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their motorcycle down due to excess speed and sliding off the highway. This would also help prevent a vehicle from going over the guardrail into the deep gully below.

Q. Is it also possible to have a guardrail with a cushion behind it so that it lessens the impact in a direct accident?

A. We have asked GDOT to consider a special type guardrail in this curve. This type of guardrail would definitely be beneficial in this curve, and could decrease the chance of injury or death in the event of a motorcycle or vehicle crash. I counted 6 white crosses in this curve and I am sure there have probably been more deaths than that through the years. So, I feel certain that GDOT will be diligently working on this issue. I have also suggested some large chevron signs be added so that it gives a better warning to those approaching the curve and this would make it easier to spot the curve in the fog and rain.

Q. Will the county or you still be able to give us updated winter weather reports this year for Neal's Gap (Hwy 19/129) and Wolfpen Gap (Hwy 180) roads?

A. There is no way to give updates on all the roads during ice and snow, but as always, I will try to assimilate as much information as possible and post it on Facebook.

We also work with GDOT to get weather and road reports to pass along to the public. If the winter weather forecasts are true, it should be a dryer and warmer winter, but you can never count on this.

Q. Will the Union County Road Department be able to maintain the county roads as good as they have in the past?

A. We certainly hope so. We have more snow removal equipment than most any other rural county, but anytime we get real ice on the roads, it is hard to manage them. If it is snow, we manage pretty well and will continue to work hard to protect you. We also utilize local contractors with motor graders when we have excessive amounts of snow. Since this article will be after the snow that is forecast this weekend, we are always hoping for a lighter forecast.

Q. What is the best thing the public can do when it starts to snow or ice?

A. Stay off the roadways as much as possible. The local GDOT crews and the county crews will do all we can, but just try to stock up when there is a storm in the forecast. Try to plan ahead and stay off the roads unless travel is absolutely necessary. You can always contact our Road Department at 706-439-6062 for more information.

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the stable. His body hit the wall hard enough to crack and break one of the rough sawed planks into 2 pieces.

Alfred nor his 17 year old daughter ever panicked. Each had a job to do. He eventually worked his long bony fingers into each nostril of the bull and twisted its nose until the bull stopped and began emitting a long, low and pitiful groan from its throat.

When the bull stopped Laura opened the door and walked into the stable with her father. She reached into his doctor bag and handed him the

instrument he needed to correct the bull's problem. When she and her father finished the job Alfred let go of the bull and the pair walked out of the stable leaving the bull in a calm and peaceful state. The owner of the bull stared in amazement at the father and daughter team. As the man stared my great grandfather reached up and punched the man square in the nose knocking him to the ground. Alfred West left that day with 2 things; the man's respect and a country cured ham. It all started with a chestnut bur and Alton.

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tremely irritable or euphoric. People living with bipolar disorder may experience several extremes, such as agitation, sleeplessness and talkativeness or sadness and hopelessness. They may also have extreme pleasure-seeking or risk-taking behaviors. Mood shifts may occur only a few times a year or as often as several times a week.

Symptoms of bipolar disorder are severe and can result in damaged relationships, poor job or school performance, and even suicide. The symptoms and the severity of mania or depression vary widely among individuals with the disorder.

The researchers behind this study followed up after five years with the focus on the risk for substance abuse (alcohol or drug abuse or dependence and cigarette smoking) in developing adolescents with bipolar

disorder. This new study found that those with bipolar disorder — particularly those with a conduct disorder — were at a higher risk for substance use disorder and becoming dependent on cigarettes.

Dr. Wilens said in a press release that, "We also made another interesting finding — that those originally diagnosed with bipolar disorder who continued to have symptoms five years later were at an even higher risk for cigarette smoking and substance use disorder than those whose symptoms were reduced either because of remission from bipolar disorder or from treatment."

Parents of children with bipolar disorder are encouraged to speak to their child's pediatrician or psychiatrist about monitoring for the development of substance use disorder.

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leaves that can lead to sooty mold, a black discoloration that can occur in the summer and fall. This honeydew can also attract ants.

