

Opinions

Everybody has one...

A New Fire Apparatus

You can call it a fire truck, a fire engine, or a fire pumper, but it doesn't matter because everyone knows what you are talking about: the big red trucks that the firefighters ride in. Most firefighters call it a "fire apparatus." To them, it is the most valuable piece of equipment that they operate and an iconic symbol of the fire service.

Firefighters are proud of their fire apparatus and when a new apparatus is delivered; it is a momentous event. Union County Fire Department is proud and excited to announce that we have just received a new fire apparatus which will be our first new custom cab apparatus build for Union County Fire.

The fire apparatus is a 2021 custom cab Saber FR model built by Pierce, one of the leading names in apparatus manufacturing. It was built from the ground up. The custom cab provides more room and safety for firefighters. This apparatus has the capacity to transport four firefighters and a multitude of firefighting and rescue equipment. It carries 1,000 gallons of water and has a single stage, Waterous model fire pump that can pump up to 1,500 gallons of water per minute. The engine for the apparatus is a 450-horsepower Cummins that provides enough power to climb some of our mountain roads.

Firefighters will spend the next week preparing the apparatus for service by mounting the various firefighting and rescue equipment. Essentially, all fire apparatus are the same but firefighters will begin training on how to operate the specific functions of this type of apparatus as well as how to safely drive it.

The department began planning for this purchase over a year ago, and that decision was part of the overall fire department strategic plan. We attempt to purchase a new apparatus every five years for the main career station, Station 1, which responds to all fires in the county. This ensures a newer apparatus which is safe and reliable. The previous main fire apparatus that is being replaced will be transferred to another station.

The new fire apparatus has made a great addition to our fleet. We plan to celebrate with an official "push in" soon when the apparatus is placed in service. This purchase was made possible with

See Dyer, page 5A

Fire Dept. from Union County Fire Chief

David Dyer



Searching for Eternity

Young people dream of being rich, and rich people dream of being young. That would explain why Amazon's Jeff Bezos and other billionaires are investing in startups like Altos Labs and Calico Labs.

These labs research how humans can live longer, even indefinitely. They focus on how to reprogram cells and turn back the biological clock. Scientist Shinya Yamanaka won a Nobel Prize for discovering four proteins that reverse aging in cells. (They also cause huge tumors in lab mice.) Contemporary with this effort is the research of Israeli scientists who extended the life and health of lab mice with genetic modifications.

This pursuit of longevity is no stranger to history. Cryonics, freezing the body in hopes of future resuscitation, has been around for 50 years. Eugenics and selective breeding were the predictable outcomes of Darwinism and contributed to 20th century horrors. Conquistador Ponce de Leon trekked through Florida looking for the Fountain of Youth. Indiana Jones searched for the Holy Grail...wait, that's fiction!

Anyway, here's what these folks are missing. Even if they were successful, they won't have the utopia they're searching for. Extended life would still suffer the ravages of the human condition. They will not eliminate sickness and injury, nor the mental anguish of fear, grief and worry. Dishonesty, unfaithfulness, selfishness, and hate will remain. I'll give them this. They have the right idea, but they set their sights too low.

Our Creator hardwired the mind in us. "He has set eternity in their hearts" (Ecc. 3:11). So we search for the good that is beyond the ravages of time. C. S. Lewis wrote, "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world. Earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing."

How do we find the real thing? "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

mountainchristian@brmcmc.net

All Things New

Wayne Fowler



Commissioner's Questions

Q. Are there any specific road projects that are planned to be done under TSPLOST if it passes?

A. Yes. We know for sure that we have two priorities we want to do. First is the intersection improvement at the Pat Haralson Drive and Deep South Farm Road. As the main entrance for Union General Hospital facilities, this area is a very congested intersection. Additionally, ambulances use this intersection when responding to emergency calls. Because there are a large amount of utilities physically located on the corner of this intersection, it is going to be a very costly but necessary improvement. If you have been by there the last couple of weeks, you may have seen some work being done on the utilities.

We are also looking at working with DGOT to improve the roadway and replace the bridge to Byers Road that currently has a severe flooding problem. There will be others, but these are two we have looked at for 2022.

Q. Why aren't more specific road projects planned with the TSPLOST?

A. We have learned in our previous regular SPLOST experience that it is very difficult to know what the county's needs will be 5 to 6 years in advance. Because of this, we try to leave the referendum question more broad to cover the needs that might arise and to allow us to evaluate priorities as time goes by. We also know that TSPLOST can cover such a wide variety of road maintenance - it would be difficult to list each and every road that could possibly be paved or surface treated or striped, etc. during the 5-year TSPLOST period.

