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with all the normal responsibilities they have on a daily basis. I would ask that you touch base with them again just to make sure they still have a work order for your concern. Most of the time, it is just a matter of scheduling.

Q. Do you have a problem with the Road Department not responding to the public?

A. No, as a matter of fact, I often receive praises about the great job that is being done by our Road Department. Sometimes there is a

problem with them being able to get to every request during their normal workdays due to the amount of calls they receive. If at any time you feel it necessary you may always call my office at 706-439-6000, to report a problem.

We have a great community and it is a great time to look around and reflect on the beauty that surrounds us on a regular basis. I would like to encourage everyone to enjoy the Spring and Summer and take advantage of our community and what it has to offer.

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cal College on Thursday, June 20, from 5 PM – 8 PM. There will be plenty of food samples, giveaways, and numerous opportunities to learn about some of the area's finest services and products. We still have some booth space available for Chamber members interested in participating in this year's event. Our events sponsors are: Visit Downtown Blairsville, Amazing Grace Catering and Events, Dixie Confexions, and United Community Bank. If you have questions, or would like additional information, please call the Chamber at 706-745-5789.

Perhaps you've seen the new Red, White & Blairsville t-shirts around town. Priced at \$15, these tees are a great way to show your love for our community and our Country. The proceeds from the sales go towards offsetting the cost for the fireworks display in Meeks Park on July 4th. The shirts are selling fast, so make

sure you get yours while they last. Shirts are available for purchase at the Chamber Office, as well as, in some of our local retailers. We also have fireworks raffle tickets for sale this year. The drawing, held on July 4th, will be for a Super Summer Tailgate Package. The package, valued at over \$1000, includes a Kenmore gas grill, a Lifetime kayak, a large Yeti Tundra 35 cooler, a Yeti tumbler cup, a Fitbit heart rate and fitness wristband, a 10 x 10 gazebo tent with two folding chairs, and a golf umbrella. We are very appreciative for the generosity of our raffle sponsors: Sears Hometown Store, Union General Hospital, Walmart, and United Community Bank. Tickets are only \$10 and include a \$5 coupon to use at Dixie Confexions bakery. Stop by the Chamber Office and purchase your tickets today! You'll also get a glimpse of the raffle package which is on display in our lobby.

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the underwear in his pocket. She grabbed the first thing handy which was a broom and marched into her son's bedroom.

There stood Papa trying to put on a clean pair of britches. Papa said, "All I heard was Columbus Cummings. I looked up and was struck across the top of my head with a broom handle." Papa tried to explain what happened to his mother.

But, each time he opened his mouth he was struck with the broom again and again. Later that evening Lon came into Coon's room to give him the Father and Son talk. Papa said, "Mom and Dad always believed I was guilty. But, this was one time I was innocent." Papa told me he had five to six knots on his head where his Momma had struck him with the broom.

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One in 25 (11.2 million) adults in the United States experience a serious mental illness in a given year.

Approximately 46.6 million adults in the United States face the reality of managing a mental illness every day.

Half of all lifetime mental health conditions begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24, but early intervention programs can help.

Up to 90% of those who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness as revealed by psychological autopsy. 46% of those who die by suicide have a diagnosed mental illness.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. With effective care, suicidal thoughts are treatable,

and suicide is preventable.

Individuals with mental health conditions face an average 11-year delay between experiencing symptoms and starting treatment.

Common barriers to treatment include the cost of mental health care and insurance, prejudice and discrimination, and structural barriers like transportation.

Even though most people can experience relief from symptoms and support for their recovery in treatment, less than half of the adults in the United States get the help they need.

Having a mental health diagnosis is nothing to be ashamed of. If you or someone you know is struggling with mental illness, please seek out the support needed to recover.

UCHS Graduation Ceremony Inclement Weather notice



The Union County High School Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2019 will take place on Friday, May 24, at 8 p.m. inside Mike Colwell Memorial Stadium.

In the event inclement weather is forecasted for that evening, the Graduation Ceremony will be held indoors at the Union County Schools Fine Arts Center at 8 p.m.

A decision regarding this change in location, if needed, will be made at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 24, and announced via the UCHS REMIND app, on social media and at www.ucschools.org.

Graduating seniors will be given five tickets for guests who attend the ceremony at the Fine Arts Center, and each guest will be required to present a ticket upon entering the

ceremony.

For all other guests, the ceremony will be streamed live at the UCHS gym.

You may also find a YouTube link at the Union County Schools website to watch the ceremony live.

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

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catastrophic wildfires burned numerous homes. But forestry managers in the Florida Division of Forestry noted that the underlying problem was previous cessation of controlled burning, resulting from complaints by homeowners about smoke, but they found out the hard way that you can have smoke under controlled conditions or have it when wildfire is raging out of control around your house.

Smoke is the same, results completely different. Controlled burns utilize back burning during planned fire events to create a "black line" to protect unburned areas from the fire. Back burning or backfiring is also done to stop a wildfire that is already in progress. It is called back burning because the small fires are designed to 'burn back towards the main fire front' and are usually burning and traveling against ground level winds.

Firebreaks are also often used as an anchor point to start

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an invasive species. Fire ants are native to South America and have many natural enemies there. Researchers have to be very careful about introducing a natural predator, because the effects of that introduced species are unknown on our ecosystem.

If you have any questions about fire ants and fire ant control, contact your local Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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fear" (1:14). With his survival uncertain, he added, "Even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all" (2:17). His joy was rooted in his faith, sense of purpose, and investment in others.

You can find joy despite your circumstances when you accept that your created purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. When you take that joy with you into civil society, you make the world a happier place. Pursue that.

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the line.

These ideas may sound silly to some people but everyone must understand that we are living in a "delivered just-in-time society" with everything at our fingertips. When a disaster strikes, that breaks down. Being prepared for these disasters will help you and your family ride out the event with less worry and/or suffering.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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Yes, there is ignorance, hatred and racism everywhere, and here in Blairsville, it is thankfully the exception, not the rule. My letter was not some ivory tower observation — it was an admission that, because I am white and have lived a life of relative privilege, racism had never impacted me so personally. My point was that if I felt embarrassed, upset and angry just hearing about it after the fact, what must it be like for those who experience it firsthand?

My brush was neither broad nor sweeping, so if my letter-writing critic got a little paint on him... well, I'll leave it at that.

Margie Schramke

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rael ever had, and has Trump in his back pocket. With that in mind, who you gonna believe, your brain or your lying President?

Then we have Mr. Trump, in distress over the release of the report, his oldest son facing another grilling in the House Intelligence committee, and facing seriously declining poll numbers, who decides to rely on his buddy Bibi to give him the same type of ammunition LBJ needed. So now we have the USS Abraham Lincoln carrying a bomber force into the Persian Gulf, talks of sending in 120,000 troops into the area, although a member of the British Secret Service saying there is no such threat. It's also interesting that the Executive Branch has made no effort to inform the appropriate Congressional committees what's happening.

When political pressure builds, start a war.

David Schilling

woodpeckers in their sandhill and flatwoods habitats.

I have participated in 3 events in the past 2 weeks concerning prescribed burning and on June 6th we will have our North Georgia Prescribed Fire Council in Jasper at the Chatahoochee Technical College to hear experts talk about prescribed fire. We are expecting

300 folks who are interested in Prescribed burning so join us. You can register at <http://www.garxfire.com/events.htm>. For more information on controlled burns contact your local Georgia Forestry Commission office or US Forest Service office in your area or Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D www.chestchattred.org

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
	Every Wednesday:	
Kiwanis Club	The Griddle	Noon
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
	Every Thursday:	
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon