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allows you to add anyone you may have forgotten in the first question. Number three asks if you own or rent your home. Finally, you are asked for a phone number which they will only use if there is a question about one of your responses. The phone number is not retained after that and your phone number is not shared with any other organizations.

### Q. Who should be counted?

A. You should count everyone who is or will be living in your home as of April 1, 2020. This includes anyone who is living with you or anyone who is sleeping there most of the time, this includes children.

### Q. How should I count children in my household?

A. It is important to remember to count any children who are living with you. This includes

All children who live in your home, including grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and the children of friends

Children who split their

time between homes, if they are living with you on April 1, 2020.

Newborn babies, even those who are born on April 1, 2020, or who are still in the hospital on this date.

### Q. What about college students?

A. It is important to remember how to count college students based on where they are living.

College students who are living at home should be counted at their home address.

College students who live away from home and off-campus should count themselves at their off-campus location.

US college students living and attending college outside of the US are not counted in the census.

Foreign students living and attending college in the US should be counted at their on- or off-campus residence where they live most of the time.

College students who live on campus will be counted by the Census Bureau through the Group Quarters process.

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bags smelled to the high heavens. As Annie stared at the bag, a panic began to well up inside of her. She reached into the washer and smelled of the other garments. Her husband had overalls in this wash as well as her sons. Annie sat on the steps of her back porch and began to cry. There were four other pairs of overalls in her washing machine, and each pair smelled terrible. She washed everything in the machine four times to no avail. She had to burn all the clothing in her washer, and it took another five rinses to rid the machine of the smell.

Twenty years prior to this event, an influenza epidemic swept through the eastern United States, and many people died as a result. In the graveyard at the 1st Baptist Church of Phil Campbell, Alabama, there are graves of twin sisters, my Papa's aunts. These young ladies died during their teens as a result of influenza. You can find many graves like this spread throughout Appalachia. During the 1920s-50s, parents were desperate to ward off disease. As a result these, aspidi-ty bags became very popular. Dad told me that his mother

made him and his brother wear them every day during the winter and early spring.

Granny sent her sons to school wearing these stinking bags. But, they weren't the only ones. Granny had Paul and Bud wearing bags filled with Fennel, Ginseng and Goldenseal. Paul said, "The smell of the stuff would cause me to become nauseous." One day while riding the bus, Tommy hit on a good idea. Dad told me, "Tucker suggested we tell our parents the older boys ripped them bags off our necks and threw them out the window."

Tommy, Paul, Bud, William, Jimmy and the rest of the bunch of 10-year-olds from Traptown School House threw away their aspidi-ty bags and continued to do so until warm weather came to North Alabama. Nobody ever suspected they were telling a story because they all said the same thing, and I know some of the older boys got whippings because their folks thought they were picking on the smaller boys. I know the teachers really appreciated those young boys not wearing their aspidi-ty bags to school.

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availability of drugs, drug use by older teens, and social activities where drugs are used.

A certain amount of risk-taking is a normal part of adolescent development. The desire to try new things and become more independent is healthy, but it may also increase teens' tendencies to experiment with drugs. The parts of the brain that control judgment and decision-making do not fully develop until people are in their early or mid-20s; this limits a teen's ability to accurately assess the risks of drug experimentation and makes young people more vulnerable to peer pressure.

Because the brain is still developing, using drugs at this age has more potential to disrupt brain function in areas critical to motivation, memory,

learning, judgment, and behavior control. So, it's not surprising that teens who use alcohol and other drugs often have family and social problems, poor academic performance, health-related problems (including mental health conditions), and involvement with the juvenile justice system.

A number of programs have been developed that positively alter the balance between risk and protective factors for drug use in families, schools and communities. Research based programs such as PRI 420 can significantly reduce the early use of THC or alcohol. While there are social factors that influence drug use trends, when teens and adolescents perceive drug use as harmful, the chance of use is reduced.

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done nothing since he had been in office.

There is a list a mile long on his accomplishments, but I'll add some of his latest: Gallup recently reported 90 percent of Americans are happy with their lives, and 61 percent say they're better off than they were three years ago.

Pakistan was getting a billion dollars a year from us. Trump stopped it.

Two trillion dollars of trade agreements with: Japan, South Korea, China and the important USMCA with our neighbors to the north and south.

Lowest unemployment rate in recorded history for: Hispanics, Blacks and Asians. More businesses started by women than men since he took office. More sanctions put on Russia than all other presidents combined.

Now, let's look at some Democrats. President Harry Truman said, "You can't get rich in politics unless you're a crook." President Obama's net worth before becoming president was \$1.3 million. When he left, it was over \$20 million.