Q. How many roads can be resurfaced and or paved with the TSPLOST sales tax?

A. Without TSPLOST and using our property tax budget and over a million dollars from our current SPLOST, we are only able to resurface around 6 to 7 miles of roadway per year at a cost of approximately \$130,000 per mile. We have around 450 miles of county maintained paved roads and about 100 miles of unpaved county maintained roads. An unpaved road starting from scratch cost a little over \$300,000 per mile. We should be able to triple the number of road mileage we pave and improve annually over

See Paris, page 5A

Q & A from Union County Commissioner

Lamar Paris



Letters to the Editor

Surprise, Surprise

Dear Editor,

We recently attended a Commissioner's Meeting about multi-family, high-density developments in our peaceful, quiet Blairsville. Mr. Paris admitted that the moratorium had ended for large multi-family projects, but he assured us that he had implemented restrictions that would make it difficult for developers to build these projects. Specifically, a large, high-density project could not be built where there was no sewer system, and our sewer system was contained in a relatively small area with no room for big projects.

Surprise! In last week's paper, it was announced that the city is moving forward with an application grant to extend sewer service from about Rib Country Restaurant to Galaxy Bowling and Blairsville Cinema. This appears to provide a large tract of land for developers. Please watch this closely.

Lisa Campbell

Reduced Taxes

Dear Editor,

Folks 65 and older can have their property taxes reduced by writing to the commissioner demanding they get rid of all school taxes like so many counties have, including Fannin and Gilmer.

John Dougherty

Planning and Taxes

Dear Editor,

The Sole Commissioner continued a "Planning" blather on his weekly soapbox in the Oct. 6, 2021, North Georgia News. He stated that he has prepared ordinances to control RV parks, junkyards and billboards to keep the county beautiful and its citizens protected. Has the Commissioner driven on the Gainesville Highway south of Blairsville lately?

What appears to be a wall of makeshift "billboards"; roadside signs; "a squatter/gypsy camp" on the east side of 129; more makeshift 2-by-4 "structures" with advertisements all over them; horrible-looking properties on the west side of 129 with dilapidated structures, falling down wooden fences/barricades, junk vehicles and equipment with major parts scattered immediately adjacent to US 129 within the highway right-of-way? What should he think: did I miss a turn and wind up in "coal country"? It is not a pretty sight for visitors to Union County.

With little/no zoning, land use controls, code enforcement (if any), noise ordinances, Union County remains the "Wild West." Union County is no longer a rural county, but a suburban and developing county. It is defenseless

See Smythe, page 5A

Come As You Are

Dear Editor,

Throughout God's word through the prophets in the Old Testament into the New Testament, we hear the word "Come" as you are to the One true God who can deliver you from all your sins, past, present and future.

Sadly, even back in Jesus' day when He walked those dusty roads, many who heard His words of God's redemption plan walked away from the only source of deliverance from a hellbent lifestyle that will last for all of eternity, totally separated from their Creator. Millions down through the ages of time have chosen a different path, a different religion, a different belief, a different faith, a different god, instead of the Lord Jesus Christ who came down from glory to give mankind a glorious home called heaven to all that would "Come" as you are and received eternal life with Christ for eternity.

Folks, you may think you are saved by God's grace, but if you have not accepted Christ as your Savior and Lord and been born again, meaning that you leave your old lifestyle and begin a new lifestyle with Jesus Christ, you are

See Combs, page 5A



Letters to the Editor

A Nonpartisan Suggestion

Dear Editor,

How about we ALL contact our local, city, state and national elected officials asking them to get off their duff, stop complaining about what the other party is doing and get some real work done for the American citizens.

There are over 100 million people without proper health insurance.

VA is in terrible shape and not providing the proper care for our troops. Many of our troops are on food stamps, etc., due to lack of proper government policies. Service members are being abused as they protect our country in foreign lands by unscrupulous financial institutions that utilize loopholes and any other means to cheat them out of money that have sent to pay their debts. This is unconscionable.

Send people back who enter our country illegally. Do not let anyone in unless they qualify by adhering to the proper laws, etc., of our immigration requirements.

Pass our infrastructure bills quickly so that we can get people back to work and improve dangerous projects that keep getting put on hold.

