Opinions

The Volunteer Firefighter

I have always said that there's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer. One main characteristic of a volunteer is the sacrifices that they are willing to make for a greater cause. They see that their efforts are not only beneficial to themselves but to the organization or community for which they volunteer.

The best example of a volunteer is a volunteer firefighter.

There are times that volunteer firefighters sacrifice blood, sweat, tears, their sanity, and most important, their time. They sacrifice their free time and family time to help someone that they probably have never met. It requires heart and dedication.



To become a volunteer firefight-

er, a person must also sacrifice time to complete the training. The entry level starts at the Basic Support Firefighter. It's a little-known fact that not all firefighters go into burning buildings. Some operate firetrucks, pull fire hoses, run medical calls, and various other support roles on the fireground. That is the Support Firefighter's role. Volunteers must complete the Basic Support Firefighter course and pass the Basic Support Firefighter Test.

To become a structural firefighter (firefighters who go inside burning buildings), members must complete a recruit class and complete the requirements for National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) Firefighter 1. This is a nationally recognized certification that meets the national standards for structural firefighting and involves a written exam and practical skills exam.

The recruit class involves classroom lectures and skills on subjects such as fire behavior, personal protective equipment, ropes, knots, ladders, survival, medical and many more. The skill stations are physically challenging and involve scenarios of potential fire scenes

Recruit Class 107, which began in March, has just finished. The students learned the essentials of firefighting during these last several months and have completed all NPQ Firefighter 1 qualifications. The class includes a great deal of reading and studying that recruits must do on their own time. Almost every class involves skills practice. Practice is key to skill development and skills are repeated multiple times.

The recruits of Class 107 are dedicated to the service which

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Jacob

Jacob left the party... alone. Not because he wanted to leave, but because he felt disengaged from everyone there. The crowd was huge, and the high school graduates were in a festive mood. But not Jacob. He was alone ... alone. His entire high school existence was exactly that ex-

isting. At times the loneliness seemed to swallow him. Throughout his four years in high school, he wandered from one party to anoth-

with any of his classmates.

In reality, he didn't know how. As far back as his memory took him, he had been a loner. He didn't want to be. At times he would make an awkward move to actually connect with someone, boy or girl. It didn't matter to Jacob. He just wanted a friend - someone to talk to, or to go places together, or to simply share in some activity. His world was dark and dreary. As an only child, his parents just didn't fulfill his need for a companion – someone to go hiking with or to See Ashurst, page 7A

Letters to the Editor

Questions

Dear Editor,

What happened to separation of church and state?

What happened to military draft? And why was it abolished? Should all eligible adults be required to serve some form of military service?

Everybody has one...

Good Father

Kendall Qualls' future looked bleak. Facing limited options, his newly divorced mom moved her five children into housing project squalor in Harlem, NY. It was the 1960s. The grimy stairwells reeked, and dark hallways hid lethargic addicts. She did the best she could and never failed to remind him, "I love you, and God loves you!"

Qualls' siblings failed to

thrive. Drug use, overdose, and prison tell their stories. Unable to cope, his mom committed suicide. But before this, his story followed a different plot: college, ROTC, and a commission in the U.S. Army. What made the difference? Qualls



saw a model of how life could be different. He had an uncle who worked hard to provide for his wife and children. He also sat under the preaching of Tony Evans at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas. That's where he met Jesus. That's the rest of his story. He learned to forgive his father. He and his wife raised five children.

After the Army, Qualls found success. He finished his career as global Vice President of a Fortune 50 company. He founded the nonprofit TakeCharge to advance a different perspective on the problems and solutions that families face. "We do not have a systemic race problem in America," he declares. "We have a fatherless home problem." He witnessed that firsthand

Fathers matter. Classic TV recognized that. Ward Cleaver, Andy Taylor, and Cliff Huxtable may be idealized portrayals, but they aren't wrong. Fathers can be firm but loving, wise but playful. Basic fathering is to be present and available. But the inside track to being a good father is to know your Heavenly Father.

That's how God reveals Himself. "A father of the fatherless... is God in His holy habitation" (Psa. 68:5). Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven." Chris Tomlin sings, "You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone. You're a good, good Father. It's who You Are. I'm loved by You. It's who I am." Amen.

