

# Opinions

## Everybody has one...

### Busy Time for Union County EMA

Union County Emergency Management/Homeland Security Agency (UCEMA/HS) has had a busy few weeks. People may have seen where the agency has been working with other agencies and organizations, both state and local, to respond to several incidents in recent weeks. UCEMA/HS has also worked with these agencies/organizations to train and conduct realistic exercises to be better prepared for certain incidents.

Over the last couple of weeks, UCEMA/HS has been involved in a tragic drowning on Lake Nottely, an Active Shooter Exercise, a bomb threat, and a suspicious device at a local business. The main job of UCEMA/HS during these incidents and trainings were to respond to these incidents with all available resources, request and coordinate other resources, and to support the other agencies involved.

A few weeks ago, UCEMA/HS was called to respond to a person who went down in the lake while swimming. Calls such as these are considered rescue calls and all available resources are called to respond immediately. After all rescue efforts were exhausted, the call turned into a recovery. UCEMA/HS spent the next two days working with other agencies to recover the victim.

UCEMA/HS was also involved in the Active Shooter drills hosted by Union County Schools Police Department. The drills/exercises were conducted at the Middle School. They involved law enforcement working with UCEMA/HS and Union County Fire Department to coordinate resources and to respond as Rescue Task Force Units to treat and remove victims. All participants did well and agreed that the training helped them to be better prepared for such incidents.

The next week, a bomb threat was received by phone. The caller stated that there was a bomb at the technical college. UCEMA/HS, Fire, and Law Enforcement were called to the scene. Law Enforcement took the lead in the incident and UCEMA/HS was there to request resources and to help coordinate the effort. The building was cleared and the incident was resolved.

A few days later, an employee located a suspicious device located outside of a local business. Again, UCEMA/HS, Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement were called to the scene. Law Enforcement was command over the incident and UCEMA/HS again requested resources and helped coordinate the effort. This incident was resolved as well.

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



### Jordan Peterson

"Young men our age are, honestly, lost. Peterson's book is about what makes you happy through responsibility, meaningfulness, and finding something you truly enjoy." That sentiment explains the popularity of clinical psychologist Jordan Peterson and his 2018 book, "12 Rules for Life."

Peterson draws attention because he challenges current cultural ideologies as foolish. He's a secular prophet, calling out for a restoration of truth, common sense and mutual respect. He makes no claim to religious faith, but that does not stop him from issuing a friendly charge to those who do. "The Christian Church is there to remind people," he says in a video, "young men included, and perhaps even first and foremost, that they have a woman to find, a garden to walk in, a family to nurture, an ark to build, a land to conquer, a ladder to heaven to build, and the utter terrible catastrophe of life to face stalwartly in truth, devoted to love, and without fear."

Peterson appeals to Christians to connect young men to meaning and purpose. I like his reference to the narratives of Hebrew Scripture. But he may misunderstand building "a ladder to heaven." That is built by God Himself, not by you. Jesus, God the Son, is the ladder, built by His sacrifice on the cross for your sin. Your response to that sacrifice is repentance and faith.

Life as a Christian is appealing as an antidote to the "catastrophe of life." To begin with, everybody needs love and a loving community. "Love one another," Jesus said, "even as I have loved you." It is also freedom from confusion and deception. You can "know the truth and the truth will make you free."

It's a new way to experience life. You sacrifice your old ways to find a new cause to live or die for. "Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it," Jesus said. In Christ, you are re-created as "a new self" and join in God's creativity by offering other people reasons to embrace and believe truth.

Jesus' call is, "Follow me." That is a mystery and an adventure as we walk into the unknown. The Christian life takes courage to stand for what matters. Jesus warned that doing so could attract persecution. Finally, we are citizens of the Kingdom of God. The King we worship "is not of this world," but He's still

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**All Things New**

Wayne Fowler



### Commissioner's Questions

This week's questions and answers focus on the Clerk of Superior Court. The Clerk of Superior Court is an elected office with Judy Odom being the elected official. These questions contain general information and if you have further questions, you should call their office at 706 439-6022 or stop by their office located in the Union County Courthouse at 65 Courthouse Street, Blairsville.

