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county although most of it resides in the city limits, which the county controls the operation, and the city owns the airport, which is located in the county, but they completely control its operation.

Q. Is the Union County School System and the City of Blairsville similar in their operation being independent from the county?

A. Yes, they are very similar. Like with the City, the county has no control or input over the school system or its operation. The School system is managed by the School Superintendent who reports to and receives guidance from the Board of Education.

Q. We are interested in finding out more information about the use of the new Performing Arts Auditorium located at the high school? Can you give us any information on this?

A. No, I can not give you any information on this because it is owned and operated by the school system so you would need to contact them with any questions.

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the House of Commons. Sir John "Bloody" Baker acquired this nickname by helping the King of England, Henry VIII, persecute Catholics and protestant dissidents. It is my understanding that Henry VIII's wife hadn't born him any male heirs. So, he sought to divorce this woman. When the Pope refused to grant an annulment or divorce to the King he began persecuting members of both the Catholic and the Protestant Faith. My ancestor Sir John "Bloody" Baker helped Henry VIII in this persecution and as a result acquired many lands and

homes from those persecuted. He also acquired the infamous nickname.

And now the big news. The Canning Plant is open two days per week, Tuesday and Thursday from 6 a.m. until noon. Thus far we have processed more than 7,000 jars for the public. If you wish you can bring your produce, jars, lids and rings and we will help you get your product cooked. Then you can get the product into the jar and we will process the product for you. The cost is .35 per quart and .25 per pint. See you at the Canning Plant.

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in relationship with God. Surprisingly, He has made himself available as a "friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Pr. 18:24). Jesus, God the Son, called his followers "friends" (Jn. 15:15). He lived life with them, served them, and lay down his life for them.

Friends Tolkien and

Lewis might have changed the literary world by advancing mythology as a genre, but a far more profoundly world-changing event was God appearing in the flesh to reveal himself as a Friend, available to all comers. By faith Father Abraham became "God's Friend" (Is. 41:8). Are you?

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long and loud but to no avail. The board also failed to clear tornado caused debris from the Valley River and the next time the river flooded, debris lodged against a major bridge and washed it out costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to replace. Then in the 2014 election most of that board was voted out and a new board all of one party was elected. One newly elected member promptly sued his neighbor, former friend and opponent in the election for defamation of character and that suit made front-page news in the *Scout*. The board supported a land sale to the Cherokee Nation for building a casino just north of Murphy. Apparently they believed the casino would greatly increase tax revenue but were dismayed when the Tribe transferred the property into a non-taxable trust. Recently they engaged in a contest with the Tribe over emergency services to the casino (Board's first offer

was \$250,000 per year and the Tribe countered at \$75,000). Last week's newspaper reported that the FAA had found the county's airport authority had illegally diverted funds from a federal grant and used that money to furnish rent-free housing to a "favored few." Almost every week features a new chapter of intrigue.

When I consider the many positive accomplishments in our county (first class recreation areas, exemplary farmers' market, senior center, good roads, good schools, good hospital, etc.) I can't help but think what a shame it would be to discontinue the good governance we enjoy with our one commissioner and exchange it for a board from which we could reasonably expect much talk, few results, frequent bickering, constant indecision and unreasonable delays in getting any substantive business conducted.

Wm. Ronald Gibson

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:		
GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm	
Union County Library	11 am	
Steve's Steakhouse	Noon	
UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	2 pm	
Blairsville Airport	6 pm	
United Methodist Ch	7 pm	
Every Tuesday:		
Blairsville Restaurant	8 am	
First UMC	5:15 pm	
United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm	
Branan Lodge	6:30 pm	
UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	6:30 pm	
Every Thursday:		
Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am	
Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am	
So. Bank & Trust	Noon	
First UMC	5:15 pm	
First Monday of each month:		
Blairsville Restaurant	9 am	
First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm	
St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm	
Allegeny Masonic Lodge #114, off the square	6:30 pm	
First Tuesday of each month:		
United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm	
City Hall	6 pm	
Branan Lodge	7 pm	
Woody Gap	7 pm	
place TBA	7:30 pm	
Masonic Temple	7:30 pm	
First Wednesday of each month:		
Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am	
Monet's Rest.	Noon	
First Thursday of each month:		
City Hall	11:59 am	
New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 pm	
Fort Sorghum	6:30 pm	
Civic Center	8 pm	
First Friday of each month:		
G-N-G Bakery	10 am	
UC Nursing Home	Noon	
Farmer's Market	5 pm (Apr-Oct)	
Wellness Center	7 pm	
First Saturday of each month:		
On the Square	4 pm (Apr-Oct)	
Cruise-In		

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prior to this, it must have been in a monastery, scribbling words of those much wiser than me. I'm that attached to books.

