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your head and neck.
Q. What if I'm outside or in a vehicle?

A. If you are outdoors, get inside a building if possible. If shelter is unavailable or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch, low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Use your arms to protect your head and neck. If you are in a vehicle, never try to outrun a tornado. Tornadoes can change direction quickly and can instantly lift a car, truck or any other vehicle and toss it through the air. Get out of the vehicle immediately and take

shelter in a nearby building. If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the vehicle and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Use your arms to protect your head and neck and stay alert for potential flooding.

Q. How can I get the Weather Emergency notifications sent to my phone?

A. You can call 706-439-6056 to speak with someone in our mapping division or 706-439-6091 who can register your device over the phone. You may also register on-line by visiting tinyurl.com/ucwens.

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a danger for him and his wife as they grew older. The man from the Alabama Highway Department agreed. However, when the road was built a steep bank was created which caused Lon to climb down and back up to retrieve his mail. The people constructing the road laughed when Lon asked them to level up the bank. A few miles down the road from Lon lived his older brother Will Cummings. Within a few weeks after the incident with Lon the Road Construction crew reached Will's house.

Once again a man appeared at Will's door to ask about a road right of way. Will went through the same negotiations as Lon and was promised the same thing as Lon. Finally, the construction began at Will's place. When the dozer began cutting down the bank in front of Will's house he took matters into his own hands. Uncle Will raised up his old rifle and began shooting at the dozer. The operator ran for his life as the

muffler of the dozer was shot away. The foreman of the crew tried to negotiate, but, Will refused to talk to him.

Finally, the Superintendent of Roads for the State of Alabama made the trip from Montgomery to Trapptown, Alabama. Before visiting Uncle Will the fellow stopped at the store above Cummings Creek and asked, "What kind of man is Will Cummings?" The storeowner replied, "He is honest. If he tells you he will do something then count it done." The Superintendent visited with Uncle Will. All Will asked was that the hill in front of his house not be cut because it would create a bank that would be hard for him to climb up and down as he aged. He further stated, "Any man that tries to cut down that hill will be shot." The road in front of Will Cummings house was built over the hill in front of his house and there is still not a road bank there even today. Uncle Will was a "real character."

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of overdose is someone's child and the stigma surrounding drug use is a social epidemic fueling the daily deaths to this horrible cause.

If you don't understand the importance of funding treatment or believe that every person has the right to life saving medication that can reverse overdose, I challenge you talk to a parent who has lost their child. If you can't make yourself do that then find Special Agent Murphy's speech at the Opioid Summit and watch him as he bravely, through his grief, begs you to understand the dangers out there waiting for anyone who intentionally or accidentally becomes addicted to prescription opiates.

Addiction is no respecter of person and it does not discriminate. It does not care who

your parents are or how well you were raised. It does not care how much or how little money you have. Addiction does not pass by those who are educated or fall upon the uneducated. Addiction is a beast that stands at the door and waits for the next person who walks past so do not make the mistake of thinking it will never touch you or your family because chances are... it absolutely could.

Educate yourself. Make yourself available. Know the risk and plan for the thing that you hope will never happen. Engage in preventative measures that discourage children from using or abusing substances. As a parent, I would rather be prepared for the thing I hope will never happen than be blindsided by that very same event.

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gent people around the world studying climate change using sophisticated equipment, including satellites that can measure the temperature of any place on earth, that can measure the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, that can measure the pace of deterioration of the ice cap, measure the amount of solar radiation coming from the sun, don't you?

And how would the Demon Democrats convince the scientists to go along with their scheme to take control of our lives? Or are there no Republican scientists balking at going along? Also, please ex-

