

# Opinions

## Everybody has one...

### Appropriation Amendments

Over the last four months, the Left has launched an unprecedented crusade against President Biden's top political opponent: President Donald J. Trump. This effort has resulted in four indictments across four jurisdictions, plunging our nation into dark and uncharted waters.

The ultimate goal of these politically-motivated prosecutions is quite clear. Rather than battling it out at the ballot box next November, the Left is determined to put their chief political rival behind bars. This nefarious plot is intended to limit President Trump's ability to campaign effectively, as key court dates coincidentally coincide with major events during the busy primary season. In short, regardless of the eventual outcome, the process becomes the punishment.

This overt election interference continues to undermine both our Republic and our fair system of justice. I refuse to sit on the sidelines while this sinister scheme unfolds - especially as your hard-earned tax dollars are being used to fund it.

Therefore, I recently announced that I intend to offer two amendments during the ongoing appropriations process in order to stop this election interference in its tracks. The goal is simple: no federal funds should be used to prosecute any major political candidate prior to the 2024 election. One amendment takes aim at federal prosecutions, while the second bars funding for these prosecutions at the state and local level.

Together, Jack Smith, Alvin Bragg, and Fani Willis have shamelessly led the political persecution of President Trump. It's reprehensible that their prosecutorial misconduct is being rewarded by receiving taxpayer dollars, which is why I'm proud to lead the fight to defund their dangerous election interference efforts.

We simply cannot allow the sitting President of the United States to weaponize our justice system to take down his political foe. Regardless of one's views of President Trump, we must ensure that the American people decide who wins the White House - not Joe Biden, not radical left-wing prosecutors, and not left-wing juries in Democrat districts.

It's imperative that Congress use its power of the purse to protect the integrity of our elections, restore Americans' faith in

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United States Congressman Representative Andrew Clyde

### Desires of Your Heart

Retirees enjoy living in our mountain community. More than 34 percent of our county's residents are over 65 years old, compared to 15 percent statewide. What attracts people here reveals deeper desires. My stories illustrate this.

During leaf season, I drove to Hogpen Gap on the scenic Hwy at dusk. It's a no-hike, north-facing view that includes Georgia's highest peak, Brasstown Bald, ten miles away. The sky and forest blazed with color. The chilly evening air hinted at the next change in seasons.

As much as I enjoy visiting the farmer's market for locally grown corn and tomatoes, it's even more pleasant to see people I know. To chat for a moment amidst the eager vendors, aroma of food, and chattering children is to reconnect. That is the magic of the small-town farmer's market - people connecting with one another, making new friends, and supporting their favorite local producers. It is an expression of community. When someone knows your face, you belong.

I enjoy the outdoors and hike when I can. I hiked to the Vogel Park overlook once when my companions and I were alone on the trail. Same with the Appalachian Trail - I find peace and quiet solitude as I trek through the forest. When I emerge at Blood Mountain, stand on the big rock, and look southward at the Atlanta skyline 70 miles distant, I'm glad the bustling city life is far, far away in that moment.

These experiences reveal something deeper. The mountain vistas touch a yearning for the majestic, beautiful, and ancient. "Before the mountains were born...from everlasting to everlasting, You are God" (Psa. 90:2). Your desire to be known has its greatest expression in this: "Indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 Jn. 1:3). Spiritual peace is what you really seek. "Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy," C.S. Lewis wrote, "the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world...Earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing." Scottish preacher Horatius Bonar agrees. "We see

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All Things New Wayne Fowler

### Commissioner's Questions

We get many questions about our roads - especially in the Summer and Fall. This week's responses talk about Union County's roads, and I hope they will help you to understand how we respond to road service requests.

**Q. Do you still get requests to accept private roads as County maintained roads?**

A. Yes, and the Road Department carefully evaluates every request. Back in 1991, Commissioner Gooch set up standards for a road to be accepted into the county system. These standards included having 60 feet of right of way, paving the road, and placing a maximum slope for roads. The Road Department has modified this in a few instances but try to keep as close to these criteria as we can. There are so many private roads in the county that we could not possibly afford to maintain all of them. There are already over 600 miles of county-maintained roads which would be the equivalent of driving from Blairsville to Washington, DC.

