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history and insurance information. Our phone number 706-439-6017 or our website is the best way to contact the Tax Commissioner's Office.

Q. How many vehicle transactions and registrations are done annually in your office and how many employees work in the Tax Commissioner's office?

Lee Knight is the Union

County Tax Commissioner along with four other full-time and very well-qualified employees.

Together, the office processed over 6,000 title applications and provided over 49,000 vehicle registration renewals and transactions for the year 2020. The Tax Commissioner's office also processed over 27,000 property tax transactions for 2020.

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member as the next Business of the Quarter.

If February is the month of love, then Blairsville is the place for lovers, and with Valentine's Day just around the corner, shop local for the gift that says, "I love you." Hike a waterfall or take a trail ride to reconnect with that special someone before heading into town for a romantic dinner for two. Remember to call early for reservations to your favorite eatery or to plan a "staycation" right here at any of our vacation rentals from rustic to elegant. Whatever your day looks like, cap off the evening with a tasting or movie. If romance leads to a marriage proposal, we are ready for you. The First annual North Georgia Wedding Expo falls just after this special day with vendors and sponsors

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was astonished. No matter how I felt, what my mind told me, what I wanted so badly to believe, the scale told a different tale. I was humbled. I did not know it all. My thoughts, however noble, were based on emotions, desires, and other faulty things. I found out I needed the Truth Teller to keep me humble, to keep me on a straight path.

Today, our nation needs the Truth Teller. Not our emotions, feelings, guilt, beliefs, but God's truth, which is Jesus died for everyone. Not your feelings of what the news media feeds you, that society is seen through a lens of the powerful oppressors and the oppressed, but that through Christ, all are equal and can come to Him for forgiveness and life-changing results. We then allow the Holy Spirit to change us from within. We yield to God's sanctifying power, and hearts change. We care more about His way, His rules, His knowledge, and less

going all out, so if you know someone recently engaged, or trying to convince that certain someone to take the next step, join us on Sunday, March 14th and discover why our beautiful mountain community is lauded the premier wedding destination.

Until then, continue to support our schools, hospital, and health care professionals as they support us with their dedicated service as a cornerstone in our community. And do tell someone to go take a hike. Hike the Twelve Trails of Blairsville, and if you don't know the twelve trails, check out the Feels Like Home Blog at visitblairsvillega.com. Let's never take for granted Blairsville-Union County, the best place to live and love.

of our own.

The core problem in our country right now, is rejection of God and His idea of what is right, and what is wrong. Lines and boundaries have been crossed, then ultimately ignored.

The next word I focused on was "turn." According to God's divine and holy word, we need to turn/repent from all this evil to receive a healing to our land. You can say all day that those in Washington need to do it first, but it ultimately begins with you and I. First, accept Christ as the boss and Lord of your life, stop relying on your own limited resources and knowledge. Next, dust off those Bibles, get into His word. Pray. Seek Him with all your heart, mind, soul and strength.

If we do this, our land will see healing. If we keep heading on the path we are now on, there will be tragic results. **C.A. Bishop**

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Thomas Sowell. If you are not familiar with this man, I suggest you pick up one of his many books, as he is a great intellect of this time. In his article, he discusses how truth is often left out of leftist views and facts are completely absent in their world.

The statement that "BLM protests were mainly peaceful" from the recent letter to the editor confirms Dr. Sowell's thesis. The BLM protests were peaceful? Really? Then I thought, maybe the angry American was on vacation this summer when the nation was swept with violent burning, murdering, and rioting by BLM. Maybe this person was in Europe when Seattle was damaged and burned, when a lawless autonomous zone was established, a police station was burned, and a young black man was killed.

Or maybe this person was touring Asia when Chicago was looted and burned, cars set on fire, or when Atlanta was attacked. Or when retired policeman Mr. David Dorn was killed during the riots just protecting a store. Perhaps this person was in South America for several months when Portland, Oregon, was violated, burned and looted night after night, and police officers had their

eyes permanently damaged by "peaceful lasers" directed at them. Federal buildings attacked again and again, more fires, homes attacked, people's lives destroyed. All of this called peaceful? But wait...

There was a pandemic, so nobody traveled anywhere. And yet the left's much-depised Donald Trump and everyone in his administration worked hard to provide much-needed equipment and supplies. Were mistakes made? Probably. Know why? Because NOBODY had ever been in a pandemic before, and NOBODY knew exactly what to do (including the wizards of smart). NOBODY even knew much about the virus' behavior in the beginning. Most of all, NOBODY has ever been able to create the environment for a vaccine to be ready in less than a year. A YEAR!

So, mad? Yes, I AM mad, at the millions of people who voted for, and cheated for, this upcoming disaster of dementia and radical leftists. That people are unable to see the truth, or allow facts into their existence.

