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tem, it is best to call at least a day before to make an appointment for the van to pick you up. Call 706-439-6050; Operates five days per week, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Riders under 12 must be accompanied by an adult 18 or over. Rider must provide a child safety seat for all children under six years of age.

Q. How much does it cost to ride the buses?

A. Fees apply to all riders six and older. Prices listed are for one-way fares.

First Mile – \$3; Each Additional Mile – \$.50

Q. Can I get a reduced rate if I am elderly or disabled?

A. Unfortunately, federal programs such as this do not allow discounted rates. Everyone who rides has to pay the same price if Union County is to continue receiving federal funding.

Q. Will someone come

into my home to help me get into the transportation bus?

A. Though we wish we could accommodate these types of requests, it is not possible. The Union County Transit and all 5311 programs are curb to curb service providers. This means that the individual rider must be able to get out of their home by themselves as well as handle their personal off-location errands. In other words, riders must be able to do their own shopping, etc. The drivers can help passengers from their door and into the bus if necessary, and they will help with the wheelchair lift when necessary. If a passenger requires assistance with shopping or getting into stores or doctors' offices, the rider must have an aid with them to help with these items. If the assistance of an aid is necessary, the aid can ride the bus free of charge.

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made some really good Tomato Wine.”

My father's Uncle Dennis was a man which loved to drink his moonshine, and he was one of those people that became instantly happy when he consumed alcohol. Drinking also made him hungry. On this particular day, he and Uncle Pogy were drinking to celebrate the holidays in 1949. The pair of men soon began to feel pretty good, and Uncle Dennis suddenly became quite hungry. He looked at his partner and exclaimed, “You know my sister, Glenna, makes the best coconut cake in the world, and I bet she has made one for the holidays.” So, the men walked the 2 miles through the woods to the Cummings House. They never even knocked at the door. They walked right in, and Dennis said, “Glenna, I know you have one of them coconut cakes hidden in here. I smelled it plum over to Lon's house.” My Great Uncle began looking through the house for the cake before his sister could even answer.

While this was going on in the house, the boys – Paul and Bud – were sent outside to hide what was left of Dennis and Pogy's moonshine. Uncle

Dennis did find that cake, and it was devoured in one sitting. Well-fed, the pair of drunken men left the house and made their way home. Granny began baking another cake, and her sons went outside and wondered at the world around them. As they were wondering, the boys watched the rooster and his flock of hens. They knew moonshine was made from corn and didn't want it to go to waste. And they knew chickens ate corn. So, their scientific mindedness got the best of them.

They used an eye dropper to give that old rooster some of that leftover moonshine. The boys sat down on the porch to watch, and Granny must've heard them laughing. She walked outside and watched as that old rooster stumbled and staggered across the barnyard. Dad said, “That old rooster couldn't even stand up straight. It tried to fly up on a fence post and hit the post with its head. The old fellow finally gave up and just laid there in a drunken stupor.” At first Granny thought the rooster had rabies and wanted to kill it. Her boys suggested that they just watch him for a while to see if he got better, which it did.

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him and his office and wished him no harm other than to lose a term.

However, the integrity of this election raises doubts, and I most earnestly want the whole mess cleaned up... regardless of the outcome. I want to feel confident that each vote will be guarded and handled with care and respect for the citizen casting it.

I definitely favor Republican policies and views. I watch a variety of mainstream media outlets. I like to see what each has to say about issues of

the day. I search for truth first and opinion when it is presented as such. Unfortunately, I easily find opinion and less so truthful unadorned news. We all are being fed opinions dressed up as fact from so many sources, and now we see blatant censorship by mainstream and social media. That should scare EVERYONE — on both sides of the aisle. We as Americans must stand together and defend our freedom of speech and information, and the integrity of our vote.

Elizabeth Claypool

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cloud ever recorded. The Brazilian rainforest is regarded as the lungs of the planet for their role in absorbing CO2 and producing O2. The destruction of the rainforest is eliminating “the best natural air cleaning system the planet has supplied us with.” Another significant source of methane is rumens. A single cow belches, at both ends, around 100 to 500 liters/day (about 26-132 gallons/day). Livestock account for 14.5% of total human greenhouse gas emissions. Capturing this CH4 would result in simultaneous environmental and economic benefits.

About 45% of the CO2 in the Troposphere is absorbed by the oceans. This absorbed surplus of CO2 results in undesirable ocean acidification

and influences the interactive biological activities. Heat trapped in the atmosphere is also absorbed by the oceans, further increasing its annual water temperature. The oceans are critical in controlling global warming, yet human activities are trashing the oceans.

