

# Opinions

## Everybody has one...

### Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are valuable tools that are essential for home safety. They are used to extinguish smaller fires before they get out of control. People should understand the different types of fire extinguishers and how to safely use them to put out a fire.

There are actually five types of fire extinguishers. Each type is based on the type of fuel (material) burning. Type A fuels are ordinary combustibles such as paper or wood. They are what we would consider normal burning materials. Type B fuels are flammable liquids such as gasoline or diesel. Type C fuels involve electrical equipment. Type D fuels are combustible metals such as magnesium or lithium. Type K fuels are combustible cooking fuels such as vegetable or animal oils.

**Fire Dept. from Union County Fire Chief**  
David Dyer



Choosing the correct type of extinguisher for the type of burning fuel is very important. Some extinguishing agents used for one type of fire will not work on the others. Rarely do we encounter Type D fires and the type K extinguishers are usually used in commercial kitchens and restaurants. Most fires that we encounter are going to be types A, B, or C. For that reason, most fire extinguishers available today usually contain extinguishing agents that may be used on types A, B, and/or C.

Fire extinguishers must be labeled with the type. These labels will have the letter and a picture designating the type of extinguisher. If any part of the label has a line through it, that type of fire cannot be extinguished with that fire extinguisher. When encountered with a fire, look on the side of the extinguisher to determine if it is the correct type for the fuel that is burning. Most extinguishers also have instructions for use on the side.

The use of a fire extinguisher is simple. Most use the PASS method. From a safe distance: Pull the safety pin at the handle; Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire; Squeeze the handle to apply the extinguishing agent; Sweep the nozzle and agent across the base of the fire until the fire is extinguished.

Fighting fire, even small fires, can be dangerous. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind. Never attempt to put out a large fire with a fire extinguisher. Most extinguishers are portable and are limited on the amount of fire that can be extinguished. Never enter the fire area if you are unable to breathe or see due to the smoke.

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### Solving Life's Mysteries

I do not know if British actor and comedian Russell Brand has arrived anywhere on his spiritual journey. But he's saying things that might be helpful to someone looking for answers to the mysteries of life.

Brand's tradecraft can be offensive as he entertains the disaffected, directionless younger generations, i.e., the folks enticed as children to "follow your heart" and ego-stroked to "be whatever you want to be." As adults they wonder about life's mysteries but look for answers in the wrong places. Some of those answers about morality and identity are harmful lies. They believe Richard Dawkins who says they are merely a random collection of DNA and can only dance to its music. They demand affirmation, shout down disagreeable on-campus speakers, and dare anyone to challenge their conclusions. They look berserk, floundering with no grasp of ultimate reality.

Back to Brand. He has been transparent about his spiritual journey, a winding tale along a rocky path. He said, "Like many desperate people, I need spirituality, I need God, or I cannot cope in this world." That looks like a signpost pointing to answers. "My personal feeling is the teachings of Christ are more relevant now than they've ever been," he said. "There's a famous quote: 'Every man who knocks on a brothel door is looking for God.' Humanity is knocking on a brothel door, looking for fulfillment in things that will only leave them empty." I hope these words mean he is considering all the truth claims of Christ. I hope his audience considers the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection.

You are on a quest, knocking on doors, whether you realize it or not. That quest is to unravel the mystery of the universe and find your place in it. Perhaps the best way to characterize the question is, "Does life offer any reason to hope?" It matters how you look for answers. If you remove God as a starting point, you end up with subjective, untenable, and hopeless answers. Wrong answers lead to boredom, frustration, and even violence.

But the right answers about ultimate questions make a person peaceful, hopeful, and wise. God has unraveled the mystery for us. His Word reveals "the mystery which has been hidden

**All Things New**

Wayne Fowler



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### Commissioner's Questions

**Q. Last year in the Spring, the County held a contest for trash pickup. Will there be another county-wide effort to collect garbage off the highways and roads?**

A. Yes, and it's happening this week. In conjunction with Earth Day celebrations, a county-wide litter clean-up competition will be held on April 22, 2023. The contest is sponsored by the Union County Commissioner's Office, Union County Recreation Department, and the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce.

