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gers on United Airlines Flight 93 launched a counterattack on hijackers aboard their plane to try to seize control of the aircraft. In response, the hijackers crashed the plane into an empty field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

• 10:28 a.m.: The North Tower collapsed, leaving the 16-acre World Trade Center site in ruins and collateral damage affecting all adjacent properties and streets. The rescue effort commenced immediately as we all watched our TV's at home here and around the world in horror.

### Q. Who spoke at the 9/11 Ceremony last Friday?

A. Steve Rowe, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke first with his

opening remarks. Then a prayer was offered by Pastor Derrick Hartley, First Baptist Church, I was very proud to have been asked to give a few remembrances, with the key note by Fire Chief/EMA Director, David Dyer.

The closing was a beautiful a cappella rendition of "America the Beautiful" by Al Haywood of Pathway Christian Counseling.

### Q. Were there any special remarks?

A. There were several, but Chief Dyer reminded us that of course the day was a day of catastrophe and great loss, but it is also known and remembered as a day of heroism, a day of unification, and a day of American patriotism.

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of the wind leaving Veto's lungs when he hit the ground. When Dad and Junior quit laughing, they walked around the bluff to the thicket and searched for Veto. All they found were some pieces of clothing and blood stains. The boys followed the blood stains back to the road and then down the road toward Phil Campbell. So, they walked back to the car and drove slowly down the road to Phil Campbell.

Dad said they expected any minute to come across Veto, but, never did. Pretty soon

the blood trail disappeared and Dad began to worry. However, someone must have picked up Veto, because Dad and Junior drove back to the Pool Hall in Phil Campbell and found Veto laying on a pool table. Glenn Cummings was on top of Veto with a big pair of side cutter pliers pulling out 1-inch-long thorns from his backside. The boys had a big laugh at the expense of Veto. They did become good friends and played ball together throughout high school.

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toilets and showerheads can reduce the amount of stress that you put on your septic system. Select the proper load size on your washing machine to avoid overloading your septic system. If you can, spread your clothes washing throughout the week. Doing all of your laundry in one day will put a lot of water through your septic system at one time.

Finally, a professional should inspect the average household septic system at least every three years. Typically, it will need to be pumped

every three-five years.

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

On September 28 at 5:30 p.m., I will be hosting a Radon Education Program. This event will be virtual, but there is some limited in-person seating available.

Pre-registration is required for this free event. Call the Union County Extension Office at 706-439-6030 to pre-register.

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Because of his unwavering, zealous and personal support and defense of republicanism, Jefferson became bankrupt.

Lest we forget, those same aristocrats wanted desperately for George Washington to become the first American king so that they would become his courtiers, reviving the British and Continental system.

Washington refused and later reluctantly agreed to assume the burden of a President, subject to the will of The People.

There were a few significant others but this Nation

got its start primarily upon the virtues and personal code of honor of Thomas Jefferson and George Washington.

At the close of the Constitutional Convention, as he walked out of the Pennsylvania State House, a woman who was waiting outside stopped Benjamin Franklin.

"Well, Dr. Franklin, what have you left us?"

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

"Those who do not learn from History will be doomed to repeat it." — George Santayana

**George A. Mitchell**

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be downcast, perplexed or worried about anything.

Instead, we are to rejoice that we have been considered worthy of sharing in Christ's suffering, for the Kingdom of God awaits those who preserve to the end.

Nothing pleases our Lord God more than to see His people continue to get His word out to as many folks who need a Sav-

ior, who need hope in a hopeless society. Folks, God is the only source we can turn to in these trying times, for He alone is the only one who can save your soul from hell. But you must come to Him and repent of your sins and ask His forgiveness, and He will forgive you and make you a member of His royal family, the family of God.

**Frank F. Combs**

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al mingle will be October 23 on sight at Alexander's Store where Kennetha Alexander will feature expert tips and fall finds for both fashion and home décor.

This live event will showcase images of many of our merchant's favorite autumn clothing and home décor in the comments so that our virtual viewers will have the opportunity to get a glimpse into all our local shopping options offer.

In addition to new approaches to these popular events, we are excited to hear the community response to our Ribbon Cutting Crawls and the Facebook Live features of each business we are doing on site. Each business is enjoying exposure to thousands of our community residents, wherein the past there may have only been a few dozen present.

We are learning that some of these new approaches will garner greater advertising for our local community. This is a win all around. Be sure to stop in on Wednesday, September 23, from 11 a.m. until noon for our socially distanced Ribbon Cutting Open House, when we debut several of our new members without brick and mortar locations in our next innovative attempt to promote the businesses of Blairsville.

Of course, this past week we also had the honor of hosting a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony with reflections from Commissioner Lamar Paris, thoughts from Union County EMA Director David Dyer, a prayer from Pastor Derrick

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Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30).

I recently had the privilege of chatting with author Os Guinness about his recent book, "Last Call for Liberty." In it he writes, "America, America. Do you know what time it is? Do you understand the meaning of this moment? Freedom is at stake." I asked, "Is there a tipping point when America can no longer return to its founding ideal of liberty?" He hesitated then offered, "Yes. When America's leaders tolerate evil."

God help us. Seek His Wisdom. By name.

## Weekly Patriot Reflection



### State of the Republic

Have you paused lately and pondered the state of our Republic and then considered what the future will be like for your children and grandchildren?

What cost are we willing to pay to secure their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Samuel Adams, faced with similar reflections, and embroiled in a fierce struggle for the same rights, wrote this: "The liberties of our Country, the freedom of our civil constitution are worth defending at all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair Inheritance from our worthy Ancestors: They purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood; and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle; or be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men.

Of the latter we are in most danger at present: Let us therefore be aware of it. Instead of sitting down satisfied with the efforts we have already made, which is the wish of our enemies, the necessity of the times, more than ever, calls for our utmost circumspection, deliberation, fortitude, and perseverance.

Let us remember that "if we suffer tamely a lawless attack upon our liberty, we encourage it, and involve others in our doom." It is a very serious consideration, which should deeply impress our minds, that millions yet unborn may be the miserable sharers of the event".

The onus is on each of us to ensure the future for those who come behind us.

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aging tourism and economic development. We, along with all our local leaders, will con-

tinue to strive to adapt, innovate, and overcome on behalf of Blairsville-Union County.

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rescue calls, hazmat, and second medical calls. Engine 1 is the main fire apparatus and responds to all fires, hazmat, and motor vehicle accidents. Ladder 1 is a Quint apparatus with a 75-foot ladder, 1,500 gpm pump, and rescue equipment. It responds to all commercial incidents.

Wildland 1 is a Ford pickup with water tank and pump for fighting wildland fires.

This is just a recap on your fire department, the firefighters, some of the equipment, and how it operates. For any comments or questions, please call the fire department at 706-439-6091.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

### Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



**September 5, 2020**

In memory of **William Howard "W.H." McCarter** by UC Historical Society

**September 12, 2020**

In memory of **John J. Meeks** on the anniversary of his death by Terry and Ginger Meeks

**Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493**

Give blood. Help save lives.



**Blairsville Community BLOOD DRIVE Haralson Civic Center**

**Tuesday, September 29th 12 PM to 5 PM**

Call Betty Easter at 706-745-2335 to make your appointment today.

All blood donations are now tested for COVID-19 antibodies. [redcrossblood.org/antibodytesting](http://redcrossblood.org/antibodytesting)