

# Opinions

Everybody has one...

## Staying Informed with CodeRED

Being prepared for emergencies and disasters is important. It can save time, money, property, and even your life. Part of being prepared is staying informed on potential emergencies and disasters. Staying informed is a joint effort between the emergency management who provides information and the public who receives and uses that information. One way that Union County Emergency Management Agency (UCEMA) provides information is through the alert system called CodeRED.

The CodeRED system allows UCEMA to provide notifications that may require immediate action (such as a boil-water notice, missing child, weather emergency or evacuation notice). The system delivers text, emails, and phone calls to cell or home phones.

The CodeRED system has several different types of notifications. CodeRED Weather Warning is a unique service that automatically notifies citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. UCEMA also uses CodeRED to send EMERGENCY notifications to keep citizens informed of emergencies such as evacuations, fires, floods, chemical spills, or other emergency situations.

UCEMA may also use CodeRED to send GENERAL notifications to those who register to communicate non-life safety matters, such as planned road closures, water main repairs, water and power service interruptions, etc. By selecting the box for GENERAL alerts when you register, you will also receive these types of notifications.

CodeRED is a nationwide service. Residents and visitors alike can receive notifications no matter where you are located via the CodeRED Mobile Alert app. This is a free public safety app for both Android and iPhone users. The CodeRED Mobile Alert app delivers community and emergency alerts to individuals targeted within an impacted geographical area via your smartphone anywhere in the country, including Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska.

If you have not registered for notifications, we strongly encourage you to register with CodeRED to receive weather and emergency notifications. Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/UnionCodeRed](http://www.tinyurl.com/UnionCodeRed). There is no charge to register or use CodeRED and your

See Dyer, page 5A

**Fire Dept. from Union County Fire Chief**

David Dyer



## The Perfect Result

I sat alone on the sidewalk outside the Port-au-Prince airport. My first trip abroad and I was stranded. I didn't speak the language. Cellphones didn't exist. No one answered the telephone number I had.

Four hours earlier when my ride hadn't appeared, a friendly American had pity and took me to a guest house. It was closed. I asked her to take me back to the airport. "It's closed and there are no hotels or restaurants out there!" she protested. Against common sense, I insisted. We pulled up to the airport and I got out. I thanked her for the hour-long round trip while trying to avoid the look on her face. She drove away. Gone were the shouting people, clanking vehicles, roaring planes, and overpowering exhaust fumes. I only heard sparrows chirping as they hopped along the sidewalk tilting their heads at me. I might be sleeping outdoors tonight.

About 20 minutes after I arrived at the airport for the second time, a lone vehicle turned toward the terminal and pulled up beside me. "Are you Wayne?" the man asked. Keith was my tardy driver, and we became fast friends. I was to shadow him for a few days to consider an assignment developing drinking water sources in rural Haiti.

The next day we set out for a remote village. We drove toward the Artibonite River then continued on foot. The sun was intense, and the rainy season humidity was stifling. I huffed to keep up with the fit, former Army officer. We arrived at the launch for our river crossing. Our ride was a hollowed-out log with just enough room for the two of us, the boatman, and a man with a nervous yearling steer. I loosened my boot laces. On the other side, we resumed our hike past gardens mounded with peanuts and potatoes, mud huts with thatched roofs, and dried corn hanging by the shucks above the reach of rodents. Keith procured two green coconuts so we could re-hydrate.

By day's end, I was sun burnt and exhausted with blistered feet. But exhilarated! The next season of life was now much less mysterious. It was an endurance test, but ultimately one of faith. "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

See Fowler, page 5A

**All Things New**

Wayne Fowler



## Commissioner's Questions

Part 2 of 2

**Q. What does our property tax money go towards and how is it spent?**

A. The Board of Education gets approximately 62% of your property tax. The county gets around 38% of your property tax, and the state only gets 1/10 of 1%. Of all the taxes you pay, 99.9% of your property tax money stays here in Union County. Your tax dollars go toward the maintenance and operations to support administration of county government and the public school system. Your tax dollars pay to build and repair public buildings and bridges, to maintain county roads, to pay court expenses, county jail and law enforcement, recreation and to provide fire protection. Your tax money also pays to provide for public health and sanitation. County government and the Board of Education salaries and benefits are also part of the expenses paid with your property taxes.

