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temporarily. I am glad these volunteers have chosen to stay home and keep themselves safe during these uncertain times and to limit their risk of exposure.

There are always other options of places to take your recyclables if the station closest to you is temporarily closed.

Q. Where else can I take my recyclables since the station closest to me is closed?

A. The Transfer Station is open and operating, so you can take your recyclables to the Recycling Center there. Their hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and then 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday.

You can also take them to the Convenience Center which is located at the intersection of

Highway 325 and 515, out toward the Union County Horse Arena. This is also the only recycling location that accepts glass. The hours for the Convenience Center are the same as the Transfer Station's above.

You also have the option of taking them to one of the other Neighborhood Recycling locations listed out in the answer to questions number two.

Q. Who do I contact if I am willing to volunteer at one of the locations that is closed?

A. If you would like to volunteer at one of the locations that is temporarily closed, you can call my office at 706-439-6000 and speak to Jennifer Mahan. She can provide you with more information on volunteering.

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seconds left in the game when Bobby Joe stole the ball and went to the basket for a lay-up. The young man missed the shot, turned toward his friend Paul, and cursed because of his missed shot. Paul the referee called a technical foul because of the cursing. Hackleburgh made 2 foul shots and received the ball at half court with 3 seconds left in the game. The arch rival of Phil Campbell won the game with a long jump shot from the top of the key. All of Paul's friends and family refused to talk to him for two weeks. He was even ostracized by his parents and brother.

So, once again, the young man was down in the mouth about his circumstances. However, he wasn't down for

long. After all, he still had his girlfriend. So, Paul didn't care what others thought as long as Shirley, who would become my mother two years later, thought well of him.

Later the following spring, he asked Bill Adams for his daughter's hand in marriage. Dad told me that he, Uncle Rayburn and Bill were in the car driving down the road when he asked Pawpaw. He said, "I was sitting by the door and actually had my hand on the door handle. All of a sudden I just out and asked Bill about marrying his Shirley. Old Bill slammed on his brakes. We came to a sliding stop on that old dirt road, and he simply said, 'You best take care of her, boy.'"

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you cannot go out anywhere during rush hour, which is now just about all day. Concerts and events require arriving early and sitting in line with nowhere to park and crowds of people. Southern hospitality is being replaced by rude people in a hurry.

I know you have to have some changes to keep an area vibrant, but please - guard what you have here. Don't let the almighty dollar make you lose sight of what is important. Keep your mountains and lakes and open spaces - don't let growth

ruin what you have. Don't welcome too many cookie-cutter businesses. Don't let homes be built over every inch of available land. I used to tell everyone how much we love it here. But now I am selfish - I hope we are some of the last few people to be lucky enough to join you here in this beautiful place, and I hope we all always have time to enjoy it and stop and say hello, how are you? I don't want this place to be like anywhere else - it is just wonderful now.

Mary McRae

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luctantly sell ours here in Union County. We have talked with the mayor's office in Towns County and have been assured this dumping would never be allowed in Lake Chatuge.

We see ads and correspondents everyday from businesses here in Union County such as real estate, restaurants, land developers, newspapers, commissioner's office, chamber of commerce, and the list goes on, asking tourists and businesses to come to our county's beautiful mountains, clean streams, and great people and shop and stay. We cannot see for the life of ourselves why these same groups would not be outraged at what is being done to our fine community. Why do we not unite and stop this dumping?

We think this is a county issue, and we think Mr. Tim

Pollack's address to the Union County Commissioner Mr. Lamar Paris on Thursday, Aug. 20, was eye opening. He pointed out that the existence of the lake and the recreational use and visitors that come here, all affect the county. What would happen if the lake should get a reputation of being contaminated? Would the lake die? Would the county die?

We must ask ourselves, is this gamble to the county worth a few politicians enriching themselves?

Sincerely

Phil and Judy Williamson

**Editor's Note: Blairsville City Council members approved a motion by Mayor Conley on Sept. 1 to stop accepting leachate, so the city will no longer be treating the out-of-county landfill runoff.*

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you can't even see Biden's name? So, keep in mind when you go to your church of choice, follow your Ten Commandments — someone may be watching.

