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**difference?**

A. In most cases, a U.S. Highway is funded by the federal government, although the state has to pitch in a certain percentage on projects and maintenance. Whereas a State Route (SR) is funded and maintained by the State of Georgia.

Usually, you cannot tell the difference in the highway except by the type of signage that is used. The signage for a U.S. Highway is a number inside a shield, and State Routes are identified as the State Route number in an outline of the State of Georgia.

**Q. Do you have the distances of the highways here in Union County?**

A. U.S. Highway 19/129 South (Gainesville Hwy) =

12.49 miles; U.S. Highway 19/129 North (Murphy Hwy) = 10.65 miles; U.S. Highway 19/129 (Glenn Gooch Bypass) = 0.86 miles; SR 515 (Blue Ridge Hwy) = 9.39 miles; SR 515 (Young Harris Hwy) = 6.28 miles; SR 180 (SR 60 in Suches to Towns County line) = 18.36 miles; SR 180 Spur (Up to Brasstown Bald) = 0.7 miles; SR 60 (Fannin Co to Lumpkin Co in Suches) = 10.57 miles; SR 348 (Richard Russell Scenic Highway from SR 180 to White County line) = 7.01 miles; SR 325 (SR 515 to U.S. 19/129) = 11.09 miles; County Roads Asphalt = 376.54 miles; County Roads Surface Treatment = 57.15 miles; County Roads Gravel = 105.73 miles; Private Roads = 484.58 miles.

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bees thanks to the talk with his cousin Petunia.

Uncle Bud and Daddy decided to have some fun. They knew that the sisters could not stay off the phone. They were addicted to the telephone. So, the young men called up the sisters and said, "Petunia Dubois, this is John Underwood at Standard Telephone. We are here at Trapptown working on the phone lines. During the next

three hours, if you hear the phone ringing, please do not answer. If you do, it will electrocute me." Petunia agreed and the boys hung up the phone. After 30 minutes, Dad dialed Petunia's number and let it ring 30 times. Finally, Petunia answered the call. Upon her answer, my Dad gave a long, drawn out quivering scream into the phone. Petunia thought she had killed John Underwood.

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Fall is here, and the best way to kick off a fall weekend is by attending the 49th Annual Blairsville Sorghum Festival on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Meeks Park. This is the last weekend to come celebrate the art of Sorghum Syrup Making, Arts/Crafts, Greased Pole Climbin', Log Sawin', Live Music, Face Painting, Vendors and more! And be sure to stay around until 8 p.m. and enjoy the Sorghum Festival Square Dance with an evening of traditional square dancing, contests, and just plain good ole fun!

The Georgia Mountain Fall Festival is back at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds! Come and enjoy music, arts & crafts, great food and the Pioneer Village. Admission is \$12

for adults, and kids 12 and under are free. Gate fee includes the concert. The family-friendly festival runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Oct. 12 through Oct. 20.

What Halloween would be complete without the Union County Ghost Tours? Eager participants can choose to explore local haunts on one of these evenings: Oct. 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, & 27th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information and to sign up for a tour, go to [www.facebook.com/union-countyhauntedhistorytour](http://www.facebook.com/union-countyhauntedhistorytour).

If you get a chance, don't miss the High School One Act Play performance on Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Chris Adams and Alicia Covington do a great job with these kids. Always entertaining and so much talent!

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(topic for another day).

Jesus's purpose is truth. At His trial, He answered Pilate, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." Pilate said, "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38). Good question!

Jesus claimed to be exclusive Truth, God incarnate. He claimed to be the promised Jewish Messiah. He claimed to prepare a place for you in eternity. He claimed to have the power to raise you from the dead and take you to be where He is. That's His supreme truth claim. You can trust your feelings, or you can trust Him.

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higher importance. Our collective survival rested upon men and women of the highest character and spirit.

As with clean, fresh water that occasionally pours down a mud-bottom creek, an example of truth and intelligence raised a voice from the political quagmire we call Congress. Sen. Susan Collins is

that voice. Her speech elevated all of us who heard her words, especially those in Congress.

Perhaps it is time for the American people, Republicans and Democrats, to accept that there are rules and guiding principles that matter, and our Constitution embodies those sanctified principles.

**John Ripma**

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reserve officers worked the roughest part of town, I saw both sides of racism. In 1987, I gave my heart to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and realized all people are created in God's image.

President Trump has evoked God's name more abundantly than I can remember any other president in my 70 years. I don't have the temerity to presume somewhere between

1989 and now President Trump may have accepted Christ too. I don't know his heart and certainly neither does the letter writer.

"There is evidence that racism is more active in America..." He's right. The country has never since the War of Northern Aggression been so divided as under the Obama administration.

**Chris Crawford**

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ings and pass on the inevitable consequences to future generations. We can choose life, or death. What will we choose?

