

Opinions

Everybody has one...

Day of Prayer

As we gather May 1 at Blairsville's First Baptist Church for the National Day of Prayer, I ask a favor. Keep Frank Reddy in your prayers. Frank is my brother-in-law and has been a member of my family since 1970. He married my sister Mary. They have one son, Frank Jr., and a newborn granddaughter, Stella. Frank experienced more than eight hours of surgery last week at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. He needs those prayers to make a full recovery. Frank has been a brother to me all these years, and I've been doing my best praying for him. Frank is the first person I ever met that enjoyed the outdoors as much as my father, Robert Duncan. My Dad taught him much about fishing, giving him tips and helping identify the fish Frank caught in the North Georgia Mountains. Frank is the first person I ever met that had caught an alligator gar. Those are some mean looking fish and it's easy to figure out how they got their name. Frank graduated from Hillsborough High School in Tampa, FL. However, he's been in Georgia so long, he's got that mountain accent down pat. He's one of the most active people I know, a man who takes advantage of the nature provided by God, and enjoys every minute of his time spent outdoors. Frank was still in surgery when I covered the annual Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition Trout Cookout at Meeks Park in Blairsville. He was on my mind because this is an event that Frank would attend. Every time I visit a creek, stream or mountain lake in North Georgia, I think about Frank, and how much he would enjoy the time spent beside the still waters. He was there for me when my Mother died 35 years ago. He was there for me when my Father died 30 years ago. He loved my Momma and Daddy as if they were his own parents. He has been the ultimate brother as I've grown older through the years. He loved my Granny Potts as if she was his own grandmother. Truth be told, Granny Potts felt the same about Frank. Frank Reddy has been a brother to me for so long, I barely remember what it was like when he wasn't in the family. Again, please keep my brother Frank Reddy in your prayers this week. I know the power of prayer, and what it means. It's the reason I'm still here on this Earth. Thank you and God Bless.

Straight Shooting

Charles Duncan



Spring Time Memories

The last few days of 70-degree temperatures have brought back some childhood memories of springtime. Since I am no longer a spring chicken I have a tendency to gravitate back to days that seemed to be less hurried and stressful. Springtime and summer were always delightful times for me. I was fortunate to have both sets of grandparents within a hundred yards of my house. My grandmother and grandfather Pope had a lovely old home with a large front porch and back porch. The front porch had a large swing and chairs. The back porch always had a bucket of cold water with a dipper hanging nearby and a pan for washing your hands. The drying towel hung on a nail just beneath the pan. The dwelling house had a long hall down the middle of the house, which gave access to rooms on both sides of the hall. The ceilings were ten or twelve feet high. All of the walls and ceiling were beaded ceiling. In the spring and summer I spent a lot of nights with my grandparents. I will never forget how high those ceilings were with a single light at the very center of the ceiling. In the bedrooms a string was attached to the light switch that hung down from the light. The other end of the string was tied to the bedpost. I bet some ingenious person thought of that after they fell off the ladder trying to turn out the lights. There was no problem turning off the light with that string unless the string broke. Beside the dwelling house, I enjoyed gathering eggs from the chicken house and getting butter and milk from the spring-house and helping my grandfather fetch meat from the smoke house. As a little boy, I made not a few trips to the outhouse. But some of my most memorable moments were helping my grandfather plant his garden. He was a quiet, gentle man who showed a lot of patience with his grandson. I still like springtime, but springtime seems to be different, as you get older. I guess it is because we don't have as much spring in our step as we once did. Then we have to "spring forward" with the time and that leaves a lot of us seniors feeling like we have sprung a leak energy wise. These

It's On My Mind

Danny Parris



Questions and Answers

Q. When does early voting begin?
A. It begins on Tuesday, April 29, which should be yesterday, if you are receiving this paper on Wednesday's publication date.

Q. What is Early Voting?
A. There is a period of advance voting that commences on the fourth Monday (April 28) immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and ends on the Friday (May 16) immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff. However, in this case advance voting will start on Tuesday, April 29 since the 28 is a holiday. Voting is conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during this time, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is conducted on the second Saturday (May 10th) prior to primary or election during the hours of 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.; provided, however that in primaries and elections in which there are no federal or state candidates on the ballot, no Saturday voting hours shall be required. No Saturday voting is required for runoffs. You can advance vote at the Registrar's Office located at the Union County Courthouse, 65 Courthouse Street, immediately on your left as you walk in the front door.