Technology has brought knowledge to our homes and offices. There is no longer any need to trek to the library, to finger the yellow stained, hand typed cards in the long walnut wood drawers to research your topic. Yet, reference books are still an accumulation of a million words that connect the processes to succeed at whatever we are attempting. Let's take gardening, for instance. The Pine Library System is the State of Georgia's book tender. There immense catalogue system is totally digitalized. This means that, via my internet connection, when I perform a search by the subject of flower gardening, I find that I can borrow one of 660 books they have in the system. If I decide to bone up on "Wicked Plants: The Weed that Killed Lincoln's Mother and Other Botanical Atrocities", I can click the "hold" button, then click the location I would like to pick up the book, and in a matter of days. I'll get an email letting me know it has arrived.

I can't stop myself from reading the titles, which then lead me to evaluating the descriptions. Here's one I found whose title seems to be an oxymoron. "You Can Garden Anywhere: 1317 Quick and Easy Gardening Tips the Experts Don't Want You To Know". What is easy about a task that has well over a thousand "tips"?

There are 856 books to loan on the subject of vegetable gardening. To help you with your harvest, there are

237 books available on canning including the tenth edition volume of "Canning and Preserving for Dummies". If you are looking for different recipes for these vegetables you've gathered, this library system has 188 different vegetarian cookbooks to choose from. My favorite title is "The Clueless Vegetarian: A Cookbook for the Aspiring Vegetarian". How clueless can one be in their aspiration? No meat, right?

I found one to bookmark and hope they have it a few years down the road, when I may have more time on my hands to play. It's titled "Food Art: Garnishing Made Easy". I might like to whittle cucumbers into majestic sailboats. That brings to mind a story that gets great chuckles when recited around the dinner table with friends. One of my soul sisters married into a family of educators. Her mother-in-law happened to be a home economics teacher. One holiday, my friend brought to the family buffet a melon bowl, a watermelon simply cut, but leaving a rind handle, and then filled with the pulp rolled in nearly identical spheres. The next day, she got an email from her mother-in-law, requesting her melon ball recipe.

"So many books, so little time". Did I mention how many books are saved on my kindle?

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attending all sessions.

Applications and a complete class schedule can be obtained online at www.Visit-BlairsvilleGA.com or in person from the Chamber of Commerce, Community & Southern Bank or the high school counselors. Completed applications must be turned in to one of the same locations by Thursday, August 27. Should you need additional information on Youth Leadership Union, please call 706-745-5789.

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some way.

Now going back to the original 1611 KJV on creation we find: Generations of ADAM. Gen. 5:

1. This is the book of the generations of Adam: In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him.

2. Male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

So we see that the current Bibles are not consistent in naming and designating man as Adam when in the original Adam meant both male and female.

In the Hebrew lexicon the first woman was not Eve but Lillith. I would guess that she was the first liberated woman since she refused to obey the male. She was supposed to have said 'You want me to walk behind you, lay under you and be subservient to you, but we were created at the same time as equals.' So she left him, God sent angels after her but she refused to return to a subordinate role. The people denigrated her as the mother of the imps, and evil ones. So rumor and slander destroyed the name and reputation of the first female.

Does this ring a bell in anyone's minds, do we still do the same instead of showing unconditional love as we are commanded?

Lester Smith

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse

August 2nd
In memory of
Charlie McGraw, Jr.
by Allyson McGraw

August 26th
In memory of
William T. Meeks, Sr. Birthday
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

August 30th
In honor of
40th Wedding Anniversary
Charlie and Allyson McGraw

Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5494