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A. Leslie George, Executive Director of the North Georgia Resource Management Authority, reported that the turnout was amazing. The total donations collected for the Humane Society was \$1,000, which will be used to support a new education program they are starting to teach young people how to handle and care for pets. The program is called the Jewell Education Program and should help both children and parents learn to properly care for pets.

Q. Do you know how many electronics were received for recycling?

A. We received a certificate of Destruction and Recycling from Atlanta Recycling Solutions that reported 10,618 pounds of metal, plastic, glass, computer housing and peripheral equipment was received. This material was processed and sent on to an appropriate recycling end-market to be manufactured into recycled content products. Leslie reported that the 10,618 pounds consisted of 28 TVs, 75 monitors, 25 laptops and 99 PCs. Also, three tons of paper was received to be shredded. Thanks to all the people who participated in this event.

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she understood the particulars, and then explained that I could hit the tab on the website that says "change flight." There I could cancel my flight and receive a credit towards my next flight. I asked what the cancellation fees would be. She said that Southwest didn't have cancellation fees. "Will I be credited the entire amount I paid for my initial ticket?" I asked, incredulously. "Yes, and you have one year from the date of that flight to use it on another flight," she answered. "If your next flight costs more, we will charge you the difference, and if it costs less, you'll still have credit towards yet another flight."

I'm a business coach. I want to know how Southwest got so smart. Who conceived the idea of a customer friendly airline? It seems the original idea for Southwest airlines was sketched out on a cocktail napkin between attorney, Herb Kelleher and his client, Texas businessman, Rollin King, in a restaurant lounge in San Antonio, TX.

Turns out other great ideas started on a cocktail napkin. I'm a lifelong entrepreneur who is always dreaming of the next "Pet Rock." Gary Dahl spent two weeks writing *The Pet Rock Training Manual* and started selling the low-maintenance pet for \$3.95 not long after the idea was scratched out on a cocktail napkin over a couple of brews in a bar. Forty years ago, without the Internet fueling the frenzy, he sold 1.5 million of them.

Oscar nominated for *Best Picture* in 1992, the script for *A Few Good Men*, the courtroom drama about two Marines charged with the murder of a third Marine, started out on a cocktail napkin. As the bartender at Broadway's Palace

Theater, Adam Sorkin organized his thoughts on napkins while patrons were watching shows. "I wrote *A Few Good Men* during the first act of *La Cage aux Folles*. I would come home with my pockets stuffed full of cocktail napkins."

Actually, the Marine Corp probably started out on a cocktail napkin. On Nov. 10, 1775, a committee of the Continental Congress met at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. Their mission was to establish two Battalions of men prepared to fight for independence on sea or shore. The tavern's manager was declared the first official recruiter. Legend has it, Marines toast to the memory of Tun Tavern every year on Nov. 10.

This morning, I took chicken wings out of the freezer for my dinner tonight. Most people call them Buffalo Wings, because they were inspired when the Anchor Bar in Buffalo, NY, accidentally received a shipment of chicken wings instead of chicken parts in 1964. Teressa Bellissimo coated the wings in a sauce of her own recipe, then served them with bleu cheese and celery, because that's what she had on hand. They were a hit with her son and his group of friends, and the Buffalo wing was born. She quickly wrote down what she had concocted on a cocktail napkin, to be sure she could successfully make that sauce once again.

I'm grateful for so many wonderful blessings in my life, every single day of my life. But this Thursday, as I embark on that Orange and Blue trimmed jet that will take me to be with my family, I will also give thanks for the cocktail napkin, and all that has been inspired on it.

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nior and Price said and it was decided to call a strike. These two young men convinced the entire senior class to go on strike with 3 weeks left in the school year. In the meantime Price told Clayton to wait for word from them at the restaurant across from the school.

At the beginning of 2nd period the Senior Class met at the front door of the High School. When the bell for 5th period rang everyone stayed at the front door. Mr. Weeks came and told everyone to get to class. Junior told Mr. Weeks that the class was on strike and they would continue to be on strike until Clayton's story was heard and he was reinstated in school. Mr. Weeks stated, "If individuals did not comply they would be expelled from school 3 weeks before graduation." Some of the young men got up to walk to class, but, after a hard look from Price and Junior the boys sat down. The boys in the class were more

afraid of Price and Junior than they were of Mr. Weeks.

After a couple of intense minutes Mr. Weeks face began twitching. He stormed from the front of the school and walked toward the restaurant. He retrieved Clayton and walked back to the school. As the pair walked up to the steps he told the Seniors to go back to class. He also said he was going to whip Clayton and then re-instate him into school.

Junior stood up and said, "No, Clayton is not to be whipped. I will take his punishment." Junior walked into the office and took a beating from Mr. Weeks. After it was finished Junior turned to Mr. Weeks and smiled. Later that day Clayton was back in school because of Junior and the Class of 1956. Junior Cummings and Clayton became fast friends. And Clayton never got picked on again. Junior Cummings was a big man with a big heart. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Events.