**Q. How do I sign up?**

A. Pull together your best "team," and then go to the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce website to register and compete for some pretty great prizes.

**Q. What are the prizes for the April 22, 2023 county-wide trash pickup?**

A. The third-place winning team will receive a \$250 Blairsville Bucks Gift Card; the second place winning team will receive a \$500 Blairsville Bucks Gift Card; and the first place winning team will receive a \$1,000 Blairsville Bucks Gift Card. These gift cards can be used at downtown merchants who support the litter pick-up effort.

**Q. Is there a limitation on the specific roads I can clean? Do I have to stick to county roads?**

A. You can clean up any location of your choice inside of Union County. However, if you choose to pick up litter on a busy road or highway, we ask that you take the necessary precautions to ensure that you can do so safely. During the litter pickup event, you will want to wear bright colors so that you can be seen by passing vehicles, and you will want to always remain aware of your surroundings.

**Q. Will the County provide any safety equipment or tools to those who participate?**

A. Yes. Before the contest begins, participants will receive gloves, vests, and trash bags for the event.

**Q. Once I am registered, where do I go to get the safety equipment?**

A. The competition kicks off at 8am at Granddaddy Mimm's

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Lamar Paris



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### Mar-a-Lago Raid

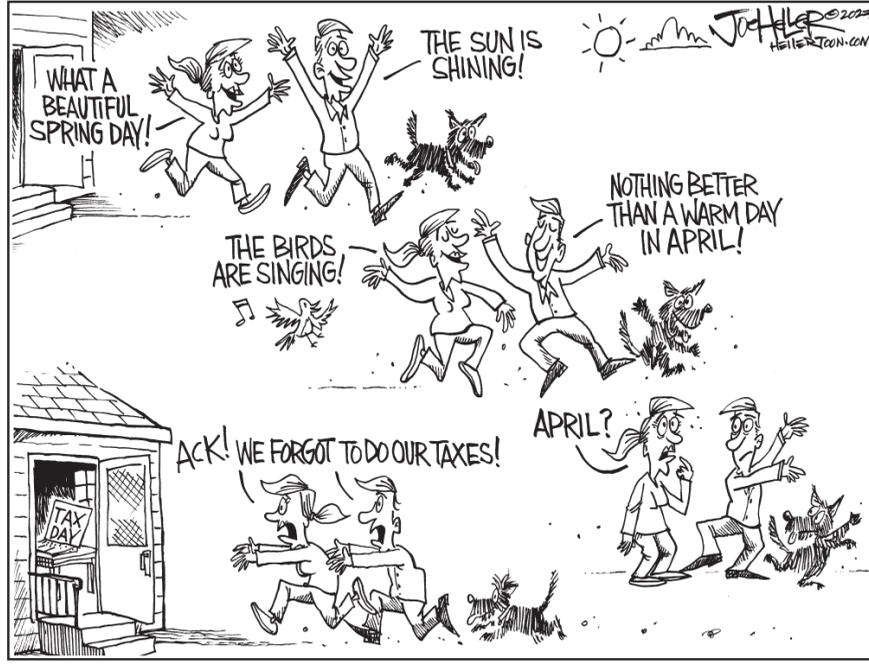
Back in August, the FBI took an unprecedented step in raiding President Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago. At the time, Biden Administration officials reported they were "stunned" by the development. Yet given his weaponization of federal agencies, many were rightfully concerned that President Biden was directly involved in the dangerous decision. While these claims were quickly labeled as conspiracies by the left-wing media, we now have evidence that the Biden Administration was directly entangled in the controversy.

United States Congressman  
Representative Andrew Clyde



According to National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) records obtained by America First Legal through a Freedom of Information Act request, the FBI acquired access to President Trump's records through a "special access request" from the Biden White House. This reveals NARA misled Congress about the Biden Administration's role in the FBI's raid.