Q. What is Absentee Voting?
A. Absentee voting is a way to vote in the days prior to any election day by either applying in person to vote in the Registrar's Office or by requesting an absentee ballot via the mail. It is no longer necessary to state an excuse in order to receive an absentee ballot. Absentee voting began April 4 to allow time for ballots to be sent overseas to military and administrative personnel.

Q. May I receive assistance with my absentee ballot?
A. Yes. A physically disabled or illiterate voter may receive assistance from another voter in the same county or municipality or from the same category of relatives who can make an application for or deliver an absentee ballot. If the voter is outside of the county or municipality, then a notary public can provide such assistance. Any person who assists another person to vote absentee must complete an oath prescribed by law demonstrating the statutory disability and that the ballot was

Q & A from Union County Commissioner

Lamar Paris



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Letters to the Editor ...

I'm a Democrat

Dear Editor,
I was glad to see the weekly comic strip by George Mitchell continue in your April 23 issue. Mitchell's letter refers to "Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a rabid Democrat . . ." Bloomberg, of course is a Republican. He is a relatively decent intelligent fellow, which is probably what caused Mitchell to think he is a Democrat. What got Mitchell all excited this week is that Republican Bloomberg, like most Americans, advocates some reasonable regulations governing the purchase and use of firearms. Mitchell considers such suggestions to be a personal attack on this holy "Second Amendment rights." He, like the five ultra right wing conservative Republican-appointed majority on the Supreme Court, chooses to ignore the first, highly relevant and limiting part of the Second Amendment: "A

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Kind Lady

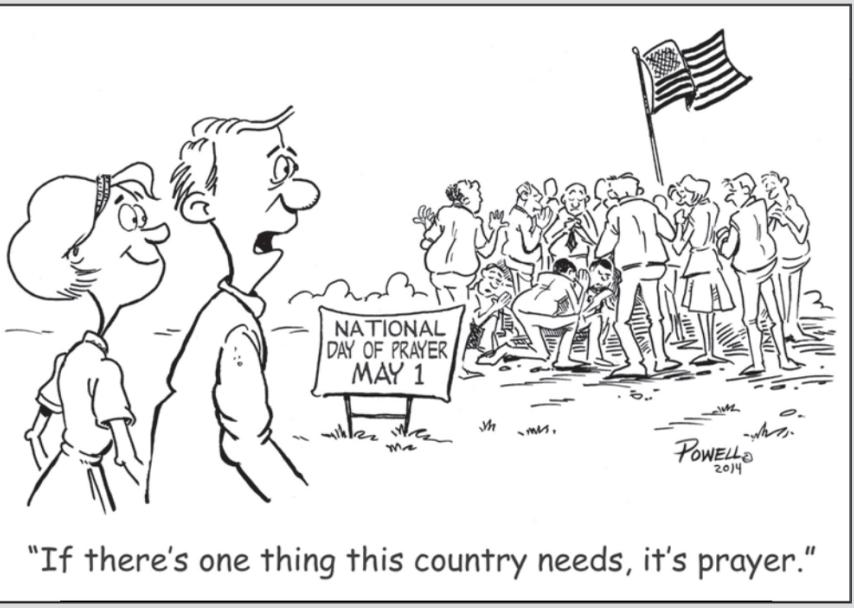
Dear Editor,
This past Monday, April 21 my friend Pat and I went to a local restaurant for breakfast, we usually meet Monday mornings. We are both veterans, me a USAF vet from the Cold War and Pat an Army Vietnam vet and we both had our veteran's ball caps on. While there, a young lady with her small daughter also came in for breakfast. I watched as the two of them talked and colored a picture. I didn't see any electronic devices, just good mother-daughter communication while they ate. We got ready to pay our bill and leave when the waitress came over and took our bills and said they were paid. When asked by whom she pointed to this young mother. What a pleasant surprise and she thanked us for our service. We thanked her for our breakfast and left. I wish now I had gotten her name. Here was a young mother thanking two old vets who probably were in service protecting our country when her grandparents were around the age of her daughter. I hope her little girl will remember what her mother did and does the same when she grows up and has her own little boy or girl and some other vet will be as touched as I am by her generosity and kindness. Thank you kind lady.

