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ect the school is building?

A. Yes. As with the Farmers Market, I have always thought anything we can do to promote and increase agriculture interest and production in our county would be good for everyone. Our county was founded on agriculture and the many beautiful and majestic farms scattered throughout it are a testament to the very difficult and hard work our forefathers provided to clear the land and establish the farms years ago. This all provides opportunities for our youth to be trained in all the possibilities of agriculture and to gain an appreciation and interest in making it their vocation. There is nothing more pleasing to the eye and the environment than to see a beautiful farm with streams and mountains in the background. It is part of what makes our county truly exceptional.

Q. Is there a list of upcoming public events at the Union County School System Fine Arts Center?

A. A list is available on

the Fine Arts Center's website at <http://www.ucschools.org>. Click on the Fine Arts Center button in the center of the page. This takes you to the main page for the Fine Arts Center and if you scroll down there is a list of upcoming public events that will be held there.

Q. I found an injured baby deer. Who do I call and what do I do with it?

A. A local vet and animal control will not handle wild animals. If you find a baby deer or other wild animal that you feel needs rescuing contact the Department of Natural Resources at 770-535-5700.

Q. Who will get dead animals out of the road?

A. Since we live in a rural area this is a common occurrence. Unfortunately the county does not have the time or the personnel to get all dead animals out of the road. If there is a large dead animal in the road that is creating a hazard to traffic you can call the Road Department or E-911 Center.

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sons, "Boys, remember, you reap what you sew". Paul and Bud spent the next 3 weeks doing extra chores to teach them the importance of hard work. They were not allowed to play ball or to go fishing with all their buddies. And yes they replanted 3 acres of corn and they took their time doing it.

Once again please remember April 15 is the first day of our Trash to Treasures Yard Sale at the Farmers Market. We will open at 7:30 and be open until 2 each Friday. The cost is \$15 and we ask that everyone be packed up and gone by 3 p.m. The stalls are available on a first come first served basis and we have 84 spaces available for your use. You can sell used items as well as items for re-sale. Please do not bring produce. Also, do not bring canned goods or baked items unless you have a cottage foods license. These are regulated by the Georgia Department

of Agriculture.

Also, the Christian Unity Conference (sponsored by local churches) will be held on April 16. You will be able to listen to varied Gospel Singers and some vendors will be at the event as well.

An antique tractor show and swap meet will be held at the Farmers Market on April 23rd. We will begin that morning at 10 a.m. and finish around 3. Also, the annual Ramps and Plants Day will be held on April 30th. If you enjoy eating ramps you can come out to the market to try fried ramps, ramps and potatoes, hamburgers and ramps, and ramp hushpuppies. We will also have entertainment that day. Then the Annual Strawberry Day will be held on May 7th. Come on out to try some of our locally grown strawberries. For more information please visit our website at ucfarmersmarket.com.

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most nutrients. However, as they feed, the tree senses the attack and blocks off affected area. This not only disrupts nutrients from getting to the insects but also to the rest of the tree beyond where they are feeding. This leads to branch death and, depending on the infestation, death of the entire tree. The greater the population of HWA on a tree, the more dramatic the hemlock's immune response, and the sooner it dies.

The best way to treat HWA problems is to prevent them. You can do this by treating your hemlocks with an insecticide (usually imidacloprid) that is injected into the soil. This allows the roots to take up the chemical and spread it throughout the tree, though it can take 6-12 months to fully protect. If

you have previously treated a hemlock, after about 5-7 years, you may start to see HWA on the lower, older branches. This means that the treatment is running out and needs to be reapplied. To eliminate populations of HWA that may have established during the lapse in treatment, a tree and shrub pesticide spray containing imidacloprid may be applied to the infected branches.

In addition to pesticides, a powerful means of controlling these insects is releasing their natural predators. Several species of predatory beetles which specialize on HWA have been imported and evaluated for their ability to control these populations. Luckily, the results of these beetle trials are promising and provide additional hope for our hemlocks.