Qualls is right. Everyone needs a good Father.

Commissioner's Questions

Meeks Park (Part 2 of 3)

This week's questions pick up where last week's left off. There are many good things to say about Meeks Park. Q. There are some unique pieces of metal art in Meeks

Park. Where did they come from?

A. We are very pleased to feature our own Union County sculptor and artist, Al Garnto.

These kinetic art sculptures are a tremendous asset to Meeks Park. My office can provide you with a map showing the locations of each piece if you are interested. They are called kinetic sculptures, which means they have moving parts designed to be moved with the wind.



Al's "Appalachian Art Project" began right here in Union County, and he hopes to extend it into the northeast along the route of the Appalachian Mountains. His vision is to do 24 kinetic sculptures from Georgia to Maine.

Al's sculptures have helped increase tourism and attract students from surrounding colleges and school systems. Most of the sculptures incorporate a plaque with art, math, science, or history lessons for educational purposes. These sculptures use recycled materials, and they are the largest kinetic sculpture exhibit in Northeast Georgia history.

We are very proud to be a part of this project and very proud of Al. If you would like to host one or more of these sculptures from the Appalachian Sculpture Project, contact Al at algarnto@ gmail.com or visit his website at https://algarntoart.com/.

Q. How do the tennis courts work? Are they first come/ first served, or do they have to be reserved?

A. We support both options. Often, large groups or clubs wish to have tournaments or to challenge each other to matches. It is beneficial in this case for groups to call and reserve the number of tennis courts needed. However, most of the time the courts are used on a first come/first served basis. Bring your best racket and a good pair of tennis shoes and enjoy the fun of a game of tennis at the Union County tennis courts adjacent to the swimming pool. Anyone wishing to reserve a court/s, should call (706) 439-6074. Q. What about the swimming pool? When is it open to

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Chamber of Commerce

It seems like just a few years ago the Chamber was helping plan the first Scottish Festival, and now another event is in the books. There is nothing like showcasing the Scottish Culture and Heritage in our small town, Blairsville. I hope everyone had the chance to enjoy the first post-

COVID Ceilidh in downtown and enjoyed listening to the Scottish bagpipe music and dancing. Between the Festival at Meeks Park and the Ceilidh,



there is truly something for everyone

The Chamber's annual 4th of July Fireworks continues to get bigger and better each year, and this year is no exception. If you would like to help support this year's fireworks display and get a chance at taking home our "Where Mountains and Memories Meet" raffle package valued at over \$2,900, be sure to come by the Chamber office, visit United Community Bank or stop by the Farmers Market Saturday morning and get that possible winning ticket. Tickets

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Japanese Beetles

The Japanese beetles will soon be out in full force. They are a huge pest as they munch their way through your yard. Controlling them can be challenging because they are such voracious eaters. Let's talk about some strategies for lessening their impact. Japanese **UGA** extension Watching and Working Jacob Williams



Letters to the Editor

Divisive & Dishonest

To Rep. Andrew Clyde,

Once again, your weekly press release followed your repetitive, subjective, utterly partisan and intentionally divisive pattern:

1. Blame President Biden/Democrats/the

Your Name

When I went to college, Papa wanted me to go to Alabama. I explained that Alabama was not a college that offered Agriculture as a major. I further explained that the other school in Alabama which offered Agricultural Majors was Auburn, and he told me he'd rather me attend college at the University of Georgia. Around Names have a pow-The Farm erful influence over people

Successful Mental Health Dr. James Ray Ashurst PH.D.



When and why did we start funding (in any manner) private and religious school?

Why should people be exonerated from paying their college student loans?

If someone buys a house with a mortgage, should their mortgage bill be forgiven as college

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Never Again

Dear Editor,

After the last several weeks of watching the NY/Democratic court proceedings, I cannot vote for any Democrat again. I have usually voted a split ballot, but I will vote straight Republican from now on. Sorry, Lamar. I can't vote for a Democrat again. Virgil Parks

Progressive Blowhard

Dear Editor,

In April 2024, the following diatribe was uttered on air by a former U.S. House of Representatives member, a one-time Republican, and a past vocal supporter of Newt Gingrich's Contract with America.

