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family size and income then others are a flat fee per service.

Q. What is Environmental Health and is it a part of the Health Department?

A. Environmental Health is a part of the Health Department, but it is located in the "old" Health Department Building located at 46 Hughes Street, Suite B. Environmental Health Services includes water testing, rabies control, inspections of restaurants and hotel/motels and they also issue septic permits.

Q. What are the hours of operation for Environmental Health?

A. Environmental Health is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. You must arrive 30 minutes prior to closing. Call (706) 781-3824.

Q. Do you have any statistics on how many people are served by Environmental Health?

A. In 2012, Environmental Health Services provided 2,306 total services. Broken down by services: On-site Sewage Management Services* - 564 Number of Permitted Es-

tablishments** - 97

Plan and Subdivision Reviews - 8

Complaint Investigations - 20

Water Samples - 64

Rabies investigations - 19

*Permits, Inspections, and site evaluations

**Food Services, Tourist Accommodations, & Swimming Pools undergoing permitting and inspections.

Q. Do you have similar statistics for the Health Department?

A. Yes, in 2012, 5,362 clients were served by the Health Department, which was 25 percent of the population of Union County (in 2011, 21,134).

In 2012 total visits were 9,609 and total services were 34,160.

Immunizations - 14,579 (43 percent); WIC - 6,708 (20 percent); Family Planning - 4,566 (13 percent); PPD, Lab, Preg. Tests - 3,412 (10 percent); Dental - 2952 (9 percent); Adult Health - 891 (3 percent); Breast & cervical Cancer - 384 (1 percent); Child health - 311 (1 percent); STD - 217 (1 percent); Maternal Health - 118 (0 percent); TB - 22 (0%)

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to fool others. There is no exit from loneliness without facing up to your feelings. Your being lonely is not a sign of weakness. Tell God how you feel. The song writer said it for us: "Are you weary, are you heavy hearted? Tell it to Jesus.....He is a friend that is well known" (Jeremiah

Rankin). He is able to conquer the loneliness of your life. To shut the door to loneliness in your heart, make room in your life for others. Those, who are willing to be a friend to the lonely, will in good time say goodbye to loneliness in their own lives.

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time is pestering Michael's older sister, Kaley. The boys had recently visited a fishing supply store and acquired a very long rubber worm and a box of meal worms.

During the evening Kaley went out with some friends. While she was away Michael and Patrick devised a plan. They placed the worm in her room by a night stand. The worm was tied to a fishing string. This string was elaborately laid out across the room and out the door of the room into the hallway. Upon arriving home Kaley went to her room while Patrick and

Michael ran to the bathroom across the hall. After Kaley turned out her lights the boys allowed enough time for her to settle into her bed and they gently pulled the worm across her bed and on to her face. I can imagine the scream that came from Kaley as this worm traveled across her face. Kaley ran from her room and heard laughter coming from the bathroom. The two boys were forced to remove the worm from Kaley's room.

However, they knew this would happen and were prepared. While Michael was removing the rubber worm Patrick spread the live meal worms in between the sheets of Kaley's bed. Once again Kaley went to her room and turned out the light. I have no idea what she thought when she felt the mealworm crawl across her foot. But, I think she screamed the words, "Michael, I am going to beat you when I catch you".

Next Saturday is "Show Your Colors Day at the Farmers Market". So, wear the colors of your favorite college football team. You can bet I'll be wearing the Red and Black.

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the circle. He had the drums hit the beat and I proudly marched in place, lifting my legs high, keeping my back as straight and stiff as a mahogany board. When the drums stopped, Mr. DiRusso belted across those holy walls, for the angels to hear, "That's exactly how you DON'T want to do it!"

I should have been humiliated for life. Honestly, I had such remarkable self esteem, that once the redness left my cheeks and ears, I was over it, and without the aid of a Tony Robbins self help CD. So, where do the scars come from?

I continued to show up for all the rehearsals. Then one Friday night, in late September, under the intense lights overlooking the turf, donned in my magnificently ornate band uniform, I marched out onto the field. We were playing the Monarch fight song, which was adapted from Notre Dame University's famous melody. The overwhelming joy that flowed through me was metabolically converting my blood to purple and gold.