The economy is the obstacle in the development of procedures for lowering greenhouse gases. USA needs to take the lead in reengineering the global economy.

There are some bright spots, however, with the recent announcements that Jeff Bezos of Amazon.com, Inc. granted \$800 million to 16 groups fighting climate change, and UK has a ban on gas-powered cars by 2030. The list is growing.

Thomas G. Tornabene

Give the “Gift of Food” to a senior this Holiday Season



Share the gift of a meal with home-bound senior citizens in Union County this holiday season through the Home Delivered Meal Holiday Gift Certificate Program.

Purchase a holiday gift certificate through Union County Senior Center and meals will be delivered to one of our home-bound senior citizens through our Meals on Wheels program.

You can provide a meal for one day, a week, a month, or a year. The cost of one meal is \$3.95, one week is \$19.75, one month is \$86.90, one year is \$1,034.90.

We are a 501c3 and all gifts are tax deductible.

Checks should be made payable to Union County Senior Center, “Holiday Gift

Certificate Program” and should be mailed or delivered to: Union County Senior Center, 95 Senior Center Drive, Blairsville, GA 30512.

From Thanksgiving until New Year's Day, meals will be delivered to our home-bound seniors along with a special card wishing Happy Holidays from the gift giver.

Funding is essential and we have suffered budget cuts in state and federal funding, yet we have had a significant increase in the request for home delivered meals.

We have not been able to supplement our meal program with the fund-raising events we normally have throughout the year, such as our yard sale, silent auction and craft bazaar. Please assist us in preserving this vital program.

Thank you for making a difference in your community!

For more information call 706-439-6105.

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our annual Holly Jolly Christmas, your children will enjoy breakfast and photo opportunities with Santa as well as a take home craft. Please bring your mask and your patience as we will be practicing distancing, but we will still have The Mayor's Choo Choo Train offering rides while you wait. The Mayor will not be able to drive this year, but we have it on good authority that one of his elves will be there to fill in.

If you're looking for other activities for your family and friends, don't forget to stop by Southern Tree Plantation to cut down your own Christmas tree. If shopping is what you're after, Jingle Bell Buys will be happening downtown Dec. 3-5 along with the Holiday Stop &

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You may already be using IPM without even realizing it. Using mulch around flower beds or drip irrigation to water can be IPM. If you have a fence around your garden to keep deer and other pests out that is part of IPM. Some ways that you could improve your use of IPM could be spraying insecticides when beneficial insects aren't active. When planting look to see what disease resistance your seeds have or use plants that are from our area, oftentimes those will have natural resistance and be adapted to our climate.

The key to being successful with IPM is to be more conscientious of your surroundings and thinking long term. If you have questions about IPM contact your local county Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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not realized in this life. Even when life is good, our souls are stirred with the haunting hope of a paradise already sensed but not yet seen. Whatever the reason, we hope for life that is more sublime and transcendent than what we have experienced thus far.

Isn't that the idea reflected in the familiar carol? “O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.” Yes, you may have nagging fears. Yet you soar on wings of hope in the Lord, and none other.

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hand of God slowly coming off of America, and soon the wrath of God will fall heavily on the wicked ones who have not accepted Christ into their heart, but chose Satan, the father of all lies.

Frank F. Combs

Weekly Patriot Reflection

Evidence of a Creator

One of the principles of our founders, that guided all of their decisions concerning the formation of our government, was the understanding and belief in the reality of a divine creator. They went so far as to say that “all things were created by God, therefore upon Him all mankind are equally dependent, and to Him they are equally responsible.” Men like John Locke, who wrote his famous Essay Concerning Human Understanding, which stated that “it defies the most elementary aspects of reason and experience to presuppose that everything in existence developed as a result of fortuitous circumstance.” He went into great detail to rationally explain the very real existence of a Creator. Our founders agreed with Locke. They considered the existence of the Creator as the most fundamental premise underlying ALL self-evident truth. William Blackstone, in his Commentaries on the Laws of England, propounded the generally accepted idea that when the Supreme Being formed the universe he organized it and then impressed certain principles upon that matter, from which it can never depart, and without which it would cease to be. He called this orderly arrangement of God's universe “The Law of Nature.”

Today we have stepped way past the boundaries of God in our country. We have deliberately ignored our God-centered foundations, and have come to the point of believing that we no longer need God; that we are somehow capable of making decisions apart from His Law. If we want to restore the spiritual heritage of our country we must petition God in fervent prayer, both public and private, and plead His intervention in every walk of life. A Patriot Reflection is presented weekly by www.joshuaswarriors.org.