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### Chamber of Commerce

It's an exciting time to be a job seeker in the community workforce! As someone who had the opportunity to sit in on several Union County College and Career Academy committee meetings last week, I can safely say that there are jobs available in almost every industry. The best part? These businesses aren't just looking for experienced hires; they're also looking for interns and summer employment, they're even willing to hire on the spot! They're looking for quality workers that can come in and learn what these businesses are doing. So, whether you're still in high school, a recent graduate, or considering a career switch, you won't want to miss out on these amazing opportunities.

Blairsville - Union County Chamber President  
Steve Rowe



If you have a passion for helping others, then the health care industry is the perfect place for you! From nursing assistants to registered nurses, there's a wide range of job opportunities available. You could work in a hospital setting, long-term care facility, or even in-home care.

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### Letters to the Editor

#### Animal Neglect/Cruelty

Dear Editor,  
Recently I was driving on State Route 515 in the area of the Cross Church at Queens Gap Connector when motion on the roadside caught my eye. In the pouring rain, a deer carcass was being eaten by what appeared at first to be coyotes. When I realized it was a pair of German Shepherd dogs, I turned around and returned to the scene, hoping to get the dogs into my minivan and off the four-lane. They ran off, tails tucked in fear, before I even stopped the car. When I spoke to Animal Control I was told that the dogs had been loose for a couple of weeks and had apparently been dumped. Over the next week I saw these beautiful dogs several times, running frantically up and down both sides of the highway over a two-mile stretch.

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#### Good Old Days

Dear Editor,  
We all can remember when we were young at heart and nothing ever seemed to slow us down. We were like an energized bunny hopping here and there full of life and vinegar. When I was 13 to 18 years of age I used to ride my bike in the summer time five miles with a bag full of golf clubs over my shoulder and arrive at the course around 9 a.m., pay my \$5 for the day, and play as many holes as I wanted to with other youth that came as well. You might say that's impossible, but the year was 1953 and things were cheaper in the good old days. We kids used to play 36 holes and never got tired. Even the bike ride home was no big deal. I do remember caddying for two elderly gentlemen and carrying two bags for 18 holes, and for my reward they each gave me \$5, which went

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#### More Than Sports

Dear Editor,  
I appreciate you reporting news pertaining to sports in our schools. But what I really miss is:  
\*Info on upcoming performances at the Performing Arts Center. Prior to Covid, we attended several productions and they were five-star.  
\*Frequently we see, what appear to be, auctions at the Agriscience Center. Another event we would like to attend.  
I think it is important to remember the other activities/talents that include objects "other than balls." I encourage you to include such events in your publication.  
Thanks,  
Janet Trlica

### Soil...

Soil - Where Would We Be Without It? Many of our grants and project's concern Soil Health because without soil nothing would exist on earth. It's what holds everything together and produces everything we need to sustain life on earth. Soil is the thin layer of material covering the earth's surface and is formed from the weathering of rocks. It is made up mainly of mineral particles, organic materials, air, water and living organisms—all of which interact slowly yet constantly. These four ingredients react with one another in amazing ways, making soil one of our planet's most dynamic and important natural resources.

RC&D Executive Director

Frank Riley



Soil is used by people in numerous ways. Because of this, it has many definitions. An engineer may view soils as a material upon which infrastructure is built, while a diplomat may refer to "soil" as a nation's territory. From a soil scientist's perspective, soil is: The surface mineral and/or organic layer of the earth that has experienced some degree of physical, biological, and chemical weathering. Soils are limited natural resources. They are considered renewable because they are constantly forming. Though this is true, their formation occurs at extremely slow rates. In fact, one inch of topsoil can take several hundred years or more to develop.

