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solid parts from the coke bottle. If you continue to try and melt the coke bottle the salad container will burn. So, we have to limit what we take to #1 and #2 plastics with a screw top lid because we have a market for them. We don't take items that we are not guaranteed will be manufactured into something else.

**Q. What is the proper way to dispose of alkaline batteries?**

A. Alkaline batteries can be disposed of in your regular trash. Years ago, alkaline batteries were too hazardous to be placed in landfills. Around 1996 the mercury and other dangerous items used in batteries were phased out, making them less of an issue to dispose of in landfills. Everyone does

need to keep in mind the safe disposal of 9-volt batteries though. Make sure you place the used batteries back in their package or put tape over the end before disposal. They can create a fire hazard if not disposed of properly.

**Q. If I want to recycle my used batteries, are there any options?**

A. You can go to [www.earth991.com](http://www.earth991.com) or [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org) for options on battery recycling. These sites provide you with battery recycling locations and options if you put your zip code into the Recycling Locator. Some of these drop off locations include national retailers such as Best Buy, The Home Depot, and Lowes.

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A Little Talk With Jesus". Fred must've thought this little girl was just acting up. Because as she tugged on his pant leg he pushed her away and tried to keep singing. So, she began trying to zip up the man's trousers. This little girl chased the choir leader all over the front of the church trying to zip up his britches while he tried to continue to lead the choir in the song. My granny and Aunt June were stunned. Papa sat on the Deacon's bench laughing so hard that he was crying. Finally, Paul Pierce, another Deacon stepped from the choir and led the girl back to her mother. As she sat down, Fred heard her say, "But, Mr. Fred's britches are unzipped".

Immediately, after the last song of the choir the little children always were asked if any of them would like to sing. My youngest cousin, Darren, volunteered to sing. The

5 year old walked to the front of the church and began singing at the top of his lungs a song he thought was religious. But, actually is a Bluegrass song which demonstrates the love a man for a his girl. The words which came from Darrens' mouth were, "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make happy when skies are blue. You'll never know dear how much I love you. So, please don't take my sunshine away". Once again my granny and Aunt June sat stunned while Papa laughed and laughed. Personally, I think God must've enjoyed the song. Scripture tells us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Darren was singing with all his heart in praise of God and that is what counts. Those two young'uns gave it their all during this church service and made quite the impression on that Sunday morning all those years ago.

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Other opioid drugs (such as heroin and morphine) in that they attach to the body's opioid receptors – the areas that control pain and emotion. Thus, explaining why this drug is good for pain management. Unfortunately, it has a high instance of addiction since tolerance builds easily.

Once a tolerance has built up, the patient will go into withdrawal when they cease taking the medication. Additionally, opioid receptors are in the areas of the brain that control breathing activity. In high doses, opioids can have fatal consequences for patients taking the substance since it may arrest breathing and cause the breathing to stop altogether.

Fentanyl laced street drugs are becoming the most dangerous since some of the drugs they are laced with include heroin and cocaine. These substances amplify the potency as well as the dangers. Often the person buying these drugs on the street does not know that they are laced with fentanyl.

The deadly effects of fentanyl are not to be taken

lightly. Fentanyl does not discriminate – anyone is in danger of addiction if they are taking this drug. Deadly effects of fentanyl include arrested breathing, nausea, drowsiness, confusion, coma, unconsciousness and death.

Some signs and symptoms of fentanyl use include severe constipation, loss of appetite, weight loss, headache, dizziness and/or lightheadedness, dry mouth, itching/hives, bad dreams, swelled extremities and hallucinations.

The ingestion of counterfeit Xanax pills containing fentanyl have killed hundreds of people and landed others in the hospital all over the United States from accidental overdoses. They all had one thing in common – they took what they believed to be Xanax because it looked just like the prescription pills, right down to the same markings.

If you suspect someone you love is addicted to fentanyl, look out for the signs and symptoms, and express your concern to them. Help them get professional help to detox and seek a treatment program. It may save their life.