Candy Retter

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relatively comfortable daily life? We also support the idea presented at one of the hearings that the Sole Commissioner appoint a manageable advisory committee of county residents.

Peter and Betty Vinten-Johansen

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So, what do we do with September 11th after 19 years? We keep our oath of "Never Forget." Every American who was alive at the time and saw the images will never forget.

For the generations to come, we must teach them so that they will know what happened. We must teach them the facts about the events; the lives that were lost; and the sacrifices of that day. We must move past mourning and celebrate the lives and the heroes.

And above all, we must always stand united as Americans.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

POW and MIA to be honored by American Legion Auxiliary



will hold an open house at the Leon Davenport Veterans Center on 78 Old blue Ridge Highway (the gray building that used to be the Blairsville Chamber of Commerce, adjacent to the park and ride).

Those who have experienced the grief of having or being a POW or MIA are welcome to come and join in fellowship for a time of reflection. During the open house, POW MIA individuals

will be honored with a candle lighting, and recitations of the Missing Man will be given at 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of the POW/MIA to be placed on the table of honor, and attendees will be given a few moments to speak, if they desire, about their loved one.

COVID precautions will be taken; social distancing will be observed and masks will be required to be worn inside the building. Light refreshments will be served. For more information on the program, please contact Unit President/Chaplain Janice Walters-Taylor at 706-745-1854.

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ting crawls incorporating the live video format with Keen Creation and Co, Mountain Life Mercantile and Lala's Kitchen in the Mountains and, yesterday, with Sign Makers, Home Werks, HayeCo LLC and Sunsations Tanning Salon. The chamber featured each of these businesses in a Facebook live segment prior to their ribbon cuttings in our efforts to invite in the public who were unable to attend their official debuts. Remember to stop in and support these local businesses. We are also excited to announce our first ever Ribbon Cutting Open House on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m. Stop by, but if you can't be there, be sure to check out their live videos posted to Facebook.

Positively impacting our community is an important part of the mission of your Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce. We are safely easing back into our first in-person event this Friday, September 11th, at 9 a.m. with a time of remembrance of a day that brought our country together as one. Join us as we gather briefly on the upper ball field at Meeks Park for 911 Remembrance. Commissioner Lamar Paris and Union County EMA Director David Dyer will share a few words in tribute to those that lost their lives dur-

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your soul is so great that it requires God Himself to be your Savior. It means you don't understand Christmas - God appearing in the flesh. It means you can't appreciate the cross - God atoning for your sins, and Easter - God conquering death for you. It means you haven't experienced the depths of God's love and desire for you to be with Him forever.

Imagine knowing a generous and influential person who never revealed himself. I'm not talking about Drew Brees, but Jesus. And the question is not "Who was He?" but "Who is He?" The reveal is quite good news!

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used on clothing to kill chiggers and ticks.

Chiggers are very aggravating to have, but hopefully this article has given you some options for how to deal with chigger bites and how to prevent them from getting on you. If you have questions about chiggers contact your county Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

On Sept. 28, I will be hosting a Radon Education Program. This event will be virtual, but there is some limited in person seating available. Pre-registration is required for this free event.

Call the Union County Extension Office at 706-439-6030 to pre-register.

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by someone trying to place unsolicited campaign literature into their hand. The additional revenue would boost the Postal Service and perhaps keep it afloat until we as a country are able to vote online.


Voting by mail would solve the registered voter problem and guarantee safe passage of the ballots to the County Board of Elections. It might even prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Joe Bialek

S.A.F.E. Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of S.A.F.E. (Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.) will be September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Call 706-379-1901 for location.

**Bell Ringing Union
County Old Courthouse**



September 5, 2020
In memory of
**William Howard
"W.H." McCarter**
by UC Historical Society

September 12, 2020
In memory of
John J. Meeks
on the anniversary
of his death
by Terry and Ginger Meeks

**Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493**