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began to show in my cousin's eyes. So, she plunged his head into the cool waters of Little Bear Creek again and again. This happened four times until he popped out of the water and screamed, "UNCLE, UNCLE, UNCLE." He sat there for a moment to catch his breath. Soon he got up and walked over to our dam and began piling rocks. Then we all went swimming and nothing else was ever said about the big fight.

But, I pondered what had happened that day for a long time. My running partner and cousin had been embarrassed by the whole thing. His pride had gotten the best of him. One day we would set things right. The next summer we were once again at Maw Maw Adams' house. All of us boys were playing outside around an old hollow tree when we happened to find a bottle of whiskey hidden inside the hollow of the tree. Dewayne, Danny, Tony and I finished off what was left (about a tablespoon each) of

that bottle. Then Robin came from inside the house and began to boss us around, as was usual. She noticed the old whiskey bottle and threatened to tell on us for stealing and drinking Paw Paw's whiskey. She had her back turned to me and pulled herself up into a Dogwood Tree. She bent double over the limb and she was positioned with her rear end high in the air while her feet and head were low toward the ground. I couldn't resist. I grabbed her feet and flung them upward with all my might, the action of which turned her a complete flip. She landed on her rear with a thud. She got up crying and went to tell on us about the whiskey and my turning her a flip. Dewayne looked at me and stated that us boys needed to stick together. And we did, even if it meant a spanking. The best part of which was that none of us were ever buffaloed by Robin again. She would try to boss us around, but, we just laughed and refused to listen.

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mel. We had a 39% increase of Facebook followers and a 48% increase of Facebook "likes." Additionally, our Instagram channel continues to grow steadily as we are intentional about launching engaging campaigns. Traffic to our website has almost doubled this year, as we've had an increase of 46.32% in people going to the site.

From the tourism side, we have created new Visitor Guides which are generating a lot of buzz among tourists planning trips to the area. We have also gained attention in various media outlets such as Atlanta Parent, Blue Ridge Country, Atlanta Journal Constitution, and Deep South magazine. So far, this year, four travel writers from prominent media outlets have visited Union County and have promoted our restaurants, accommodations, shopping, and various activities. In Au-

gust, we have six additional journalists scheduled to visit our beautiful community.

A national survey, conducted by the Schapiro Group, reflects that being an active member of a local Chamber of Commerce is an effective business strategy. The survey revealed that two-thirds of consumers view those businesses as being reputable, caring about their customers, and implementing good business practices. Respondents revealed that businesses that are Chamber members experience a 73% boost in customer awareness, 67% in local reputation and an 80% increase in the likelihood that consumers will patronize their businesses in the future.

As always, we are here to help you with your business. Please feel free to contact us at any time at 706-745-5789.

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cessive fears, impulsiveness, and addictive traits/a predisposition to addiction.

The reasons behind this common co-occurrence of addiction and trauma are complex. For one thing, some people struggling to manage the effects of trauma in their lives may turn to drugs and alcohol to self-medicate. PTSD symptoms like agitation, hypersensitivity to loud noises or sudden movements, depression, social withdrawal and insomnia may seem more manageable through the use of sedating or stimulating drugs depending on the symptom. However, addiction soon becomes yet another problem in the trauma survivor's life. Before long, the "cure" no longer works and causes far more pain to an already suffering person.

Sometimes, years of self-medicating through drugs and alcohol have effectively dulled the memory of trauma, so the only problem seems to be sub-

stance abuse and addiction. A person who has suppressed or ignored traumatic experiences may work very hard to get and stay sober, only to find other addictive behaviors eventually replacing the drugs and alcohol.

Considering the frequent link between trauma and addiction, anyone working on recovery from substance abuse and addiction could benefit from an assessment by a skilled therapist, to determine if there are underlying issues that should be addressed and to devise an appropriate, individualized treatment plan. Many effective therapies are available, including group and individual counseling, PTSD Intervention, and medications when needed. The best approach is always to work first on living a sober life, then on resolving past trauma and learning positive coping skills, thereby breaking the trauma-addiction connection and finding a better life all around.

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want to drive out there without those rules and laws. It is already a traffic jungle out there.

Lots of folks either don't care about their safety or anyone's safety, or they do something against the law just to prove they can do that, or they never learned the laws in the first place. Drivers will drive through the four-way stop out of turn, ignore yield signs, fail to signal a turn or lane change, etc. Never mind the Move Over laws or right-lane only except to pass law, or misusing the center turn lanes, traveling too slowly and speeding is something else.

So what do we do, the normal, law-abiding citizens? One thing my grandmother always said, "Watch out for the other driver." Another thing is to pray. Some suggestions would be better education for drivers. Older drivers could take the AARP class for seniors. Retaking the drivers tests at different ages. Mandatory driving

schools, etc. I don't think there is a definitive answer.

