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Q. Who pays for the maintenance and repairs of a county road and how are the funds collected?

A. We have money coming from three sources. First, we apply to GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) every year for LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant) grant funds, for

resurfacing of qualifying roads. The second source is SPLOST funds, and the county budgets approximately \$1 million dollars a year on all types of road work. Finally, the county general operation budget has about \$1 million dollars per year for operation of the Road Department; this includes staff, equipment and some road paving.

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consisted of evaluating some land and making management recommendations based upon the habitat needs of certain species of wildlife. The team also identified species of wildlife by observing pelts, skulls and listening to animal sounds. The team toured a state forest where researchers from Purdue University are researching such species as White-Tailed Deer and Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake.

The team placed 11th at the contest. Holly Harkins was our high-scoring individual and

was the 25th highest-scoring individual at the contest. After the contest, we made our way back to Louisville, Kentucky, to tour the Louisville Slugger Baseball Bat manufacturing plant. We learned about the history of not only baseball, but the history of the company. The first contract ever signed between the company and a professional player was with Joe DiMaggio. His payment was \$1 and a set of golf clubs. Congratulations Holly, Brooks and Daniel for a job well done.

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are more likely to smoke cigarettes and drink alcohol, which are associated with marijuana use.

There is also the concern that vaping nicotine, which is in Juuls and many other vaping devices, may pave the way to other substance use problems in the developing adolescent brain. Aggressive marketing in states where marijuana has been legalized may also contribute to increased curiosity about marijuana while at the same time reducing its perceived harm.

How is marijuana vaped? Vaping refers to the inhalation of an aerosol produced by heating a liquid/oil or substance in a compact electronic portable vaporizer. Youth can vaporize marijuana – either the ground plant itself, waxes often referred to as dabs, or THC and CBD oils.

Selling equipment to vape marijuana in its leaf, dab or oil form is a booming business with many new entrants. Pax Labs, formerly Ploom, was founded over a decade ago and is a relatively well-known brand for vaping dry leaf marijuana. The company has introduced the Pax 3, which allows you to vape both dry leaf and wax concentrates.

In California, a company called EAZE sells disposable all-in-one marijuana vape pens and cartridges. Flavors include Blueberry Kush, Lemon OG and Mango Passion Fruit. They market these as wellness products.

Although not a vape per se, another company, AeroInhaler, has developed a product that looks exactly like an inhaler one would use to treat asthma. It's marketed as a healthy alternative to vaping or smoking combustible marijuana, delivering a metered dose with each puff. The company says that their product uses concentrates of 80% THC potency.

Juul can also be used to

vape marijuana; however, it should be noted that as of now, Juul does not offer marijuana products.

Vaping can be difficult to detect as there is no smoke, minimal odor, and the vapor produced dissipates rapidly. But just like smoking, vaping marijuana can result in blood-shot eyes, dry mouth and thirst, increased appetite and shifts in behavior and mood. Sometimes, there is a noticeable change in friends while at the same time reducing its perceived harm.

You may also find vaping paraphernalia such as devices that look like flash drives, gel jars that contain dabs, and pods or cartridges that contain THC oil. There's a lot of high-tech-looking equipment that can accompany vaping, so if you're not sure, it might be time to talk to your child about what you found.

Given the growth of marijuana use and vaping among American youth, it might be a good idea to explore your son's or daughter's views on vaping and perceptions of the risks. Have conversations often. Before any talk, it helps to be able to share facts, but don't assume that an information download to your child will translate into healthy behaviors.

Look for good opportunities to have a discussion. You can do this when passing a vape shop, smelling marijuana on the street, seeing someone vaping on TV or in person, or seeing one of the ads for vapes.

Asking open-ended questions can be a great way to get your child's perspective, i.e. "I understand that some kids are vaping marijuana. What are your thoughts about it?" If you know they are already vaping marijuana, you might ask "What does vaping marijuana or THC oil do for you?" Perhaps it's a way to fit in, handle social anxiety or address boredom. Get to the root of "why."

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outdated, they are nice acts of kindness that make the person on the receiving end feel special, considered.

