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recorded nor your name used. This number is 706-439-6025.

Q. In reading last week's Commissioner's Questions section I have to say your response is not acceptable. Padded dog houses are not going to keep dogs warm and a heating pad creates a dangerous situation.

A. I did not go into great detail because I was simply answering a general question.

However, to be more specific, the heaters in the dog houses I mentioned were designed for such and did not create a danger to the animals, which were high dollar hunting dogs.

As for padding in a doghouse and or a dog bed, this will definitely help keep a dog warmer in the winter than simply sleeping on the wood or plastic floor of a typical doghouse.

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It was announced that Evelyn had accepted a commission at the Air Force Academy and Zoe was surprised with her State Champions ring for Cross Country. William Harkins was selected to represent Union County at the District Star Student Banquet to be held at University of North Georgia on March 5th.

Now that the tax authorities are accepting returns, it a good time to come and get a few tips from John Cone, CPA at our Monthly Mingle. While we may have professionals preparing our returns or you may prepare your return on-line, it's always good to know what questions to ask or what boxes to check. So, come and join us at noon for lunch and some tax

insight. Our Mingles are sponsored by Blairsville Printing, Homestead Hospice, Chick-fil-A, Mountainside Parcel and Post, and Logan Turnpike Mill. If you would like to become a Mingle Sponsor, please contact the Chamber at (706) 745-5789.

We have already started planning for our 2020 Shooting for the Stars golf tournament and the field is almost full. But we still have several hole sponsors and event sponsor slots to fill. Thanks to our 2019 sponsors we were able to give a \$4,500 check to the Union County School Scholarship Foundation to provide scholarships to Union County Seniors and with your help we can exceed that in 2020.

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causes people to avoid admitting they have a problem. Stigma can prevent people from seeking treatment for their destructive habits. This stigma is the reason that some parents avoid or deny their child has a drug problem and it even remains after a person loses their life due to overdose or other drug related causes.

Now consider what happens if we change how we look at others. What if you could see a person as someone's mother, or someone's child? What happens if you allowed yourself to look at another person and see their pain and their struggle rather than their shortcomings?

What if we held these people accountable for their actions but rather than passing judgement, we offered empathy? What if we adopted the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to recover their lives and what if as a community, we came together to help them receive the treatment necessary to do just that? Approaching addiction in this manner would cost the community less financially and emotionally. Support an acceptance increase the likelihood of positive treatment outcomes and everyone benefits when those in active addiction find recovery, but no one recovers alone.

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the principles of all nations. I would ask of these — many of them millionaires — will they stand in line in the emergency room, will their children go to public schools or live in non-gated communities? Will these liberals have the same health care as the rest of us?

For the first time since President Reagan, we have a president who keeps his promises, gets results and stops foreign countries from taking advantage of us. That is because he is a leader, not a politician, and he expects government officials to have the same moral code that they demand from the citizens. He has shown us assets which we can never afford

to give up: confidence, substantial courage and the ability to get things done.

As a closing thought, I pose the following to the youth in this country, who may not be aware of the liberals' efforts to direct your impressionable minds: look at the cars you drive, the iPhones you have, the iPads, televisions and designer clothes, the Starbucks you socialize in and the availability of the best schools and medical care in the world... can't you see it?

The liberals are promising you what you already have; you are already living the American dream.

Christian Hummel

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ordained marriage between a man and a woman, and Christ loves it when His children walk in His ways, not the ways of the world. If God would send His only begotten son, Jesus, to come down here and die on a cross for humanity's sins, would He not honor a marriage of two that follows God's purpose and plan? A wise saying to those who are just starting out in a relationship with the opposite sex: think twice before you say I do, if God is not in it. More marriages have ended quicker if God is not the center of attention.

This advice comes from one who has experienced both sides of the track of life. God wants to bless your marriage and make it the best possible in this life and the life to come

in eternity with your Creator, God.

