising our Schoolwide Title I Plan, Family Engagement Policy/Budget, and School-Family Compact. A Review Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, May 16th at 7:15 a.m. in the lower level of the school. We hope to see you there!

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all your heart, soul, and mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:35-40). However you answer the question, let it include faith, humility, service, and joy.

Here is another encouragement as you contemplate the frailties of aging. God says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Your response? "I will boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me" (2 Cor. 12:9). May God be with you in this season of your life.

Drug Free...

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men and 8% of women will be dependent on alcohol in their lifetime.

The facts speak for themselves. Alcohol is a high-risk choice that can lead to a lifetime of complications for our teens. The best choice is to avoid using alcohol but if a teen is already using alcohol, they need to understand the risk involved. Take some time to sit down and talk to your teen. Give them the facts because what they don't know can hurt them.

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costs. As for the monthly dividend check to each U.S. citizen, who in their right mind would believe this would happen? This is the Democrat's idea to sell you on a far left, socialist agenda to control our lives. This is not an alternative to the Green New Deal, it's a part of it. Instead of trying to sell us on the whole package, they're attempting to start selling us little pieces at a time until one day we wake up to discover we've been tricked and consumed by the whole Deal. Nice try!

Roger King

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get the business and the people back to their normal lives.

Local Emergency Management Agencies have a great deal of responsibility. They must constantly work to prevent, prepare, mitigate, respond and recover from incidents and disasters. They must also coordinate the available resources in the county as well as coordinate with GEMA and FEMA. The main goal of Union County Emergency Management Agency is to have a resilient and prepared community through our efforts.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

25th Anniversary Dinner & Auction



The Relay For Life Team of the First United Methodist Church invites you to our 25th Anniversary Dinner & Silent Auction on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the MAC. The tickets are \$20 a person and include an Hawaiian-themed dinner, a silent auction and great entertainment to kickoff this year's Relay for Life! We will only be selling 240 tickets, so get yours early. Please see any Relay Team Member for tickets, or contact Glenda Taylor at 706-781-7528 or Ingrid Engle at 561-358-6199. We hope to see you there!

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



In memory of **Harry Walker's 90th Birthday** Sunday, March 31, 1929 by his wife Shirley Walker April 19, 2019
In memory of Virginia B. Meeks by Ginger and Terry Meeks April 28, 2019
In memory of Dolly C. Meeks Birthday by Ginger and Terry Meeks
In loving memory of **Lori Michelle Nuce Happy Birthday** "Forever in our hearts and memories" by Mom, Dad, Bette Lou and Maryann
Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

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than 3 miles away through 18 inches of snow.

Paw paw grew weary of the criticism so once again he began looking for employment and found it with the Rockwood Quarries. Paw paw drove a truck delivering cut limestone slabs used in construction. Those slabs can be seen today in buildings in Nashville and as far away as Chicago. Paw paw never got rich driving a truck, but he devised plans which he thought would make him rich. Paw paw had never seen or even heard of a banana. He was first introduced to this wonderful delicacy on one of his trips down to New Orleans. He stopped into a place to get himself something to eat and didn't have much money. So, he bought himself some stick bologna, crackers, and cheese. At the last moment he spotted this banana and asked for one. He even had to ask for help in peeling the thing. Upon tasting the banana he decided it was the best thing he had ever eaten.

Paw paw decided to take some back home to the hills of North Alabama. He thought people would like them as much as he did. So, he could buy them for a penny and sell them for a nickel. Paw paw just knew he was going to make a boat load of money. He decided to buy a truck load after he unloaded his goods. I think he ended up with 1,000 pounds of bananas and took them back to

Alabama on the back of his old flatbed truck. It was during July and the only protection he had was a tarp. My momma told me she was a just a little girl, but she remembered that most of the bananas were rotten by the time Paw paw got home.

Therefore, they could

only sell a few and the family had to eat the rest. Momma said the family ate banana nut bread, banana pancakes, banana sandwiches, banana pudding and anything else they could make with bananas for a few days. By the time all the bananas were gone, the whole family was sick of bananas.

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.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Club	Every Wednesday: The Griddle	Noon
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday: Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	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	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.
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
Cruisers Block Party	Farmer's Market	5 p.m. (Apr-Oct)
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 p.m.
Amateur Radio Exams	First Saturday of each month: UC Comm Cntr	9 a.m.
Cruise-In	On the Square	4 p.m. (Apr-Oct)