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Q. What are the normal requirements for a road to be accepted as a county road?

A. Again, there are some exceptions, but mostly it requires a 60 foot right of way, but sometimes we can accept down to a 40 foot right of way if the road has a gentle terrain. Also, on very steep terrain, we sometimes need more than 60 feet to go over a "fill" area. The road must have 6 inches of compacted base and 3 ½ inches of asphalt, which includes a 2 inch binder and 1 ½ inch top coat.

Q. Is there ever a case where you can accept a private road as a county road?

A. Yes, in fact we re-

cently accepted a paved subdivision road that had been a private road for several years. It has adequate right of way, even though we had to have some additional forms signed, the road was not too steep, and it was built to county specifications, meaning it had a minimum width of 18 inches of pavement and adequate base. We often core drill the pavement surface and subsurface to confirm adequate depths of gravel and paved surface. Sometimes an additional layer of asphalt or patching is required prior to our acceptance.

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it is dangerous for firefighters to attempt to protect a structure where owners have not taken the appropriate measures to make it defensible.

A community that achieves the FAC designation gives its residents satisfaction in knowing that when wildfire threatens everybody knows what to do and what to expect. I hereby declare that Towns County is a Fire Adapted Community, and a model one at that! Towns (You) is recognized all over the country in wildfire circles and all because of you citizens that live and work here and do things to protect our beautiful mountains. Congratulations, ya' done good, but you can't stop because fire safety is a never-ending process and becomes a life style here in the mountains.

Fire Adapted Communities' mission is to develop and implement the FAC program in one location and spread it to other communities in need of wildfire education. Chest-Chatt RC&D has expanded the concept to surrounding north Georgia counties and has begun to spread FAC into 42 counties up the Appalachian Mountains from Northeast Georgia thru western North Carolina and into Southwestern Virginia. This expansion is using 6 RC&D Councils to develop a grassroots FAC network in those areas. Chest-Chatt has guided the Towns FAC for the past 5 years and has been very successful with our Firewise, Ready-Set-Go, and FAC programs in the area. Towns has earned national recognition for its efforts and I have presented the success stories many times across the country in the past 5

years. Firewise, USA, is a national program that is one of the components used to build a FAC and Towns County has become the leading Firewise Communities program in Georgia with 21 recognized Firewise Communities out of the 93 total in Georgia. Towns has 8 new communities waiting for action plans, so they can be accepted into the program. FAC encompasses Fire Wise, Ready-Set-Go, forest management, fuel mitigation, local fire capacity, wildfire education, and other wildfire related programs. To help achieve the FAC goals Citizens Coalitions are organized to own and develop the FAC program. These coalitions hold yearly community clean up days to lessen the fire risks in the neighborhoods; they train emergency responders with live exercises; they teach citizens about wildfire risks around homes; they educate citizens about when, where, and how to evacuate when a wildfire threatens; they identify internal safety zones for evacuations, they entertain students with Smokey Bear; and attend many local events to spread FAC, Firewise, & Ready-Set-Go. Being Fire Adapted is a never-ending process since the risk of wildfires around homes is a threat that will always be just over the ridge waiting for the right conditions to come roaring in our yards.

For more information on Firewise, Fire Adapted Communities, Ready-Set-Go, or your local emergency response capacity, contact us at www.info.ccrd@gmail.com or www.chestchattrcd.org or www.appcofacrcd.org

Inclement weather plan for UCHS Graduation on May 25



In the event inclement weather is forecasted for Friday evening, the UCHS Graduation Ceremony will be held 8 p.m. at the Union County Fine Arts Center. A decision regarding this change will be made at the

earliest on Friday, May 25th.

Graduating seniors will be given five tickets for guests who attend the ceremony at the Fine Arts Center, and each guest will be required to present a ticket upon entering the ceremony. For all other guests, the ceremony will be streamed live at the UCHS gym. You may also find a YouTube link at the Union County Schools website, www.ucschools.org, to watch the ceremony live.

Notice of Union County School System Special Education Records

In compliance with the Georgia Record Act, the Union County Board of Education records retention schedule, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations on the destruction of data collected, maintained, or used in the provision of a free and appropriate public education of students with disabilities in the Union County Schools, the Special Education department announces its intention to destroy special education records after June 1, 2018.

Records of students who were enrolled in a special education program in the Union County School System who were born before June 1, 1996 and were 22 years of age by June 1, 2018, or graduated with

a regular high school diploma, are no longer needed for educational purposes.