"Here you go, here is the list. Never shake a man's hand sitting down. Always hold the door open for others. Learn how to grill well. In a negotiation, never make the first offer. You may eat once everyone is seated at the table and the cook has lifted his/her fork off of the napkin. When entrusted with a secret, keep it. Hold your heroes to a higher standard. Return a borrowed car with a full tank of gas. Play with passion or don't play at all. When shaking hands, grip firmly and look the person in the eye (a most important one). Don't let a wishbone grow where a backbone should be. If you need music on the beach, you're missing the point. Carry two handkerchiefs: the one in your back pocket is for you, the one in your breast pocket is for her. You marry the girl, you marry her family. Be like a duck; remain calm on the surface and paddle like crazy underneath. Take your hat off when you enter the house. Never be afraid to ask out the best-looking girl in the room. Never turn down

a breath mint. A sport coat is worth a thousand words. Hold the umbrella and offer your arm. Thank a veteran, then make it up to him. Eat lunch with the new kid. After writing an angry email, read it carefully, then delete it. Ask your mom to play; she won't let you win. Manners maketh the man. Give credit. Stand up to bullies. Protect those bullied. Write down your dreams. Always protect your siblings (and teammates). Be confident and humble at the same time. You're never too old to learn something new. Make your bed. Open the car door for your passenger. Always offer to pay and be ready to pay. Ask if you can help. Always say thank you and write a thank you note. Never be too busy for a friendly visit or much needed ear. Be big enough to recognize when you are wrong, and humble enough to say you are sorry."

Pass these on to a young person and see if they collapse in laughter, but those of us who were raised by these rules know that this is the way to live.

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lunch, a drink, tax and tip. This is going to be an outstanding time of learning and networking. Register today by calling the Chamber at 706-745-5789. You can also register online at visitblairsvillega.com.

We'd also love to have you join us for our Eggs and Issues Breakfast on Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Union County Community Center. Mitch Griggs, of Union County Economic Development, will be speaking about the current and future plans regarding restaurants, retail spaces, and industrial growth in Union County. Be sure to register today so you can be in the know on the latest news in and around Blairsville. This breakfast is open to Chamber members and non-members, but you must register to attend. Please call the Chamber for more information or register online at visitblairsvillega.com. Hope to see you there!

The Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce is here to serve you. Please let us know if we can ever be of assistance.

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duce the population that is present in your area. Some people will use traps to kill Japanese beetles. I try to discourage people from this practice because traps will bring beetles in from the surrounding area, meaning that you have more beetles.

If you have questions about Japanese beetles contact your county Extension Office or email me at the address below. On July 25, the Union County Extension is putting on a Well Water Program. It will be at 5:30 in the Union County Civic Center. If you would like to attend, please RSVP with Union County Extension Office at 706-439-6030 or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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and cast myself on the mercy of God.' That's not Christianity. In religion, acceptance comes (hopefully) at the end of the journey. In Christianity, it comes at the beginning."

Baptism, then, is a celebration of life and acceptance by God! It acknowledges God's righteousness as a gift by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). It is authorized by Jesus when he tells his followers to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Luke 28:19). Baptism is your first witness to the world that you believe Jesus and identify with Him. Let's go down to the river!

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That's why we are here. The thanks and appreciations from the public goes a long way to help answer that question. We want to return that thanks to everyone who supports us each and every day in order for us to do our jobs.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

Allegheny Masonic Lodge

Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114 meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Dinner 6:30 PM and meeting 7:30 PM.

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the sound of His voice, not the bell, he is going to wake the dead. Ready or not!

Even at 88 years of age, I truly wanted to be that one to

ring the bell, even though I am short in height. I believe I have rung that bell. I praise the lord; He chose me!

Irene Porter

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR		
	Every Monday:	
Garden Tours	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
	Third Monday of each month:	
Shape Note Music	Old Courthouse	6:30 p.m.
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 p.m.
Allegheny Lodge #114	Masonic Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 p.m.
	Third Tuesday of each month:	
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon
Healthy Hearts Support	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 p.m.
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
American Legion, Aux	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 p.m.
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 p.m.
	Third Wednesday of each month:	
Quilts of Valor	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 a.m.
GA Mtn. Writers Club	Grinds & Glazes (G&G)	10 a.m.
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 p.m.
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	So. Bank & Trust	7 p.m.
	Third Thursday of each month:	
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 p.m.
Good N'bors Auto	Rib Country, Murphy	6:30 p.m.
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi	Civic Center	7 p.m.
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 p.m.
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 p.m.
	Third Friday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Third Saturday of each month:	
UC Republican Party	Civic Center	10 a.m.
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 a.m.