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Q. Who operates the Union County Food Pantry?

A. The Food Pantry is operated by the Ninth District Opportunity, which is a community action agency. The Ninth District Opportunity serves a total of 25 counties in the northern part of the State of Georgia. They provide a wide range of services designed to assist low-income families. Some of these services are the Head Start Program, Housing Programs, Heating Assistance Programs, and the Food Pantry. Ann Sullivan is the Community Resource Coordinator

for the Ninth District here in Union County. If you have any questions regarding any of the above programs or questions about what types of food can be donated, please call Ms. Sullivan at 706-745-6596.

Q. Where does the food and money go that we donate here in Union County?

A. Donations in Union County stay here in Union County. Our food and monetary donations do not go to any of the other counties that the Ninth District Opportunity serves. It stays right here to help our citizens.

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the rains and floods cease, the mountains still stand sentinel over our county, and the trees still offer the last of the seasons shifting shades of color.

Speaking of gratitude, we indeed have much to be thankful for. The restaurants and shops have worked tirelessly to accommodate visitors who seek refuge and peace in the tranquility of Blairsville-Union County. It's no easy task, and over and over again, they rise to the challenge. And perhaps most significant this week is the thankfulness we

have for our Veterans.

In a town where our freedom still rings, where we are blessed with the privilege of voting, where crime is low, and schools are second to none, we cannot help but stop and honor those who have fought and even given their lives so that we can enjoy these freedoms. Veterans, you have our sincerest gratitude.

It's a great time to live in Blairsville-Union County. After all, where else can a giant pink pig get the best river-ride of her life?

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He is trying to bury us... but doesn't know we are seeds.

5. But he shirked his duty and hid from the task,

Like he did during Vietnam of America's sad past.

He cut and ran like he's doing right now.

He's never been a man who would honor a vow.

6. He used men on horses to plow through the crowd

Of peaceful protestors who were neither profane nor loud

So he and Barr could look smug from the church

And forsake good Americans left in the lurch.

7. What manner of man is this who cares

Not one bit for the country he shares

With you and I, good folks and true,

Who love this land of the Red, White and Blue.

8. I know of no name to cast on this villain

That could bring to his knees

Any man worth his cost

But this name that resounds from the hills he has lost.

9. That name is traitor, to be known forevermore,

And to follow him to hell or what God has in store.

Take his conspirators with him forever and a day

And leave America in peace to find our own way!

Michael Wayne Allen

Proud American Veteran

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To review: Under this scenario, Kamala Harris (Democrat) is President. Nancy Pelosi (Democrat) is Vice President.

Republicans control the Senate.

Republicans control the House of Representatives.

The Supreme Court is dominated by Conservatives.

You must admire the genius of the Founding Fathers.

George A. Mitchell

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own tunnels. If you're unsure if you have voles or moles take a slice of apple and tie a piece of string around it. Place it in the hole and let it sit for a couple of days. When you pull it back out, if the apple is gone you have voles (herbivores), if the apple is still there you have moles (carnivores).

If you have questions about vole and mole control please contact your local Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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an alternate contact at their work in case they are away from their phone. » Phone numbers of relative(s) who live out of state, in case local cell towers don't work. » Addresses and phone numbers of your closest friends. » Names/addresses of three safe locations to meet in case you are away from home and school, such as the local library, a friend or neighbor's home, local police station, hospital, or community center. » Information about any medical condition you have or medication that you are on and the name and phone number of your doctor. » If you wear glasses, the prescription information for them. » Phone numbers for neighbors. It is better to be prepared for the natural disaster that might come one day even though you think it cannot happen here. It is good insurance we hope we never have to use!

Here is something most of us do not think about in evacuation planning, what to do with Fluffy, Tweety bird, or Ole Blue? Pets are family too and need to have supplies to go with them when we must leave. Simple tools you'll need to start building your pet's evacuation kit: » Large bin or tote with a lid » A Sharpie for labeling

and marking contents » Notepad for documenting special details and needs » Storing all the information outlined in the following sections on a flash drive will provide access if you're evacuated and unable to take the kit due to limited time. Having a backup flash drive that you provide to a friend or relative, is also a good idea so you have an alternate source if you are unable to take the primary one with you.

The following items need to be included in each kit and also stored on your flash drive(s): » Pet Vaccination Records: Δ Copies of all current vaccination records for each pet (NOTE: Your pet's most recent rabies registration tag needs to be attached securely to its collar) » Medications: Δ Keep a list of all current medicines and their associated doses Δ Your vet's office may also be evacuated or closed during a wildfire, so this information will be important. If possible, keep an extra supply of medicines that your pet takes on a regular basis. Ensure each is labeled with the pet's name and a description of that pet. If you have multiple pets, consider enclosing a photo of the pet that needs the medication. Periodically check the expiration dates and replace as needed.