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ship with His creation. Hey folks, here's the crux of it all. God is real. Heaven is real. Hell is real. And our Lord God gives each one of us the choice to follow the truth or to

believe the lies of the world. I pray you have made a wise decision for your own destiny is in your hands. Amen
Frank F. Combs

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pared to ask others about their business. Here are three simple questions that will yield results: What business are you in? What does your ideal customer look like? How can I help?

Be interested rather than trying to be interesting. Most people find others who are interested in them to be interesting to them.

Then, at the end of the evening, identify the one or two people you found most interesting. Contact them in the next couple of days to arrange a business breakfast or lunch for more in-depth discussion. They may be your next customer and, if not, they may be able to introduce you to someone who is your next customer. Try it. Find out for yourself. It works.

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In 2006, the Georgia legislature passed The Foundations of America Law and Government bill that would allow a display of historical documents in courthouses. The displays consisted of the Declaration of Independence, the National Motto, the Preamble of the Georgia State Constitution, the Bill of Rights, The Mayflower Compact, Magna Carta, a description of Lady Justice and the Ten Commandments.

The bill was challenged in court and was ruled to be a legal display since it contained various documents of historical significance and not a religious display. Since Georgia's The Foundations of America Law and Government bill stood up in court, the state legislature amended the 2006 law to expand the displays from the courthouses to all government buildings which includes schools and even prisons. Our Governor, Nathan Deal readily signed the newly amended bill in 2012.

The one provision of the bill is that the display cannot be purchased with government funds, they must be privately paid for and then donated to the respectful building or institution for display.

I would hope and pray that every other state in the country would follow Georgia's example and pass similar pieces of legislation in their states so that private concerned citizens can work towards getting similar displays up in every school and courthouse in the land.

Union County is the 22nd county out of 159 in Georgia to follow The Foundations of America Law and Government bill into its courthouse.

I'm proud to have the historical display donated to the Union County Courthouse.

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is there every Saturday morning unless he is out of town.

As for what Lamar paid for the land and helping the Forestry Service, most everything that Lamar has purchased has been paid for with SPLOST money (of which a lot is paid for by visitors).

As far as helping the Forestry Service, what happened to being a good neighbor since we all enjoy the Forestry Services daily?

So come out to the Farmers Market on Tuesday and Saturday mornings and talk to the farmers who no longer have to travel to Atlanta to sell their crops. Just enjoy one of the best things to happen to Union County.

Ruth L. Murrell

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday: Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
A Course in Miracles	298 School Circle	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	Every Wednesday:	
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
	Every Thursday:	
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	First Monday of each month:	
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114	Masonic Lodge	6:30 pm
	First Tuesday of each month:	
Brownie Scouts	United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 pm
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 pm
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 pm
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 pm
Enotah Ch. #24 RAM	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
	First Wednesday of each month:	
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	Monet's Rest.	Noon
Better Breathers	UGH Classroom 2nd Fl.	1 pm
	First Thursday of each month:	
Quilts of Valor	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am-2:30 pm
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 am
NAMI Fam. Support	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 pm
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
	First Friday of each month:	
"Nailed" Book Club	G-N-G Bakery	10 am
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Cruisers Block Party	Farmer's Market	5 pm (Apr-Oct)
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm
	First Saturday of each month:	
Cruise-In	On the Square	4 pm (Apr-Oct)

**Bell Ringing Union
County Old Courthouse**



March 11, 2016
in memory of
Paula Paris Johnson
Anniversary
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

March 15, 2016
in honor of
Ira T. Harkins 97th Birthday
by sons
Thomas & Robert Harkins

March 19, 2016
Harry Walker
62nd Wedding Anniversary
by Shirley Walker
Child Bride

March 27, 2016
in memory of
Gertrude W. Shuler
by Betty J. Shuler

March 31, 2016
in memory of
Harry Walker Birthday
by wife, Shirley Walker

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