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Henson Road - 1.4 mile Deavers Road 1.1 mile Pine Ridge Road - .9 mile Williams Road - .3 mile Horseshoe Lane - .1 mile PN Watkins Road - .3 mile Colonsay Trace - .1 mile Wildwood Brook -.1 mile Whispering Pines - .1 mile Walnut Road - .1 mile Mashburn Rd. - .25 mile Raburn Rd - .4 mile Farmers Market Parking and adjacent roads Total milage appx 8.7 miles

#### Q. How does the county pay for paving of roads?

A. It comes from our operation budget, our SPLOST and LMIG state funds.

The state has a grant program for counties called LMIG, which stands for Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant. So long as we send in the proper information to the state, they will pay for 70% of our asphalt resurfacing up to their maximum contribution of \$790,000 out of \$1.1 million total cost.

Because of state cuts next year, we have been informed that we will be cut by about \$105,000 on LMIG funds in 2021. We are very appreciative of the LMIG grants.

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If you are like me, you're probably a little weary of political ads, but the fact remains that the election is just around the corner.

While the Chamber is a non-political organization, we do strongly encourage everyone to make your presence known at the voting booth and complete your census form online at 2020census.gov.

The deadline to have your census counted is Sept. 30th. When we fail to vote, we may end up with someone who does not have our community's best interest in mind when making decisions. And when we neglect to have ourselves counted, our local share of funds and representations will go to another region of the State. That will affect every-one. Please take this responsibility seriously.

Everyone loves a good rodeo, and we are thrilled to report that the Union County Saddle Club is hosting their annual Pro Rodeo this weekend at the Union County Horse Arena. I remember back in the day when I had an opportunity to participate in a South Georgia Rodeo. It was so much fun, and I'm pretty confident I was a good deal of entertainment to the crowd.

We are so thankful to the Saddle Club for bringing the pros to town. I expect they will be much more gratifying to watch than I was back in the day. Make sure to get your tickets quickly as the crowds will be limited this year.

Last weekend, our down-

town enjoyed a nostalgic So Long Summer Sidewalk Sale and Cruise' In reminding us all that the slight chill in our fogladen mornings is ushering in

the autumn season we all love. Speaking of fall, if you love the leaf season and shooting, you're invited to participate in our first ever Sporting Clays Tournament hosted by Noontootla Creek Farms.

We are genuinely proud that this tournament benefits the U.S. Mountain Rangers Association who work directly with our local veterans in suicide prevention and life coaching.

Roy Rose of Rose Auto Accessories heard how this serves the veterans in our community and immediately asked to be our headline sponsor.

You can contact the Chamber to participate in this meaningful, fun event and be sure to ask about our raffle.

We are looking forward to events such Halloween at the Farmer's Market which Darren Harper and the Downtown Development Authority have creatively adapted as a safe, distanced drive-through alternative to our traditional Halloween on the Square. Though we'll all miss the square, we know the DDA will make this an especially "sweet" night for our children.

We are grateful for community leaders who continue to work tirelessly to make this the best place on earth.

We are truly blessed that we get to call this place home season after beautiful season.

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tion or soil drench. Putting the insecticide in the soil will mean quicker uptake by the plant and reduce the chance of off target

able to be checked out. Checking it out requires a \$250 deposit that will be returned when the injector is brought back.

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professor had said about the raccoon. He scoffed at the professor's words and told me that a coon was the cleanest animal on earth because it washed its food before eating. Later in the evening the dogs bayed a coon on the ground. When we got there the coon was found eating a dead mule. My friend looked at me and referenced me as a smart alecky college boy.

My Uncle Bud had a friend called T. O. Each February I would travel to northwest Alabama to coon hunt with Uncle Bud and his friend. This fellow was raised in what is now known as the Sipsey Wilderness. I never knew him to have a compass, and this was long before any of us even heard of a GPS. The man knew every holler in our area. I loved hunting with him because we always hunted on mules. It is

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God values you and knows you by name. That chases away loneliness because "the Lord is near to the brokenhearted" (Psa. 34:18). It offers you purpose, to love and serve the One who values you. You have an eternal destiny which is yours to claim, by faith in the One who loves you.

So, instead of reacting in angst to today's cultural and political invective, let it remind you of the underlying assumption: People have value because God exists. Let it move you to a divine expression of your humanity: Be like your Creator and value people, even those on the other side of the political aisle.