**Q1. What are the duties of the Clerk of Superior Court in Union County?**

A1. This office is responsible for all the civil and criminal affairs and filings made in the Union County Superior Court, and it provides the jury pool for Grand Jury along with civil and criminal trials. This office also serves as the official recorder of real-estate documents for the County and maintains records of deeds and plats.

**Q2. What is needed to have deeds and plats recorded?**

A2. Real estate filings include the filing, recording, and indexing of all documents and instruments pertaining to real estate, such as Deeds, Deeds of Trust, Affidavits, Releases Notices and Certificates, and Cancellations of Deeds. The Law requires that deeds be witnessed and notarized in order to be recorded. It is also required that deeds conveying ownership of property must have a PT 61 form attached. This form can be accessed and completed on the following website: www.gscca.org

Plat documents presented to be filed with the Clerk of Court must be presented to the Clerk's Office electronically and in conformance with laws, rules, and regulations. This can be done at http://efile.gscca.org Local surveyors provide assistance with uploading newly completed plats and surveys.

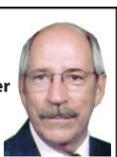
**Q3. Can I take care of my Trade Name Registration in this office?**

A3. Yes, you can. Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 10-1-490) requires every "person, firm, or partnership, carrying on in this state any trade or business under any trade name or partnership name or other name" to register the trade name of the business within 30 days from "commencing to do business." As provided by law, the registration shall be filed with the Clerk of the Superior court "of the county in which the business is chiefly carried on or in the case

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**Q & A from Union County Commissioner**

Lamar Paris



### Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Towns Union Counties was founded in 1995 by Elizabeth Lashley. Elizabeth Lashley had volunteered on a home construction build, with another affiliate, and when she returned to Young Harris, she decided to open our local affiliate. Partnering with Sharp Memorial Church, who is a continued donor and supporter of the affiliate, our first ReStore opened its doors on Highway 76. The first Habitat build began in 2000, and since then, the non-profit has flourished.

For those of you who do not know Bryan Thomas, let me introduce you. Bryan began as ReStore Manager in 2013 for HFHTUC. As my former boss, and now my mentor and friend, Bryan has grown the affiliate to what it is now. Bryan moved here from Atlanta with a background of building over 300 homes in the span of this career. After running the ReStore for a year and half, he became Executive Director.

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**Habitat Happenings Executive Director**  
Charlotte Randall



### Chamber of Commerce

As I mentioned in my previous columns, we are truly blessed to live in Union County and the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. There are so many things to be thankful for, but five of the things I like best about Blairsville-Union County are:

**Outdoors...** If you haven't noticed, outside is our best side. The views and scenery are second to none and make for the best hiking and water adventures around.

**Downtown...** Downtowns are a vital part to having a strong community, and I feel our downtown is vibrant and it continues to grow more each year.

**Local small businesses...** Our mom and pop businesses are what make Blairsville so special. These businesses each have dynamic and diverse products/services but are always willing to work together for the success of everyone. I've always said the mountains and streams attract people to our area, but it is the people that

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**Blairsville - Union County Chamber President**  
Steve Rowe



### Letters to the Editor

#### Teeth or No Teeth

Dear Editor,  
In regards to a recent letter to the editor titled "Time to Repeal," the thought of repealing the Second Amendment is one of the most outrageous statements I have ever seen displayed! If we repeal that, what is next? Our country has done very well with it for hundreds of years, and the Second Amendment is not the problem. Legal gun owners are not the problem. The problem is the criminals who use them ILLEGALLY! No matter how many restrictions you try to enforce, the criminals will always be able to get around them.

The Constitution has separated the U.S. from other countries that only have tyrants telling their citizens what they can and can't do (like the Democrats want to do for us). By repealing this amendment, it would only start a domino effect: Repeal the Second, then repeal whatever else seems to disturb the Democrats as well.

By trying to limit the types and amounts of weapons legally owned and used by law-abiding citizens, it only causes divisiveness. I am a proud and responsible gun owner and will always be one! I use them to protect my family and farm, supply food for the table, and just the enjoyment

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#### If It's Not Broken, Don't Fix It

Dear Editor,  
My wife and I are new to Union County, but when we were looking for a place to retire, Union County stood out for the fantastic facilities, wonderful people, and of course the mountains. This is where we want to be, and we want Union County to remain the way it is.

