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**happens to die on my property. Who does the deer belong to?**

A. This is one of the places when the State Law has precedence over county or subdivision law. If a hunter shoots an animal legally in proper hunting season, he should contact you - the property owner - to ask permission to remove the deer. It is then expected that the hunter would have a legal right to claim his deer. However, in the many years in office, this problem has not come up before, and I do not look for it to come up anytime soon. It is expected that simple common sense and decency should be observed between neighbors.

**Q. Can you do an ordinance that restricts people from**

**using guns in our subdivision?**

A. No. We can only hope that common decency will prevent anyone from shooting in a subdivision at an inappropriate time, although we have had a couple of instances where this has happened in the past.

**Q. Can we put in our covenants and restrictions that if a property owner does not live in Union County full-time, they have to put up no trespassing signs?**

A. As far as I know, that is a legitimate legal addition to covenants, but I have not seen it before. Again, any issues dealing with your subdivision are controlled by the property owners as a group and/or their attorney.

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One day the girls were together at the Trapp house, and as teen age girls would do, they became bored. Skeeter had just purchased a new 1955 Chevrolet, and Geneva suggested they drive down the road to see what her parents were doing in their cotton patch. Shirley reminded her friend that she didn't even have a driver's license. She further suggested that they should walk down the old road. But, she was reminded that walking would take them right by Manddy Baker's old haunted home place, and daylight was quickly fading. So Geneva jumped in and drove her Daddy's new car down to her family's cotton fields. They arrived at the field, and although Skeeter cocked his head and was quite puzzled by his daughter driving his car, he never said a word. As the girls finished talking with the Trapp parents, Geneva told Mom she would be driving back to the house. Mother did not argue and jumped at the opportunity of driving a new car. She learned to drive by experience. Skeeter never said a word.

Later on, Dad and Mom went on a date, and Shirley insisted on taking her friend Geneva. They drove to Russellville and went to eat at the Tasty Freeze. After enjoying hamburgers and root beer floats, they decided to ride around downtown Russellville. Geneva asked if she could drive, so Dad pulled over and let her behind the steering wheel. She

drove right down main street, running three red lights before driving up on a sidewalk in front of the courthouse. Dad asked, "Geneva, how long have you had your driving license?" She responded, "Oh, I don't have one." Dad began yelling for her to pull over. "She nearly scared your Daddy to death," Mom stated.

After Shirley and Paul married, they went over to her eat with her brother and sister-in-law. After supper, Ray insisted that the four of them go out to spotlight some rabbits on the old road. Mother drove the car while Ray and Dad sat on the hood. Dad said he would wave his right arm if they needed to go faster. He would wave his left arm if they needed to go slower.

He was to hold the light while Ray was holding and shooting the .22 rifle. I am not sure who got confused about the hand signals, but, Dad was wanting to go slower and was waving one of his arms and doing his best to hold on to the hood with his other hand. The light had been dropped after the first big pothole. Instead of going slower, Mom was speeding up.

Finally, in a panic, she stomped on the brake and propelled Dad off the hood of the car and through a barbed-wire fence. He wasn't hurt too bad, and Mom learned another lesson about driving while he learned a lesson about spotlighting rabbits.

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ter greater availability of drugs, drug use by older teens, and social activities where drugs are used.

A certain amount of risk-taking is a normal part of adolescent development. The desire to try new things and become more independent is healthy, but it may also increase teens' tendencies to experiment with drugs. The parts of the brain that control judgment and decision-making do not fully develop until people are in their early or mid-20s; this limits a teen's ability to accurately assess the risks of drug experimentation and makes young people more vulnerable to peer pressure.

Because the brain is still developing, using drugs at this age has more potential to disrupt brain function in areas

critical to motivation, memory, learning, judgment, and behavior control. So, it's not surprising that teens who use alcohol and other drugs often have family and social problems, poor academic performance, health-related problems (including mental health conditions), and involvement with the juvenile justice system.

A number of programs have been developed that positively alter the balance between risk and protective factors for drug use in families, schools and communities. Research based programs such as PRI 420 can significantly reduce the early use of THC or alcohol. While there are social factors that influence drug use trends, when teens and adolescents perceive drug use as harmful, the chance of use is reduced.

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advance technics in the field to treat our injuries and ailments.

Don't miss out on our future Monthly Mingle series, Eggs & Issues or the Power Lunch as we bring our members informative speakers and an opportunity to network with the goal to help grow their businesses and to stay informed on what is happening in our area.

The Chamber Awards Night will be held this Thursday, January 23rd at the Union County Community Center at which time we will be naming the Ambassador and Business of the Year. With so many great businesses it was almost impossible to name just one business but this year the committee has selected a very deserving business that has gone out of their way to support Union County. We will also be naming our 2nd annual Person of the Year. While registration has closed,

there may still be an opportunity to be a table or event sponsor. Call (706) 745-5789 for more information.

An Evening with the Stars will be held on Tuesday February 11th from 6:00 -7:30. The Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program honors Georgia's highest achieving high school seniors and the teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development. We will also honor several other local students and alumni for their achievements. Don't wait to get your ticket as this event will sellout fast.

