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Q: Is there anything else that we need to do to promote new industry in Union County?

A: Our focus has always been on attracting industry and manufacturing. It has always been difficult to attract manufacturing to our county even though we have so many things going for us. The negatives are: no railroad, no interstate, no natural gas, and no 4-lane connecting highways to anywhere other than Atlanta. However, we do have a good divided highway, Highway 515, we do have an Industrial Park with space available, an outstanding airport, and we have a great quality of life. Getting that word out is the biggest need.

Q: What are the main attractions we need to come up with to find industry inter-

ested in moving to our area?

A: First, we need some additional suitable space for business to expand into. If you know someone that has the means to finance a large industrial building (30,000 sq. ft. to 150,000 sq. ft.), let us know. We certainly can try to sell it or lease it to a prospective business.

Second, we need more trained workers. We are currently working with several organizations to make this happen, but it is going to take some time.

Third, we need to promote our area more aggressively so that we can attract the small to medium business entrepreneurs. While we have a great area to live in and work from, many still believe a business must be in or near a large metropolitan area.

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substances, lack of interest in school participation and frequent alienation of others. Prevention programs that address substance use and high-risk sexual behaviors are proven to be more effective than programs that just focus on substance abuse or just focus on high risk sexual behaviors. These programs include individuals, peers, families, schools and communities.

Prevention strategies that are successful in reducing teen risk include multiple prevention activities in different areas of the teen's life. School based programs that focus on social skills and emotional awareness are fundamental to teaching students how to manage peer

pressure. Peer led drug and alcohol resistance programs like Students Against Destructive Decisions, offers a safe social circle that practices low risk behaviors. Parenting programs that offer support and skills for dealing with difficult teen behaviors and programs that encourage parental engagement is another invaluable tool in reducing engagement in substance use and high-risk sexual behavior. Finally, family support programs that address the needs of each family member.

When students have a supportive school environment and their parents are actively engaged in their lives, they are less likely to engage in high risk behaviors.

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Clark speaks about the New Georgia Economy and how it will impact North Georgia. It takes place today, October 23, from 12 – 1 p.m.

Also, this Friday is our First Annual Shoot for the Stars Golf Tournament. I want to thank all our bronze, silver and gold sponsors who are participating in the event as well as our many hole sponsors—thank you for supporting the UCHS Scholarship Program. I am looking forward to a great tournament.

The month of October is flying by, but it's not over yet! We hope you will continue to join us for our remaining ribbon cutting ceremonies this month as we show our support for our new local businesses. Join us

at Hiwassee Park Senior Living on October 24, Homestead Hospice on October 29, and Megatone Music on October 31. Visit the event calendar on our website for more details.

Get your costumes ready, because Hometown Halloween on the Square is quickly approaching on Thursday, the 31st from 6 – 8 p.m. This is a great local event and we expect to see many families and friends enjoying the festivities.

Finally, be on the lookout for more information about our Dress with Style Fashion Show on November 13 (featuring products from six local merchants), as well as our upcoming Christmas events, the Tour of Trees and Holly Jolly Christmas.

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strangers unaware to either tell someone not to be afraid, not to worry or get stressed out. Maybe to just comfort and bring peace to a struggling heart under conviction, or to warn people of impending events that would occur. Jesus Christ never meet a stranger, for He only has the power to see the heart of all He came in contact with, showing love and compassion even to the vilest sinner. We as believers in Christ need to show this kind of love to those we meet

along our journey as well. We may be the only Jesus strangers ever encounter. Remember, there are angels all around us ministering to folks who need help, whether good, bad or ugly, God loves them all. May we too see the good in all of humanity, just like Christ saw in you and me, before we meet a stranger called Jesus Christ on our Damascus road experience. Strangers unaware could be an angel in disguise. HUM!

Frank F. Combs

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Luntz Global, carbon pricing that includes a revenue return to Americans has four to one support among all voters.

The Bipartisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763) would decrease emissions by 90%

by 2050, grow our economy, and put more real spendable income into most Americans' pocketbooks.

We are America, and this is a problem that we can, and must, conquer!

Vernon Dixon, MD

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to make materials and release oxygen.

In bioluminescence, light and carbon-dioxide are released by breaking apart organic materials using oxygen. What is the true purpose of BL? That has never been proven.

