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until April 8th. Our recommendation is to hold onto your recyclables until the stations reopen if you are unable to take them to the Transfer Station.

Q. I know people are utilizing the park and the playgrounds. Is the county doing any type of sanitizing or disinfecting of the playground equipment?

A. Yes, the playground equipment was sanitized by a cleaning service. Elite Cleaning Services did this as a gift to our county and did not charge us. We would like to thank them and let them know how much we appreciate their kindness. We also would encourage anyone that may be considering us-

ing the equipment to bring their own disinfectant if you feel it is necessary.

Q. What can I do to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus?

A. These are the guidelines or best practices that are being given to us by the CDC: 1. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces; 2. Avoid touching your face; 3. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or into your elbow; 4. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible. You may access the website at www.cdc.gov, and read all of their suggested guidelines.

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house and lived out their days on this location. The grave yard which was previously mentioned contains the graves of the couple. John died at the age of 63 in the year 1843, while Sarah died at the age of 71 in 1855.

The first owner of the farm who actually has a recorded deed of the property in the Union County Courthouse is John Gordon Butt, a grandson of John. The house and farm was passed to his three sons, who sold it to their uncle, Eugene W. Butt. He served in the Confederate Army from the time he was 16 until the age of 21. After the war he was a merchant, farmer, banker, state legislator and county Ordinary. He also increased the size of the farm to 1,050 acres. This fellow also rebuilt and enlarged the house on the farm. One of his daughters was Cora Butt Wellborn, who is still fondly remembered in Blairsville.

Alma Butt Fite purchased the farm from her father, Eugene, in 1920 and lost it in foreclosure in 1931. During 1934, the mortgage holder sold the farm to Marie Erwin Chandler. Her parents were Dr. Franklin

Jewel Elwin and Alice England, both of which were from Blairsville. Marie and her husband, Sidney G. Chandler, lived on the farm until 1939, when they moved to Athens. The Chandlers installed electricity and plumbing, and a damaged portion of the porch was removed which allowed more light into the home. Two of the early out-buildings, a garage and well house are still standing. An old log barn collapsed during the blizzard of 1993. At one time, there was also a smokehouse and woodshed.

The family dates the original structure back to 1840, making the Chandler House one of the oldest structures in Union County. The original house had two rooms upstairs and two rooms downstairs, with breezeways separating them. The kitchen was located in the back of the house. The interior walls of the house are of pine and they are held in place with square-cut nails. I wish that walls could talk. But, they cannot, so we are thankful that someone of the caliber of Marion and David Lifsey provided the information above for this article.

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ernments. You see, if you're a scientist, your research depends solely on grants and donations. If your research money comes from people who want Climate Change, Global Warming or whatever to be the case, then you will do anything to make sure the money never stops flowing to you. Remember back in the early 2000s? Under a fervor about Global Warming, it was found that two United Nations "Scientists" fudged their numbers to make it appear that the Earth was warming at an alarming rate. Look it up. Here's another thing: Liberals love control. PERIOD. There's NEVER too much to suit them. What better way to control people than to convince them that they, by their very existence and daily activities, are killing the planet on which they live, and if they don't listen to you or do as you say, they are all doomed. Interesting, huh. Remember Al Gore? Remember how Al told the heartbreaking story about the ice sheets melting and how it was going to kill all the Polar Bears. There were 4,000 Polar Bears alive the year Al Gore was born. Now, there are over 29,000 of them, and they are THRIVING. Look it up. Here's another thing Al neglected to tell people. The Polar Bear is actually classi-

fied as an AQUATIC Mammal. That means they spend a lot of time in the water and have no problem with yearly ice sheet variations. I'm not a Scientist, but I do have a good idea when someone is trying to HARD SELL me a bill of goods. The very letter writer I quoted above lied to us repeatedly in this very newspaper telling us that H.R. 763 was a "bipartisan" climate bill. I don't know about y'all, but to me, one conservative sponsor of any bill doesn't make it bipartisan.

Don't forget, y'all, that most of the celebrities who tout Climate Change as our biggest problem live in lavish homes and travel around as much as they like in private limousines and private jets. Hum. You'd think if C.C. was that big of a problem they wouldn't live in such big dwellings, use gas guzzlers, and would fly commercial to reduce their carbon footprint. You see, in a lot of cases, in Liberals' minds, nothing they do is wrong, but everything we do is wrong. One last thing: I, personally, think it's shameful for that writer to use this present state of emergency to attempt to forward HIS AGENDA. That's all I have to say at this point that can be printed.

Claude Rains Jr.

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In recent days, public officials across the country have begun ordering the shutdown of "non-essential" businesses for periods of time. The goal of these orders is to appropriately respond to this unprecedented health crisis.

We are heartened that, so far, newspapers have been identified as essential businesses in these orders - akin to grocery stores, pharmacies and other businesses that are critical to public welfare.

We ask that, in any ac-

tion by the Administration to limit commercial activity, the government recognize news publishing and reporting as "essential" to public health and welfare. We also ask that you encourage state and local officials to make the same designation. Distribution of quality news and information is absolutely central to all efforts to get beyond the crisis. Best Regards, **Robin Rhodes** Executive Director, Georgia Press Association

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iff's Department, we express our special thanks for sheltering us in his vehicle (my husband was soaked from water to his waist). Captain Davenport stood at the site for a very long while. More than four hours later, he showed up at the E.R. of Union General to bring a cellphone that he retrieved from the mud. We thank you SO VERY much, Captain Davenport, for your professional, caring help.

