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### vice in Union County?

A. Union General Hospital and Union County Government share in the costs. There are no out of pocket costs to the user. You also do not need to sign up or fill out any forms.

### Q. How exactly is the bill paid?

A. Generally, a bill will be delivered to the patient's home and the "membership" covers all costs not covered by your personal medical insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid. If you receive a bill for this portion you need to contact the company to provide evidence that you do in fact live in Union

County or have a home here, on or before June 1, 2020.

### Q. Can I decide to use the membership to be transported to another hospital in the helicopter versus being transported by ambulance?

A. No. The hospital and doctors determine if it is medically necessary for a patient to be transported by helicopter or by ambulance to another hospital. The helicopter is reserved for life and death emergencies and is utilized when a patient needs to get to a different facility as fast as possible. The membership with Air Methods only covers medically necessary flights.

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School System for their innovative 2020 graduation ceremony and congratulations to all of our 2020 Graduates. As the years pass us by, 2020 will not soon be forgotten! #2020strong! And a big thanks to Corrugated Replacement for sharing the 2020 Career Signing Day with Clayton Strickland. These students entering the workforce to work for our local manufacturing companies give a new meaning to MADE IN AMERICA!

We are working with everyone in the community to begin re-scheduling Chamber events. The first two events that will appear on the calendar will be the 2nd Annual Shoot for the Stars golf tournament (June 26th at Butternut Creek Golf Course) and the Annual 4th of July Fireworks to be held at Meeks Park. Thanks to the success of our 1st annual tournament we were able to provide funds for scholarships to 8 Union County seniors. Thanks to all our players and sponsors for making this possible. While this year's tournament will be a bit different, I would like to invite everyone to call Ashley or Mandie at the Chamber 706-745-5789 to par-

ticipate.

We love planning and helping to facilitate events for our members and the entire Blairsville/Union County community, and while things might not entirely go back to normal for a while, we are prepared to safely and responsibly organize these important events that provide us with a means of connecting with one another and furthering the important cause of helping Blairsville thrive from an economic and social standpoint. As the Chamber staff ventures back into the office, we would like to thank ServPro for treating the Chamber Offices.

As always, we encourage the community to make the effort to remain healthy and safe, whether by wearing a mask when appropriate or continuing to practice social distancing, to be patient and kind to our neighbors and fellow community members, and to support our local businesses.

Together, we can move mountains, and there is no limit to the potential our small town possesses as we all continue this journey to reopening.

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It's called FREEDOM. I think that word is lost on a lot of people these days. The Grumpy Old Man goes on to say, "Yet I see people in public without masks. I hesitate in calling names, but 'stupid' comes to mind."

Sir, I have this to say to you. If you are that afraid of this virus, stay home! Have no interaction with anyone who comes to your home. Don't go into public at all. I, however, will not stay home. I will not be cajoled into wearing a mask. Just as you have made your choice to wear a mask, those things listed above are the things that I choose to do. Sorry if you don't like them, but that's life, and you can't please all the people all the time.

I have some more "news" for this gentleman and the rest of y'all. You cannot control everything in life! This virus is certainly one of those things that you can't control. The entire country of China couldn't control it, but the Grumpy Old Man and a lot of those in power think they can by having everyone wear a mask when anyone goes into public. To steal a line from him, I hesitate in calling names, but stupid comes to mind!

It's sad, really. You see, "Grumpy," in my humble opinion, has a Herd mentality. The Herd and the Herd's media outlets have told him that masks are good and everyone choosing not to wear them is bad and wants society to succumb to this virus. Just the other day in Ingles, I saw a woman offer a man a mask. She said she "makes them herself." He said back to her, "No thanks." Not letting the subject drop then and there, she said to him, "It's to protect society." I think he said back to her, "Society hasn't done a whole lot to protect me." I don't know that man's reasons for saying what he did, but like that man, I can't be bullied or shamed (which is the new Liberal buzzword for bullying, because bullying is BAD but shaming is GOOD) into doing something that I don't think will do any

good.

On another note, "Grumpy" goes on to ridicule this publication for, as he put it, not emphasizing the danger of this pandemic. I don't know what paper he's been reading since this thing started, but I think the North Georgia News has done a fine job in its reporting of the pandemic. One has to remember that it is a small town newspaper, and most of us in small town America aren't interested in nor do we partake of the fearmongering that has been printed in some of the papers from larger urban areas that they use to keep the people who live in those areas in line.