Stop giving free money away just because
See Fasanelli, page 5A

TSPLOST Q&A

Dear Editor,

Q. Why does Union County need another penny (sic) sales tax?

A. Union County does not need another 1% tax on top of the recent increase in property taxes. Union County taxpayers are Taxed Enough Already.

Q. What are local options to pay for the roads and bridges going forward?

A. State grants of several millions of dollars are a major source of money for county roads and bridges. Also note that the major highways in the county are state owned. The proper option is to continue as we have in the past except defer money from "recreation," which most people do use, to roads and bridges, which most people don't use.

Q. Several millions of dollars fund roads and bridges each year from SPLOST. What will the \$5 million to \$7 million TSPLOST windfall be used for?

A. To be decided.

Q. Explain the difference in the use of property taxes or sales taxes.

A. Property taxes do work because you will lose your property if you don't pay them. But you can limit the amount of stuff you buy except when it comes to essentials, like food. And if you are one of the fortunates to buy a Mustang Mach

See Blanchard, page 5A

Too Lazy to Fish

I was just a boy when I first met this family and I loved them very much. They were friendly and liked to talk with anyone, especially about fishing. The closest one of the boys to my age was one called Jerry. And he was about 6-7 years older than myself. The family loved to camp, and the whole lot of them would go to Smith Lake to camp out, fish and swim for days at a time. The first time I recall meeting them was a summer day in

1964. They stopped by my grandparents' house on their way back to their own house. They came to the back door and asked Granny if she could loan them a jar or two of green beans.

She handed the beans to the young man and inquired about his folks. Jerry responded that his Paw was still feeling under the weather. He further stated that he expected him to begin feeling a little more "purt" at any time. I found his statement and this particular situation odd for a number of reasons. First, everyone in Trapptown had a garden, and in those gardens were lots of green beans. So, why was the Kory Family wanting to borrow beans? Second, I and Granny had been breaking beans for what seemed like days, and we had spent the entire day canning more than 70 quarts of the beans. So, why did the Kory boy show up today after we had canned so many of them. Third, I found it odd that Mr. Kory was sick when the green beans were ready for harvest.

After Jerry drove away I asked Granny about my thoughts, and she told me that one day when I got older I would come to understand. As I grew older and came to know the Kory Family, I began to notice some attributes of the individuals comprising this family. I also listened to my Dad's and Uncle Bud's stories concerning them. As I look back, I can safely say the Kory Family was ahead of their time.

Papa always raised about 50-75 acres of cotton. Each year he, Granny and their sons planted, tilled, fertilized and hoed the cotton. Usually, sometime in late July or early August they would lay by the cotton. Meaning the cotton had grown too tall to cultivate and the leaves had covered the row middles. Therefore, they would let the cotton sit and mature until harvest in October. Everyone in the community grew cotton and basically treated the crop the same way. But, Mr. Kory developed an ingenious way of dealing with his crop.

Each spring he would begin tilling the ground for his cotton crop. But, every year around Mother's Day, Kory would get sick. The neighbors all expected it and understood that

Around The Farm

Mickey Cummings



See Cummings, page 5A

Chamber of Commerce

What a great time at the Sorghum Festival - we hope you didn't miss it! We know that everyone is excited to have festivals back on the calendar and we just heard that the Scottish Festival will be returning next summer, too. We are blessed to have all of the beautiful wide open spaces that Blairsville offers so we can enjoy the outdoor activities and recreation. You will soon be seeing the thru-hikers finishing up their trips while coming southbound on the Appalachian Trail, give them an extra high five and bit of encouragement as you see them in town. Over 3,000 people attempt to thru-hike the entire Appalachian Trail every year and we are happy to have them passing through and making Blairsville a part of their journey.

The secret is out - Blairsville is always in season! The leaves are just beginning to change now but we can't help but look ahead to winter, too. As you begin to plan those winter and holiday events be sure to add it to our website calendar so

See Chamber, page 5A

Blairsville - Union County Chamber President

Steve Rowe



Ladybugs

Ladybugs are moving inside at this time of year. Let's talk about where they came from and what you can do to try and get rid of them.

Most of the time the ladybugs that move inside to hibernate through the winter are Asian ladybugs. I often am asked if the government is releasing Asian ladybugs and that's why they are in their house. The government does not currently release Asian ladybugs. The US Department of Agriculture did release Asian ladybugs during the 1960s to the 1990s. Ladybugs are beneficial insects because they eat many soft-bodied insects that are pests. They were released so that apple and pecan growers would not need to use as many insecticides. Georgia is one of the states where they were released. However, now Asian ladybugs are found in states that did not have releases.

