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top lid. When these are turned in for recycling, the lids should be removed. Items like salad and fruit containers have a different molecular structure even though they are labeled as #1 and #2. They are molded differently than an item with a screw top lid, so this causes them to melt at a different rate even though they have the same recycling number.

**Q. Will there be signage at the Recycling Centers to help us know how to separate**

**our plastics?**

A. Yes, there is signage posted to help you determine what plastic goes where. You can always glance into the bins to see the plastics, etc., being accepted.

**Q. Will there be anyone available to help us if we have questions?**

A. If you have any questions you can call our office at 706-439-6000 and we will get you in touch with the Recycling Program Coordinator.

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many other people were angry and wanted retribution for events that occurred during the war.

During the war, the Home Guard had committed many atrocities. Men were killed for refusing to fight with the South. Even those which fought with the South were not immune to harassment by the Home Guard. Close to the end of the war Aunt Jenny Johnson's husband came home on furlough, and in an effort to make money for his family, he was making a run of white liquor. The Home Guard bushwacked and killed Mr. Johnson and his eldest son. Aunt Jenny and her other sons found her husband and son. The pair were buried, and Aunt Jenny made her remaining sons vow to take vengeance on those individuals responsible for the murder of their father and brother.

When Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox, the war was just beginning for Aunt Jenny and her sons. The Sheriff and some of his deputies had been a part of the Home Guard which murdered her husband and son. Aunt Jenny and her sons set up an ambush for the men. Both men received their just rewards. One by one the men who had murdered Aunt Jenny's husband and son were killed. However, two of the men fled Alabama and moved to Oklahoma and Texas. Her sons followed and killed them, resulting in two hangings, and the last remaining son fled Texas to come back home to Alabama where he met his end in a gunfight with law in Alabama.

To this day there are families still pitted against one another due to the "War Between the States."

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temperatures increase, we are looking forward to our North Georgia Wedding Expo. Held at the Union County Community Center, there is ample space for a safe, distanced event featuring 37 wedding related vendors.

If nuptials are in your or someone you know's future, plan to come and meet with everyone from caterers and bakers to venue owners and videographers.

Mark your calendars for March 14 where attendees may win one of several overnight stays in multiple honeymoon suites or two nights in St. Simon's Island, wedding cakes, photo shoots, Wedding Consultations, and a pub table and stools. The first 25 brides will

receive exclusive swag bags. Plan to sample catering menus and wedding cakes and sip on romantic drinks. Visit our Facebook event page for more details.

We are also excited about our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt that will take you and your family on a tour of local downtown shops. Pick up a map from the Chamber, one of our sponsors, Karyn Woody at Harry Norman Realtors, or any participating vendors and get a minimum of five eggs stamped. Return your stamped map to Karyn Woody to be entered in the drawing for a giant Easter Basket full of local Blairsville goodies.

It's a great season to live in Blairsville-Union County.

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A Southern white male has the luxury and the privilege of seeing the Civil War as no more than a family squabble, something to forgive and forget. I guess, for many, it was. But the issue with that way of thinking is failing to acknowledge what hung in the balance of that war. I see it as an attempt to downplay the severity of the outcome of the war had the South won, as well as the racism, hatred and bigotry that still exists today because of the war. So, while you may see it as just a family squabble, the entire content and context of the Civil War meant the difference between life or death, freedom or enslavement, liberty or subjugation for millions of others.

As with the recent Capitol riot, there are always those wanting to let bygones be bygones, to kiss and make up, to

call those who participated in treasonous acts by something other than what they were and to not hold them accountable. Make a decision. Were those at the U.S. Capitol traitors or were they not? Were Confederate soldiers Americans, or were they not?

What gets me is that, while many believed or may believe that slavery, prejudice, bigotry and hate are offensive to God, their actions back then, and their actions today (displaying racism and hatred, supporting the Confederacy and Confederate symbols) say something different. This is what is known as cognitive dissonance, a confused mental condition that results from holding incongruous, often mutually contradictory beliefs simultaneously.

**Jan Chavis**

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readership, as they are not reflective of the typical North Georgian that loves God, country, region and long-held traditions and customs.