**Q. When are Union County property taxes due?**

A. Property taxes for real estate and business personal property are due in Union County by Dec. 20, 2021. Mobile home taxes are due May 15th each year. The taxes should be paid at the Tax Commissioner's office located in the courthouse. You can now pay your property taxes online at [www.uniongatax.com](http://www.uniongatax.com) or check to see if your mortgage escrow account has paid them.

**Q. I am on a fixed income and do not have all the money to pay my taxes this year. What can I do?**

A. The Union County Tax Commissioners office will accept partial payments on property taxes. They will also contract a payment schedule to work with you if you are behind on your taxes. Please do not hesitate to contact the Tax Commissioner to set up a payment plan so you won't get further behind on your taxes or have a tax lien filed on your property.

**Q. If I think my property tax values are too high, how can I appeal my assessment?**

A. After the assessors establish a new value on a piece of property, the taxpayer is sent an assessment notice. The assessment informs you of the new proposed valuation of your property. You have 45 days to appeal the new valuation if you feel

See Paris, page 5A

**Q & A from Union County Commissioner**

Lamar Paris



## Fourth of July Facts

As we look towards a Fourth of July weekend, here are a few fun facts with which you may dazzle – or baffle – your fellow celebrants.

We all know that a "bit o the spirit" is often included in July Fourth celebrations. Why might you think that is true? Is there a legacy there? Rumor has it that George Washington granted double rations of rum to the soldiers of 1778. And rumor also has it that the highest "sales o the suds" happens on July Fourth.

How many and what were the names of the presidents who died on July 4? Three, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe.

When did Independence Day actually become a federal holiday? 1870, about 100 years after the signing of the Declaration.

Where was the first – and now the nation's oldest – Fourth of July parade held? Dating back to 1785, Bristol, Rhode Island, boasts the honor.

What might cause you to be arrested on

See Walters-Taylor, page 5A

**Military Musings**

Janice Walters-Taylor



## Letters to the Editor

### Demonstration of Christian Kindness

Dear Editor,

The Apostle Paul, in Romans 13:7, tells us to, "(Give) honor to whom honor is due." Considering this, the congregation of Redeemer Baptist Church (RBC) desires to give honor to Pastor Jonathan Hood and the congregation of Youngstown Baptist Church (YBC) for their demonstration of true Christian kindness.

In June of 2017, I learned that Youngstown Baptist was looking to sell their property so that they could finish their new meeting place on Harkins-Young Road. They offered us a more-than-fair price. Redeemer Baptist was able to put down a substantial sum for the meeting place and property, but, since we were a small church, we were not able to obtain a loan for the rest of the balance. The congregation of Youngstown Baptist agreed to owner-finance the rest of the balance for us! Since they would not receive all the money for their property at once, it greatly hindered them from completing their new building, but in Christian love, they sought to help us before themselves.

See Schakat, page 5A

### A Fool

Dear Editor,

Psalm 14 in the Bible points out the facts of those who speak foolishly that there is no living God, for He doesn't exist. It's a made up fable. A lie. Fake news with no creditable evidence that God ever was. The problem lies in the hearts of men and women who have not taken God seriously but have made themselves their own personal god. The word "Fool" refers not to mental inability but to moral and spiritual insensitivity. If one does not believe in God, they are practicing atheism, and if there is a God, it really does not matter to one's life. The wicked lack wisdom and knowledge of God's truth, and although people may be brilliant in their chosen fields, they can still be morally insensitive and spiritually closed to issues that have eternal consequences.