Fortunately, we have the ability and the tools necessary to make the decisions to prevent this from happening. The price of wind and solar are now competitive with coal and natural gas. The IPCC report also goes on to say that the

most efficient way to prevent the worst of this damage is to put a price on the production of greenhouse gases to account for their damage. Citizens Climate Lobby and the Conservative Climate Leadership are proposing such a solution.

Now we can hope and pray that our lawmakers will heed the call to action.

**Vernon Dixon, MD**

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applications or removing the infected leaves. Spider mites and aphids can be pests of mums.

They can be controlled by insecticides, but good coverage of the plant is necessary to control these pests. Spider mites and aphids are capable of population explosions in a very short

amount of time, therefore make sure that you completely cover the top and bottom of the leaves when spraying for these pests.

If you have questions about growing mums, please contact your local Extension Office. Or send me an email at [Jacob.Williams@uga.edu](mailto:Jacob.Williams@uga.edu).

## Allegheny Lodge Game Day BBQ

Allegheny Lodge will have a "Whole Smoked Chicken and Smoked Baby Back Ribs BBQ" just in time for the Florida verses Georgia game on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

Let us do the work while you enjoy the game!

Whole chicken for \$10 each and a full rack of ribs for \$15.

Pick-up between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Lodge (behind Cabin Coffee) on Saturday.

To order contact any Mason in Union County or call 706-400-2094.

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Christopher Jones of the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Prescription painkillers -- the previous front-runner in U.S. drug overdose deaths -- accounted for about 17,000 deaths in 2016, and heroin roughly 15,000, the study showed.

According to Linda Richter, director of policy research and analysis with the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, the findings "solidly confirm what front-line health care and law enforcement professionals in towns and cities across the country know from firsthand experience: deadly synthetic opioids like fentanyl are now the main drivers of drug overdose deaths in the United States."

Richter warned that "these drugs are about 50 times more potent than heroin and up to 100 times more potent than morphine. It only takes a tiny amount of the drug to cause a deadly reaction."

The greatest risk is borne by people who use other opioids, such as heroin or prescription painkillers. Looking at heroin specifically, about 37 percent of all overdose deaths also involved synthetic opioids in 2016, up from just 1.5 percent in 2010, the researchers said.

Synthetic opioids were implicated in more than 40 percent of all cocaine overdose deaths in 2016, up from 4 percent in 2010.

Benzodiazepine users also were at increased risk, with 31 percent of overdose deaths involving a drug like fentanyl in 2016 compared with less than 12 percent in 2010, according to the report. Common benzodiazepines include Valium and Ativan.

People might not know they are taking fentanyl when they buy heroin or cocaine, since drug dealers frequently cut those substances with much cheaper synthetic opioids. Large numbers of counterfeit pills also have started flooding the illicit drug market. These pills look like oxycodone, Percocet, Xanax or other prescription drugs, but are actually pressed fentanyl.

Prince, the late rock music star, is perhaps the highest-profile victim of counterfeit fentanyl. Law enforcement officials said his accidental 2016 death from fentanyl was traced to a look-alike, counterfeit version of the opioid painkiller Vicodin, which Prince had been taking for chronic hip pain, according to published reports.

"Some people may think, 'This is fentanyl, I've used it before and I haven't overdosed,' but the next day it could be some other analogue of fentanyl that is more potent," she explained. "If they're using the same amount, it would be a much higher risk for overdose."

Richter said that this latest development shows that past efforts to curb the opioid epidemic, such as prescription drug monitoring, now "are largely missing the mark." Instead, she suggested that we need a comprehensive approach

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a reminder of that day. When I put that pin on my uniform, I remember Sept. 11, 2001.

I remember the duty and the sacrifice of those brave firefighters.

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registered in the Cayman Islands to avoid U.S. taxes. Her brother has been connected to suspicious activities involving setting up secret back-channel communications with Russia for Trump's administration. He has been investigated by Mueller. No collusion, my foot.

Then there's Steve Mnuchin, another millionaire (personal worth \$300 million), who sports the sobriquet as the Foreclosure King.

Then there's Ben Carson, wealthy (personal worth of only \$29 million) neurosurgeon, named the head of HUD, whose claim to this position is that he lived in HUD housing as a child. He's the guy who spent \$31,000 on a dining set for his office, exceeding the legal limit by \$26,000. Again, how better to use an African-American if your goal is to undermine public housing.

I could go on and on, but you get my point. I see Trump as both racist and narcissist, willing to use anyone to his benefit.

**David Schilling**

tion naloxone (Narcan), and by improved national law enforcement efforts to cut the supply of synthetic opioids entering the

country. They state that doctors also need to do a better job of steering overdose survivors into addiction treatment.