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College Campus here in Blairsville. Document Destruction will be there to destroy, on site, any private, personal documents along with Atlanta Recycling Solutions to accept any electronic items for recycling. A volunteer donation of \$5.00 will be requested per car with all funds going to the Humane Society Mountain Shelter. They will accept televisions for a \$20.00 fee and old CRT monitors for a \$10.00 fee. For a full list of accepted items you can contact my office at 706-439-6000.

Q. Why is there a fee for recycling televisions and CRT monitors?

A. These items contain high amounts of mercury in the glass. This requires some special processes to recycle, therefore there has to be a fee to cover these costs.

Q. What happens to the electronics when they are recycled?

A. Atlanta Recycling Solutions de-manufactures the electronics at their facility. 97% of everything they take in is either sold or re-manufactured into new products. Only 3% ends up in landfills. If the product is new enough and can be fixed they repair it and resell it. All hard drives are shredded in a huge shredder. None of these materials are shipped overseas to be de-manufactured in a way that is unsafe for employees.

Q. Does the county still have a litter hot line telephone service?

A. Yes we do. The litter hot line number is anonymous, so no one knows who calls in. You do not have to leave your name or number. Whenever you see someone littering, please get the tag number, the vehicle make and color, the date and general time it occurred, where it occurred and if possible what was thrown out. You simply call 706-439-6025 and leave a message with as much information as you can. The county will immediately send the people a warning message. We let them know the details and that this information is kept confidential. If their name or number ever pops up in the future, we will prosecute not only for the previous case but any new case.

Q. What is the big deal with littering?

A. First, it cost the

county around \$100,000 a year in wasted manpower and money. Second, it gives our county a very negative impression when people visit our area. It is a sign of not caring. If you happen to be one that litters and are reading this, please consider that every time you throw your trash out on the highway, how you would like it if someone else came to your house and threw the same trash out in your front yard. There is no difference. Please care about your county and do not litter.

Q. Can littering impact my job?

A. It certainly can. If you have a job in construction, real estate, or any of the construction trades, if just one person does not purchase real estate, or stop in a shop, or want to purchase property because they see the litter along the highway, it could very easily be your job that is lost. That lost land sale, or lost business could negatively impact your employer because that person decided to move on to an area cleaner than ours. Please think about that and remind your kids about the importance of not littering.

Q. Where does most litter come from?

A. It is hard to always know, but we do know the following. A fair amount of litter comes from garbage trucks that do not have tarps adequately fastened. We also know that people with pickups on a job site will often throw their trash in the bed of the pickup. They may not be intending to spread it across the county, but when they get home it has blown out all along the road way. On any type of construction job, in addition to a dumpster, there needs to be a can for smaller items since plastic drink bottles make up a large portion of our road litter. Probably the worst abusers are those who go to a fast food venue and when finished, throw out the bag and cup. Why? We do not know. It should be simple to wait until you get home and throw it in the trash. Finally, hauling uncovered loads to the transfer station remains a big problem, as we often see entire bags of garbage blown on the side of the highway. When we find one, we look through the debris to see if we can find anything indicating the owner, and we will call and often cite them.

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years of Christ. One fragment has been located that dates so close to the life of Christ that the people involved could still have been alive to dispute any cover-up or hoax.

On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate our risen and living Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We celebrate his defeat of sin and death on our behalf. Jesus said, "Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" Eternity calls us to say yes, by faith and by fact.

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Springtime is also my favorite season. To see new life springing forth is the awesome work of our God - the creator of it all. I love seeing the drab-looking mountains turning into their beautiful shades of green, and of course we all love the flowers.

Some letter writers resent some of us who want to express our faith, but I'm thankful to be here where we still have the freedom (and you, the editor, will print it). It's so sad that some Christians have their heads chopped off for that. Even in our beloved USA, it is not politically correct to express firm convictions like believing what Jesus said, "i am the way, the truth, and the life, no man comes to the Father but by me". John 14:6.

Have a blessed celebration of Easter.

Sara Elliott

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US government is experiencing billions of dollars in budget difficulties each year, "Ghee" what else is new!

Harold Cook

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For the ribbon cutting, Bob Head was joined by his wife, Carol, his daughter, LuAnn, and his two grandsons, Josh and Matthew Faris; by his close friend W.C. Nelson and his wife Patricia; and by Mayor Conley and Blairsville City Council members Martha Cone, Tony Dyer and Betty Easter.

After Bob Head cut the ribbon, Mayor Conley declared the street officially opened, and once the crowd dispersed, motorists began using the new street, just as if it had always been there.

No one knows Bob Head better than W.C. Nelson. W.C. said that Bob Head has been a reliable friend over the many years that they have known one another.

"Everything with Bob is heartfelt," said Nelson. "He's sincere - he doesn't say a lot of things, but when he does you better listen, because he's accurate and sincere. Bob has helped people in this area for many years. He's always very humble, very willing to help, and he's just a great person."

Also in attendance this day were several Downtown Blairsville business owners, DDA board members, UCDA Director Mitch Griggs, Union County Sheriff Mack Mason, House District 8 State Rep. Stephen Allison, Union County Tax Commissioner Lee Knight, and many of the Colwell Construction Company crew who built the new road.

Motorists will soon learn that Bob Head Street is the path to prosperity in Downtown Blairsville.

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that are anti-inflammatory and antibacterial in nature. The app is for I-phones and is quite useful especially for hikers.

Another sure sign of spring are the beginning of activities at the Farmers Market. For example, the Blairsville Cruisers will once again be at the Farmers Market on the first Friday of each month beginning on April 1st. Also, the ever popular Trash to Treasures Sale will begin on April 15th. The sale will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will end at 2 p.m. The sale will be held each Friday, except May 20th, from April 15 until the end of October. The cost is \$15/day. To remind everyone you can bring yard sale items as well as re-sale items to Trash to Treasures Sales.

Please do not bring food items unless you are a nonprofit organization. Also, do not bring canned foods, plants or produce to sell at Trash to Treasures. We also ask that you do not use screws or nails to mount items to the Farmers Market Posts. A good alternative to screws is bungee straps.

Also, this week is the last week of registration for securing stalls at the Farmers

Market for Saturday and Tuesday events. This week we are accepting registrations for new vendors at the Farmers Market. The cost is \$209 and you can RSVP at the Canning between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. through Friday of this week. Some plans we have for this year include an Antique Tractor Show and Swap Meet on April 23rd, our annual Ramp and Plants Day on April 30th, our annual Strawberry Day on May 7th and our Grand Opening on June 4th. Also, we will have some special events on our regular Saturdays as well. For example, there will be Giant Vegetable Contests, a Tractor Parade, a Youth Public Speaking Contest, a Tomato Sandwich Day, and a Homemade Ice Cream Party on a Tuesday evening this summer.

Also, again in 2016 our Farmers Market Food Trailer will be open for business and once again it will be operated by Millie and Allie. We are gearing up and looking forward to a great year at the 2016 Farmers Market.

Please visit our website at ucfarmersmarket.com for more information.

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mitted one in a while, I suggest you do so. This will give us the best idea of what your lawn needs to thrive this year and when to apply it.

If you're planning to seed this year, stop applying post-emergent in August. Then, in September, aerate your lawn to loosen the soil. Crabgrass and weeds often become a problem when grass and soil become compacted. Aerating your lawn helps give your grass a boost and allows

it to out-compete other plants that may try to establish. This is a great time to seed any cool season grass mix if you want to touch up your lawn (usually some ratio of fescue, bluegrass and sometimes ryegrass). This will allow the seeds to germinate and grow through fall, winter and early spring and by the time the heat arrives, your grass will be mature and more heat tolerant than if you had planted it just before summer.

Another lawn enemy to be on the lookout for is voles. Voles, unlike moles, will come to the surface to graze. Because of this they are significantly easier to deal with than moles. You can address your vole problem by placing snap traps baited with peanut butter and sunflower seeds or oats all around your property. They won't be able to resist this tasty (but deadly) trap!

If I've piqued your interest and you'd like to know more about how to get the most out of your lawn, the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center Community Council is hosting a seminar on lawn maintenance Friday, March 25th at 10 a.m. RSVP to GMREC at (706) 745-2655.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday: 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:	
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm

Hope House

Hope House is a faith-based, non-profit benevolence center to help Union County residents and homeless in times of critical need. Hours of operation: Monday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & Thursday 1 p.m.-4 p.m., located at 178 Brackett's Way, Blairsville, (706)781-3090. N(Mar23Z1)CA