Bob Wildrick

Easter and Earth Day

Dear Editor
It's a fitting thing that Easter and Earth Day fall around the same time each year; because it was just after that first Resurrection that Jesus told His disciples to go into all the world and tell people about God. Nature has been pointing the way to God for millenia; even the very trunks of the trees point towards God. For it has been among the blessed landscapes which God Himself sculpted, that so many people have found peace in their hearts. Areas like Cooper Creek Scenic Area or Cohutta Wilderness are some of the original cathedrals where God's Presence saturates your very being as you walk among His great handiwork. And that is why we need to better protect such natural treasures because in doing so we, in a real way, are taking part in the Great Commission since we are letting Creation continue to point to its Creator. So every time we spare a hillside from being bulldozed or we give money or time to help save the hemlocks, we are helping nature continue to help us in so many ways, both material and spiritual.

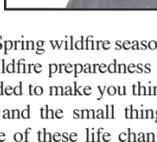
Will Lance



National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

The Chestatee-Chatahoochee RC&D Council's mission is to help our communities protect their environment and improve the standard of living of the residents in the 13-county area of Northeast Georgia that we serve. For the past several weeks, during our Spring wildfire season, I have written articles about wildfire preparedness in our communities that are intended to make you think about the risks all around us and the small things that you can do to prevent one of these life changing events. When conditions are right, it only takes one match or a small spark to start an out-of-control fire that can't be stopped before it destroys things that can't be replaced! Even though we have not had a major wildfire since 2008 or 2009 and with no loss of life or homes, history is not on our side and sooner or later one will strike and it won't be pretty. Imagine what this area would look like with all of these scenic mountains charred and the views turned black. Who would want to visit or live here then?
Our wildfire education program must be working because as was reported recently, by an expert, a couple of our nearby north Georgia counties have had 22 and 33 wildfires respectively this year and Towns County has had only four. Might be luck, but we'll let our Fire Adapted/Firewise programs take the credit for educating you as to the dangers all around us and you have taken measures to lessen your risks. The wildfire that we can have one day might not be as spectacular as the destructive fires out West, but if it is just your house or my house it is a tragedy just the same. Just because the most dangerous months for wildfires up here are November, March, and April, we can't let our guard down the rest of the year because wildfire education is a never ending, year round process.

Executive Director of RC&D
Frank Riley



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Plants: A Blessings and Curse

As a young boy my Papa told me a story that had a significant impact upon my life. My dad was a little over 2 years old. Glenna Mae (Dad's mother) gave birth to my uncle Bud. Back in those days most women in rural America birthed their children at home with the help of a midwife. That is the case in this instance. Uncle Bud was born at the family's weaning off house on the Old Cummings' Home Place. The birth was a difficult one leaving Granny in a weakened state. As a result of these circumstances Granny developed an infection which soon became life threatening. A doctor was summoned to the house and arrived late in the evening. He made the trip all the way from Haleyville. I was told that he made his way to Trapptown on the back of a horse. Doc Wilson examined Glenna and with a grim face walked into the family room. He told 23-year-old Columbus that his young wife would be dead in a matter of hours. Papa was crushed, he walked out of the room as his father, Lon Cummings, continued the conversation. Lon asked, "An Old Cherokee once showed me some herbs to use in cases like this, so, can I give Glenna these herbs?" Doc Wilson said, "Well, it won't hurt, but, I don't believe the herbs will help. If she is still alive tomorrow call me and I'll come back."
Lon went to the woods and gathered the herbs he needed. He came back to the house full of saddened relatives and made a tea of herbs and every few hours made Granny drink the tea. This went on for hours. But, the next morning his daughter-in-law was still alive. So, once again Doc Wilson was summoned to the Cummings Place. Later in the afternoon Doc Wilson examined Granny and was surprised to find her still alive. He told Papa, "Keep on giving her the herbal tea. However, I don't think she'll live through the week. Call me in one week if she is still alive." Lon and Papa kept giving Granny the tea and Doc Wilson was called back in one week. This time after Glenna's examination, Doc Wilson walked into the room with a smile on his face. The process took six months, but, Granny became healthy and normal. Granny and Papa attribute her healing to the good Lord's mercy and my great grandfather, Lon Cummings. However, another person played a role in this story. The knowledge of plants passed down from an old Cherokee man to my great-grandfather helped to make sure that my grandmother and I would be able to roam, laugh and play on the hills of North Alabama.

