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A. All vehicles must be registered within 7 days of purchase. Items you will need are: 1. Title from individual selling vehicle – correctly signed; 2. Acceptable proof of insurance; 3. Georgia Driver's License with a Union County address; 4. Current Mileage-unless exempt. You are required to title

all 1986 and newer vehicles prior to registration. All owners need to be present with valid identification and acceptable proof of insurance.

If you have any questions about the motor vehicle tag process, please call the Tax Commissioner's Office at (706) 439-6017 or (706) 439-6018.

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get back to the Square where they will be invited to sing this season's favorite song from the movie Frozen "Let It Go", as they have the honor of kicking off the parade this year!

Now, Friday night, while I make my appearance, the Union County High School Choir will be entertaining the attendees with their Christmas vocals. At dusk that evening, the bonfire will be lit. Through the gracious donation of marshmallows, chocolate bars and graham crackers by BiLo Market, the Farmers Market staff and volunteers will be handing out switches with marshmallows to be toasted over the outdoor fire, then constructed into an individual towering s'more, ready to be consumed with glee by both young and old.

There will be other delectable eats for consumption while at the Market, as well. From cinnamon rolls to Cuban Sandwiches, you'll be able to snack and shop. The Market Café will also be open both days of the Market, but will be relocated to the Canning Plant

location. They will be serving up burgers and dogs on the grill, along with grilled cheese sandwiches, fresh donuts that go just right with hot drinks including hot cider. And in case you've been missing your favorite Market dessert, the Market Café will be serving their warm bread pudding with caramel sauce and whip cream.

Now, I must go, but not without enlisting your assistance, the purpose, after all, for my writing today. I would like to speak to as many children as possible. Their heart is what fuels me this time of year. They will only know about the Market if you share these details with them, their parents, and their grandparents. For two days, this community has a chance to gather once again for a remarkable opportunity to share the bounty of the land, the talent and the spirit of the people of this region. So, please be my elves, be the town crier, invite your neighbors, bring your friends. You'll make a tired old man very happy.

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month of December. Stop by anytime to explore and enjoy. People's choice winners will be voted on and awarded at our Holly Jolly Christmas event. Winners will be announced in each category. Thanks to our sponsors Union General Hospital, Inc. and Union General Wellness Center.

Holly Jolly Christmas: On Saturday, December 13, make plans to visit the Union County Community Center at 129 Union County Recreation Road from 3-6 p.m. for our free Holly Jolly Christmas community event. Bring your family and enjoy refreshments, kids' activities, and community musical performances. Santa will also be onsite for personal and/or professional photos. Those who attend the

Holly Jolly Christmas will be given the opportunity to vote for the People's Choice awards for our Tour of Trees. Another thanks for our sponsors of this event, Union General Hospital, Inc. and Union General Wellness Center.

In addition to these great Chamber of Commerce events, there are a number of community happenings over the next few weeks including the Christmas Parade, Breakfast with Santa, Kris Kringle Mountain Market, Christmas Tree Lighting at Vogel State Park, Christmas shopping events, open houses, and church musical performances. Be sure to check out our events calendar online at VisitBlairsvilleGA.com or call 706-745-5789 to plan your Christmas activities.

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activities each year that make a difference in community wildfire safety. Furthering firefighter and resident safety during a fire event, a fire-resistant property enables firefighters to focus on containing the wildfire itself, rather than defending individual structures.

Ready, Set, Go! also bring fire departments and residents together to build important understanding, preparedness, and action. They may be called wildland fires, brush fires, grass fires or forest fires, yet the threat remains the same.

Our Firewise programs here in Northeast Georgia are making a difference by making our residents aware of the

wildfire risks all around them and the numbers prove it. Plans are in the works to hold a full scale Ready, Set, Go! evacuation exercise in early 2015 to test our firefighters and residents to see if what we have developed in our Firewise programs over the past 2 years actually works. More information on this live exercise will be available in the coming months.

To learn more about how to be Firewise and how to develop a personal "Ready, Set, Go!" action plan contact Frank Riley, Executive Director, Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&DCouncil at [www.townsfireadapted@gmail.com](http://www.townsfireadapted@gmail.com) or go to [www.wildlandfireRSG.org](http://www.wildlandfireRSG.org) or [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

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people from different churches and opinions gather together to celebrate their core beliefs, which is the strongest bond that unifies them. In a family there are differences of opinion—sometimes a husband and wife will cancel one another's vote out when they go to the polls. Nevertheless, there is an overriding "tie that binds" that cements the relationship. Church dogma varies somewhat from congregation to congregation, but the very "roots" of their belief system is what binds them solidly together.

I am never more grateful than when I am immersed in a multi-denominational gathering where heartfelt prayer is offered and the people are one in spirit. The first Thursday of the month—Dec. 4th—at noon, there is just such a gathering of like-minded people. In support of the nationwide

Awake America call, we will gather at Blairsville City Hall, crossing city and county lines, to spend time in prayer, recognizing the command found in 2Chron 7:14 contained between the If-and-Then words. If we truly seek to see our nation healed, the prescription is clear in that passage, and it is a privilege to join with other brothers, sisters and cousins in turning our prayers to God in a corporate and united way.