"I'm tired of people running America down. Donald Trump keeps talking about how America sucks. Before he got elected America sucked. And then he got elected and suddenly America was great. Then he lost and America sucks again. You're voting for a guy like that? What history did you read? You live in the most powerful, greatest country on the face of the earth and you're voting for a guy that tells you every day that America sucks? What's wrong with you? Who raised you? What history did

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Thank You

Dear Editor,

Mountain Shelter and Safe Pet Project hosted the First Annual Market Mutts event at the Farmers Market on May 18th. I want to thank those who made this event a huge success.

First and foremost, to our generous community of animal lovers, thank you for your continuing compassion and goodwill, as well as your adoptions at the event. Thank you, Com-

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Left/Liberals for literally every problem, issue and situation on Earth;

2. Callously and knowingly spread repeatedly debunked and disproven lies;

3. Continue your blind, irrational and absurd fealty to Donald Trump;

4. Address absolutely nothing happening in, or for the benefit of, District 9 or the state of Georgia.

Will you EVER do anything OTHER than spew bias, hate, lies and disinformation? I've yet to See St. Lawrence, page 7A

Re: "Letter Policy?"

Dear Editor,

The week of the May 29th edition of the North Georgia News, a "concerned" citizen wrote and asked if there was a letter submission policy that the newspaper uses to decide what letters will or will not be printed in the next edition of the paper. Here's the thing, Mr. "Concerned": I'm what's called a Conservative Libertarian. Simply put, I believe that we should be able to do whatever we want to do as long as what we want to do doesn't hurt anyone other than ourselves, we can support ourselves monetarily and it is within the law. I also believe that the paper should print any

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The Danger of Becoming a Post-Truth Nation

Dear Editor,

"Repeat a lie often enough and it becomes truth," a quote often attributed to Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi Minister of Propaganda, is similar to comments made by Karl Rove while George W. Bush was running for governor of Texas. Rove was circulating lies about Ann Richards, governor at the time, and he claimed that "what you say doesn't have to be true as long as people believe

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Extremist

Dear Editor,

This letter is in answer to the person who recently called the other sheriff and commissioner candidates and people who supported them extremists.

I believe in an American tradition called options. I am an extremist who supported all of the other candidates.

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Mickey When I was little, Papa told me a Cummings couple of stories that

emphasized this to me. Papa's brother was called Pick. When Pick was in grade school he got into some trouble. The school teacher whipped him with a hickory limb. The whipping was so severe his legs bled. Pick went home and told his Daddy about the whipping and assured his dad that he had done nothing wrong. His Daddy told him that his name and reputation had led the teacher to believe that Uncle Pick had been the cause of the trouble. You see, Uncle Pick was known as being mischievous.

My great-grandfather Lon always taught his family to tell the truth in dealing with others. My grandfather experienced this lesson firsthand as a young teenager in the late 1920s. One of the things my grandfather most looked forward to each year was the ripening of watermelons. His daddy, Lon, had the best watermelons in the community. Their patch of melons was down over the crest of the hill from their house. The melons were usually ripe around the last week of July. Papa was so anxious to eat a melon he began asking about the melons in late June.

The young boy could not stand it any longer. So, he snuck down to the watermelon patch and plugged some of the watermelons to determine if they were ripe enough to eat. Plugging a melon involves cutting a small round hole in the melon and pulling out a slice of melon. After the melon is plugged the slice of melon is replaced into the melon. He plugged 10 melons and could not find any that were ripe. Five days later his Dad, Lon, went to the field of melons to find one for the family. He came back to the house carrying a melon and smiling because the family was about to enjoy one of his big watermelons.

Papa was so nervous he didn't even go out to meet his Dad to ask about the melons. Lon found all 10 of the melons that had been plugged. Each was rotten because it had been cut open. He knew the melons had been plugged and he knew which one of his sons had plugged them. Finally, the young boy went to his Dad and told him what he had done. Lon looked at his son and told him he knew all about the plugging. He also explained to him the importance of telling See Cummings, page 7A

beetles arrived in the U.S. 1916. They have spread to much of the East coast and across the Mississippi River. They will feed on a wide

range of ornamentals, fruit trees, vegetables, and shade trees. Feeding on such a wide range of plants means that your yard may look like an all you can eat buffet to them. They have a metallic green color on their abdomen. They look similar to June beetles. June beetles are typically about 1.5 to twice as large as Japanese beetles. Japanese beetles also have a row of five white dots along the side of the abdomen that can be used to differentiate them from other beetles. The damage that you see from them looks like skeletonizing of the leaves. They'll eat everything between the leaf vein, but leave the veins.

