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last 4 digits of the individual's Social Security Number will be required.

**Q4. In the past, Union County made early voting drop boxes available outside on the front of the building. Will these drop boxes be available for this election?**

A4. New legislation states that drop boxes are to be located at the early voting location, and they can only be available during early voting hours. Early (in person) voting is available Monday – Friday 9 AM – 5 PM three weeks prior to an election, as well as two (2) Saturdays 9 AM – 5 PM.

**Q5. What is a Provisional Ballot?**

A5. Provisional voting on a regular election day allows you to cast a ballot in person even if all the requirements

for doing so cannot be met at the time. The provisional ballot will count if the problem is solved within three days after Election Day. The three reasons for voting a provisional ballot are: 1. You are unable to show one of the required forms of photo ID when you vote in person; 2. When you first registered to vote in Georgia, you registered by mail, did not provide any identification at that time, and are unable to present acceptable identification the first time you vote in person; or 3. Your name does not appear on the list of registered voters in the precinct (out of precinct). A provisional ballot voted out of precinct will not be counted if voted before 5p.m. After 5p.m., an affidavit must be completed explaining why you are voting outside your precinct.

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most about this trip was that on one of the nights we were camping, a bear visited our camp. I don't think any of us boys slept the rest of the night.

A few years later found me and two friends in college at UGA. We took a trip to the Smoky Mountains and hiked on the Appalachian Trail. One evening, a bear interrupted supper, running us all into the shelter. But, what I remember most about this trip was sitting on a rock outcrop called Charlie's Bunion looking out over the vast Blue Ridge Mountains. Uncle Bud's words "Way in Yonder" rang in my ears as I watched the slowly sinking sun changing the sky to a beautiful pink color.

Early in my career I was fortunate to be able to take some time off to go antelope hunting in Wyoming. As my hunting partner and I sat on a ridge looking for antelope, I looked across the prairie and once again the words of my Uncle rang in my ears. We were there before daylight, and as we watched the sun come up, the place around us was indescribably beautiful.

Then my career brought me to Blairsville, where I began to take my sons, Will and Wade, on rambles through our mountains. We found all kinds of things of wonder out in the woods. One particular place I love and continue to go back to each year is a long lead coming off Slaughter Mountain. I have taken a few deer at this spot. However, the place is important to me not because of the deer, but, because it is the place where my sons and I used to hunt together. Getting there is not for the faint of heart. It is an hour's walk from the road and the terrain is steeper than a mule's face. I can remember my son telling one of his friends that the place was "Way in Yonder."

After my boys moved

away for their own rambles, I found others to ramble with around in the mountains. People like Harold Dyer and a host of others. Together we have found some glorious sites. We visited Lemon Gap and its ancient carvings, Spaniard's Mountain with its large Ash and Carolina Silverbell Trees, Fort Mountain and its old stone fort, Bower's Cove containing some gold mines, and Cass Mountain with its mica mines.

Another group of men with which I ramble around are County Agents from all across the country. Fred Miller is from North Carolina. Henry Dorrough is from Alabama, and Stan Moore is from Michigan. Through the years we have hiked 850 miles of the Appalachian Trail in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Maine. Hiking in Maine is difficult, and climbing Mount Katahdin is the most difficult thing I've ever done. As I stood on top of the mountain, I looked toward Canada and again heard the words that have been driving me all these years.

A few years ago my son Will and I went on a jeeping trip to Yankee Boy Basin in Colorado. I have never been on a road at an altitude of 11,000 feet. At one beautiful spot we pulled over and parked. I got out of his Jeep to take pictures. As we gazed out over Colorado, I pointed at some golden colored aspen trees. They must have been 5-10 miles away. But, their colors were gorgeous. I said, "Look at those aspens, Way in Yonder." I realized that my Uncle had given me something with his words. He gave me a desire to see what was over the next mountain and a desire to see a big tree in some north facing cove.

Thanks, Uncle Bud! I love seeing what is "Way in Yonder."

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the following signs and symptoms, you should consider approaching them or facilitating an intervention.

Some signs of Alcoholism include: Money Problems; Decline in Personal Hygiene; Accidents; Drinking Early in the Day; Drinking Alone; Legal Problems; Irritability or Mood Swings; and Memory Loss.

In the event you know someone struggling with alcohol addiction, you should quickly get them into treatment.

Not only does alcoholism affect the person, it has a tremendously negative impact

on their family, their friends, their place of work and even the wider community. Alcohol abuse results in emotional, financial, and in worst cases physical damage to those around the alcoholic. Drinking and driving is a common problem with alcoholics and puts those who live near an alcoholic in real danger.

