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Q. Can commercial garbage hauling trucks use the transfer station?

A. Yes, the Union County Transfer Station does have a commercial side for haulers. The price is \$57/ton, and minimum charge to cross the scales is \$20 for up to 700 pounds.

Q. What are the normal open hours of the transfer station and convenience centers?

A. The commercial side of the transfer station is open Monday through Friday, 7

am – 4:00 pm and Saturday, 7:00 am – 12 noon. The other functions are also open Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm; and Saturday, 7:00 am – 12:00 noon. The centers are closed on Sundays and certain holidays. The centers will not be open New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

I want to thank Union County citizens for supporting the improved Recycling programs.

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agenda that they've handed President Trump a decisive and historic mandate.

Folks, it's imperative that Congress doesn't waste this incredible opportunity.

Rest assured, you can count on me to keep fighting to get our country back on track. I look forward to working with President Trump and my conservative colleagues to deliver tremendous wins to the American people – wins that start with Trump's America First agenda. From lowering inflation and unleashing do-

mestic energy production to building the wall, carrying out mass deportations, and enacting national concealed carry reciprocity, we have a lot of important work on our hands.

One thing is for certain: Inauguration Day – January 20th, 2025 – can't come soon enough!

Through it all, it's an honor to continue representing your voice and our shared values in Congress. I look forward to all the ways we will make our country strong, safe, and great again.

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Library.

Negotiated with NAS-CAR legend Bill Elliott for the purchase of the land on the Glenn Gooch Bypass and across from the high school. This purchase has enabled the county to build a modern health department, gymnasiums, pickleball courts, new voting center and a driver's license building.

Union County Horse Arena. For those who enjoy equestrian events.

Union County Waste Transfer Station. Recycling certain items is also possible.

Fire Stations. Several

new fire stations provide added safety to our community while also reducing insurance costs.

Because of space limitations and an old man's memory, it is impossible to remember and record all that has been accomplished, but suffice to say these things did not happen by accident and have improved the quality of life for each of us.

Union County has been blessed to have had Lamar Paris as Sole Commissioner for 24 years. I have not met Mr. Collins but sincerely wish him well. He has some big shoes to fill!!

Peter W. White

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ing together that many prayers can only be said when a minimum of 10 people are gathered, because, as it says in Ethics of Our Fathers, the Divine Presence rests on people who gather to study together or do a communal good. Every vote cast respects the diversity of a nation, reflecting our dedication to each other's well-being while staying true to shared values. This election reminds us of the power we hold together, with each ballot carrying weight in shaping the world around us.

Election season can be tiring, with all the ads, debates, and constant back-and-forth. But this fatigue is, in a way, a privilege – it shows that we live in a place where we have a real choice, something many around the world don't have. Our right to vote is more than just an obligation; it's a privilege, a chance to help shape our country's path. The cycle of leaders stepping down and others stepping up brings new voices, ideas, and changes, while still respecting the stability tradition provides, and in a few short years, we will have the opportunity again to determine if this leadership is working or if it's time for something new. This rhythm is what keeps our nation alive and moving forward.

For those whose candidate didn't win, disappointment is natural, but it, too, is a testimony to the greatness of our system. No matter who

leads, the system remains steady, fostering continuity while allowing for change. And in time, even those feeling discouraged may be surprised by positive developments and unexpected progress that the new leadership brings – not just to our country but to the world.

Our democracy is a model that has inspired others globally, a system where governance serves the people and where power is peacefully transferred. This week, as we reflect on the election, we can feel grateful for a system where leadership is chosen, not imposed, where authority is accountable, and where each citizen has a voice in the future.

As the next administration steps in, we look forward with hope, trusting that they will fulfill their duty to the nation until the time for change comes again. In a world too often marked by division, our democracy serves as an example of cooperation and respect. Let us celebrate this election season as a reminder of our privilege, honoring the responsibility that each vote holds, and embracing a system that allows for both spirited debate and unity in our shared future.

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while Dad retrieved his boss, Mr. Fitzgivans.

Dad held the door allowing his supervisor to enter the interview room and introduced him to Miss Pollardi. He shut the door and stood in front of the door listening to the conversation. He overheard his boss begin the interview by asking the elderly lady the same questions which he had previously asked. When Dad overheard the lady tell his boss that she was an entertainer, he grabbed a hold on the door knob and braced his feet against the door jamb. As she went into her routine he overheard Fitzgivans say, "Miss Pollardi, please don't take off your clothes." Dad soon felt the door knob move and heard the words "Let me out of here." Dad held onto the door knob and soon heard "Miss Pollardi, if you will put your clothes back on, I will give you this loan."

When Dad heard those words, he let go of the door and ran to his desk where he acted

as if he were on the phone. Soon his boss came walking through the office red-faced and very angry. He looked at Dad and told him to help that lady complete the loan process. Mr. Fitzgivans and Dad soon found mutual respect for each other and became close friends. Dad never told him he held the door during the interview process. And yes, Miss Pollardi paid off her debt to Time Financial.

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Christ Jesus from all eternity" (2 Tim. 1:9). It is the promise that evil does not have the final say. He defeated evil at the cross to offer you a place in eternity where good prevails.

The Hecht Museum hopes the international interest in the broken jar encourages more families to visit. It is a story of fault and forgiveness, distress and mercy, brokenness and restoration. It is a picture of God's amazing grace. www.mountainchristian.net

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not fully understood yet. Any of their webs that are covering walkways, decks, doorways, pollinator gardens, or beehives should be removed.

If you have questions about Joro spiders contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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remained in an age rut. For example, if you are 67 and you want to jump out of an airplane (with, of course, a reliable parachute), who has the right to say that you are too old?

"The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do." (Walter Bagehot)

Owning one's age means that you have the right to direct your own behavior as long as it is healthy and legitimate. Owning one's age requires stamina, confidence, and trust in one's inner self. Becoming is an active, positive movement to be better and perhaps wiser than yesterday.

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part of the fun! Decorating began November 14th and runs through November 27th, so grab your spot and help make this year's Tour of Trees even more spectacular.

Once again, thank you to all our volunteers for getting us started on the right foot. Life is better in Blairsville, especially when we come together to celebrate and give back to our community.



Union County Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 7, 2024 • 6:00 PM

Sponsored By Union County Historical Society

Theme: "Cheers To 125 Years"

"Christmas Through The Years"

Celebrating The 125th Anniversary of the Historic Courthouse

PARADE APPLICATION

Name Of Entry: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Type Of Entry: Float Automobile Walkers Animals
Motorcycle

*****All Entries Must Have Christmas Lights*****

Entry forms must be received in the Historical Society office by noon on December 6th.

Send completed form by email:
history1@windstream.net

or drop off at the Old Courthouse on the Square.

For more information call the office at 706-745-5493