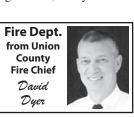
Opinions

Hurricane Ian was a major hurricane that devastated central Florida and parts of the East Coast. This storm was something that was first projected to hit our area. Most hurricanes have been reduced to tropical storms or depressions by the time they get to north Georgia, however, each can still bring high winds, heavy rain and flooding.

Storms such as these as well as the winter weather including snow and ice can cause power outages, road blockages, and communication disruptions. There may be times when utilities and public safety are overwhelmed or unable to provide assistance right away. Families may be on their own



for several days. That is why we encourage everyone to build a Ready Kit.

Everyone should consider having three types of Ready Kits. The main Ready Kit should be for the home, and it should have supplies to deal with emergencies and to sustain the family for at least three days. This Ready Kit should include nonperishable food, a manual can opener, water (at least one gallon per person, per day), flashlights, batteries, NOAA weather radio, and first-aid kit.

Other things that you may want to consider are medications, pet food, cash money, and games for the kids. There may be incidents where people are asked to shelter in place such as a hazardous materials incident. These may require items such as plastic sheeting or duct tape

Everyone should also consider a Ready Kit for evacuations. During some rare incidents such as wildland fires, flash floods, or hazardous materials incidents, it may be necessary for people to quickly evacuate an area and leave their home. Having a To-Go Ready Kit with essential supplies and information can sustain the family during these incidents. The supplies can be the same as home Ready Kits, just on a smaller scale. Other items to consider are copies of insurance, maps of the area, blankets and toiletries

Ready Kits are also a good idea for your vehicle. Drivers should create a Ready Kit with essential supplies that may be needed for highway or vehicle emergencies. These supplies may also be needed if drivers happen to be stranded in a traffic or weather

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Letters to the Editor

Proud? Really.

Dear Editor,

The recent letter from the "proud" Democrat unwittingly makes the point I attempted to make in a previous letter. Almost every Democrat achievement he is proud of occurred more than 50 years ago! The Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Social Security Act of 1935; and the end of Prohibition which occurred in the 1930s. The last one is laughable because Prohibition was enacted when Woodrow Wilson, a Dem, was President! As for Obamacare, which was passed

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Just Stop It!

Dear Editor,

Union County estimates for litter disposal in 2022 are in access of \$50,000, up from the \$44,000 spent in 2020. That is YOUR tax money thrown in the trash. It's also YOUR trash.

A recent Lake Nottely cleanup produced tons of nasty garbage, the most seen in 25 years. The Lake Nottely Improvement Association had cleaned the lake last April, so in just four months, it was trashed again. There is no possible excuse for this behavior.

Your shameful trash is destroying this beautiful area and wasting your own money. Only people litter. JUST STOP IT! Lynn Varian

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Dear Editor,		

The Torrent Burst

Many people in our mountain village have friends or family affected by Hurricane Ian. The damage and casualty reports are disturbing. This is an opportunity for people of faith to love our neighbors, some of whom escaped only with their lives.

The mountains are not immune to hurricanes. No storm surge happens at elevation 2,000 feet, but high winds do. In 1995,

Opal swept across North Georgia downing trees and powerlines. In 2018, we had some wind damage from Michael.

That calls to mind a remarkable post-Michael image from Mexico Beach, Florida. The 160-mph winds and 14 ft deep storm surge de-

stroyed over 800 homes and buildings. The aerial image shows a solitary home standing alone and intact along a devastated beach front. Dr. Lebron Lackey built the home in excess of building codes - deeper foundations, stronger building materials, and a flood-proof design. He expected the house to face a storm like Michael someday.

That's not a bad approach to building a beach home. It's a great approach to life. Just as beach and mountain will face the torrents of weather, you can expect to face adversity in this life. That's reality. You can spend your life simply hoping nothing bad happens, or you can prepare as though it will.

Jesus offers the way to prepare. "Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them," He said, "I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built" (Luke 6:47-48). What were His words meant for you to act on? Love your enemy. Turn the other cheek. Treat others the way you want to be treated. "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart," Jesus summarized, 'brings forth what is good" (Luke 6:45).