If you have a loved one struggling with addiction, it is vitally important you get them help before something bad happens.

**Aaron Olson**  
Narconon New Life Retreat

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delivered death rather than life.

Many lives would have been saved if the U.S. had only implemented basic public health protections until mass vaccine coverage was possible: mask mandates, physical distancing, testing-tracing-isolation procedures and closing large events. Once the vaccines arrived, continued use of precautionary actions would have helped to keep the virus at bay, as vaccines save lives but only partly prevent infections and transmission.

The lies/half-truths/conspiracy theories cited by a letter writer in last week's North Georgia News — Israel vaccination hospitalizations mistruths, U.K. Oxford study lies, and spike protein vaccination lies — are just political conspiracy theories designed to create fear.

I am not gullible, as I was accused of. I worked 35 years in the medical field and depend on facts and science for the truth. You should, too! Vaccinate now!

**Jim Grazis, CRT, RPSGT**

**Rashid...**

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It is sad each year how many folks tell us after the fact that they would have liked to have participated but were unaware of this event.

Numerous local church congregations and their pastors are getting the word out and plan on attending.

There are flyers posted all over town, so keep your eyes open if you need additional details. Please join us in this hour of support for the sanctity of life.

Look forward to seeing you there, rain or shine.  
**Carol & Roger Rashid**

**Walters-Taylor...**

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do? I thought I had it figured out; I keep changing mine.

See you next week. Until then, I bid you, "At Ease!"

**Dyer...**

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citizens of Union County and his employees. He was more than just a chief or a director; he was a mentor, a leader, and a friend. We can only hope to reach such heights. He will be greatly missed.

Union County Fire Department ~ Our Family Protecting Your Family ~

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ness of the Quarter. This Business After Hours will be dutch treat and we hope you will join us form 5-7 PM.

There has been some confusion regarding the 52nd Blairsville Sorghum Festival so I wanted to let everyone know that the festival will be held this year. As in the past, the festival will be held the 2nd and 3rd weekends in October. The parade and the square dance has been cancelled but the festival is still on!

The Chamber is hosting a Board training secession on November 16th for all non-profit boards. If you are interested in having your board attend, please contact [crystal@blairsvillechamber.com](mailto:crystal@blairsvillechamber.com).

And please don't forget to thank our health care workers for the hard work and long hours. Union General Hospital and all of our health care providers are working to keep our

community safe and healthy. If you have not been vaccinated please check with your health care provider to see if it may be the thing to do for you.

It's Fall and that means the leaves will be changing soon and that cool breeze is in the air. That also means it's time for football, and watching football is always better in Blairsville!

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Him forever." Taken together, these mean you find fruitful purpose by abiding in Christ. That glorifies God and brings joy into your life.

Looking over his life Keith concludes, "God has used dance, he's used Ballet Magnificat, he's used David and the Giants to change people's lives, through what the Holy Spirit does through us. It's all about Jesus." If "Little Ricky" can find purpose, so can you.

**Williams...**

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erage of the plant is necessary to control these pests. Spider mites and aphids are capable of population explosions in a very short amount of time, therefore make sure that you completely cover the top and bottom of the leaves when spraying for these pests.

If you have questions about growing mums please contact your local Extension Office. Or send me an email at [Jacob.Williams@uga.edu](mailto:Jacob.Williams@uga.edu).

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what your letter writer reported is happening in Israel and the U.K.

Not to stop there, another article in your newspaper featured Dr. Samuel "Le" Church, one of the area's experts concerning the COVID. Dr. Church is quoted as saying "Most of those hospitalized related to COVID are unvaccinated folks."

The letter writer, who is so opposed to getting vaccinated based on statistics from other countries, concluded his letter by stating: "And I will NOT be getting the jab." I suggest he get responsible and get the jab so he won't be taking up precious hospital space should he get the COVID.

**Gary W. Meier**  
Young Harris

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the Country. Until we put the shoulder to the wheel, our so-called leaders will reflect our lack of investment, ignorance and cowardice.

We talk about minds and hearts. Go along to get along. We have to step up and battle to prevent the destruction of the United States. It is about time to look for the truth. Commit to get this thing turned around and live up to our civic responsibility. Let go of flawed political allegiances and pledge support to reason and excellence.

Let us work to become the exceptional citizens that we once were.

**Oscar Ramer**

**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.



**Union County Schools**  
**Virtual Title I**  
**Annual Meeting**  
9/30/2021 at 4:00 PM  
10/1/2021 at 8:00 AM  
and 12:00 PM  
Join with ZOOM  
<https://ucschools.zoom.us/j/85710595445pwd=MVluVHJubm5lK2NOVVVczRDR0dGUT09>