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A. With larger populations, businesses have a greater opportunity to increase sales and grow their business. When we have people who want a grocery store or other type chain or local business to locate here, it is often based on population.

However, one of the most important points to me relates to our students in school. They need the opportunity to be able to go to school then be return to our county for employment should they want to live here and raise their families

here. While all young people will not want to stay here, we need those that will. As some of the rest of us age, we must have new, eager and smart young adults that want to have a chance to live and raise a family in the same community in which they were raised.

It is easy to be selfish and suggest that we put a gate on Union County, but in fact, we all do a good job of promoting our community by enjoying what we have to offer and letting others know.

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support the need in the community and the good news is that a local agency is now in the second phase of a research study offered by Kennesaw State University that will provide this fundamental data.

Since our community is within the top 5 Georgia Counties in suicide completion, funds have been released to hire a Suicide Prevention Coordinator.

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buckboard. She walked back into the pool room, pointed the shotgun at the traveling salesman, and said, "I want the 75 cents for the three gallons of gasoline I let you have on credit or I am going to shoot you in front of everybody." The man quit laughing and paid Laura for the gasoline. Laura thanked the man and said, "It was good doing business with you, but you can't have any more credit at my store."

Later on when my own father was a little boy, all of Daddy's cousins were at Granny Laura's house while their parents were in the cotton fields. Laura was catching up on some sewing while watching all the boys. Daddy and his younger cousin, Jimmy, encouraged their cousin, Harold, to pick on Johnny. Laura knew what had happened. So, she

This means that we are working toward a collaborative approach to raise awareness and offer services for those considering or have failed attempts.

Our community is growing and the needs for these services will increase as our population increases. Now is the time to begin building the foundation for a healthier Union County.

sent all three boys to retrieve their own peach tree limbs for a whipping.

Dad and Jimmy cut their limbs and watched as Harold took off running and laughing at his grandmother because she could not catch the boy. Dad and Jimmy took their whippings and then asked, "Granny, do you want us to catch Harold?" Granny Laura said, "No thanks, boys. I'll catch him myself." Granny chased Harold twice around the house and then hid at the corner. Dad said, "You could hear Harold laughing as he rounded the house and then he let out a blood curdling scream as a peach tree limb wrapped around his legs." Laura had Harold by the hair of the head and she wore him out with a peach tree limb. Thereafter, Harold always obeyed every word said to him by Laura.

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that may not be what you're after. If you are doing some vegetable gardening or your soils are very deficient in nutrient synthetic fertilizers will give you the biggest boost.

Finally, I want to say something about manures as fertilizer. Similar to organic fertilizers, their nutrient concentrations will probably be low. Also, you may not know what you're getting nutritionally if no analysis has been done. Manure can be really good for building organic matter in soil. It is easy to add too much phos-

phorus if you are solely relying on manure; this can lead to eutrophication downstream. Some people are concerned with weed seeds in chicken litter. Studies have been done showing that chicken litter carries very little to no weed seed in it.

There are pros and cons to many different types of fertilizers. If you have questions about fertilizers contact your local Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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in numerous places, including a tour in Vietnam. At least in theory, we served to ensure the freedom of lesser patriots like you to live as they choose, even if they abuse that privilege by such selfish actions as throwing their trash onto other people's property.

I meant to ask you to stop throwing trash onto our road, but I cannot do that. I realize now that trash is part of your DNA. You were born to litter and are so addicted to this selfish, inconsiderate practice, that you can no more resist it than a heroin user can resist pushing that needle between his toes.

So I will not ask you to stop. Just kindly collect everything in one bag, tie it up tightly and drop it near the fire station. I will find and take care of it. It would be especially useful if you could leave

your bag close to the edge of the road. I am approaching 77 and my knees are so sore that it really hurts to climb up and down those steep roadside banks.

Have you ever considered taking some of the leftover food home? I think if you left a couple of greasy fries and a bite or two of hamburger in the bag and slipped it under your pillow it would inspire unbelievable dreams. I suspect if you eased it over close to Miss Honey's pillow where she could also enjoy the aroma, it would arouse chemistry like you have never seen. What a night!

Bubba, I expect you are not much of a scholar. So you may need to ask your Momma to read this to you. I look forward to doing business with you.

