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in college, but, still felt like something was missing. The day I graduated with a degree in that field did pay off in my eventual profession. I became a Cops Beat reporter for the daily newspaper in Gainesville.

I still ask myself today 'how in the world did I become a journalist?'

Well, I took a journalism class my junior year at UCHS under Gwen Connelly that inspired me. It sparked an inter-

est that rushed through my veins. I eventually spent hours on end after graduation trying to figure out how to become a journalist.

I started out as a free lance writer and during the years that I have spent in this profession, I have met a lot of people. Believe it or not, many of those people – important people, leaders in their communities – had Blairsville ties. They also were graduates of Union County High School.

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responsible for increasing plant growth than any other element. Plants use nitrogen to make amino acids which are the building blocks of protein. Nitrogen is also used in forming protoplasm which is the seat of cell division and plant growth. Nitrogen will stimulate plant growth. However, too much nitrogen will stimulate excessive vegetative growth. If you have ever had tomato plants that grew tall, but, would not set fruit it was probably due to excessive nitrogen.

Another element essential for plants is phosphorus. No other nutrient can be sub-

stituted for phosphorus. It plays a key role in photosynthesis, cell division, and energy storage. Phosphorus will promote healthy root development and fruit quality. Excessive phosphorus doesn't hurt plants. However, it can get washed into streams and cause algae blooms in lakes.

Potassium is another vital plant nutrient for plant growth. Plants use potassium in photosynthesis and respiration. Inadequate potassium causes reduced photosynthesis and increased respiration in the plant. Reduced photosynthesis and increased respira-

tion decreases the amount of sugars produced by the plant. Therefore, inadequate potassium results in a lower quality of the fruit or the vegetable being produced. Also, an inadequate supply of potassium will result in decreased winter hardiness of plants.

How can you supply these nutrients to your plants? You can buy dry fertilizer or you can purchase liquid fertilizer. A bag of fertilizer usually has three numbers on it. These numbers represent the percentages of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in the bag of fertilizer. For example, a bag

of 5-10-15 has 5 percent nitrogen, 10 percent phosphorus and 15 percent potassium in the bag. Even if you buy the popular liquid foliar feed fertilizers you should pay attention to these numbers. One of the more popular liquid fertilizers has a nitrogen content of 35 percent, a phosphorus content of 15 percent and potassium content of about 15 percent. Be careful when using this formulation because you could stimulate excessive growth in tomatoes resulting in no fruit set. For more information please call me at (706) 439-6030.

cause we live in unstable economic times. Today and in the years ahead, you may not have a clue what you want to do professionally. The most significant part is that eventually, you will.

Most importantly, carve out a career that you love, one that will fulfill you. And last, but not least, one that pays the bills.

Congratulations to all the Classes of 2012, you've just started on the first leg of a long journey, the journey of life.

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take falls, which is a part of life, I'm going to give this chicken a car so that he can just drive across the road and not live his life like the rest of the chickens.

NANCY GRACE: That chicken crossed the road because he's guilty. You can see it in his eyes and the way he walks.

MARTHASTEWART: No one called me to warn me which way that chicken was going. I had a standing order at the Farmers Market to sell

my eggs when the price dropped to a certain level. No little bird gave me any insider information.

ERNESTHEMINGWAY: To die in the rain, alone.

BARBARAWALTERS: Isn't that interesting? In a few moments, we will be listening to the chicken tell, for the first time, the heartwarming story of how it experienced a serious case of molting, and went on to accomplish the lifelong dream of crossing the road.

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http://members.visitblairsvillega.com/news/details/news-release, May 16.

I attended a SCORE seminar a few years back. The quality of instruction and knowledge made me a fan for life. SCORE has seasoned professionals that can give you help based on their experience of working with small businesses that have succeeded and failed. That experience along with the SCORE repu-

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A. This type of government is more efficient by being able to make timely decisions, often in a day, in which it could take a commission board months to decide on the same issue. One nearby county's citizen group has been trying for more than two years to get a dog park. They have had committees and meeting after meeting with the commissioners, and they still do not have one. It took us a week to decide we were going to have a dog park.

We are able to spend money on what is really necessary and not on what each commissioner wants spent in his part of the county. We have a better pulse on the community because we are hearing from our

constituents every day and we are responding to their problems every day. By being full time employees, we know everything about the county operations, employees and finances, while in most counties that job is left to an unelected manager with part time commissioners who often try to govern based on word of mouth from others.

Q. Do you remember when former Senator Chip Pearson talked about sole commissioners?

A. I sure do. There was a small group from here that asked him to put legislation in to change our form of government several years ago. Senator Pearson, who was from Dawson County, and often

said he still missed the days when Dawson County had a sole commissioner, told the group that he would not introduce legislation unless he felt like the majority of citizens in the community wanted it, not just a few. He never introduced it because he never heard from more than a few wanting it.

Q. How do you think most legislators feel about the sole commissioner form of government?

A. I certainly cannot answer that question for you, but I will suggest to you that if you talk to the legislators who have sole commissioners in their district, I'll bet they will tell you that they like dealing with them because they can get good decisions quickly.

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Nani's Restaurant

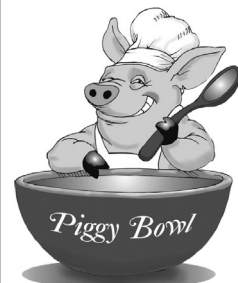
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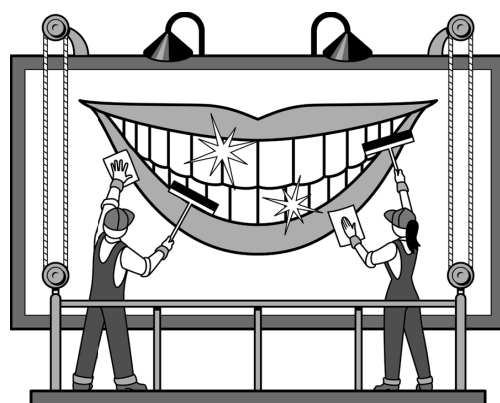
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Chamber of Commerce events

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Wednesday, May 23

10am Donate Books to Friends of Union County Library
2pm Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane

Thursday, May 24

12pm Rotary Club of Union County - St. Francis of Assisi Church
6pm Blairsville Cruisers Car Club General Meeting - call for location 706-897-2501

Friday, May 25

8am Union County Farmers Market - Trash To Treasure Sale
7pm Friday Night Concert - Historic Union County Court House
7pm You can be the Star Karaoke - Lodge at Copperhead

Saturday, May 26

10am Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony - Downtown Blairsville
10am 5th Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Festival - Downtown Blairsville
11am Crane Creek Vineyards' Annual Art & Wine Spring Festival - Crane Creek Vineyards

Monday, May 28

12pm Blairsville Kiwanis Club Monthly Meeting - Steve's Cookie Jar Restaurant
6pm Free Texas Hold'em Tournament - Lodge at Copperhead

Tuesday, May 29

8am Tri-State Business Women's weekly meeting - Cooks Restaurant

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:	
Garden Tours	GMREC 9 am - 1 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch 7 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library Noon
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport 6:30 pm
Every Tuesday:	
Mtn. Woodcarvers	Senior Center 6 pm
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch 6:30 pm
Every Thursday:	
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant 11:30 am
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct) 8:30 am
Rotary Club	St. Francis of Assisi Noon