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the issue is. I will then get with the Road Department to see why the problem was not corrected.

Q. Do you have a problem with the Road Department not responding to the public?

A. It is very rare. In fact, I often receive compliments on the great job they do in our county. Sometimes the caller may think their road is a county road when, in reality, it is a private road. Sometimes, it may be a problem that they can get to during their normal cycle of road work and do not feel it is an emergency. Very rarely, but it does happen, a message to one crew may get lost or they

may have inadequate directions to the exact spot and could not find a problem. Sometimes, while the issue may be significant to the caller, it may not appear to be significant to the Road Department.

To some residents, a small dip in a gravel road may seem like a major issue, but if the Road Department feels it can be repaired the next time a motor grader is in the area, then it may take longer.

Again, if something does slip through the cracks, please call my office at 706-439-6000, or ask me when you see me somewhere in the county.

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from fluid buildup in her lungs and a look of pain on her face and in her eyes that, in my mind, I could hear her plea, "Why hast thou forsaken me? Where is thy mercy?" I would have gladly gone to prison if I could have helped her to end her pain and suffering.

I am still very angry, but now for an added reason. In this newspaper two weeks ago was a letter about God and who goes to heaven. No mere flawed human can possibly know that answer. And because my wife's beliefs were somewhat different than his and what some in the religious community try to interpret the Bible to mean, my darling saint of a wife, in their minds, cannot enter the gates of heaven!

I am deeply hurt by these kinds of obtuse comments, and I recommend they read the words of Paul in Ephesians and listen to the words of "Amazing Grace" without trying to read anything not there into them.

Ann and I visited about 15 of the churches in Blairsville and surrounding areas; and for the most part the sermons were about kindness, love and forgiveness. But some churches, three that I will not name here, did not. To those self-righteous, misguided, uneducated so-called ministers, who try to interpret the Bible

and preach to others their own misguided beliefs of hate and wrongful judgement of people who are different, instead of love, inclusivity, compassion and understanding, I say this; She will not only enter those gates, but she will turn and hold them open for the likes of you. Bow your heads and enter shamefully, for you are in the presence of a true angel of love and mercy.

I will close with a poem to my darling Iron Lady written by Yehuda Halevi, a Jewish physician, poet and philosopher born around 1075.

"Tis a Fearful Thing"

'Tis a fearful thing to love what death can touch.

A fearful thing to love, to hope, to dream, to be –

to be, and oh, to lose.

A thing for fools, this,

And a holy thing, a holy thing to love.

For your life has lived in me, your laugh once lifted me, your word was gift to me.

To remember this brings painful joy.

'Tis a human thing, love, a holy thing, to love what death has touched.

John Q. Adams III

Cummings...

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bad rash from the poison ivy, so three of them began gathering their dogs to leave the scene.

As Dad was leashing his dog, he noticed Fred sitting down and taking off his shoes. Dad looked at Fred as if he were crazy and asked, "You're not climbing that tree, are you?" Fred stood up and took off his shirt. He looked at Dad and said, "I am not allergic to this stuff."

Then he grabbed a handful of the Ivy leaves and rubbed them all over his chest. He even stuck a few leaves up is nose just for good measure.

Old Fred wrapped his toes and hands around the enormous poison ivy vine and shot up that tree like it was a foot stool. He located the coon and poked him out of the tree with a long stick, and after hitting the ground, the old coon was dispatched by the dogs. The long-legged old coot then wrapped his arms and legs around the big old poplar and shinned down the tree like it was a firehouse pole. Upon hitting the ground, he skinned the coon and wrapped the carcass in newspaper. Nothing on the animal went to waste. Each animal captured that evening went home to Fred's family and was baked with sweet potatoes. And they needed each animal, because by Wednesday the next week, Fred was in the hospital with the worst case of poison ivy rash old Doc Underwood had ever seen. The old man even had the rash up his nose.

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not new. Jesus told the woman at the well, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life" (John 4:13-14). He declared that He is the promised Messiah, and you know what He endured to implement His plan for you.

