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### County?

A. There are 11 different voting precincts here in Union County. They are Blairsville, Jones Creek, Owltown, Ivylog, Suches, Trackrock, Dooley, Gumlog, Pat Colwell, Coosa and Choestoe.

**Q. Where can we get information on how each candidate for office is doing so far?**

A. You will not be able to find out until the polls close at 7 p.m. on election night and votes are counted.

**Q. Do you have any concerns that our votes will be incorrectly counted?**

A. I have no concerns as we have an excellent bipartisan Election Board that has an excellent track record of accurately recording the votes in Union County.

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community and members by facilitating tourism, economic and cultural development. We are placed in a position of attempting to predict what will happen with COVID-19 and how the economy will react after the election, while continuing to keep the faith that things will get better. For the younger generation, this major hurdle is a first of its kind. However, our elder generation of Americans have experienced terrorist attacks, changes in world leaders, the swine flu, the depression, and even the infamous Y2K. The bottom line for most Americans is this: we know with God's help we will get through this.

And here's something else Blairsville-Union County residents can count on. Know that the Chamber and its faith-

ful board will continue to promote our local businesses, welcome new businesses using every method safely available to us from Ribbon Cutting Open Houses and Crawls to an expanded social media and digital marketing effort to other exciting concepts coming soon. The Chamber has seen a lot of change over the last year, but we want you to rest assured, we have a strong, united team backed by a committed board linking arms with every resident of our beautiful town and county, ready to press forward into 2021.

Make sure you are following us on Facebook and Instagram and checking in to our events calendar on the website. We look forward to walking with you into the hope of a bright future.

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call for alarm only a tool used when it fits one's narrative?

This conversation should extend to overpopulation of the shorelines of our lakes, creeks and other waterways. Property development along the shorelines of our waterways, lakes and creeks includes land clearing, tree removal and destruction of native vegetation, which disrupts or destroys natural watershed for the landscape that allows runoff water an unobstructed path to flow into our waterways, bringing

contaminants, phosphates, nitrates, herbicide, and pesticide residual with the flow of water. Not to mention the septic systems, drain or discharge lines from these developments that may approach 50 feet of our waterways and shorelines. Should the real conversation be about overpopulation verses processed, sanitized or purified waters that contaminate our waterways?

There is more than one narrative here.

**Wesley Hopgood**

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you know the moment I answer that question, the headlines in all of your papers will be about that." He will pack the courts but won't say so. Voters are not allowed to know. As Senator in 1983, he said, "Packing the court is a bonehead idea." Justice Ginsburg said, "It was wrong when FDR tried, for Democrats would add liberal justices to give them more power."

If you want to abolish I.C.E. and defund (or now "re-allocate funds" from) police departments, DO vote for Biden.

If you want to abolish the Electoral College and have the mostly liberal coasts call all elections, DO vote for Biden.

If you want your taxes raised, DO vote for Biden: "If you vote for me, your taxes will be raised."

If you want the corporate tax rate to raise from 21% to 28%, crippling our ability to compete with foreign goods, DO vote for Biden.

If you want unfettered abortion nationwide, even up to birth, DO vote for Biden.

If you want to see Amer-

ica lose its status as the largest producer of energy in the world, stop fracking and end fossil fuels, DO vote for Biden.

Lastly and probably most important of all, crazy Nancy Pelosi is forming a "commission" on how to use the 25th Amendment! She even went on to say, "This has nothing to do with President Trump." Her implication is if Biden is elected, Congress will attempt to declare Biden incapacitated in order to make Kamala Harris president. Kamala Harris has the most liberal voting record in the Senate, even more than Bernie Sanders, with the idea of abolishing the 2nd Amendment, allowing gun confiscation, the Green New Deal, and abolishing or defunding the police around the country. If you want this, then PLEASE VOTE FOR BIDEN.

I don't care if you are a Republican, Democrat or Independent, if Biden and Harris get into power, America will cease to be the America we know and love. Socialism is just one election away.