If one believes in their heart there is no God, they set themselves up to be judge and jury and work their wicked ways upon whoever crosses their path. With no thought of God, wicked people boast in themselves, and pride and greed walk hand in hand. They turn the truth of God's word upside down by praising evil and spurning God. The wicked behave the way they do because they doubt that Lord God knows, cares or will act against their wickedness. God will not be mocked for what a person sows, which they will surely reap in the end of this age. Don't ever think you could be smarter than your

See Combs, page 5A

## Attic/Crawl Space Vents

The purpose of the Firewise USA program is to bring residents in a community together to perform community projects to reduce wildfire risks and make them aware of the risks around their homes that can lead to a house fire even from a small leaf fire in the yard. It does not have to be a big spectacular fire to cause damage, but a small one can generate windblown embers just the same that can start a fire in or on your home.

Windblown embers are like bugs and rodents, always looking for a crack or crevice to get into your house and start a fire. Any opening can let them in, but attic and crawl vents are the most prominent openings that most homes have for embers to enter. Proper screening on attic and crawl space vents is critical to reducing building ignitions during a wildfire.

Attic and crawl space vents, and other openings on the vertical wall of a home, serve important functions, including providing ventilation to remove unwanted moisture from these typically unoccupied spaces and oxygen for gas appliances such as hot water heaters and furnaces. Wind-blown embers are the principal cause of building ignition and can readily enter these spaces, which are often hot and dry.

Providing air for ventilation, while also keeping out embers can present a dilemma. Dry materials are more easily ignited by embers, so limiting the entry of embers into attic spaces is critical. Adding to the problem are the combustible materials we tend to store in these spaces (e.g., cardboard boxes, old clothes, and other combustible materials) because embers accumulate against them and they can be easily ignited. Ventilated attic spaces have openings in two locations. Inlet air comes from vents located in the under-eave area at the edge of your roof.

Exiting air leaves through vents located on the roof or at the gable ends of your home. If your home is built over a crawl space, you will typically have vents on each face of your home to provide cross-ventilation.

Experiments conducted at the IBHS Research Center demonstrated that regardless of whether a vent had an inlet or outlet function, when wind blows against its face, it is an inlet vent. Therefore, any vented opening on your home should be able to resist the entry of embers. Unvented attic and crawl space designs are available for some areas of the country.

These designs are more easily implemented with new construction. Check with local building code officials to see if this is an option where you live. Building codes require vent

See Riley, page 5A

**RC&D Executive Director**

Frank Riley



## Country Boys

Hubert Brooks, William Shellnut and Tommy Trapp were lifelong friends of Paul and Bud Cummings. I have been told by my Father and Uncle that the boys were always together and had been since any of them could remember.

William's mother had died when he was very young, and his father had a difficult time raising his sons afterward. Paw Henry was a kind and gentle man, but he worked all the time, and the Cummings family had to help raise young William. My grandmother, Glenna Mae, loved to have William over to their house. She could not stand a dirty body, and William's body was dirty simply because he was a boy and hated taking baths. Spending the night at the Cummings house meant taking a bath in a big old washtub using lye soap. Granny would grab the boy by the hair of his head and scrub his ears and neck with a scrub brush. William acted as though he hated bathing. But, he secretly loved the attention he received from my grandmother. She loved William and could see that all he needed was a bath and good home cooking.

Hubert Brooks and Tommy Trapp also spent a lot of time with their neighbors, Paul and Bud Cummings. The boys loved to camp out under the bluffs next to Turkey Creek on the Cummings Farm. Hubert was always very nervous and constantly had to be doing something. He loved to camp, but, he was also afraid of the dark. One night Hubert, Tommy, Paul, Bud and William decided to camp out next to the creek. Their camp was next to a bold springhead. They laid their blankets between the fire and the limestone face of the bluff. The rock face of the bluff would absorb the heat from the fire and help keep the boys warm during the cool evening. The boys had plans for Hubert that evening.