Adversity is your opportunity to bring forth good from a good heart. But wait! "Only God is good," Jesus said. "The heart is more deceitful than all else," Jeremiah declared. The source of a good heart is this: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature,' (2 Cor. 5:17). Through faith in the Lord Jesus and by his grace,

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Q. Our neighbor has an old car parked near the road in our subdivision which violates our subdivision restrictions. Who enforces restrictive covenants in a subdivision?

A. This is a very common question. The county has no involvement related to sub-division restrictions. Most restrictions require that either individuals or a homeowners association must

enforce them. Generally, if someone is in violation of the restrictions, you might first want to gently let them know that they are in violation and ask them if they could comply. If that does not work, your only other recourse would be to consult with an attorney



Q. Who is responsible for the cost of an attorney to enforce restrictive covenants?

A. Usually the homeowners association must pay the cost or some of the neighbors can go in together to pay the bill. However, if no others are interested, the financial burden would fall to you.

Q. If a house is built on the edge of the Nottely River, I thought there had to be a 50' buffer between a structure and the river. Why are some being allowed to build less than 50' from the river?

A. Though it might appear that a home is less than 50' from a river, chances are, it is not. Sometimes they look closer as you ride by on the highway. Most projects require a survey first to verify setbacks and determine location of certain flood areas which may increase the setbacks to more than 50'. In addition, there are laws associated with trees remaining along the river providing a shaded canopy

Q. Why are people allowed to build houses in the flood plain and what about the sewage? How did they get a septic system approved?

A. Homes being built in special flood hazard areas can be a lengthy and complicated process. Some require a survey to determine base flood elevation to ensure the height of finished floor and electrical equipment are installed above potential flood waters. In order to achieve these elevations, many homes require flood vents and special foundations in order to build in these areas. A sep-

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Chamber of Commerce

The Sorghum Festival is the premier Fall event here in Blairsville, and the leaves are right on cue. The reds and yellows are starting to show off for us. The festival boasts 53 years and two weekends full of biscuit eating, log sawing contests, 80-plus vendors of arts & crafts, dancing

games, and local tradition down by the river at Meeks Park. Follow up the event with a drive through Richard Russell, Skeenah

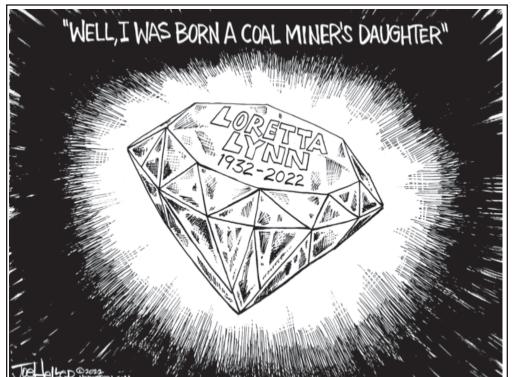


Gap, and into Suches to see fall popping up everywhere, which makes up the most special season. My favorite part is seeing people gather together, sharing good times, and carrying on the sorghum tradition to the newer generations. If you missed the Sorghum Festival last weekend, you've got one more chance this weekend, and I hope you take the opportunity to bring the family out to enjoy it.

We are grateful for Enotah CASA for taking on this festival again this year, and we are proud to have so many supporting it and their ef-See Chamber, page 5A