Frank F. Combs



Union Elementary Math/Science Night

Union County Elementary School will have Math/Science Night at Elementary School Cafeteria on Thursday, February 27, 2020, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. It's a fun night to get a chance to do some awesome experiments with your family, see some cool science projects and have some fun. Hope to see you there.

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said, "You best treat her right."

The old man loved to watch his grandson Paul play baseball so much that each of my Dad's games were attended. He loved to brag to his neighbors about how his grandson could play the game. However, at one game, the boy struck out three times. After the first game and before the second game, he went to his grandfather to ask if he wanted anything. The old man replied, "Yes, would you mind sitting with someone else? You see, I don't want anyone to think you are related to me. I never struck out three times in one game."

Dad would go to his Grandfather Clifford's house each Saturday morning to take him to get a haircut. Afterwards, the pair would end up at the Phil Campbell Pool Room to play a few games of 8-Ball. On most Saturday mornings, he would also meet his friend, the Chief of Police. Looney Kent was always busting a still somewhere around town and managed to confiscate a few bottles of moonshine to give to his friends, of which Clifford always received one.

On one particular Saturday while at the Pool Hall, he pulled out a small bottle which he'd received from his friend the Chief of Police. A newly hired deputy observed the old man pulling out the bottle and tried to confiscate it. Needless to say, this act did not sit well with Clifford Hyde. Paul jumped in between his grandfather and the deputy. His back was facing his grandfather when he heard "whoosh." The old man's cane whizzed by his grandson's ear and struck the deputy in the top of the head. Fortunately, Looney Kent walked in just at the right time to explain things to his young deputy.

Clifford and Doc Underwood were the best of friends. The two were part of a trio which were called the "Grand Old Men of Phil Campbell."

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weather closely and will continue to do so. These are just a few driving tips that everyone should keep in mind when driving in these hazardous weather conditions. We want everyone to drive safe and stay safe.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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shelves long. Sourwood honey is internationally regarded as being the best in the world, and north Georgia and western North Carolina is where it comes from. Sourwood trees at higher elevation produce more nectar. Below 1,000 feet above sea level nectar production will be very low.

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

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coaster of trying but failing, exchange that ride for the sky lift of living by grace through faith. For a peaceful life well-lived, set your mind on the Spirit. Then you will experience the exchanged life lived by faith that says, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."

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bankrupted companies, bought and sold women his entire life, and bragged about it.

It is plain and simple that Mr. Trump is a corrupt liar, a rogue president whose base is fearful to confront him because they could lose their own positions in government and politics. The White House is just another goal of achievement for a man driven by personal agenda. His tweets are thousands and childlike, his orations are boring and ill-written. He attacks anyone who dares to challenge him without looking inward at his own orange-glowing and out of shape self.

Why can't we have an honest president - Democrat or Republican; white, black or brown; male or female - just love the country and want the best and nothing less for its people?

Rick Turnbull

Humane Society Board of Directors meets

The Humane Society's Mountain Shelter Board of Directors will meet at the Blairsville Thrift Store at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday: Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday Strippers	Mtn Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30
Exercise Class	UMC Lower Level	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
	Every Wednesday:	
Kiwanis Club	Skillet Cafe	Noon
Exercise Class	UMC Lower Level	5:30-6:30 p.m.
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
	Every Thursday:	
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	The Skillet Café	Noon
	Fourth Monday of each month:	
MMQG Sewcials	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Blue Ridge Comm.	McCaysville Lodge	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Tuesday of each month:	
Compassionate Friends	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Dead Theologians Soc.	Cabin Coffee	Noon
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30 p.m.
VFW Post #7394	Veteran's Center	6:30 p.m.
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Fourth Thursday of each month:	
Lions Club	Cook's Restaurant	6:30 p.m.
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 p.m.
	Fourth Friday of each month	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Fourth Saturday of each month:	
Youngcane Lodge #597	Lodge Hall	7:30 p.m.