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embossed seal or Naturalization Papers

c. Georgia Driver's License with picture or a valid Picture Identification Card

d. Payment in the form of a check or money order

For further questions regarding passports please call the Clerk of Courts office, 706-439-6022.

Q. Can I take care of my Trade Name Registration in this office?

A. Yes, you can. Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 10-1-490) requires every "person, firm, or partnership, carrying on in this state any trade or business under any trade name or partnership name or other name" to register the trade name of the business within 30 days from "commencing to do business." As provided by law, the registration shall be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court "of the county in which the business is chiefly carried on or, in the case of a domestic corporation using any name other than its corporate name, in the county of its legal domicile." Notice of the filing shall be published in the newspaper in which the sheriff's advertisements are printed once a week for two weeks. If you have questions about filing a trade name please call the

Clerk's Office at 706-439-6022.

Q. What else does the Clerk of Court's Office handle that the public might need to know about?

A. The Clerk of Courts office provides to veterans the recordation and permanent preservation of military discharge records. Military discharge records include:

Copy 4, DD Form 214 issued by the United States government;

Any copy of DD Form 214 with a raised seal issued by the United States National Personnel Records Center; or

United States National Archives form 13038.

A veteran desiring to have his or her military discharge records permanently recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Union County should bring the records to the Clerk's Office.

Q. Do I have to complete an Open Records Request to get copies of information from the Clerk of Court's Office?

A. All public and court records are open for inspection by the public unless exempted by a specific law or court order. Regular business hours for the Clerk of Superior Court are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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beating on the podium with his shoe.

The speech was on all the evening news shows and my friend was watching. He became so enraged at Khrushchev's actions that he took off his heavy work boots and threw it toward the TV.

Upon striking the television it shattered the screen. Myron Levinski hated the Russians because they took his country and killed his father and brother.

After moving into his apartment building my Dad and the immigrant became good friends. He liked Dad so much that he placed him in charge of collecting his rent from the folks leasing apartments in his building. This assignment provided a break for us on rent and we really needed the break. Mom and Dad had nothing at this point in their lives.

So, every Saturday we drove into the country to Skokie Lagoon where our friend lived to deliver the rent money. Our friend found out that we were from a farm in Alabama and proclaimed his love of peanuts to Dad. So, Dad wrote to Papa and asked for some peanut seed.

Next spring these seed

and directions of production were delivered to our friend. In the early fall we were visiting with our friend at his home on the lake and Dad asked him about the peanuts. Myron told us in a heavy Ukrainian accent about the peanuts in his garden. We found that the plants grew big and beautiful and had wonderful blooms. But, he never found any nuts on the plant so he mowed them down. Dad asked for a shovel and we all walked out to the garden. He told our friend that he wanted to check the plant roots for root rot.

The shovel was inserted into the ground where the peanuts had been planted. When the shovel was raised up it brought the biggest bunch of roots and peanuts you could imagine.

Myron grabbed his hair and screamed "the stupid peanuts they grow under the ground." My immigrant friend was hard working and refused to let life's troubles bring him down. He loved peanuts as much as he hated Soviet Russia and Khrushchev. Finally, he helped a bunch of folks from Alabama when they needed it most. And he learned a little about the agronomic production of peanuts and their growth habit.

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these insecticides is by soil injection. Soil injection will mean quicker absorption by the tree and a reduced chance of chemical drift compared to spraying. Whenever applying a pesticide it is important to familiarize yourself with the label before using the product.

The Union County UGA Extension office has a soil injector that is available to be loaned out to Union & Towns County residents. A \$250 dol-

lar deposit is required when the injector, mixing jug, and instruction booklet are picked up and will be returned to you when the equipment is returned undamaged and in working order. You must provide your own insecticide.

If you have any question about HWA or would like to reserve the injector please contact the Union County Extension Office at 706-439-6030.

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safeguard their businesses from the costs of addicted employees.

After all, as they say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The financial implications of an employee who presents a safety hazard or insurance burden is a risk most businesses can't afford to take.