The following local businesses are participating in the Jingle Bell Buys event: Busy Bee Printing & Signs, Huddle House Restaurant, Snack Wagon, Cornerstone Thrift Store, Candles By Jean, Early Bird Antiques Emporium, Ugly Mug Café, The Vacuum Store, Jeræ's Unity Alpacas, Mary Kay Cosmetics – Roberta Ford, Black & White Antiques, Logan Turnpike Mill, Origami Owl – Sharon Penner, Thirty One – Rebecca Erwin, Natural Treatments for Brain & Body, Pat's Hallmark Shop, Mountain Hope Pottery & Sculpture, Hi Country Shops, Alpha Drug Testing Services, Sundance Gallery, Galaxy Bowling of Union County, Granddaddy Mimm's Distillery, General Supply, Mountain Crossings, Curves of Blairsville, Austin Blu, Safe-Guard Lock and Vault, Aspen Hearth & Home, and Origami Owl – The Lauras.

As you are out and about, be sure to stop by the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce located in the Union County Community Center at 129 Union County Recreation Road. During the entire month of December, you will be able to enjoy approximately 40 beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths that are dec-

orated by our local Chamber members as part of our annual Tour of Trees presented by Union General Hospital, Inc and Union General Wellness Center. There is no admission fee to this event.

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building is permitted – would incentivize better planning. A portion of the Forest Service's \$2.2 billion fire budget – say 1 percent or \$22 million – could be directed to communities to facilitate land-use planning. Taking a lesson from flood-plain management, a community rating system could direct more assistance to communities that help themselves through some type of zoning (if the local government has zoning); transferable development rights programs, incentives for cluster development, open-space programs and other planning tools.

In limited cases, it may be cheaper to buy the land instead of fighting successive years of wildfires. Public land managers also could be required to alert local governments about proposed new developments that would be at high risk from wildfires. And we must map fire risk to alert would-be homebuyers of dangers before they commit to living in a tinderbox.

Building homes with the Forest Service as a backyard always will be dangerous. We can

manage wildfire to an extent, but need to learn to better live with fire which means we must alter the pace, scale and pattern of future development. For this task, nothing works as well as giving people incentives – negative consequences for decisions that increase risk, and positive rewards for decisions that reduce risk. The good news is that most carrot-and-stick approaches can be applied today, without having to wait for Congress. Those of you that think it won't happen here, check out what happened in White County, GA last week. It wasn't hundreds of homes lost, just one, but for those people who lost their home it was a tragedy just the same.

Parts of this article is by Ray Rasker, executive director of Headwaters Economics, an independent Montana Based Research group.

For more information on wildfire education programs such as Firewise, Ready-Set-Go or Fire Adapted Communities, contact Frank Riley, Executive Director, Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D council at frank.ccred@gmail.com.

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and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). Each day that we live is a day of Thanksgiving. Charles Kingsley instructs us to "Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle never know." The Psalmist reminds us, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." (Psalm 150:6)

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If this reckless and unconstitutional amnesty action is allowed to proceed without opposition, Georgia and the nation will suffer further subversion of the foundations of orderly society based on the rule of representative government by the consent of the governed.

And as citizens of the state of Georgia, we therefore respectfully request that as Governor you exercise all authorized power and remedies to resist the federal executive's usurpation of power and forcible insertion of illegal immigrants without the application of the immigration laws of the United States.

Additionally, we request that you take appropriate action to determine the present extent of residents already illegally-placed within the state by the federal executive and develop a plan to ensure the safety of the citizens of Georgia, deal equitably with any illegal immigrants and protect the citizens from any future illegal or unconstitutional actions, of any kind, by any department or agency of the U.S. Government.

Finally, considering the executive authority vested in the office of Governor, we ask that you publicly declare your intention to provide protection for the citizens of Georgia against an over reaching federal government. Sincerely,

Pat Thibodeaux
Union/Towns County
Tea Party
Blairsville, GA

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Boy Scouts #101	Every Monday: United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	Every Tuesday: United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
Masonic Luncheon	Every Thursday: Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Volunteers/Handicap	First Monday of each month: First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
Allegheny Lodge	Masonic Temple	6:30 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, off the square		6:30 pm
Blairsville City Coun.	First Tuesday of each month: City Hall	6 pm
Brownie Scouts	United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm
Enotah Ch. #24 RAM	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 pm
Business Women	Cook's Restaurant	8 am
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 pm
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 pm
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	First Wednesday of each month: Monet's Rest.	Noon
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
Awake America	First Thursday of each month: City Hall	11:59 am
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
NAMI Fam. Support	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 pm
UG Hospital Aux	First Friday of each month: UC Nursing Home	Noon
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm
"Nailed" Book Club	G-N-G Bakery	10 am