Be sure to check out our events calendar online at visitblairsvillega.com to learn more about additional activities taking place this month. And please don't forget to support our local merchants that are here to support us year-round.

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imately leading to carbohydrate production. In turn, oxygen is given off and a high-energy molecule (ATP) is produced.

There is a second part of the process called Respiration. Respiration is an oxidation process that requires oxygen to occur. When an oxygen-containing carbohydrate is enzymatically broken down by the addition of oxygen, there is a release of energy (as heat) and the formation of carbon dioxide and water, as shown in the equation below. Some of the carbohydrate is recombined with other elements (from soil,

soil solution or fertilizers) to form amino acids, proteins and fats. These are plant foods. Fertilizer is not plant food. Plants manufacture their own food.

Note how the equation for respiration shown below is the reverse of the equation for photosynthesis. Therefore, photosynthesis may be called an energy building process, while respiration is a process for releasing energy. While respiration breaks down energy, it also builds tissue and therefore increases plant size. The Plant Respiration equation is:

Glucose (C6H12O6) +

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the unique natural characteristics of the land and maintained one of the most extensive tracts of longleaf pine and wiregrass in the United States for quail hunting.

After Woodruff's death in 1985, the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation undertook an exhaustive process of research and advisement for the future of the property and ultimately established the Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center at Ichauway in 1991. The Robert W. Woodruff Foundation provides the core financial support for the Jones Center programs and facilities. The Jones Center was named in honor of Joseph W. Jones, former senior vice-president of The Coca-Cola Company, Woodruff's longtime associate, and former chairman of the Woodruff Foundation. By 1993, core staff members were hired in research, forest and wildlife management, and administrative support, and a newly constructed campus was completed in 1996. There are now approximately 85 employees at the Center. Over 100 graduate students from regional universities have completed thesis research with on-site advisors.

The 29,000 acres that comprise Ichauway include a diverse range of ecological communities: extensive longleaf pine forests, slash pine forests, old field loblolly pine stands, mixed pine hardwoods, riparian hardwood forests, isolated depressional wetlands, agricultural fields, shrub-scrub uplands, human cultural zones,

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of glory.

The Sound of Music is not about escaping dog bites and bee stings, but the Nazi occupation of Austria and the accompanying evils of the world. Earthly beauty is only a momentary escape from those evils, but it is a major hint at the eternal beauty that awaits God-lovers. Let beauty give you hope and keep you from losing heart, as you await the things not seen. May the hills be alive with that sound of music!

## Williams...

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ing mulch is the carbon to nitrogen ratio. Most mulches are very high in carbon. For the microbes in soil to decompose mulch they need nitrogen. So, if you apply a lot of wood chips as mulch, those microbes in the soil will need all the nitrogen to break down the mulch, meaning your plants aren't going to get as much nitrogen. So adding some extra nitrogen to the soil will be beneficial to the mulch and your plants.

Most mulch should be applied 3 to 4 inches. 5 inches for pine needles and 2 inches for wood chips. If you have any questions about mulches contact your local Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

I am hosting an Organic Production Meeting on January 28th. It will be geared towards people commercially involved in farming. If you'd like to attend RSVP call 706-439-6030 or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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required every three years. The renewal process involves evaluating our readiness and conducting training to prepare the community. We hosted a SkyWarn Storm spotter class last November to train more storm spotters.

We can't change the weather but we can be ready for it. Being prepared through actions of the citizens and public safety can save lives and possibly reduce damage to property. It is a community effort and being a StormReady® Community educates and prepares Union County to deal with severe weather events.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

OXYGEN (6O2) = Carbon Dioxide (6CO) + Water (6H2O) + Energy (Heat) (Ever wonder why the grass is always wet in the morning?).

Glucose + Oxygen also produce Plant Food (Amino acids, Proteins & Fats).

The amount of CO2 in our atmosphere is (0.0412%). Much less than 1%!!

Not significant but necessary!

Bottom line: water vapor and clouds (they absorb heat from the sun) account for 66%-85% of the Greenhouse Effect compared to a range of 9%-26% for CO2!

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and rivers and creeks. The fire-maintained longleaf pine ecosystem is a remnant of the forest type that once dominated the southeastern Coastal Plain and is perhaps the most significant ecological attribute of Ichauway. Much of the ground cover of the 18,000 acres of this forest at Ichauway has not been disturbed by previous agricultural tillage and consequently harbors some of the most species-rich habitats in North America.

The characteristic veg-

etative structure and composition of well-managed longleaf forests support a unique faunal community that provides habitat for many species of conservation concern.

Just over 15 miles of Ichawaynochaway Creek flow through Ichauway, and the Flint River forms 13 miles of the property's eastern boundary. The ecological communities found across Ichauway provide a unique example of the historic landscape of the southeastern Coastal Plain. These relatively undisturbed natural communities offer valuable insight and

opportunities for research that helps better understand the structure, function and value of these ecosystems. For more information on Ichauway, see me... If I come back!

The Georgia Prescribed Fire Council promotes Prescribed burning in the forests to reduce fuel that contributes to uncontrolled wildfires, improve water quality, improve wildlife habitat, and is nature's housekeeper in the forests. Fire is a natural thing, and it's better to be controlled than not. What an experience; my bucket list is almost full!