Asian Ladybugs look very similar to our native ladybugs. Females usually have several multiple spots, while the males have fewer spots. Their color can range from tan to orange to red. The best way to tell them about from our natives is that they have a dark M or W (depending on which side you look at them) on the back of their head. Asian ladybugs don't have very many natural predators in the US. That means they can spread very easily. It makes them good at controlling aphids on plants outdoors, but makes them a nuisance in the fall and early spring.

In the fall, many of them will try to make their way inside. Once a couple get in, it's hard to keep more out. Ladybugs will use pheromones to let other ladybugs know that they've found a good spot to overwinter. Therefore, you usually won't see just a couple, but dozens or even hundreds. They usually will congregate on the sunny side of a building. Buildings that have light and dark contrasting colors on the outside will be more attractive to them. Older buildings are more attractive too because they will leak more heat out.

Ladybugs don't injure people. They also don't reproduce indoors. They won't attack wood, food, or clothing. They can secrete a yellow substance when disturbed. The yellow secretion smells bad and can stain. They use the yellow stuff as a defense mechanism against predators.

So the big question is, how do you get rid of them? If they are inside a simple method is to just vacuum them up and then throw them in the trash. Sealing cracks around doors or windows is a good way to keep them from entering in the first place. Ladybugs are small, so they can use

See Williams, page 5A

Watching and Working

Jacob Williams



North Georgia News

Published since 1909 • Legal Organ of Union County

Kenneth West Publisher/Owner **Shawn Jarrard** General Manager/Editor **Derek Richards** Advertising Director **Todd Forrest** Sports Editor **Lowell Nicholson** Photographer

Website: www.nganews.com • Email: northgeorgianews@hotmail.com • Mail: P.O. Box 2029, Blairsville, GA 30514

The North Georgia News is an independent and nonpartisan publication. As such, third-party views contained herein are not necessarily the opinions or positions of this newspaper, e.g. advertising, press releases, editorial content, perspectives expressed in articles covering local events, etc.

Publication No: 001505

Advertising, News deadlines Friday at 4 p.m. • Mail Service for all subscriptions except 30512, 30514 & 30572 - One Year \$40. In county, carrier delivered subscription is \$5. All subscriptions must be paid in advance. NORTH GEORGIA NEWS is published weekly by NGN/TCH, Inc., 266 Cleveland Street, Blairsville, Georgia, 30512. Entered as Second Class Matter as of Dec. 17, 1988, at the Post Office in Blairsville. NORTH GEORGIA NEWS is not responsible for errors in advertising beyond the cost of the actual space involved. All advertisements are accepted subject to the Publisher's approval of the copy and to the space being available, and the Publisher reserves the right to refuse any advertisement.

Phone: 706-745-6343 Fax: 706-745-1830 * P.O. Box 2029, Blairsville, Georgia 30514

Paris... continued from Page 4A

the next 5 years of TSPLOST (Road Maintenance and Improvement Tax) and let the visitors help pay the bills and keep our property taxes lower.

Q. How long does a typical county maintained road last before requiring repaving?

A1. A typical tier one roadway, ie Pat Colwell, Blue Ridge Hwy, Gumlog Rd, Lovin Rd, Trackgap Gap, typically will need resurfaced about once every 15 years. Other tier two roads might last a little longer, with fifteen to 20 years being the maximum. But just about any roadway will require some type of patching prior to needing a total resurface. While we have been lucky the past few years not to have any major winter freezing weather breaking up of paved roads, if we ever have the real bad winter then all bets are off on time and cost.

A2. If we took the total county maintained paved roads at appx 450 miles and divided that by 15 years the time they should last, we would have to repave 30 miles per year just to keep up. At the rate we are currently going, that would only allow us about 7 miles per year or 105 miles of roadway resurfacing in 15 years. That would only be about 25% of what we would need resurfaced. However, with TSPLOST sales tax funding, we could push that number from 7 miles per year to 20 to 25 miles per year. So with TSPLOST we hope to triple the amount of highway resurfacing. However, this does not include any bridge work which we would have to rely on GDOT to help us out over time, and they are very good to do that.

We also must consider if the cost of tar, equipment, hourly wages, and asphalt continue to increase, it will drastically negatively impact many of these numbers, which is why we CAN NOT continue to plan on maintaining our current roadways without increased cost and maintenance over time.