Around The Farm

Mickey Cummings



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Remembering Derrick Whittle

At the moment I write this column, it is a beautiful Friday morning overlooking Butternut Creek Golf Course. A single ray of sunshine is illuminating the mountain top out my window. Men and women are gathering in the pro shop and stepping outside to take a few last minute practice swings. Golf carts are winding their way around the cart path. It is the day of the Derrick Whittle Memorial Golf Tournament, and it feels like our old friend is right here with us. Derrick, our friend who was killed in the line of duty, was known and loved by so many. As I considered writing this piece, I almost felt unworthy because truly, Derrick and I were not the best of friends nor did we spend a lot of time together. But therein lies the beauty of this man. I believe that anyone can leave a lasting mark on their family and closest friends when they are gone, but it takes someone very special to leave a lasting mark on those they encountered less. Simply put, Derrick had a big heart, a giving heart and lived life in a way that all could admire.

Blairsville - Union County Chamber

Cindy Williams



Jim and Sharon Whittle, Derrick's parents, have tirelessly worked to keep the memory of Derrick alive in our community. Today's tournament, which raises money for local

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A Treasured Morning

I walked past a couple of broads, sitting in the trunk of a '95 Cadillac, the morning sun glistening on the snow white of their aging crowns. On the clothes rack in front of them, there was a red fleece top that jumped out at me. I don't need another fleece top, especially as we head into summer, but red is my color. "Is this yours?" I ask one of the trunk ladies. "How much?" She tells me a price I'm not willing to pay, and I'm relieved that I don't have to have it, and I keep shopping. It's only the third of the Thursday morning Trash and Treasures, a second day added to this season, an offspring of the outrageously successful Friday T&T. Even though this morning got off to a sunny, but chilly start, there's a real nice turnout of vendors. My first hug is from Toni Cole. The Farmers Market resident "needlepoint artist," Toni has been selling her gorgeous works of wool art since the inception of the market, when we gathered in the Courthouse parking lot. Toni was born and raised in England, then left to join the circus and eventually ended up a pilot, flying-for-hire for developers, journalists and the sort over Florida's Sarasota Bay. She loves to share a great conversation. Today she is selling her "trash," not her art. Across from Toni, a man, leaning on his crooked walking stick, is carrying on a lively conversation with a couple of gentlemen. This is Paul Reeves, the Market's resident hobbyist. Paul looks like he nests at night in the pages of J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy, *Lord of the Rings*. I compliment Paul on the magnificent hand turned wood bowls he's selling out of the trunk of his old pick-up this morning. He tells me most of them had been hobby crafted by his son, who works in a regional hospital, a locksmith responsible for 2,700 door locks. I envision another, younger version of Bilbo Baggins, at an ivy laced arched door, the entrance to a tree trunk, making adjustments to the stone handle. I move my way towards my next embrace, from my friend Terri Johnson, who relocated here a few years back from Rhode

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JoyAnne Leone



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completed as the voter desired. Other than Federal elections, no person may assist more than 10 voters in a primary, election, or runoff. A candidate on the ballot, or a relative of a candidate on the ballot, may not offer assistance during the election to any voter who is not related to the candidate.

Q. How do I apply for an absentee ballot?

A. You may request an absentee ballot as early as 180 days before an election. Absentee ballots must be received by the county Registrar's Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day. No absentee ballots are issued on the day before or the day of an election. The application must be in writing and must contain the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, sufficient information to identify you as a voter, and the election in which you wish to vote. If you are physically disabled or living temporarily outside of Union County, a close relative may apply for an absentee ballot for you.

Q. I am a student living away from home. How can I vote?

A. You can register to vote at whatever address you regard as your primary residence. This can be either your school address or your home address. However, it is too late to register for this upcoming election, but you can register to vote in the General Election.

