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A. Absolutely not!! While patching may not always look the best, your ride and safety on the road is what is important and not the "look" of the pavement. It is a total waste of taxpayer funds to completely repave a road when there are only small weak spots that can be treated with patching. Once a particular road bed is rated by the Road Department to require complete resurfacing, then that is performed. In the

past four years we have resurfaced over 35 miles of asphalt roads at a cost of over \$3 million and paved with surface treatment, over 13 miles of new gravel roads at a cost of over \$1 million. This does not include mowing over several thousand miles, graveling and grading roads, cleaning out ditches, patching hundreds of miles of pavement, making and replacing thousands of road and street signs, and maintenance of all

county vehicles including the Sheriff Department and winter maintenance.

Q. Will the county Road Department be as prepared this winter to provide the same excellent road clearing during snow events as last year?

A. We now have 11 snow plows, a huge storage bin for salt and gravel and we maintain most of the county roads, small

helping to give updates to our equipment operators and sometimes Georgia Department of Transportation and to

keep the general public updated on conditions via Facebook and by photos. So, yes, we will be prepared.

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smelled the flask and told Clifford he was being arrested for illegal possession of alcohol. The 75 year old Clifford told the young deputy that he was a self-appointed know-it-all and struck the deputy across the top of his head with a walking cane.

My 16 year old father jumped in between the deputy and Clifford just as the deputy was pulling out his billy stick. the deputy told my dad that he was going to teach that old man a lesson. Just in time the supplier of Clifford's alcohol and the boss of the young deputy came walking into the pool room. Chief Looney demanded to know what these two were fighting about. Just as the deputy was about to tell his side of

the story Clifford landed another lucky, but feeble blow to the head of the deputy. The Chief walked the young deputy outside and explained that Clifford Hyde was one of the Grand Old Men of Phil Campbell and that his liquor was supplied by the Chief himself. The next week the deputy and Clifford were seen sitting in the pool room together laughing and enjoying one another's company.

A few years later Clifford learned he had not killed the man in Georgia. So to show his gratitude, Clifford quit the bottle and began going to church. He even got saved and baptized. Clifford died at the ripe old age 91 and was still known as the Grand Old Man of Phil Campbell.

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to ensure your spot! Friday October 21st is the deadline. Give us a call at 706-745-5789 to sign up and be part of this great event to support our local economy.

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the day that the Son of Man is revealed" (Lk. 17:30). But just as the ark brought Noah to safety, the resurrected Jesus Christ at the right hand of God can "bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3:18ff).

Visit the Ark Encounter if you're interested in the debate about Creation vs. Evolution, truth vs. myth, and how many animals can fit in a ship. Until then, you have your own encounter when you embrace the lessons of God's ark and his servant Noah.

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bugs in walls or attic spaces, spraying insecticides will indeed kill many of them, but it won't prevent more from moving in. Also, having a large amount of dead stink bugs in your home will promote carpet beetle infestations, as they feed on dead insects. Carpet beetles also feed on wool clothing and other animal products, so it is best to try to prevent stink bugs from entering in the first place.

Though these pesky critters can be annoying and give off a bad smell, they are not harmful. They may startle you as they fly around your house, but they won't bite, sting, or infest your home, so don't worry too much. Just seal up your house to try to avoid the problem next year!

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ing, and increased spotting. Fire intensities will be higher than normal which will likely preclude direct attack of fires. Expect the need for extended mop-up. Expect an increase in long duration fires; with heavy fuels being available to burn and leaves coming off of trees expect a higher than normal probability of re-burn on contained fires.

Message to firefighters, remember to Stop, Think and Talk before you Act ...actively look for ways to minimize risk to firefighters in what is forecast to be a period of very high fire danger. Area of concern: Alabama, Mississippi, Central and north Georgia, Tennessee and the mountain areas of Western South Carolina and North Carolina. If this doesn't get your attention, you haven't been paying attention for the past several years or have your head in the sand. We hope it doesn't happen but we must be prepared for the worst so if a wildfire does strike we can survive it with all of our stuff and our lives intact.