As the country's opioid epidemic has exploded, many workplace-related research groups have turned their attention to studying and curbing the effects of employees intoxicated by prescription or illicit opioids.

In a 2017 survey of human resource professionals across the county, the National Safety Council found that more than 70% of employers have been impacted by prescription drugs. The issues they confronted included several disruptive behaviors: Absenteeism or missed work, employee use of prescription pain relievers at work, positive drug tests, impaired or decreased job performance, complaints to HR/negative impact on employee morale, injury or near-miss, borrowing or selling prescription drugs at work, and arrest.

Simply employing a person who is addicted to opioids costs a business more than a non-addicted worker. Employees with addiction frequently arrive late, leave early, call in sick, or don't show up at the job site. If they are present at work, they're likely to take more frequent breaks and display erratic behavior. Also, of course, if a person is intoxicated on the job, they aren't going to work at their maximum level of productivity. Even if the person isn't high at work, withdrawal symptoms can cause distraction.

What's more, many employers aren't confident in their ability to detect signs of poten-

tial intoxication in workers. The National Safety Council reports that 76% of the companies it surveyed do not offer training on how to identify signs of drug abuse, and a whopping 81% lack a comprehensive drug-free workplace policy.

Employees who abuse prescription drugs are two to five times more likely to take unexcused absences, be late for work, be injured or violent at work, file workers compensation claims, and quit or be fired within one year of employment, according to the National Safety Council.

Opioid abusers are also costlier to cover under company health insurance, as they tend to experience more health problems and hospitalizations – even emergency care due to overdose. In a time when health insurance costs continue to skyrocket, employers can't afford this additional burden.

How can employers can hold down costs? As experts study the effects of opioid addiction on American workplaces, one interesting dynamic is coming into focus. If employers can assist their workers in getting into treatment and returning to work sober, they can create more loyal and productive employees.

The most important place to start is with a workplace drug policy, which offers companies a thorough and transparent vehicle to monitor for and correct employee drug abuse. A comprehensive policy includes information about prohibited activity, the company's drug-testing policy and the guidelines for discipline and return-to-work procedures. Good protocol for a drug-free workplace should also include training for supervisors in how to spot signs of impairment among workers.

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of \$25 bakery goods just by showing your ticket stub. Tickets are available at the Chamber office within the Union County Community Center located at 129 Union County Recreation Road. Additionally, tickets can be purchased from volunteers around the Meeks Park and North Georgia Technical College areas on the evening of the fireworks. The Chamber would like to say a special thanks to Woodmen of the World, a not for profit organization offering a variety of insurance and investment options, for helping sponsor this year's event. We also thank the Union County Commissioner's Office, Union County Sheriff's Office, Union County Fire Department and Union County Recreation Department for providing event support in the form of fire and public safety, traffic control, and parking.

Additional holiday events and celebrations around Union County include Fireworks Display at Woody Gap School in Suches from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Independence Day Celebration at Vogel State Park. Check out our website at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com or call us at 706-745-5789. We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday!

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They seem to have the idea that God if He is real should show them proof positive of who He is, then maybe they might think twice about it, but God doesn't owe mankind any proof, yet if one would simply read the Bible all would become clear of who God really is. God holds the keys to life and death. He can call you out of this world anytime it pleases Him. Talk about being in control of all things. WOW.

Whether we drive the freeways or the highways of this country you and I are within a step of death as Isaiah said: There is only a heartbeat between you and death. This is the reason why everyone ought to be ready at any moment to move out into eternity and into the presence of God. How many folks have made arrangements for this life, but none for the next life? People have all kinds of insurances to cover all of their bases here on earth, but none for eternity. Are you a saved person, that is, are you trusting Christ as Savior? If not, when death comes, it will come at a moment least expected. The bottom line here folks is to know that you know for sure where you are headed when life is over here. There's only two places one can go, to heaven with Christ or hell with Satan. My prayer be you choose wisely, because eternity is forevermore. Amen

Frank F. Combs

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thorny branches and put it on his head.

