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A. The construction of the Double Gym has been ongoing all winter and we are hopeful that it will be completed by the middle of July. Hopefully the Covid-19 Pandemic will be over by then and we will not have to deal with an empty facility. The double gymnasium will consist of two full size basketball courts that are divided by offices, restrooms, concessions, and a nice community meeting area or birthday celebration area for the kids.

Q. When will the Pickleball Courts be open and ready to use?

A. Actually, the Pickleball Courts are practically completed right now. However, because of COVID-19 guidelines and the completion of the exterior part of the double gymnasium, it will be about 30 days before they will be open. There will be eight courts and they are located directly behind the Union County Health Department. The driveway going to the back of the Double Gym must be completed prior to opening the Pickleball Courts to allow safe access for walking and vehicles.

Q. Do you know when the new "Covered Run Out Shoot" at the Union County

Arena will be completed?

A. This addition to the Union County Arena is nearly complete. This will provide a huge covered area for not only staging the barrel races, but to offer staging for rodeos, horse shows, and many other events. Unfortunately, the winter rains and storms have drastically slowed down this project, but with just a little more good weather, it will be ready for show season, whenever that will be this year due to COVID-19. An addition to the concession area and new restrooms was constructed last year at the Arena. These projects have been on the drawing board for several years and we are delighted to have the arena complete.

Q. We heard that a new Dog Park is being built near the Farmers Market. When will it be completed?

A. The Off-Leash Dog Park or the "Paw Park" as it is called, is about 70 percent complete. Most of the fence is already up with just a little more for that to be complete. The shelter for pet owners still needs to be built and all of the benches need to be installed. We still do not have the exact date that it will be complete but hope within the next 60 days.

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portion of our normal life. The Order does strongly encourage the wearing of face coverings as practicable while outside their homes or place of residence". Other topics covered were: Shelter in Place; Restaurants & Dining Services; Industry, Commerce, Organizations, & Non-Profits; Live Performance Venues, operators of amusement rides and rides; Food Establishments; Gyms and fitness centers; - Hair Designers, Tanning Facilities, Body Art

Studios and Massage Therapy; Movie Theater and Cinemas; Bowling Alleys; Delivery Services, Contractors, Landscape Businesses and Agricultural Industry Services; Health Care; Education & Children; Childcare Facilities; Summer Camps; and Governments.

Please refer to the Chamber website at VisitBlairsville-Ga.com or unioncountyga.gov for copies of the Governor's orders or the status of local businesses in our Community.

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youth's room or personal effects

Physical or mental changes (memory lapses, poor concentration, lack of coordination, slurred speech, etc.)

Warning signs indicate that there may be a problem that should be looked into—not that there is definitely a problem. If there is suspicion that a youth is abusing substances, it is important to first speak with the youth to get a better understanding of the situation. The next step would be to have the

youth screened for substance use by a professional (e.g., school counselor, social worker, psychologist).

If there is no clear evidence of abuse, families should contact their primary health care physician to rule out a physical problem. If formal intervention is necessary, local substance abuse professionals should be contacted.

In addition, it might be helpful to learn more about screening tools, prevention efforts, and treatments.

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analysis on its website: water vapor is the largest contributor to the Earth's greenhouse effect."

By the way, don't forget about the sun and its affect on so-called climate change. The sun has a great effect on the Earth's atmosphere and global warming! The sun is the source of energy and heat!

I have read numerous articles about global warming/ climate change and air pollution, which is supposed to be the cause of these two issues. I have witnessed major reduction in air pollution by the shutting down of steel plants, and I have personally been involved in cleaning up the atmosphere in industrial plants.

One thing that amazes me about the total hoax of this discussion is the lack of facts, P.T. Barnum would be proud of the people who concocted the idea that man could control climate change and global warming.

The next time you hear someone say that we need a tax on carbon (0.0412 percent), less than 1 percent of the atmosphere, remember that this tax will have no effect on either global warming or climate change. But it will have an effect on the way you live and how much money you have. This is all about power and money!

Chuck Luca

Sowers...