I played with the band, every game, home and away, for two football seasons and two basketball seasons. I was a Monarch. Then it came time to register for high school. It was a no brainer for me. I went and was measured for my Catholic school uniform.

My parents had a different idea. They wanted me to experience something more than just that pre-Vatican dogma. They asked me to attend the public school for just one year. If I still wanted to go back to the Catholic school for my sophomore year, I would have their blessing. I agreed, but certainly not with my whole heart.

I packed the clarinet away, because I was not going to learn a new fight song. I was now trying to pretend to be a Marauder, needing a blood transfusion; because there was no way I was going to ooze maroon and white. I attended all games, pretending to be engaged.

The end of the school year I headed over to Cardinal Mindszenty to order my books and get measured for my uniforms. Then that summer, at the County Fair, my friends begged me to come back to the public high school.

I acquiesced.

My junior year, I went once again through the registration process, yearning to leave my adopted family to be with my Monarch blood. I once again conceded. And that has left a scar or two.

Cardinal Mindszenty closed a few years after my graduation from Dunkirk High School. When I was home this July, I drove past slowly, out of

a deep respect. Friends said it was now an Independent Living facility for the elderly. Maybe I'll spend my late years there, decked in a purple robe and fluffy gold slippers, marching proudly down the hall with my walker. I might even take up playing the clarinet, once again.

Mallis

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God has been an inspiration to those who know their story. They have proven that with all the above that if you can cook and serve excellent BBQ that... "they will come... and come... and keep coming."

They should be awarded a small business award for their success.

Charles Mallis

Jones

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truck and throw it in the garbage when you get home.

Be careful when driving on John Smith Road East you never know who might run into you!

Larry Jones

Bell Ringing Union
County Old Courthouse



Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493

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The Chamber is located in the Union County Community Center at 129 Union County Recreation Road and is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will be given back to our community to help support the promotion

of tourism. Why not plan for an exciting evening out with the family right here in Blairsville? To ask questions about the Circus or other events in September, please call the Chamber at (706) 745-5789 or visit www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com. I may be reached anytime at President@BlairsvilleChamber.com.

Esposito

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ing the matter at home.

You might want to remind the kids that the Constitution grants to Congress (not the President) the power to declare war, and the last time they did that was WWII.

Nevertheless, since WWII, the USA has committed many acts of war without Congressional declarations of war. For a quiz, you might ask the kids this question.

In which of the following places has the USA committed acts of war without first obtaining a Congressional declaration of war? Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Somalia, Haiti, Libya, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and Iraq.

If they answer anything less than "all," you might want to talk to their teachers.

Chuck Esposito

Suches

Fiser

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mulled "peacenicks" characterized as individuals who preached, "Make love, not war!" and could do neither. As for Hanoi Jane, she is the epitome of a traitor and deserves all the ill will directed toward her. I understand that Christ commissioned his successors with the authority to forgive what they felt was forgivable and to hold bound what they judged should not be forgiven. He did not make forgiveness mandatory! Jane has not repented even if she somehow could.

As for those who were fortunate enough to avoid the Draft and who so callously assaulted our returning combat ravaged service personnel, they are equally contemptable. And if the truth be known, Janie's antics in Hanoi may have directly contributed to their deaths. I have no doubt that she contributed to the deaths of many other brothers, fathers, and best friends.

As for me, I am 79 years of age. I still have my Selective Service card and my honorable discharge. As for Mr. Ferrandino, he is correct in most respects. However, I suspect the loved ones he lost were drafted.

For certain, all wars are basically for money and power. The two are inseparable. Make no mistake! It's always a rich man's war and a poor man's fight! So honor those who answer their country's call, be they volunteers or conscriptees. They respect and obey authority, as well as have the same love of life and freedom as do the civilians.

Richard Fiser

White

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administration, perhaps one of them would like to challenge Lamar in the next election.

Most of us attending the meeting wanted to learn more about the projects that are to be included in the next SPLOST.

I commend Lamar for his patience and decorum in dealing with these people.

Peter W. White,

Blairsville



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