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A. Private sales of firearms between individual citizens are legal and do not require background checks. You are allowed to sell your private property to anyone of your choosing, unless the individual is ineligible to own or possess a firearm. Knowingly selling a firearm to a felon is a felony.

Q. Can I have a gun in my car while at work?

A. Yes, provided your employer does not prohibit it.

Q. Where do I apply for a Georgia Weapons License?

A. You apply at your county Probate Court. For most counties, the information needed is on their website as to where, when cost and how the payment is accepted. Counties have their own set of rules they operate within.

Q. I am in the military, do I have to get a Georgia Weapons License?

A. No. You are exempt

the same as police officers. Your military ID is your proof of exemption from needing a Georgia Weapons License to carry. If you want to carry into nearby states and/or be exempt from a NICS check when purchasing a firearm from a dealer then you should get a Georgia Weapons License.

Q. Does the state maintain a database of Georgia Weapons License holders?

A. HB60 expressly prohibits any person or entity, including the state itself, from creating or maintain a multi-county database of Georgia Weapons License holders.

Q. Where is a list of Georgia Weapons License holders maintained?

A. Each of the 159 County Probate Courts keep a record of the Georgia Weapons Licenses issued in their county. It is illegal for anyone to publish any of these databases.

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The Resurrection means that there is more to your life than the human body.

Presbyterian hymnist Alfred Ackley wrote, "I serve a living Savior, He's in the world today! I know that He is living, whatever men may say. He

lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart."

This Sunday, join with believers in celebrating the greatest miracle in history, He Lives!

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compliance with environmental rules. With demand falling, no one is going to invest in a massive expansion of U.S. newsprint. Over the short term, tariffs could force the price of paper up and the New York investors who own the Washington State mill could gain.

But our country will lose. Fragile newspapers will vanish. Challenged newspapers will have to cut back. Even healthy newspapers are going

to have to find ways to absorb a daunting new cost. And who will pay? Everyone who relies on a newspaper to tell the local stories, cover elections, advertise sales, get pictures of the winning touchdown, and cheer the economic development people on in their work of creating new jobs.

That worries me. If it worries you, pay a visit www.stopnewsprinttariffs.org and be informed.

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must have been 10-15 miles. Later in court this same man came back to watch the trial of his friends.

The deputy who tracked him recognized him and started to arrest the man. However, it was decided that the man got away fair and square and the team thought it best to let him go.

Another occasion found Ransy and his team nearly at the top of a gap on the Blue Ridge in Habersham County close to Tray Mountain. The still was located at the head of a branch right against a rock face and the only way in was through an ivy thicket. This was no ordinary ivy thicket. The plants were so thick the only way through was to slide and crawl on their bellies.

The team made their way up through the thicket to the top of the gap and slowly surrounded the still site. The operators had been working all day and were resting by a fire by the time Ransy's men were in place. All of his men were hidden and knew not to go in until their boss stepped from the bushes. They watched the still and the men for a time. The moonshiners began to sip a little of their product when one of the nervous ones stated that he just knew Ransy would catch them someday.

Another moonshiner stood up next to a big White Pine and began to pretend that he was hand cranking an old telephone. He leaned in close to a pine knot and spoke into it like he was talking into one of those old phones. He staggered a little and said, "Ransy Souther, you need to get up here close into Tray Gap and bust up

our still". The other moonshiners laughed at the drunk man and his antics. He continued, "We are up here and I'll bet you will never find us". As the drunk man finished his nemesis stepped from the bushes to the shock of all the other moonshiners. The drunk looked at Ransy and said, "How did you get here so quick".

It is said that Ransy's crew busted more than 300 illegal stills in one year. Some of the people who worked with him include Virge Kelley and a Mr. Jackson from Union County. But, even those he captured knew they were treated fairly by this man. People he captured were turned loose to go home and make a living for their families until their court dates.

Ransy's last raid was on the ridge to the east of Turner's Corner. His crew had received a tip about an illegal operation in the area. The crew made their way to the site. Two men in hiding came out and shot him and one of his deputies. Mr. Jackson almost died at the scene. He was unconscious and his wounded boss went for help by crawling back to his vehicle. Loransy Souther died later that year in 1937 of his wounds. He was a hero and honored as such by a resolution of the Federal Grand Jury of Atlanta presided over by Judge Marvin Underwood. Also, the US Treasury Department honored Mr. Souther in a letter to Judge Tom Candler in Blairsville in 1937.

You can find a copy of the letter in "The Heritage of Union County, 1832-1994" on page 56. Ransy Souther was a great man.

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weekly. Oh, I had heard the stories of Jesus and the many miracles He had done, but like the Jewish leaders I too denied the truth and lived my life my way for years, until one Wednesday night at prayer service our pastor was preaching on heaven or hell and the pastor spoke from his heart this question: Where do you want to spend eternity? With Jesus Christ or separated from Him in hell forever. I must say my heart jumped out of that pew and I went forward and accepted Christ into my heart. The truth I had been seeking became a reality that evening and a new life began in me. I knew the Spirit of God had come into my heart, because I cried for joy of finally realizing

the truth of God's Word that set me free from all my guilt, my shame, my anger, my frustrations and I knew my sins had been forgiven by God's amazing grace.