I am a civil engineer, specializing in water and wastewater treatment facilities. I have worked with Village Boards, Township Boards, City Councils, Utility Boards and County Boards for over 40 years of planning, designing, constructing and operating water and wastewater facilities. Here are the facts, based on 40 years of experience:

1) The smaller the Board, and the more effective the leadership, the better the management of the community.

2) A board with multiple members will always devolve into factions representing constituencies. In Union County these would likely be, someone representing the people living around the lake, someone representing the City of Blairsville, someone representing the Chamber of Commerce, someone representing agricultural interests, and someone representing developers. These groups do not have common interests, in fact, their interests are in conflict. These diverse

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### Letters to the Editor

#### Trump Must Be Indicted

Dear Editor,  
The bipartisan congressional commission investigating the Jan. 6 coup attempt has found strong evidence that Donald Trump is a criminal. As the hearings reveal, the former president illegally plotted to stay in office after the American people voted to boot him out.

Now he must be indicted. Trump's criminality is proven not by the words of his enemies, but by the sworn testimony of Republicans he himself appointed or hired — including his own officials and staff, his attorney general William Barr, and Republican election lawyers and campaign personnel.

The evidence indicates Trump committed three major felonies. First, he corruptly tried to obstruct a joint session of Congress.

The Twelfth Amendment requires a joint session to count the votes and certify the election of the president. When Trump tried to get Vice President Mike Pence to illegally throw out some states' electoral votes, he was attempting to obstruct the proceedings.

Second, Trump incited a riot. He gave an inflammatory speech urging extremists to "show

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#### Second Amendment

Dear Editor,  
The definition of Militias in the early history of the United States was explained by Drew Geer in the opinion section of North Georgia News from July 27, 2022. "Militia" is one of the 27 words in the Second Amendment. The Historians who studied the Second Amendment agreed that the intent of the Second Amendment was written so as to allow each State to form a well-regulated militia to defend it and "to prevent the U.S. from needing a standing army" to defend all of the States. Many Historians also agreed that the right to bear arms was seemingly intended for those militia soldiers and seemingly with no intended reference to the non-soldier. These were the conclusions of many Historians.

Reliance on history is more legitimate than asking judges to make difficult empirical judgments, especially when well-funded motivated groups are behind the efforts. The right to own any weapon and the right to possess and carry has been the prevailing and fraudulent interpretation by the GOP, NRA and gun advocates. Arming everyone (News — armed individual quickly stopped the killing of people in a Mall, 3 deaths) rarely works (News — Legion of well-armed men at a Texas School hesitated in stopping a shooter, 21 deaths, 19 of which were children).

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### The Still

I am told that Champ West was only 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighed in at a whopping 110 pounds. His real name was Tom, but everyone called him "Champ." And for good reason. It is said he never lost a fight. On the other hand John Cummings was tall for the time. He was 6 feet, 4 inches tall and weighed about 240 pounds in his prime. Both men were fond of their liquor and both dabbled at making it. Both were headstrong and proud.

Mr. Kimbrew was another man in the community that dabbled at making the illicit alcohol and knew if Cummings and West were out of the way he could make more money by increasing the number of his customers. So this Kimbrew fellow let the word get out in the area around Cummings Hill that John Cummings' liquor was being bad-mouthed by Champ West. At the same time he spread the rumor in the area around the Dime Community (where Champ lived) that John Cummings was bad-mouthing Champ's liquor. These rumors were allowed to run rampant for about five months until John Cummings had his belly full. So, he mounted his big white horse and rode toward Dime.

Somewhere on the south side of Mon Dye Bottoms along Little Bear Creek, John Cummings met Champ West driving his wagon toward Cummings Hill. The big man dismounted his horse and Champ climbed down from the wagon. The smaller man looked up at the bigger man and said, "John Cummings, I aim to give you a whipping." The two men began landing blows. For a while neither had the upper hand. Then John threw a haymaker that knocked the little man to the ground. But, before he could take advantage, Champ bounced to his feet and the two went at it again. After 20 minutes they sat down and rested five minutes before beginning again. Each man landed blow after blow until they were both black and blue. Once again the two men sat down to rest.

