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a sign that the pet is not happy about something. It can be a sound, movement, lonesome or sometimes the dog just likes to bark. As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to see to it that your dog does not bark all the time if it is obviously negatively impacting your neighbors. The Animal Control officer from the Sheriff's Office is very well trained and is always able to offer advice and assistance. Whether it is a bark collar, a fence, a doghouse, food or just occasional attention, the pet owner has a responsibility to control their animals within reason. If you need assistance with an animal, you can contact Animal Control at 706-439-6052.

**Q. What is the next area**

### of concern related to noise in the county?

A. It is discharging a gun. Georgia laws give gun owners a lot of rights, but you must realize with that also comes responsibility. Discharging your weapon in a reasonable manner, at a reasonable time and in a reasonable place is the total responsibility of the gun owner. Our law enforcement people go out to scenes often when irresponsible gun use is going on. They let the offending party know the problem and remind them that if they do not want the police coming to their home all the time, they must consider how shooting guns is negatively impacting their neighbors. This approach has been very successful.

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We are all truly equal in God's eyes. We are different in race, culture, background, upbringing, experiences, life choices and careers by design, and we are proud of our growing community. Mixing all of that together creates a vibrant and blended culture that makes our community unique and quite special. Georgians value that diversity because it makes us better and creates a place where our children want to live, work, play and pray. Grace calls on us to address racism and inequality every day. We thank our commu-

nity, our local and state officials, as well as our police officers and first responders, for working together to support and protect everyone's right to protest peacefully throughout our state. Their swift and decisive action allowed peaceful protesters the necessary space to voice concerns in a difficult and emotional time.

Our goal is to create a community that is better for the next generation. When there is injustice, individuals from all walks of life must come together, stand firm and say, "not in my community."

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used substances, while others suspected that their kids might be drinking or using other drugs.

Over the next several weeks, I will share highlights from the focus groups in hopes of starting a discussion in this community among parents about early prevention. This week highlights cover being a parent in the world today and how parents view teen substance abuse.

The parent's in the focus group shared that they naturally lean on the experiences they had while growing up, but the world is evolving rapidly and their personal childhood experiences are often irrelevant. Parents realize that their children are exposed to more information, some of which is not good and they feel powerless to prevent the exposure. Most parents found it difficult if not impossible to be the "gatekeeper" of the information that their teen is exposed to.

All of the parents we spoke with take teen substance use seriously. However, they

recognize that it's likely that their kids will be exposed to drugs or alcohol and possibly engage in substance use. Some parents were surprised to learn that the person who introduces their child to substances will more than likely be a friend, older sibling or a permissive parent who allows substance use in their home, not a "drug dealer."

Most parents were very clear about expectations around not drinking or using other drugs. However, there were a few parents who thought it was useful to "inoculate" their kids around alcohol or marijuana, meaning that they would allow their kids to get drunk or high so that their kids would "know what it's like" and be less likely to "go crazy" when they are on their own. These parents were surprised to learn that middle school and high school kids who use substances were more likely to be the heavy partiers in college and at greater risk for a substance use disorder.

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Court (the highest court in the land) has consistently passed laws denigrating Blacks. It took them over 70 years (in 1954) to finally declare that the "Jim Crow Laws" were unconstitutional. Even afterwards, there were many politicians, on both sides of the government, fighting to bring about a reversal of the decision. If the entire government refuses to provide "liberty and justice for all" by "systemically" turning a blind eye to hatred and racism... who will provide it?

This is "systemic" in that we know, only too well, how racism and the idea of white supremacy still flourishes today... it has been and is still embedded in the minds of many men, women and children, and thus, in the bedrock of America.

Historically, Blacks voted Republican. They voted for the person (not the party) who they thought would better help their cause. Republicans aided Blacks for a short period in history, but that ended in 1874... they abandoned Black causes in order to win elections. The Democratic Party (by their own admission) called themselves the Party of White Supremacy, so it wasn't until 1913, with the nomination of Woodrow Wilson, that Blacks began voting

on the Democratic ticket. Wilson promised equality to gain Black votes, but when elected, Wilson turned his back on them in every way possible. I'm sure there are many Democrats today who still hold fast to their historic roots. Please don't try to denigrate "systemic" racism issues by turning this into a Democratic vs Republican fix. This is an entire nation fix! It's time for a change in the way we see and treat each other... this is a "people" problem. Please open your eyes to see beyond your own political agenda.