Oh, don't get me wrong I fall down. I fail God at times and I disappoint Him too, but His love for His child never wavers, never condemns and never forsakes us, for God knows I am not perfect yet. He is still working on me to become more like Him each day I live for Christ. The truth was in front of me all those wasted years and yet I failed to see it, until God's spirit moved in my heart to know the Truth that can set us free, free indeed. Amen

Frank F. Combs

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bers of guns. Most of the rise in gun purchases is driven by existing gun owners stocking up, rather than by people buying their first gun." A more recent national survey shows that as of 2015, more than half of our country's guns are owned by only 3% of the population.

Instead of looking at the "percent of households owning guns" or "guns per capita", a more useful figure to consider is the number of military-style weapons used in mass shootings. As reported by Matt Pearce of the *Los Angeles Times* in February 2018, "Seven of

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ing a solution. President Trump is neither left nor right. He has always corrected problems as they arise and that is a trait to be admired and like him or not, he loves this country.

Chris Crawford

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samples in some of the wildest contraptions you've ever seen.

All I'm going to say is that the Whizinator and the Butt Wedge are real.

How can employers prevent cheating? The first step to preventing drug test cheating is to have tight control over the process. This can mean several things. Most importantly, don't give the applicant or employee too much notice of the testing. Time is a friend to the casual user. If you are testing a new hire, invite them for another interview, but send them to the collection site for the lab instead. If you are doing random testing of current employees, don't schedule the tests for the same day and time every month or quarter. Mix it up. Keep them guessing.

Next, monitor check-in times at the lab. If you send someone for a test, be sure to check how long it takes them to show up. Did they go right away or show up hours later? A long delay could mean they are buying time to metabolize a drug, or they were setting up a way to cheat like purchasing fake urine or getting someone's clean urine. A common trick is to show up after the drug testing facility has closed for the day, and then play dumb when asked why they'd missed their window.

Check your policy and state laws to see if you can use alternative testing methods, such as oral fluid or hair. Different tests are good for different situations. Hair testing, for example, is great when it comes to discovering long-term users, but it is terrible for post-accident testing because it won't detect the last 7 to 10 days of drug use. If possible, you might even consider setting up an on-site collection instead of sending people away to a lab for random testing.

Google isn't just good for information on cheating, but it's the first place people will turn once they've failed a drug test. Be prepared for someone to claim you are stomping on their Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights. They could also allege it was a false positive. But if you use a certified lab with a screen and confirmation process and a Medical Review Officer (MRO), you can usually put those complaints to rest. The screen and confirm process uses two chemically different ways of verifying that a sample contains evidence of drug use, and the MRO certifies that the drug use either was or was not legal via a confidential conversation with the donor. A legit prescription will be verified by the MRO.

Another option is to have all specimens collected as a split specimen. This process divides a urine sample in two. If the first sample tests positive and the donor disputes the result, the second sample can be sent to a different lab to be re-tested using the same screen and confirm method that the first lab used in the original test. In this case, both must come back positive for someone to fail the test – however, it is very rare for a re-test of a specimen collected at the same time to come back with a different result for a urine test.

If the drug testing results will be utilized to make an adverse hiring decision, you should also discuss having an adverse action process in place with your counsel. It is important to make sure that your policy is clearly written regarding your drug test program, and that you are aware of the state laws in your area.

As with most things, preparation is key. Know that if you have prospects and employees drug tested, you will deal with cheaters. However, a solid policy and some forethought can give you the upper hand.

the 10 deadliest mass shootings in modern U.S. history have all happened since 2007. And the latest, most serious shootings seem to have one new thing in common: the AR-15 semiautomatic assault rifle."

I agree with Mr. Gurtler that "we have a cultural and societal problem", but strongly disagree that "it's a heart problem, not a gun problem." It's actually both. People with this sort of "heart problem" can

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Mark your calendar for the next Monthly Mingle on April 25th. The guest speaker will be Cindy Reynolds, owner of Costa Creative in Athens, Georgia. Cindy has a Masters Degree in Marketing from UGA and is an expert in digital advertising and graphic design. Cindy will be speaking on the topic of "Quick Ways to Get the Phone Ringing". United Community Bank will be the sponsor of the April Mingle.

The new Blairsville-Union County Community Guide and Business Directory is now available at the Chamber office. It contains a map of downtown Blairsville along with a directory of our Chamber members, addresses and phone numbers.

Visit us at www.visit-blairsvillega.com

The Chamber thanks you for your support.

kill masses of people in minutes because of ready access to military-style weapons. Let's use common sense and facts to

make effective decisions about how to reduce mass killings in our country.

Martha Miller