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air of confidence. I relayed the story told to me by Dad. Upon finishing, I looked around the room expecting a round of applause. A few of the boys wanted to know about them vines my Daddy used to swing through them trees. But, the look on Mrs. Kilbright's face still haunts me 55 years later. After class, she asked me to come to her desk. I didn't know why she didn't like my story, and to make matters worse, she gave me a note to give to my parents requesting a parent-teacher conference.

Later that evening, I gave the note to my parents just before they left for their very first PTA Meeting. When they walked into the meeting, there was much snickering and people wishing to meet the young couple from Alabama. It seemed that every person there wanted to meet my parents. Dad thought everyone was being friendly until he noticed that everyone would ask a question just to get him to talk. Then somebody asked him about swinging on muscadine vines. On their way home, Dad told Mom he was of a great mind to give me a spanking. But, she told him that he had caused the problem by telling

me that wild tale.

The next morning, Mom and Dad went to the parent-teacher conference with Mrs. Kilbright. It was not a good conference. My parents were told that I would fail the first grade even though the school year was not even to the month of October. She further explained that their little boy was nothing but a dumb hillbilly from Alabama and everyone knew that people from Appalachia were dumb. Finally, she said that I was a boy, and everyone knew that little boys were dumber than little girls.

Dad came unglued and chased the teacher out of the room. One of his friends also happened to be the principal of Mark Twain School. The man managed to calm my father down to a level at which he could act sensibly, and my parents decided then and there that we needed to move back south to a place where people could understand our talk.

Now, you might think that I would harbour much animosity for Mrs. Kilbright, but, the way I look at it, she made sure we moved back home. Without her help, I might still be living in Kankakee, Illinois.

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2. Approach securing your prescriptions the same way you would other valuables in your home, like jewelry or cash. There's no shame in helping protect those items, and the same holds true for your medicine.

Remove prescriptions from the medicine cabinet and secure them in a place only you know about. If possible, keep all medicine, both prescription and over-the-counter, in a safe place, such as a locked cabinet your teen cannot access.

3. Safely disposing of

expired or unused medicine is critical to helping protect your kids, family and home. And it decreases the opportunity for visitors in your home, like your kids' friends, to abuse medicine as well. The ideal way to do this is by participating in a safe drug disposal program – either a drug take-back day, an ongoing program in your community, a drug deactivation bag, or a drug mail-back program.

To find a take-back location or event near you, visit the American Medicine Chest Challenge or the DEA website.

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Lunch is sponsored by Union General Hospital.

Don't forget to register your team or hole sponsorship for the 1st Annual Shooting for the Stars Golf Tournament to be held on October 25th. We have had such a tremendous response. We have heard that many times a scholarship can make the difference in students' lives as to starting or being able to graduate from college. A portion of the proceeds will go towards the STAR Student Scholarship Program, and these scholarships will be

presented at our annual Stars Gala. You can contact Jen at 706-745-5789 for more details.

As the weather cools down, join the festivities on the Square, on September 21st, starting with Cruisin On the Square from 4-7 p.m., followed by a movie. This month's movie will be "Back to the Future."

Be sure to check out the Chamber calendar for all the other fun events including the 50th Anniversary of the Sorghum Festival, which is the second and third weekends in October!

Weekly Patriot Reflection



God is the Answer

In the summer of 1787 delegates from the 13 states had gathered to decide how to handle the growing problems resulting from horrendous debt, an economy in shambles, and lawlessness and anarchy on the rise. The Republic's government was inadequate to handle these problems because of the limitations of the Articles of Confederation that they were trying to operate with. It was on the mind of several of the delegates to replace the articles with a constitution, but after five weeks of wrangling, and unwillingness to compromise, they were at a stalemate. It was at this moment that the elder statesman Benjamin Franklin rose from

his Windsor chair, and with a captive audience eagerly waiting for wisdom he said, "How has it happened that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understanding? Eleven years ago the Continental Congress had daily prayer in this room for divine protection, and those prayers had been heard and graciously answered. I have lived, sirs, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it profitable that an empire can rise without his aid? Without the Lord's concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Tower of Babel."

Today, as we see the struggles facing our government, would it not be prudent, wise and profitable to ask Almighty God to reset our path and order our steps to His plans?

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thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (today known as the International Fire Marshals Association), decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should henceforth be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

The commemoration grew incrementally official over the

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Most everyone in the county has neighbors and must endure some noise. Everyone feels they have the right to enjoy and use their property as they see fit. Unfortunately when your behavior or choices impact other people, it may not be reasonable. We always ask that everyone remember what impact the choices they make has on their neighbors and surroundings. We always hope for reasonable solutions and good neighborly behavior. This may be a good time to invoke the Golden Rule (do unto others as you would have them do unto you).

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they will girdle a tree, which results in the tree dying.

If you encounter European hornets it's best to have a pest management company handle them. They are difficult to remove if you can't find the nest.

If you have questions about hunting season or European hornets contact your county Extension office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu. For more information on hunting you can also go to gadnr.org.

On September 26, Union County Extension is hosting a Radon Education Program at 5:30 in the Union County Civic Center. Call 706-439-6030 or Email me to RSVP.

The Towns-Union Master Gardeners are having their annual Fall Plant Sale on September 28 at the Union County Farmers Market. Stop by to get some perennial plants that are adapted to our climate.

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am strong" (2 Cor. 12:9-10).

In moments of weakness and pain, you could turn to self-medication, against God, and into a shell of your former self. That turns one tragedy into another, but you don't have to go that way. In the depths of your despair, you will find that God is there. The One who gave His Son for you to believe and receive eternal life has made a way for today.

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community. There are many avenues for people to get involved.

For more information on National Preparedness Month and how to be prepared, visit www.ready.gov/september.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~.

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



September 12, 2019

In memory of **John J. Meeks** Anniversary

by Ginger and Terry Meeks

September 15, 2019

One Year Anniversary of Death

In Memory of **Holley Martin Miles**

and In Honor of her precious husband

Butch Miles, her sons,

Clinton Miles and **Matthew Miles**

by her older sister, **Cherrie Martin Payne**

and husband, **David H. Legg**, and her younger sister, **Myra Martin**

September 17-23, 2019

In recognition of **U.S. Constitution Week**

by Old Unicoi Trail Chapter, Daughters of the American

Revolution

Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

years. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The president of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

"Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm," provides an ideal opportunity to educate the public about the importance of having working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at

least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less, and only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" as the

theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week. Don't wait, Get Out, because the life you save might be yours!

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UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday:	
Children's Story Time	GMREC (May-Oct)	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Boy Scouts #101	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
	Every Wednesday:	
Kiwanis Club	Skillet Cafe	Noon
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
	Every Thursday:	
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
	Fourth Monday of each month:	
MMQG Sewcials	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Blue Ridge Comm.	McCaysville Lodge	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Tuesday of each month:	
Compassionate Friends	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Dead Theologians Soc.	Cabin Coffee	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30 p.m.
VFW Post #7394	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Fourth Thursday of each month:	
Lions Club	Cook's Restaurant	6:30 p.m.
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 p.m.
UT Homebuilders	YH College	7 p.m.
	Fourth Friday of each month	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Saturday of each month:	
Youngcane Lodge #597	Lodge Hall	7:30 p.m.