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OPINIONS & COMMENTARY

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor: Shortly after our nation celebrated another Veterans Day, my father-in-law, Roy Lewis Fuss (87 yrs), passed away on November 16 after a two-week bout with pneumonia.

Hugh Hilliard

Letter to the Editor:

The City of Hiawassee has recently installed a doggie station on the square by the sidewalk behind the gazebo. Please use the bags provided to pick up litter from your dog and deposit it in the bin provided, this is not safe fertilizer.

Joan Crothers, Hiawassee City Council member and Hiawassee Garden Club member

Dear Editor:

Towns County residents may not be aware of the "gem" they have in Chatuge Regional Nursing Home (CRNH). As a nurse of 42 years experience (the last 10 as a Charge Nurse at CRNH), I wish to thank this "gem."

Dianna L. Butler



RARE KIDS; WELL DONE By Don Jacobsen

My wife wants a dog. I think that's why, on a recent road trip, she was reading me a story about a 4-year old boy who was trying to talk his dad into buying a dog. Cute story but I saw through her ploy immediately.

pleading and give me what I want." Not good training for a 4-year old. Or a 16-year old. How about if dad had said, "Tommy, I'm sorry, but we live in an apartment right now, and the rule is, "No pets."

Establishing loving parental authority is a great gift we give our children. Send your parenting questions to: DrDon@RareKids.net.

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Trout Unlimited opens Trout Adventure Trail



Trout Unlimited President Carl Riggs helps scout the Trout Adventure Trail.

Special to The Herald

There is fierce competition for recreational time for American kids today. Among other things, organized sports, digital media, computer games, and television swallow up the opportunity for children to get into the woods and commune with nature.

What will they learn? The TroutAdventureTrail.org website provides parents, teachers, and youth leaders or the hikers themselves with fun educational information on subjects such as the native and stocked trout species in Georgia, trout habitat, watersheds, and conservation.

GUEST COLUMNS

From time to time, people in the community have a grand slant on an issue that would make a great guest editorial. Those who feel they have an issue of great importance should call our editor and talk with him about the idea.

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to follow a marked trail, and much more. The experience includes educational information, hands-on exercises, and details on trail selection and logistics (getting there, parking, and safety).

The Trout Adventure Trail is unique. The Forest Service tells us there is nothing like this program in their system, and they are excited about the "hands on" nature of the learning and the flexibility of "U-build the hike and learning experience."

To plan a hike and to pick up commemorative patches, just go to TroutAdventureTrail.org and visit a local Trail Headquarters, which are the Fannin Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center in Blue Ridge, the US Forest Service Office, Highway 515, in Blairsville, and North Georgia Mountain Outfitters, 583 Highland Crossing, Suite 230 in Ellijay.

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"IT'S ON MY MIND.." Danny H. Parris

Christmas is hope It has been said that man can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air, but only one second without hope.

you anymore" or that son or daughter has made a decision to live an ungodly and rebellious lifestyle; when your boss has just dropped the bombshell that you no longer have a job, or a thousand other scenarios, God gives blessed hope.



Community Calendar

- American Legion Post 23 meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 4 PM at VFW Post 7807, Sunnyside Rd., Hiawassee. Call 706-896-8387 for details. We need your support!
Towns County Water Board Meeting 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the TC Water Office Building.
Mountain Community Seniors meet the second Thursday of each month at the Senior Center in Hiawassee at 2 p.m.
Towns County Democratic Party meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 5 PM at the Senior Center. Please call Kim Bailey at 706-994-2727 or 706-896-6747 for details.
Towns County Republican Party meets at 6:30 PM the 2nd Thursday of each month at Daniels Steak House. For more info call 706-379-1371.
Towns County Planning Commission is held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Courthouse.
Towns County Commissioners meeting is the 3rd Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the courthouse.
School Board Meeting, 2nd Monday each month at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.
Hiawassee City Council 1st Tuesday of month 4 p.m., at City Hall.
Young Harris City Council, 1st Tuesday of month at 7 p.m., Young Harris City Hall.
The Hiawassee River Valley Kennel Club meetings are held at 7 p.m. the 1st Monday of each month at Brother's Restaurant in Murphy. Call Kit: 706-492-5253 or Peggy: 828-835-1082.
The Uncioy Masonic Lodge #259 meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Stephens Lodge #414 F & AM meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in Young Harris.
Board of Voter Registrars meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Courthouse.
Towns County Board of Elections holds its monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Elections Office (Old Rock Jail).
Towns County Historical Society meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Senior Center in Hiawassee at 5:30 p.m. Annual dues \$15, PO Box 1182, Hiawassee, GA. We do oral family histories of residents. 706-896-1060, www.townshistory.org
Bridge Players intermediate level meets at 12:45 p.m. on Mondays & Fridays at the Towns County Recreation Dept.
Mountain Regional Arts and Crafts Guild, Inc (MRACG) meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at ArtWorks Artisan Centre, Hiawassee. Refreshments at 6 p.m., meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Call us by 706-896-0932 or mtnregartsandcraftsguild.org.
Mountain Computer User Group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Goolsby Center at YHC. Q & A at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
FPL Retirees Breakfast will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant on the square in Blairsville at 9 a.m.
Chattahoochee-Nantahala Chapter, Trout Unlimited meets 2nd Thursday of each month at Cadence Bank in Blairsville. 5 p.m. Fly Tying - 7 p.m. General Meeting. Everyone welcome. www.ngatu692.com.
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) meets the 3rd Monday of each month at various area restaurants. For information call John Quinlan at 706-896-2430 or visit www.moaa.org/chapter/blueridgemountains.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 24 hour phone line 828-837-4440.
Mothers of Preschoolers meets the third Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church of Blairsville from 6 - 8 p.m. Call the church at 706-745-2469.
Chatuge Regional Hospital Auxiliary on the 3rd Monday of each month, except the months of July, October and December, in the hospital cafeteria at 1:30 p.m.
Mountain Magic Table Tennis Club meets 3 p.m. Thursdays at Pine Log Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Brasstown. Ping Pong players welcome. Call Jerry (828) 837-7658.
Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of every month from 5-6 PM in the Cancer Treatment Center Auditorium in Blairsville. For more info call Steve 706-896-1064.
GMREC Native Plant Garden Tours: Mondays 9 AM-1 PM.