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language was added regarding excessive barking. If you feel that the barking is excessive enough to constitute a true nuisance, not just an occasional aggravation, you can call the animal control officer who will then make the determination whether the barking is indeed excessive. If occurring late in the evening, call police dispatch at the non-emergency number (706-439-6038) to have an officer investigate the complaint and contact the owners at that time. Many times that will correct the issue.

Q. Is there a requirement that animals have shelter available to them?

A. Yes, an animal owner is required to provide proper housing for a domesticated animal (depending on the breed), which at a minimum for dogs and most domesticated animals must consist of three sides, a roof, and a floor, constructed in such a way as

to keep an animal protected from the elements and extreme temperatures, and be of such a size that the animal can enter, exit, stand, turn around, and sleep comfortably. An owner is required to provide adequate and sanitary food and water.

Personal Comments: Owing a pet is a significant responsibility and cost and should be carefully considered prior to making your decision to be a pet owner. But then on the other hand, the unconditional love displayed by a pet is sometimes hard to resist and can really add to you and your pet's happiness. I have had a pet most of my life, but after the death of our last two dogs a few years ago, I decided to purchase a concrete bulldog to place in our dog house. It serves to remind me of the pleasure of pet ownership while alleviating the pain and the work and the cost. I may venture back some day.

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aside. Take raw almonds and toss them in a tablespoon of olive oil, lay them on a cookie sheet and put in a cold oven and set the oven to 400 degrees. When it comes up to temp, take the almonds out of the oven to cool. Yes, this process makes a difference. Toasted almonds are so much better than raw in a salad! Now you want to mix your dressing ingredients in a separate bowl. Whisk them well. Be sure to use the juices that have been forming in the bowl of your sliced oranges, as well.

You want to prepare the greens for the salad just before you are ready to toss and serve. Cut out the tough stem by folding each leaf in half, and running your knife along the edge. Stack about 8 of the folded, destemmed leaves and roll them up tight. Cut into thin ribbons. Repeat with remaining leaves. Now add your sliced radishes and almonds and toss with all your dressing and salt and pepper to taste. Now plate your individual salads and then top each one with a few orange slices. Yes, it's delicious and oh so healthy.

Another winter vegetable that most of us don't think to add to our diet is parsnips. Those of you that have never been adventurous enough to try these, they are relatively inexpensive and a great source of vitamins, similar to the white potato, but this "white carrot" is delicious raw, as well. Again using the citrus as our acid, let's try a Parsnip - Grapefruit salad. Peel a pound and a half of parsnips. Using a cheese grater, a mandolin or even a vegetable peeler, shred the parsnips into thin ribbons. Now peel, seed and pith

two pink grapefruit, reserving the juice to add to your dressing. If you are not sure how to prepare grapefruit and oranges this way, just Google "video how to segment grapefruit" and you'll see how easy it is to do, step by step. The only other salad ingredient you need is a 1/2 cup of fresh chopped parsley.

Next, let's mix the dressing. Using the reserve juices from grapefruit, add 1/3 cup of extra virgin olive oil, a tablespoon of white balsamic vinegar (or if using white vinegar, dissolve a teaspoon of sugar in it before adding it to dressing), 1 tablespoon of honey and a pinch of cinnamon. Whisk these all together. Salt and pepper the parsnips and parsley. Toss well with the dressing. Now add your grapefruit slices and lightly toss again. Let the salad sit about 15 mins before serving.

This time of year I like to shake up my daily salad. For crunchiness I add toasted walnuts, pecans, almonds or cashews. Fresh fruit such as pears, apples or grapes are alternatives to citrus. Dried raisins, cranberries or cherries coupled with cheeses like brie or gorgonzola add great punch to even head lettuce. To make a creamy dressing from just what you have in your fridge, add 1/3 cup of juice, any kind, to 1/2 cup of mayonnaise. If it isn't sweet enough, add a little honey. If it's too sweet, add a little vinegar or lemon juice. Slicing an avocado and a hard boiled egg to the perimeter of the plated salad actually makes it a complete meal.

What night this week is going to be your Boogie Woogie Salad Night?

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more because we didn't catch the drunk before he killed someone they may know.

Nevertheless, we are just another tool used by government to generate "revenue." I stopped caring today because liberals hate the police as we carry guns, scare kids, and take away their drugs. We always kill innocent people with unjust violence. We are called bullies for using a taser during a fight, but are condemned further for not first tasing the guy who pulls a gun on us.

And if we do have to shoot, we are asked, "why didn't you just shoot the gun out of their hand?" And when one of us is killed by the countless attacks that do happen (but are rarely reported in the mainstream media) the haters say, "It's just part of the job." I stopped caring today because conservatives hate us as we are "the government." We try to take away their guns, freedoms, and liberty at every turn.

We represent a "police state" where "jackbooted badge-wearing thugs" randomly attack innocent people without cause or concern for constitutional rights. We are Waco, Ruby Ridge, and Rodney King all rolled into one lone police officer stopping to help change an old lady's tire. I stopped caring today as no one wants us around, but instantly demands answers, results, arrests, when a crime takes place.

