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Tuesday, .78 inches, Wednesday, 4.05 inches, Thursday 3.94 inches, Friday 1.63 inches, Saturday 1.72 inches for a total 6-day total of 12.25 inches! Bud Akins, GDOT Resident Engineer at the time, remembers counting 75 culverts destroyed in the county and blocking off Highway 19/129 for two days. That was a big disaster to the county besides all the crops that were lost and back in those days farming was a much larger industry than it is today.

Q. The flood in Texas was a record of over 50" of rainfall in and around the Houston Area. Has our rainfall ever approached this amount?

A. We do not get rainfall in the amounts they receive near the coast. It is hard to imagine that it could even rain several inches an hour for hours on end. It would be devastating to our county or any county should we ever have any rainfall numbers similar to those.

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on uniforms. One day Mom told her boss about Myrtle Jean and she was hired. But, about a week later Mom's boss came back to her and explained that someone had to tell Myrtle Jean about regular bathing and deodorant and that person was going to be Mom.

So, Mom explained to Myrtle Jean that she was no longer in the country with just a few people. Therefore, she needed to bathe every day and use deodorant. Mom gave her a list of items she could use. Myrtle Jean was appreciative and thanked Mom for her advice.

Mom's boss thanked her as well. Later that week Myrtle Jean and Roy came to the house to grill some hot dogs. Also, Dad's longtime friend William Shelnett was there with his wife. At that time my Dad and William were not church going people and they enjoyed drink-

ing vast amounts beer. Roy and Myrtle Jean showed up to the event where upon Roy was offered a beer. Myrtle Jean said, "Oh my Roy don't drink." Dad exclaimed, "Well he had some the other night." Roy's face became red and he sat down on the edge of an armless sofa. He tried to explain that he only drank a little every now and then. William asked, "Well, what about that six pack you borrowed from me the other day?" Myrtle Jean had endured enough she drew back her tiny hand and slapped Roy across the face. The impact knocked him off the couch and into the floor. Then she rolled her eyes in disgust just like Granny did when she heard him proclaiming to everyone about his biblical knowledge and virtues. I now understand what Granny was thinking all those years ago.

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told NPR, "These (BLM activists) grew up free, but they don't realize what still enslaves them, and it's not those (civil war) monuments." Those in our culture who are no longer neutral about Christianity do not realize they are enslaved

by something other than what they are trying to eradicate. Jesus' church stands ready to receive in love those cultural refugees who have had enough of the misplaced outrage. Jesus Christ is not an enemy to resist, He's a Liberator to embrace!

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marks, Sen. Perdue shared with me that he was grateful for the opportunity to speak at this year's event and how much he enjoyed his visit to Blairsville-Union County.

We would like to say a special thank you to Windstream for sponsoring this year's Power Lunch and for your continued support of the Chamber. We greatly appreciate it!

We would also like to thank North Georgia Technical College-Blairsville Campus for allowing us to hold the event at the college. We would like to especially thank Dr. Renee Deibert, Jeff Edge, Phyllis Still and Heather Moss for all your assistance.

We appreciate all who attended the event that day and we want to also thank the City of Blairsville Police Department and the Union County Sherriff's Office for providing the excellent security for the event. Thank you, Capt. Doug Lloyd of the Union County Sherriff's Office, for coordinating all the security between the agencies and the college.

Thank you also to Jane and Tom Heim and your staff at Amazing Grace Catering and Events. You did an excellent job catering the lunch. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!

Thank you to Brenda and your staff at the Flower Garden for your assistance with the

flowers for the centerpieces – they were beautiful. Thank you, Scott Michael Anna, for photographing the event for the Chamber. You did a great job as always. Thank you also to Shawn Jarrard and Lilly Avery for covering the event for the *North Georgia News* and Mark Mote for recording the Power Lunch for Windstream Cable. Thank you to my husband Stephen Allison and Patrick Malone for covering the event for WJRB 95.1/WJUL 97.7 and Dr. Larry Flegle for covering the event for WUCG 93.1.

Thank you to the Chamber Staff for all your help with the event. I want to say a very special thank you to Carrie Beary, Events Coordinator for the Chamber. I really appreciate all your hard work in making this event a great success!

Finally, I want to recognize Senator Perdue's staff. We had the privilege of working with them for the last few months. Anyone who has ever held a leadership position will tell you the only way they can do what they do is because they have a great team supporting them. The Senator's staff is a wonderful example of this. To Joyce White, Andrew Seaver, Caroline Vanvick, Mark Smith, and Martha Zoller, we appreciate your hard work, dedication, and service to the State of Georgia in this capacity. You are doing an excellent job!

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mate control have anything to do with it?

What does the future hold for us all with the talk and action of missiles flying all around?

Is the end of time as we know it coming to a close?