The men had been fighting 40 minutes, with neither one gaining the upper hand. When they sat down and looked over one another, John asked, "Remind me again of the reason we are fighting?" The little man responded, "Kimbrew told one of my customers that you were downing my brandy." To which John responded, "He said the same thing to one of my customers that lives above the Bee Bluff close by my place." After a few more minutes the bigger man stood and asked, "Champ West, if you have had enough of me, let's you and I pay a visit to Kimbrew and straighten this out." Before leaving, Champ said,

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**Around The Farm**

Mickey Cummings



### Lawn Planting

Tall Fescue is the type of grass that I recommend the most often for lawns here. However, it is a cool season perennial. That means that its management is going to be different from warm season perennials like bermudagrass or St. Augustine grass. Let's talk about seeding tall fescue for a lawn because we are approaching the time of year when it's appropriate to seed it.

Tall fescue is a perennial grass, meaning that you don't need to reseed your lawn with it every year. However, if you seeded tall fescue in the spring you will need to reseed it. Because tall fescue is a cool season grass, it doesn't like the heat. If it's not well established, the summer heat will kill it. That's why I recommend planting it in mid-September. Planting in mid-September will give it time to establish throughout the fall and spring before going through the heat of July and August.

There are a number of varieties of tall fescue available. Usually when you buy a bag of tall fescue seed it will have several different varieties in that bag. This is a good thing because the different strengths and weaknesses of each variety are able to cover for each other. Kentucky 31 variety is the old standard for tall fescue. However, there are many new hybrids, which are much better for lawns.

One of the reasons that I like tall fescue for our area is that it has some of the best shade tolerance. With the amount of trees that we have, shade is often a limiting factor to plant growth. Creeping red fescue is actually a different species from tall fescue but it has even better shade tolerance than tall fescue. These grasses will still struggle in deep shade. What they have is a tolerance of shade, meaning they still prefer full sun, but can take some shade.

When planting tall fescue it is important to prepare the soil first. Taking a soil test and bringing it to your County Extension Office (67 Lakeview Circle Hiawassee or 165 Wellborn St Blairsville) will give you a lot of information about your soil. You'll get fertilizer recommendations and lime recommendations specific to your soil from a soil test.

Before planting till and incorporate all the lime and fertilizer that is recommended on your soil test. Incorporate the lime and fertilizer into the top 3 to 4 inches, or deeper if possible, of the soil. Ideally, you want to seed 5-6 pounds of seed per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup>. After seeding rake the seed into the top quarter inch of the soil with a hard rake. If the seed goes too deep, it will struggle to germinate. Apply straw mulch on top of the soil. This

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**Watching and Working**  
Jacob Williams



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of a domestic corporation using any name other than its corporate name, in the county of its legal domicile." Notice of the filing shall be published in the newspaper in which the sheriff's advertisements are printed once a week for two weeks. If you have questions about filing a trade name, please call the Clerk's Office at 706 439-6022.

**Q4. What else does the Clerk of Court's Office handle that the public might need to know about?**

A4. The Clerk of Courts Office provides to veterans the recordation and permanent preservation of military discharge records. Military discharge records include:  
 • DD Form 214 issued by the United States Government;  
 • DD Form 214 with a

raised seal issued by the United States National Personnel Records Center; or  
 • United States National Archives form 13038.

A veteran desiring to have his or her military discharge records permanently recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Union County should bring the records to the Clerk's Office.

**Q5. Do I have to complete an Open Records Request to get copies of information from the Clerk of Court's Office?**

A5. All public and court records are open for inspection by the public unless exempted by a specific law or court order. Regular business hours for the Clerk of Superior Court are Monday – Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

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As Executive Director, Bryan completed five Habitat homes, along with his Habitat builder Solomon Patrick of Patrick Construction, and in 2017 began what we call our Helping Hands program, primarily focusing on handicap ramps for those in need. Bryan dedicated his pre-retirement years to an organization that now helps many families every year. When I ask him why he enjoyed his role of Director, he states the people and the fulfillment of helping those in need is what drove him to dedicate these years to Habitat.