The boys met at the Cummings house, and when everyone had arrived, Tommy began complaining of a stomachache. So, he finally told the group he would not be camping that evening. The other four left and walked east across the cotton field toward Turkey Creek. Tommy began walking north toward Trapptown. He let the boys get across the 200-yard-wide cotton field before he began to follow the group. The boys settled into their usual campsite and caught a few fish for supper. After supper, they cleaned up the camp and settled in for the evening. It was just beginning to get dark when the fun began.

Tommy was on top of the 65-foot-tall bluff and knew where Hubert was sitting. As the camp darkened, Hubert began to get nervous, and so he pulled out his pocketknife to whittle.

See Cummings, page 5A

**Around The Farm**

Mickey Cummings



## Chamber of Commerce

Last week I was so excited with everything going on that I put the wrong date for Eggs and Issues in the President's Column. The Eggs and Issues breakfast will be on July 14th and will be by reservation only. The tickets are going fast so be sure to contact the Chamber offices today to purchase your ticket. The tickets are only \$15, and we will start serving at 7:45. You don't want to miss out on hearing from Commissioner Paris and Representative Gunter what's going on Locally and on the State level.

We want to thank everyone that attended the Buy Local Extravaganza. What a great venue and the vendors out did themselves both inside and out. Thanks to the Union County Recreation Department and Union General Health Systems for making this event a huge success.

We still have a few reserved parking passes for the July Fourth fireworks display and the Raffle tickets are now on sale. The Raffle tickets help pay for the annual fireworks show

See Chamber, page 5A

**Blairsville - Union County Chamber President**

Steve Rowe



## Hay Testing

Hay testing is an important part of any livestock management program. If you feed hay, it's important to know the quality of the hay. Without performing a hay test, you don't know the quality of the hay.

Feeding hay that is poor quality can lead to an impaction in the animal's stomach. Essentially, what happens is that the hay fed to cattle has a lot of fiber in it. Lots of fiber in hay without nutrition means that the cattle can't properly digest the forage. Cattle will eat enough forage to be full, but all that indigestible forage creates an impaction in their rumen. The effects of cattle eating low quality hay and getting an impaction can range from calving issues, to diarrhea, to weight loss, and even dying.

When cattle start to die because of poor quality hay, usually you will have at least a few cattle go down. Forage quality issues can be made worse if they are combined with supplements that stimulate forage intake, because then cattle are eating more of the low quality hay. The best treatment for low quality forage is to know ahead of time about the quality of your hay. The only way that you can do that is through hay testing.

Body Condition Scoring (BCS, not referring to college football) also shows how important hay quality is. BCS is an index that measures the health of the animal based on how fleshy or boney the animal is. The scale ranges from 1-9. A one is a severely emaciated cow. Bones in the shoulders, back, and ribs are clearly visible. A BCS of one is rarely seen in the field. A BCS of nine is a very obese animal and its mobility is impaired by excessive fat. This score is also rarely seen in the field. In cows, you ideally want a BCS of five to be maintained for calving. If BCS drops to a four then your calving interval will increase. Typically a BCS of five will give you conception rates of >85% and calving every 360-370 days. A BCS of four or lower means calving will be >380 days. Cows will require high quality forage for about 70 days to go from a BCS of 4 to 5.

We have three main tests for hay. The basic one costs \$15 and will tell the moisture, fiber, crude protein, lignin, total digestible nutrients, and give you a relative forage quality (RFQ). The RFQ is an index that will give you a number to give you a reference on the quality of your hay. Dry cows do not need as high of an RFQ compared to gestating cows, or cows with a calf that they are feeding. Above the basic test is a \$20 test that is the basic test + nitrates. Above

See Williams, page 5A

**Watching and Working**

Jacob Williams



## North Georgia News

Published since 1909 • Legal Organ of Union County

**Kenneth West** Publisher/Owner  
**Shawn Jarrard** General Manager/Editor  
**Derek Richards** Advertising Director  
**Todd Forrest** Sports Editor  
**Lowell Nicholson** Photographer

Website: [www.nganews.com](http://www.nganews.com) • Email: [northgeorgianews@hotmail.com](mailto:northgeorgianews@hotmail.com) • Mail: P.O. Box 2029, Blairsville, GA 30514

The North Georgia News is an independent and nonpartisan publication. As such, third-party views contained herein are not necessarily the opinions or positions of this newspaper, e.g. advertising, press releases, editorial content, perspectives expressed in articles covering local events, etc.

