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play together. They use two of the Tennis Courts at Meeks Park on certain days of the week. Also, they utilize the rubber-floored gym during bad weather and during the winter.

Q. What type equipment is required?

A. You only need the paddle, the ball, a net, and comfortable clothes and shoes.

Q. Is the county going to build Pickleball courts for the new interest in the sport?

A. We are certainly looking into this, but it was not in our future plans or the SPLOST budget. So, we will have to move slowly on finding the right location and being able to fund it.

Q. Is there an organized group playing this sport in Union County?

A. Yes and they have already met with me. I have already been to Towns County during their most recent tournament to observe the sport. Towns County had about 250 people compete at the tournament they hosted a while back. Recently, Oasis, at the Methodist Church held three classes that taught people how to play Pickleball. About 20-25 people graduated from each of these classes.

Q. Is this sport designed for adults?

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to find Euler and Delph (Carolynn's mother). The girls found their mothers under the shade tree. The mother's backs were to the girls so the girls were approaching them from behind. Just as the girls reached their mothers Little Bit called to her mother, "Mommy, Carolynn made me look like a movie star". Aunt Euler turned to find the curly locks gone from her daughter's head. She was stunned at the site of her daughter. The rather large wife of Rufus actually fainted and fell backwards out of her chair. Not only were the locks gone, but,

what little hair was left on Little Bit's head was gapped and of different lengths. Basically, Little Bit's hair was a mess and it took 6 months to grow back to normal. Aunt Euler was not very impressed with Carolynn's ability as a beautician. This never fazed Aunt Carolynn. Today, she owns her own hair stylist shop in the little community in North Alabama. She still wraps a towel around her customers' shoulders and she still talks to her customers about the latest happenings in the little community around Blue Springs Church house.

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affect went.

In just a mere 10 years the growth is exponential, and with it a sense of "gone Hollywood".

Please keep and give

Blairsville the sanctity of its charm do not lose sight of its preservation, although we seem to be at the tipping point.

Joanne OMalley Blairsville

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us the bear had landed in the fried chicken display.

By then three deputies from the city police force and sheriff's office had driven onto the scene.

Several of us urged them not to harm the scared little bear and thankfully they did not.

Store employees cleared shoppers out of the building and devised a plan to surround the bear and drive it out one of the front doors where it had entered.

That was not a good plan because a large group of noisy spectators had gathered outside and would likely have frightened the poor animal into heart failure or caused it to run onto

Hwy 515.

Fortunately, someone had the good sense to open the back door and in a few minutes we were informed that little bear had made his exit there.

While we will never know what triggered this event nor its outcome, I hope the little animal soon found refuge in the woods, located cool water and something good to eat and eventually got reunited with its family to live out the normal life span of a black bear.

May it be spared from so called "sportsmen" who would shoot it on sight or run over it with their big, noisy trucks.

Wm. Ronald Gibson, Blairsville

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terwards. Whenever possible keep cats and dogs indoors from dusk till after midnight when most fireworks have been fired off for the night; if a dog is particularly sensitive to thunder or loud noises ask your vet this week for an appropriate tranquilizer to keep the dog calm, and perhaps keep the dog in a quiet inner room or basement away from windows.

Turning the TV volume up and tuned to a soothing station helps if the pet will be left alone. Livestock that may spook should be in a stable for the night to keep them from harm, and leaving lights on in

the barn may help calm them as well.

Dogs that are chained or penned and never allowed indoors should at least have their collars checked for proper fit and wear and tear (this should be done monthly anyways) and inspect the pen for signs of weakness or digging.

If a pet does get lost at any time of year call Animal Control and local shelters immediately, and if you find a strange animal wandering your area report it as well. Your pets rely on you to keep them safe!
Cheryl Malone, Blairsville

when your plants are most vulnerable, will provide the greatest protection. There are also alternatives such as Serenade MAX (a Bacillus subtilis product) and lime sulfur. However, captan is the most effective treatment currently approved for use against mummy berry.

4. Maintenance. Though all of these steps greatly reduce the chance of mummy berry infection, they do not guarantee protection. In severe cases, it may take more than one year to completely get rid of the mummies and spores. If you follow all of the steps listed above and still have a mummy berry issue, replace the mulch after pruning and repeat the cycle again.

Sanitation is without a doubt the most important part of preventing this fungal disease from damaging your plants. Even if you spray fungicides appropriately, if mummies are still under your bushes, you are still going to have a mummy berry problem. Blueberry bushes in clean areas will without a doubt be the healthiest.

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to die." He told the doctor his religion had never failed him, prayed for his family, country, and his soul, and then passed into eternity.

In his will, Henry wrote, "This is all the inheritance I give to my dear family. The religion of Christ will give them one which will make them rich indeed." In death as in life, Patrick Henry understood liberty, giving final testament to Scripture, "It was for freedom that Christ set us free" (Gal. 5:1).

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Our sole purpose for entering the building in the first place was to spend the 15 minutes that each guest is allotted at this exhibit before you are ushered on your way so the next group can have their turn.

As you are reading this you are probably thinking what could possibly be worth waiting over an hour and a half for just to get a glimpse of for a few minutes.

When I saw it, the wait didn't matter anymore. The significance of it was all that mattered.

We were standing in front of the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution.

We were staring at the documents which our country was founded upon. As I said, it was well worth the wait.

I was in awe.

We were looking at the documents written by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison's own hands. The original Declaration of Independence signed by Georgia's own Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, and George Walton.

As we were staring at our Nation's most treasured historical documents, I was focused on the last line of the Declaration of Independence.

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

They stood united, and pledged everything they had to give, even their lives.

What could be so precious that they were willing to give up everything?

For them the answer was simple - FREEDOM.

They yearned for freedom from a tyrannical king ruling over them and the right to govern themselves.

For them, it was worth the sacrifice. Because of these patriots, men and women, young and old, who stood and fought; we became a new nation.

We became free.

As you watch the fireworks and enjoy the many festivities this weekend, I encourage you to stop and take a minute to think about the sacrifices that were made so that we can live in a free country and the sacrifices by our men and women in uniform every day to keep us free.

May the sacrifices of those who stood and fought in the American Revolution never be forgotten.

Ward earns Faculty Honors

Donald Ward of Blairsville, GA, earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Spring 2016 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have a 4.0 academic average for the semester. N(Jun29,29)CA

Students make Dean's List at Georgia Tech

Morgan Bentley and Gloria Bowen, both of Blairsville earned the distinction of Dean's List at the Georgia Institute of Technology for Spring 2016. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester. N(Jun29,29)CA

UC Schools CLIP meeting

Union County School System will be hosting the Annual Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP) Meeting on July 11 at 3 p.m., which will take place in the Board Room located at 124 Hughes Street, Blairsville, GA 30512. The purpose of this meeting is to review the federal programs we receive as a district and to receive feedback on the services of these programs. N(Jun29,A1)SH