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Office 706-439-6000; County Extension Agent 706-439-6030; E-911 Non-Emergency 706-439-6038; EMA/Fire Department 706-439-6091; Farmers Market 706-439-6043; Superior Court 706-439-6100; Mapping-911 706-439-6056; Magistrate Judge 706-439-6008; Probate Judge 706-439-6006; Registrar 706-439-6016; Recreation Department 706-439-6074; Road Department 706-439-6062; Senior Center 706-439-6105; Sheriff's Office 706-439-6066; Tax Appraiser 706-439-6011; GIS Department 706-439-6014; Tax Commissioner 706-439-6017; Transfer Station 706-439-6102; Transportation 706-439-6050; Butternut Creek Golf Course 706-439-6076.

### Q. Is the Library open?

A. Yes, the Library is now open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. For further information you may contact the Library at 706-745-7491 to verify operational changes.

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one, shoot 'em." Bud walked to the truck and drug the big man through the window. For a few minutes Dad thought the big man would get the best of his younger brother. But, the big man who was overweight soon tired, and Bud really began to work on him. Eventually, Bud hit Finch so hard he crumpled unconscious to the ground. He was going to continue the pounding until Dad pulled him off the fellow. He soon calmed down and pointed his finger at the crew still inside the truck. He said, "You take this man home. Tell him if he does not pay the money he owes my Dad by Monday, I will be visiting him again." Afterwards, Bud, picked the man up and laid him on the bed of the truck. After the truck left, the boys turned to find Granny standing on the porch with her .22 rifle in her hands.

Monday came and went without any payment, so, Dad and his brother paid a visit to the Finch place. They knocked on the door and heard Mr. Finch grumbling. His wife answered the door, and Bud immediately apologized. Then he said, "You married a liar and a thief, and I promised your husband I would come to visit him if he didn't pay my Dad the money he owes." He walked through the front door and drug Finch by the collar into the front yard, where he proceeded to give the man another whipping. Upon finishing the job, Bud once again apologized to the man's wife and told her to remind him he would be back if Papa didn't receive his money.

The next Monday, the family was sitting at the dinner table, and Papa went to his room to gather up a poke. He came back to the table and poured about \$2,800 from the sack. He

looked at his family and said, "See now, I told you Mr. Finch would pay me for that timber. He was having a hard time because he must have been in a wreck, because he was black and blue all over."

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Something deep within me had changed – new life had invaded my heart. Jesus had heard my prayer and I was now somehow different than I had been."

True Christianity brings change. The last fifty years are evidence of Tarrants' changed life. He reconciled with people he had hated and hurt. After prison, he became a minister, reconciling people to God and to one another.

It's not just that America needs change; Americans do. Jesus' call to love your neighbor is a timeless reminder that change begins with the heart. Are you ready for that change?

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any Japanese beetles.

Using milky spore to kill the grubs doesn't mean that you won't have any Japanese beetles the following year, but you can significantly reduce the population that is present in your area. Some people will use traps to kill Japanese beetles. I try to discourage people from this practice because traps with pheromone lures will bring beetles in from five miles away, meaning that you have more beetles.

If you have questions about Japanese beetles contact your county Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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residents a sense of relief and maybe help with their insurance rates.

To install a dry hydrant, knowing about a quantity of available water in area streams, ponds and cisterns gives an advantage to a fire department only if the water is readily accessible. Or, the needed water may be located so far away from where it is needed that a fire department's ability to do its job of fire control is impaired.

Mobile water supply vehicles can move water from distant sources, but the critical factor is whether the fire department can maintain an uninterrupted supply of a predictable rate of water at the fire scene. Installation of dry hydrants into numerous nearby and developed water supplies eliminates the inefficiency and complexity of long-distance water shuttle operations. This arrangement also allows access to water sources from a roadway instead of having to work on soft ground immediately adjacent to the pond or stream. In any area without water mains and domestic fire hydrants, the dry hydrant concept can provide a simple, cost-effective solution to the need for access to water sources without delay. A dry hydrant consists of an arrangement of piping with one end in the water and the other end extending to dry land and available for connection to a pumper.

Dry hydrants have the following features: A non-pressurized pipe system. Use

relatively inexpensive piping materials and other supplies. Are permanently installed in existing lakes, ponds, streams, and cisterns. Provide a means of access whenever needed, regardless of weather. Allow years of simple operation with a minimum of maintenance. The time savings are many. Multiple lengths of hard suction hose extending to the water are not needed; usually one section to the dry hydrant is enough. The strainer is also permanently attached, saving more time. Fewer people are needed to make a hookup compared to make a conventional direct drafting hookup.