Ginseng

Ginseng is a plant that has long had an important place in Appalachia. It is important economically and culturally. Unfortunately, there is less and less ginseng growing in the wild. Let's talk about ginseng, some of its history, and how to start your own ginseng patch. Ine market for American gin-seng started in the Watching 1700's. In Asia ginand Working seng has been used for thousands of Jacob years. It's been used Williams as a dietary supplement and in herbal teas. There are many traditional medicine uses of ginseng. Many of the health claims about ginseng are not supported by clinical studies. In spite of this ginseng is still incredibly valuable because of its use in Asia. The root of the plant is what is sold, which means that harvesting kills the plant. Wild ginseng roots can sell for hundreds of dollars per pound, depend-ing on the quality of the root. Wild ginseng roots have more character to them. They will have more lines across them and usually have splits in them that make them look like legs. Cultivated ginseng is not as valuable as wild ginseng, but it can still be sold. The native range of ginseng is eastern north America from Canada down to North Georgia. Ginseng's status in Georgia is rated as vulnerable. Ginseng is very rare to find in the wild. This is thought to be because of habitat decline, wildlife eating it, its slow reproduction, and the demand for the root. There are stories from the early 1800s of bundles of ginseng the size of hay bales being floated down the river to be sold at market. Ginseng at that scale does not exist anymore. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources regulates the harvest and sale of ginseng in Georgia. Growers and dealers must be registered. Ginseng can only be harvested from September 1 through December 31. This is to give plants an opportunity to put on seeds before they are harvested. Only plants with 3 or more prongs can be harvested. As plants age they gain more prongs, or leaves. By only harvesting plants with 3 prongs or more, you don't harvest plants that are too young to reproduce. When you harvest ginseng, you must also plant any berries that are on the plant. This is to encourage new plants of ginseng to start growing. No ginseng may be harvested on state owned land or national forest at this time. Ginseng can be grown on private property. You want to look for a place that has at least 1000 feet in elevation, slope of > 30%, and has a north, east, northeast, or northwest facing aspect. Ginseng must be grown in the shade. About 75% See Williams, page 5A



Sunbelt Ag Expo

The Sunbelt Ag Expo is an agriculturalbased trade show to be held at Spence Field in Moultrie, Georgia, Oct. 18-20, 2022. Known as "North America's Premier Farm Show," its mission is to produce the premier farm show in the world, one that is conducive to trade and emphasizes information, RC&D education and Executive implementation Director of the latest ag-Frank ricultural tech-Riley nology, research and equipment. The expo's unique site has a 100-acre exhibit area adjoining a 600-acre working research farm. In the exhibit area that includes both outdoor and indoor exhibits, visitors will find every imaginable product or service a farm could ever need. In addition to the static exhibits, visitors can attend educational and entertaining seminars as well as demonstrations offered in a variety of specialized areas. Visitors can take a tram from the exhibit area to the fields where cotton, peanuts, corn, soybeans and hay are being harvested. These harvesting demonstrations, as well as tillage demonstrations, equipment driving ranges, irrigation technology and precision ag demonstrations, all provide opportunities to see and compare a wide range of equipment in an actual working setting. Company representatives and specialists are in the fields to answer visitor questions. The expo originated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's Ag Engineering Technology Club Dealer Days. The very first Dealer Days was held on the ABAC campus in 1964. These mini trade shows were designed to allow local dealers to show off their new tractors and implements. At the same time, they provided students an opportunity to meet with potential employers. More often than not, many students working with Dealers Days went on to find employment with the local equipment dealers. Visitors attend the expo for various reasons. One of the main reasons is the annual event attracts more than 1,200 exhibitors each year who highlight the latest in farming technology. Whether you are a large acreage production farmer or a weekend lifestyle farmer, the expo is an event you don't want to miss. They guarantee that each year visitors will see and learn something new! No two expos are ever the same. There are also over 300 different seminars and demonstrations offered over the course of the three-day event, covering topics such as Beef Cattle Management; Equine, Goat & Sheep Health; Fish/Pond See Riley, page 5A

The Watkins Man

The "Traveling Salesman" was a fixture among many Americans for generations. My family is no exception. The first story I can remember happened to my great-grandmother Laura. She was a tiny woman, but you know the expression "dynamite comes in small packages," don't you? Lon and Lau-Around ra Cummings lived The Farm 8 miles from Phil Campbell. They Mickey had a large farm, sawmill, grist mill Cummings



Everybody has one...

Being Prepared with a Ready Kit

Let's for a moment believe that there is no God. That everything we see around us just happened without any explanation and that life here on this planet is all there is in the whole universe. Nothing exists beyond the millions of stars and galaxies, and there is no place called heaven or hell. Life is good, so just enjoy the pleasures of all you see and don't fret the big stuff, just deal with it the best you can. Don't

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The Rest of the Story

Dear Editor,

It is so heartening to see the various Letters to the Editor. Our county citizens are waking up to benefits of these letters and sharing their thoughts on various matters. I want to respond to every one of them, but I cannot.

