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it on what is best. The City Council, the Mayor and their employees know best what is needed within the City and they do a great job on making the most of the money they receive.

Q. Does Union County maintain the roads that are inside the Blairsville city limits?

A. No. Roads that are located within the city limits of Blairsville are maintained by the city. However, the county will assist them when needed.

Q. The Union County Fire Department is a Department of Union County Government, but they respond to fires and accidents within the City of Blairsville. How does

that work?

A. Union County and the City of Blairsville have what is called a Service Delivery Strategy. This strategy outlines what services offered by Union County will also be available within the City of Blairsville.

One example of this is the Union County Fire Department. While the Fire Department is operated by Union County, they still respond to all calls inside the city as well.

Same thing with our Animal Control Officer. He takes care of animal complaints in the city and the county. This cuts down on the duplication of services, streamlines response times and saves a tremendous amount of cost.

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also knew Sherman's reputation. Not a person in the shop even cracked a smile. Sherman stopped dead in his tracks upon hearing the nasty words of this vile man.

As he turned to face the fellow, Sherman reached into his pocket for his hawk-billed Case knife, barely avoiding the big fist of Frank Rogers. The knife came from his pocket and in a flash the blade was out. Instinctively, he swiped to the left with the knife. The extremely sharp blade found the delicate skin of the belly just below the fellow's belly button. Rogers was shocked as he felt his own blood flowing down his legs. He looked down to observe the damage caused by the knife. A look of horror showed on his face as he watched his intestines fall out of the wound made by the knife.

Rogers never said a

word. He grabbed his insides while running out the door toward Wilson's Hospital. The big man ran in through the door of the hospital and screamed that he'd been cut open. The Doctor laid him onto the observation table, placed his guts back inside and sewed up the wound.

After finishing, the Doctor said, "Frank Rogers, I don't know what happened back there, but, let me say that you best leave Sherman be. He is like dynamite. A big boom can come in a small package. And he ain't scared of anything."

Both men lived to a ripe old age, and although the two men saw each other on a regular basis, he never said another disrespectful word to Sherman. He gave him the respect any human being is due. I guess it just takes some people longer to learn how to treat others.

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fully selected panel of experts will be discussing workforce challenges including wages, benefits, drugs, and retention of employees in a question and answer format.

Also, Amy McCombs with Union County Schools will be speaking about the GA BEST Program, which is designed for Pre-K through Post-Secondary teachers to facilitate discussion in their classrooms. Union County High School will begin implementation of GeorgiaBEST in the 2019-20 school year and hopes to partner with local businesses to grow our students in employability skills. This Monthly

Mingle is free and includes lunch, but you must register as there is limited availability. Sign up online or call (706) 745-5789.

Finally, if you have not reserved your Christmas tree for our "Tour of Trees" display, be sure to call the Chamber today. It is estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 visitors will view your custom decorated tree—and you may win the prize for Fan Favorite! The large trees are going fast so call today! So, give Sheila a call at the Chamber, and start making plans for your tree. We can't wait to see them all on display from December 1 – 31.

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the road to home, wherever that may lie.

Yet, Enotah CASA cannot do this alone. That is why the outpouring of community support for our major fundraiser, Dancing With the North Georgia Stars- Towns/Union, is so very much appreciated. We grossed over \$55,000 through sponsorships, advertising, ticket sales, and donations; exceeding our set goal. We would like to personally thank you. Your financial support means that our community's abused and neglected children can have a CASA to give them a voice, instill some

hope, and allow them the opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home.

I also extend much thanks to the hundreds that worked to put on this event, as well as special praise to the dedicated dancers. If you were an attendee, dancer, sponsor, advertiser, worker, or a donor; you too have joined our effort to fight child abuse and neglect.

We extend our sincerest gratitude for your generous contributions and support.

With many thanks,
Della Lago, Executive Director Enotah CASA, Inc.

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nation with their own lives. Memories that some will never get over, perhaps for the rest of their life.

