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square for everyone, especially the children.

Q. What will the route of the parade be?

A. The parade route will start at the Old Red Gym over on School Street, where it always begins for most other parades. It will go from there as normal to the square beside the War Memorial and on Veterans Memorial Drive to the Gainesville Hwy. Once it goes around the square, it will head straight down Blue Ridge Street through the middle of town and turn left down Hunt Martin Street at the Union County Library, where it will go all the way back to the Old Red Gym where it started.

Q. Are there any safety precautions we need to take while watching the parade since it is after dark?

A. Just use common sense and keep children out of the roadway. The parade moves very slowly, with everyone watching for children, but it is best to keep the children out of the road. I do suggest clothing other than grays or black, since the parade is after dark. There will be lots of candy thrown from parade participants, so try to make sure your kids do not get in the street to retrieve candy.

We want everyone to be safe and have a great time watching and participating in this community parade.

Q. Will there be other

activities on the square prior to the parade?

A. The events on the square this weekend (Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018) start at 3 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse. Santa will be there from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., so kids can get their pictures with Santa for free. Downtown businesses are going to have activity booths for the kids, which will include crafts and games from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The parade will start at 6 p.m., and when it is over, they will have the tree lighting and caroling on the Courthouse Square.

It is sure to be a busy and festive evening in downtown Blairsville.

Q. Isn't the Kris Kringle Market the same day as these other activities and the parade?

A. Yes, it is. The Kris Kringle Market, which is held at the Union County Farmers Market, is on Dec. 1, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a great place to purchase locally handmade Christmas gifts for your family and friends. This year, there are 75 vendors signed up to be there.

So, this coming weekend, you could spend some time shopping at the Kris Kringle Market and then head over for the activities on the square in Downtown Blairsville, before finishing up with the Christmas Parade.

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So, the newly appointed County Agent for Franklin County came to visit Lon on his farm in Trapptown, Alabama. This County Agent suggested that Lon should use a cover crop on his land. The County Agent, Mr. Woods, also suggested using commercial fertilizer and hybrid corn seed. Lon's average yield in 1930 was 18 to 20 bushels per acre. Lon figured the County Agent's comments were good sense, so he asked about what type of seed should be used for a cover crop. They decided upon vetch. So, that fall, Lon over seeded his cotton crop with vetch before the cotton was harvested.

The next spring, Papa and his brothers were sent to break up the vetch in preparation for planting corn. Papa said, "The vetch on that ground was knee deep and it took us 4 to 5 days to break up that ground." The field was planted

to corn, and that summer, the family harvested 87 bushels of corn per acre. That harvest was four times the average amount of the past. This vetch increased the wealth of Lon, because he could now sell excess corn instead of having to use all of it to feed his livestock and family. However, Lon's brothers were worried about him. Uncle Riley and Uncle Will told Lon, "You better not use that vetch again. It'll make your land grow stuff so good that the land will wear itself out." Uncles Will and Riley were wrong. Lon's land never wore out. Actually, his land became richer with time, and Lon became richer as well.

As you can see, Papa's generation went from riding horses and subsistence farming to landing on the moon. Truly, this generation has experienced more technological change than any other generation.

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a visit to a Christmas-themed holiday market right here in the North Georgia Mountains, featuring music, children's activities, more than 75 vendors with produce, arts & crafts, delicious food creations and more.

Kris Kringle Market will take place at the Union County Farmers Market at 148 Old Smokey Road in Blairsville.

And finally, the Blairsville Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting is Saturday, Dec. 1. Get your pictures with Santa at the Historic Courthouse from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. An evening Christmas Parade will start at 6 p.m., which will be followed by the tree lighting and caroling on the square. This event

will be located in Downtown Blairsville for free!

Other area events include: Mountain Country Christmas in Lights runs November 22, 2018, through Dec. 29, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This light show event is a fun event for the whole family. Music, arts and crafts, food, and of course Santa will be there. For more info, call the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds at 706-896-4191. Cost is \$5 per person, 12 and under free.

For more information on these and other events, go to VisitBlairsvilleGA.com. And as always, don't forget to stay at home and shop local!

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ments have had years of experience creating adequate water supplies for fighting structural fires. Networks of fire hydrants and water mains provide quick access to a plentiful supply of municipal water.

But what happens if you remove the hydrants and water mains, spread the homes and businesses far apart, add county roads and terrain, and dot the land with other types of structures?

This is a more realistic picture of rural areas and the wildland-urban interface, and it is in these areas that water supply and distribution present an urgent challenge. This is all-the-more reason to prepare our property before a fire approaches, so it can resist a fire.

If you are in a situation where a wildfire is approaching and you decide to (or must) shelter in place and ride out the storm, there are steps that you can take to prepare to survive the fire.