Q. What if I have moved or changed my name. Can I still vote?

A. You have to re-register every time you move or change your name. If you moved within your county and didn't re-register, you can vote at your old polling place and file your change of address when you vote. If you moved to a new county more than 30 days before the election and didn't re-register, you can't vote in this election. If you moved to a new county after 30 days, you can vote at your old polling place. *Continued next week...*

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When I was a little boy I was visiting my grandmother during the summer. One miserable hot day in August Granny came down with a sick headache. I suppose it was a migraine. But, all I knew then was Granny felt bad enough that she went to bed. So, I went out in the yard to play. I used my knife to play a game called mumbly peg. Soon, I became bored and switched to playing a game kind of like horse shoes where I pitched washers into a hole in the ground. Once again I became bored and began thinking about Granny.

I thought about all the times she would try to make those around feel better. Many times when my cousins and I would get bored and Granny would take us to the woods to play under the bluffs overlooking Turkey Creek. Or if one of us became sick she would doctor us until we were well. So, I decided to find a way to make Granny feel better. I looked in the pasture and found some pretty yellow flowers. So, I picked them,

placed them in a jar of water and left them on a table close to Granny's bed. Later she thanked me. For years I figured Granny thought I was a nut for giving her a bunch of "bitter sneeze weed flowers." But, years later while going through her things she showed me the dried flowers she had saved. Even though they were weeds, her grandson had given them to her and therefore, she treasured them.

Please remember this weekend at the Farmers Market. Saturday is Ramps and Plants Day. You will be able to purchase all kinds of plants like vegetable plants, native plants and ornamental plants. You will also find crafts items that will be of interest and of course there will be some produce available as well. Also, there will be ramps prepared in various dishes available for your tasting. The day begins at 9 a.m. and will end at 3 p.m. Also, the Farmers Market Strawberry Festival will be held on May 24. So, please come out and see us at the Farmers Market.

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the equipment that we have and ask questions. We'll have snacks, hotdogs, and drinks along with the latest Firewise literature to help all of you learn all you want to about becoming a Firewise Community. The program is free, easy, and very rewarding knowing that you have done what you can to lessen your risk and protect your prop-

erty. Are you Firewise yet?

For more details on Firewise or any of our wildfire education programs, call your local fire station, Georgia Forestry Commission, U.S. Forest Service, or the Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council. Visit our web site www.chestchattacd.org or e-mail www.frank.cccrd@gmail.com.

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Island. Terri and I share a love for the Wellness Center pool, as well as cooking with the finest of fresh ingredients. A quilter, Terri decided it was time to unload some of the yards of fabric she had been collecting that would probably never be used. It was a lovely assortment of calicos in Waverly colors. They would have been irresistible if I had any idea how to use a needle and thread other than to darn socks and sew on a button. Terri did have some vintage picture frames at 50 cents a pop. I bagged up 10 and handed her a bin.

As I bid Terri good-bye, I turn to find that fleece top still staring back at me. I walk over and look through the adjacent rack, trying to be distracted. Another orangey red shirt, a summer weight polo, catches my fancy. The trunk now holds only one of the broads, a beautiful woman with dancing blue eyes that sparkled with memories of days filled with devilish good times. She recognizes that I write this column and she introduces herself as Frances and I'm pleased to make her acquaintance. She offers me the shirt at a reduced price, and I decide that this is the red shirt I can't pass up. As she's wrapping up my purchase, she tells me how much she enjoys being at Trash and Treasures. We speak of the joyfulness that exudes from both the vendors and the shoppers. I bid her farewell and head down to the next booth.

Before I get past that red fleece top, the other woman pops out. "Aren't you the one that writes..." Yes, that's me. My friend Beverly, whom I'm shopping with this morning, has spoken to this vendor on many other occasions and greets her, though does not know her name. She introduces herself to us as Jet. She too, speaks of her fondness for the activities at the Market and then inquires if the Farmers Market is ever looking for musical talent. She leads me over to another vendor and introduces me to Fred Bruder. A handsome man with

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first sudden warm days fool you into thinking winter is over, but there are surely some more cold days to come. It is not quite time to develop spring fever. Blackberry winter is yet to come.

However, we must remember that we have been visited by the Dayspring from on high. The greatest springtime is yet in the future when God will spring a surprise and the resurrection bodies will spring forth from the graves and transformed believers will join them to enjoy heaven's springtime through all eternity. That will be springtime in glory!

