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community, it helps make us attractive to new businesses. A new business is usually first going to have all the legal issues cleared up, property purchased, and construction contract let, or lease secured, prior to making

an announcement to the public. I have heard many of the same rumors that people are asking me about and until an official announcement is made by the business, believe me, anything could change.

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that stand out regarding getting your business noticed:

Use Social Media – Social media offers unique opportunities to reach broad audiences. Build business connections on LinkedIn or try posting your next event on Facebook and Instagram. Do not let it overwhelm you but be aware of the key offerings of social media.

Connect with Other Business Owners – Just as in life, in business you will need mentors and partners along the way. Try to connect with others who share a passion for business.

Develop Relationships – Treat your customers like friends rather than a source of money. Greet them warmly, ask about their interests, and make special recommendations just for them. Human nature is to want to do business with friends first.

Be Unique – Find what makes you special and tout that aspect of your business. Whether it be unique advertising, exceptional customer service, a dynamic storefront, or a unique spin on your business model,

differentiate yourself and be memorable for something.

Get Involved – Getting involved in a charitable organization or with a local project is not only a great way to meet new people but more importantly, it demonstrates your commitment to the local community and the people who are part of it.

Learn from Others – Never miss an opportunity to learn a lesson. Study the methods of other successful business owners and listen to the feedback that your customers are giving you. No one is perfect, so always be ready to adapt.

If you are interested in learning more about how the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce can help give your business the tools to succeed, we are hosting a FREE Members Benefit Breakfast on January 29th at 8am. Come discover or re-discover all the wonderful benefits of being a member of the Chamber. You can register for the event online at www.Visit-BlairsvilleGA.com/breakfast.

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Heroin users would carry or stash a small spoon, needles, tin foil, pipes and a plastic pen case or cut up drinking straw.

Cocaine users need a straw or tube to snort the powder, pipes for smoking, small mirrors, small spoons, short plastic straws, rolled-up paper tubes, razor blades and lighters.

Ecstasy or Molly users might have glow sticks, surgical mask or dust mask, pacifiers and lollipops (to prevent teeth grinding and jaw clenching) and bags of candy to hide pills.

Inhalants can be from many different sources, but the paraphernalia could include aerosol cans, rags for sniffing, tubes of glue, balloons, nozzles and bottles or aerosol cans with hardened glue, sprays, paint or chemical odors.

Items used to cover up drug use can include mouth

wash, mints, and breathe sprays, eye drops for bloodshot eyes, sun glasses for red eyes, changes in pupil size, or to hide eye movements.

Federal law states it is illegal for any person to sell or offer for sale drug paraphernalia; to use the mail or any other facility of interstate commerce to transport drug paraphernalia; or import or export drug paraphernalia.

So where do kids buy paraphernalia? They get these items over the Internet, at tobacco shops, head shops, gift and novelty shops, gas stations, and convenience stores everywhere.

The DRUG FREE MOUNTAIN LIFE campaign supports an overall safe community by providing information, education and support services to children, families, and community toward prevention of illegal substance abuse.

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house, your insurance company may not pay, but if you have a permit, you have a get-out-of-jail-free card. You can also be held responsible for suppression costs if you cause a wildfire and do not have a permit including bulldozers, hot shot crews, and air tankers which do not come cheap!

So, think before you burn and get a permit, even for a small leaf pile in your yard. It's the cheapest insurance policy you can get.

Here are Smokey's Safe Debris burning tips: Comply with Local Regulations: Contact GFC in advance to confirm that burning is allowed and to find out if permits are being issued that day. The call must be made on the day you plan to burn and is only good for that day. You must call each day you plan to burn.

Check the Weather Forecast - Weather fluctuations, such as sudden gusts of wind, cause debris burning to spark a wildfire. Contact the GFC on the day you plan to burn to find out if the weather is safe enough to burn, and if it is not they will not issue a permit.

Choose a Safe Burning Site - A safe site will be far away from power lines, overhanging limbs, buildings, automobiles, and equipment. It will have vertical clearance at least three times the height of the pile, as heat from the fire extends far past the actual flames that you see. It will have horizontal clearance twice the height of the debris pile.

Prepare the Site Correctly: The ground around the burn site should be surrounded by gravel or dirt for at least ten feet in all directions. Keep the surrounding area watered down during the burn.

Most Important - Remain with your fire until your fire is completely out. To ensure the fire has been completely extinguished, drown the fire with water, turn over the ashes with a shovel and drown it again. Repeat several times. Check the burn area regularly over the next several days and up to several weeks following the burn, especially if the weather is warm, dry, and windy. I once burned a large debris pile (with a permit), covered it with dirt to put it out at the end of the day, and we had several rains, and 6 weeks later when I uncovered the mound, it was still burning inside, so you must monitor it until you are completely sure that the fire is out.

Keep it Legal - It is illegal to burn plastic, tires, and most other waste products not from a tree or shrub. It is illegal to burn any kind of building materials including lumber and the debris burned can only be natural material.