3b And they went up and slapped him. Matthew 30: They spat on him, and took the stick and hit him over the head. 31 When they had finished making fun of him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They whipped Him. What does that mean? Romans were brutal. Their whips had pieces of bone tied to the whip ends. Their desire was to rip pieces of flesh from His body. He was whipped many times. Can you imagine the suffering? Then His head was pierced by several thorns. Then He was made to carry His own Cross. He was nailed to the cross and hung there for three hours. Think about that, three or four long fat nails hammered through your hands and feet. He had to raise himself up on His feet that were nailed to the tree in order to breathe. Remember before all this started all His friends led Him.

There was no morphine to deaden the pain. There was no one sitting at His side during all His suffering. Except for Mary His mother, John and a few more women, everyone else mocked Him. And remember He was innocent of all crime. No suffering can equal the suffering of Jesus and He did this for all of us sinners. Be grateful not resentful. One day you may be with your wife again.

We were all made by God and in God's time He will call all of us back. Again I can imagine your pain and one day I might have to suffer in the same way. Look to God for salvation, try not to question His ways. Doctor-assisted suicide is not the answer.

I have prayed that God will give you courage.

Bob Lewis

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ca's newsprint supply, which is now subject to crippling tariffs.

The bottom line is this: U.S. mills simply cannot supply American newspaper needs, and tariffs on Canadian paper are crushing for all parties involved, as publishers cannot

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teousness of God is revealed by the gospel, namely, the passive righteousness with which merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written, 'He who through faith is righteous shall live.' Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates."

Unless you're making an argument about public policy, the question, "Is America Christian?" may be moot. But this one isn't: Are you? If you have entered those open gates, America is more Christian than it might have been.

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have now increased the greenhouse gas CO2 concentration by about 43% with a resultant increase in earth's temperatures of about 1 degree C.

It is true that there are multiple natural factors that can cause temperatures to rise-including the ocean currents, volcanoes, land use, sun radiation, and the earth's orbit around the sun. However, taken as a whole, these show essentially no increase in temperature. Science tells us that the ONLY thing that correlates with the present increase in temperatures is the increase in CO2, and we humans are the cause! Isn't it about time that we decide to believe science and do something about climate change?

Fortunately, there is a free market plan that can effectively do just that. Simply put a price on the production of greenhouse gases by fossil fuels to account for the damages they cause and return all the money to all of us citizens. Economic studies show that this would grow our economy, markedly decrease greenhouse gases by making fossil fuels quickly more expensive than wind and solar, and put more money back into the average American's pocketbook. A WIN/WIN solution!

Vernon Dixon, MD

count on U.S. mills to carry the newsprint burden.

And though no final terminations have been made, DOC officials have announced a number of preliminary findings against Canadian newsprint practices that have resulted in the imposition of import taxes of up to 30 percent.

Who exactly is paying for these import taxes? Americans everywhere.

Tariffs are bad for American businesses and, by extension, the American people, because tariffs force us to pay more for goods coming into the country.

This is the case even when there is no way for American industry to shoulder the newly created supply burden, which is certainly true of U.S. newsprint mills that are currently producing at or close to capacity.

Local and large newspapers alike have already seen costs of doing business increase by more than 30 percent since

January, and there's talk of newsprint tariffs soon reaching 50 percent or higher, which will mean the loss of good, American jobs.

Jobs are at stake not only in newspapers, but in the supply chain around newspapers, such as ink suppliers, fuel producers, equipment manufacturers and office suppliers.

Other local businesses will be hurt by these tariffs, too, as there will be a resultant loss of advertising space if newspapers have to drop page counts to cut costs.

Local news coverage also loses out against tariffs, because smaller and smaller newspapers will mean less news content.

Of course, there is something you can do. You can help us send a clear message to the unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., who are painfully unaware of the needs of small towns like Blairsville.

Visit StopNewsprint-Tariffs.org to learn how to convince the powers that be to reject these harmful tariffs and protect American jobs.