Williams ...

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scholarships, is just one of many ways they are continuing the work of their son in the place he called home. Union County is so fortunate to have been blessed with Derrick Whittle. Today we continue to be blessed with the presence and work of Jim and Sharon.

As a flock of white doves flies over the golf course, I am reminded of the love that Derrick shared with so many in this community and the peace it brings all of us in knowing that he remains in our hearts forever.

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well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, . . ."

Mitchell probably also agrees with those right wing justices when they say Ford Motor Company and General Electric are persons, and a dollar bill is speech, thus flooding our political system with billionaire cash. Mitchell repeatedly refers to and damns "Liberal Progressive Democrats." My dictionary says a liberal is one who is open minded, and a progressive is one who uses new ideas to achieve moderate political change, especially social improvement.

Democrats have delivered such improvements as Social Security, child labor laws, the minimum wage, food stamps, Medicare, Medicaid, and most recently they caused the United States to finally join all other western industrial nations by adopting a medical insurance law. All of this has been accomplished in the face of rabid, frequently specious, untruthful, opposition by Republicans.

I am proud to acknowledge publicly that I am a liberal progressive Democrat. **Charles Cheves**

Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com

Wednesday, April 30

1 pm Knitter's Knit Class - 64 Brackett Way, Ste. 6
6 pm Bingo - Haralson Memorial Civic Center

Thursday, May 1

8 am Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting - Cooks Country Kitchen
8 am Trash and Treasures Sale - Union County Farmers Market
11 am Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Berry Twisted - 305 Murphy Hwy. Unit C
11:30 am Living Will Workshop - Union General Hospital 2nd Floor
12 pm Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565
6:30 pm Trivia at The View - Union County Community Center

Friday, May 2

8 am Trash and Treasures Sale - Union County Farmers Market
9 am Customer Appreciation Day - United Community Bank
9 am Friends of the Library Book Sale - U.C. Library Community Room
4 pm Cruise In - The Union County Farmer's Market
6 pm Nancy Chancey in Concert - The Copperhead Lodge
6 pm Friday Evening Tapas - Crane Creek Vineyards
7 pm Friday Night Concerts - Old Historic Courthouse

Saturday, May 3

7 am Allegheny Masonic Lodge Big Country Breakfast - 60B Rogers Street
10 am Friends of the Library Book Sale - U.C. Library Community Room
11 am Soup Kitchen Saturdays - Crane Creek Vineyards
4 pm Cruise In On The Square - Downtown Blairsville
6 pm Justin Bridges - The Copperhead Lodge

Monday, May 5

12 pm Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Mtg. - Steve's Steakhouse, Cookie Jar Restaurant
6 pm Texas Hold'em Poker - The Lodge at Copperhead
6 pm Alzheimer's Support Group - Cadence Bank 2nd Floor

Tuesday, May 6

8 am Tri-State Business Women's Meeting - Blairsville Restaurant
5 pm Chamber of Commerce "Buy Local Extravaganza" - The Union County Community Center
6 pm All You Can Eat Crab Legs - The Copperhead Lodge
6:30 pm Join our Sweet Adeline Chorus - First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 7

1 pm Better Breathers Club - Union General Hospital 2nd Floor
6 pm Bingo - Haralson Memorial Civic Center

UNION COUNTY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:		
Garden Tours	GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Every Tuesday:		
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
First Monday of each month:		
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
Union County DFCS	Conference room	8 pm
(Feb, May, Aug, Oct ONLY)		
Allegheny Lodge	Masonic Temple	6:30 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, off the square		6:30 pm
First Tuesday of each month:		
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 pm
Brownie Scouts	United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm
Enotah Ch. #24 RAM	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 pm
Business Women	Cook's Restaurant	8 am
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 pm
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 pm
First Wednesday of each month:		
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	Monet's Rest.	Noon
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
First Thursday of each month:		
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 am
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
First Friday of each month:		
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Cruisers Block Party	Walmart	5 pm (Apr-Oct)
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm
"Nailed" Book Club	G-N-G Bakery	10 am
Firefighters Bkfst.	Hole in the Wall Rest.	9 am
First Saturday of each month:		
Cruise-In	Blairsville Rest.	4 pm (Apr-Oct)