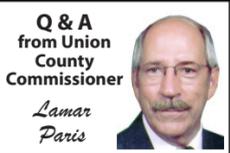
**Q. How does the County pay for roadwork?**

A. Roadwork is paid through property taxes, through State of Georgia funding (LMIG Grants), and through Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). The TSPLOST option would allow us to double the amount of paving that Union County can now do. However, the TSPLOST was placed on the ballot in November 2021, and it was not voted in.

**Q. Why does it cost so much more to maintain more roads, if you already have the equipment and manpower?**

A. If you consider that we not only mow the grass on each side of a road three to five times a year, mow the brush on the road banks about every year, maintain the gravel and paved surfaces, and scrape and spread salt every winter, you can see that it becomes a huge physical and financial burden. Our employees are stretched to the limit as it is. With over 490 miles of private roads (blue signs), it would almost double the workload and would certainly be a budget buster. The problem with many smaller private roads is that they were built so narrow with the houses often right up next to the roads that

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Q & A from Union County Commissioner Lamar Paris

### Letters to the Editor

#### Dogs in Carts

To the Department of Public Health:

I have a complaint that appears to be unsolvable at the local level. The problem is dogs in the grocery store.

I have spoken to several local managers and received the same answer: There is nothing they can do about it.

Service dogs are allowed, which is fine because they are trained, but other dogs are not. I was informed that emotional support dogs are not allowed, and no dog is to be in the grocery cart, but this cannot be enforced. The managers state that they cannot ask if the dog is a service animal.

Every time I go to the stores, I always see dogs in carts, etc. I am not talking about certified service dogs; I am talking about the household pet. How am I to know if the groceries I buy, the door of the freezers, or even the cart has not been urinated on?

Please do something about this problem. I live in Blairsville, Georgia, and am appalled by the lack of health codes or their enforcement in Union County.

Sincerely, Margaret B. Kennard

#### Making Good Choices

Dear Editor,

I hate to admit this but I am a senior citizen, never thought I would say it. Recently I have had a few medical procedures like cataract surgery and thyroid removal. Thank goodness for Medicare and my supplement. I was able to choose my surgeons and did not pay a dime. I received excellent treatment as well.

So when I hear people complain about so-called socialism and the democrats are socialists, listen to what you are saying. Thank goodness for Medicare and Social Security, there is no boogie man. All citizens should be able to be entitled to medical care. We are the richest country in the

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#### Bidenomics is working?

Dear Editor,

I was surprised to see that there are actually people that believe "Bidenomics" is working. According to the Wall Street Journal, a majority of Americans disapprove of these policies and remain anxious about inflation and the cost of living.

Since Biden stepped into the Oval Office, grocery prices are up 20%, energy is up 38%, and over 60% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. Good luck for young families in finding affordable housing with skyrocketing interest rates, cost of building, and all-time high prices. Meanwhile, we are spending billions of dollars to protect Ukraine's borders and arming their people... while ignoring our borders and disarming our own.

So far as unemployment goes, most do not realize that people who stop looking for

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#### Are You Serious?

Dear Editor,

The recent letter titled "Bidenomics is Working" is so misleading it requires a response. Let's start with inflation. The writer claims inflation is down to 3.2%, which is factually correct if compared to just the previous year, but let's dig deeper into the numbers. When the previous administration left office inflation was a miniscule 1.4%. But when you add the inflation rate for each of the years of this administration, you get a whopping 17% increase in a period of approximately 2 1/2 years. For those who have difficulty with math, just try buying groceries or filling your tank with gas and you will get the picture. Does this seem like just 3.2%? This is like starting

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### Self-Esteem

No one can make you feel inferior Without your consent. -Eleanor Roosevelt

How do you see yourself? How much value do you place on your self-worth? The answers to these questions are crucial. They will indicate whether you view yourself highly or otherwise. What and how we see ourselves also will determine our lifestyle. Our self-esteem will be portrayed in our family life as well as in our social and work surroundings. We cannot detach ourselves from our self-esteem. It goes wherever we go.

Our self-esteem begins at birth by those around us. If our self-esteem is positive, then we will feel internal satisfaction on a daily basis. Daily problems are handled properly, and with our self-esteem, we are able to recognize, evaluate, and solve problems in a healthy way.

However, a person with poor self-esteem has a down-trodden mind, and solving problems is a chore. One's picture is poor. Living life becomes morose and depressive. If we grow up thinking and being told that we are unworthy, then we conduct ourselves as being useless. We actually believe the messages. They have become cemented in our minds. As a result, we drag ourselves around throughout the day.