Q. Will you as Sole Commissioner make the decision on what road projects are done and in what order?

A. Only in an advisory level. A list of potential roads that would probably be first on the list would be some of the following (Road Name, Miles, Estimated Cost): Cooper Gap Road, 2.08, \$211,131; Mauney Road, 0.97, \$107,930; Ivy Log Road, 2.88, \$329,146; Elisha Payne Cir, 0.44, \$87,836; Blue Ridge Hwy, 0.625, \$138,600; Jones Creek Road, 2.47, \$361,266; Burnette Road, 0.45, \$48,950; Kiutuestia Creek Road, 1.27, \$228,853; Hamilton Road, 1.40, \$152,378; Jones Creek Terr, 0.47, \$54,958; Dillard Road, 1.05, \$108,385; Spiva Bridge Way, 0.47, \$71,051; GumLog Cir, 0.30, \$47,996; Ivy Log Road, 1.10, \$113,818; Poteete Creek

Road, 1.00, \$136,392; Notla Vista II, 0.57, \$72,860; McIntosh Road, 0.33, \$50,415; Cook Henry Road, 1.25, \$147,491; Ivy Log Creek Road, 0.80, \$89,225; TrackRock Gap Road, 3.212, \$563,401; Spring Creek Road, 0.84, \$87,636; Rothgeb Ridge, 0.13, \$17,852; Tomahawk Trail, 0.89, \$107,416; Alison Road, 0.45, \$51,025; Leslie Drive, 0.29, \$44,480; Jewell Mason Road, 0.54, \$64,410; V Addington Dr, 0.40, \$45,195; Frank Martin Road, 0.84, \$81,523; Chapman Lane, 0.45, \$46,157; Murphy Road, 0.36, \$41,745; Pat Haralson Dr, 1.29, \$210,553; Chatham Dr, 0.23, \$27,760; Id GumLog Road, 2.03, \$234,376; Owl Creek Road, 0.59, \$70,566; Owltown Road, 0.60, \$83,531; Burnette Lane, 0.49, \$52,268; Lake Winfield Scott, 0.20, \$40,000; Chrisman Road, 0.62, \$92,251; Big Sky Road, 0.97, \$129,220; Ivy Bend, 0.70, \$84,880. Total: 36.047, \$4,734,926.

To help us meet the needs of all areas within the county, we would like to form a committee made up of area representatives. This advisory group would help us to further identify road and bridge needs throughout Union County and keep that decision pressure on them and the Road Department and not me.

Q. When can we vote on TSPLOST?

A. Be sure you are registered to vote by checking on line or calling 706-439-6016 to verify you are registered. Early voting began Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the Union County Courthouse downstairs in the Jury Assembly Room, and will continue on weekdays October 12 - 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on two Saturdays - October 16 and October 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The actual election day at your home precincts will be Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This is the only issue on the county election ballot, and it is very important that all of you vote and express your opinion on what is the best for Union County moving forward.

My goal and that of our employees and elected officials is to offer the best service possible to our public at the lowest price possible. If we do something, we are going to do it right. While county maintained road maintenance and improvements are our goal, we need you to remember that safe, smooth, properly signed, striped, drained and mowed roads are one of the best benefit to public safety, whether it is your trip to the store, our kids bus rides to school or our travel into and out of Union County in all seasons and under all weather conditions. The goal is to maintain our road system for your safety and at the same time not be a property tax burden to anyone so that we maintain one of the highest qualities of life of any rural county in Georgia or the country.

Smythe... continued from Page 4A

without common planning tools to protect the properties and values of the majority of existing residents against the actions of a minority of the owners of the "unrestricted properties." Yes, partial controls for a single issue: RV Parks, multi-family housing, have been occasionally implemented in a piecemeal manner.

Upon arrival to our "unrestricted" community with no noise ordinances, we are often greeted by a barrage of gunfire that continues intermittently well into the evening. Visitors have heard that the South was still fighting the Civil War. They might be right. Daily and nightly gunfire around the county rivals that of an Atlanta Saturday night.

The Sole Commissioner continues to reject reasonable efforts for comprehensive growth management, yet he raises millage rates and outdated property assessments (over his 20-year watch) and

promotes additional SPLOST referendums. Union County needs a Board of County Commissioners to tackle these and many other issues that our current leader of 20-plus years fails to address.