In 2019, HFHTUC was given the news that Highway 76 was planned to expand, and the state needed the land that the ReStore was located on. Bryan approached his friend Karen Brendle, who many of you might remember as the

sweetheart who ran The Skillet Café. Karen saw Bryan's vision of a new ReStore and offered a 50-year lease off Wellborn Street where our new location stands. After an interview with Bryan where I brought my dog and baby, Bryan offered me the position of ReStore manager at the new location.

Since the opening of the ReStore at 225 Wellborn Street, HFHTUC has tripled annual sales, and our Helping Hands project has grown to serve more and more families in need within our community. Now, as Executive Director, I have begun my first home build with Phil Freitag of Modern Mountain LLC.

I am honored and excited to be able to serve this community as Director of HFHTUC, and continue the vision and dream of Elizabeth Lashley.

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interests are not concerned about the benefit to the entire county, only their group. This is a recipe for conflict, delay and cost escalation. I have seen it literally hundreds of times. One discontented Board member can completely disrupt the working of the entire Board. You only need to watch the evening news to see how ridiculous this can become. A Sole Commissioner is responsible to everyone in the County. He or she can't play favorites, or they are voted out in the next election.

3) The new part-time Commissioners are not professional administrators and likely don't understand the constraints and procedures required for financial management of a local unit of government. This looks easy from the outside, but the rules are very complex and it takes a professional to do the job properly. Again, improper or ill-advised decisions made by the untrained lead to delays and increased costs.

4) The new part-time Commissioners will not know

the sources for grant funding for projects, nor will they know the staff at the State and Federal funding agencies. This knowledge is extremely important if the County wishes to continue to avail itself of external funding. The County has benefitted greatly from grant funding in recent years, and Sole Commissioner Paris has been instrumental in applying for and managing those grants.

In conclusion, we are so fortunate to have a Sole Commissioner form of Government and a Sole Commissioner who truly cares about the entire County, not just a discrete constituency. If the residents of the County are dissatisfied with the performance of the Sole Commissioner, they have the authority to change the Sole Commissioner when the position is up for election.

Based on my experience, we truly have the best, most efficient form of County Government. It's not broken, please don't try to fix it.

Thank you,  
**Tim Bronn**

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of recreational and competitive shooting.

In the future, if things continue progressing the way they are now, you may be happy to have someone near that is a responsible and legal gun owner. There have been many instances where staunch believers that "guns are bad" were saved by a capable and legal gun owner. Just last month in Indiana, a gunman started a shooting spree in a mall. Within six seconds he had killed three people, but that's when a legal gun owner shot and killed the perpetrator. A real hero by any standard! Many lives were saved that day. By the way, this was only shown on the news for a brief moment and not brought up again because it doesn't meet the political agenda. It only further proves that the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is with a good guy with a gun!

The thought that the Con-

stitution was "cobbled" together is outrageous! Our Founding Fathers worked diligently to establish all the rights and freedoms we enjoy today. Had they not established this great piece of work, then neither your article nor mine would have been possible.

My solution for you is: if you're not satisfied with what we have, please move to a country that doesn't allow commoners to have firearms or any other freedoms. See how well that works for you!

P.S. The comment that Union countians have more guns than teeth is a direct slap in the face. You must think we're all just redneck hicks in need of your enlightenment. I assure you, we were fine before you came and will be fine long after you're gone! Teeth or no teeth, we're not afraid to fight for what's right!  
 Thanks,  
**Jerry Parker**

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keep them coming back.

Golf courses... Anyone that knows me knows I love a good golf course. I'm truly happy to have two amazing courses right here in the county (and another in Young Harris) close by so that I can swing away and never get bored.

My Chamber... I'm blessed to be able to work for and to promote this wonderful community, its businesses, and organizations. I'm celebrating my fourth Chamber-versary this week, and I'm looking forward to many more years working with my staff, our leaders and the community to make life better in Blairsville!

We have two great events on the calendar that you don't want to miss: Power Lunch with Rennie Curran on Aug. 11th sponsored by Supreme Lending; and the Buy Local

Extravaganza on Sept. 15th at the Union County Sports Complex. Sign up now, as space is limited. You don't want to miss out on these opportunities!

Be sure to thank a teacher as they start prepping for the new school year and getting their rooms set up.

Life is Better in Blairsville!