Publication No: 001505

Advertising, News deadlines Friday at 4 p.m. • Mail Service for all subscriptions except 30512, 30514 & 30572 - One Year \$40. In county, carrier delivered subscription is \$5. All subscriptions must be paid in advance. NORTH GEORGIA NEWS is published weekly by NGN/TCH, Inc., 266 Cleveland Street, Blairsville, Georgia, 30512. Entered as Second Class Matter as of Dec. 17, 1988, at the Post Office in Blairsville. NORTH GEORGIA NEWS is not responsible for errors in advertising beyond the cost of the actual space involved. All advertisements are accepted subject to the Publisher's approval of the copy and to the space being available, and the Publisher reserves the right to refuse any advertisement.

Phone: 706-745-6343 Fax: 706-745-1830 \* P.O. Box 2029, Blairsville, Georgia 30514

## Paris... continued from Page 4A

it's incorrect. The appeal must be filed in writing. Late appeals are invalid.

After you have given careful consideration to the value placed on your property, and if you feel it's incorrect, your appeal should be based on one of the following areas of appeal:

**Taxability:** Is the property taxable or does it qualify for exempt status?

**Uniformity:** Does the property value compare with the value of similar properties?

**Value:** Is the property value too high or too low and why?

**Q. What is the appeals process?**

A. When you file an ap-

peal, the Board of Tax Assessors reviews it and determines whether a change in the valuation is warranted. If no change is made and if you still disagree with the assessment, the appeal automatically goes to the Board of Equalization as noted on your assessment notice. Its specific function is to hear unresolved appeals from taxpayers. After hearing both the assessors and the taxpayer's position, the Board of Equalization renders a decision on the valuation. If either side disagrees with the decision of the Board of Equalization, the taxpayer or the assessor may proceed to the next level of appeal - Union County Superior Court.

## Riley... continued from Page 4A

openings to be covered by corrosion resistant metal screens, which are typically 1/4-inch to keep out rodents. However, research shows that embers can pass through 1/4-inch mesh and ignite combustible materials, particularly smaller materials such as saw dust. Embers also can enter smaller screening, such as 1/16-inch, but cannot easily ignite even the finer fuels; however, this size screening is more easily plugged with wind-blown debris and is easily painted over if you are not careful when re-painting your house. Installing 1/8-inch mesh screening is suggested in wildfire prone areas, as it effectively minimizes the entry of embers. It is important to note that 1/8-inch screening only minimizes the size and number of embers and does not eliminate them entirely; making it very important to reduce what is stored in the attic and crawl space.

For (under-eave) inlet vents, opt for a soffited eave design. IBHS research demonstrates that gable end vents and other vent openings are vulnerable to wind-blown embers when the face of the vent is perpendicular to the wind flow, while embers are less likely to pass through vents with a face that is parallel to the wind flow.

Therefore, soffited eave construction is preferred to open eave. For outlet vents, opt

for a ridge that is rated to resist wind driven rain. These vents have an external baffle at the vent inlet. Turbine vents also help keep embers out, but you should attach a piece of 1/8-inch mesh to the bottom of the roof sheathing at the opening for the vent.

All attic and crawl space vent coverings must be metal because plastic will melt with the first ember that hits it. We also should think about window screens if you live in a wildfire prone area because windows are big openings for embers if they are not closed when a wildfire is approaching and also window screens should be metal to prevent melting when embers hit them.

These precautions are not expensive but are good insurance to prevent losing our homes to a windblown ember.