Soil formation rates vary across the planet: the slowest rates occur in cold, dry regions (1000+ years), and the fastest rates are in hot, wet regions (several hundred years). To identify, understand, and manage soils, soil scientists have developed a soil classification or taxonomy system. Like the classification systems for plants and animals, the soil classification system contains several levels of detail, from the most general to the most specific. The most general level of classification in the United States system is the soil order, of which there are 12. Each order is based on one or two dominant physical, chemical, or biological properties that differentiate it clearly from the other orders. Perhaps the easiest way to understand why certain properties were chosen over others is to consider how the soil (i.e., land) will be used. That is, the property that will most affect land use is given precedence over one that has a relatively small impact.

The 12 soil orders all end in "sol" which is derived from the Latin word "solum" meaning soil or ground. Most of the orders also have roots that tell you something about that particular soil. For example, "molisol" is from the Latin "molis" meaning soft. The particles that make up soil are categorized into three groups by size: sand,

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### A Minister's Experience

My father was a minister in many small churches across north Georgia, southeastern Tennessee and northern Alabama. He had many entertaining experiences, some of which were sad, some funny and some were rather scary.

For example, back in the early 1970s Dad had just made a profession in faith and was baptized into Wallaceville Baptist Church in Chickamauga, Georgia. Our pastor was a man named Milo Knight.

Right away Milo took Dad under his wing and began to train him in the ways of becoming a minister. He insisted that Dad drive him to visit people in the hospitals, and the old fellow wouldn't even accept speaking at funerals unless my Dad drove him. One day Dad was called to drive Milo to a funeral on top of Sand Mountain close to Henegar, Alabama.

The pair of men had a drive of about 1.5 hours to get to where the funeral was to be held. Since they had the time the two of them talked about life and the ways of people in relation to the Church and God. Milo told Dad that he wanted to warn him about the people that would be at the funeral. My father was told to be ready because the relatives of the person being buried would probably like to show out today. The old man explained that he had conducted funerals for these folks in the past and each time there were certain individuals that wished to make a public display of their love for the one which had died. Dad wasn't a preacher yet and didn't really understand what the old preacher was saying. To further explain, Milo said, "When a person passes to the other side, some people feel guilty because they never came around to visit an older person while that person was still alive. Therefore, they make a big display trying to prove to everyone that they were real close to the one which died."

The pair of men pulled into the church yard and walked into the church to begin the funeral. Dad was sitting on the front row as the service began. Milo preached the sermon and songs were sang. After the service people began to file by the body of the deceased. The last to come by was the family and the very last was the youngest daughter of the woman being buried. When the woman viewed her deceased mother in the coffin she began a long and high-pitched wail. Soon she began to sob and next she made a lunge to climb into the coffin with her mother. The stand on which the coffin was resting gave way and the coffin containing the dead woman and the daughter turned over, tossing the body toward the congregation. Dad was horrified watching the spectacle. He told me the dead

Around The Farm

Mickey Cummings



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### Weeds

Weeds are a common problem for any gardener. The problem with weeds is that they create competition. Competition for nutrients, water, and most importantly sunlight. They can also serve as a host plant for pests and diseases that you don't want in your garden. There a couple of different ways that weeds can be classified, and these impact how we want to treat them.

Weeds are classified as annual or perennial. Annual weeds only live for a single season. Perennial weeds live for two or more seasons. The goal of an annual plant is to produce as many seeds as it can in a season to ensure the survival of its progeny next year. Perennial plants are looking to store energy in their root system so that they can make it through the winter. If you can keep annual weeds from putting on seeds by mowing or tilling them, you will reduce the population that you'll have next season. Perennial weeds can be treated in the fall with a systemic herbicide. In the fall, perennial weeds are moving energy into their roots for storage. Therefore, that herbicide is moved into the root system and kills the plant at the roots. Crabgrass is an example of an annual and broadleaf plantain is an example of a perennial.

Broadleaf and grasses is another way of categorizing weeds. There are many herbicides that are effective on broadleaf weeds, like 2,4-D, but don't work on grasses. Therefore, understanding what type of weed you're dealing with is very important.

