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**Do we have to renew that membership?**

A. No, you do not. Air Methods has worked with Union General Hospital and Union County Government to be able to offer this service again for free this year. However, you DO NOT have to sign up for anything. You are AUTOMATICALLY covered because the County and Union General Hospital are paying for your memberships. If you are a resident of Union County or have a home here as of June 1, 2017, you are covered. If you move here after June 1, 2017, you will not be covered.

**Q. I have a second home in Union County and we are only there in the Summer and Fall. Will we be covered under this membership with Air Methods?**

A. Yes, if you have a home here, on or before June 1, 2017, you are automatically covered while in Union County, whether you live here full time or not.

**Q. Will we receive any paperwork on this emergency helicopter membership?**

A. No, you will only receive paperwork if you have to utilize the service. Otherwise you will not receive anything. Should you be unfortunate enough to need the service,

you will receive a bill from Air Methods. You will then 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, 2017.

**Q. What does this Emergency Helicopter membership cover?**

A. When you sign up for the membership with Air Methods, you are signing up for a membership and not a service. This membership covers only medically necessary helicopter transfer to another hospital. It does not pay for the entire cost of the service, but pays for the amount that your medical insurance does not pay. If you happen to be uninsured, it will pay for the total cost.

**Q. Will the county and the hospital always pay for the membership so it can be free to the citizens of Union County?**

A. We can only commit to this one year at a time. If the county or hospital were to suffer negative financial conditions, or if the cost of the service were to dramatically increase, we could not cover the cost. However, we are very pleased to be able to do it now as an extra service for the residents and taxpayers of Union County.

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stay in Stowe, Vermont. On the agenda... a tour of the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory; complete with samplings! Learn how to make fresh apple cider during your tour of the Cold Hollow Cider Mill.

Your next stop, takes you to North Conway, New Hampshire for a tour of the Rocks Estate; home to the North Country Conservation & Education Center. Here you will tour the farm and learn the history and impact of maple sugaring in the region.

A visit to New England's largest lake, is next on the agenda! Prepare for a cruise of stunning Lake Winnepesaukee on board the M/S Mount Washington; followed by a tour of the town of Wolfeboro; the "oldest summer resort in America." Enjoy a picturesque drive back to North Conway via the Kancamagus Highway which boasts gorgeous views of the White Mountains Region.

On the seventh day,

you will find yourself enjoying a relaxing cruise through Boothbay Harbor, Maine "the boating capital of New England. Be sure to pack an extra memory card for this part of the trip! This picturesque journey of lighthouses, summer homes and local wildlife such as harbor seals is nothing short of spectacular. Enjoy a farewell dinner in the evening featuring, you guessed it, fresh Maine Lobster!

To complete the trip, you will travel through the quaint seaside community of Kennebunkport, Maine along Ocean, Drive. You will be able to see Walker's Point, former President George H.W. Bush's summer home; situated on a rocky promontory.

For more information, stop by or call the Chamber office today at 706-745-5789. This is a trip you will not want to miss; reservations are on a first come, first serve basis and space is limited.

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cultural arts in the U.S.

Entitlement programs and bloated government agencies are not what this country was founded on. It was actually based on elected officials serving their one or two terms and then returning to their hometowns to continue in their prior occupation. Career politicians have now supplanted that noble goal. It is like tearing out a rose bush and planting a weed instead. Usually that is done because the main aim of politicians today is simply to be Re- (and RE-) Elected, so they tell their constituents what a wonderful windfall they have gotten for them. People are waking up to the fact that the "gift" from their elected official has come by robbing the pockets of

the average taxpayer—and that it was against their will! Until this nation returns to its roots, I fear that more weeds will be planted until we can no longer even remember what it used to be like.

A nation divided will never be as strong as a united one, and since that word appears in our title "The UNITED States of America," I watch and wait for a turnaround to what our wonderful Country was and can be again, when we stop expecting all the handouts we want. In generations past, people did without until they could afford what they wanted; today, they just tell the government to supply it. Respectfully submitted,  
**Arlene M. Gray**

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"You're not climbing that tree are you"? Fred stood up and took off his shirt. He looked at dad and said, "I am not afraid of a few vines because I ain't allergic to this stuff". Then he grabbed a handful of the Ivy leaves and rubbed them all over his chest. He even stuck a few leaves up his nose just for good measure. Old Fred wrapped his toes and hands around the enormous Poison Ivy Vine and shot up that tree like it was a foot stool. He lo-

cated the coon and poked him out of the tree with a long stick and after hitting the ground the old coon was dispatched by the dogs. The long legged old man then wrapped his arms and legs around the big old Poplar and shinned down the tree like it was a fire house pole. Upon hitting the ground he skinned the coon and wrapped the carcass in newspaper. Nothing on the animal went to waste. Each animal captured that evening went home to Fred's family