Thankfully, Japanese beetles only have a single generation each year. Usually the adults, which are the beetles that we see flying around eating leaves, will begin to appear in May - June. They live four to six weeks. The females will lay eggs for most of their adult life. The eggs are laid in the soil. They hatch in about two weeks. After hatching, the beetles live in the soil until they come back out as adults in May.

There are three times a year that are most ideal for controlling Japanese beetles. The most obvious is when they are adults and are out feeding on leaves. You can use carbaryl, which is the active ingredient in Sevin to control adults. Sevin comes as a liquid or in dust form. If you don't have a heavy infestation you can also use a cup with soapy water in it. Knock Japanese beetles off plants into the cup and they will drown. The second time to control Japanese beetles is in September. By that time of year all the Japanese beetles are grubs living in the soil. Even as grubs they can do damage to turf by feeding on the roots. Milky spore is an organic product that can be used to kill grubs in the ground. It's a bacterium that feeds on Japanese beetle grubs after they ingest it. September is the optimal time to make a milky spore application. The third time to control Japanese beetles would be in the spring with another milky spore application. Soil temperatures need to be over 65 for milky spore to be effective. The grubs must ingest the milky spore for it to be work. It only works on grubs, so applying it while the beetles are out eating leaves See Williams, page 7A

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A. The swimming pool is located beside the tennis courts. It has a very special area for small children - The Splash Pad. It has several different water features for the tots. The Splash Pad has a large marshmallow that pours water down like a shower; fish bones that have nozzles that squirt water as your child moves through them; tiny marshmallows children can sit on; water wheels that pour water in short spurts; a large bucket that fills and then dumps the water on the children; and some nozzles and a fish tail in the ground that randomly squirt water up into the air. It also features a small sitting pool. Families can also reserve special tents. The pool usually opens in

May-June each year, and the operating hours have generally been Monday - Sunday, 12pm - 6pm. Pool entrance fees have not been set for this year, but last year they were: \$5 per person for one day. Children 5 and under are FREE. Membership passes are also available: \$130 family membership pass for Union County residents (up to 5 people). \$155 for non-residents. \$70 single membership pass for Union County residents. \$80 for nonresidents. Pool passes may be purchased at the Union County Recreation Department located at 519 Industrial Blvd near the beginning of May or at the pool after it opens. If the entrance fees change, they will be noted on Facebook and on the Union County Government website.

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you read? The facts are clear. And I'm getting tired of saying this to people who claim to be patriotic but hate America."

The man behind this verbal harangue earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Alabama. Later, he obtained a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Florida College of Law.

Does this insulting and self-aggrandizing invective describe you? Are you running America down? What "people" is he talking about? Do you believe that America sucks? Are the facts clear? Do you hate America? Isn't it troubling that

the supposedly educated man who spoke in such guttural language, has millions of viewers, and spouts this kind of propaganda every morning?

So, who spewed out this elementary tirade? It was the pseudo-journalist Morning Joe Scarborough on MSNBC. What happened to this man that turned him into such a progressive blowhard? John Ripma

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missioner Paris' office, for your never-ending support. Dr. Lynn Stevenson of Nottely Oaks Animal Hospital – we could never do what we do without your incredible skill, guidance and helping hands. The Mountain Shelter staff was amazing. Diane and her staff at Safe Pet Project helped organize and run this fundraiser. We are indebted to the many vendors and donations that ensured the success of our event.

Unfortunately, the population of homeless dogs and cats in our area continues to increase. The costs of provid-

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letter that's submitted, not just the ones that have opinions with which I agree.

THAT, Mr. Concerned, is the policy for which you should be asking. However, I don't think it was. As you put it, you're unhappy with certain "extreme" views you've seen in the paper, as of late, because you don't think that those extreme views represent our community. THAT view, my friend, is called CENSORSHIP. So, in layman's terms, what you want, Mr. Concerned, is for the paper to censor out any views that you ing shelter, food and medical care are also escalating at a rapid pace. We are blessed with a community in Union and Towns Counties that helps the shelter through donations, thrift store purchases, adoptions of our amazing furry friends and service as fosters for homeless animals. Your support makes all the difference.

