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of Georgia 515 and the Glen Gooch Bypass leading into the Farmers Market property. The Farmers Market has grown so much that the amount of traffic trying to enter and exit from Weaver Road has become too much. A new entrance at the traffic light would make getting to the Farmers Market much easier coming from all directions and would be much safer as well. This access point will also provide access to the 10 acres behind the Jenkins property and alternate access to the Davenport property we recently purchased.

Q. If we would like to see survey plats, aerial pho-

topgraphs, or deeds from this land swap, where should we go?

A. You can simply come by the Commissioner's Office. We have all of this on hand for you to view if you would like to. My staff or myself also can answer any questions you may have.

Q. Doesn't the county have enough real estate?

A. We now have an adequate amount of real estate for the future projects we have identified. However, if a good real estate opportunity comes along that I think will benefit the taxpayers of Union County, I will certainly consider it.

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delicious French cuisine while enjoying a view of the Eiffel Tower, and enjoy a romantic Seine River Cruise.

A representative from Collette will be presenting information about the upcoming London and Paris trip Thursday September 28 at 11:30. The presentation is being held at the Union County Community Center; attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions from a travel professional as well as register for the trip. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

Coming up on Friday, Oct. 6th is a half-day conference that focuses on helping people in their professional and personal lives. Those in attendance will hear from world renowned speakers without having to drive to Atlanta! The event I am referring to is the Live2-Lead Conference. Live2Lead is a leadership and personal growth simulcast event. This event is an annual leadership gathering developed by The John Maxwell Company.

For almost a decade, Live2Lead has shared leadership and personal growth principles to a live audience and over 300 simulcast locations around the world. Attendees

learn from renowned leadership experts from a variety of industries, gain new perspectives on relevant topics, and get practical tools to take home with them. You will leave equipped and excited to lead and create change with renewed passion and drive. Several of us from the Chamber attended last year's conference and I promise, you will not be disappointed.

Thank you Cherie Wasit and Matt Meeks for once again bringing this conference to our community. Do not wait until the last minute to register as this event will fill up fast. This year's conference is being held on Friday, Oct. 6th at North Georgia Technical College. Doors will open at 8 a.m. and the program runs from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This year, Matt and Cherie are adding an optional lunch from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. to give attendees time to discuss what they have learned and how they can apply the principles.

For additional details on the conference including registration information <https://live2leadnorthga.com/>.

For additional details about upcoming events in the area, go to the Chamber Website at VisitBlairsvilleGa.com

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"Repentance is nothing more than changing our minds about Him and what He has already done to deal with sin.

Do you want to be sure you have fully repented of all your sins? Then see them as

having been taken away by His finished work."

By grace through faith in the Lord Jesus you enjoy a new life, and see reality as God does. To receive that, are you willing to experience "metanoia"?

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material can make your home incredibly fire-resistant.

Also, make sure your fireplace as an effective spark arrestor and have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually to remove buildup and check for cracks.

Always make sure to clean gutters and roofs to reduce the amount of flammable leaf litter that could catch fire.

Finally, be sure to clear any vegetation that could be obstructing your mailbox or other surface that shows your house number, and keep your driveway clear of low-hanging branches. Firefighters can't

help if they can't find reach your house!

Union and Towns County Extension will be holding a Pesticide Safety Course on Wednesday, Oct. 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Union County Extension Office. Private applicators will receive 2 credit hours, and commercial applicators will receive 4 credits in any one category.

There will be a \$40 registration fee to cover costs of speakers.

Please RSVP to the Union County Extension Office by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9th to secure your spot.

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drug combinations are comparable to a game of Russian roulette.

Alcohol and Benzodiazepines: Benzodiazepines (Valium, Xanax and Ativan) are the most common drugs mixed with alcohol.

Unfortunately, this combination is also one of the most lethal. Both alcohol and benzodiazepines slow down the central nervous system. When combined, the central nervous is affected twice as hard, which can lead to severe loss of coordination, coma and significantly increase the risk of overdose and death.

Alcohol and Opiates:

Alcohol and opiates also make for a particularly lethal combination, since each one enhances the sedative effects of the other. Much like benzodiazepines, illegal opiates like heroin and prescription opioids (Oxycontin, Vicodin, hydrocodone) seriously depress the central nervous system. Both alcohol and opiates slow down breathing in different physical ways. Along with this one-two punch to breathing, both substances inhibit coughing reflexes. Not surprisingly, respiratory arrest is particularly common with

this combination.

Alcohol and Stimulants: Unlike alcohol/benzodiazepines or alcohol/opiate combinations, the combination of alcohol and stimulants counteracts each substance's effects to an extent.

In other words, stimulants (cocaine, speed, meth, Ritalin, Adderall) mask the depressive effects of alcohol, while alcohol dulls the "edge" of stimulants.

This significantly increases the risk of taking more than your body can handle.

Also, when you mix cocaine and alcohol, your body creates a by product called cocaethylene in the liver, a dangerous chemical compound that increases the chances of overdose.

Like a game of Russian roulette, mixing alcohol and drugs commonly produces tragic results.

