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Their vehicles should be covered or tarped in a manner to eliminate anything from blowing out. Once they dump their load at our transfer station, it is their responsibility to get out and clean out any remaining debris from the truck or trailer.

Q. Is there any way to ensure that the commercial haulers clean out their trucks once they have emptied them at the Transfer Station? This might be why there is so much trash on the side of the road leading to and from the Transfer Station on Deep South Farm Road.

A. We are going to install cameras in the Transfer Station building that will insure the proper procedures are being followed by everyone, including the company that is hauling for the county. We are hopeful that since people know they are being watched, they will do the right thing.

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a spring freeze up. So, I figure spring water will not freeze". Another friend replied, "Well there is your mistake. You see as long as that water remains in the spring it won't freeze. But, when you take it out of the spring it becomes branch water which will freeze".

It has been a long winter, but, before we get too excited about this spring time weather keep this in mind. Those of you

Q. Can our Sheriff's Department patrol the road going to the transfer station and catch those who are violating the law by not covering their loads?

A. Yes. We have asked that this road be patrolled periodically, not to fine people, but to initially issue warnings to those coming with uncovered loads and educating them on proper procedures. If this does not seem to help, we will then begin issuing citations to repeat offenders. The fine is up to \$1,000 and up to 60 days in jail. That should get some people's attention.

Q. Why is it so hard to catch people who litter?

A. Because those intentionally littering are doing it when no vehicle is behind them and it is very difficult to catch them. But we are in the process of utilizing portable cameras in areas where it is happening the most often.

who remember C. R. Collins have probably heard him tell about snow in the old days. He told me that sometime around 1890 his daddy was farming and had corn growing that was about 10 inches tall in mid June. One night the family went to bed and woke up with snow covering all but the top of that corn.

This happened in the Choestoe Valley.

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in serious danger, especially this year. After the extremely mild winter we've just had, the invasive insect pest called Hemlock Woolly Adelgid that's attacking the trees has showed up earlier with fatter egg sacs than we've ever seen before. And this robust population of pests is poised to do more and faster damage than ever before. A massive loss of hemlocks would be a disaster on the scale of the American Chestnut, so it's time for action to save one of our most majestic and iconic evergreen trees.

The good news – property owners can treat and save as many of their own trees as they choose. It's safe, easy enough for most people to do

themselves, highly effective, and surprisingly economical, especially compared to the cost of losing the trees. And volunteers can help save the hemlocks in our national forests and state lands too.

If you want to learn how to help, please plan to attend a special training event Saturday, May 6 in both Blue Ridge and Blairsville, presented by Save Georgia's Hemlocks. Registration is required. For information or registration, please call Kim at 706-455-2313 or email kimberlyraewood@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Shearer
Chairman,
Save Georgia's Hemlocks

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you out..."

14. My mother taught me about behavior modification. "Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about envy. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about anticipation. "You just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about receiving. "You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me medical science. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP. "Put your sweater on! Don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My father taught

me humor. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me how to become an adult. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me genetics. "You're just like your father!"

23. My mother taught me about my roots. "Shut that door behind you. Were you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me wisdom. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. My father taught me about justice. "One day, you'll have kids and I hope they turn out just like you!"

(And they wouldn't have bothered fussing if they didn't care.)

George A. Mitchell

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the "Run for the Rhodies" a 5K road race that takes participants on a course through the pioneer village, the campground and the Gardens. Runners can sign up in advance, for a \$25 fee, or on race day for \$30. Each runner will be provided a goody bag, t-shirt and a koozie. If you are interested in participating, sign up at Active.com Hiawassee Georgia-Run for the Rhodies. Be sure to stick around Saturday evening after the Arts and Crafts Show for a delicious boxed lunch from Lake Chatuge Light House and Grill and a concert featuring Buck & Oz for the low price of \$15! Hamilton Gardens has numerous special events coming up through May 20th that you won't want to miss! For more information about the Gardens and information about their upcoming events give Hamilton Gardens a call at 706-970-0011 or visit their website at HamiltonGardens.org.

