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Highway 180 going to Suches. How did you get a photo from there with snow on the highway?

A. It was not easy. We started about a year ago trying to get permission to place a camera in this location. We thought we had the basic infrastructure at Wolf Pen Gap to place a camera there because the school in Suches has fiber and Wi-Fi, which run beside Hwy 180. There is also a power pole close to the fiber cable, which made camera installation practical. It has taken a good part of the year to get data and permission from the USFS to place it at this point which is on their property. This is not a complaint, but it just takes time when working with the federal government, especially when you are asking permission to go where you have never gone before.

Q. Why choose Wolf Pen Gap for a weather camera?

A. We know from experience that if anyone needed to get across Wolf Pen Gap by vehicle from Suches in snowy or icing conditions, this is the highest point between Blairsville and Suches. It is also usually the coldest. If an ambulance or an emergency service vehicle (Fire Department, Road Department, GDOT or Sheriff) needs to get to Such-

es in bad weather, we have needed a view from this point for a long time, since it is usually the worst weather spot on Highway 180. If this area of the road is clear or looks passable, it should be clear on the rest of the road to Suches or to Blairsville. GDOT does a great job on this State Highway, but it is difficult to get a report from a GDOT truck on the condition of the road. Hopefully, by next winter we will have some weather equipment there in addition to the camera and we are excited about the possibilities.

Q. Will the people in Suches be able to view the new Wolf Pen Gap camera?

A. We are still working on that, since this location is so remote. We hope to have this in good working order before next winter. Currently, we can view the camera in a stop action mode at the office, but we hope to have full video later on. Then it will be like the camera on Neels Gap and we will see if we can figure out how to make the cameras viewable by the public.

I want to thank the United States Forest Service, the Georgia Department of Transportation, Blue Ridge Mountain EMC and our computer techs, Jeff and Kristian Burks for working so hard on this project.

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into the house and beds with the smug satisfaction of finally getting even with Old Man Newell.

Paul and Bud were awakened the next morning by the familiar booming voice of Old Man Newell screaming out the words, "Your boys put my wagon on top of my barn." Papa called his sons into the kitchen for breakfast and asked them about Newell's claims. The boys couldn't lie to their Daddy, considering the fact that they had not cleaned their hands of the wagon grease from their escapades of the night before. The boys confessed their crimes to their Daddy and explained why they had committed them. Their Daddy listened and stated that he understood. However, they were told to go and take the wagon down from the top of the barn. They were also told to go and get the other boys to help

the old man.

When the boys drove up, the old man began screaming. He stood at the bottom of the barn and watched to make sure the job was done to his satisfaction. Tommy Trapp asked the other boys, "How are we going to do this?" The old man screamed, "The same way you got it up there." So, Tommy shrugged his shoulders and began taking apart the buggy. He pulled the iron wheel from the axle after the hub was removed and said, "Watch this." Tommy let go of the wheel right above Old Man Newell, and it rolled down the sloped roof of the barn. The wheel came within 6 inches of Old Man Newell's head.

He must've got the message, because he left the boys alone to finish the job, and Old Man Newell never again screamed at the boys from Trapptown.

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not enough money exists in this country to fulfill a quarter of what he promises. Bernie's wife even destroyed Burlington College with her policies. As I have stated before, Quid Pro Quo Joe Biden is as corrupt as they come. To see that, all you have to do is watch the video, again, where he wouldn't give Ukraine any money unless they fired the anti-corruption prosecutor who was investigating his crack-smoking, dishonorably discharged son's no-show job for a Ukrainian oil company. Warren lies like a rug. Whether it's about her "Native American Heritage" or the fact that she didn't walk away from her teaching job but was fired for being pregnant. There are videos online that show that as a blatant lie.

Mayor Pete, or young Bernie as I like to call him, has done nothing but run South Bend, Indiana, into the ground. Look it up. On another note, Mayor Pete has never held any higher office than mayor, nor has he ever had to run a large corporation, but he thinks that's all the political knowledge he needs to run the country. Little Mike Bloomberg, when he realized he could never win another election as a conservative, switched sides. I don't like traitors, period. They can't be trusted at all. Those are about the most noteworthy of their candidates.

Know this: I don't agree

with the president on everything he does. There are some things I wish he'd stop doing and others I'd wish he'd do, but you can't please all the people all the time. I guess what I'm trying to say is that if you are going to ask the question "Do Honest Politicians Exist?" you had better actually be undecided and in the middle and look at the question from both sides.

This letter writer clearly is not, and that is Disingenuous at Best. One more thing to ponder.