In response to James Fitzgerald's Letter (a member of our Board of Elections), his is not the only "Other Side of the Story." The fact that the Elections Board had make a terrible mistake in their execution of the November 2020 and May 24, 2022, elections has had extremely devastating effects in Union County election integrity.

The changes they are making will not allow the viewing of the 2020 ballots or the May 2022 ballots. In fact, those avenues are continuing to be denied us to this day.

I will continue to fight for election integrity and continue to attend each Elections Board meeting as I have been doing for over a year now, and I look forward to being a part of the Poll Watcher program as well as the reaffirming of the Governor and Senate race that the Board is going to do day after the election.

Marsha Lodes

Senior Tax Break

Dear Editor,

Most folks in Union County, Georgia, can't afford school taxes. Mine have gone up \$700 in the last five years. A lot of folks have to go get free food to live or clothes to wear. Fannin County has no school taxes for people over 65 years old. It's time to replace the school board folks this November. Most are rich and operate a business in the county. Time to put to a vote that people 65 and over on a fixed income don't have to pay school taxes at all. Many counties in the state also have this. John Dougherty



and blacksmith shop on the banks of Cummings Creek. Laura was enterprising and eager to help earn a living for the large family. So, she opened up a gas station on the well-traveled path into town. Hers was the only gas pump between Trapp-town and Phil Campbell. One afternoon, a car pulled up at the front of the house. A traveling salesman introduced himself as a Watkins Man selling all kinds of products needed by the public. He asked her if he could get some gas for his automobile, further explaining he had no money. But he assured her he would be back next month and would give her the money needed to pay for the gas. She was hard-nosed; however, her heart was tender, and she agreed to allow the man a loan for the gas. You need to understand that gas was only 18 cents a gallon. Therefore, 10 gallons only cost \$1.80. But, in 1925, that was a lot of money.

That evening, Lon came in from working at the mill and asked his wife about her day. Upon hearing about the salesman, he chuckled and stated, "You will never see that money." She considered his statement a challenge and told her husband to get ready for supper. Over the next month, Laura would perk up and watch when she heard a vehicle pass in front of her home. Since there were only a couple of vehicles in the community, it was easy to spot the Watkins Man, as he came traveling by her house that day and the arrogance he displayed as he drove by and waved only caused her anger to reach a boiling point. She told her son and my grandfather, "Columbus, hitch up 'Old Blue' to the surrey." That horse was an easy cantering and quick trotting horse the family used to take them to the Church House at Union Hill.

Papa hitched up the horse while she readied herself. It only took them about 45 minutes to make the 8-mile trip to Phil Campbell. They found the Watkins Man parked in front of the Pool Hall. She did not know anything about the place since she was a church-going woman and had never been in a place of ill repute. She'd heard that lazy men hung out in the establish-See Cummings, page 5A



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tic system can be installed in a flood plain. It is not recommended, but if the soil type is adequate, it is allowed by state

Q. What if the river floods? What will happen to the sewage?

A. Most people really do not understand how a septic system works. First, all the solids are deposited into your septic tank. They remain there, and most are gradually dissolved by bacteria. Only the remaining liquid (mostly water) enters the drain fill line. When constructed properly in good soil types, these liquids are rapidly absorbed into the soil and evaporate into the atmosphere. Flood waters, if they

remained high for a couple of days, would certainly affect the percolation of the soil, but should not affect the contents of the septic tank that is buried.

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Management; Alpaca; Dairy; Poultry; Electrical Safety; backyard gardening; and sustainable living topics.

The expo works with 22 Land Grant Colleges and Universities from the Southeastern U.S. to provide these educational opportunities at no additional cost to expo visitors. A variety of exhibitor areas offer something for everyone. These include Agribusiness, Tractors/Equipment, irrigation, Precision Farming, Livestock (Beef Cattle, Horses, Dairy, Poultry, Sheep, Goats, Alpacas), Forestry, Antique Tractors, Automotive Section, Lawn, Garden, Fishponds, Electricity, Propane Gas, Hunting, Fishing, Family Living, Backyard Gardening, ATV, and American Grand Finals Stock Dog Trials. There is an Antique Tractor Parade held daily, test tracks for Trucks, ATVS and XUVs. Visitors can take a tram from the exhibit area to the fields where cotton, peanuts, corn, soybeans, and hay are being harvested. These harvesting demonstrations, as well as tillage demonstrations, Comirrigation technology and precision ag demonstrations all provide opportunities to see and compare a wide range of equipment in an actual working setting.