Mulch is a great way to suppress weeds. Many different materials can be used. Straw, wood chips, and sawdust are all effective. Mulch blocks the sunlight from hitting the soil and creates a physical barrier that weeds have to grow through, making it difficult for them to germinate and grow. You can also use weed fabric barriers. They do much of the same thing. However, because water can't penetrate fabric barriers you'll probably need to install some drip irrigation underneath the barrier. You can also inject fertilizers through the drip irrigation using an injector.

You can find any number of recipes online for natural herbicides. Some of these are effective, others are not. Unlike some synthetic herbicides, these are not selective. They will kill every plant they touch. One problem is that they only kill the part of the plant that they touch. Therefore, if you have a perennial weed you are going to have to re-treat that weed many times before its root energy reserves are depleted and it stops regrowing. Vinegar is a common ingredient in these mixtures. I've seen recipes with citrus oil

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as NARA previously told Members of Congress that the agency “had not been involved in the DOJ investigation or any searches that it has conducted.”

This new information appears to confirm that the Biden White House coordinated with the Department of Justice to obtain the Trump records and create a pretext for the FBI’s raid of Mar-a-Lago. Congress must continue to swiftly and thoroughly investigate this matter in order

to provide Americans with accountability and dismantle our nation’s two-tiered justice system. We simply cannot allow the sitting President’s political persecution of his opponent — or allow taxpayer dollars to fund weaponized agencies carrying out President Biden’s political bidding. Please know that I will continue demanding answers surrounding this unconstitutional abuse of power until we deliver truth and justice.

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woman ended up laying on top of her daughter causing her to panic and scream. The pall bearers came to the rescue and got the body placed back into the coffin allowing the service to resume. Afterwards, Milo explained that each time he conducts a funeral for this family something similar happens.

Later my father became a minister, and late in his career he went to a church in southeastern Tennessee. He soon became friends with a minister up on the Cumberland Plateau. This fellow asked Dad to go with him to a see a man which had been bitten by a big rattlesnake. Dad and the old preacher went way back in the woods over close to Tracy City. They drove down a gravel road for many miles and eventually came to the house to which they were going. They pulled into the yard and noticed eight to 10 vehicles parked around the home. They were escorted into the house where they found an old man lying in bed surrounded by five or six of his sons and a few daughters.

The old man asked the old Preacher to pray for him. He bowed his head and said, “Father, thank you for the opportunity of talking with this foul sinner and his sons. Lord you will remember I asked you to send a snake to bite this man and you did. Thank you Lord for sending the snake because I can now talk to him about Jesus.” Dad told me later that he just knew that man’s sons were going to hogtie and skin him and the old preacher. But, the opposite happened. That old man and all of his sons accepted Jesus and joined the old Preacher’s congregation.

A few years later Dad and Mom were at a new church close to Dunlap, Tennessee. Dad heard about a man that was lost and needed the Lord. So, he and Mom went to visit this man and his family. They

drove way back in the woods on a one-lane road. After a few miles they rounded a curve and came upon a man in the middle of the road. Dad stopped and rolled down his window. This fellow asked Dad what he needed. Dad explained that he needed to visit old man Jones so he could invite him to his church. This fellow grinned and said, “We appreciate you coming up here to invite us to church. But, you can’t come in here on Tuesday afternoons. Would you mind coming back on Wednesday or Thursday?”

Dad and Mom did go back a couple of days later. They visited with the man and his whole family came to know the Lord. The man gave up his moonshine making. They even showed Dad the still which was located underneath their garden in an excavated room. The re-venuers would come looking for the still and walked across the top of it each time. It was never found. God did what the government couldn’t in shutting down an illegal whiskey making operation.