How about the citizens of the county vote for a Board of County Commissioners, rather than be told by the Sole Commissioner at the Sept. 8 millage rate public hearing that the meeting is over and he needs to go to a ball game? The commissioner told an objector that he didn't want to listen to "this crap" any more and that he had somewhere else to be. He then slapped the gavel and declared HIS millage rate set and closed the meeting so he could go to a volleyball game. So much for listening to the citizens who pay the bills, including his salary. If there were more than one commissioner, perhaps the voices of the public could be heard while the ball game proceeded?

Johnathon Smythe

Fasanelli...

continued from Page 4A

you can print it. Inflation is here for us NOW whether we are told it is only temporary or long term. We are paying higher prices for gasoline, food, propane, home insurance and real estate and school taxes, car insurance, and every other commodity.

You were elected not to fight, argue or insult each other. You were elected to fix the problems addressed above as they are detrimental to citizens of all persuasions and political beliefs, both rich and poor.

It is TIME to get together and get the job done NOW. If you act accordingly, you will not have to worry about the next election.

Richard Fasanelli

Combs...

continued from Page 4A

as lost as a ship at sea without a rudder to guide you into His haven of rest, into His harbor of safety from the grip of Satan's cunning schemes.

Jesus tells us in His word to "Come" as you are, like lost sheep to the Shepherd of your salvation and become a member of God's family headed on that old gospel train called "Glory" to those golden streets like pure gold that lead to the Throne of God where we will enjoy the fruits of our labor as God's beloved.

Only you can make a choice to serve God or Satan. Jesus made a choice to die for you.

Frank F. Combs

Cummings... continued from Page 4A

they had to help out the family. So, Papa and all the men from the Trapp, Cagle, Hutcheson, WeHunt, Mays and Brooks families would pitch in and plant Mr. Kory's cotton. Many times Union Hill Congregational Methodist Church would hold a special prayer for him during Decoration Day services on the second Sunday of June. Also, plans would be made for many of the local families to go to the family's cotton patch to hoe and cultivate their crop. Then after their crop had been laid by, Kory would make a full recovery. Dad said he never was able to make it to revival services during the second week of August, but, that was because he always took his family fishing down to Smith Lake. Usually on his way by Papa's he would stop and tell him that he worked too hard and that he should take a little time off and go fishing.

As my Dad grew into his teenaged years, he noticed that the family had devised a way of getting free food from others. They always tried to plant a big garden because it took a lot of produce to feed 10 kids. But, they always let the garden

Williams...

continued from Page 4A

a crack that's 1/8th of an inch. There are ladybug traps that use black light to attract them. These can be effective at capturing ones that have already entered, especially if you use it in a dark space, like a closet or attic. If you have a serious infestation, it's best to call a pest control company.

Ladybugs can be a nuisance inside the house, but remember that they are beneficial to farmers and gardeners. If you have questions about ladybugs contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

Dyer...

continued from Page 4A

Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds. The department, as well as the citizens of Union County are very fortunate to be able to purchase this new apparatus. We would like to thank all those involved who made this possible.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

Chamber...

continued from Page 4A

we can help promote them further for you. Everyone wants to create those special memories and family holiday traditions in our beautiful mountain town and we can't blame them!

Life is always better in Blairsville!

Blanchard...

continued from Page 4A

E GT, or bass boat, or float boat, etc., TSPLOST will add an additional \$699.95 (69,995 pennies!) in sales tax. Tourists buy their stuff elsewhere but would pay an extra 3 cents for a burger and 60 cents for a room while they were here.


Q. If TSPLOST is passed will property taxes go down?

A. No. Once a tax is levied it never goes down, historically.

No more slush funds. No more wasted tax money. Vote NO to TSPLOST.

Zeb Blanchard

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



October 1, 2021
in memory of
Bill Meeks
in remembrance of
his birthday
By: Ginger and Terry Meeks

October 15, 2021
in honor of
Coralee Daniel
in celebration of
her birthday
By: Judy and John Daniel

October 17, 2021
in memory of
Jim Ketchen
in celebration of his life,
date of death
March 26, 2020
By: Barbara Waldschmidt

October 22, 2021
in memory of
John J. Meeks
in remembrance of
his birthday
By: Ginger and Terry Meeks

**Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493**

Sunday and Granny was in the process of frying 10 of the fish for dinner. Jerry Kory walked into the back door and asked Granny if they had any more of those fish. He told Papa that his

family had eaten two washtubs of fish the night before and their Daddy was now demanding more.

Papa's patience with the Kory Family ran out that day!