

DEDICATED TO THE PROMOTION OF TOWNS COUNTY

OPINIONS & COMMENTARY

Well Fed? Well Maybe

Seems there was a traveling preacher hoping to broadcast the evils of alcohol consumption to as many people as Johnny Appleseed did the virtues of apple consumption.

Around Towns Dale Harmon



Some medicos advise a little "partaking" to lower cholesterol. It may be just red wine they're pushing here.

I do prefer my t-bone without the side dish of Mad Cow Disease or e-coli. Cooking to recommended temperature will combat e-coli but not Mad Cow.

Unless we raise our own or have a trusted grower, we can't be sure good watering, fertilizing, pest control, even harvesting practices are followed.

We have responsibilities to ourselves to learn the basics of processing and growing food, but also in safe consumption.

Carbing up used to be a ritual when preparing for a race. Now carbs are on America's Most Unwanted List.

What has any or all of this to do with Towns County? Perhaps nothing. Maybe everything.

The Good Lord willing and the food is safe, see you

Letters to The Editor

Deja vu?

Dear Editor, One councilman decides at the last minute not to file for re-election. And then a former councilman conveniently files at the last minute to run for that same seat.

Lunacy Climate Change Solutions

Dear Editor, The CNN climate propaganda town hall featured last week rightly illustrated the outrageous attempts of the Democrat nominees to convince us that we are at the brink of annihilation if we do not adhere to their utterly preposterous solutions.

GUEST COLUMNS

From time to time, people in the community have a grand slant on an issue that would make a great guest editorial. Those who feel they have an issue of great importance should call our editor and talk with him about the idea.

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Humans Acting

Life always conspires to test and challenge our beliefs. There are several beliefs I hold that are compatible with libertarian philosophy.

Where I think the libertarians get it right, not 100 percent right, of course, but mostly right, is in their live and let live approach to government and economic issues.

Human Action is a masterful defense of human freedom and free markets, and since its publication in 1942, no nation has fully embraced its principles in practice.

Libertarians and republicans share a fierce attachment to individual property rights. Democrats and socialists are generally more supportive of public lands.

Even a hard core libertarian, however, would draw the line at dumping toxic waste in the creek that runs through their property on it's way to the lake downstream.

When it comes to property rights, personal choice and free markets, I'm as libertarian as F. A. Hayek himself, but I'm also an environmentalist because I'm aware that we are all members of the same community.

Nevertheless, there was little conflict between belief and action while I was home on the farm. But when I became a landlord, some of those beliefs were soon to be tested.

"Do what you will but do no harm" was my initial philosophy with our renters in another county. They seemed like reasonable, hard working people, and I had little concern for how they would care for the house.

But the large, wooded back yard was another matter. The neighborhood sits in an area that was formerly known as "Sandy Flats."

To complicate matters, my elderly father, during the last years he lived at the house, loved to feed his birds so much that they had stripped away most of the ground cover, and the sand was beginning to erode during heavy rains.

When my dad left the house and we began to care for the yard ourselves, we took an ecological approach to restoring the soil.

When the leaves fell, we let them remain in place during the winter, which added organic material and improved the tilth of the soil.

Last July in the heat of the summer, our tenants enthusiastically removed most of the ground cover in the back yard and spread some grass seed on top of the sand in the hopes of making the yard look like a ChemLawn commercial.

Of course every bit of their grass seed died, and the ground began to erode again during the next downpour.

In an instant I felt more like a big government democrat or a law and order republican than I did a libertarian. I had to take a day or two to cool down and consider my response.

In the end, like a libertarian, I left them to their own devices. Like a democrat, I explained the science of soil management with a short course on ecology.

The Middle Path By: Don Perry onthemiddlepath.com

Tall Fescue

I wrote about tall fescue a few weeks ago, but since the time for planting it is about here, I wanted to talk about it a little more.

Fescue is commonly used for pastures and lawn in our climate because it is able to handle the cold well. Fescue is a cool season grass, which means that it does best in the spring and fall once the weather has cooled off.

Because fescue is a perennial cool season grass, it's best to plant it in mid-September. It can be planted from seed, not sod.

Low pH is a common challenge when trying to grow grass, especially if it's a space that was recently covered by trees. A soil test will tell you what the pH of your soil is and how much lime is needed to adjust it.

There are a couple of other grass options for lawns in our area besides fescue, but fescue is often the easiest. Zoysiagrass can be done as well, but it must be grown from sod for most varieties.

If you have questions about tall fescue in pasture or lawn contact your County Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

On September 26, Union County Extension is hosting a Radon Education Program at 5:30 in the Union County Civic Center. Call 706-439-6030 or Email me to RSVP.

The Towns-Union Master Gardeners are having their annual Fall Plant Sale on September 28 at the Union County Farmers Market. Stop by to get some perennial plants that are adapted to our climate.

UGA extension Watching and Working Jacob Williams

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