1. Call for Help - Use a cell phone if your electrical power has been interrupted. 2. Close all entrances, windows and other openings - This includes doors, garage doors, windows, vents and any other entrances to your residence or garage. Close shutters, heavy drapes, Venetian blinds or other window coverings. This action is recommended to prevent sparks from blowing inside your house and igniting there. 3. Have tools & water accessible - Have a shovel, rake and long water hose accessible. Fill buckets and other bulk con-

tainers with water. 4. Dress to protect yourself - Wear cotton/woolen clothing, including long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and a handkerchief to protect your face. 5. Wet down the roof - If your roof is combustible, wet it down with a hose. Place the ladder you use for this task on the side of the roof opposite the fire. 6. Turn off residential fuel - If you use natural gas or propane, turn it off at the tank or the meter. 7. Prepare automobiles - Back as many vehicles as possible into the garage. Then close the garage door. In the event you evacuate, close the garage door behind you as you leave. If you do not have a garage or if the garage is full, park vehicles so they are heading in the direction of the evacuation route. 8. Evacuate the family - If evacuation becomes necessary, take your family and pets to a safe location as soon and as quickly as possible.

You can't save your home with the tools most homeowners have, so get out of the way and let the professionals get in and do their job without having to deal with you.

Keep your eyes, nose and ears open for changing conditions, and if you suspect something's not right, call 911 and leave the area.

For more information on the wildfire situation, contact the local Georgia Forestry Commission office, the U.S. Forest Service, or Frank Riley, executive director Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council at info.crcrd@gmail.com.

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amount of THC. It is thought that all the compounds in cannabis can work together more efficiently to enhance the medicinal benefits of the plant.

As mentioned above, some CBD oils out there do include 2 to 5 percent amounts of THC. But is that enough to make you fail a drug test? The answer is yes. Why? Because the THC metabolites are stored in your fat cells and, with regular consumption, will accumulate faster than your body can release them.

With the popularity of CBD oil growing day by day, more and more companies are producing CBD oil to meet the demand. Whether you buy yours online or at a local convenience store, do your research carefully. While shopping around for CBD oil, you'll find not just a couple, but several different products, all of which promise quality. But not all of the companies making these oils are honest. In fact, some will go as far as providing inaccurate information on their labels, and on their web-

sites, just to make a sale.

While checking your labels for information on the CBD oil's contents and quality is vital, so is doing your research on the company itself. The best way to do this is to check to see if the products have gone through accurate testing. Don't just look for on-site test reports, but also third-party test reports.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the recommended cutoff level of THC is 50 ng/mL to pass a drug test. Most employers and legal services use SAMHSA certified labs as the standard, since it's more likely to hold up in court. The facts are that even if you are using a CBD oil with 5 percent THC content, there is no way to know how much that will convert to in your system in terms of nanograms per milliliter of urine. Each of us metabolizes substances at a different rate depending on our age, weight, metabolic rate, medical condition, etc.

If you're worried that even the slightest amount of THC will cause you to fail a urine drug test, then your best bet is to select organic CBD hemp oil products that contain no THC whatsoever, or don't try CBD oil at all.

Remember, if your company is a Drug-Free Workplace or you are mandated to participate in random testing due to

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own tunnels. If you're unsure if you have voles or moles, take a slice of apple and tie a piece of string around it. Place it in the hole and let it sit for a couple of days. When you pull it back out, if the apple is gone, you have voles (herbivores), if the apple is still there you have moles (carnivores).

If you have questions about vole and mole control, please contact your local Extension Office, or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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If I was an angel, I would want to see this, too! A great drama unfolds on the earth, with mankind as both the antagonist and victim. A Rescuer appears, not armed for battle, but as a babe in his mother's arms. He grew up not to conquer the world, but to love and die for it. He didn't stay dead, but lived again, offering escape and eternity to all who believe. What a marvelous mystery of Divine authorship!

By faith you can experience something no other creature can: redemption, which means reclaimed by your Creator. To be distressed by sin is to be human; to be redeemed is to be touched by God. It leaves you rejoicing and the angels longing.

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"progressives" (socialists) are playing them for fools to advance their agenda and have been successfully gumming up and expanding our government since Teddy Roosevelt's administration.

J. Murray Tarter
(Former democrat)

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is buried there alongside of her mother, Sarah Addington, who was born in 1805 and died in 1844. Next to her are the graves of two small children, one marker denoting an infant of Sarah and March Addington, and the other is the marker I found under layers of leaves of Moses Addington, who died in 1840 at the age of 12 years old.

These graves, along with the other few that are there, are of historical and genealogical interest in the migration and settling of our ancestors, and it would be shameful to lose them forever. Since this was my first visit to your city, I am wondering if this cemetery has always been this small or if by chance graves have been re-located to make room for school growth.

I would be interested in hearing from anyone who feels as I do that something should be done about the deplorable condition of this cemetery.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jeanette Fain Cornelius
Rockwall, Texas
Aug. 28, 1978
Editor's Note:

North County residents recently celebrated the completion of a more than four-year restoration process of the Old Blairsville Cemetery, as reported in the Nov. 14, 2018, edition of the North Georgia News.

The restoration was undertaken by a collaborative effort of concerned residents, volunteers, local government officials and others.

Featured in the newly restored cemetery are repaired headstones, a new site marker and a fence around the perimeter.

your type of job, your employment could be jeopardized if you have THC in your system.

Just like alcohol, whether it is legal or not, you don't want to be at work and test positive.