We look forward to hosting more community events in the future. **Rob Medwed**

President, Humane Society Mountain Shelter

differs from what they believe. In other words, all Democrats want are YESMEN. People who will listen to them, blindly follow and believe what they say without any resistance or opposition to them whatsoever. Basically, Democrats want slaves. That fact is actually not far-fetched since historically the Democrat Party has ALWAYS been the Party of Slavery in one form or another in this country.

Conservatives, while we may not agree with you, believe that EVERYONE is en-

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the truth at all times.

He passed this story on to his kids and grandkids. Papa said that people will judge you upon how you live your life and that your name is something which can be tarnished or enhanced by your actions. My grandfather was a part of the Greatest Generation. His generation began with people still using horses for transportation and plowing fields. He told me a story once about the first time he saw a train. He was scared because it resem-

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are \$10 each and the drawing will be held July 4th. You do not have to be present to win. Don't miss your big chance to win while celebrating Independence Day!

Come help us make life better in Blairsville.

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won't kill any Japanese beetles.

Using milky spore to kill the grubs doesn't mean that you won't have any Japanese beetles the following year, but you can significantly reduce the population that is present in your area. Some people will use traps to kill Japanese beetles. I try to discourage people from this practice because traps with pheromone lures will bring beetles in from five miles away, meaning that you have more beetles.

If you have questions about Japanese beetles contact your county Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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costs are if they have financial problems?

Why have we allowed difference of opinions, religion, etc., to devolve into disrespect with our citizens and elected officials?

When did we become so dysfunctional in getting legislation passed that benefits all of our citizens?

If we all insisted that our elected officials do the job that they were elected to do they would not have to spend so much time fundraising as they do now. Our elected officials (both Democrats & Republicans) are required by their party to spend so many hours per week to raise money for their individual campaign as well as raising money for their individual party.

I am at a loss in trying to determine when we, as citizens of this great nation, lost our way in demanding that our elected officials do what is best for this country. **Richard Fasanelli** ed from Page 6A ASI

bled a monster. His generation brought us the automobile and the airplane. His generation, with much providential help, prevented tyranny from taking over the world during WWII.

Last week I listened to all the news reports about the commemoration of D-Day. I found the interviews of WWII vets especially interesting. One of these men was asked about the secret for their success. He said that he was raised during a time when people were not given everything. Kids that went to school had to walk or even pay bus fares. Many kids had to work just to help parents meet basic needs. They usually only received one pair of shoes per year, and these were used for only school and church on Sundays. If a child was hurt while playing, the accident was not blamed on another person. The food everyone ate was raised locally and not in some foreign country. And it certainly was not processed multiple times before coming to your table. These people were tough and well prepared to fight for our freedom and the freedom of others. They were the Greatest Generation, and we owe them a great debt!

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the movies, or to walk the mall. Sadly, he was a recluse

internally. The longing to connect with others was persistent, but the unknown internal fright was a blockade. "Why am I like this?" "What's wrong with me." These questions haunted him all the time. Because there was no connection, he thought it was because he didn't feel worthy to be in any type of relationship. He'd be the first to admit that his opinion of himself was at ground zero or even deeper. Because of his total lack of friends, he didn't consider it worthwhile to even take care of himself: hygiene, orderly attire, or a pleasant appearance. He looked ragged.

Jacob's self-esteem, selfimage, and self-worth were practically non-existent. If he had any, it was well camouflaged. At school, classmates passed by him as if he were Casper the Ghost. To them, he just didn't exist.

Football was the major sport at Jacob's award-winning high school. Pep rallies were held on Fridays during the last class of the day. The purpose was for the student body to yell and to scream their undying devotion to the football jocks who paraded across the stage. It was the last regular game of the season, and the team would make it to the play-offs. On Friday, the students were ecstatic as they practically ran down the halls to get to the auditorium for a choice seat. The scene of bumping, knocking into each other, running, and jolting the next person resembled wild horses being corralled in a large pen.

Jacob was not in the least bit interested in the hoopla, and was headed toward the serene quietness of the library when it happened. *Next week: more about Jacob and his loneliness*.

