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month? A. April through June 2013, we had 2,079 calls that required a CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) Number.

These are any calls that required the Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, EMS or Blairsville Police Department to respond.

We also have many multiple calls that we received, during that time frame, that are not numbered but are what we consider NON-emergency calls.

These calls can be handled in the E911 Center or transferred to the appropriate department.

As far as radio transmissions that number would be several thousand, if not at least 10,000. The actual number is not tracked. We keep in constant close contact with any of our units that are on scene at any given call. We do this through radio checks and they are set up in a variance of minutes depending upon the nature of the emergency.

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had taken the old tractor down by the lake to clear out some brush. He set the parking brake and got off the tractor to close a gate he had driven through. Somehow the brake loosened and Papa watched helplessly as the old tractor rolled into and disappeared under the waters of Bear Creek Lake. I actually shed a tear for a tractor that day.

Do you have fond memories of events in your family history? Some of you may have some old canning recipes handed down through the generations of your family. If you

are good at canning vegetables and wish to try your hand at a canning contest here is your opportunity. The Green Bean Festival will be held at the Farmers Market on July 27th. We will have more parking as a result of a recent property purchase and we have scaled back our activities from last year's event. However, we will still have the canning contest. If you are interested please come by the office at the market or the Extension Office to get more information or go to UCFarmersmarket.com.

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at that time of my life. When I mentor young adults, I am adamant that they understand they will change more between 18 and 25 years of age than in any other 7 years of their lives. It is human nature to want to speed the process of our dreams. It is maturity that slows us down. What's important is that we don't stop the process.

I bid her goodbye and encouraged her to call me and let me know how she proceeds on her journey. She was also of Sicilian descent, and the warmth of that ancestry exuded from her. She was my mirror today. I saw my reflection and it brought me to joyful tears.

I'm ready to be "home", back where I was born and raised, amongst the many friends, lifelong friends, who have shaped my life in ways they can't imagine possible. These are the friends who I took ballet with at age three. We learned to roller skate together and had countless numbers of pubescent slumber parties at each other's homes. With these buddies, I snuck into my first x-rated movie at the drive-in. I got plastered on Boone's Farm Apple wine and Mad Dog with them, too.

I'll see men who I may not recognize, but among them

will be the boys I kissed because I could, and others who I danced a slow dance to "Stairway to Heaven", 150 million times. There will be my friends that kept me grounded when my whimsy and nature was to throw caution to the wind. They are the ones who I'd sit up late at night and try to figure out what the world was all about. We never came to any real conclusions, but we never stopped discussing how it was all evolving around us.

My plane is late, and it looks like I might not get to see my Buffalo Bill's logo plastered all over the airport until close to midnight. And before I know it, the weekend will have ended, and I'll be back to Blairsville with a fresh outlook because I will have looked back 15,000 days.

I'll arrive in Union County in plenty of time to get ready for this Saturday's event at the Farmer's Market, Community Appreciation Day, better known to all of you as FREE Tomato Sandwich Day. Join us from 9:30 a.m. till the sandwiches run out! To get a list of our events this year, visit our Website at www.UCFarmersMarket.com or stop by the office at the market and pick up a rack card.

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who sat alone in front of the Murphy Wal-Mart, half asleep in the sun, waiting for his wife. He was wearing a USS NEVADA cap. When I encouraged him just a bit, he allowed that he'd been aboard that battleship in Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941. He said that later he'd been aboard when they'd shelled Iwo Jima and again off Okinawa when they took a Kamikaze hit on the Number Two gun platform. Of the 21 men working that gun, he was the only survivor. He was blown twenty feet up the deck, knocked unconscious and awoke -- he didn't know how much later -- wearing only his shoes.

The other day, I spoke with a man who was waiting in line at Zaxby's, wearing a VIET NAM VETERAN cap. Come to find out that he had three -- 3 -- helicopters shot out from under him in VietNam and that he still carried shards of steel in his body.

Then there was the white-haired Grandma sitting watch over her newborn grandbaby in another local restaurant.

She was waiting for her son and the rest of his family to join her. I learned that her son had served in Iraq and, like so many others who'd been

there, had paid a dear price for his service - and the price paid wasn't his alone.

Recently, at the Blue Ridge Dairy Queen, I shook the thin -- but wiry -- hand of an 80-plus year-old man who was wearing a KOREAN WAR VETERAN cap. I mentioned to him that my brother-in-law had seen that country during the same so-called "Police Action." I told him that I held him and men like him in deep reverence. He didn't say anything but his eyes filled with tears. I didn't press him further.

Young ones have their own life stories, abbreviated, of course, but, if you want an education -- the kind that books and movies can only hint at second-hand -- if you want to get a feel for living History, you must gently open those two-legged books with the faded and worn covers, torn bindings, stained pages, missing introductions, highlighted passages, omitted chapters.

Walking libraries. They're all around us and, if approached properly, they'll open the pages of their lives -- if only briefly.

Just listening to them is an education not contained in any library.
George Mitchell

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implementation of this program. We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Community Action Team to raise money, register children, and/or raise awareness of the program. We are also looking for financial contributors who believe in the power of education. Sponsoring a child for one year is only \$28. While I realize that not everyone will feel as passionate about this program as I do, I also know that there

are citizens out there who will feel a connection to this program and will want to join the effort.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can contribute either physically or financially, please contact the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce at 706-745-5789 or me directly at president@blairsvillechamber.com. Here's to a bright future for the next generation.

