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grapes to the forest floor. Below the bluff, the clear waters of Turkey Creek meandered toward their rendezvous with Bear Creek. Located on the east side of the creek was another 100-foot high bluff at the top of which was a stand of white oaks bordered by an old field full of 10-year-old pine trees. If you travel a little further toward the east, you would run into Saint Paul Church and its cemetery, where the Bakers had also parked a vehicle in case their hunt took them that far. Dad had purposely chosen this place to release the dogs because the muscadines enticed raccoons from all around to invade the Cummings farm.

Immediately, the dogs picked up a scent and they were off to the races. They treed in a big American Beech Tree just across the creek. As the men approached the tree, the animal jumped from the tree and ran down the creek toward the Mon Dye bottoms where once again they put their quarry up a tree. Once again as the men approached, the critter jumped from the tree and ran up the creek to the north. The dogs treed in a big Hemlock on a point between Turkey Creek and a branch coming from the Cummings Farm. While en route to the tree, Dad remembered walking by the site where old Duck used to make liquor. Many a gallon of corn liquor came out of this holler. Right before the men reached the Hemlock the critter once again jumped out of the tree.

The dogs gave chase and soon had their quarry treed once again. This time they treed up a huge Short Leaf Pine. The foursome walked by the graineries in the rock which were carved by ancient peoples before any white man had ever settled in Alabama.

Dad and his younger brother had played in and around these holes when they were little boys. Just as the men reached the tree a Bobcat jumped from the old pine and made a mad dash up the bluff toward the Saint Paul Cemetery. The four men sat down and rested while their dogs gave chase. Soon they treed the cat in toward the church.

Uncle Mack told Olan and Dad to sit down and wait while he and Rufus walked to the tree. They were going to take their time walking and let that old Bobcat stiffen up awhile, which would lessen the chances of the cat jumping out of the tree. If the cat didn't jump out of the tree when the Bakers got to the tree, then they would holler for Dad and my great uncle. The walk was not far, however, they had to cross the creek and then climb the bluff to get to the tree. They must've spent nearly an hour walking while my uncle and Dad sat and got stiff.

Now, I am not talking about my Dad. You need to remember that my Uncle was really big, and furthermore, he was not used to walking. So, when the pair heard Mack and Rufus holler for them to come on up the bluff, he had trouble getting up. His legs simply would not work. He could not stand up.

Dad, who might have weighed 150 pounds, tried to pick up Olan and could not. So, he drug the big man to a tree on which he pulled himself up. He stamped his feet until the feeling came back into them, and the pair began walking. When they got to the bluff, Dad stood behind my great uncle and pushed while the big man tried to climb. They were having a tough time trying to climb the bluff, and by this time, Rufus and Mack had come back to the edge to see if they needed help. The men could be heard laughing all up and down the bluff. Olan finally got to the top and walked out to the truck at Saint Paul.

Some time back I was fortunate enough to purchase some of the James Place from my Papa. We walked over the property and found old Duck's still site. The graineries made by the ancient Indians are now underwater. But, they are there. The American Beech Tree, the Hemlock and the Short Leaf Pine are also still there. Mack and Rufus Baker are long gone, as is their brother-in-law Olan Simms. But, sometimes when I walk across the bluffs on the James Place in October, I can just make out the laughter of the those wonderful men.

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Crisis Text Line: Text "HELLO" to 741741; The Crisis Text hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the U.S. The Crisis Text Line serves anyone, in any type of crisis, connecting them with a crisis counselor who can provide support and information.

Veterans Crisis Line: Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) and press 1 or text to 838255; The

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The service is available to all veterans, even if they are not registered with the VA or enrolled in VA healthcare.

People who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have hearing loss can call 1-800-799-4889.

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effect on whatever allies we have left in the world. Self-serving: this will assure Putin that we are still under his yoke, still doing his bidding, and satisfy Erdogan to not take over Trump's highly successful two-tower hotel in Istanbul. For Trump: a win-win-win situation. And I'm sure Trump will not shed too many crocodile tears over the loss of the Kurds, considering his plan to throw Pence under the bus over the Ukraine issue. This is already happening, since according to our trusted historian of WWII, the Kurds failed to help us in the Normandy invasion. Well yeah, who doesn't remember that shameful act of cowardice? Probably on a par with Trump's five bone-spur deferments during the Viet Nam war.