Regardless of a person's tolerance, the human body cannot handle the powerful effects of certain combinations.

Although mixing any alcohol and drug combination is dangerous, no one should risk their life on any of these three combinations.

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from the weaning off house into their own home, which they would occupy for the next 76 years.

Dad can still remember moving into their new home. He said it was almost like camping out because not all of the outside walls were covered yet. Late one evening a rabid dog showed up at their house. Granny placed her little boys up into the rafters of the house while Papa ran outside with a shotgun to try and dispatch of the mad dog. The dog was on the north side of the house while Papa had exited the south side. Each time Papa would run to one side of the house, the dog would go to the other. Granny would holler at Papa and he would run the way she directed. Daddy said, "Me and your Uncle Bud were laughing at the scene in front of us. Papa was in his drawers and running from side to side of the house while Granny was yelling instructions." Eventually, he was able to dispatch of the mad dog. The next day he was back at work and the house was finally finished in late September. The family had a nice

warm place to stay before cold weather came into the county. After Papa finished the house, he began seeking a money-paying job. The crop was in and he had time on his hands. Times were tough. Alabama was trying to pull itself out of a depression and there was talk of an impending war. He finally found a job with a logger. Papa got up in the mornings to do his chores at 3:30 a.m. and then carrying his axe, walked four miles to meet a ride to take him over toward the Dime community to cut cross ties for a logging company.

Early one cold morning in December, he made his way toward Saint Paul Church. He walked past the James place, where he could smell the smoke from a wood stove used by Mrs. James to make her famous biscuits. He continued past the barn where her husband was hitching up a wagon to make a trip into town and he walked by the fruit tree orchard where old "Duck" purchased his apples to make brandy. It was a fine cold morning causing Papa to hasten his step to keep him warm.

When he reached Turkey Creek, he switched his double-bitted axe to his left shoulder and began making his way across the foot log he used as a bridge across the creek. Halfway across the creek he heard the scream of a "painter" up on a bluff high above the creek. He paused for a moment and as he made a stride his foot missed its mark and landed on an icy spot. He lost his traction causing him to fall into the water. The cold water soaked him through to the skin. Immediately, Papa came up out of the water. After coming to himself he felt a pain in his neck and realized he had cut himself pretty deeply on the neck. There

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increase that is important. Yes, we are gradually cooking our earth.

It is a scientific fact that hurricanes are stronger with increasing temperatures, and are more dangerous as the amount of moisture in the air increases with increasing temperatures. Warm air holds more moisture.

Hurricanes Irma, Jose and Maria had winds greater than 150 mph. This was the first time in recorded history that three Atlantic hurricanes have packed that much strength at the same time.

Houston has had three 500-year floods over the last three years. Records show that sea levels are rising progressively faster as glaciers melt, and would have had a progressive increase in natural disasters from wildfires, extreme precipitation events, extreme temperatures, droughts, and tropical storms.

The devastation from Irma, Jose and Maria have been catastrophic, and what price can you put on the untold human suffering? Expert scientific consensus tells us that all this will get progressively worse as temperatures steadily increase from our burning of fossil fuels.

It is truly a moral decision that we must make to convert to clean energy sources as quickly as possible. Plans such as the conservative, market based carbon fee and dividend plan as proposed by Republicans George Shultz, Jim Baker, and Henry Paulson can help to combat climate change as well as grow our economy.

We do not have to choose between our economy and clean energy, for investing in clean energy actually grows our economy. It is the future of my children and yours that is at stake. And what if the experts are wrong, and climate change is not real?

Then we will be stuck with a cleaner, healthier, more prosperous America. I personally don't think that would be too bad.

Vernon Dixon, MD

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timing, not ours.

I realize a lot of folks don't like the idea of having a master over their lives, but God is more than that. He will be with you when trials and temptations come, or when pain and suffering invade our bodies. He will be there to comfort and give you a peace amid the storms. God promises us in His Word, the Holy Bible, that if we put Him first in all things, He will bless us with an abundant life here and now.

Remember the day you accepted Christ into your heart and the Holy Spirit came into your heart to live when Jesus Christ said He was going back home to heaven, well that same spirit is a part of the Trinity of God and He guides us in the right direction.

He warns us of approaching danger and convicts us of wrongdoings. He's our helper and friend for life.

None of this will work if you haven't accepted God as your Master and Lord.

What priorities are you putting first before God? God says in His Word that we can only serve one God.

Is the Lord, God, the love of your life or is the world your first priority?

Satan would love nothing better than for you to choose his way which leads to destruction and Hell. I pray you find it in your heart to follow God's way to eternal glory in heaven.

Frank F. Combs

was blood all over the back of his head and neck. He placed a handkerchief around the wound and quickly walked the mile back to his house. He staggered through the door scaring Granny and her two young sons.

Dad said, "Papa was bloody all over and very cold. We thought a painter had tried to kill him." Granny poured coal

oil on his neck and used some long thorns to staple the wound closed.

I now have Papa's saw. I know it isn't worth much. But, each time I use it I think of him and realize that he gave me something much more important than money. Those memories and stories are important to me!