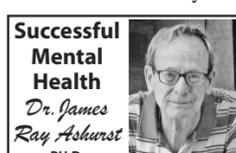
Sometimes we measure ourselves by what people say and think about us. It is usually the important individuals in our lives who help in shaping our self-esteem or assist in destroying it - our family members, friends, teachers, and even co-workers. These individuals play a significant role in the way we view our worthiness and value.

The sad realization for those with a damaged self-esteem is knowing that some of the messages came from one's own family members. It may not have been intentional, but it did happen. And we often swallowed the negative comments hook, line, and sinker. How tragic!

Even if the comments were made in a joking manner while we were at a tender age, we did not have at the time the capacity to reason what was and what wasn't. We may have heard that we were lazy, stupid, and crazy. Those destructive remarks planted themselves into our minds, and because we believed them, we might still be paying the price as adults. A wounded self-esteem will always be a frustrating one. Rather than having confidence and stability, we live in despair and sadness.

A wounded self-esteem can create daily frustrations and doubts. There is a lack of security

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Successful Mental Health Dr. James Ray Ashurst Ph.D.

### Laying Out the Dead

Prior to World War II things were much different in rural America than they are today. For example, there were no funeral homes. So, when a death occurred in a community, neighbors banded together to help the bereaved family. Papa, Coon, once told me that his Dad must have made more than 300 coffins during his lifetime, and he never took a penny for building one. Lon would saw the timber to make lumber and even go to town to buy linen to place inside the casket. Nearby neighbors would come to the home of the deceased and prepare the body for burial by washing, shaving and dressing the one who had died. Communities were knit closer in those days than now and people depended upon one another to help each other through the tough times.

There was a man in our community, Trapptown, which was a bootlegger. He had a foul temper and depended upon his fists to help him settle disagreements. Also, he did not believe in helping those which were less fortunate. As he aged, he began to let himself go, meaning he bathed only rarely, never trimmed his beard or hair and his clothing was always dirty. Uncle Hollis used to tell Papa, "I feel sorry for that fellow. Nobody wants anything to do with him. When he passes on, I think I'll volunteer to shave him and make him look respectable."

Not long afterward the aged bootlegger died, and very few people in the community volunteered to help him. However, Hollis and Coon both volunteered to prepare the man for burial. And Lon built the man a coffin out of some of the finest white oak lumber you would ever see. The wood was knot free and of the finest grain. He had recently purchased some fine linen from a merchant in Haleyville. The old man would have a good burial regardless of his past. About the time the coffin was complete Hollis and Coon arrived at the home of the old man.

Coon began to wash the man's face while Hollis began at his feet. The man's face was really dirty, so my young grandfather stopped washing to rinse out the cloth. He bent over a basin as he was rinsing out the wash cloth and something strange happened. The dead man must've had a spasm in his abdomen. Because he immediately rose up into a sitting position. The spasm and sitting up caused the dead man to exhale. Papa said, "Hollis was washing this man's feet, and all at once he raised up and he came face to face, eyeball to eyeball with a dead man. His nose was almost touching the dead man's nose, and then he exhaled into your Uncle Hollis' face." Later, Hollis told Papa, "As I looked into the man's

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Around The Farm Mickey Cummings

### Chamber of Commerce

If you have had an opportunity to walk outside in the morning, you know fall is just around the corner. Whether you're going for that morning walk, jog, or just enjoying your morning coffee, we all know we are truly blessed to live in the North Georgia mountains.

In addition to changing leaves, fall also means great festivals and events are happening soon:

On September 14th the Chamber will be hosting the Blairsville Business Expo at the Union County Sports Complex. Come and discover what is new from over 80 local businesses, including many of our new businesses that have opened since last year's event. Bring all the kids to explore the "Touch a Truck" display where they can see and learn about anything from Fire Trucks, Bucket Trucks and Tractors to the Medical Helicopter (if available).

September 29th is Movie Night in the Park hosted by Mountain Life Team. You don't

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Blairsville - Union County Chamber President Steve Rowe

### Ticks

Ticks are very common in the wooded mountains. Let's talk about some of the different species that are out there and the dangers that they can pose.

Ticks have life cycles that last 2 to 3 years. There are many things that factor into tick population including temperature, rainfall, humidity, and available hosts (deer, mice, and other animals.) Ticks start in an egg mass of approximately 6000 eggs. After hatching they are called seed ticks, they have 6 legs and will climb up a blade of grass and wait for an unsuspecting host to come along. After feeding the seed tick will drop off and shed its skin, resulting in a nymph that has 8 legs. The nymph will feed, drop off, and shed its skin reaching its final form as an adult tick.