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all until after the resurrection. Jesus asked: Whom do men say that I am? Here are two questions that His disciples had to answer as well as us and the first is, Who He is? And the second question: Why did He come? My friends, these are two things that all of us have to be clear on in order to be Christians. We need to know these things in order that we might exercise faith and be saved. And these questions still ring true today in the hearts of all unsaved people. I believe if you and I asked these same questions on a street corner, we would probably get similar answers, because folks are still confused about who Jesus is and why He came.

Who was He? He is

the Son of God. Why did He come? This is the gospel: That Christ died for our sins according to Scripture, was buried and raised on the third day as He promised. If you know these two things and by faith believe and receive them, you are saved. The Cross made the difference, for it was the only way that God could reconcile mankind back to Himself was through the shed blood of His only begotten Son, Jesus. His death, burial and resurrection is what sets us free from the judgment of hell, and ushers us into the glorious presence of Heaven. Oh, what a friend we have in Jesus Christ. Happy Easter to all. Amen

**Frank F. Combs**

**Mattee...**

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what nutrients are deficient in the soil and it will tell you what to add in order to improve it.

Though lichens can be an unsightly pest on our plants, they are actually a warning sign that there may be something wrong with your soil or the plant itself. It's important to scout your plants throughout the growing season, even your

ornamentals, to make sure that there are no diseases or insects stressing them and ruining all your hard work!

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Father who is in heaven" (Mat. 6:1). He also said, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Mat. 5:16). See the difference? When your virtue is on display, it either flatters you or glorifies God.

Our secular culture increasingly disagrees with Christian values, yet you are called to remain steadfast. "Keep your behavior excellent among the (non-believers) so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Pet. 2:12). And may that day come soon!

**Deyton ...**

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end when I was there I had to wait until the children got off the equipment so I could exercise. I don't know what you could do about this since there are already plenty of signs saying no children under 14 on the equipment. This is primarily a safety factor so parents should take heed.

Again, thanks for this addition to the park.  
**Peggy Deyton**

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then all we're going to wind up doing is actually generating traffic and turning this pleasant mountain community into something more like just another suburb of Atlanta. I feel strongly that God has blessed this area with wonderful mountains and valleys and pastures of green for a reason-not just

to be paved under in order to build more of the same things found everywhere else. People visit this part of the state in the thousands each year in order to travel scenic byways and to enjoy landscapes which make the spirit soar; they don't come here to see and travel divided highways that are just like what

they left behind at home. After-all, when was the last time you saw a calendar with a four lane or a roadcut hill featured in one of the pictures?

The Union County government and GDOT need to scrap this highway widening proposal so that Union County can remain a unique community of unique landscapes. For that matter don't they both (particularly GDOT) have hundreds or thousands of existing roads, bridges, rails, and ports around the county and state in major need of maintenance in order to get them back into safe and in proper working order? Wouldn't the responsible thing then be for them to make sure all of the highways and infrastructure we already have are in good shape before they even consider building anything more?  
**Will Lance**

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new skills and given a scenario to put it all together. They were given a scenario of a hunter who was injured and was in need of rescue. The firefighters had to use the map, compass, and GPS to locate the hunter.

Learning maps, compass, and GPS are all vital parts of SAR training. The class provided information, education, and practice to learn and reinforce these skills. Firefighters who attended the training now are more educated and confident to utilize these skills on an actual search and rescue.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

Poison Ivy rash old Doc Underwood had ever seen. The old man even had the rash up his nose. Fred McGee was a man humbled by Poison Ivy.

**Union County Recreation**  
**Senior WALK-It-OUT Program**  
**2017 Senior Walking Program**  
**Ages: 55 and over**

*Did you know walking could be fun?  
 Walking is very beneficial to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.  
 This program is designed to meet your pace.*

The Program Director of Union County Parks and Recreation will be leading a free walking session three times a week for 6 weeks in session 1!  
 This is a great time to socialize and exercise with a fun group.  
 We will meet at Meeks Park Walking Trail and walk it out for 60 minutes.

**\*\*Session One Registration begins on April 4, 2017 and ends April 14, 2017 at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn Street)**  
 Registration must be done in person due to cap on participants per session!