In spite of its warts and checkered, uneven social history, America continues to attract immigrants of all races and religions, people fleeing oppressive regimes that want to assimilate into our culture, be law-abiding and productive, and tolerate – not "cancel" – the opposing views of others.

Unlike most countries, we are a diverse people from many races and different backgrounds and do not share the same heroes, nor do we celebrate the same holidays.

Sir Winston Churchill stated: "Any people with contempt for their heritage have lost faith in themselves, and no

nation can long survive without pride in its traditions."

In the spirit of "diversity and inclusion," we all need to do a better job practicing tolerance, not revising history to fit a one-size-fits-all narrative and demanding the removal of monuments erected by previous generations.

This "cancel culture" generation will be judged for the damage it is inflicting.

**Greg C. White**

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more information about Flood Safety Preparedness Week visit our Facebook page or contact UCEMA at 706-439-6091.

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Day as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" to show appreciation for the sacrifices of military spouses.

The contributions of the military spouse are an integral part of the success of any military unit. When a service member is free from worry about the timbre of homelife and the safety of family, they are free to dedicate 100% of their efforts to the mission at hand.

Spouses are often called upon to be both father and mother, caregiver and disciplinarian, teacher and nurturer, coach, cheerleader and babysitter, chef and chauffeur, all rolled into one. They are just as important to the success of any military mission as having the right equipment and supplies on hand.

We recently did a piece on serviceman Ed Crenshaw, who left his wife of two weeks to report for duty. Mrs. Crenshaw followed her husband whenever possible, having to navigate moves from major city to major city, nearly single-handedly.

## Williams...

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shredded newspaper, peat, and pine needles. Green materials are vegetable scraps, garden trimmings, and grass clippings. The green materials contain nitrogen and the brown materials contain carbon. Make the brown layers twice as thick as the green layers and it will compost down into a good material into which you can plant.

If you have beds that are very deep another option is the put branches in the bottom to fill up space. The branches will break down over time, giving you good material in which to grow.

If you have questions about filling your raised bed contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

## Judsky...

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Brad Raffensperger, that "election fraud is not tolerated in Georgia." That's a ROFL moment right there. How about the other quote: "Georgia has multiple safeguards in place that allow our team of investigators to discover fraudulent voting." It took the state 12 long years to catch this criminal! That instills oodles of confidence in our election system. So, I guess we'll be prosecuting the fraudsters from the 2020 election sometime around 2032.

Folks, this is the teeny tiny, itty bitty tip of the gigantic iceberg that was voter fraud in the Georgia 2020 election. You will never convince me otherwise.

**John Judsky**

## Weekly Patriot Reflection



### Constitutionalism

Over the course of our history there has been constant conversation, and heated debate, over the status, structure and meaning of our Constitution. It has been battered and abused by those who would deem it inadequate for today's society. Lawmakers have abused it more than any other group and have tried to change it, broadening, or completely changing its meaning. President Thomas Jefferson, in referring to the Constitution as a legal document said, "Those who would not uphold the Constitution have no right to public office."

With the swearing in of Neil Gorsuch as the 101st Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court there is indeed someone who has the right to hold public office. He has stated that judges should strive to apply the law as it is, focusing backward and looking to text, structure and history to decide what a reasonable reader at the time of the question would have understood what the law was—not to judge on personal, moral or political beliefs.

We need more originalists and textualist lawmakers in public office, if we are to continue to hold up the Constitution as the legal, binding document of liberty, justice and freedom.

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due to PCS.

No matter the way in which the spouse may have served, we owe a debt of gratitude to these fearless and talented behind-the-scenes warriors. We wholeheartedly salute you.

Until we meet and muse again, I bid you, "At Ease!"

## Fowler...

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Slow down, manage your emotions, and consider whether your words are true, kind, and necessary, and then your words will reflect wisdom.

The world today is complicated by social and moral upheaval, but how you speak to it is not. Consider the simple lesson from Sunday School: "O be careful little tongue what you say! For the Father up above is looking down in love. So, be careful little tongue what you say!"

"There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing" (Prov. 12:18). Speak healing words.