The current Democratic candidates, most of whom have been in government for years upon years, have not lifted a finger to stop the country's decline during that time. Now, they each think that they alone can "save" us. I don't think so. If they were going to save us, a wise man would think they would have done it before now and together. They haven't done it yet, nor will they. "Democrats" -- I use the term loosely, because most if not all of them are downright communists at this time -- don't give a rat's butt about you or anything else.

All they want is the power to rule you and me, dispensing their "do as I say, not as I do" policies as if they were our Kings or Queens.

If the party changed their name to The Commiecrats, that would be the truth and an honest thing to do.

Claude Rains Jr.

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the developments taking place in Union County. Thank you to the Downtown Development Authority for sponsoring this important event.

Our next business after hours/Business of the Quarter event is coming up on April 30 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. This merchant crawl event will be taking place in Blairsville's Merchants Walk and will feature 5 businesses including Abide Coffee, S&S – Smoothies and Supplements, Tin Roof Creamery, Lala's Kitchen in the Mountains, and Rustic Mountain Décor.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support and get to know our local business owners. Thank you to our sponsors, Homestead Hospice and Downtown Development Authority. We will also be announcing our Business of the Quarter to kick off the evening.

We have already started planning for our 2020 Shoot for the Stars golf tournament and the field is almost full.

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dopamine is the one that reinforces cravings for pleasurable behaviors, like eating a piece of chocolate cake or playing a video game. With repeated use, stimulants like methamphetamine can disrupt how the brain's dopamine system works, reducing a person's ability to feel pleasure from normal, everyday activities. People will often develop tolerance, which means they must take more of the drug to get the desired effect. If a person becomes addicted, they might take the drug just to feel "normal."

After the "high" of methamphetamine wears off, many people experience a "crash" and feel tired or sad for days. They also experience a strong craving to take methamphetamine again to try to feel better. This continued crave and use cycle leads to a psychological dependence on the drug.

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temperatures before being able to harden off properly, and can be severely damaged.

Some plants are able to tolerate cold weather while others can't. Scientist believe the ability to tolerate cold weather comes down to the makeup of the cell membranes in the plant. Cell membranes are made up of fat molecules. Some of them are saturated and some unsaturated. Similar to what you read on the nutrition facts label for packaged food. Scientists think that plants with a higher ratio of saturated fats can freeze more easily.

Winter can seem like a dead time of the year, really it's Mother Nature's way of preparing for spring. If you have questions about the effect of winter on plants contact your County Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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follow Jesus, to bend the curve toward a kinder, gentler nation.

"I am a social scientist and a university professor. But most importantly, I am a follower of Jesus, who taught each of us to love God and to love each other," Dr. Brooks said. When you make the ethics of Jesus your own, your world is a better place. But the one who chooses love over contempt is the one who benefits most, by relieving stress on body and soul. You can only carry contempt in a bucket of outrage, a weighty load indeed.

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have helped me. My taxes are lower, gas for my car is cheaper, my retirement savings is not losing money, I would be able to get a job if I chose to do so, and I, personally, am comforted knowing my country has a strong military. I am peace loving but I am also a patriot who believes that strength has a sustaining influence on peace. These are just a few ways my life is easier and more secure.

As for his tweets and orations, I agree that they do not sound like a traditional polished politician's, but I find it refreshing to hear unfiltered comments straight from our leader versus the media's interpretation. It allows me to form my own opinion about the contents.

It may sound crude and not how I might have expressed myself, but, in my opinion, I think he speaks his mind and often truths, though politically incorrect.

Elizabeth Claypool

This year's tournament will take place on May 8, and we still have several hole sponsors and event sponsor slots to fill.

Thanks to our 2019 sponsors we were able to give a \$4,500 check to the Union County School Scholarship Foundation to provide scholarships to Union County Seniors and with your help we can exceed that in 2020.

Be sure to check out our calendar this month and join us for one of the many ribbon cutting ceremonies we have scheduled. We hope everyone can come out and be introduced to these amazing new businesses who have decided to make Blairsville their town of choice to grow as entrepreneurs.

I always say what makes Blairsville special is the people and their willingness to make others feel welcome to this wonderful community. Please visit our online calendar to find out when and where these ribbon cutting ceremonies take place. Don't forget to participate in this month's 'Shop Late Thursday' this Thursday, March 5, in Downtown Blairsville!

Participating Downtown Blairsville businesses will be open additional hours from 5 PM - 8 PM and will feature deals, discounts and other exciting offers. So, avoid the crowds on the weekends and come spend some time in Downtown Blairsville on the First Thursday of the month.

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to your emergency.

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