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trees. Hopefully we can work with a Hemlock Tree Replacement group and have them replant some in the area. They will not be there for us to enjoy, but may be for our grandchildren.

Q. Is the county planning on spending any additional funds in this USFS area?

A. We are working on some signage that will not only enhance the trail experience, but also promote Union County as the location of these beautiful falls. We anticipate the cost to be in the \$2,500 range.

Q. Do you think it is a wise expense to be paying for improvements on USFS property?

A. I certainly do or we would not be considering the expense. Remember that nearly 1/2 of our county is owned and operated by the USFS, including Brasstown Bald and the Appalachian Trail. This protection of property is what helps keep us from becoming overcrowded in the future and creates the beautiful vistas, trails and streams utilized by everyone living and coming to Union County. In this particular case, we will be able to enhance a public attraction to give visitors to this site a more

special experience, and at the same time, it will be a very nominal cost that we think is worthwhile.

Q. Will the USFS ever be able to pay us back for the work we do on their property?

A. Maybe, maybe not, but it will improve our relationship and maybe give us a larger voice in the future on some of the management options in our county. It will at least give us a better seat at the table.

Q. Will there be other projects we can work on together in the future?

A. Absolutely, because the tighter the federal budgets gets, the more problems USFS may have with funding in the future. We feel that the USFS at some point will want to work with us on other projects, such as improving hunting or fishing areas, or other visitor spots or campgrounds, and we may be repaid in kind. If not, then we have made a very significant attraction accessible to many more people. This is not only for visitors, but for many in Union County who either never visited Helton Creek Falls or have not visited it in many years. Once our projects there are completed, it will certainly be a special experience you will want to share with your family and visitors.

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“You see all these little male calves? Well, after I am finished with them their attitudes will change. They will no longer be aggressive and want to fight with the other little bulls”. The very next week I was in the grocery store with my wife and I noticed this young man walking with his mother. As we approached one another the young man said, “Look Mom there is that brain surgeon I was telling you about”.

A few years later I was helping a young 4-H member with his show lamb. During July our 4-H members would purchase lambs and begin the process of training and feeding them for the state show to be held in the fall. We would order and attach the show tags to the ears of the lambs in summer. The tags were attached by a special pair of pliers which contained a piercing instrument similar to what is used to pierce a girl's ear for the adornment of

ear rings. So, I went to the boy's house one hot summer day and was by myself so I stood with the lambs head held between my knees and squeezed the pliers inserting the tag into the ear of the lamb. I know this hurts because the lamb's head jerked upward into my groin. At first I saw blackness and then stars. I became woozy and nearly passed out due to the intense pain. I leaned against the barn wall and when I was able to compose myself I struck the lamb in the head with the pliers. The lamb passed out stiff legged and fell to the ground. I thought it was dead. So, I rolled the lamb onto its side and began chest compressions after 3-4 compression I pulled apart its jaws and blew air into its lungs. I have never heard of anyone else giving mouth to mouth resuscitation to a show lamb. But, after 9 compressions and 3 breaths the lamb's eyes opened and it stood up.

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him how he could become a believer in Christ and the missionary asked him why he wanted to become a Christian and the waiter's answer was, because your religion is the only one that talks about love. Wow!

Folks, God is real and He is moving in the hearts of all people. It doesn't matter what religion or belief you have, God Almighty is stirring hearts like never before and many folks are turning to God, because they recognize the word love. God said: Come as you are with a child-like faith and just believe on the name of Christ, Jesus. There's no magic, no genie in a bottle to rub, no crystal ball to look into, just come trusting in God's

love and accept Him into your heart. You don't need a college education or a master's degree in theology to have a personal relationship with a living Savior and God, our Creator. Jesus' mission has always been winning souls to the glory of God. In the Bible there is no white, black, brown, red or yellow church, only the blood brought Church of Christ, Jesus. Jesus didn't come to save skins, but to save souls from hell. Death is no respecter of person. It will come to all of us. What we do with it will determine where we spend all of eternity, in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus or totally separated from the love of God. Amen.

Frank F. Combs

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signs and symptoms? Experts say that there are a number of distinct physical and psychological symptoms that are associated with addiction to Xanax. These include strong cravings for the drug, irregular or depressed heartbeat, sleeping constantly and having withdrawal symptoms when not on Xanax.

It's not easy going through withdrawal from Xanax, similar to withdrawal symptoms from other types of highly-addictive drugs. Withdrawal generally occurs as soon as the drug supply dries up or the individual deliberately stops taking Xanax. It also occurs when the individual goes

into drug treatment and begins the detoxification process to wean themselves off Xanax under medical supervision.