**Chris Crawford**

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climate change is real. A couple of sentences later, he says "our temperature has increased by 1.8-2 degrees F, and the rate is increasing." Really? That's interesting, Mr. Climate, but you included NO CITATIONS of your "Facts" so that we, as you probably see us, your unwashed inferiors, could go and check that information for ourselves. Then he goes on to tug at our heartstrings. He talks about the fact that California's on fire but makes no mention that most if not ALL of these wildfires were started by people and NOT Climate Change. That was the conclusion of an article in the LA Times at the beginning of this year. As always, LOOK IT UP! That being said, we won't know until the present fires are put out if that's the case with them, but I'm betting it is. Many times, in life, the simplest answer is the correct one. In other words, climate change had very little if anything to do with past "wildfires." Fun Fact: There are actu-

ally certain species of trees and shrubs, some in California, that won't even drop their seeds unless exposed to the very high temperatures of fires. LOOK IT UP!

Let's move on to Hurricane season. Yes, it's true we've had a very active Hurricane Season this year, but what happened last year and the year before that? Those seasons were for the most part calm.

Here's what is REALLY HAPPENING. We live on a planet that is at the mercy of weather cycles. You're probably asking yourself what one thing has the most effect on those cycles? Man? The Beasts? Santa Claus? Nope. The one thing that has the most effect on our weather cycles in The Sun! The Solar Cycles determine our weather cycles. PERIOD!

I pray y'all have a great day, and remember, if you don't like the weather, wait 10 minutes.

**Claude Rains Jr.**

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the Owl Town area of Union County. You can still see the foundations of the walls and the rooms of the fort on the mountain in Owl Town.

I have heard the Spanish built these forts or maybe the English. I know of one person which found a cannon ball close to this place in Owl Town. After the way the Spanish had treated other tribes while they were making their way north through Georgia, maybe they decided to build a fort here and protected it with cannons.

Some have said that the forts could've even been built by the Cherokee to protect the gold in this land from outside

## Williams...

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have not shown themselves to be a pest.

They may actually help control stinkbug populations, which are a pest.

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

I cannot identify critters from the bite or rash that they leave, but can assist in identification of an insect or spider if a specimen is brought in.

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the Lord...for he will be like a tree planted by the water. (He) will not fear when the heat comes...nor cease to yield fruit" (Jer. 17:5-8). The heat may come from personal circumstances, the COVID pandemic, or national politics.

Regardless, it is liberating to trust God with things beyond your control. Even if outcomes are not what you want, you can trust God to strengthen and nourish you in the midst of it.

When the heat comes, your life bears fruit because your roots are by the stream of living water.

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No matter what outdoor activity you may be involved in, remember to evaluate the possible risks. A little bit of planning and preparing can go a long way to preventing an emergency and a possible Search and Rescue.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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that the news media would edit it out. Offended that Christians are being asked to tread lightly, so as not to offend someone of another religion. This man, Jesus, loved God, loved his people, loved the world, and gave his life for the sins of all people. Those who believe in Him, and accept Him as their personal Savior, will have everlasting life.

This Founding Principle is actually embedded in our Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

"If we ever forget that we're one nation under GOD, then we will be a nation gone under." - Ronald Reagan

**Frank F. Combs**

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good and evil. And true Christian patriots will not sit with the wicked. True patriots will sit with the righteous.

Those who cast votes for candidates who advocate righteous laws will be rewarded. Those who cast votes for candidates who advocate wicked laws will be punished.

Avoid evil associations – even in politics.

**Karen Pansler Lam**

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strongly recommend wearing a mask and limiting social gatherings. If even one life in Union County could be saved, or a handful of people could be protected from the ravages of this disease, wouldn't it be worth a mask mandate, Mr. Paris? We need local leadership now, before this disease overwhelms our county. Certainly there is a sensible way to overcome the negatives with common sense planning.

**Peter J Reo**

## 245th U.S.M.C. Birthday



The Marine Corps League's Unicoi Detachment 783 will host its annual U.S.M.C. Birthday Party at Daniel's Steak House in Hiawassee, GA on November 10, 2020. The Meet & Greet will begin at 1730 hours (5:30 p.m.), followed by a buffet meal and a program to celebrate the birthdate of the United States Marine Corps. This year the detachment is welcoming the public to attend the event. Cost per person is \$15.

**Checks for the party should be sent to:**

**Unicoi Detachment 783, MCL**

**P.O. Box 701, Hiawassee GA 30546**

Please direct any questions, or requests for additional information, to Walt Scott at (706) 897-9610.