Happy Trucking!  
**Wm. Ronald Gibson**

## USDA Farm Service Agency

*P. Kevin Thomas,  
County Executive Director*

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 became effective on February 2, 1979. It requires any foreign person who: acquires or transfers any interest other than a security interest in agricultural land to submit a completed FSA-153 to the Secretary of Agriculture not later than 90 calendar days after the date of acquisition or transfer, or held any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land on February 1, 1979, to have submitted a report to the Secretary not later than August 1, 1979.

The information required by the Secretary should be reported on a FSA-153. Copies of this form, which you are encouraged to give to clients who are foreign persons owning, acquiring, or transferring agricultural land in the United States or its territories or possessions, may be obtained online. Return the completed FSA-153 to this office.

Any foreign person

who holds, acquires, or transfers any interest in agricultural land, who the Secretary of Agriculture determines did not submit FSA-153, or who knowingly submitted a report that was incomplete, misleading, or false is subject to civil penalty of not more than 25 percent of the fair market value of the land on the date the penalty is assessed.

FSA-153 is analyzed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, to develop reports for the Secretary of Agriculture and the agriculture department in each State.

Completed FSA-153's and the analysis shall be available for public inspection at the Department of Agriculture located in Washington, DC.

We appreciate your cooperation and any help you can provide pertaining to this important matter.

If you have questions concerning the Act, please contact: P. Kevin Thomas, CED 706-745-2012 extension 2 or by mail at 165 Wellborn Street Box 6, Blairsville, GA 30512.

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Christopher Jones, Dean of the Division of Professional Studies and Director of the Institute for Leadership, Business, and Public Policy. This year's class was also invited to the Union County Courthouse for a tour, as well as the opportunity to partake in an evening question and answer session with Commissioner Lamar Paris, Mayor Jim Conley, Sheriff Mack Mason, Police Chief Michael Baxter, and District Attorney Jeff Langley.

An important portion of Leadership Union requires the classes formulate and implement a project that will prove beneficial to our community. Past projects have included a financial literacy program delivered to high school students, the "We Are Still Here" statue in Meeks Park, and an initiative to provide Drug Court graduates with basic toiletries and essentials needed to make a fresh start as they transition into a half-way house. This year, the class was divided into two project groups. While unique in scope, each group's idea is both sustainable and will positively impact many in our area. One of the projects includes instituting a Career Signing Day for high school seniors that, upon graduation, will be pursuing immediate employment in the local work force. The other class project is installing Wi-Fi in Meeks Park. Both projects are going to have a lasting benefit in Blairsville-Union County.

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the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Lord of history, Who stands above history, acts within history for the redemption of historical creatures."

The Bible records this redemptive history. It helps us make sense of the past, present, and future. It explains why the world is so broken, and why we can hope that it will not always be so. Its worldview corresponds to the world we encounter. The God who inspired it could easily preserve it for us today. So we can agree with Paul, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16).

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there is a division between people who are Pro-Life and those who believe that it is a woman's "Right" to take control of her body. In truth, no baby is ever "part of a woman's Body." Even twins are so unique they have different fingerprints!

Many women cannot conceive, and there are loving couples who would willingly take that babe and raise it, nurture it and protect it. Many couples have even adopted handicapped children, and there is always a place for a baby in the heart of those earnestly seeking. Have we become so cold and callous that destroying a baby is not seen as a heinous act?

**A. Marion Gray**

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ing in most full-time residents' annual power remaining the same as current levels and in some cases going down. Part-time residents would experience an increase in their annual power costs.

In my opinion, the General Manager's proposal is fair for everyone involved, including our lower income residents who for years have subsidized those with the means to afford second or third homes.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Patrick Malone**

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sitioning one rescue firefighter on the floor. The firefighters work together, using their leg power to raise the downed firefighter out the window. The skill is very labor intensive and requires technical application.

Firefighter survival is an essential skill that every firefighter should know and practice. This training provides firefighters with the knowledge and skills to escape a dangerous situation.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

## IOTA IOTA BBQ Fundraiser

IOTA IOTA Barbecue \$8 a meal fundraiser to raise money for local charities will be held on Friday, March 29 at the United Community-Brackett Room. Call 706-835-6870 for tickets, delivery of 6 meals + by Chef Randy Z.

Oleg Malyshev with Edward Jones, Kitty Mauzy with United Community Bank, Jeremy Nelms with Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, Margie Porter with Amazing Grace Catering and Events, and Shawna Rich of

Nelson Tractor.

Again, I would like to thank the participants, their employers, and the many sponsors for their support and dedication in making this program a success, once again!