The House wasted 113 days on what Alan Dershowitz called "Guilt By Accusation" to impeach President Trump. It was done seven times faster than Nixon and 20 times faster than Clinton. It's been referred to many times as a "political impeachment" since no actual crime was proven.

Sleepy Joe Biden accused Trump of quid pro quo even though there's video of

himself telling the Ukrainian president the U.S. would withhold a billion dollars unless his son's prosecutor was fired. Joe Biden also recently called undocumented immigrants "a gift," meaning to America. I'll stand President Trump's record against Democrats any day.

**Chris Crawford**

## Fire...

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how to make a fire and to build a shelter.

Learning maps, compass, rescue and survival are all vital parts of SAR training. The class provided information, education, and practice to learn and reinforce these skills. Members who attended the training now are more educated and confident to utilize these skills on an actual search and rescue.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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17:25-27). That is why you are alive in these times.

Your life has meaning not because you found a way to make it so, but because your Creator has a purpose for you. Time is not a cruel eraser that removes your mark on this world. It is the context in which you find meaning in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, who loves you. So step into that river, and be refreshed.

## Letter to the Editor

### A Letter from Concerned Lacrosse Parents to the YHC Board of Trustees

#### To Whom It May Concern,

We are contacting you in your role as a representative on the Board of Trustees at Young Harris College to share our frustration and concern regarding the situation with the YHC Men's Lacrosse team.

On Monday, March 2, the entire team presented a list of concerns to the Athletic Director with 41 items and 32 signatures. They requested a meeting with her as well as the coach. They were finally awarded a meeting on Tuesday at 5 p.m. which lasted three minutes. The athletic director told them that their complaints were not valid and that if they did not go to practice all of their scholarships would be pulled. They were not allowed to ask questions or validate their concerns.

As parents we have been hopeful that the boys would be heard but that has not happened. Numerous parents offered help and support to work out some type of solution with zero response. All of us have sent letters and made calls with no result.

While there is a lot to unpack here, one central theme seems to stand out about the boys list and that is the health and safety of our boys. It does not appear to be a priority for coach Goldsmith and by extension YHC. As parents our primary concerns are not only lack of communication but:

1. It is completely unacceptable that practice times prevent our boys from eating. Now I understand why we are sending so much supplemental food to my son. It's either that or starve. With the calories they are burning, I cannot believe the diet and nutrition of these athletes is not more of a priority. This is very different than what we were told during our recruitment. It's also silly to not take better nutritional care of people you are investing money in. In my job if I did provide the resources needed to support the assets of my company, I would be fired in short order.

2. There also appears to be a disregard for proper assessment of injuries. When I read about kids throwing up on the field but then being put back in the game without a health assessment that scares me. When the players tried to protect one of their teammates who is more vulnerable to heat related issues, their concerns were ignored until the player was throwing up, which can be too late. When my son went down with an injury during a game, no one came onto the field to assess his injury. He simply had to crawl off the field on his own. There are several other examples of injuries during practices and games that appear to be ignored or disregarded. When a player went to get water during a game and the coach did not want him too, the player was punished by not being allowed to play the rest of the game. This is not only dangerous but once again it is poor asset management. These are scholarship athletes and improper injury management risks losing players to long term injuries that can be prevented.

3. These boys are student athletes (students first, athletes second), but the student part seems to be less important to this coach. Not accommodating class schedules. Stretching their schedules so thin with everything lacrosse related being mandatory but the advice for the academic's part is to "figure it out" is completely counter to being a student first.

4. Coach Goldsmith appears to also lack compassion. This one is tough because you cannot really expect everyone to be compassionate by nature. I guess we have always been fortunate to have coaches in our son's lives who seemed to truly care about them. We have had coaches come to the hospital to check on our son. We have had coaches that came to support our son when he performed on stage and allowed him to balance practices with rehearsals. We have had coaches that always erred on the side of caution when it came to dealing with injuries. We had coaches vested in helping to make our sons better men. I wished for the same in college but cannot force this style on coach Goldsmith. I guess you either have these qualities or you don't.

Several parents tried to reach the President yesterday. There has been no response other than to inform us that he will be meeting with the team at 5 p.m. and then communicating with all of us following that.

However, a parent was able to speak to him this morning and the information that she shared with us after this conversation is very concerning! The President explained that an investigation was done into the complaints presented to them by the team (however none of the team were interviewed) and that he stands behind the coach. He stated that the culture of the Lacrosse team was toxic. A couple of thoughts on this from our perspective - if this is the case - why were they included in the interview process for the selection of the new coach? Also, I believe it is important

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scheduled for the rest of the month of March including one for Longhorn Steakhouse on the 17th, Mountain Home Health Service on the 19th, North GA Mold and Air Duct Cleaning on the 24th, Nottely Oaks Animal Hospital on the 26th and BVI Resources Group, LLC, on the 31st. We hope you can make it out to these great events that welcome and support Blairsville's new businesses. These ribbon cutting ceremonies offer great opportunities to network with fellow entrepreneurs and keep you informed on the new businesses coming to our area.

