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local grocery store to return the dog to my friend. The two met, and while they were talking in the parking lot, a car backed up and hit Bingo and his owner. He said, "I just stood there and watched as this teenager ran over my foot and then sped away."

Patrick soon noticed the dog had lost his name tag, so he drove to the hardware store and picked up a name tag and new collar. He walked back to his truck and opened the door. I said earlier that Bingo had grown out of the playful puppy stage, but, I was wrong. When the door of the truck opened, the dog left from the truck and began playing chase with my friend in the parking lot of the hardware store. Another customer soon noticed the commotion and tried to stop the antics of Bingo. As the dog ran toward the man, he spread out his arms and legs and bellowed "whoa." This scared

the dog, and he bolted for the highway. Bingo ran across three lanes of traffic, causing a couple of cars to skid off the road. Bingo ran toward a car lot where a family was looking at a new car. The family had left a car door open and a grandmother was sitting in the back seat with her head turned away from the open door.

Bingo jumped into the backseat, and as Patrick reached the car, he found the elderly lady in a state of surprise. Patrick's last words to me before the Christmas break were, "I am taking Bingo to the vet's office next week, and I hope I can get his wanderlust cured. If you find a brownish black dog over the holidays, please do not call me."

I don't know exactly what Bingo is worth, but, I know Patrick has a small mint invested in Bingo.

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lungs. The liquid can contain: nicotine, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabinoid (CBD) oils, and other substances and additives. These chemicals and additives can be harmful and breathing these tiny particles can harm the lungs and other organs. Since the brain is still developing until age 25, the Surgeon General reported that nicotine is addictive and can harm brain development. Using nicotine while the brain is still developing, makes learning and concentrating more difficult. There is some research that suggest that a brain that is addicted to nicotine will become addicted to other illicit substances more easily.

According to the Center for Disease Control, there have been 805 cases of lung injury reported from 46 states and one U.S. territory. Twelve deaths have been confirmed in 10 states. The CDC collected data from less than half of these cases. The collected data suggest that the incidents associated to vape related lung injuries were overwhelmingly male and over 67% were between 18 and 34 years of age. 16% were under 18 years of age and 38% were under 21 years of age. Many patients have reported using

THC and nicotine. Some have reported the use of e-cigarette products containing only nicotine.

The CDC recommends until we know more, if you are concerned about these specific health risks, The CDC recommends that you consider refraining from using e-cigarette or vaping products. If you are an adult who used e-cigarettes containing nicotine to quit cigarette smoking, do not return to smoking cigarettes. If you have recently used an e-cigarette or vaping product and you have symptoms like those reported in this outbreak see a health-care provider. Regardless of the ongoing investigation: Anyone who uses an e-cigarette or vaping product should not buy these products (e.g., e-cigarette or vaping products with THC or CBD oils) off the street, and should not modify or add any substances to these products that are not intended by the manufacturer.

Youth and young adults should not use e-cigarette products. Women who are pregnant should not use e-cigarette products. Adults who do not currently use tobacco products should not start using e-cigarette products.

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an opportunity to get a view of some of these new vendors as well as finding out about changes to many of our exciting businesses.

The Blairsville Chamber of Commerce and the Union General Health System are so excited to have President of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Chris Clark be our guest speaker at our Annual Power Lunch on Oct. 23. Have you registered yet? Seats are filling up fast so don't miss this exciting opportunity. Keep an eye on the Chamber website as we share some of the topics Chris will be covering.

Several other events you don't want to miss are the Sons of Jubal at McConnell Baptist Church and the Jubalheirs on Oct. 4th at First Baptist Church of Blairsville. Also, if you are a runner, there are several 5Ks and fun runs in the area including the Run Above the Clouds at the Indian Summer Festival.

You can view additional details about these events on the Chamber website, Visit-

BlairsvilleGA.com, as well as information on other upcoming events such as the BEAR race, the 50th anniversary of the Blairsville Sorghum Festival taking place during the second and third weekends of October, and the Halloween on the Square in Downtown Blairsville.

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will continue to dry out leaves and other fuels. This increases the fire danger.

Union County Fire Department is always ready to respond to wildfires. As prepared as we can be, it is still better to prevent these fires before they happen. This is where the citizens of Union County can make a difference. If you are considering outside burning, get a burn permit and then practice proper fire and burning safety.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~.

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surrounding areas. These ember showers were caused by the extreme winds and dry conditions that created the perfect storm that consumed a large portion of the city that destroyed more than 2,200 homes and businesses and killed 14 people.

I talked to a firefighter from South Dakota who was deployed to Gatlinburg during the fires, and she said that all the homes in the neighborhood they were assigned to protect were threatened by fire and they had to choose to try to save only those that were savable and safe for the crew. The savable ones were the homes where the owners had

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time, most of whom remain until now" (1 Cor. 15: 3-6).

The Bible writers were inspired, not by hope of personal gain or notoriety, but by altruism and eternal truth. John wrote, "These have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31).

The Bible is an anthology of forty writers spanning 1500 years, giving you a faithful account of history and God's promises to you. You can trust it.

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These roads are identified by a GREEN street sign. A private road (not county maintained) can be controlled by those who live on that road or who actually own the road. These roads are identified by a BLUE street sign.

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lack of rain for some individuals. No rain has been good for keeping plant diseases low. Fungal diseases need moisture to be able to germinate and spread. No rain means that there has been less humidity and water to move diseases. The vineyards have benefitted from the dry conditions. Pre-harvest is a difficult time for vineyards with diseases, but they have done pretty well this year.

Let's hope that we get some rain soon. If you have questions about drought and how to manage it contact your county Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

Weekly Patriot Reflection



Principle 1-Natural Law

Did you know that our Founding Fathers had 28 guiding principles that they lived by? They believed that every person who desired peace, prosperity and freedom needed to understand and perpetuate these principles. Listen to Principle #1: The only reliable basis for sound government and just human relations is natural law. This sounds good but how did they arrive at this conclusion? Thanks for asking!

The Founders were well educated men who read voraciously over a broad spectrum of authors. One of their favorites was Roman Political Writer Marcus Cicero, and it was he who helped them understand the precepts of Natural Law. The bottom line of his reasoning was this: Natural Law is the understanding that God is the Creator and sustainer and that His Laws are the True Law. Once this is understood it stands to reason that government, justice and human relations laws MUST conform to the laws of the Creator God. Cicero believed that the building of a society on principles of Natural Law was nothing more nor less than recognizing and identifying the rules of "right conduct" with the laws of the Supreme Creator of the universe.

The Founding Fathers envisioned just such a commonwealth of prosperity and justice for themselves and the model society which they hoped to build.

Don't you think the Founding Fathers would be distraught to see how far our country and government has moved, away from the rule of Natural Law? When is enough going to be enough?

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the-path-of-fire/. Another real revelation for those who think they are safe from wildfire.

For more information on WUI, contact Frank Riley at info.ccrd@gmail.com.

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.
Tuesday 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: Skillet Cafe	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)	
Lions Club	Second Thursday of each month: Cook's Restaurant	6 p.m.
Appalachian Shrine Club	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	