And now, finally, un-

expectedly, Lindsey Graham comes to the rescue, contrary to his Trump-love following the campaign. Suddenly taking the role of Randle McMurphy in the book, when he rebels against Nurse Ratched, recognizing her as a life-and-death matter. For Randle, this leads to his lobotomized heroes' death. Let's hope Trump doesn't follow his normal path of at creating the political death of those who oppose him.

It was only a matter of time before Trump took his unchecked behavior as proof of his ability to get away with anything he wanted, without having to worry about losing his devoted Republican Senate Guard.

This latest fiasco has probably gone a bridge too far. **David Schilling**

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The activities will show in-kind labor contributed (at a rate of \$25.43/hour) and any other investment made during the year to make the community safer from wildfire. This in-kind rate is \$25.43 per dwelling unit or 1 hour per home in the community and can be in any combination of activities to reach \$25.43 x number of homes. Example: A HOA meeting for one hour with 25 people present will earn \$635.75 (25 people x 1 hour x \$25.43 = \$635.75) to contribute to the annual renewal requirement, or a chipper day will also count (hours x \$25.43 + chipper cost) toward the annual renewal requirement. No actual money for labor is ever involved for the renewal, just in-kind volunteer hours. Also, work done where a contractor is paid will also count toward the total requirement (\$25.43 x number of homes).

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Headquarters station @ 706-439-6091 for information on applications. You can also visit the headquarters station at 507 Shoe Factory Rd and pick up an application there. Interested people may complete the application and if accepted, start fire training in November.

As we have stated before, volunteering for the fire department is a rewarding service. Union County Fire Department is always looking for more volunteers. That could be you.

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pray "give us this day our daily bread" and "deliver us from evil" is to acknowledge that God provides and protects in ways you cannot.

Jesus' model prayer (Matt. 6) is an invitation. Meditate on it and let it animate your prayer life. My prayer for you is that "the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thes. 1:12).

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Business of the Quarter and the Ambassador of the Quarter. This quarter, we are doing something a little different as we plan to visit several of our businesses on the Square and end the night at the Historical Courthouse. Come join us for an evening of fun starting at Cabin Coffee at 5:30 p.m.

If you haven't reserved a seat for the Power lunch, time is running out. You don't want to miss Chris Clark, President of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, as he speaks on the New Georgia Economy. Come and hear Chris as he shares with us the direction the economy is believed to be headed in Georgia. You can register for this event on our website or call 706-745-5789 for more information. Don't forget to plan to attend the Hometown Halloween on the Square on Thursday, October 31st from 6-8 p.m. This is a fun and festive event that the whole family will enjoy.

Also, with the holiday shopping season around the corner, plan on registering for the Dress with Style fashion show featuring products from 6 different local merchants, which will take place on November 13th.

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locate here. Union County also offers businesses 100% Freeport, meaning raw materials, goods in process, and finished goods bound for out-of-state shipment being held in factories and warehouses here in the county are exempt from the County ad valorem taxes. The Development Authority is able to issue Industrial Revenue Bond Financing for project-related costs of land; facilities, machinery and equipment, and some property tax abatements may also be available.

Q: What can a county offer to a new business besides incentives?

A: On a case by case basis, the Development Authority may provide site improvements to a Union County property for the location of a new business, and they may also offer infrastructure improvements through local, state, and federal resources. The State of Georgia also offers incentives such as the Child Care Tax Credit, Small Business Tax Relief, and the Sales and Use Tax Exemption on equipment and electricity used directly in manufacturing, to name a few.

you were first attracted to it in the first place.

For more information

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UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
	Every Wednesday:	
Kiwanis Club	Skillet Cafe	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
	Fourth Monday of each month:	
MMQG Sewcials	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Blue Ridge Comm.	McCaysville Lodge	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Tuesday of each month:	
Compassionate Friends	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Dead Theologians Soc.	Cabin Coffee	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30 p.m.
VFW Post #7394	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Fourth Thursday of each month:	
Lions Club	Cook's Restaurant	6:30 p.m.
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 p.m.
	Fourth Friday of each month	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Saturday of each month:	
Youngcane Lodge #597	Lodge Hall	7:30 p.m.