Special Needs Documentation: Δ List of each pet's current physical disabilities or illnesses. Δ Special feeding schedule/requirements and feed Δ Dietary restrictions Δ Allergies » Copies of Ownership Records: Δ Adoption records Δ Registration paperwork Δ Pet health insurance policies Δ Municipal or county license tags and paperwork and copies of the animal's microchip paperwork.

The time to plan for evacuation is now while before an emergency, not when smoke, wind, or flood is headed into your backyard. Be Firewise, be prepared, and be safe!

For more information on evacuation plans check out fact sheets at: www.nfpa.org.

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By this point the two men moved to opposite sides of the car still yelling and cursing one another. Dad came from his office and saw the two men standing beside our car. He tried to come toward the car, but, each time he made a move, the man with the gun pointed it at him. At this point little brother rolled down his window and told the man with the gun, "My Daddy is about to beat your butt." The fellow and the one chasing him took off running, allowing my Dad to get to the car to check on us.

A short time later we were visiting my Maw Maw Adams. She took us down to Little Bear Creek and introduced us to Baker Rock. This rock was strategically placed on the left side of a bend to the right in the creek. The water was 3-4 feet deep in the pool under the rock. We worked hard for 45 minutes placing small rocks across the creek to dam up the slow moving stream.

We had improved this ancient family swimming hole and were enjoying its cool waters when one of my cousins said, "Let's climb up the rock and jump into the water." We all sat there wondering who would be first when we noticed Dink was not around. Someone hollered at us from atop the rock, and there was my 6-year-old brother. He had climbed up the rock, and before anyone could stop him, he jumped into the refreshing water of the creek from the top of Baker Rock. He couldn't even swim. All the rest of us had to fetch him from the water.

Later in the fall, Dad found out about a boxing club for boys in Chickamauga. Dad took Dink and I to the club and we learned to box. I thought I was pretty good until I boxed against a boy who nearly knocked me out. I wasn't very enthusiastic about boxing after that fight. However, my younger brother loved it. He would win a fight and then lose a fight. He fought some folks his size and he fought some boys twice as big. But, he never backed down, and I actually think he looked forward to boxing each person no matter their size.

One evening while we were eating supper our door bell rang and I was told to answer the door. When I opened the door, this woman began screaming at me. It seems that I had been accused of bullying her fourth-grade son. I had never seen the boy and tried to explain, however, she kept screaming. My Dad came to the door to investigate and was followed by my second-grade brother. The boy which was nearly as tall as I came from behind his mother and pointed

at Dink saying, "That's the one who beat me up, Mom." The mother looked from me to my brother and grabbed her boy by the ear saying, "You let that little kid beat you up? Well, just wait until we get home. You are about to get another whipping."

One day in the sixth grade he fell asleep in class and was called upon by his teacher. She asked why he was so tired, and he responded without thinking, "I have been up all night because my father passed away." The teacher was horrified and ran from the class to the Principal's Office. He called my Mom to express his condolences. In those days whippings were still given in school, and Dink received one from the teacher, the principal and from Dad when he got home.

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If you are to sabotage something, let it be the notion that the culture identifies the problem and the government solves it. The greatest problem for humanity has never changed. It is the failure to see ourselves as God does: mortally flawed, incapable of self-rescue. The world needs a Savior, not a new religion or an old politician.

Jesus prayed, "Just as You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world" (John 17:18). You are in the world, but not of it. Don't let politics, elections, and cultural pressure distract you from the mission. For Christ's sake, don't lose your focus.

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When the last hospital on earth closes its doors and the last child is cured and all doctors and nurses lay down their skills and prayer becomes the norm of the day. Will there be peace on earth?

When the last sporting event ceases to be and the last concert has been heard and folks gather around the camp fire grazing at the dancing flames of the night in midnight wonder. Will there be peace on earth?

When the last soul is laid to rest in yonder grave and grave diggers lay down their tools to use no more and the last church bells ring out from yonder hillside and the last politician has spoken their final plea. Will there be peace on earth?

When all illness and sin on earth ceases to be and humanity decides to love one another as Christ loves us, only then will there be peace on earth, good will toward men. Jesus Christ came to earth to seek and save the lost. The Prince of Peace is the answer to everlasting peace: Jesus Christ. **Frank F. Combs**

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November 9, 2020

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on his birthday

By Craig Utesch

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