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A. Road signs are just as important as the green address markers for public safety personnel.

If your road sign is missing, immediately report it to the Union County 911 Mapping Office at 706-439-6056. Once it is reported, a new sign will be made and installed. How-

ever, while there is no sign, 911 Dispatch can notify emergency personnel of the missing road sign in the event of an emergency on your road.

These markers serve as one example of the small things that we do for our citizens and residents that can make life a little more pleasant and safe.

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In other great news for our local car enthusiasts, the Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In has decided to make Meeks Park its home for 2021! The date of the event remains the same, July 29-31. Hosted by Granddaddy Mimms Distilling Co., the official drink sponsor, this event typically brings in around 750 spectacular cars and hopes to increase that number given the new, larger venue. You'll be hearing more about this event, but for now, you can go to their website for info: www.gammoonshine-cruizin.com.

While things are quiet as we look forward to spring, remember to be kind to our local restaurants, shops, and merchants. Before you buy at that big box store, remember to Look Local First. And if you're thinking ahead to spring break and uncertain about traveling, consider a staycation.

Our website, visitblairsvillega.com is full of things to do under our "play" tab. For the adventurous, plan to take a hike to the top of Blood Mountain and camp for the night. For the animal lover, consider visiting Track Rock Stables, Lasso the Moon, or Rhatigan Farms. For the spirits lover, take a tour of our area distilleries and wineries. For the golfer, plan a few days of golf at Butternut Creek, Old Union or Brasstown Valley. Finally, for a family, how about planning an outdoor marathon from fishing at Lake Nottely, to disc golf at Meeks Park, to pickle ball at the new Sports Complex and finally a sunset picnic at the top of Brasstown Bald? From our rivers to our local shops, and ever-expanding dining options, you and your family can make memories right here in Blairsville-Union County. Why not begin planning now?

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onto the nose of Bowser and get pulled from his lair. Bowser would then dispatch the groundhog with his powerful jaws.

A few years later, my grandparents married and had two sons. Papa still had Bowser, who had become very old for a dog. So, one day the family acquired a Rat Terrier named Job, which turned into a very good squirrel dog. Daddy said, "Early one June day, we found the den of a groundhog and Papa began digging out the critter. After digging a little ways, the groundhog was spotted. But, before Bowser could be called, Dad begged Papa to let Job have a go at the varmint.

Papa laughed at the thought of that spectacle. He said, "Are you sure you want to see Job get whooped by a

groundhog?" Dad told him Job could lick any critter there was. So, Job was called, and the little dog jumped into the hole with great enthusiasm. Almost immediately the groundhog jumped all over the little terrier. That's all it took; the young pup jumped from the hole and ran to and hid under the house, yelping at the top of his lungs. Papa laughed and called Bowser. Slowly but surely, Bowser walked to the hole and dispatched the groundhog with one bite.

The little dog refused to come out from under the house until the next day. Every now and then, it would let out the most pitiful howl you had ever heard. Job went on to become a good squirrel dog. But, you could not get him close to a groundhog after that day.

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household earnings did go up by 9% from 2016-2017 (a point Trump loves to talk about). Was this due to the increase in the minimum wage (20 states) and more full-time employments (US Census Bureau)? Why did real Gross Domestic Product – the broadest measure of economic activity – grow at an average annual rate of 2.5% under Obama after the Great Recession, while the first three years under Trump, 2017-19, the annual average was only 2.6% under "best ever" economic times – "a modest rate for the world's largest economy and a far cry from the best ever" (Bureau of Economic Analysis).

The second highlight: Why did there have to be a payout to the farmers to compensate for the sudden market collapse? Was it due to the tariff demands and the Trump initiated trade war with China? Why would Trump want to win the trade war with China? It would make China stronger because it would make their economy freer – "global trade is booming, just without USA." On what basis did Trump declare that he knew more than the generals and all other federal agencies and that he would negotiate with foreign entities? The three most notable results are the misguided trade deal with China, the failed removal of nukes from Korea, and the

Middle East peace treaty benefiting Israel and punishing the Palestinians and Iran.