There are two main species of ticks that are found in Georgia: Lone Star tick and American Dog tick. The Lone Star tick can be identified by a small white star on its back and does not cause any known diseases. The most common tick disease in Georgia is Rocky Mountain Spotted-Fever, which is primarily carried by the American dog tick. A spotted rash appears 2 to 4 days after the onset of fever. The Lone Star Tick is the most commonly found tick in Georgia. They are more active in warmer months. Black-legged tick can still be active in the winter, but they are not as common in Georgia. They are more often found in the Northeast of the U.S., and can carry Lyme disease.

Red meat allergy can be caused by the Lone Star Tick. There is not a lot of information on why this allergy occurs because it has come about in the last 10 years. Not everyone has an allergic reaction after receiving a bite. Research is ongoing to find out more about how red meat allergy is caused.

The best way to avoid ticks is to avoid areas where vegetation is over ankle height. If that's not possible then make sure that you wear long pants and tuck your pants into your socks and shirt into your pants. You won't look glamorous, but hopefully you'll be tick free! Repellents that contains DEET are the most effective. Spraying DEET on your skin and clothes will help keep them away. Permethrin can be used on clothes to kill ticks and insects that crawl over your clothes. If you go out hiking or are working outside check yourself when you come back inside. The longer an infected tick feeds, the higher the likelihood of them transmitting to you. If a tick does bite remove the tick with forceps, grasping it as near to the point of attachment as possible.

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UGA Extension Watching and Working Jacob Williams

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it makes it practically impossible to ever convert them to a county road.

**Q. Are you strict on every decision to accept a road as a county road?**

A. As much as possible, the guidelines are fairly strict; however, there are always exceptions.

For example, if a road was built prior to 1991 when the subdivision regulations were adopted, we can make a variance as to road width and right of way width if other factors are OK.

Also, if it is a school bus route some exceptions may be necessary. In some instances, we can accept a slightly narrower road width if the road is totally built out, meaning there is no other vacant property that can access the road in the future, which would assure the traffic count could never increase.

**Q. What are the normal requirements for a road to be accepted as a county road?**

A. Again, there are some exceptions, but mostly it requires a 60 foot right of way, but sometimes we can

accept down to a 40 foot right of way if the road has a gentle terrain.

Also, on very steep terrain, we sometimes need more than 60 feet to go over a "fill" area. The road must have 6 inches of compacted base and 3 1/2 inches of asphalt, which includes a 2-inch binder and 1 1/2 inch top coat.

**Q. Is there ever a case where you can accept a private road as a county road?**

A. Yes, for example, we accepted a paved subdivision road that had been a private road for several years. It had adequate right of way, even though we had to have some additional forms signed, the road was not too steep, and it was built to county specifications, meaning it had a minimum width of 18 feet of pavement and adequate base.

We often core drill the pavement surface and sub-surface to confirm adequate depths of gravel and paved surface. Sometimes an additional layer of asphalt or patching is required prior to our acceptance.

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work are no longer considered unemployed.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics just reported 1.2 million Americans lost jobs last month, with the foreign-born workforce increasing close to 700,000 individuals. This doesn't sound like a booming economy to me.

Sadly, all of the green infrastructure investments, like technology reliant on cobalt mined by people of color in slavery (see the book "Cobalt Red"), is coming out of our children's pockets and many generations to follow. The total U.S. debt now to-

tals \$33 trillion, and interest payments on this tab is now the largest federal expenditure. Unfunded liabilities is even more staggering, now approaching \$194 trillion. Counting from 1 to 1 trillion at a rate of one number per second would take over 31,000 years if you have trouble imagining these numbers.

You are sadly mistaken if you think Biden and his handlers are concerned about your wellbeing. God Bless America, **Josh Murauskas**

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a fire and taking credit for trying to put it out. Do they think we are stupid? I hope there is enough intelligence left in this country to see through this scam.

The real cause of inflation is the war on fossil fuels combined with the trillions of borrowed dollars, most of which have been spent on UNPROVEN methods intended to combat climate change. Why not replace all the forests with solar panels and windmills?! This will never generate enough electricity to fuel a modern economy. All the while, I can't help but wonder how many solar panels and windmills are in use in China, Russia, North Korea and Iran. These are the countries which are sworn enemies of these United States.