Whenever I see a vet, I stop and thank them for their brave service and even get a hug now and then. They need our support, our adoration and most of all our undying love for a job well done. I love to see all of the different services represented on their hats wherever I go, just a reminder of how great our beloved America means to all of them who served a few

years to over 20 years.

It is said: To do a job well under great emotional times tells us that our men and women in uniform are a fine example of what freedom means to all of us who love our dear nation and will protect it at any cost. Hats off to all who have served and are serving, and especially to all who gave the ultimate sacrifice of themselves to keep us free from the enemy. God Bless you all.

Frank F. Combs

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no longer with us often bring heavy feelings of grief and regret during this time of year. There can be unresolved anger or resentment toward family members that is buried and forgotten in the spirit of the season but still emotionally stressful to manage. Most people will agree that the holidays are stressful, and that stress can prompt anger, anxiety, situational depression, etc.

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(Deut. 8:16-18). There it is! Your reason to be humble and thankful is that God provides the means for you to put food on your table, and keep a roof over your head. It is gratifying to use the power He gives you to live a significant life.

G. K. Chesterton said, "The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has no one to thank." Be like a Heisman winner. Know who to thank, step up, and do it.

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come the terminal leader. However, this will result in a forked tree. Dying terminal leaders will have a shepherd's crook shape to them. Trees grown in partial shade are less affected by the white pine weevil.

White pines can be a great addition to a landscape. If you have questions about white pines contact you County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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Fire Department who have the heart of a firefighter and chose to serve.

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when they are unconscious or sedated. The man was obviously in no position to give consent himself.

I have worked for various publications over the years, and I understand the value a picture can bring to a story, however in this instance, I think it was poor judgement to use it. There was no real purpose served here other than to confirm that Mr. Bruce was indeed badly hurt. He looked very vulnerable, and I was sad to see him to be displayed like that.

Margie Schramke

Weekly Patriot Reflection



Refresh the Vision

In 1787, after the Constitutional Congress, as Dr. Benjamin Franklin watched the last members sign the Constitution, he glanced up at the President's chair, and hanging behind it was a picture of a rising sun. He drew attention to it from some of the members nearby and said, "It is hard to distinguish whether the artist had drawn a rising or setting sun. I have often gazed on that as we debated our course, sometimes with great fear, difficulty and hardship with the issues involved and wondered whether it was rising or setting. But now, at the end of this day I have the happiness to know that it is a rising, and not a setting sun." What he meant was our nation would prove to be a success!

The question for each one reading this would be: What would Franklin say today as to whether our present republic is in ascendancy or declining? The belief of a vast majority is that it represents a setting sun. We as a people have not followed the admonition of our Founding Fathers! An old adage helps explain why it is setting: "A people must from time to time, refresh themselves at the wellspring of their origin, lest they perish."

A good North Georgia translation simply says, "When we lose sight of the plumb line and want to move away from it, we will perish. Let's get back to seeing and striving for what our Founding Fathers believed and fought for."

A Patriot Reflection is presented weekly by www.joshuaswarriors.org.

them. You can support them by managing the expectations you have of them. Avoid using guilt or shame to make them comply with the schedules or activities planned. Check in with them often and offer understanding rather than judgement. If someone is in recovery from drugs or alcohol, be respectful

of their journey and support them by not allowing alcohol at the dinner or celebration while they are present.

For all of us, this should be a season of celebration and love. Be open to celebrating in new and different ways that build trust and show support to everyone involved.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday: Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
	Every Wednesday:	
Kiwanis Club	Skillet Cafe	Noon
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
	Every Thursday:	
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
	Fourth Monday of each month:	
MMQG Sewcials	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Blue Ridge Comm.	McCaysville Lodge	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Tuesday of each month:	
Compassionate Friends	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Dead Theologians Soc.	Cabin Coffee	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30 p.m.
VFW Post #7394	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Fourth Thursday of each month:	
Lions Club	Cook's Restaurant	6:30 p.m.
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 p.m.
	Fourth Friday of each month	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Saturday of each month:	
Youngcane Lodge #597	Lodge Hall	7:30 p.m.