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Granted, this has been an unusually busy couple of weeks for UCCEMA/HS, however, it is a good example of the diverse work and responsibilities of the emergency management agency. We would like to thank everyone for their assistance, cooperation, and continued support. Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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"John Cummings, I will never fight a big man again. You have pert near kilt me." The two men visited the tale-bearing Kimbrew fellow who received not one but two whippings that day.

To make matters worse for him both Cummings and West went into business together as well. There was a place on Little Bear Creek where the two men found a good spring. Next to this spring there was a round hole, tunnel-like in nature, carved into a rock. This hole was probably used by the Native Americans as a granary. The hole was about 8-10 feet long and a grown man could crawl through this hole from one side of the rock and out the other side. On the back side

of this hole in the rock was a big crack between the boulder and the face of a 50-foot high bluff. A nimble man could climb the face of the bluff to the top and watch, unseen, the happenings below.

The men built a 30-gallon still a few feet in front of this rock face and covered the hole in the rock with brush. John had a dog that was trained to grunt or whoof instead of barking loud at the approach of a stranger. Three times in the early 1900s, lawmen visited the still of John and Champ. Each time the still was busted. But, three times the business partners got away. The dog would woof softly and the partners would climb into the hole covering the entrance with their brush pile. The men would crawl through the hole and out the back side. They quietly climbed up the rock face and sat on top while watching the Revenue Agents scour the creek bottoms looking for the whereabouts of themselves.

Kimbrew lost his business because John and Champ became very good at making liquor and evading the law. They were never caught and their secret was kept for years until my Papa told me the story years later. But, there is more to the story. John and Champ not only became business partners, they became good friends. John Cummings' son was Lon Cummings. Champ West's daughter Laura fell in love with Lon, and the two became my great-grandparents.

In 1976, TVA impounded Little Bear Creek and made a beautiful reservoir called Upper Little Bear Creek Lake. The still site is now underwater. I had mentioned the story to one of my nephews, and he became very interested. So a few years ago I made the trip to Alabama with my canoe, and the pair of us put the canoe in the water. We traveled upstream from the Cummings Creek bridge and found where a rock face had broke loose from a bluff. We canoed into the crack between the boulder and the rock face. You can sit in the canoe and touch either side of the rocks without much of a stretch. The granary is now underwater, but, the crack in the rock is there above the surface of the lake. I closed my eyes and sat quietly. I thought I could hear the soft woof of a dog and the scrambling of my great-great-grandfathers up the face of that bluff.

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will help to conserve moisture in the soil and keep your seed from being washed away. Ideally, you want to keep the top 2 inches of soil moist, but not wet for the first three weeks. After that just water once a week if there is no rainfall.

Start out cutting tall fescue at 2 inches as the grass matures you can raise the height to 2.5 to 3 inches. In areas of shade, it's better to let the grass grow a little taller to give it a better chance to compete with weeds.

If you have questions about a tall fescue lawn contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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at work in it.

So, allow me to deploy Peterson's turn of phrase in summary. In Christ you have a love to share, a freedom to celebrate, a reason to sacrifice, an opportunity to create, an adventure to experience, a call to courage, and a King to worship. That is how you (young men included) face life as a stalwart follower of Jesus.

(John 8:32, 10:27, 13:34, 15:20, 18:36, Matt. 16:25, Eph. 4:24)

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There are no justifiable reasons left for the Second Amendment to remain as an amendment in the Bill of Rights.

American gun violence will not be solved until measures are taken to have common sense gun control legislation. Vote wisely in the next election and put the good of the Country first.

**Thomas G. Tornabene**

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strength and fight like hell" and unleashed his horde on the Capitol, where they threatened to kill or hold hostage those Trump deemed enemies.

Third, Trump attempted election fraud. In a recorded call, Trump demanded Georgia's secretary of state generate thousands of non-existent pro-Trump ballots. "I just want to find 11,780 votes," Trump told him. These are serious crimes.

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland needs to follow the evidence and honor his oath. If the chief insurrectionist is never charged, the message is plain: presidents are above the law and political violence is acceptable in America. The rule of law must be followed and he must be indicted and tried.

**Jim Grazis**

**Bell Ringing**



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**August 26, 2022**

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