For more information on ember ignition and other wildfire risks, go to [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) or [www.chestchattred.org](http://www.chestchattred.org) or go to the Georgia Forestry Commission web site or Chatahoochee-Oconee National Forest website. These are the agencies that help us do things to prevent wildfires in our communities or if one strikes, they are the first on the scene to defend our homes from the fire. Making our communities Firewise buys us time until these first responders can get there to defend our homes.

## Walters-Taylor... continued from Page 4A

the Fourth of July? Technically speaking, it is a violation of United States Flag Code regulation to wear any kind of apparel that simulates the American Flag. With Naziism as the impetus, the code originated with the guideline that the flag never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery, but oddly enough, the code does not prescribe any penalties for non-compliance or enforcement.

Why do many hospitals not look forward to the Fourth of July? Independence Day has the dubious honor of being the single most dangerous day of the year. 2018 fireworks claimed five lives and sent 9,100 folks seeking treatment for fireworks-related injuries, and great portion of the injuries were to the eye. One third of in-

juries were to children 15 years and younger, according to 2019 statistics.

So, ending with all that dazzling (haha) information about the upcoming holiday, I plead with you to enjoy to the max while staying safe. If you are interested in having a great vantage point for the Meeks Park Fourth of July Fireworks, consider joining the gang at First United Methodist Church in Blairsville. Food, popcorn, nuts, ice cream, music, clean restrooms, a patriotic flag retirement ceremony by the Girl Scouts, and music by the church band, capped off with the best view of the fireworks in town - this is a "must attend" community event.

Be safe out there, and until we muse again, I bid you "At Ease!"

## Schakat... continued from Page 4A

Redeemer entered into a contractual agreement with Youngstown Baptist to pay the remaining balance. The Lord has used this meeting place to bless RBC, and, as of June 2021, RBC has now completed our mortgage obligation to YBC. We give God all the glory for how he has provided for us, and for how He used YBC to help us. So, I and the congregation of RBC would like to give honor to YBC and let our community know of the Christian love Pastor Jonathan Hood and the Youngstown congregation showed to us. We are thankful to our Sovereign God to partner in ministry with them in our community.

If you do not have a church home and are looking for a faithful, God-centered ministry, check out Youngstown Baptist (or, of course, you are more than welcome at Redeemer!). RBC is glad to sit on Youngstown Church Road, and we would not change that road name if we could.

We are also grateful for all the local churches in our community preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

A few other churches to mention that have helped Redeemer Baptist over the last 12 years:

Blairsville First Baptist, Antioch Baptist, Harmony Grove Baptist, Grace Presbyterian (PCA), and the Notla River Baptist Association.

Not one church is perfect, but we seek to honor God, to lift high the banner of Jesus Christ. Let's fix our eyes on Him (Hebrews 12:2)! It's not about us. It's about Christ and His Kingdom! Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory!).

**Pastor Bill Schakat**  
Redeemer Baptist Church

## Union County Historical Society Brick Walk

To show our appreciation for the overwhelming community support for the Union County Historical Society's Brick Walk, we are extending the current price of \$50 per brick.

Please call the Historical Society at 706-745-5493 or come by the old courthouse to purchase one in memory or in honor of a loved one.

## Cummings... continued from Page 4A

Then he tried to whistle. But his mouth was so dry the whistling was more like a whisper. Tommy knew it was time. He began to toss acorns and small pebbles in the dried leaves all around the camp. Hubert heard these acorns hitting the ground and exclaimed, "Boys, they's a painter out there and he's a huntin' us." William told Tommy it was his imagination.

## Williams...

continued from Page 4A

that is a \$40 test that is basic + nitrates + minerals.

A single hay test can cover an entire hay lot. A hay lot would be all the hay from a particular field at the same cutting. I have a hay probe in my office and I would be happy to come out and collect the hay sample for you. Once we've processed a hay sample, I can help you come up with a balanced ration to get you through the hay feeding months. If you think you have some good quality hay let me know, and we can submit a sample to the Southeastern Hay Contest.