I wish "Grumpy" good health, but he, in the future, shouldn't belittle other people's choices. It's called FREEDOM, Baby! If "Grumpy" wants to follow the Herd and do everything they tell him to do for his own preservation, then I suggest he move to a country that has less freedom than our country currently enjoys and that uses its power to force everyone to do what they want them to do, like wear masks.

I, in my last Op/Ed, didn't belittle anyone's choices. I just said that if it's truly your destiny to get this virus and die from it, you will, and there's nothing you can do to stop it, so why worry about it? That, as I see it, is the God's honest truth.  
**Claude Rains Jr.**

## Drug Free...

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Anonymous: Offers virtual support <https://ma-online.org>; Narcotics Anonymous: Offers a variety of online and skype meeting options <https://www.na.org/meetingsearch>; Sobergrid: Offers an online platform to help anyone get sober and stay sober <https://www.sobergrid.com>; Soberistas: Provides a women-only international online recovery community <https://soberistas.com>; Sober Recovery: Provides an online forum for those in recovery and their friends and family <https://www.soberrecovery.com/forums>.

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The Bank President was walking through the lobby and met Mrs. James as she walked into the bank. Now, you need to know the president, Obadiah Allman, knew Mr. James, but, he'd never met Mrs. James. So, he asked the lady if he could be of service. Mrs. James smiled and responded that her husband asked that she come to the bank and get some money. Obadiah asked, "What is your name?" The lady responded, "Jesse James."

All the color left the face of Obadiah Allman, and he looked toward the vault and realized the door was standing wide open. Allman grabbed his chest like he was having a pain and ran toward the vault door. He grabbed the door from inside the vault and pulled it closed, locking himself inside. The tellers sent for a locksmith, and 2

½ hours later the door was unlocked. Obadiah Allman nearly suffocated, just because of his reaction to the name of Jesse James.

Nowadays, when I go to the old home place and walk across the James Place land, I think about this story of Jesse James and all the other stories my Grandfather told me. I still hear his voice and the sounds of coon hunts long past. I can almost hear the panthers that lived under the bluffs along Turkey Creek. I can smell the Honeysuckle (Native azaleas) along the tops of the limestone bluffs. The land that I purchased from Papa is more than just land from which we can make money. It is part of the Cummings Family and our soul. It is our history.

In last week's column, I wrote about my family's voting history. I wrote that my family voting Republican began with Abe Lincoln prior to the Civil War. However, I have learned this week that Lincoln wasn't even on the ballot in many southern states, including Alabama. Therefore, I was wrong. I misunderstood the family stories given to me. And I know that we now vote Republican and have for many years.

I also know that my ancestors and many in Winston County Alabama did fight for the Union during the war. Wyatt Cummings and his brother can be found on the muster rolls of the 2nd Tennessee Mounted Infantry. They fought to preserve the Union which their great grandfather helped to create when he served in the Continental Army. These men fought for the USA, a country in which they could own land for which they would die to protect.

## Maddaleni...

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school and spend my day with you. I tried to make learning fun so you would be inspired to learn. Make your dreams come true. You can achieve whatever you focus on.

Enjoy your life,  
**Mrs. Maddaleni**

## Williams...

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citrus oil and soaps too. One issue with using these is that if you use them too much, they'll damage your soil. Recipes with citrus oil are really more of a biocide, meaning they'll kill plants, insects, earthworms, or anything else it meets. That's not to say don't use them, but rather use them judiciously. A natural product designed to kill is dangerous to the environment when it's not used responsibly.

Shallow tillage is a great way to control weeds in row middles. Or, making your rows wide enough so that you can fit between them with a lawnmower allows you to remove weeds. Hand hoeing is hard work but very effective. I find that holding the hoe at a high angle and using the corner of the blade allows me to get just under the crown of the weed and pull it out. It also helps save your back.

If you have questions about weeds contact your county Extension Office or email me at [Jacob.Williams@uga.edu](mailto:Jacob.Williams@uga.edu).

## Fowler...

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the universe we live in so that we can know Him. And at the right time, He came to walk on the earth as one of us.

After his denials, Peter finally pieced together enough evidence to know the truth about Jesus. His writes his encouragement to you. "Though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls (1 Pet 1:8-9). Are you among those who did not see, but believe?"

## Dixon...

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leading economists recommended that measures to address climate change represent the best path for recovery, as do many world leaders, including the European Union, China, the World Bank and the IMF.

Please urge your Congressmen to support including such an investment in the next stimulus package, or we risk being left behind supporting a 20th century economy in a 21st century world.

**Vernon Dixon, MD**

## Fire...

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smartphone anywhere in the country, including Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska.

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