plain the connection with far-left socialism. I don't get it.
David Schilling

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
MMQG Tues. Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Club	Every Wednesday: The Griddle	Noon
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
Amateur Radio Club	Every Thursday: Brkfst. at Blairsville Rest.	8 a.m.
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
MMQG Sewcials	Second Monday of each month: Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Enotah Chapter #24	Masonic Lodge	7:30 p.m.
Disabled A.m. Veterans	Veterans Center	7 p.m. (Jan-Oct)
FPL Retirees	Second Tuesday of each month: Hole in Wall Rest.	9 a.m.
Historical Society Bd.	Old Courthouse	10:30 a.m.
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts	Union County Library	10 a.m.
Active/Retired Fed Emp.	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 p.m.
Mountain Coin Club	N. GA Tech	6 p.m.
Blairsville PTO	UC Primary School	6 p.m.
Blue Ridge Mtn Jeepers	Sammie's Sub Shop	6:00 p.m.
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
Band Boosters	UC Middle School	7:30 p.m.
	(Aug through May, except Dec)	
Appalachian Shrine Club	Second Thursday of each month: Shrine Building	6:30 p.m.
Democratic Party	Unity Church of B'ville	6:30 p.m.
Trout Unlimited	UC Community Cntr - A	6:30 p.m.
Sons Confederate Vet.	UCB Community Rm	7 p.m.
Knights of Columbus	Marian Hall	7:30 p.m.
Eastern Star #471	Second Friday of each month: Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
No activities listed	Second Saturday of each month:	
PFLAG	Second Sunday of each month: Call 706-389-5269 for Info	

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and Rescue, addressed the importance of monitoring road conditions when transporting patients, in emergency and non-emergency situations, over the mountain. The fiber technology also allows our first responders to better assess and monitor situations in order to safely rescue individuals in accidents and determine if road closure is necessary.

Assistant Superintendent of Union County Schools, David Murphy stressed the need for ensuring students' safety before they travel over Blood Mountain for field trips and sporting events. Having knowledge of real time road conditions will help the school sys-

tem make informed decisions and keep our teens safe.

The new CEO of Union General Hospital, Kevin Berschen, who currently resides on the other side of the mountain, addressed the importance of this technology for health care workers living on both sides of Blood Mountain. He specifically mentioned the many nurses that need to have an accurate idea of road conditions before they head into their shifts at the hospital.

Commissioner Paris emphasized the tremendous work done by Andy Baker at the US Forest Service in working with Blue Ridge Mountain EMC and Georgia Power to protect the forest. The fiber optic cable was installed by drone technology so nothing in the environment was displaced or disturbed.

Also, in attendance was Mayor Jim Conley who praised the great, visionary work of our County Commissioner and emphasized how wonderful it is to live in a community where the City and County governments collaborate so well.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize those who made this technological advancement a reality. A special thank you to: Jeremy Nelms of Blue Ridge

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sible. Pull it firmly and steadily so that the mouthparts won't be broken off in the skin. Disinfect the bite and wash your hands.

There are products that can be used on pets as a collar to keep ticks away. Some of them are expensive, but products like Seresto last up to eight months.

Finally, if you have a question about a tick the Extension Office may be able to help with identifying which species it is. There's no way to tell if a tick is carrying a disease, but knowing the species will help eliminate possible diseases. Email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

Fowler...

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of human futility; but that man should play the tyrant over God and find Him a better man than himself is an astonishing drama indeed."

So astonishing in fact, that "There are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written" (John 21:25). This most interesting Man is coming back and you'll get to meet Him!

Dyer...

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tending these classes ensures that the firefighters are up to date on the latest extrication techniques. Citizens of Union County should be proud to know that they have dedicated firefighters, career and volunteer, who will respond to these accidents and that they have the knowledge to safety remove the victims.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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that. Now, I am secretly afraid anytime we host a family that is not white, because of the ignorant hatred that is in this town. So disappointing.

To those who harass people of color, please understand: Our beautiful county is a vacation destination, and there are going to be some people in town who don't look like you. They spend their money here and are just as entitled to enjoy Union County as anyone else. So please, get over yourselves and be kind.

Margie Schramke

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fit their narrative). The earth's climate is constantly changing; always has, always will.

The alarmists who fear-monger over "manmade climate change" are perpetuating the biggest hoax on the American people in the history of the republic! We don't need the government to regulate our behavior, tax our resources or force us into a world of windmills and "wind-up" cars!

Kevin P. Cannon

White...

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want to lower the voting age to 16 and grant illegal aliens the right to vote?

In 2016, Hillary Clinton did not want the votes of our overseas military personnel to be counted, but now Bernie Sanders and Kamala Harris want voting privileges for felons (murderers, sexual predators, terrorists, etc.) in prison. Was it surprising the mere mention of God was booed and hissed when it was invoked at a recent Democratic National Convention?

To those who blindly vote Democrat because their parents and grandparents did, study the party platforms and issues at hand. The Democrat party of FDR, Truman and JFK is dead!

Greg C. White

Mountain EMC, Senator Steve Gooch, the US Forest Service, the Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Power,

Georganna and Logan Seamon of Mountain Crossings, and of course, our dedicated Commissioner, Lamar Paris.