Quality forage when grass isn't growing is a big part of any livestock operation, not matter how big or small. If you have questions about hay testing contact your County Extension Office or email me at [Jacob.Williams@uga.edu](mailto:Jacob.Williams@uga.edu).

## Fowler...

continued from Page 4A

And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (Jas. 1:2-4).

I returned to the airport at the end of that week astonished at how God in His Providence leads us through trials. By enduring those trials, you learn that God's grace is sufficient for you, that He is for you and with you. You can consider it all joy because your faith is more complete. That is the perfect result.

## Dyer...

continued from Page 4A

personal information will be kept confidential.

One of the major responsibilities of UCEMA is to provide information to the public about potential emergencies and disasters that may affect the community. The CodeRED system is a great communication platform that can inform people of these potential incidents. Having this information can help everyone prepare and make better decisions. For more information about CodeRED please visit [www.unioncountygga.gov/codered](http://www.unioncountygga.gov/codered) or call UCEMA at 706-439-6091.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

## Chamber...

continued from Page 4A

which brings our community together in celebration of our nation's independence. This year we have the "Backyard Party Pack" valued at over \$2,200. Go to the Chamber's Facebook page or website to get a list of items included in the package and to find out how to purchase your tickets.

This week we welcomed several new businesses to our community. Check out the Chamber's website to see the Community Calendar and find what's new with your favorite local businesses and restaurants. Remember, it's always better in Blairsville!

## Combs...

continued from Page 4A

Creator God.

Now for the wicked's final curtain call in Proverbs 10:25 - When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked will be no more, but the righteous has an everlasting foundation. The short-lived nature of the wicked is contrasted with the stability of the righteous. The righteous in Christ have a beautiful future to look forward to; the wicked do not. Yes, different people see the way of the Lord differently, for those who are innocent, God is a shelter from the storms of life, but those who practice evil see it only as a source of terror. The viewer's perspective makes all the difference, for the way of the Lord itself remains constant and true. Proverbs 1:7 says: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but "Fools" despise wisdom and instruction. Fools have rejected the fear of the Lord. Not fearing God is the same as rejecting wisdom outright, and the wicked will be dealt with at the proper time in eternity. God never lies about His truth. Mark it down, for judgment is coming soon.

**Frank F. Combs**

Bud recollected that he'd heard that Old Man Landers over at Dime had seen a black "painter" last week. Paul told Hubert that if he thought something was in the woods, he should go out there and "stob" it with his Case Knife. None of his friends' words helped to relieve Hubert of his anxiety.

Finally, it was suggested that Hubert take the canteens over to the stream to refill them for their morning coffee. The stream was in view of the campfire, so, Hubert picked up the canteen and walked to the spring. Unknown to Hubert, Tommy was on top of the bluff directly above the spring and was climbing down a slick, tall poplar. He came noiselessly while Hubert was filling the canteen. The other boys knew what was about to happen. Paul, with an urgent voice, said, "Hubert, I think I hear something to the other side of us." Hubert looked away from the spring and toward the fire. Tommy, who was bigger and taller than Hubert, wrapped his arms around his friend's waist and let out a blood curdling yell. Hubert's feet went into hurry-up mode. They were not touching the ground but were running just like you would see in a cartoon. When Hubert realized he was not moving any closer to the fire, he cried out, "Hit's got a hold of me. Run, boys, and save yourselves. Whaaaaaagh." He also used other indiscernible words.

**Bell Ringing Union  
County Old Courthouse**



**July 4, 2021**  
In Memory of  
**Earl Warren**  
on his 90th Birthday  
By Mike and Janice Marsh

**July 10, 2021**  
In Memory of  
**William T. Meeks, Sr.**  
on the Anniversary  
of his Death  
By Ginger & Terri Meeks

**Bell ringing information  
at 706-745-5493**