As for some claim of police brutality, that is topic for another letter to the editor, and the real facts on that will surprise you.

Eva Lausier

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

Teen Dating Violence impacts everyone, not just teens. Parents, siblings, friends, and our community are all effected. Together, we can raise awareness and promote safety among our teen population.

It is estimated 1 in 10 teens, ages 12-19 experience dating violence. Nationwide the same age group experience the highest rates of rape and sexual assault.

Girls are particularly vulnerable to experiencing violence in a relationship and are most likely to suffer long term behavior and health consequences, such as attempted suicide, eating disorders and drug abuse.

A recent study published by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention says that within a year 21% of high school girls and 10% of high school boys were physically or sexually assaulted by someone they dated. Additionally, we often hear about the harmful impacts of physical or sexual abuse in a relationship, but less often we

hear about emotional or verbal abuse behaviors used to manipulate and control a dating partner. They range from manipulation and humiliation to extreme jealousy and possessive behaviors.

Be aware of the warning signs that include: sudden changes in behavior from explosive temper and/or mood swings to increased insecurity and isolation from family and friends, just to name a few. Someone experiencing teen dating violence may feel they have no one to turn to when they need it the most. Recognize these early warning signs. The Justice Department Research also shows that school level interventions reduce dating violence up to 50%.

Help is available, websites include: loveisrespect.org where teens can call or text, there is also helpful information on youth.gov, breaktheyce.org and www.vetoviolence.org/datingmatters as well as school and faith based guidance.

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They used poplar, oak and pine lumber to build their new home. Since it was summertime, the young family moved from the weaning off house into their own home which they would occupy for the next 76 years.

Dad can still remember moving into their new home. He said it was almost like camping out because not all of the outside walls were covered yet.

Late one evening a rabid dog showed up at their house. Granny placed her little boys up into the rafters of the house while Papa ran outside with a shotgun to try and dispatch the mad dog. The dog was on the north side of the house while Papa had exited the south side. Each time Papa would run to one side of the house the dog would go to the other. Granny would holler at Papa and he would run the way she directed. Daddy said, "Me and your Uncle Bud were laughing at the scene in front of us. Papa was in his drawers and running from side to side of the house while Granny was yelling instructions."

Eventually, he was able to dispatch the mad dog. The next day he was back at work, and the house was finally finished in late September. The family had a nice warm place to stay before cold weather came into the country.

After Papa finished the house he began seeking a money-paying job. The crop was in and he had time on his hands. Times were tough. Alabama was trying to pull itself out of a depression and their was talk of an impending war. He finally found a job with a logger.

Papa got up in the morn-

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"I consider it right...to stir you up by way of reminder, knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent" (2 Pet. 1:13-14). The reminder is that by faith you enter the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ before your "laying aside."

If you are to be stirred up by life or death, let it be about things that ultimately matter. Such as your ultimate destiny.

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example, if you have a low lying spot, a steep slope, and a wooded area, each one of these would need a unique soil sample done. When you receive the results from the lab they will have recommendations for you based on the types of plants that you have or plan to have.

Bring soil samples into your County Extension Office. If you have questions regarding the soil sampling or the results you can call your local Extension office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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mean that the socialist commie hordes are coming for your bibles and your guns, as some of you have reported. But it does mean that the conversations will shift to some real problems, like the climate crisis, systemic social injustice, income inequality, access to affordable health care, and all the many issues that so desperately need addressing by "all of us" because they affect "all of us."

I hope at best this letter offends no one, or at worst offends the right ones, or at least stirs some thought. Just another slant from a concerned citizen.

Reggie Lenoir
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been super patriotic and service oriented." He further related that he felt that some sort of public or military service would go a long way toward shaping and molding the youth of today. "We experienced a surge of patriotism when 9/11 happened," said Ed, "and a sharper vision about how easily our world could change at the hands of the Middle East, China or Russia. I would like to see that level of patriotism return."

As current commander of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-3 based out of Blairsville, Ed encourages all veterans to join a Veteran's Service Organization to enjoy the military fellowship, give back to the veteran community, and bring light of military service to the community at large. We owe Ed, and others like him, a debt of gratitude. We salute you. Until we meet again right here at Military Musings, I bid you "At Ease!"

neck. He placed a handkerchief around the wound and quickly walked the mile back to his house. He staggered through the door, scaring Granny and her two young sons. Dad said, "Papa was bloody all over and very cold. We thought a painter had tried to kill him." Granny poured coal oil on his neck and

used some long thorns to staple the wound closed.

I now have Papa's saw. I know it isn't worth much. But, I use it from time to time just to think of him and realize that he gave me something much more important than money. His memories and stories are treasures!