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return your call. I do rely on my staff as I mentioned above so don't get frustrated if they ask you questions. They are just trying to help.

Q. Do you get frustrated with all of the emails, phone calls, Facebook messages, regular mail and in person questions?

A. To be honest, no I don't. I truly love being the Commissioner and enjoy being able to interact with the citizens of Union County. It is rather unfortunate that I can't always please everyone but that is a result of human nature not for lack of trying on my part. The best part of my job is being able to listen to everyone and find out the needs in our county, and trying to find a solution.

I would like for every-

one to think about your neighbor. If you have an elderly, sick or widowed neighbor please check on them during the summer. Life has a way of moving at a very fast pace and sometimes we forget about the needy among us. Sometimes a person may need just a smile, kind word or a simple hand-shake. But, sometimes a need may go deeper and you might find a neighbor needing food or assistance of some kind. During the summer the temperatures can get very hot so if you would take time to check on your neighbor, I am sure they would certainly appreciate it. Thank you for being the best community in the world. I always tell folks that we live in the best place in the world and I truly believe that.

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In the fall the old man had an accident and lost a finger on his right hand rendering him unable to build anything. The closest coffin maker was located in Haleyville, Alabama which was a 15 mile ride over icy roads. This would be a difficult trip with a pair of mules pulling a log wagon.

Mr. Isom grinned and volunteered to go with Papa. The pair of men left at 9:30 wearing heavy woolen coats, hats and gloves. They warmed big rocks by the fire wrapping them in a tow sack and placed it in the floor of the wagon to keep their feet warm.

Meanwhile Glenna Mae told her sons to stay at the house and help the Abstons clean up. She went home and began sewing up a set of baby clothes for the still born, little girl. She finished the clothing and waited. Coon and Neb showed up well after midnight. Later, Neb grinned told Papa that he'd got home and pulled off his breeches and they were froze solid. He said, "They were so cold I pulled 'em off and stood up next to the stove. They stayed upright by themselves until they thawed out."

Eight years later Paul and Bud were playing baseball for the town of Phil Campbell. Roy Reeves was the manager and Neb Isom was their coach. He knew a lot about baseball and could explain what to do under

any circumstance. Coach Isom was even keeled and never lost his temper. Even when he was mad he never cursed or even threw his hat. If someone made a mistake the old fellow would simply stop what he was doing and explain what a player was doing wrong. The boys from Phil Campbell were playing a team from Florence and things weren't going well. Roy Reeves was watching from his service station and knew things were going badly. He quit what he was doing and walked through left field to the home team's dugout.

The Coach was trying to explain some things and was interrupted by Reeves. "Neb" he said, "Can I interrupt?" Without stopping he continued, "Boys, you are a playing like you'uns shoes are filled with concrete." Then looking right at Paul the old man basically, chewed out the team. After finishing he told Neb thank you and walked back to his service station. Neb smiled and told his team, "That is just what I was thinking, but, didn't know how to say it." The boys came back from being 4 runs down and won the game by 6. Now you'd think old Neb would've been beside himself with excitement. But, he just grinned and told the boys they did a good job.

Old Neb Isom was dependable and he grinned a lot! He was truly a pleasurable man to be around.

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Mark your calendars for Relay For Life being held at the Farmers Market on May 31st at 4 p.m. Everyone knows someone or has a family member that has been affected by cancer, so let's get out and support Relay for Life. Cancer survivors will be honored at the event and those currently battling cancer will receive a lot of encouragement and support from everyone gathered. As a community, we can come together and help make this year's event one of the best.

Many in the community have already noticed the new entrance road to the Farmers Market off Hwy 515. If you have a chance, we'd be honored for you to join us on Wednesday, May 29th, at 11 a.m., as we dedicate Farmers Market Way.

Commissioner Paris, Mayor Conley, and other notable officials will join us in celebrating this wonderful achievement for our County Farmers Market Way will provide additional access to the Farmers Market.