Sooty mold usually causes little damage, but it can reduce the plant's vigor and look unsightly. Insect resistant crape myrtle varieties are avail-

able if this is a consistent problem. Always follow pesticide label instructions carefully, and spray late in the day when bees are not active. Crape myrtles are important food sources and habitats for important pollinators, so it is important to disturb these creatures as little as possible.

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can provide local conservation project funding as does the Federal USDA NRCS that provides match funding thru its EQIP program for farmers who want to improve their operations.

Towns, Union, Fannin, and Rabun counties are serviced by the Blue Ridge Soil & Water Conservation District that meets monthly to discuss issues pertaining to soil and water conservation in these counties. The Soil and Water districts also approve (or disapprove) soil and erosion plans that are required by the state for any disturbance that could lead to soil erosion and water quality issues. These plans are submitted by developers, construction companies, and others whose operations will potentially disturb the soil and water on the sites where they are operating and these district supervisors have the last word for acceptance (or not) for these plans. This conference will provide speakers who will address some of the issues and farming methods that can lead to soil erosion and water quality issues and will show methods to improve soil health and water quality.

At the state level, the Georgia Soil, and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) supports these locally led soil and water conservation districts through education, technical, financial and planning assistance and through program oversight. The Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D strives to improve the quality of life by protecting and improving our natural resources which will help to improve the local economy and we are glad to sponsor this conference to carry out this mission. The State of Georgia

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derful gift and God's holiness form your motivation to "be holy yourselves also in all your behavior" (1 Pet. 1:15). If you fail to grasp both aspects of holiness, you could err in two ways. God's grace gift is not a license to sin, and your good behavior cannot make you holy before God.

Jerry Bridges' message is that of the Bible: You can be holy, and you can live holy. He was humble and transparent about his own sometimes imperfect life of pursuing God. May he rest in peace, having completed the chase.

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tion and membership within the Chamber. To ensure that the Chamber continues to improve and serve our membership effectively, we will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, January 18 at 8 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Union County Community Center, 2nd floor ballroom, and light breakfast items will be served.

The goal for this meeting is to discuss: The Buy Local Program – Successes and Recommendations; Suggestions or program ideas that YOU believe would help your business and community; Official roll-out of the "B2B Leads Group"; General questions you may have about your membership and the Chamber.

Reserve your seat today at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com or by calling the Chamber at (706) 745-5789. Share your ideas, connect with others, and be a part of the solution in 2017.


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terpretation, identifying storm and potential severe weather and much more. The training and the information provided by the Storm Spotters would greatly assist UCEMA in predicting and warning the community of severe weather. It will also continue to make Union County an official Storm Ready Community.

~Union County Fire Department – Our Family Protecting Your Family~

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



January 2, 2017
In memory of
Virginia B. Meeks
Birthday
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

January 21, 2017
In memory of
Dollie Colwell Meeks
Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:	Union County Library	11 am
Children's Story Time	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Kiwanis Club	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Civil Air Patrol	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Boy Scouts #101	Every Tuesday:	
	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Tri State Bus. Women	First UMC	5:15 pm
Get Fit	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Every Wednesday:	
	Civic Center	7 pm
BINGO	Every Thursday:	
	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Rotary Club	First UMC	5:15 pm
Get Fit	Third Monday of each month:	
	Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
Shape Note Music	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
High Country Artisan	1211 Blairsville Airport	7 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Third Tuesday of each month:	
	Dooley Chapter	Noon
UC Homemakers	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 pm
Healthy Hearts Support	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
American Legion, Aux	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	UCB Community Room	7 pm
Compassionate Friends	Third Wednesday of each month:	
	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am
Quilts of Valor	Grinds & Glazes (G&G)	10 am
GA Mtn. Writers Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Blairsville Garden Club	Library Com Room	2 pm
Friends of the Library	So. Bank & Trust	7 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	Third Thursday of each month:	
	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
MMQG	Civic Center	Noon
Kinship Care	County Courthouse	6 pm
Commissioner's Meet.	Rib Country, Murphy	6:30 pm
Good N'bers Auto	Moschetto's	6:30 pm
UT Home Builders	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	UC High School	7 pm
Tip-off Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Jaycees	Third Friday of each month:	
	No activities listed	
	Third Saturday of each month:	
	UC Republican Party	Civic Center
		10 am