The student may need these records for Social Security or other reasons. If you as a former special education student wish to obtain these records prior to destruction, you should contact the Special Education Records Department, Union County Board of Education, 124 Hughes Street, Blairsville, GA 30512. Positive identification will be required before records can be released to the individual.

For more information, contact the Special Education Records Department at (706) 745-2322 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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tendees at the event. Plan to attend and see first hand what our businesses and merchants have to offer. We are thankful to our sponsors, United Community Bank, Dixie Confections and Amazing Grace Catering.

Last week we kicked off our ticket sales for the July 4th fire works show at Meeks Park. For a \$10 donation per ticket the holder can win \$1,000. The drawing will be held prior to the fireworks show that evening. Ticket holders need not be present to win. You can obtain a ticket(s) at the chamber office or from any board member and/or Chamber Ambassador. The

tickets have been sponsored by Melissa's Custom Cakes and provides a \$5 off coupon toward any purchase of \$25 or more at the bakery.

On May 24th at 11 AM there will be a Ribbon Cutting for Southern D'signs at 294 Hwy 515 Suite G. Southern D'signs is a unique gift and DIY Craft studio. Co-owners, Lynne Phipps and Janie Lloyd will show attendees how to create personalized works of art, as well as, share information on the various workshops they offer. Everyone is invited to this fun filled event. 706-781-1671 for more information.

Also on May 24th, Elizabeth Dyer at S&S Smoothies & Supplements will host a session on the KETO diet and its health benefits. It begins at 6 PM at 38 Merchants Walk, Unit C. www.smoothiesandsupplements.com

I would like to remind everyone that we are on radio 95.1 FM on Thursdays at 8:45 AM with the summary of Chamber events for the coming week.

You can communicate with me at president@blairsvillchamber.com or my office 706-745-5789. And you can connect with me at www.linke-din.com/in/alharpermba.

Thank you for supporting your Chamber.

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Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence" (1 Pet. 3:15). "Everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8). You can do that.

We were all once unbelievers, loved by God who is willing to show mercy and grace. His kindness in Christ Jesus is a gift. "For by grace you have been saved through faith" (Eph. 2:8). The last word does not have to be unbelief.

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you to come. God's grace is still offered to mankind. It is God's way of saving sinners from hell. Heaven is and always will be home to those who come believing on the Name of Jesus Christ. There is no other way to heaven, except through Christ, Jesus. (John 14:6) Amen.

Frank F. Combs

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else the joke he was telling his girlfriend. Once again everyone around the campfire was laughing at the young man.

Glenna Mae grabbed her two young sons and strongly suggested the two boys should go to bed. Despite their objections Paul and Bud soon found themselves in the bed. But, the two lads could still see the campfire and all that was going on around it. Later in the evening as the boys lay in the bed watching the boys and girls at the Chicken Frizz they noticed Vera and one of the young men sneak away from the fire. The lovebirds walked over to the well house where they felt hidden from the rest of the group.

Unknown to Vera and the boy was the fact that they were standing directly in front of the bedroom window of Paul and Bud. Dad and Uncle Bud were fascinated by what was happening. But, when the young couple kissed the boys could stand no more. Dad let out a howl that would wake the dead. The howl scared the two lovebirds and it scared my grandmother even more. She went running to the house with Papa close behind. They ran into the house to the bedroom of their sons.

Papa then heard his sons say, "She put her mouth right onto his lips". The two boys had never seen anything like this and they didn't understand it. Dad asked his father, "Why did Vera put her mouth on that boys lips"? Columbus was trying to calm down his sons. But, the campfire was close enough to the house which allowed everyone to hear the conversation. Once again everyone broke out into hysterical laughter. When the boys were finally calmed down Granny left her sons at the house and walked back to the fire. Mitch Wynn snuck away from the fire to the bedroom window where Dad and Bud were watching.

Mitch told Dad that he should make sure to tell his and Vera's father, Herman.

A couple of days later Dad was at Ebb Trapp's country store. As he walked in the front door he noticed Herman Wynn sitting on an empty drink crate. Dad walked up to Herman and began to tell him the story. The old man sat on the crate listening to the boy's story. When Dad began telling about his response to Vera's kissing the boy Herman laughed so hard he fell off the crate, all because of a Chicken Frizz.

Spring Title 1 Event

The Union County Elementary Spring Title 1 Event will be held for the 5th Grade at Meek Park 1st Pavilion May 23rd at 12 noon. N(May23Z)CA

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday:	
Children's Story Time	GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Kiwanis Club	Union County Library	11 am
Civil Air Patrol	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Boy Scouts #101	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	8 am
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	Every Wednesday:	
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
	Every Thursday:	
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm