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to show proof of residency to complete the billing process.

Q. I have a second home in Union County, and we are only there in the Summer and Fall. Will we be covered under this membership with Air Methods?

A. Yes, if you have a home here, on or before June 1, 2019, you are automatically covered while in Union County, whether you live here full time or not.

Q. Will we receive any paperwork on this emergency helicopter membership?

A. No, you will only receive paperwork if you have to utilize the service. Otherwise you will not receive anything. Should you be unfortunate enough to need the service, you will receive a bill from Air Methods. You will then need to contact the company to provide evidence that you do in fact live in Union County or have a home here, on or before June 1, 2019.

If you have further questions, please contact Leslie Daniels, Union General Hospital at 706- 745-2050.

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me, he lowered his head and allowed me to pet his muzzle. I scratched around on his head for awhile. I told him that I wasn't going to harm him. But, he better stay away from that bunch in the camp because one them sap suckers down there would kill him." Men in that camp laughed so hard they fell off the stumps on which they were a-sitting.

I sat there amazed that this man had such a big heart. I actually thought he had let that deer go. I learned better on the way home. His brother Calvin told this wet-behind-the-ears little boy about his brother Alvin. His little brother was the biggest man I ever knew. He was well over 6 feet tall and weighed more than 300 pounds. I believe he was the slowest moving human being that ever lived, but, he loved to laugh and was always pulling practical jokes on people.

One spring, a bunch of us were fishing in a lake at the foot of Lookout Mountain. Alvin came walking up with his arms wrapped around his lizard bucket. Back in those days, many of us fished with Spring Lizards (a type of salamander). The bucket had a small hole in the top in which you could stick your finger to pull back the lid, allowing you to reach in and catch a lizard with which to bait your hook. The way in which Alvin walked we all could tell he wasn't very happy.

When he finally got to the place where we were fishing, Calvin asked, "What you looking so angry about, little broth-

er?" The bigger, yet younger brother grumbled, "That bunch at that Lake Howard Store cheated me a-giving me some of the smallest spring lizards I've ever seen. Here, take a look." Calvin took the bucket and told his younger brother that the Pierces back at the store were having a hard time with their finances. He further explained that they may have just decreased their quality to increase their profits. After his explanation, he stuck his finger into the hole of the bucket and lifted the lid without looking inside. He was still trying to ease the anger of his younger brother. After lifting, he stuck his nose toward the opening and all at once a rather large black snake rocketed out of the bait bucket right into the face of my friend. I have never witnessed such a commotion since that day. Calvin let out a whoop while throwing the bucket straight up into the air. All of us standing around scattered trying to avoid the snake.

Calvin tried to run. His legs were churning, but, he wasn't moving. He was running in place. Eventually, the bucket fell, landing on his head. Alvin took advantage of the moment and slowly began to run. After shaking the bucket off his head, his bow-legged brother gave chase. We watched the pair running around the lake and listened to the laughter of the bigger man as his smaller brother chased him toward the barn of Clem Byrd.

I will never forget the brothers Calvin and Alvin.

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great tournament. I would also like to also thank Jen, Shelia, Lynn and Kyle for their hard work.

Isn't this a beautiful time of year to live in the mountains? The leaves are full of color, we've found our favorite packed away jackets, and folks are excited about the upcoming holiday season. I have had the opportunity to speak with several visitors to our community, and while they are raving about the weather and the gorgeous views, they also continue to say it's the people who have made their visit most memorable.

October is nearing its end, which means that it's almost time for the Hometown Halloween on the Square. It's always fun to see everyone's creative costumes and joyful smiles as they make their way around the Blairsville Square. The event takes place this Thursday from 6 – 8 p.m.

Traffic will be closed off to the square starting at 5:30 p.m., so plan accordingly.

Have you registered for the Chamber's Dress with Style fashion event yet? This year's show will feature six different local merchants who can't wait to share with you their ideas for the upcoming holiday season. The event takes place on November 13 from 12 – 1 p.m. and includes lunch and dessert. Register online today!

Finally, if you have not reserved your Christmas tree for our "Tour of Trees" display, be sure to call the Chamber today. It is estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 visitors will view your custom decorated tree—and you may win the prize for Fan Favorite! So, give Sheila a call at the Chamber, and start making plans for your tree. We can't wait to see them all on display from December 1 – 31.

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Our Union County dispatchers have completed training and are utilizing our new systems in order to provide the best services possible. They are also constantly training and seeking new ways to improve.

Union County Enhanced 911 is a vital link in public safety and emergency services. We are proud to be part of this winning team.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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bat box. Also, use a bat box that is a dark color because it will absorb more sunlight and be warmer. Bats like it to be 80-100 degrees inside the house. Bat boxes are fairly easy to build. <http://free.woodworking-plans.org/bat-house-plans.html> has plans if you'd like to build one.

If you have questions about bats in your home contact your Count Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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barked on December 21, 1620.

It is traditionally said that the Pilgrims first set foot in America at the site of Plymouth Rock, though no historical evidence can prove this claim. They named their settlement "Plimouth" after the major port city in Devon, England from which the Mayflower ultimately sailed. Plymouth faced many difficulties during its first winter, the most notable being the risk of starvation and the lack of suitable shelter.

From the beginning, the assistance of Native Americans was vital. One colonist's journal reported: We marched to the place we called Cornhill, where we had found the corn before. At another place we had seen before, we dug and found some more corn, two or three baskets full, and a bag of beans. ... In all we had about ten bushels, which will be enough for seed. It is with God's help that we found this corn, for how else could we have done it. During their earlier exploration of the Cape, the Pilgrims had come upon a Native American burial site which contained corn, and they had taken the corn for future planting. On another occasion, they found an unoccupied house and had taken corn and beans, for which they made restitution with the occupants about six months later.

Even greater assistance came from Samoset and Tisquantum (known as Squanto), a Native American sent by Wampanoag Tribe Chief Massasoit as an ambassador and technical adviser. Squanto had been kidnapped in 1614 by an

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pings and limitations of time, when you pine for the days of yore, regret the paths of yesterday, or imagine the scenes of tomorrow, remember that time may expire but you don't. If you can say, "My times are in Your hand" (Psa. 31:15), then you can trust God to work for your good now, and you can live confidently while awaiting eternity's grand reunion.

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Darius? Did you also know that God saved Daniel from the lion's den? Prayer is serious stuff, folks, not something to be taken lightly, but soberly. God gave us the gift of prayer to be used to bring praise, honor and glory to Him and to pray fervently for others in need and to pray for all nations across this vast domain. Does your prayer life match up with what God wants for you?

Frank F. Combs

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lowing your child to share their view on alcohol. Listen to their response without interrupting and allow the conversation to naturally flow. Provide facts about alcohol.

Although many kids believe that they already know everything about alcohol, myths and misinformation abound. Here are some important facts to share:

Alcohol is a powerful drug that slows down the body and mind. It impairs coordination; slows reaction time; and impairs vision, clear thinking, and judgment.

Beer and wine are not "safer" than distilled spirits (gin, rum, tequila, vodka, whiskey, etc.). A 12-ounce can of beer (about 5 percent alcohol), a 5-ounce glass of wine (about 12 percent alcohol), and 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits (40 percent alcohol) all contain the same amount of alcohol and have the same effects on the body and mind.

On average, it takes 2 to 3 hours for a single drink to leave a person's system. Nothing can speed up this process, including drinking coffee, taking a cold shower, or "walking it off."

People tend to be very bad at judging how seriously alcohol has affected them. That means many individuals who drive after drinking think they can control a car—but actually cannot.

Anyone can develop a serious alcohol problem, including a teenager.

Allow the conversation to naturally flow. Make sure to close the conversation with a positive comment about your child's willingness to share their feelings and thoughts with you. Remember this is the first of many discussions, so encourage your child to come to you with any questions or concerns they may have.

English slave raider and sold in Málaga, Spain. He learned English, escaped slavery, and returned home in 1619. He taught the colonists how to farm corn, where and how to catch fish, and other helpful skills for the New World. He also was instrumental in the survival of the settlement for the first two years. Squanto and another guide sent by Massasoit in 1621 named Hobomok helped the colonists set up trading posts for furs.

Upon growing a plentiful harvest in the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims gathered with Squanto, Samoset, Massasoit, and ninety other Wampanoag men in a celebration of thanksgiving to God for their plentiful harvest. This celebration is known today as the First Thanksgiving. Plymouth served as the capital of Plymouth Colony from its founding in 1620 until 1691, when the colony was merged with the Massachusetts Bay Colony and other territories to form the Province of Massachusetts Bay. Plymouth

holds the unique distinction of being the first permanent settlement in New England, and one of the oldest settlements in the United States.

In the 1800s, Plymouth remained a relatively isolated seacoast town whose livelihood depended on fishing and shipping. The town eventually became a regional center of shipbuilding and fishing, and now tourism.

For more information on Plymouth, Pilgrims, and Plymouth Rock go to: <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/>