While every person experiences Xanax withdrawal a little differently, some of the most common symptoms of withdrawal include inability to sleep, depression, irritability, nausea, dizziness, headache or trembling.

It should be mentioned that while none of the withdrawal symptoms mentioned here are necessarily life-threatening, they may result in the person relapsing. This could likely propel the individual back into the addiction cycle they've been trying so hard to break.

Union County Schools 2016-17 Pre-K Registration Roundup

Bright from the Start and Union County Schools recognize the documented advantages of early learning and predicted success in later grades. Our school system meets the child-care and early educational needs of Georgia's children and their families by providing a daily, quality, fun learning environment. The Union County Pre-K program is open to any four-year-old child who loves to play and learn! Our Pre-K program prepares children for Kindergarten and beyond. The Pre-K classes are located in the primary school and transportation is provided, if needed. Children who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2016 are eligible to enroll.

Monday, February 22nd to Friday, March 4th: call to

set up a registration appointment, 706-835-4321.

Parents/Guardians must call (706-835-4321) or visit the Union County Schools Registrar's Office prior to face-to-face registration.

Monday, March 21st to Friday, March 25th: Face-To-Face Registration of your 4 year old (must turn or be 4 years old by September 1st).

Parents/Guardians must have made an appointment during Registration Roundup in order to register during the week of 3/21 - 3/24 and to secure a spot in the UCPS Pre K Program.

The Pre-K Registration will be held at the Union County Primary School and you will be given a date and time to come in to register.

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place. After treating your lawn or garden, water the treated area well so the chemical soaks into the soil and kills as many grubs as possible. After a few weeks, the moles will realize there is

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ored to protect us from?

Elections have consequences, such as Scalia serving 27 years after Reagan left office. They did their bit and we do ours: pray and vote! Much is at stake this year. But even if your candidate loses, rejoice that “God reigns over the nations” (Ps. 47:8). Providence means that God guides creation to His intended purposes, and causes “every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation” (Acts 17:26). May the God of Providence guide this nation and as they say, may “God save the United States and this honorable court.”

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Once a common goal has been established, successful leaders follow and connect with their potential followers before taking the lead and inspiring higher, more motivated points of view ending with co-owners of the goal and a commitment to optimal business results.

Successful business leaders join and actively participate in the Blairsville/Union County Chamber of Commerce. For more information visit www.blairsvillechamber.com/ or contact Membership Co-ordinator Linda Lawrence at 706-745-5789.

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models say this, combined with decreasing ice in the Arctic due to warmer temperatures, will cause a bigger dip in the jet stream, which causes more polar air streaming into the US. More polar air plus more moisture yields more intense winter storms. Rather than disproving climate change, this series of winter storms reinforces the proof that climate models are correct and that climate change is happening now.

Fortunately, now we have the means to combat climate change while actually helping our economy. The world is moving away from fossil fuels and into clean energy. At the recent Paris climate meeting, 196 countries agreed to rapidly get off fossil fuels and to convert to clean energy. The train is leaving. The question is, “Will we get on, or be left behind?” Many economic studies, including those by Citigroup, show that switching to clean energy will boost our economy, not hurt it. We are America, we are the head of the free world, and we must now take the lead or risk being left behind!

Vernon Dixon, MD

Wells ...

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God is listening and has been from the beginning. He is waiting for your action. Church, businesses, schools, farmers, hospitals, politicians, neighbors, families, poor, rich, all walks of life - where are you? This is Blairsville, GA, the state that claims Jesus; we have the best in many things. Do we? I love Jesus, I know Jesus, I pray to Jesus, these are words that are spoken all the time. I don't have to worship inside a building to pray. How does Blairsville, GA pull “together” as one when you won't come “together” as one? Has your life become more important than God's call for action? Have we become the Laodicean city? Life Application Study Bible Revelations 3 with cross references. If you really want to change, find and dust the apathy not only from your hearts, your Bible too, and pray that He will lead you to the National Day of Prayer for this country we call our “One Nation Under God.”

Jackie Wells

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tragedy that went far beyond job and duty. We have been blessed with their dedication and want to thank them all. While we are unable to list them by name, we hope they know and appreciate the answers to our calls.

May God bless each and every one for their job is not easy nor are they ever repaid enough for putting their lives on the line for the citizens in this country.

Sincerely,
Tommy, Gwen, Kristy and Darryl Adams

Feel free to call the UGA Extension offices in Union or Towns Counties with questions about agriculture, natural

resources, or anything in between. I am in Towns County every Thursday, and Union County the rest of the week.