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has the local paper not emphasized the danger of the existing pandemic? Why have they not really, really promoted actions to protect the public? True, information regarding facts is not "fear mongering," but it's news to protect us. I am a (some call me grumpy) old man and highly susceptible to viruses, so help me protect myself — wear a face mask while in public and practice social distancing. If you don't, you'll have to pardon my very caustic remarks.

Charles Sowers

Fowler...

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9:14-15). What a death and life to memorialize!

Life naturally provides opportunities to pause and reflect on the past. A birthday, anniversary, birth, death, New Year or Memorial Day can have that effect. We reflect because we want to find meaning in life and to apply the lessons of the past to today. Nothing wrong with that. But the most profound memorial is one that reminds you not only of things God has done for you in the past, but of what He has done to secure your eternal future.

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my grandson involved in these politics."

That day Uncle Pick and Clifford came to a mutual understanding. They decided they would just disagree on the matter of politics. In the matter of politics, my family has been split ever since that day. Clifford's wife was a Franks, and that family was also devoted to the Republican side of politics. Uncle Luther Franks owned a store which my grandfather frequently used to purchase gas for his automobile.

Dad and Uncle Bud loved to pick on Uncle Luther about his politics. After Papa filled his truck with gas, Uncle Luther would stand by the truck and wave at the family when the truck left the old country store. Dad and his brother would al-

ways ride on the bed of the truck, and as the truck left the store, Dad would always holler out, "Luther Franks looks just like Harry Truman." Uncle Luther would always respond by tossing a rock at the old farm truck as it traveled down the road toward Phil Campbell. He was too weak to heave the rock very far. However, the two little boys always got a kick out of watching the old man's reaction to their name-calling. Now, Dad looks back with fond memories concerning those presidential politics of yesteryear. As for myself, I believe that voting is important and should be cherished.

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For more information about the Georgia Prescribed Fire Council and to register for this free program, visit <http://www.garxfire.com> or go to Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Facebook or www.chestchattred.org. Frank M. Riley Jr. CF Chair, Georgia Prescribed Fire Council

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animals, this isn't very problematic. However, with bears, deer, and especially hogs they can do damage. Hogs in particular can be very damaging to property including lawns, pastures, and anything else they can get their tusks into. Hogs cause \$1.5 billion in damage every year in the US.

If you have questions about freeze damage contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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We have been very busy planning and coordinating the response to the COVID-19 event, however, we have also responded to our normal call volume and completed these annual duties as we always have.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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which tyrants have always manipulated to gain, to expand and to impose centralized control. Is maintaining, enhancing and defending this Republic beyond the interest and capabilities of today's Americans? Did The Founders overestimate us?

As he exited Pennsylvania's State House, having participated in the ratification of the Constitution, a woman stopped Benjamin Franklin and asked, "Well, Dr. Franklin, what have you left us?"

"A Republic Madam, if you can keep it."

George A. Mitchell

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world. Second chances are a gift from God as well. When He sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to earth the first time for the soul purpose of reconciling us from our sins, God gave us a chance to accept Him as Lord and Savior. Since that moment many folks have rejected Christ and have doomed themselves to an eternal separation from their heavenly Father. Those folks do not get a second chance to repent of their sins if they died without Christ in their life.


When Jesus Christ comes back for the second time to gather unto Himself those who have made their decision to follow Him, because of their faith in a living Savior, we shall be ushered out of this old sinful world, into a world that has no sin, has no pain or suffering. A world where no one dies but lives with Christ for eternity. There will not be a second chance for folks who have heard God's truth when He returns the second time in all of His glory and grace. Please don't make the worst mistake in your life by not accepting Christ as Lord and Savior. This old sinful world can only offer you hopelessness, so don't swallow the lies of Satan, who would love nothing better than for you to join him in hell with the rest of his fallen angels. You deserve to have the best life after death, but it's only possible through the shed blood of Christ who cleanses you from all sin. Come as you are and live an eternal life in heaven with King Jesus. You will never regret it. I promise by the authority of God's word, the Bible.

Frank F. Combs

UC 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.

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



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In Memory of
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Remembering her on
Mother's Day
By: Bob and Cathy Haist
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