It was my privilege to stand before Haitian friends at the opening of new and repaired water sources and share Jesus' words. His cup always has enough for one more to drink of His Living Water.

Union/Towns Tea Party meeting

The Union Towns Tea Party will meet Tuesday, June 26, at the Butternut Creek Golf course upstairs community room. We have a very special speaker this month! If you saw the movie "Agenda 21," you need to attend this meeting. If you have kids in school, you need to attend this meeting.

Our speaker is Kim Fletter, and her topic is *Exposed! How the U.N. Affects You, Top Down/Bottom Up! If you think the U.N. has no teeth, think again!*

Kim is from Cleveland, Georgia. She is a Constitutionalist researcher, political and Christian activist. She is a member of several North Georgia Patriot Groups. Dedicated to protecting U.S. Sovereignty, State Sovereignty, Individual Rights and Religious Freedom. She is the published author of "Love, Life, and the Shadow of Death."

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m., social hour, Kim will speak at 7 p.m.! Hope to see you there!

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panies making pods that fit a Juul, so a THC oil pod may be in the future.

Vaping can be difficult to detect as there is no smoke, minimal odor (although you may catch a whiff) and the vapor produced dissipates rapidly. However, just like smoking, vaping marijuana can result in bloodshot eyes, dry mouth and thirst, increased appetite and shifts in behavior and mood. Sometimes, there is a noticeable change in friends and a decrease in activities that were once enjoyed.

You may also find vaping paraphernalia such as devices that look like flash drives, gel jars that contain dabs, and pods or cartridges that contain THC oil. There's a lot of high-tech-looking equipment that can accompany vaping, so if you're not sure, it might be time to talk to your child about what you found.

Given the growth of marijuana use and vaping among

American youth, it might be a good idea to explore your son's or daughter's views on vaping and perceptions of the risks. Have conversations often. Before any talk, it helps to be able to share facts, but don't assume that an information download to your child will translate into healthy behaviors.

Look for good opportunities to have a discussion. You can do this when passing a vape shop, smelling marijuana on the street, seeing someone vaping on TV or in person, or seeing one of the ads for vapes.

Asking open-ended questions can be a great way to get your child's perspective, i.e. "I understand that some kids are vaping marijuana. What are your thoughts about it?" If you know they are already vaping marijuana, you might ask "What does vaping marijuana or THC oil do for you?" Perhaps it's a way to fit in, handle social anxiety or address boredom. Get to the root of "why."

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Kiwanis Club	Sammies Sub Shop	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 p.m.
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
BINGO	Every Wednesday: Civic Center	7 p.m.
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday: Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 p.m.
Lockheed Martin Ret.	First Monday of each month: Blairsville Restaurant	9 a.m.
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 p.m.
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 p.m.
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, Masonic Lodge	Masonic Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Brownie Scouts	First Tuesday of each month: United Methodist Ch	3-5 p.m.
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 p.m.
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 p.m.
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 p.m.
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 p.m.
Enotah Ch. #24 RA.m.	Masonic Temple	7:30 p.m.
Exercise class	First Wednesday of each month: Senior Citizens Center	10:30 a.m.
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	Monet's Rest.	Noon
Better Breathers	UGH Classroom 2nd Fl.	1 p.m.
Quilts of Valor	First Thursday of each month: Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 a.m.
NAMI Fam Support	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 p.m.
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 p.m.
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 p.m.
"Nailed" Book Club	First Friday of each month: G-N-G Bakery	10:30 a.m.
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Cruisers Block Party	Farmer's Market	5 p.m. (Apr-Oct)
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 p.m.
Cruise-In	First Saturday of each month: On the Square	4 p.m. (Apr-Oct)

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



June 15, 2018

In memory of
Paula Paris Johnson
Birthday
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

June 17, 2018

In loving memory of
Lori Michelle Nuce
by Mom, Dad, Bette Lou,
and Maryann
Forever in our hearts
and memories

June 19, 2018

In memory of
Bill Meeks Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks
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