

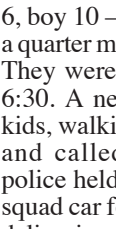
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OPINIONS & COMMENTARY



I Believe... by Pastor Jim Blair

Life is a test. All of life is a test. This new opportunity I have to write a weekly article for the Towns County Herald is a challenge.



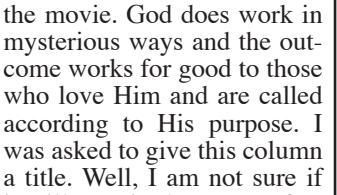
RARE KIDS; WELL DONE By Don Jacobsen

Last Saturday afternoon Danielle and Alexander allowed their two children - girl 6, boy 10 - to walk to the park a quarter mile from their home.

You may get the same flyer I do about every week that says something like, "...every day more than 2,200 children disappear."

Here are the unemotional facts: The majority of kids reported missing have been snatched by an angry ex, an estranged dad, a divorcee who doesn't like the joint custody arrangement.

Probably wouldn't send them to the park alone in most neighborhoods, but I'd make sure they got outside for a good romp, and I'd make sure they didn't end up scared to death of their world.



May Garden Chores

Strong sun and wind are hard on new transplants. Set them out in the late afternoon so the plants have overnight to acclimate.

Look for Lenten rose seedlings underneath your mature plants and transplant them to other shady spots in your garden.



The Veterans' Corner

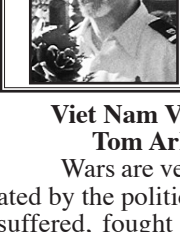
our personal experiences in dealing with military prisoners. It doesn't hurt to be kind to those who must spend a certain amount of their lives behind bars, just be wise and cautious; very much so.

Honorably discharged in October, Tom came back to south Georgia where he went to work as a lineman for Florida Power Corporation for the next 24 years before retiring and moving here to the North Georgia Mountains.

den. Do not pile mulch against the trunks of trees. This can encourage possible insect and water problems.

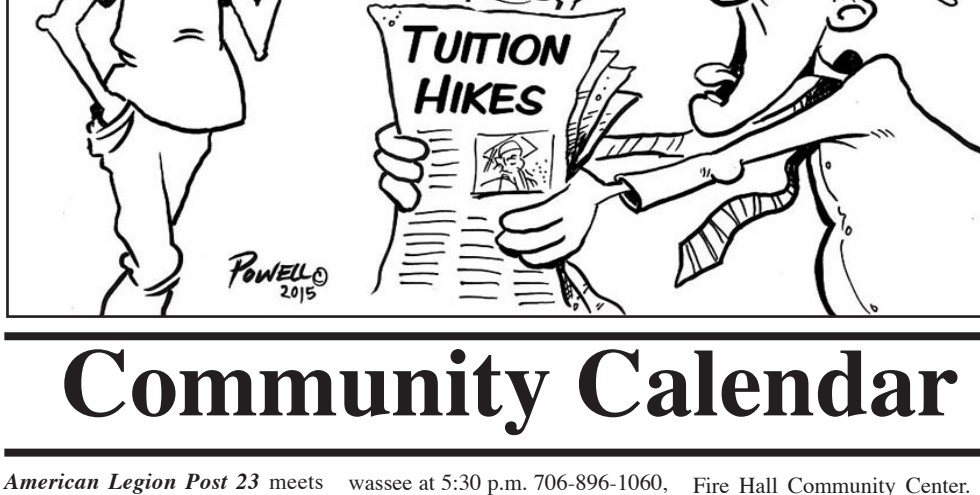
Caladiums need generous amounts of water and fertilizer to continually produce new leaves during the summer.

Rejuvenate houseplants by lightly pruning them and moving them outdoors to a partly sunny/partly shady area for the summer.



Viet Nam Veteran: Tom Arline

Wars are very often created by the political class, but suffered, fought and won by those who desire peace and provide national security more so than most.



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.

Have something to sell? Let the Herald work for you! Contact us at 706-896-4454. Deadline for the Towns County Herald is Friday by 5 PM.

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