It's also very important to remember Ready-Set-Go... prepare for the worst (Ready) have a plan and be aware of conditions (Set) and when the call comes out for a fire or you smell smoke, leave immediately (Go) and let the professional firefighters get in and protect your assets. We hope that we are lucky and dodge a wildfire, but don't count on it because someone will have one, guaranteed, and we just hope that someone is not us. Prepare for the worst case scenario and use the Firewise guides and act now to create defensible space around your homes and buildings to reduce the risk for a fire. Being Firewise doesn't guarantee that a fire will skip your property but it sure helps... as the old saying goes, "it's better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it!"

Please use care with any outdoor burning including fire pits and/or campfires. Check with the Georgia Forestry Commission concerning the issuance permits before igniting any debris even a small leaf pile, because large wildfires are started from a small fire. With any fire, drown, stir and mix, and feel campfires. If in doubt, don't burn, because once a fire starts it's very hard to control. For more information, contact your local Georgia Forestry Commission, US Forest Service, or RC&D. For more information email: Info.crcrd@gmail.com

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For more information on smoke alarms and this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms

Every 10 Years", visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

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

Union County Primary School Title 1 Parent Meeting

Union County Primary School Parents are invited to attend the Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2016. This meeting will be at the Union County Primary School PLC room. Please choose a time that is convenient for you 8 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

At this meeting the school's Title 1 program will

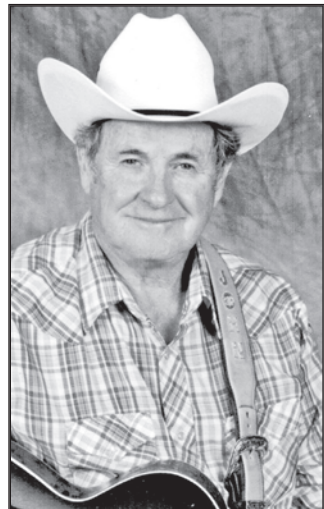
be reviewed and discussed, topics that are important to you as parents, include: What is Title 1 school? Review the school wide program; Common Core curriculum and assessments; Review of the Parent Involvement Policy/Budget; Review of the School-Parent Compact. Community members are also welcome to attend.

John Nix and the Country Cousins at Old Courthouse October 14th

The Sorghum Festival is here again, and the festival wouldn't be complete without John Nix and the Country Cousins. This Union County group of musicians has been a part of the Sorghum since its beginnings, and is a vital part of Union County's musical history.

The Union County Historical Society is pleased to have John and the current edition of the Country Cousins perform in concert at The Old Courthouse on the Square at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 14.

The band was started with the Nix brothers performing at home. There were four brothers in the beginning: Homer, Clayton, Cranford, and John. Homer dropped out, and since then a number of country cousins have performed in the band. John is the only brother left, but he still carries on the tradition. John and the Country Cousins were honored by the Union County Historical Society earlier this year with a



John Nix

program about the band and its longevity.

There is no admission charge to programs presented by the Union County Historical Society. The musicians donate their time and talents. Voluntary donations to the maintenance fund are welcomed and appreciated.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Children's Story Time	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
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
	Third Monday of each month:	
Shape Note Music	Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Allegheny Lodge #114	Masonic Lodge	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 pm
	Third Tuesday of each month:	
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon
Healthy Hearts Support	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 pm
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
American Legion, Aux	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 pm
	Third Wednesday of each month:	
Quilts of Valor	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am
GA Mtn. Writers Club	Grinds & Glazes (G&G)	10 am
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	So. Bank & Trust	7 pm
	Third Thursday of each month:	
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
Good N'bers Auto	Rib Country, Murphy	6:30 pm
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
	Third Friday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Third Saturday of each month:	
UC Republican Party	Civic Center	10 am
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 am