Last year we raised \$4,500 for Union County's High School Scholarship Fund via our first Annual Shoot for the Stars Golf Tournament and we hope to surpass that amount at this year's golf tournament, which will be taking place on May 8. If you would like to become a hole sponsor for this special event and help make a difference in the lives of our amazing local students, please call the Chamber today at 706-745-5789.

Mark your calendars for our Business After Hours/ Business of the Quarter event on April 30 at Merchants Walk from 5:30-7 p.m.

Several merchants will be participating in this merchant crawl event including Abide Coffee, S&S - Smoothies and Supplements, Tin Roof Creamery, Lala's Kitchen in the Mountains, and Rustic Mountain Décor. We will also

## Williams...

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at night. However, if they are living in a dense, damp forest they may hunt in the day and at night. The reason for this is that frogs must be careful to avoid their skin drying out.

If you have questions about spring peepers or other wildlife, contact your County Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

to note that approximately 26 players on this team (out of 34) received GPA awards for the past semester and they were the most recognized team.

Next is the part of the conversation that we find alarming. There was a practice last night (Tuesday, March 3), and as parents, we instructed our sons to participate. There are two very different versions of what occurred at the end of practice:

Team version: At the end of practice they tried to engage the coach in a conversation regarding the change in practice times he had announced to 5:45 a.m. three mornings a week. The coach refused and as he walked away there were frustrated comments directed his way, but no one approached him, and he left without incident. The women's lacrosse team was on the field at the time and witnessed what happened.

President's version: At the end of practice eight players surrounded Coach Goldsmith and yelled profanity at him and threatened him physically. Campus Security had to physically escort him off the field to protect him.

We believe that the truth of this incident will not be difficult to verify, and the team confirmed that although security was on hand at the beginning of practice, they were not there at the end.

(We have since confirmed with the YHC campus police that this incident did not occur, and nothing was reported at the lacrosse practice last night.)

Finally, when the parent asked him if he was okay with everyone quitting the team, he said he "did not care." Is this the attitude of a concerned President for the student athletes in his institution? The Mission statement of YHC states that one of its goals is to "empower students to exercise mature and independent moral judgement in an ever changing and diverse world." We believe these boys are demonstrating this in how they have been dealing with this situation. How sad that the President would disregard the voice of 34 young men who just want to enjoy their lacrosse experience while they complete their degree, in favor of another young man who does not have any experience and has demonstrated some pretty poor judgement to date.

As parents we are proud of our sons and of the whole team for standing together in a situation where their scholarship and opportunity to play lacrosse are being threatened.

I hope that the team can receive some support from leadership at YHC. We are looking to the Board of Trustees hopeful you can be the leaders in ensuring that this situation is resolved in a more professional and thoughtful manner than what we have seen occurring to date.

Sincerely,

**The Parents of the YHC Men's Lacrosse Team**  
Wednesday, March 4

### Young Harris College Statement on the Men's Lacrosse Program

The following is a statement by YHC President Dr. Drew Van Horn concerning the men's lacrosse program, originally published to the Young Harris College website on March 4:

Athletic teams can be complex, especially when a new leader is brought in to coach a team that he or she did not recruit. After a competitive and rigorous search process, Young Harris College selected Jay Goldsmith to change the existing culture of our Men's Lacrosse program. When a new coach enters an existing culture that he or she has been tasked to change, the choice for the student-athlete is not complicated: either the student-athlete will play under the new culture or will not.

Unfortunately, in the case of our Men's Lacrosse program, it has become obvious to me that the old culture is unwilling to adapt to the new coach and his system. After careful thought and observation, Director of Athletics Jennifer Rushton and I decided that it was not fair to ask Coach Goldsmith to expend his emotional, mental and physical energy with a group of student-athletes that has communicated and exemplified its unwillingness to adapt. Therefore, effective immediately, I am canceling the remainder of the Men's Lacrosse season.

Young Harris College takes all accusations of abuse and harassment seriously. There is a formal process for filing a complaint, and our Title IX team reviews the complaint. As of today, we have not received any formal complaints from any individual associated with the Men's Lacrosse Team. An initial investigation into a list of concerns has occurred and has not verified any acts of negligence, abuse, or mistreatment. If any formal complaints are filed, the College will follow its policy of incident investigation by Title IX standards.