The third highlight: Why did Trump appoint a Cabinet of mostly unqualified, inexperienced and/or disgruntled individuals? This resulted in contradictory reports and actions, a revolving door and administrative chaos. Why did Trump create media wars, verbal attacks on individuals, and trample human rights, EPA, National Parks, and Ocean conservancy? Why adamantly claim that Global Warming is a hoax? Was this his way of protecting the fossil fuel culture, and simply a business tactic to distract from the fact that his program was static – no health plan, comprehensive plan to reduce cost of medicinal drugs, global plans – nothing in the works!

Trump's last year as president of USA was also a disaster. In that year, he announced that the Earth will start to cool, that COVID-19 will disappear from the news after the national election, endorsed medicines to be used for COVID infections, falsely lauded his importance in the rapid development of the COVID vaccine, and attempted to overthrow the national election results. He started his tenure with "Make America Great Again" and ended with almost destroying the country.  
**Thomas G. Tornabene**

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When it happens to you, it becomes personal. Congress is no different than the average American citizen. They are elected by the people, for the people, as their representative. They should have open minds and do what is best for the country, not what is best for themselves, their party, or Big Government. It's out of control.

There should be no one, including in Congress, who is above the law. To intimidate anyone to get their vote, to take votes before votes to make sure things will get passed. If this happens, they should be voted out of office. But I feel it's too late for that. People shouldn't be afraid to express their opinion.

I believe the two articles last week in the paper from Laughridge and Bishop said it right on. If we become the people that God meant us to be – God-fearing people, one nation under God – if we would just obey his Commandments, it's that simple, we could change America to the way God meant it to be.

It's not too late. Time is running out before God pronounces his judgment on America.  
God Bless America and Freedom,  
**Charlotte Thompson**

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Now it seems both city and county officials promote this under the guise of economic development or adding tax revenue. It is so unfortunate!  
**Rick Turnbull**

**Historical Society's Brick Walk**

To show our appreciation for the overwhelming community support for the Union County Historical Society's Brick Walk, we are extending the current price of \$50 per brick.

Please call the Historical Society at 706-745-5493 or come by the old courthouse to purchase one in memory or in honor of a loved one.

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"ought" to be?) and why ignore the evidence of the Resurrection of Christ?

The Bible anticipates discussions like this. It says, "For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe" (1 Cor. 1:21). Vocal and influential people may claim to be wise and knowledgeable, while canceling God talk as foolish. Yet that "foolishness" contains the keys to answering the ultimate questions of origin, meaning, morality, and destiny. One wonders who is delusional, Mr. Maher.

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Even with herbicides, it will take a couple of seasons to get full control. For perennials, you should apply herbicides in the fall. During the fall perennials are moving as many carbohydrates and energy down into their roots as possible. Therefore, if you apply a systemic herbicide the plant will also move the herbicide down into the roots, making the herbicide more effective. As always, whenever you use an herbicide read and follow the label.

If you have questions about identifying or controlling invasive weeds contact your county Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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assisted Union County Health Department with a mass vaccination clinic in January and are now assisting with the delivery of vaccine when vaccine is available.

These are just a few major things that have been happening or completed by the department in the last couple of months. We proudly continue to respond and to serve.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

**Weekly Patriot Reflection**



**Joshua 24:15**

One of the two guiding scriptures of Joshua's Warriors is Joshua 24:15 which says, "And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom you shall serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!"

Joshua is at the end of his life and has called all the tribes of Israel together to recount the mighty works of God so that they would be encouraged to continue serving God. It was part history lesson and part rallying cry, but the intent was to glorify God and proclaim that He had not changed and would continue to guide them.

In our nation we have lost sight of all that God has done for us! We are quick to testify of all that WE have done, with no acknowledgement of God's work in sustaining this great nation.

It is time that we start giving credit, where credit is due, and proclaim that we will serve God in our country, and in our homes. We were created first and foremost, to glorify God with our lives.

A Patriot Reflection is presented weekly by www.joshuaswarriors.org.

**Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse**



**February 13, 2021**

In memory of **John and Virginia B. Meeks** On the occasion of their 88th Wedding Anniversary February 13, 1933 By: Ginger and Terry Meeks

**February 14, 2021**

In memory of **Frank Shuler** on the occasion of his Birthday By: Betty Jane Shuler

**Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493**