But, the one story I remember most happened when I was still in school. Dad witnessed two young men which happened to be drug dealers. Both men accepted Jesus and began attending church. One Sunday evening the man they worked for showed up at our little country church. He came to investigate what had happened to his two best dealers and he intended to kill this young country preacher. This fellow walked the isle of the church during the invitation and with tears streaming down his face he accepted Jesus. The next week the man turned himself into the police and turned state’s evidence against a bunch of crooks and drug dealers. He served time in Leavenworth and while there he too became a preacher leading many inmates to Jesus.

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Despite the Animal Control Department’s valiant efforts to locate an owner and to catch the dogs, their fate was predictable; both dogs were struck by speeding cars after weeks of suffering starvation, fear and abandonment. The owner would have been kinder putting the dogs to death than dumping them on the roadside.

During my 24-year career as an Animal Control Officer I saw pets of all kinds abandoned: cats, rabbits, chick-

ens, dogs, snakes, pigs and alligators. I heard all kinds of excuses, and none of them was understandable.

Abandoning an animal is an act of cruelty, morally AND legally. If anyone knows who might have owned these poor dogs, or you are seeing animal neglect/cruelty, PLEASE contact the Union County Animal Control Department at 706-439-6052. You can usually remain anonymous if you speak to the officers.  
**Cheryl Malone**

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towards playing more golf. We lived in Florida, and Mom & Dad used to take my brother and I to the beach often and have picnics, and we enjoyed watching the dolphins jump up into the air with such ease.

In the year 1960, Hurricane Donna hit our area with winds over 150 miles an hour and all the houses on the beach were pretty much destroyed. Even my dad’s drive-in theater screen was totally ruined. Two days later, two of my buddies and I went surfing in 20-foot waves, and one of the waves pulled me down to the ocean floor, which was about 50 feet off shore. But then I awoke on the beach suddenly and my whole body was cut by the broken shells I encountered at the bottom of the ocean. Yes, kids do stupid things as if there were no risks, but God was watching over me even when I didn’t know Him.

I remember every Sunday our granddad would take the whole family out to a restaurant called Morrisons that was located downtown, and you could go through the line and pick out anything you wanted, even a dessert was included. All for \$6. I remember going to the Woolworth 5 & 10 store downtown. They had a soda jerk counter where you could get one of my favorite ice cream desserts called banana split topped off with whip cream and three cherries on each of the three scoops of ice cream for 35 cents. WOW!!! I can still see all the different kinds of flavors of ice cream in the glass case that had my name on each one of them.

My brother Richard and I rode all over town and out in the wooded areas, and life was awesome back in the ‘50s and ‘60s. Not much traffic. Everyone left their houses unlocked as well as their cars, even when we used to go to the supermarket. Was it always perfect? No, but as perfect as it ever was for us kids who grew up in the good old days when people had respect for one another and neighbor helped neighbor. Soon when Christ returns there will be perfect peace when He sets up His kingdom ship for eternity. Folks, glorious days are coming again when we see our dear Jesus face to face and embrace His glorious eternal beginning which will never end.  
**Frank F. Combs**

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Distilling Co. at 112 Wellborn Street. Teams will pick up the safety equipment there before heading out to fill the trash bags. Additionally, a free hot-dog and hamburger lunch will be available at noon for those participating.

**Q. When will the judging take place?**

A. Judging for the 2023 county-wide litter pickup will take place at 3pm at Granddaddy Mimm’s Distilling Co.

Anyone with additional questions about the April 22, 2023 litter pickup competition can contact the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce at 706 745-5789.

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silt, and clay. Sand particles are the largest and clay particles the smallest. Although a soil could be all sand, all clay, or all silt, that’s rare. Instead, most soils are a combination of the three.

The relative percentages of sand, silt, and clay are what give soil its texture. A loamy texture soil, for example, has nearly equal parts of sand, silt, and clay.

Soil structure is the arrangement of soil particles into small clumps, called “peds”. Much like the ingredients in cake batter bind together to form a cake, soil particles (sand, silt, clay, and organic matter) bind together to form peds.