If you recognize the importance and impact of that passage and want to join, you'd be welcome, "cousin." Only when a community comes together in a unified way will we see the change we desire. All denominations are welcome; invite others to join you to represent your church—and come!

**Arlene Gray**

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it strange that a world that talks about Peace and spends millions to achieve Peace, ignores and deplors the very name that was sent to give Peace as a free gift from God.

Folks, Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays won't get the job done. When we deliberately move away from, and willfully remove from our vocabularies the name of God, Jesus and Christ, we are no longer seeking Peace but very methodically racing toward destruction and that final war the Bible refers to as Armageddon (Rev. 16:16).

In the opening statement of this column, Luke was talk-

ing about lasting Peace. Likewise, I believe that Franklin D. Roosevelt knew that lasting Peace would come only through God. That first Christmas, which introduced Jesus, Messiah, The King, sent the world into a frenzy. The name of Jesus the King sent Herod, the earthly king, into a rage of hate, resulting in the blood bath of infants. This Christmas brings out the same reaction of hate in minds that have rejected the true light of God. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! The name that calms my fears... 'tis music in the sinner's ears. Don't let the world tell you differently, Jesus is God's Peace package!

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preview of things to come for Phil Campbell.

A few plays later Uncle Bud was still playing left tackle. He was holding his own with the Hovater boy. However, just before the ball was snapped the Hovater boy called Uncle Bud a hillbilly redneck. As Bud looked up at the boy, Hovater spit tobacco juice into the eyes of Uncle Bud. Uncle Bud was trying to wipe his eyes as the ball was snapped. The Hovater boy caught Bud in the nose and stomped his right foot with his cleats as he made his way to the quarterback.

A few plays later as the ball was snapped the Hovater boy threw a handful of mud into Bud's eyes just as the center snapped the ball. Uncle Bud was covered with cuts and bruises and as he made his way back to the huddle Junior's eyes met Uncle Bud. Junior asked Uncle Bud, "Can you get Hovater on the ground?" Bud said, "Yes. What have you got up your sleeve?" Junior replied, "You just get Hovater on the ground and don't let him up."

The next play Bud kept his head down until the ball was snapped at which time he launched himself into the gut of Hovater knocking him to the ground and the air from his lungs. Uncle Bud lay on Hovater while Junior kicked him in the mouth knocking out his teeth. This play changed the course of the game. The Hovater boy could not play anymore. He was the heart and soul of this team and when he was removed from the game the boys from Phil Campbell launched a comeback. Hovater left in the 4th quarter and Phil Campbell was behind by 10 points. Phil Campbell scored a touchdown to pull within 3 points. The game still looked out of reach until the defensive

end, Uncle Bud, intercepted a pass and ran the ball 83 yards for a touchdown. Junior carried Uncle Bud off the field on his shoulders in celebration. These two cousins went on to make quite a name for themselves on the grid iron in Phil Campbell, Ala.

Do not forget the Kris Kringle Market this weekend at the Farmers Market. We will be open on both Friday (3 p.m. - 8 p.m.) and Saturday (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.). See you at the Farmers Market.

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Putting others needs before your own is an act of kindness. If you're standing in a grocery market line and the person before you doesn't have enough money to pay for all of her Thanksgiving dinner, show an act of kindness and help as you can. Kindness comes from the heart of one who cares deeply for others' needs and go the extra mile to show kindness in whatever form it may be. When you show kindness by giving of your time and monies to the less fortunate ones, who you come in contact with daily, then you have found the true meaning of what kindness and giving of God's love towards others really means. Kindness towards others is one reason why God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to earth years ago to show us how to care and have love for one another as God loves us. Kindness never gets old when you do it for the right reason. Amen

**Frank F. Combs**

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and citizenship documentation. Also, recent events require us to consider that some of these people are carrying contagious infectious communicable diseases which constitutes (sic) clear and present dangers to citizens of Georgia and the nation."

Sincerely,

**Tom Bennett, Murphy, NC**

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bringing news to the beloved mountains that the West Family calls home.

Ironically, two of today's staff members are second generation employees with the newspaper.

Joe Collins, advertising director, and Charles Duncan, editor of both the *North Georgia News* and the *Towns County Herald* are the sons of former staff writers Neal Collins, who wrote sports, and Mary Lavona Potts Duncan, who wrote community news. Both were long-time school teachers and con-

tributors to the newspaper.

Byron Herbert Reece's work extended beyond his love of poetry.

Ink flowed through his veins as he yearned to tell the stories of his beloved North Georgia.

Today, we too share the vision of the *Byron Herbert Reece Society*.

It's not just about Reece's works, it's about a way of life that each of us hold very near, and dear to our hearts.

Please join us as members of the Society in 2015.