Cheves ...from Page 4A

government that operates in public, and says "some commissioners may not have done their homework." How do we know a sole commissioner always does his homework?

Paris says he has adequate credentials for his job, and describes how he makes decisions, talking privately to friends and acquaintances, etc, but isn't it probable that the collective knowledge and experi-

ence of five commissioners will usually exceed that of one man? I have no reason to question his honesty. But what if the next sole commissioner you elect is as corrupt and incompetent as one of the commissioners in the county Malone came from? You might never even be aware of his blunders, or of the bribes and kick-backs he has received.
Charles Cheves

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Then Dad taught me how to run the old Kermath, a 26-foot bay garvey. A garvey is a flat-bottomed boat that draws very little water-a boom when you're crossing shallow mud flats. My favorite job was towing fishermen to the "middle ground," a fishing area in the bay. It was a marvelous source of fluke, blue runners, croakers and weakfish. The Kermath was a bit cantankerous at first, but after a while, we became staunch allies. Often, I'd tow up to 10 boats at a time. A very special bonus from my job was the beauty of many spectacular sunrises and sunsets, feisty gulls battling for bait, the awesome intensity of a summer squall and the eeriness of the enveloping fogs. Those memories are never far from me.

In retrospect, that summer on my barrier island was my initiation into the real world. It taught me discipline, teamwork and a sense of worth, and it honed my instincts for survival. Simply put, I worked, I learned, I'm grateful. Thank You,
Mary Marta Anderson

Beal ... from Page 4A

9,600 jurisdictions across our nation.

First, the majority of the states in our union require the purchase of a resale tax certificate by businesses that collect taxes on their retail sales. Those certificates must be renewed annually at a cost of as much as \$200 per state. Further, states such as Georgia require a monthly filing of a sales tax return, even if no taxable sales occurred that month. Filing these returns will require the retailer to correctly classify the items he sells, and to categorize his sales by city and county within each state.

The brick-and-mortar retailer prepares one return per month; the Internet seller will have to prepare several dozen more, with an obviously greater cost in time and labor.


Second, compliance failures or errors in the collection and remittances of sales taxes to other jurisdictions will subject online retailers to audits and penalties in areas in which they have no representation. If I remember correctly, some Americans became very upset over a similar situation back in the 1770s; you may recall the result.

Finally, consider the real-world results if the Fairness Act passes. A new industry will spring up overnight, offering small retailers convenient compliance and remittance services for the many taxing jurisdictions. Use of this industry's services will be an additional out-of-pocket expense for the small retailer, and he will respond by raising his prices. So in the end, the consumer will not only be paying new (to him) taxes, but higher prices for goods as well.

Mr. Malone is correct in saying that the Internet sales tax is not a new tax. What he fails to mention is the likelihood that this tax will drive up the price consumers pay for products, and will drive many small online retailers out of business.
Roger Beal

Chamber of Commerce events	
For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com	
Wednesday, July 17	
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane
2 pm	Friends of Union County Library Meeting - Union County Library
Thursday, July 18	
11 am	Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Back in Time Hwy 129 - 19/129S
12 pm	Rotary Club Monthly Meeting - Cadence Bank 2nd Floor
5 pm	Trivia Night - The Union County Community Center View Grill
6:30 pm	Woodmen of the World Lodge Meeting - Steve's Steakhouse
6:30 pm	Shape Note Singing Practice - Union County Historical Courthouse
6:30 pm	Good Neighbors Auto Club - Meeks Park, Building #1
Friday, July 19	
8 am	Trash and Treasures - Union County Farmers Market
10 am	Pollinators and Predators Workshop-GA Mountain Research & Educator Center
7 pm	Crista Lynn Concert - Copperhead Lodge
7 pm	Concert - Union County Historical Courthouse
Saturday, July 20	
7 am	Union County Farmer's Market - 148 Old Smokey Rd
9 am	Union County Republican Meeting - Copperhead Lodge
10 am	15th Annual Butternut Creek Festival - Meeks Park
7 pm	Neighbor's Hand - "The Gathering" - 307C Cleveland St.
7 pm	Men In Blues - Copperhead Lodge
Sunday, July 21	
10am	15th Annual Butternut Creek Festival - Meeks Park
Monday, July 22	
9 am	Garden Tours - The GA Mountain Research & Education Center
11 am	Union County Public Library presents "Dig into Reading" Programs - U.C. Public Library
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Monthly Meeting-Steve's Cookie Jar Restaurant
Tuesday, July 23	
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting - Cooks Country Restaurant
11:30 am	VFW Monthly Meeting - Old Chamber of Commerce Building
2 pm	Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting for Union County Fire Station #1 - 507 Shoe Factory Rd.
3 pm	Union County Farmer's Market - 148 Old Smokey Rd
Wednesday, July 24	
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



July 10
In memory of
Dr. William T. Meeks Sr.
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

July 14, 2013
In memory of
Pauline Neal Jarrett Harkins
by Ira T. Harkins

Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493