For more information on debris burning, burn permits, and wildfires, contact your local Georgia Forestry Commission office at 706-781-2398; US Forest Service district office at 706-781-2593; local fire department; or the Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D council at info.ccred@gmail.com.

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In reality, the economy in Mexico has been improving for several years, reducing the desire to enter illegally for better-paying American jobs. What we are experiencing lately is an influx of asylum seekers from Central America running from gangs, corrupt governments, as well as hoping for a better life, a better sense of security for them and their families.

So, Trump's approach to satisfying his woe begotten base is to magnify the threat with his typical melange of lies, promoting unsubstantiated fears in his fascist myth of middle-class white America being overtaken by brown-skinned rapists and lawn caretakers. Never mind that he has been violating international and our own laws regarding treat-

ment of asylum seekers. Apparently, laws don't mean much to him. Typical narcissist.

Another reality finally being aired is the fact that most illegal aliens in our country are people who entered legally and overstayed their visa, more coming from Canada than Central America. But most Canadians are white of skin and speak English, some better than we.

David Schilling

Retired Firefighters Breakfast

The Retired Firefighters Breakfast is held the first Friday of each month, 9 a.m. at The Griddle, Blairsville, GA.

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pocket when the deputy walked in to the Pool Hall and directly toward my great grandfather. The deputy looked at him and asked him to see the flask. The old man told the deputy, "The contents of my coat pocket are none of your business". The deputy reached toward his coat and the old man struck his arm with a walking cane. The deputy drew his Billy stick and my Dad jumped in between his grandfather and the deputy. Try to picture a teenage boy standing between a Deputy and an old man swinging a cane over the shoulder of my Dad.

Dad tried to explain to the Deputy, but, the old man kept swinging his cane trying to hit the young police officer. The Deputy also lost his cool and took a couple of swings. My Dad, Paul, was stuck in the middle of the two men which caused him to catch the brunt of each of their swings. He caught the blows of the Billy sticks from the Deputy and the blows of the cane from his grandfather. He kept telling my Dad, "If you'll swing at that sorry Deputy we can take him." Eventually, Chief Looney walked in and hollered out, "What is going on in here?"

The Deputy screamed, "This old man is....." But, he didn't finish. Chief Looney grabbed his arm and dragged him out the front door. The

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false dilemma of faith v. science. The work of ancient and modern scientists is compatible with faith, and it strengthens ours as we discover more about the mind of God.

Even as we cheer on scientists with a Biblical worldview, we know science is limited. "Can science explain everything?" No. It may answer what is, but it cannot explain why you are here and what the transcendent meaning of life really is. But your Creator can. Perhaps heaven is a place of intrigue and discovery where we can eternally learn what temporal science cannot teach.

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wildlife. Snake repellants that work by smell or sound are ineffective because snakes can't hear or smell. These products are only short term solutions so you will need to reapply them. How effective they are can also be impacted by how hungry the wildlife is. If you are using repellants on your garden check the label first because some are only intended to be used on plants that you don't eat. Milorganite can be an effective repellant for deer. It's an organic fertilizer.

Lethal control is the last step when managing wildlife. It's best to work with a professional Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator. Make sure that you are aware of the laws regarding lethal control because some wildlife is protected, or lethal control is only allowed in season.

If you have questions about managing wildlife contact your local Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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GEMA and FEMA before it can go into effect.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is one of many plans that UCEMA must complete and update. These plans better prepare the community as well as increases the amount of federal funding awarded to Union County in the event of a declared disaster. It is one of the many "behind the scenes" responsibilities performed by UCEMA to better serve the community.

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pontificated that the launching of rockets into space was having an ill effect upon the climate of earth. Clifford finished his philosophical speech by predicting dire consequences

for earth's weather if this space race was not stopped.

Clifford died at the age of 96, but, I wonder what he would say about the weather if he were alive today.

Chief was heard to say, "Do you know who that is and do you know what his sons will do to you if you hurt the man?" The Chief explained that he provided his whiskey and he also explained there was not a jury in the county which would find his sons guilty of assaulting anyone in defense of their father.

I guess the deputy got the message, because he never confronted Clifford again about his flask. As a matter of fact you could find the Deputy regularly hanging around the old fellow just to hear his stories.

At the age of 90 Clifford still enjoyed shooting pool and visiting the Phil Campbell Barber Shop. All the world's problems could have been solved in this barber shop if the leaders of the world would have listened. The "Grand Old Man" of Phil Campbell regaled younger listeners with his own view of history and brand of philosophy.

It was the early 1960s and the space race had just begun. The area around North Alabama was in the middle of a moderate drought. Clifford was at the barber shop and some young fellow was voicing his concerns about the drought. Clifford knew the young man depended upon the weather to make his cotton grow and he could see the anguish in the young man's eyes. Finally, Clifford spoke up and told the audience the reason for the drought.

"Boys" he began, "I know the reason for this drought. It began with that thing, called Sputnik, them Russians launched into space. Now, Mr. Kennedy wants to put one of them space ships into orbit and eventually land a man on the moon". He further