When a strategically placed dry hydrant with all-weather road access allows more water to be distributed in less time, and the water can be applied effectively on the fire, fire fighter safety is improved. Savings can be financial, as well. For example, when the volunteer fire department in Forsyth County, Georgia used the dry hydrant water delivery system with proper training and equipment, county homeowners enjoyed a 49 percent drop-in insurance rates.

Fire departments also save money by reducing fuel and equipment costs through shorter transportation distances and lower operational demands. Communities can preserve more of their treated water supplies, since dry hydrants use untreated water.

For more information on dry hydrants, contact RC&D at info.ccrd@gmail.com.

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to gather His people up into the sky, we shall all be changed in a twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all have a new resurrected body that will never die ( I. Corinthians 15:52).

Imagine if you can a new body that will never grow old. One that will never perish but live for all of eternity. A body free from sin. Hallelujah! Free from pain and suffering. No more doubts, fears, worries or stress, only the peace of God shall reign in your new body. Satan and death will never be spoken again. These new bodies will be the same as Christ's resurrected body was when He rose from the tomb. Hallelujah

once again.

Sometimes I hear folks say: I hope I am alive at the coming of Christ, so I will just go into His presence. Well, before anyone can go into His presence, these old bodies have to be changed into a new glorious body for eternity, but even before one gets a new body from God, they must believe upon the Name of Jesus Christ, then they will be saved. God has made a way for all to come into His presence, but you have a part to play as well my friend. Accept Christ as your Savior and come live a glorious life with the One who made it all possible on the Cross of Calvary.

**Frank F. Combs**

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County can safely participate in is to complete their 2020 Census forms. To date, less than 60% of Georgia households have completed Census 2020, which is 4% below the national average.

We all know that Congressional boundaries for Congressional seats across the country are determined by Census data so we need to be sure that everyone is counted so that we can retain our 14 seats in the House of Representatives. But it does not stop there. In 2010, State House and State Senate districts where multiple seats in each chamber flipped from rural districts to urban districts due to population shift. Everyone needs to be counted to ensure proper representation.

The Census Bureau's door-to-door enumeration process is scheduled to begin during the second week of August for all households who have not responded. As many Georgians are still concerned about the spread of COVID-19, limiting the number of households that the enumerators visit is dependent upon how many household's response in advance of that process beginning.

Encourage your friends, neighbors and colleagues to complete the Census today. If they have lost the form that was sent to them by the Census Bureau there are two easy ways to participate:

Go to [www.my2020-](http://www.my2020-)

[census.gov](http://census.gov) and complete the Census online;

Or call 844-330-2020 to complete the Census by phone between 7 AM and 2 AM.

Support local businesses by picking up one of our designed Bingo Cards at the Chamber and go visit your favorite businesses. I am sure they would appreciate the business!

Also, 4th of July Fireworks are officially happening at Meeks Park and we couldn't be more excited. Get your ticket for the 'Sun&Fun Mountain Raffle,' featuring over \$1000 in prizes provided by our local businesses, including a camping tent, Costas sunglasses, hunting chairs and much more! Call (706) 745-5789 to get your ticket today.

Finally, our 2nd annual 'Shoot for the Stars' Golf Tournament is taking place on June 26. It is not too late for your business to be promoted on the golf course via a hole-in-one sponsorship. A portion of proceeds goes towards student scholarships. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Call Ashley at the Chamber at (706) 745-5789.

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aware of and follow the guidelines and executive orders

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This is a quick overview of facts that you need. Synthetic drugs are available at some local convenience stores, vape shops and tobacco shops. There are synthetic versions of marijuana, stimulants, opiates and hallucinogens. They are sold under many different names and can be ingested in many ways.

These synthetics can be smoked, vaped, taken in pill form or eaten. These products are not regulated and have been proven to contain chemicals that are harmful and, in some cases, lethal.

The purchase of these products has the same age restriction as tobacco products. Legally a person must be 18 or older, however, this restriction has not proven to be effective

in keeping these products away from the adolescent and teen population.

If you suspect someone in your life is using drugs and you want to have a drug test to prove your suspicions, synthetics will not show positive on most over the counter drug screens. There are screens that are specifically made to detect synthetics and the most reliable results are drug screens that are sent to a toxicology lab.

The accessibility and difficulty identifying synthetic drugs creates a perfect storm for communities. Due to the lack of regulations on manufacturing these products, health risk associated with use are extremely high for anyone who chooses to experiment with them.