The time will come when fossil fuels will be replaced by an alternative source of energy, but we are not there yet and the answer

is not in the immediate future. Batteries and electric vehicles are not the answer. Years from now historians will ask, "what were they thinking?"

Mr. Magoo, aka Joe Biden, is taking credit for the number of jobs he has created and also the low unemployment rate. He conveniently overlooks the devastation caused to the economy by COVID, and the improvement in the jobs market is the result of people returning to work and has nothing to do with Bidenomics. In fact, he has destroyed thousands of jobs because of his war on fossil fuels.

These are just a few of the problems created by this administration and Bidenomics. I haven't even mentioned the invasion of our southern border and the serious threats we face at home and abroad because of the policies of this administration. **Peter W. White**

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eyes, I knew he was dead. But when I smelled the death in his stinking breath I couldn't contain myself."

The young man jumped to his feet, letting out a blood curdling scream, and promptly ran through the front door without taking the time to open it. Coon Cummings was 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighed 200 pounds. However, his friend and future brother-in-law was the same height, but he weighed more than 240 pounds. Needless to say, the front door was shattered and lay in a shamble on the front porch.

Papa was in a state of shock. But, soon he gave chase. Now, the young man was in good shape and was used to walking a lot. He was always faster than his friend Hollis. So, he started out at a steady pace expecting to catch his friend in a short time. He

could see his friend about 200 yards ahead of him. But, at this pace he was not gaining on his scared young friend.

Coon had to stretch out his long legs and it felt good to really lengthen and quicken his stride. The young men ran down what would later become Turkey Creek Road. After a mile they crossed the farm of old man Tom Mays and continued down the bluff to a little tributary of the creek. Coon was gaining on his young friend and might not have caught him if not for the steeper bluff on the other side of the creek. First Hollis and then my Papa ran through the cool waters of Turkey Creek. At a certain point in the bluffs were a series of three short but steep benches which could be climbed if you knew where to go up. Both young men knew this place and went up the bluff. They soon reached the farm of Richard and Anne Adams.

Soon the adrenaline in Hollis' body ran out and he gave out. He sat down under a big Hickory tree in sight of Saint Paul Church which was a full 4 miles from the dead man's house. Hollis WeHunt had never run so far or fast in his life. Nor would he ever again. Coon soon caught up to

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dimly upon the distant mountain peak the reflection of a sun that never rises here, but which shall never set in the new heavens thereafter. It comforts and cheers us on our dark and rugged way." They're saying you can experience beauty and majesty far beyond any mountain vista. You can find belonging and community no village can offer. You can receive a peace no quiet walk in the woods can match.

"Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart" (Psa. 37:4).

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and trust within oneself to handle day-by-day situations effectively. Our thought-processing is tainted with a horrible self-image, and as a result, we don't feel comfortable and secure in making simple decisions. With a negative self-image, just managing to survive in our unpredictable, global society constitutes a daily challenge. Some days we may win and other days, not so well.

With a positive self-esteem, our outlook perpetuates itself with a genuine contentment. The profound truth is that we are what we think. Think positive, be positive. Our healthy self-esteem is based on a positive image reflecting in our life mirror. Thinking and acting in a positive way determines how we will handle all types of circumstances in our daily life. Continual healthy thinking, plus believing in oneself, produces a remarkable self-esteem and self-image.

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world yet we have people who can't even receive basic health care, and many are children.

The Biden administration has passed bills so Medicare can negotiate for drug prices. Most of our Republican reps had voted against it. Why should we pay two, three, or even four times what the same drug costs in most countries?

So please think about who you want to represent you and your families. Don't look for a D or R. Look at who is going to stand up for what you deserve.

Respectfully,  
**Candy Retter**

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our government, and dismantle our nation's two-tiered system of justice. Please know that I'm fully committed to helping lead this effort, and I look forward to sharing more with you as the upcoming funding battle unravels when members return to Washington this week.

## Citizens For A Better America

Are you happy about the way things are going in this country? Come and join like-minded patriots to our monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend. Citizens For A Better America are uniting to promote Freedom & Constitutional Rights and you are invited. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Legends Steak House in the large private meeting room, 42 Tennessee St., Downtown Murphy, NC. Meal orders at 5:00, meeting is 6:00-7:30. Cherokee County Commissioner Jan Griggs will be the guest speaker and lots more. You do not want to miss it! This meeting is free & open to the public. United We Stand!