**Jan Chavis**

## Williams...

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er, this shouldn't be an issue in too many cases this year.

This year we had several late freezes. A late freeze on fruits means that fruit tree or bush may not be able to produce any fruit. If the freeze kills off blooms before the flowers are pollinated and the fruit begins to grow, you won't get any blooms or fruit on that plant.

If you have questions about why your plants haven't bloomed or set fruit contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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ging, plowing or pulling any heavy load. According to Juber, the steer could do anything. A couple of local boys decided they would take advantage of Mr. Juber's fondness for his animal.

One evening the boys went to the Juber farm and took the bell off the collar of the steer. They walked around the old man's house allowing the bell to lightly ring all around the home. Eventually, the boys threw the bell across the top of the house and then took the bell back to the barn and tied the bell back on the steer.

Meanwhile, Mr. Juber woke up his wife and told her, "I told 'em all that I had the best steer in Gumlog, and now I know. That rascal just jumped over the house like the cow in that book of fairy tales." Now you know the story of Juber Knob.

Just to the east of Gum-

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ing that sign got it right. Their silence in condemning the violence around America violently condones such mayhem. Two signs even invoked the name of Jesus. "Jesus was a man of color," said one. Another declared that "Jesus was a protester." What they failed to realize is Jesus was also a man of peace, and he would have protested against all the protesters at the three protests who were ignoring the nefarious actions of the anarchist protesters from sea to shining sea. Finally, a man proudly raised his sign high with the inscription "Democracy Now." What a shame... because of our system of government, this man is allowed to protest whatever he desires, no matter how ill-advised. Too bad he doesn't realize the freedoms we have from such a system. One wonders what his definition of democracy is.

**Gary Meier**

## Fire...

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a great time enjoying our summer adventures.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

## 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.

### Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



**June 15, 2020**

In Memory of

**Paula Paris Johnson**

on the occasion of

her birthday

By: Terry & Ginger Meeks

**June 19, 2020**

In Memory of

**Bill Meeks**

on the anniversary of

his death

By: Terry & Ginger Meeks

**Bell ringing information**

**at 706-745-5493**

log Mountain there is a rock face called Ravencliff Knob. This place is so named because ravens nest in the cliff face. A friend which recently retired from the Forest Service used to conduct bird surveys to determine which species lived in the area. He consistently found ravens each year, and upon announcing his findings, a person from Atlanta doubted his findings, so Milton Bradley took the man to another place where the ravens nested to prove that ravens actually lived in this area.

If you walked off Juber Knob and down through Chestnut Flats to Mine Mountain, and then off the mountain to the Blairsville Cinema, you can climb up Jones Knob and down the ridge line to Bridge Gap. A

## Fowler...

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Jim over.

The message of truth must be motivated by love. Ravi Zacharias said, "If truth is not undergirded by love, it makes the possessor of that truth obnoxious and the truth repulsive." Our example is Jesus. When he proclaimed truth to people, "He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). His gospel begins just so: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). May that love motivate you to believe and share the truth.

person can drop off into Hospital Cove. This is a long way from any hospital, and so I naturally wondered how it came to be named.

Sheldon Henderson told me the following story: A man was logging high up in the cove, and while snaking some logs from the area, one of his horses broke a leg. The fellow couldn't afford to buy another horse, and this one was one of his favorites. He'd owned it for quite a long time and couldn't bring himself to put the horse down. So, he used some leather straps to rig up a contraption to lift the horse up just enough to keep its weight off its legs.

Each day, the man walked up into the cove to feed and nurse the horse back to health. This process took a great deal of time, but, eventually the horse's leg was healed. The man nursed the horse back to health in this homemade

hospital. The place came to be called Hospital Cove.

There are many other places with wonderful sounding names as well. For example, in the southern end of the county there is a place called Hatchett Creek. Another place close by is called Nance Payne Cove. A favorite place name of mine is called "Lord A Mercy Cove." This cove is on the Union County side of the Blue Ridge on Richard Russell Road. Supposedly, the cove received its name because an early settler exclaimed "Lord A Mercy" upon seeing the beautiful place for the first time.

As you can see, there are many places in our area which have wonderful and thought-stimulating names.

So, please remember, we are not the first ones to walk these mountains. It is important to remember our heritage and those which came before us.