### Huber...

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\$20 trillion in debt and will leave the payback to our children. In the "1960's" even a liberal democrat recognized the direction we are headed when Senator Edward V. Long said; "The IRS has become morally corrupted by the enormous power which we in Congress have unwisely entrusted to it. Too often it acts like a Gestapo preying upon defenseless citizens." Jefferson, Madison, Washington, and Patrick Henry had power warnings as well. Jefferson said; "Experience hath shown, that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny." Madison said; "Where an excess of power prevails, property of no sort is duly respected. No man is safe in his opinions, his person, his faculties, or his possessions." In a speech of Jan. 7, 1790 Washington said; "Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force; like fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action." On June 5, 1788 Patrick Henry had this to say; "Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined.'

difficult for me to communicate the amount of fun one can have on the back of a mule at midnight. One night we were hunting on Thompson Creek when our dogs treed on the opposite bank. The men in front of me crossed the creek on their mules one at a time. As the mule I was on started down the slick, clay creek bank I pulled my feet from the stirrups. The mule's foot slipped, and down we went into the cold water. Somehow the belly strap broke and the mule's foot got entangled in the broken strap. The first one to come to my aid was old T. O. Years later I went to see the silver-haired, slow talking old man. When I walked in the door he squinted and asked his wife, "Honey, did I ever tell you about the time old Mick broke my saddle?"

Gary was a literature teacher in a neighboring high school. I was introduced to him through my best friend. Lane kept telling me about this fellow with which he hunted. Soon I was invited to go along. That fall in 1978 we hunted at Pigeon Mountain WMA, Cohutta WMA and Blue Ridge WMA. At first I misjudged Gary. He really did not look like a hunter, and whoever heard of

a hunter walking through the woods all the while quoting poetry? During a typical hunt we would take a break during the middle of the day, and I soon found myself looking forward to this as much as the hunt itself. The man had all kinds of stories he would tell us, and one day he began reciting a poem he'd found in the library at the University of Tennessee. This poem was a part of a thesis written by a student trying to obtain his Master's Degree:

"Far up in the Great Smokies where the Black Bear makes his home.

"There is a crag called Charlie's Bunion and a peak known as Clingman's Dome.

"But, the place that I fancy and where I will build my hut is a shapely little hillock by the name of Molly's Butt." - Author Unknown

A few years ago I was hiking the Appalachian Trail through the Smoky Mountains. And one night we stayed at a shelter called Molly's Shelter. This shelter is located on a shapely little hillock, and I smiled as I thought of my longgone friend.

drift. If the trees are near open water, a trunk injection of insecticide is necessary, which will require a professional. Whenever applying a pesticide it is important to familiarize yourself with the label before using the product.

The Union and Towns County Extension Offices each have a soil injector that is avail-

I also have a soil drench kit in each office, which is simpler to use, especially if you don't have many trees. You must provide your own insecticide.

Contact your local Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga. edu if you have any questions about HWA.

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we leave patients on benches alone and unattended, who are still in pain and suffering? Have you made this OK in your minds by saying you are protecting the community from COVID by forcing this third-world country medical mentality on our communities?

I have lived and worked through many viruses and infectious diseases during my decades of nursing. This includes the AIDS virus, when the only fact we knew about it was that it killed 100% of the people it infected. During that time, we did not close down our hospitals or make them locked down only to admit patients that the families never see again. What has happened to my profession?

I am so disturbed by what I saw at Union General Hospital on Sept. 7, and the community should be aware. Sincerely,

Debbie Furbish, RN MSN

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responsibility for the Centers for Disease Control?

When did "traumatic brain injury" become a responsibility for the Centers for Disease Control?

When did "prescription drug overdose" become a responsibility for the Centers for Disease Control?

When did "self-directed violence" become a responsibility for the Centers for Disease Control?

When did "youth violence" become a responsibility for the Centers for Disease Control?

When did "intimate partner violence" become a responsibility for the Centers for Disease Control?

When did "sexual violence" become a responsibility for the Centers for Disease Control?

When did "environmental health" become a responsibility for the Centers for Disease Control?

"Gun violence" has again

become a responsibility for the Centers for Disease Control.

The CDC has redefined and has expended their definition of "disease."

The CDC employs more than 10,600 individuals.

The yearly budget for the CDC is \$11.1 billion.

Obamacare gathered all aspects of "public health" into HHS, under which the CDC is designated.

Given the rubric, what constitutes "health" will eventually expand into every aspect of American life. George A. Mitchell

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sider how to safely heat your home. Maintaining your heating system and ensuring that there are working smoke alarms are two main considerations to help keep your home safe.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

What are the Tooth Fairy believers expecting this election?

A Green New Deal which pledges to eliminate the oil and gas industry which supports 9.5 million jobs and keeps America energy independent from foreign oil and ends fossil fuels by 2035 at a cost of trillions of dollars to taxpayers.

· Extreme partisan doctrines that put millions of Americans' safety at risk.

· A pledge to defund police or redirect funds away from law enforcement which would make mainstream America grossly unsafe.

· Execute policies that send business and employment opportunities to foreigners.

· Support trade policies that sell out America and make China the world's leader.

· A pledge to raise taxes that will increase unemployment, send corporations abroad and cripple America's economy.

Fill top level jobs from the ranks of the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamist groups that seek to Islamize America.

· Increase gun control.

Suppose for just a moment the Founders were wrong and the Tooth Fairy is right about socialism. How long would it be until a Castro is elected? How long until Patrick Henry is proven right? Think about it, America, election time is drawing near! **Ed Huber**