Friday, May 5th The Tri-State Business Women (TSBW) are once again celebrating Cinco De Mayo in style! Dust off your sombrero and join them at North Georgia Technical College at 5:30 p.m. Amazing Grace Catering and Events will create an

endless Mexican buffet of soft beef tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, dessert, and assorted beverages. You cannot have an event without music, and Mark Siekmann of Home Werks will set the tone for fun and entertainment while guests browse tables displaying a wide array of raffle prizes and gifts galore. The price for dinner will be \$10 a person, children 5 and under are free. Tickets are available in advance and can be purchased from any TSBW member.

Tri-State Business Women is one of the many great organizations in our community who have a heart to provide support in the community. They work hard to raise funds to provide donations for multiple organizations in Union County. In 2016, TSBW was able to provide donations to Enotah CASA, Foster Children's Fund, NAMI of Union County, S.A.F.E., Habitat for Humanity Towns/Union Counties, Shop with a Cop, Union County Anti-Drug Coalition, as well as a scholarship to a Mountain Education Charter High School graduate.

For more information about Tri-State Business Women, give Kim Siekmann a call at (706) 745-7446.

Searching for WWI photos

The Union County Historical Society is searching for World War I pictures of residents of Union County who served in WWI for consideration of use in the Historical Calendar this year. Any significant or unusual photos are

welcome. Of particular interest are pictures of the Battle of Belleau Wood and the Battle of Argonne Forest areas. Pictures with captions can be dropped off at the Union County Historical Society Museum on the square in Blairsville.

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abnormal growth as soon as it appears. In some cases, you can apply a protective fungicide such as chlorothalonil, mancozeb, or myclobutanil. If you take this approach, always make sure to read the label and use the fungicide appropriately, or contact the extension office if you have any questions. Keep in mind that once the galls are formed, the only way to truly get rid of them is to prune them out. Applying fun-

gicides will not shrink the galls or heal the plant, but it can protect it from the Exobasidium fungus the following year. In the meantime, keep an eye on your azaleas, rhododendrons, and camellias and cut out any galls you find!

If you'd like more information on leaf galls, stop by your extension office for a brochure.

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and fears. She also found eternal life, because of the choice she had made and you too my friend can find that same hope in a hopeless world that is spinning out of control due to the sins of this world. Christ did come. He did die on a cross for all of mankind and Christ did arise from the dead, victorious over life and death. Please don't make the same mistake this husband made by rejecting the only hope for eternal life to come. As pastor Charles Stanley often quotes: There are only two places a person can go after death. Heaven or Hell. Eternal life or total separation from a loving God. It is a choice we all must make. I pray you choose wisely. Amen

Frank F. Combs

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base in Norfolk, Virginia because ships were in too shallow water?

Secondly, as to Mr. Elder's comment regarding President Trump's, "... strongly encouraged ... Marla Maples to have an abortion." First, how would Mr. Elder or anyone else have any idea of what went on between, then, Mr. Trump and Marla Maples? Maybe he got his information from a decades old *National Enquirer*.

No one knows the heart of another person's relationship with God. I don't know when or if President Trump had a "born again" relationship with our Lord and Savior. I do know he is the only president who has often evoked the name of God into his discourse in a very long time. If he said he is pro-life, no one can dispute his position.

Chris Crawford

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major job that GEMA has is to contact and coordinate the available resources in the state to help communities deal with a disaster. Recovery is to get things back to normal as soon as possible. This can be difficult at times. The local EMA works with GEMA and FEMA to help get the business and the people back to their normal lives.

Local Emergency Management Agencies have a great deal of responsibility. They must constantly work to prevent, prepare, mitigate, respond and recovery from incidents and disasters within their county. They must also coordinate the available resources in the county as well as coordinate with GEMA and FEMA to be able to respond. These are just a few of the responsibilities. The main goal of Union County Emergency Management Agency is to have a resilient and prepared community through our efforts.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



April 13, 2017
In memory of
Fred L. Miller
Birthday
by Lorraine Miller

April 19, 2017
In memory of
Virginia B. Meeks
Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

April 28, 2017
In memory of
Dolly C. Meeks
Birthday
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

April 28, 2017
Lori Michelle Nuce
Happy Birthday
by Mom, Dad, Bette Lou and Maryann
Forever in our hearts
and memories