The ambulance responders were kind, efficient and safely delivered us to Union General E.R. The staff there was the same - kind, efficient and capable. In addition, the second ambulance service that drove a long turnaround to Atlanta, safely and professionally responded and attended to me. We thank all

of them for making this situation more bearable for their professional attitudes.

This just reflects that most people today care and will reach out their hands to help if the need arises. BUT... it is unexpected. Thus, these big thanks for doing the unrequired but good thing for a stranger. Also, that those who are the first responders in addition to doing their job, do so with caring, risk to themselves, but can be kind and consider it a vocation and not simply a job.

May God bless you all in unexpected ways and your reward be Heavenly.

P.S. The phone is still working Captain Davenport - two miracles in one day!

David & Darlene Bone Blairsville, GA

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for vouchers or cash assistance for qualified food purchases based on income and asset tests. In FY2014, roughly 46.5 million Americans were receiving SNAP benefits, averaging \$125 per person per month.

Title V: Credit Farmers are typically land rich, but cash poor, so credit has long been an essential part of the agricultural enterprise. Often though, because of the cyclical nature of farm businesses, that credit is too risky for private commercial lending. The Farm Credit Service was created in 1916. It was later known as the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and was consolidated into one of the functions of the Farm Service Agency (FSA). FSA offers direct loans and also guarantees loans with partner banks and farm credit institutions to farmers.

These loan programs are funded through annual appropriations. The authorities, along with the Title VI rural development authorities, were only first included in a farm bill in the 1990s. In the 2014 Farm Bill, new provisions were included to help Beginning Farmers and Ranchers.

Title VI: Rural Development This title uses many of the same authorities as the credit title, but supports rural business and community programs, including rural electric and telecommunications services, rural water, and sewer infrastructure, rural hospitals and health care, among other programs.

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because there is more runoff. Creating a channel that allows water to flow out of your yard helps with drainage.

In situations that have a mixture of these four factors it will be very challenging to grow grass instead of moss. Ferrous sulfate can be used to kill moss, but if the environmental conditions aren't changed, the moss will only return. The same thing goes for scraping moss off. If you have questions about moss contact you County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

I was planning to have a Spring Garden Kickoff in Towns and Union. Due to COVID-19, I am moving that class online. It will be streamed on Facebook Live from Towns' and Union's Extension Facebook pages. Go to those pages or email me for more information on how you can "attend."

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have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need" (4:12). In a worst case scenario, this virus has a lasting effect not only on medicine and mortality, but on jobs, personal income, and the worldwide economy. May the Lord grant us wisdom to be content in whatever circumstance we find ourselves.

My prayer for you, dear reader, is that you live out your own headline. How about, "Responding in faith, not fear"?

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be working closely with local, state and federal governments, GEMA, FEMA, as well as public and private organizations during this event.

We recommend following the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines on how to stop the spread of COVID-19, social distancing, and what to do if you become ill.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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you need and leave the rest so all with have enough ammo to sustain themselves until the battle is over. This is how we fight and this is how we win. Not because we are a bunch of heroes, but because we are Americans, and that's what we do. God Bless America,

Roger Boyle U.S.M.C., Vietnam Veteran

UC Historical Society's Brick Walk

To show our appreciation for the overwhelming community support for the Union County Historical Society's Brick Walk, we are extending the current price of \$50 per brick. Please call the Historical Society at 706-745-5493 or come by the old courthouse to purchase one in memory or in honor of a loved one.

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for a final project that focuses on our city and county development. We are proud to announce that there are two amazing project nearing completion that our community can actively take part in.

The first project is the Fountain of Hope - benefiting the children of Union County through CASA. The Fountain of Hope will add to the beauty of our mountain town and provide much needed assistance to our most precious asset, our children.

The team has been working in conjunction with Darren Harper, with Downtown Development Authority, to create a plan for a small-scale waterfall/stream that will conclude its flow with a "wishing well" at the bottom of the hill.

This would be placed in Downtown Blairsville between Hole in the Wall and the Wine Shoppe, for all to enjoy! As people pass by the "wishing well", they will see signage inviting them to toss their change into the waters below.

Funds collected from the pool area will be donated to Enotah\ CASA to benefit the children of Union County. The build is expected to be completed prior to Labor Day

weekend, on September 5, 2020.

The second project that our community will soon be able to enjoy is an off-leash dog park. The new off-leash dog park will be built at the Farmers Market as part of the field and parks expansion.

The new county park will implement the basics which will include fencing, gates, human and pet water fountains, and a covered pavilion.

This will create a fun environment and destination for dog owners to allow their dogs to play and work out "off" leash, promoting good canine physical health and socialization.

The park also creates an environment for social interaction between dogs and owners. The off-leash dog park will be maintained by the County for long term sustainability.

The scheduled ribbon cutting will be April 2020, and parking will be right at the park.

We are very proud of our 2020 Leadership Union class and are looking forward to the completion of the projects, which will continue to benefit our beautiful community.