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Carpenter bees are tricky to get rid of. They are highly effective burrowers, so even if you treat one hole, they can easily make another. One effective way to combat these pests is to treat their burrows in the

evening or at night by spraying a bee and wasp aerosol insecticide into their burrows. While male carpenter bees cannot sting, the females can sting if provoked so exercise caution when treating burrows. Do not repair the carpenter bee damage until the bee has had a chance to exit the hole and come into contact with the insecticide. Typically, one treatment in spring and one in summer will greatly reduce carpenter bee numbers, and once the population is culled, you can repair the damage using wood putty or dowels.

To prevent future dam-

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introduces an element of disorder which is clearly not good. Moreover, I understand that our law enforcement personnel are constantly required to cover more ground with less.

We are blessed to live in these spectacular Georgia mountains and to enjoy the friendly communities of Union County. Public safety may not be as glamorous as new equipment and buildings but it is vital to our ability to enjoy this exceptional lifestyle. I simply ask that we keep our priorities in line when allocating funds. When voting for new, continued or reduced taxes, please carefully consider needs vs. wants, and all long term costs, benefits and responsibilities. Respectfully,  
**Beverly B. Chaussy**

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Come out and enjoy great food, and fun while supporting our local economy!

Be sure to also mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 16th. The next public meeting for the Community Comprehensive Plan will be taking place at the Union County Community Center from 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m. To view a current draft of the plan in process you can visit the Chamber website at [VisitBlairsvilleGA.com](http://VisitBlairsvilleGA.com). Click on the Community Tab and scroll down to Comprehensive Plan. Please share comments that you have with Adam Hazell at the GMRC by emailing him at [ahazell@gmrc.ga.gov](mailto:ahazell@gmrc.ga.gov).

For more information about upcoming events in our community go to the Calendar of Events on the Chamber website or give us a call at (706) 745-5789.

**Fowler ...**

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ly was already home. When I came in he threw his arms around me and said, "Mother, I'm a changed boy!"

I wept tears of joy into my pillow that night. Billy's words were to prove true. One of the verses that Billy had learned was, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16, KJV). Whether or not Billy as a sixteen-year-old fully understood all the implications of that, I do not know, but I do know that he was, as he so graphically described it, "a changed boy."

**Mitchell ...**

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Personal property tax is annual and is based on the current value of the property — on whatever the assessor and the real estate "market" say that the value is.

Therein lies the source of the political resistance: Government would lose absolute control because income to the State would depend upon consumption which is directly controlled by consumers.

State Senator, Steve Gooch, recently mentioned to me that Georgia's property tax is the "most hated" tax — which makes me wonder why it hasn't been addressed by the Assembly and the Governor — and ameliorated.

Two years ago, I queried Gov. Deal and asked him why a sales tax to fund education always encounters such resistance; why such a proposal isn't even given time and consideration in a study committee.

His response to me was that any such study would be delayed until 2017.

Didn't the 2017 session of the Assembly just recently adjourn?

Isn't this May 1, 2017? Tick... tock... tick... tock...

**George A. Mitchell**

**Dyer ...**

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vention, education and treatment. They have also provided encouragement and confidence to many children who are burn survivors. Union County Fire Department is proud to be involved with such an organization. Please help us continue this work with your donations.

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age, paint or varnish outdoor wooden surfaces. Carpenter bees are less likely to chew through this treated wood to

create burrows. However, these bees have no problem chewing through wood that has only been stained.

**Combs ...**

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community sharing the love of God never gets old. Are Christians perfect folks? No, but we strive daily to be the best servants that God wants us to be. If you find a church that doesn't teach about the Trinity, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit or about the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, then run as fast as you can, for the devil has a stronghold on that church and should be avoided at all cost. If you remain in God's word daily and pray to Him for guidance to lead you to the right house of worship, then you will grow in your relationship with the Lord, Jesus Christ and life will be worth the living for God. Amen

**Frank F. Combs**

**UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Garden Tours	<b>Every Monday:</b> GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
	<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	
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
	<b>Every Wednesday:</b>	
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
	<b>Every Thursday:</b>	
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
	<b>Third Monday of each month:</b>	
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
	<b>Third Tuesday of each month:</b>	
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
	<b>Third Wednesday of each month:</b>	
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
	<b>Third Thursday of each month:</b>	
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
Good N' bors 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
	<b>Third Friday of each month:</b>	
No activities listed		
	<b>Third Saturday of each month:</b>	
UC Republican Party	Civic Center	10 am
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 am