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quire immediate correction, or it may be that a special type of equipment is needed to solve the issue. All of these types of responses are prioritized based on public safety first. The Road Department takes reports of problems very seriously and do not take the responsibility they have lightly.

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ily moved from the weaning off house into their own home which they would occupy for the next 76 years.

Dad can still remember moving into their new home. He said it was almost like camping out because not all of the outside walls were covered yet. Late one evening, a rabid dog showed up at their house. Granny placed her little boys up into the rafters of the house while Papa ran outside with a shotgun to try and dispatch the mad dog. The dog was on the north side of the house while Papa had exited the south side. Each time Papa would run to one side of the house, the dog would go to the other. Granny would holler at Papa, and he would run the way she directed. Daddy said, "Me and your Uncle Bud were laughing at the scene in front of us. Papa was in his drawers and running from side to side of the house while Granny was yelling instructions." Eventually, he was able to dispatch the mad dog. The next day he was back at work, and the house was finally finished in late September. The family had a nice warm place to stay before cold weather came into the country.

After Papa finished the house he began seeking a money-paying job. The crop was in, and he had time on his hands. Times were tough. Alabama was trying to pull itself out of a depression, and their was talk of an impending war. He finally found a job with a logger. Papa got up in the mornings to do his chores at 3:30 a.m., and then carrying his axe walked 4 miles to meet a ride to take him over toward the Dime community to cut cross ties for a logging company. Early one cold morning in December, he made his way toward Saint Paul Church.

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never 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 concerns about social media and the connection between substance use and mental health.

Most of the parents we spoke to mentioned that they believed that instant access to information, smartphones and social media has made parenting more difficult. They believe that it's harder today than when they were growing up. It's both more difficult to engage with their children when they are buried in their smartphones, and their kids are exposed to more outside information than ever

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and casting their ballot.

While these policies are critical as we recover from this national crisis, voting reforms like expanding no-excuse absentee voting and online voter registration are common-sense changes that will help voters participate in the political process. Multiple states have already adopted vote-by-mail, and their models could be implemented across the country.

I expect Congress to provide more economic relief, but the next bill also needs to include expanded funding for mail-in voting, more early voting at safe polling places, and other options to make voting as safe as possible this No-

So, I've said all of that to explain that yes, all of my answers start the same way for a reason. The procedures they have in place at the Road Department have been proven to work and to work effectively. Again, if you ever have an emergency that is after hours please call 911.

He walked past the James place where he could smell the smoke from a wood stove used by Mrs. James to make her famous biscuits. He continued past the barn where her husband was hitching up a wagon to make a trip into town, and he walked by the fruit tree orchard where old "Duck" purchased his apples to make brandy. It was a fine cold morning, causing Papa to hasten his step to keep warm.

When he reached Turkey Creek, he switched his double-bitted axe to his left shoulder and began making his way across the foot log he used as a bridge across the creek. Halfway across the creek he heard the scream of a "painter" up on a bluff high above the creek. He paused for a moment, and as he made a stride, his foot missed its mark and landed on an icy spot. He lost his traction causing him to fall into the water. The cold water soaked him through to the skin. Immediately, Papa came up out of the water. After coming to himself he felt a pain in his neck and realized he had cut himself pretty deeply on the neck. There was blood all over the back of his head and neck. He placed a handkerchief around the wound and quickly walked the mile back to his house. He staggered through the door, scaring Granny and her two young sons. Dad said, "Papa was bloody all over and very cold. We thought a painter had tried to kill him." Granny poured coal oil on his neck and used some long thorns to staple the wound closed.

I now have Papa's saw. I know it isn't worth much. But, each time I use it I think of him and realize that he gave me something much more important than money. His memories and stories are treasures!

before. They also felt like they needed to be fully informed on key issues before having serious conversations, or risk not having the information needed to back-up their positions when their kids argued with them.

Almost all of the parents we talked to were concerned about differentiating between typical teenage angst and mood swings versus having a mental health disorder. Research indicates that kids who have struggled with these issues have a higher risk of developing a drug or alcohol problem – an estimated 30 to 45 percent of adolescents and young adults with mental health disorders also have a substance use disorder. It's important for parents who suspect their child might have a mental health problem to get an evaluation. Otherwise, self-medication through substances could be a possibility.

vember.

If voting by mail is good enough for Donald Trump, it should be good enough for all of us. Congress needs to make it possible for every eligible American to vote by mail if they choose to do so.

Regards,  
**Linda Bruce**

## S.A.F.E. Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of S.A.F.E. (Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.) will be July 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Call 706-379-1901 for location.

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land/urban interface fire to homeowners and agency fire staff. The interactive site features a wealth of information on how to mitigate wildfire risks at the homeowner and community levels. Web site visitors can view streaming video; download documents; browse an extensive list of helpful links; and use a searchable library of national, state, and local documents on a wide range of wildfire safety issues.

To facilitate local solutions to wildfire preparedness goals, the Firewise Communities/USA program recognizes communities for working together to protect residents and property from fire in the wildland/urban interface.

To be recognized as a Firewise Communities/USA site, local communities must create and implement a local plan with cooperative assistance from the state Firewise

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would only be a guess. The best course of action is to remain vigilant and continue to follow the guidelines including social distancing, hand washing, and masks. Everyone should take responsibility for their health as well as the health of people that they come in contact with.

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eases out there, and a variety of different pathogens within the diseases that I've described. Removing infected leaves and branches, increasing air circulation, and well drained soils are the best tools against fungal diseases. There are many fungicides that can be used to control fungal diseases. However, proper identification of the fungus so that the correct fungicide is used is highly important.

If you have questions about diseases on your plants contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

The Union County Extension Office has a new drop box in place on at the Northeast entrance of the Union County Civic Center. The box has a UGA Extension logo on it. You can drop water and soil samples along with payment in this drop box to increase social distancing.

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Jeff Haanen in "An Uncommon Guide to Retirement" writes, "Work is the primary avenue for fulfilling Christ's command to love your neighbor as yourself. For Christians, work is fundamentally about contribution to others, not compensation; an expression of identity but not the source of identity; serving others, not personal success." What drudgery if work is only for a paycheck, and retirement only for leisure! Contribute what's missing, restore what's broken, and promote what's good, and do the work of God.

## American Red Cross Volunteers

Make a difference in your community! As a volunteer with the American Red Cross, you can help families recover after a home fire, train individuals in first aid and CPR, support America's military families, or take on any number of other roles that make our communities safer, stronger and more resilient. Get started at <https://www.redcross.org/local/georgia/volunteer.html> or call your NWGA chapter office to ask about volunteer opportunities 844-536-6226.

Liaison, state forestry agencies and local fire staff. In addition, communities are required to continue regular maintenance and education to retain recognition status. The National Firewise Communities Program supports regional and local organizations interested in hosting Firewise workshops using materials supplied by the national program.

Firewise Communities workshops prepare community leaders and fire service professionals to recognize wildland/urban interface fire hazards, make homes and landscapes Firewise, deliver fire education to residents, and incorporate Firewise planning into existing and developing areas of communities.

These dynamic workshops can feature interactive discussions, mapping, and wildfire simulations. Firewise workshops are most successful when they are attended by a variety of community representatives, such as planners, business leaders, homeowner association members and emergency service professionals.

The National Firewise Communities Program is continuously developing informational materials to help community organizations understand and address wildland/

urban interface issues. [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) provides a virtual classroom for courses on a few topics. The National Firewise Communities Program staff aids and offers advice to communities engaged in planning and mitigation of wildland/urban interface fire hazards through the local, state, and federal wildfire agencies. After the catastrophic fire season of 1985, representatives of NFPA and the USDA Forest Service

met to discuss the increasing trend of wind-driven fire in populated areas and formed what is now the National Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Program. In 1992, the advisory

group for the program adopted the term "Firewise" to describe the state of being knowledgeable and prepared for wildfire in residential or urban settings.

Today, the Firewise Communities team continues its mission of wildland/urban interface fire education through its Web site, workshop series, community recognition program, and information resources.

For more information on Firewise, contact your Georgia Firewise Liaison, Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D, at [info.ccrd@gmail.com](mailto:info.ccrd@gmail.com) or [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) or your local Georgia Forestry Commission office.