Have you seen a \$1.1 million cotton picker? It's there. As mentioned above, company reps and specialists are in the fields to answer questions. At the expo, they are proudest of the fact that they continue to produce "North America's Premier Farm Show." Each year they strive to do better, make im-

provements, and add something unique. They continue to reach these goals and are pleased to hear that their exhibitors are returning each year because they make good sales and contacts at the

event. Many exhibitors have commented that this is the easiest show staff to work with in the industry. They are also proud of the fact that they are continuing to experience growth and are seeing more exhibitors making long-term commitments to the show by building permanent facilities, which says that they believe in the expo and in the future of agriculture.

Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D always participates in this exciting event, and this year we are setting up our "dog and pony" show to showcase the projects we are working on. We will be in a tent on the grounds along with the Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission, Georgia Association of Conservation Districts, and as many of the other 10 RC&Ds in Georgia that will show up. Kim and I wouldn't miss it, because where else can you have this much fun and get paid to do it! Even old-time farmers can learn something there, and the emerging technology that is growing continuously is mind blowing.

Deere and an 8N Ford, and now it's GPS, computers, and cellphones that run precision farming. Can't imagine what it will be like in the next 10 years

For more information on the Sunbelt Ag Expo, visit

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I grew up on an A John

www.sunbeltexpo.com.

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more recently, many medical providers will not accept it, and millions of Americans that were content with their private health insurance lost their coverage as well as their physicians of choice. I am old enough to remember Democrat LBJ's War on Poverty which he said would lift everyone out of poverty. Cost to taxpayers is in the trillions. I haven't bothered to check but my guess is the percentage of people living in poverty is just as great today as it was when his War on Poverty began. Should we also discuss LBJ's Vietnam War? My point is simply this. Many of us who were Democrats in the past have left the party because it has now become a Socialist Party with more and more of our personal liberties being replaced by a stronger and stronger central government. Today's Democrat Party hardly resembles the party of FDR, Truman or JFK. In fact, they would not recognize today's version. I believe the late Governor/U.S. Senator Zell Miller said it best when he said he did not leave the Democrat Party, the party left him.

on fossil fuels and the spending of trillions of borrowed dollars. You don't need to be a Rhodes Scholar to know this will increase the cost for gasoline, groceries, housing, etc., which are at historic levels and recession is just around the corner. And Biden is emptying our strategic oil reserve, which could have dire conse quences. Trump replenished this oil reserve when oil was around \$20 a barrel. The day may come when we can find a clean substitute for fossil fuels, but we are not there yet. Not even close. We must put a stop to this nonsense and send Republicans to Congress this November

CummingS... continued from Page 4A ment and told dirty jokes all day. She told her son to stay seated in the wagon while she hopped down and sashayed into the joint. There was the Watkins Man, shooting pool and drinking a Nehi Belly-wash.

He grinned as she walked toward him and told him she wanted the \$1.80 he had borrowed. He laughed and said, "Why don't you go back to that hillbilly family of yours?" Without saying a word, she walked from the Pool Room and retrieved her shotgun. Laura walked back in and everyone scattered except the Watkins Man. He had his back to her and turned just in time to feel the barrel of the shotgun poke into his neck. She said, "It ain't right for a man to try and cheat a woman, and I am not going to tolerate being cheated. Do you understand?" The Watkins Man handed her the \$1.80. She promptly left and went back to Trapptown. But, afterwards, every man in and around Trapptown and Phil Campbell knew not to cheat Laura Cummings.

Twenty years later my Granny also had to deal with another Watkins Man. Paul and Uncle Bud were only about 10 when a wagon pulled up in front of their home on Cummings Road. The boys ran to the front porch and watched as a great, round man got out of a car and walked toward their house. When he reached the steps, he slipped and fell, injuring his left knee. Quickly, the boys and their mother rushed to his side to help him onto the porch. He sat there while he was tended to by the young family.