However, many people assume BL attracts animals which serve as spore disseminators. However, I like to think the Good Lord has a sense of humor and likes to watch young men talk to dead stumps. Fox fire is nothing more than the recycling of materials in an ecosystem. Enjoy the secret lights of the woods.

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speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person" (Col. 4:5-6).

In a culture that seems hell bent on death by a thousand cuts, followers of Christ have a healing, restorative power-play. Jesus commissioned you to love your neighbor and your enemy, and to treat others how you would like to be treated. Surely associating with someone who disagrees fits in there somewhere.

I hope you agree. Even if you don't, we can still be friends.

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be shaped solely by unchecked fuel accumulation, larger and more intense wildfires, unacceptable fire behavior, and undesirable impacts to societal values.

We must continue to utilize sound science, actively support the principles and management options within the framework of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and be proactive in our management practices and actions to address these mounting challenges. Only then can we expect to achieve our desired wildfire outcomes and establish a new paradigm of resilient landscapes, fire adapted communities and a safe and effective wildfire response.

The National Cohesive Strategy pushes us to challenge our current and historical approaches to our nation's rapidly changing wildfire realities and reach beyond our jurisdictional borders to: redefine and understand risk, share and co-manage risk, set large, landscape-level and community-wide priorities, and collectively invest in an outcome-based approach to achieve resilient landscapes, fire adapted communities and a safe, effective wildfire response.

As we stand on the precipice of a new wildland fire paradigm, we have the opportunity to define it, not be defined by it. The vision of the Cohesive Strategy is to safely

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Prevention is the best practice when it comes to wildfire. Union County Fire Department had the pleasure of hosting a wildfire prevention and education team at the station last week. This team is made up of U.S. Forest Service and Georgia Forestry Commission members.

The purpose of this team is to educate everyone on wildfire prevention. You may have seen them in the parades or out in the community talking about wildfire prevention. This is all part of a continuous campaign to bring wildfire awareness to our community. We are very proud to be part of this campaign.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

Class offers training to save Hemlocks



Save Georgia's Hemlocks

On Saturday, October 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Save Georgia's Hemlocks will present a training class for volunteers interested in learning how to save the endangered hemlocks from an invasive insect called hemlock woolly adelgid that is attacking and killing the trees. This training will provide in-depth information about the trees, the bugs, assessing infestations, cultural practices, chemical treatments, biological controls, cost and safety, assisting other property owners, working on the national forest, and more.

The class is being offered at the Community Center, Bald Mountain Park / Campgrounds in Hiwassee. Individuals from Towns and all contiguous counties are invited. Please plan to come and learn how to save these beautiful and valuable trees. They really need your help!

Registration is required. Please contact Kim at 706-455-2313 or kimberlyraewood@gmail.com. Be sure to provide both your phone and email, and she'll send you the full details.

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



October 1, 2019
In memory of **Bill Meeks Birthday**
By Ginger & Terri Meeks

October 22, 2019
In memory of **John J. Meeks Birthday**
By Ginger & Terri Meeks

October 27, 2019
In memory of our loving son **Ricky Rivas**
We miss you.
By Mom and Dad

Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

and active implementation of the National Cohesive Strategy and how this will allow us to define a future with wildland fire as a key component of healthy ecosystems that meet social and management requirements.

Our Appalachian RC&D FAC Coalition of six RC&Ds

will have an interactive presentation on our wildland fire projects in the Appalachians to the national audience gathered in Plymouth.

For more information on National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy: www.forestsandrangelands.gov

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entire root system.

Herbicides are usually the most effective way of controlling perennial invasive plants. Even with herbicides, it will take a couple of seasons to get full control. For perennials, you should apply herbicides in the fall. During the fall perennials are moving as many carbohydrates and energy down into their roots as possible. Therefore, if you apply a systemic herbicide the plant will also move the herbicide down into the roots, making the herbicide more effective. As always, whenever you use an herbicide read and follow the label.

If you have questions about identifying or controlling invasive weeds contact your county Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday:	
Children's Story Time	GMREC (May-Oct)	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Boy Scouts #101	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday:	
Tuesday Strippers	Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Club	Every Wednesday:	
BINGO	Skillet Cafe	Noon
	Civic Center	7 p.m.
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday:	
Masonic Luncheon	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
	NGTC	Noon