When I'm older and need to quit driving, I will voluntarily give up my keys. I'll sell my car and use that money to pay for transportation, i.e. taxi, county transport, chauffeur, shuttle, family member, neighbor or whatever works. I don't want to put myself and other drivers in danger.

**Iris Fox**

## Historic Brick Walk at the old Courthouse

"Footsteps in History" - Purchase an engraved brick to honor or remember a loved one. The brick will be placed in the walk on the lawn at the old courthouse. Normally \$100, they can be purchased for \$50 through September 1st. Stop by the Historical Society or call 706-745-5493 for more information.

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given time. To help ensure that all amateur-built aircraft are well-constructed, safe aircraft, the EAA organizes a group of volunteers, known as Technical Counselors, who will visit the construction project to identify any areas of concern.

Technical Counselors are EAA members who volunteer their time and who have met at least one of the following criteria: \* Have built an experimental category aircraft; \* Have restored an antique/classic aircraft; \* Hold an A&P, IA, DAR, DER or Aerospace Engineer rating in the United States, an equivalent international rating or have the qualifications for those ratings.

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**Road Department; I would rather speak with you about the problem. What do I do then?**

A. I can be reached by calling the office number 706-439-6000. My staff may ask you to explain what the nature of your call is, and ask some questions. Please understand they are following directions so that we may better understand how we can be of service to you, and at the same time reply as soon as possible.

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through your beginnings and endings.

The Christian life is an ending and a beginning. If you are in Christ, you are "a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Cor. 5:17). Reconciled to God through Christ, you begin a life of peace with Him. If God can love you so, then He can take whatever rough ending you endure and buff it into a beginning.

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have been activated will spray water; not all of them.

Union County Fire Department would like to thank the Union County School Board members, the Superintendent; the Assistant Superintendents; faculty; staff; Chief Chad Deyton and Officer Jeff McConnell for allowing us to perform the walkthrough and for all the assistance that they provide to the department.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

## Blue Ridge Mountain Patriots Friends of NRA meeting

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting (4th Thursday) of the Blue Ridge Mountain Patriots Friends of NRA (National Rifle Association) will be held on July 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Fannin County Seniors Center at 440W. First Street, Blue Ridge, GA

If you are interested in this fund raising committee please join use, the only membership dues would be your desire to help support the 2nd Amendment and Americas shooting traditions. Learn how we distributed 20K to local organizations in 2018, we will also be discussing this years Blue Ridge Mountain Patriots, Friends of NRA banquet.

Point of Contact, Dan Spies, Chairman, Blue Ridge Mountain Patriots Friends of NRA; 843-592-1616.

**Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse**



**July 10, 2019**  
In memory of  
**Dr. William T. Meeks, Sr.**  
**Anniversary**  
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

**July 16, 2019**  
In Memory of  
**JoAnn Mayhew**  
Who passed away on  
July 3, 2019  
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

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

There is no charge for this on-site review. The program is strictly voluntary. The recommendations of the Technical Counselor are advisory only. The EAA recommends a minimum of three Technical Counselor visits over the course of construction. These homebuilt airplanes are among the safest flying due to the EAA's strict technical oversight because when something goes wrong up in the air, it's a one-way trip down.

Each summer EAA presents the largest annual general aviation event in the world, "EAA AirVenture Oshkosh." During the event, the city's airport, Wittman Regional Airport, is the busiest airport in the world (in terms of traffic movements). The week-long event annually attracts around 10,000-12,000 planes and a total attendance of more than 500,000. The event also attracts more than 800 exhibitors, hosts nearly 1,000 forums, seminars, and workshops, and welcomes more than 700 journalists each year.

The annual fly-in was first held in 1953 at what is now Timmerman Field in Milwaukee. In 1959, the growing event moved to the Rockford, Illinois airport. Attendance at the fly-in continued to grow until the Rockford airport was too small to accommodate the crowds, and so it was moved to

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need to be planted earlier than the desired plants. When pests are found on the trap crop you can use a pesticide or mechanically remove the pest. This way you'll reduce the population of pests that you have, and reduce the amount of pesticide that you apply because you're focused on spraying the trap crop. Hubbard squash is an example of a plant that can be used as a trap crop.

If you have questions about SVB contact your county Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu. On July 25, 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.

Oshkosh in 1970.

A study conducted in 2008 by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh determined that the 500,000 annual fly-in attendance generates \$110 million of tourist income for the three counties surrounding the airport.

I encourage anyone in-

terested in flying to attend next year, because it's the biggest and best in the world. In keeping with my RC&D agricultural work, I have cruised the beautiful farms between Two Rivers and Oshkosh every day to and from the airshow. For more information checkout EAA AirVenture 2019.

## UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

	<b>Every Monday:</b>	
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.
	<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	
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.
	<b>Every Wednesday:</b>	
Kiwanis Club	Skillet Cafe	Noon
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
	<b>Every Thursday:</b>	
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon