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A. The down side is that it is rougher than asphalt, so if you have a higher speed limit on a road, it will give a bumpy ride. It would not have quite as much traction when the road is wet. The worst part is that we are unable to apply salt to these roads in the winter because it will make the tar deteriorate. So, we scrape these roads with our snow removal vehicles. If needed, we apply small gravel to help with snow or ice traction, but we do not put salt on them.

Q. What gravel roads have received "surface treatment" paving this year?

A. The Road Department has been really busy this Spring and while doing all their other work, they have already

completed "surface treating" (paving) or are in the process of completing a long list of gravel roads. They are Timber Lane - .133 miles, Pine Ridge Acres - .230, Crab Apple Road - .250, Horseshoe Cove Road - .133, Winn Cove Road - .208, Kirksey Cove Road - .170, Ghena Way - .080, Coontail Road - .108, Ridgecrest Drive - .380, Mels Cove Lane - .076, Herbert Drive - .190, Sandalwood Road - .370, Griffin Lane - .090, Arrendale Estates Lane - .140, Poteete Creek Spur - .060, Medford Lane - .210, Coosa Creek Lane - .094, E. Misty - .150, Paradise Road - .500, Everetts View - .470, Arkaqua View - .190. The total amount to be surface treated this year will be 4.232 miles.

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enthusiasm and goal achievement. It's not uncommon for college kids to become daily smokers, often leading to lethargy, lack of motivation, and decreasing grades. Young brains are especially susceptible to the impact of frequent marijuana usage, and lungs are just as impacted by the smoke of marijuana as they are by the smoke of tobacco.

Each of these drugs comes along with a list of telltale signs of abuse, but because you may not have contact with your college student every day, it can be harder to pinpoint the behaviors which indicate drug use or even addiction. Nevertheless, be alert to some of the dead giveaways such as drastic changes in weight, withdrawal from friends and usual activities, excessive sleeping and depression.

While some of these behaviors can be chalked up to the natural changes of young adulthood and stay-

ing up all night studying, it's important to address these signals in an attempt to rule out drugs as the cause. If the above are combined with some of these other warning signs, you should strongly consider a program of random testing and/or treatment: violent outbursts, skipping class, decreased focus, lower grades or traffic accidents.

As a parent, what can you do to prevent college drug use? Often this requires the parents to have a sit-down, heart-to-heart talk with their college kid. Setting the expectations up-front is critical. Though we'd like to think our kids are instantly ready for the challenges that the freedom of college and young adulthood bring, it helps to draw some boundaries, and no boundary is more important than one that tries to stop drug use before it becomes a habit, an addiction, or a life-shortening tragedy for your family.

Ninth District awarded EFSP funds

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. has been awarded federal funds under The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Towns County & Union County has been chosen to receive monies to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and, United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of various local agencies and churches will determine how the funds awarded to Towns County & Union County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for

recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies (not individuals) are urged to apply.

Towns County & Union County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Ninth District Opportunity and other local agencies participating. These agencies were responsible for providing food and shelter for local individuals and families.

Public or private voluntary agencies (not individuals) interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must submit a request to Brenda Dalin, Ninth District Opportunity, Inc, P.O. Drawer L, Gainesville, GA, 30501. The deadline to submit a request is June 28, 2016.

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the kids' area for their special activities including their own scaled down version of the athletic events. The festival runs from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., but there is an additional event on Saturday night from 6:30-9 p.m.. There will be performances by the Blarney Girls, comedian, Robert Valentine, and the SEVEN NATIONS band. This will be held at the Entertainment Tent and admission will be \$5.

I want to thank everyone on the planning committee for the Blairsville Scottish Festival and Highland Games. I appreciate all that you do to help make this event a great success! I want to say a special thank you to Tobie Chandler for all that she does for the Chamber and the Scottish Festival. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

For more information about the festival and a list of other events going on in our community call the Chamber office at 706-745-5789 or visit our website at VisitBlairsvillega.com.

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and eventually become an adult. Instead of emerging, the bee will remain dormant in its chamber and overwinter there so it can be protected from the harsh winter cold. The following spring, the male bees will emerge first because eggs that are destined to become males are laid in chambers nearest to the outside. The females will then emerge and mate with the males and create a new generation of mason bees.

Much like how we construct bird houses to encourage beautiful and beneficial songbirds in our backyards, we can also build shelters for mason bees to encourage them to pollinate our gardens and orchards. One example of a mason bee house consists of a large square of wood and a grid of holes drilled into it. The holes should be at least three-eighths of an inch wide and three to six inches deep. This will allow the female bees to lay several eggs in each hole. Make sure to provide some shelter from rain by including a roof that extends over the opening of the holes as well. To further protect overwintering bees, you can bring your mason bee house inside during the coldest months and return it to the garden at the end of winter.

Mason bees are neither destructive nor aggressive, and they are some of the most beneficial insects you could have at your home. By offering them a little shelter, they'll make sure your garden will flourish!

Fowler ...

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It was her fencing coach that helped seal the deal. He did not fit her stereotype of Christians as pushy and thoughtless, and offered respectful dialogue. We believers could use some coaching ourselves, to live in a way that surprises our friends into asking questions; to have respectful and informed conversations about the realities of Jesus our Savior.

None of us are really God's type. But as Brennan Manning observed, "Tragedy is that our attention centers on what people are not, rather than on what they are and who they might become." The humbling and rational message of Christianity is that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all" (1 Tim. 1:15).

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school at UCHS and is actively involved in the FFA while Grayson will be a 3rd grader. Both boys enjoy motorcycles and hunting. Both boys work in the field and at the Farmers Market. When Freddie has any spare time he enjoys coon hunting with his friend Jimmy Spivia. You can find Freddie and his family in building A stall numbers 26, 28 and 30. Grayson will be glad to sell you any of the vegetables that his family grows.

Willie Kerr has been married to Jennifer Kerr for 16 years. He says he quit a public job in construction 14 years ago and began farming with his father-in-law, Ronnie Dyer. The Kerr Farm is also a family affair composed

of Ronnie and Janey Dyer as well as Madison, Megan, Travis, Trent, Jennifer and Willy Kerr. If you ask any of the family, "Can you imagine doing anything else besides farming?" they would all say no. It is in their blood. But, they do other things as well. Madison just graduated and is about to enter college. Megan is a really good softball player. Trent and Travis show pigs for Union County FFA and Travis competes on the 4-H Shotgun Team. Jennifer works at the Tax Commissioner's Office and along with Willie is a member of the Union County Young Farmers Organization. When Willie has a spare moment he enjoys deer hunting.

The family operates a


dairy, a hen house of 1,100 laying hens, beef and pork operation as well as a few vegetables. They raise their own feed for each operation, so they know exactly what goes into their animals. Their dairy and beef cows are free ranged. Their chickens are also free ranged. You can find the Kerrs in building A stall number 25 where you can purchase their eggs, poultry, beef, pork, pet milk and vegetables.

So, come out to the market and meet Sherdon Totherow, Hal Crisp, and the families of Freddie Collins and Willie Kerr. You can find them on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturdays between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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
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
BINGO	Every Wednesday: Civic Center	7 pm
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday: 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	Coose 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	Meeks Park, Pavillion #1	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

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



June 15th
In memory of Paula Paris Johnson's Birthday
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

June 17th
In loving memory of Lori Michelle Nuce
by Mom, Dad, Bette Lou, and Maryann
Forever in our hearts and memories

June 19th
In memory of Bill Meeks Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493