Last, but certainly not least, if you own a business and you have not reserved your booth at the Buy Local Extravaganza, I encourage you to do so today! We don't want any of our businesses to miss out on a great opportunity to showcase their products and network with other local vendors. This year's event, on June 20th, will once again be hosted at North Georgia Technical College.

You can register today by calling the Chamber office at 706-745-5789 or by registering on our website, www.Visit-BlairsvilleGA.com.

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heard: "Danks (me), don't cry for me, be happy! I had the best 93 years that anyone could ask for, I got to grow up on a farm in middle Georgia, play ball, fish, hunt, and learn all about life there. I got to go to the University of Georgia and found the love of my life for 69 years and moved her back to live in the small town where I grew up.

"I got to join the Army Air Corps and became a B-17 pilot along with my brother, Harley Jr., who was a bombardier on a B-17 that was lost on a bombing raid over the sea near the Netherlands in 1941. We went to war to defend our way of life along with many other brave men and women who left their homes to put themselves in harm's way to defend the country we loved. After the war, I came back home and taught

returning veterans how to farm and about agriculture, and I had a long career with the Georgia Department of Agriculture. I raised four children who made me proud, and they gave me nine grandchildren who I enjoyed more than I did their parents, and the boys were my hay crew until they found out about girls and I lost them. I am in a much better place now with no pain or sickness and I can walk again, and I am still among you to guide and point out things that need doing - just listen. Tell Jaybo that I have a project for him and ask Brad-a-Lou where my chain is since he was the last peckerwood to have it! As I told your mother, those last few months were a 'deplorable situation,' and now thankfully it's over. I miss all of you, but I didn't want you to see me like I was anymore. I told her to get my clothes because 'I needed to get out of here,' and I did. I have to go now because Harley Jr and I are going to take Peggy (bird dog) out to see if we can find those coveys that I know are over by the clay pit." Then he said, "Goodbye Danks, talk to you soon." I said, "PaPa, wait, wait, there is so much more I want to ask you," but he was not there anymore!

Those of you, who still have the opportunity, don't delay, take the time to talk to your Greatest Generation heroes and listen to their stories before it is too late. They have a lot to tell us and we have a

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life. He decided to give up his medical practice and become a minister.

You never know what might happen to re-direct your thoughts or your life. You never know how you might enlighten another's path. Despite these uncertainties, you can know Providence is not surprised, and is at work to direct your steps even if you plan otherwise. "You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. And in your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them" (Psa. 139:3,16). He is not bound by time nor lack of knowledge. And He loves you.

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above ground level. Then apply the triclopyr or glyphosate at a strong concentration using a brush on directly onto the tree where the stump is exposed. It may be beneficial to include a dye spray indicator so that you can tell which stumps have been treated. Basal bark means using triclopyr ester at the base of the plant, spraying the herbicide in a ring on the base. Herbicide treatments work well with controlling privet, but they can still be time consuming. Whenever applying any kind of pesticide always read and follow the label instructions.

If you have questions about privet control contact your local Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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We all want to enjoy our summer. Keeping these few safety tips in mind may prevent summer accidents and allow us to have a great time enjoying the summer adventures with our friends and family.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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I'm there! Now I cannot miss that hug, at 88 years old — an armful of love is pretty special! This was what caused me not to stay home, things like that — sharing love from a young little man! I am thankful for his thought. You know what? I come expecting my hug! I know my pastor is proud of his son sharing love. He has been talking about it from the pulpit sermon! I am too. Heaven sent from a heart filled with love to share. I felt it in my heart. God bless my pastor, his family!

My voice isn't very strong, but my heart is. My writing may not make the headlines; I pray for the printer, I can talk with strong voice only if he prints — he does, and I am thankful for that! Jesus my speaker, He sometimes whispers to me! I hear him loud and strong! His words! Come expecting to receive.

Irene Porter
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Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

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.
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.
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
Cruisers Block Party	Farmers 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)