Peds have various shapes depending on their “ingredients” and the conditions under which the peds formed: getting wet and drying out, freezing, and thawing—even people walking on or farming the soil affects the shapes of peds.

Ped shapes roughly resemble balls, blocks, columns, and plates. Between the peds are spaces, or pores, in which air, water, and organisms move.

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and soaps too. One issue with using these is that if you use them too much, they’ll damage your soil.

Recipes with citrus oil are really more of a biocide, meaning they’ll kill plants, insects, earthworms, or anything else it meets. That’s not to say don’t use them, but rather use them judiciously.

A natural product designed to kill is dangerous to the environment when it’s not used responsibly.

Shallow tillage is a great way to control weeds in row middles. Or, making your rows wide enough so that you can fit between them with a lawnmower allows you to remove weeds.

Hand hoeing is hard work but very effective. I find that holding the hoe at a high angle and using the corner of the blade allows me to get just under the crown of the weed and pull it out. It also helps save your back.

If you have questions about weeds contact your county Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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The skilled trades industry is booming right now! Think about it - there will always be a need for roofers, electricians, plumbers, and HVAC technicians. These types of jobs are in high demand and can offer stable, long-term careers.

Finally, don’t forget about the service industry! From retail to customer service, there are a variety of entry-level roles available that can provide valuable experience and training.

In conclusion, the community workforce is full of exciting employment opportunities for job seekers of all backgrounds and skill levels. So, if you’re on the hunt for a job, don’t be afraid to put yourself out there and apply for these amazing positions.

With the right attitude and work ethic, you might just find your dream career in the process and help make life so much better in Blairsville!

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Always have an escape route. Store fire extinguishers in areas where fire is likely but where they may be easily accessible.

Be safe! Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

## Patriots wanted!

There is a meeting of Citizens For A Better America uniting to promote freedom and constitutional rights and you are invited.

Thursday, April 20, Meal orders at 5 PM, meeting is at 6-7:30 PM at the Legends Steak House, 42 Tennessee St., Downtown Murphy, NC. We will be in the private meeting room.

We have a very special guest from the 1776 Restoration Movement, founder David Ridel. You do not want to miss it!

This meeting is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend. United We Stand!

For more information: Website: <http://www.Citizens-ForABetterAmerica.com>, Email: [Contact@Citizens-ForABetterAmerica.com](mailto:Contact@Citizens-ForABetterAmerica.com), Call: (828) 361-5422.

The sizes of the pores and their shapes vary from soil structure to soil structure.

A soil’s texture and structure tells us a lot about how a soil will behave. Granular soils with a loamy texture make the best farmland, for example, because they hold water and nutrients well. Single-grained soils with a sandy texture don’t make good farmland because water drains out too fast.

Platy soils, regardless of texture, cause water to pond on the soil surface. Color can tell us about the soil’s mineral content. Soils high in iron are deep orange, brown to yellowish-brown. Those with lots of organic material are dark brown or black, in fact, organic matter masks all other coloring agents. Color can also tell us how a soil behaves.

A soil that drains well is brightly colored. One that is often wet and soggy has an uneven (mottled) pattern of grays, reds, and Soils are amazing! Life as we know it would not exist without them, as they provide countless services that benefit all humans. Clean air and water, the clothes on our backs, habitat, and food for plants and animals are just a few things we can thank soils for.

These ‘goods and services’ provided by soils are called ecosystem services. Think of all the things we need most for daily living: food, clothing, shelter, water. Have you ever considered how each of them, in turn, depends on soil—that without soil, in fact, there would be no life?

For more information on the importance of soil, check out [www.soils.org](http://www.soils.org).

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from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints...Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him...with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ” (Col. 1:26-28). Your only hope is Christ in you. You reach your fullest human potential only as Christ completes you. He loves you. Trust Him.

To solve life’s deepest mysteries and find meaning in life, consider Russel Brand’s words, which point to Jesus. With God, you can cope with this world.