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was shown by the sacrifices they made to complete this intense firefighter training. We are proud of the recruits and their commitment to the service. If you would like to become a volunteer firefighter and join our team, we are accepting applications now. Please contact Headquarters/ Station 1 at 706-439-6091.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

the freedom of were the Greatest ad we owe them a class of the day. The was for the student bo and to scream their devotion to the foot

feel are too extreme.

Let me guess. If I were a betting man, I'd say you're a Democrat, right? If you haven't noticed lately, Democrats these days are trying to censor any opinion and cancel any person with which they do not 100% agree. That's the difference between Democrats and Conservatives. Democrats, no matter what media it appears in, don't want to hear any opinion that titled to their opinion and has the right to have that opinion heard. That's because Conservatives believe that you can always learn from others with different opinions from yours while you learn almost nothing from those who ALWAYS agree with you. So, Mr. Concerned, while I don't agree with what you wrote, I'm glad the paper printed it. **Claude Rains Jr.**

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it." I was shocked when I heard that so many years ago and had a hard time believing any candidate would engage in that kind of activity. Now it seems to have become the norm.

In 2016, the Oxford dictionary added a new "international word of the year" – post-truth, commonly associated with the noun "post-truth politics." Post-truth, an adjective, is defined as a situation in which "objective facts are less influential than appeals to emotion." It has become a political tool in which objective facts are replaced by half-truths and outright lies, resulting in emotions that become more important than evidence.

With the advent of digital media and partisan news, it is difficult to determine truth because of the proliferation of half-truths, gossip, innuendo, conspiracy theories, and outright lies. Repetition makes a falsehood seem more like truth, even though it is not. This illusion of truth can lead to subtle manipulation and the danger of falling for propaganda.

Facts matter. We, as individuals, have the power to stop spreading lies and half-truths by taking the time to verify online content before sharing either on social media or in personal conversations. If we repeat whatever we read or hear without bothering to check its accuracy, we are helping to create a world where misrepresentations, lies, and truth are easy to confuse, and the results can be devastating. Democracy cannot survive without continuous inquiry and analysis in the search for truth and without rational dialogue with those with different viewpoints. So please, think and verify before repeating what you hear and read.

Also, do your research before deciding who you want to vote for in November. Our next president should be chosen very, very carefully. Most of us want to preserve our American core values of honesty, morality, decency, a living wage, clean water and air, affordable health care for all, and preservation of our democracy. President Biden has already demonstrated that he holds and fights for these values. Most of us do not want our society to become an autocracy with a controlling leader whose coziness with Russia's Vladimer Putin, China's Xi Jinping, and North Korea's Kim Jong Un puts us on a path that we will regret.

Martha Miller

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see you pen one word that wasn't entirely devoted to elevating a now-convicted felon and his unquestioning cult before the country, before democracy, and before facts and common sense.

I thoroughly believe you're physically incapable of being honest, objective or sincere. You're all about "the show" and your personal gains from it. You disgrace your office, our state, and our country.

And it is *OUR* country, not just yours, and not only Republicans' country. Try treating it that way sometime. Gary St. Lawrence

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I was glad to see someone challenging the status quo here, and to make positive changes to the sheriff's department. MUCH needed changes! I also supported a state representative that would represent his conservative district and vote for conservative ideas and not vote with the Atlanta Democrats 50% of the time (yes, that is documented).

But only 30% of the eligible voters in this county voted, and so we still have the good ole boy network, the same ole same ole, instead of working to solve significant problems headed toward this county.

But your letter to the editor claiming these candidates and their supporters are extremists shows your altered views.

If people don't agree with you, and if they have different opinions, they are labeled extremist.

Well count me in, I'm an extremist in your book, and I wear it as a badge of honor.

But when it comes to people with that thought process, I have found you cannot present facts or change their minds with logic. No one is able to fix the factually challenged.

Eva Lausier

Honor Flight trips to Washington, D.C. for Veterans

Sponsored (no cost to Veteran) Honor Flight trips to Washington D.C. to see the memorials to the Wars in which they served. Veterans do not have to have been deployed overseas ... just to have served during the War period. World War II, Korea, and Vietnam veterans are included.

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