Papa came up from the fields on his mule at lunchtime. Granny was in the house preparing a good meal, so, the boys quickly explained that the man had fallen and hurt his knee. Both Papa and Granny were tenderhearted, so they invited the man to stay for lunch. This invitation quickly turned into a stay of five days. This was wearing on the family. The guest was given the boys' bedroom while they slept on the floor. Granny was waiting on him hand and foot. Papa was putting in 10-12 hours per day in the field planting his cotton. Finally, Papa invited the man to leave, which he did for a few months.

But I guess he missed Granny's cooking, because he showed up again in August

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you have a new perspective, a new heart.

Here's the point. With a new heart set right with God, you build resilience by hearing

during lay-by season. Papa was getting ready to go to meeting at Union Hill Church. The second week of August was always and still is revival at Union Hill Congregational Methodist Church.

Once again, Paul and Bud were on the front porch. The man appeared to roll an ankle as he tried to step across the ditch between the yard and road. To make a long story short, Papa missed Revival services that day, and his parents, Lon and Laura, came calling to see if there was a problem.

They knew the story about the previous incident at their son's farm, and they also had their own experience with another salesman 20 years prior. But, even at 65 years old, Lon Cummings was an imposing man. He looked down at the man and said, "If you think you're gonna get a free meal and lodging out of this, you're mistaken. My grandkids ain't gonna sleep on the floor, and my daughter-in-law ain't gonna cook for ye. Now get up and skedaddle.

The Watkins Man never came back to Cummings Road

I assume the "proud" Dem is also happy with hyperinflation, which is the direct consequence of Biden's war

Democrats keep clamoring for comprehensive immigration reform, claiming this will solve the crisis at our southern border. Balderdash try enforcing existing laws and the problem will be solved. What the Dems are allowing to happen at our southern border is criminal.

Remember the immortal words of Sir Winston Churchill: "Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery." Peter W. White

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worry about anything or anyone, just be yourself and let the years of your life slowly turn into dust when life is over, for you see, there is nothing to look forward to but the final curtain call of death.

Funny how when we are born, we come out crying the blues and complain mostly during our adult years, and then when old age creeps in, we cry from the sorrows of our pains as the door of death finally shuts our eyes and life is like a candle blown out to never exist again.

Now that you have heard the negative side of "there is no God," with your permission, let me tell you about the God I serve.

What if there is a loving God who longs to have a personal relationship with His creation to the point of sending His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to earth as a babe in a manger who would grow up to save the world from its sins by dying and shedding His precious sinless blood for all man-

kind? A gracious God who has a perfect plan of redemption if you will only ponder His awesomeness in all its glory? A merciful God who doesn't want anyone to perish and go to hell but for all to receive God's gift of salvation and go to heaven? A God who has done everything humanly and spiritually possible so that when you do die, if you have become a child of God, you will have eternity to spend with the Lord Jesus Christ?

Only God's words of truth can set you free, free from your sins. He has the authority and power over life and death. Many a folk have gone into eternity thinking they are headed to heaven, but Jesus Christ says: Only those who have surrendered their life over to Jesus and been born again shall see heaven. All others will never see heaven, but will live eternally in hell, because of their unbelief.

Folks, Frank Combs didn't say it. God did. So, please heed His warning. Frank F. Combs

and acting on the words of Jesus. You know life on this earth is not all of reality, nor does adversity have the final say. You rise above it as a loving, trusting, secure man or woman of God, and are not shaken when the torrent bursts against you.

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shade is what is needed. Hardwoods are better than pine. Some indicator plants to look for are mayapple, bloodroot, trilliums, foam flower, ferns, and cohosh. When planting seeds keep in mind that they may take two or more years to germinate. Once plants are growing it can take 8+ years before they reach harvest age. Ginseng can be a valuable crop, but it's best to temper expectations because there is a lot that can go wrong in 8+ years. Wildlife damage, washout, theft, diseases, and insects can all take their toll.

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

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Union County Fire/ EMA is committed to helping its residents and wants them to be prepared. Having Ready Kits in your home and in your car can better prepare you for emergencies and disasters. Visit www.ready.gov/kit for a full list of items, and please take the time to build these kits.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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forts. Proceeds from this event go to help foster kids while going through the court system. Organizations like Enotah CASA are what makes life so much better in Blairsville!