There is no solid answer to these underlying questions of why adversity comes upon us, but I believe that because we live in a sinful world and we have pretty much turned our back on God, maybe these

terrible things that are taking place is one way for God to get our attention.

Perhaps God allows these hard times to test our faith, when adversity comes. I leave you with this thought - 'When the external pressures of testing are upon us, and we are placed in the fire of adversity and tragedy and suffering, the attitude of Faith should be that God has permitted it for a purpose.'

Frank F. Combs

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Even closer to home, we recently witnessed the record breaking fires of last fall in North Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

Is this just our bad luck, or is this connected to climate change?

I don't think we can claim that Harvey was caused by climate change, but we can say that the atmosphere in which many natural disasters occur has fundamentally changed.

The last three years have been progressively the hottest in recorded history, and the temperature now is over 1 degree Centigrade higher than it was 100 years ago.

This all coincides with the highest carbon dioxide levels of the last 400,000 years due to the burning of fossil fuels.

Warmer air holds more moisture, which causes more intense downpours. Hotter temperatures cause more intense storms, and the tempera-

ture in the Gulf of Mexico at the time of Harvey was about 7.2 degrees Fahrenheit above average.

Hotter temperatures from climate change also cause more droughts interspersed with intense downpours.

It is estimated that for every 1 degree Centigrade rise in temperature we get a 50 percent increase in wildfires.

I hope and pray that we take notice of what is happening with our world, for predictions are that it will get much worse as temperatures continue to rise.

It is not too late.

Now that solar and wind energy are more affordable and we can rather quickly switch away from fossil fuels.

We now have to have the political will to do so and the courage to make the right moral decision. As evidenced from Harvey, we cannot afford not to act!

Vernon Dixon, MD

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The best way to prevent Dallisgrass staggers is to closely manage your pastures. Short-term intermittent grazing and rotational strategies work best so you have alternatives for your animals if there is an issue. Scouting for seedheads and mowing down Dallisgrass stands can ensure that your cattle do not ingest the toxin, because as the season progresses, animals can show a preference for this grass over fescue.

Other toxic threats to look out for are acorns and wild cherry. Often, the greener the acorns the more toxic they are. As wild cherry leaves turn and fall throughout late summer and autumn, there is not much danger of cows eating them. However, if a wild cherry tree

falls in a storm or a limb breaks off in the pasture with a lot of

green leaves, cows will tend to graze on it and can become very sick very quickly.

For more information on

Dallisgrass staggers or other toxic pasture plants, contact your extension office.

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ported me during this continuing battle, THANK YOU!

May God Bless each and every one of you! Please continue to pray for my family and me that we will stay strong and continue this fight.

For those of you reading this, if you or someone you know is dealing with cancer or any other disease that can really change lives, let us keep each other in prayer because God and Jesus are the only ones who truly bring us through everything we face in life.

Again thank you, Elizabeth "Libby" Potts Burrell, Ben, Angie and Bryan Burrell, Carrie and Michael Monkus

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George Washington was a huge influence on him.

Lee believed that ultimately, states rights trumped the federal government and he chose to lead the Southern army. His estate, Arlington, near Washington D.C. was his home and while away fighting the war, the federal government demanded that Lee himself pay his taxes in person. He sent his wife, but the money was not accepted from a woman. When he could not pay the taxes, the government began burying dead Union soldiers on his land.

The government is still burying people there today. It is now called Arlington National Cemetery. Do they want to tear that up also?

Make no mistake this is just the tip of the sword. The next step is the vilification of the Founding Fathers Washington, Jefferson, etc..., as they owned slaves.

Is the end goal the removal of our Constitution?

Jim Morris

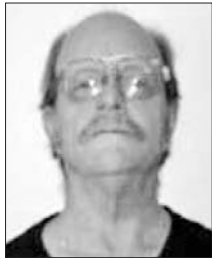
Historical Society needs your help

Do you have pictures taken during the 1960s or earlier showing the inside of the historical courtroom at Union County Courthouse? The Union County Historical Society is looking for photos of the inside of the courtroom depicting the original judge's bench and other views of the courtroom. The Society would like to restore the courtroom to more resemble it during this time frame. Please bring your photos by the historical courthouse on the Square. We will copy the photo and return it to you. Thank you for your help.

Class of 1987 reunion

Union County High School Class of 1987 30th class reunion, September 9, 2017, Granddaddy Mimms, 6 til 10 p.m. \$25 per person, dinner included. Hope to see you there!

NOTICE OF SEX OFFENDERS



Donald Warren Dunstan
Homeless, Blairsville
Sex: male Race: white
Height: 5'9" Weight: 193
Hair: Blonde Eyes: Blue
Year of birth: 1953
Offense: Sexual Exploitation of Children
State of Conviction: Georgia
Date of Conviction: 4/10/2010

For additional information regarding the sexual offender registry visit the GBI website at gbi.georgia.gov/georgia-sex-offender-registry