If a crime isn't solved within the allocated 60 minutes it takes CSI on television, we are inept, incompetent, or covering something up. If we do get "lucky" it was just that and everyone with a Facebook account can post wonderful comments of how "they" would solve the case and how "we" are not nearly as clever.

I stopped caring today because a video of a cop six states away, from a department that you never heard of, screws up and forgets his oath of honor, thus firing up an internet

lynch-mob of cop haters even though 99% of us work twice as hard not to end up in the news and to still be "the good guys." We are "militarized" because we wear body armor and Kevlar helmets when shots are fired or rocks thrown at us and carry scary looking rifles even though everyone knows that they are easier to shoot and are more accurate than a handgun or a shotgun.

I stopped caring today because the culture of today's instantly connected youth is only there to take and never give back. To never accept responsibility for one's actions, but to blame everyone else instead of themselves. To ask "what is in it for me?" versus "what can I do for you?"

To idolize gangsters, thugs, sexually promiscuous behavior, and criminals over hard work, dedication, and achievement. To argue that getting stoned should be a right, yet getting a job or an education is a hassle. To steal versus earn. To hate versus help.

Yes, I stopped caring today. But tomorrow, I will put my uniform back on and I will care again.

I did not write this, but I know just how they feel, I spent 32 years in Law Enforcement and glad I am now retired.

Don Allen

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With the understanding of these facts one should gain an awareness of the monumental sacrifices our vets have made in answering their country's call to arms.

When "The Moving Wall" comes to our home town of Blairsville next October I would urge our citizens to come and view this symbol with the reverence it deserves. I know the many veterans will do so.

Respectfully,
Norman Norwood

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Later that fall Alton moved to Auburn, AL to attend college. Aunt Bess and Uncle MC missed their only son, so they shut down the farm and moved to Auburn where she secured a job in the cafeteria and Uncle MC found a job at the Experiment Station. They worked there at Auburn while their son attended school.

After he graduated he moved to Oakridge, TN to work under Dr. Wernher von Braun where he helped develop nuclear weaponry for the military and the rockets for NASA while Bess and MC moved back to the farm. When I was a young boy we were at Papa's house and my little brother leaned against a pot-bellied stove and burned his hand. A couple of large warts developed where his hand had blistered. So, Granny took us to see Uncle MC. He grasped my brother by the hand and rubbed a quarter over those

warts while mumbling some unpronounceable words. After finishing he told my brother to forget about the warts. We went home after the visit and within two days the warts were gone.

Bess and M.C. lived their life by a code. Their code was to treat people like they would want to be treated. This is my goal for the Farmers Market. I hope you feel like you have been treated well and you have obtained the produce you need when you leave the Farmers Market. Our vendors, growers and craftsmen, depend on your satisfaction with your visit to the Farmers Market. Our vendors and an advisory committee is meeting and discussing ways in which the market can be improved for the public and our vendors. Soon we will have our important dates set for the year and you will be informed of our calendar including RSVP dates for 2015.

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the ROI Methodology into organizations. Their sponsorship allows interested parties to receive a program valued at \$695 for only \$295 which includes lunch and materials. Furthermore, members of the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce will receive an additional savings of \$100 bringing the series total to only \$195!

Classes will be held at the Union County Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

on March 5, 12, 19, and 26. Applications are available by calling the Chamber at 706-745-5789 or emailing president@blairsvillechamber.com. No competitors will be allowed in the series and the class is limited to 25 participants. Seating will be granted on a first come, first served.

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into their life's work. "I can see the hand of God at work in difficulties, learning the lessons of life." Good times and bad weave lives into one.

Please don't let this example of a long, loving marriage cause you regrets. Danny has seen "so many people thrown on the scrapheap of life." No, this example of a faithful relationship gives hope that the love of God is real, and can reach into our world and even touch you. The New Testament uses marriage to teach about Christ's love for his church. You are included in that great love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall...have eternal life."

Pondering 55 years of marriage, Danny declares, "I love her far more today than when we first married." Still weaving, I suppose. Happy Valentine's Day!

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my many years of life, I have never seen a true Christian belief that was destructive or dangerous. Let me enlighten you. You do not know Thomas Jefferson or James Madison. Shame on you for dropping their names to fit your views. And as far as Don Allen's remark about the Japanese, I have seen and heard it many times, but I also saw it written this way - "The Japanese decided not to invade America because behind every blade of grass was an American with a gun." There was patriotism back then and people were ready to stand up and defend their country, Christians and non-Christians alike.

Jean M. Holsapple

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memory of Charles and her late husband Ken, both having contributed much to the building and maintenance of the display. Pops built it, and she's continuing the legacy. For Charles, his boiler is quiet, but his memory and contributions will not soon be forgotten. As the 'ole saying goes, Charles really "died with the throttle in his hand".

God bless Charles Griffin.

Jim Steed.

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