For more information: Website: <http://www.CitizensForABetterAmerica.com>, Email: [Contact@CitizensForABetterAmerica.com](mailto:Contact@CitizensForABetterAmerica.com), Call: (828) 361-5422.

his friend and sat down with him to catch his breath.

After they had rested for a bit, the two young men began to laugh. Afterward the pair went back to the old man's house and finished what they had started. Hollis trimmed the man's hair and beard. They dressed him in clean clothes and gave him a proper burial. Later Hollis married Coon's sister, Mabel.

The families lived close to each other for the rest of their lives and were close-knit and always managed to help one another. Each summer at Decoration Day the two men would tell the tale about the time Hollis came face to face with a dead man.

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want to miss this movie night in the park at Meeks Park. It will come to life at 4 p.m., which includes live music and plenty of activities for the kids, and one of my favorite movies with free popcorn will start playing at 7:30 p.m. This will be a great time for families to spend time together.

Check our website for information on more upcoming festivals including:

- Indian Summer Festival at Woody Gap School on October 7th & 8th.
- John C Campbell Folk

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sible. Pull it firmly and steadily so that the mouthparts won't be broken off in the skin. Disinfect the bite and wash your hands.

There are products that can be used on pets as a collar to keep ticks away. Some of them are expensive, but products like Seresto last up to 8 months.

There's no way to tell if a tick is carrying a disease, but knowing the species will help eliminate possible diseases. If you have tick questions contact your County Extension Office or email me at [Jacob.Williams@uga.edu](mailto:Jacob.Williams@uga.edu).

School Fall Festival on October 7th & 8th.

- Blairsville Sorghum Festival & Parade & Dance October 14, 15 & 21, 22 (Yes, The Dance is Back)

- Fall Festival at Vogel State Park on October 28th.

If you have an opportunity, be sure to check out the new Community Camera available on the Chamber website that will reveal the changing weather and the beautiful Fall leaves.

Just another reason Life is Better in Blairsville!

### Blairsville Police Department

96 Blue Ridge Street  
Blairsville, GA 30512

Dear Blairsville/Union County Community:

The Blairsville Police Department would to thank everyone who made the 5th Annual Duck Derby a success. We appreciate everyone who purchased duck tickets, donated prizes, helped with the race, and came out to watch. We couldn't have done it without the support from the great community we live in.

Please remember to patronize the following businesses who donated prizes for this year's duck derby:

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| Mountain Outlet                          | Country Hide Creations           |
| Sav A Lot                                | Nunn's Automotive Service        |
| Walmart                                  | Old Union Golf Course            |
| Lucky's Cantina                          | Full Throttle Ministry,          |
| Twisted Pizza                            | Asiano                           |
| Sicily's Pizza                           | Wine Shoppe                      |
| Cabin Coffee                             | Cabin Coffee                     |
| General Supply                           | Barred Rock Studios              |
| G & G Bakery                             | Timber Top Creations             |
| Butternut Creek Golf Course              | Ware Chevrolet                   |
| Josephine's Boutique                     | Longhorn Steak House             |
| High Country Tire and Wheel              | Melissa's Custom Cakes           |
| Pat's Hallmark                           | Teppanyaki Time                  |
| Jason Neely                              | Blackwell's Automotive           |
| Berry Honey Farm                         | B-Right Back                     |
| S&K Dried Treats                         | Barndominium                     |
| Southern Peach Apparel and Design        | CASA                             |
| Downtown Pizza                           | Blackwell's                      |
| Sushi Shack                              | Production Tool & Technology     |
| Granddaddy Mimms                         | Barbara Baggett                  |
| Chick-fil-A                              | King Food                        |
| All Clear Window Clean                   | Nelson Tractor                   |
| Blairsville Grits and Greens             | United Community Bank            |
| University of Georgia Experiment Station | Lisa Baxter-SWBC                 |
| Logan's Turnpike Mill                    | Mortgage                         |
| Papa Johns                               | River City Bank                  |
| Foodland Grocery                         | Hone Depot                       |
| El Manzullo                              | Union County Chamber of Commerce |
| Sunrise Grocery                          | Always Rolling RV                |
| Mr. Clean Car Wash                       | Tech-William Lovell              |
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Sincerely,  
  
Michael "Bear" Baxter

