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### Air Methods company?

A. Because the county and the hospital have agreed to share in the funding, the cost to residents of Union County and their immediate family is ZERO. This service will be free. However, you MUST Sign Up to receive this free membership?

### Q. How do we sign up for the Air Methods free membership?

A. You must sign up by May 15th, in order to receive coverage this year beginning in June. To receive a signup form,

go to [www.uniongeneralhospital.com](http://www.uniongeneralhospital.com) and on the lower left side of the home page, simply click on "Helicopter Membership Application." Then click on "Helicopter Membership Application Forms." Print and fill out this simple form and follow the instructions on the right side of the form as to how to turn the form in. If you have additional questions, you need to contact Leslie Daniel at UGH at (706) 745-2050.

### Q. If we do not have a computer, how can we get a copy of the Omni Advantage

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a pile of rocks at the gas pump.

Each time Papa would stop Luther would say, "Boys, don't you start on me about Harry Truman."

Dad and Uncle Bud would always play innocent and wonder out loud at what Luther was talking about.

Then Luther would turn to Papa and say, "Coon, them's the two meanest boys whatever was."

After driving away the boys would holler out, "Luther looks just like Harry Truman" at which Luther would always sling a rock that never came close to its target.

That pile of rocks stayed by that gas pump for years afterward even after Dad moved away.

But, each time we drove by the store a smile of remembrance came across the face of my father.

I don't keep a pile of rocks at the Farmers Market, but, I do like hearing stories about times gone by.

I think the reason why many of us enjoy going to the Farmers Market is that we meet so many people that we haven't talked to in a while.

We are only a few weeks away from opening on a regular basis. But, first we will open on May 7th for our Fourth Annual Strawberry Festival.

Many of our regular vendors will be with us next Saturday selling strawberries and crafts.

So, come on out and see what our vendors have to offer at the Farmers Market. Then we will open up on a regular basis on June 4th.

If you are interested e-mail me at [coosa@uga.edu](mailto:coosa@uga.edu). Also remember, we are now open on Fridays for the Trash to Treasure Sale. The past two Fridays we have averaged about 40 vendors at the Trash to Treasures Sale with many interesting items.

We have lots going on at the Farmers Market, so, you come to see us.

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yellow hairs. Bumble bees are also somewhat social, but they do not burrow into wood to create their communities. They prefer soil. Bumble bees construct nests underground and, unlike the carpenter bees, usually have a single queen whose main purpose is to reproduce and is cared for by other members of the community. Their hives are typically anywhere from 50 to 400 individual bees, which is far smaller than their cosmopolitan honeybee cousins who form hives of around 50,000 or more.

Carpenter bees are tricky to get rid of. They are highly effective burrowers, so even if you treat one hole, they can easily make another. One effective way to combat these pests is to treat their burrows in the evening or at night by spraying a

bee and wasp aerosol insecticide into their burrows. While male carpenter bees cannot sting, the females can sting if provoked so exercise caution when treating burrows. Do not repair the carpenter bee damage until the bee has had a chance to exit the hole and come into contact with the insecticide.

Typically, one treatment in spring and one in summer will greatly reduce carpenter bee numbers, and once the population is culled, you can repair the damage using wood putty or dowels.

To prevent future damage, paint or varnish outdoor wooden surfaces. Carpenter bees are less likely to chew through this treated wood to create burrows. However, these bees have no problem chewing through wood that has only been stained.

## helicopter membership Application?

A. You can pick up a copy at the Union County Library and at the main office of Union General Hospital when you first walk in the lobby area. You can also turn your form in at the Library or at the Hospital. There will also be blank forms available at the County Commissioner's office.

### Q. How long is this medical helicopter membership coverage good for?

A. The coverage will run from June of 2016 to May of 2017.

Between now and then, Union General Hospital will evaluate the cost and see if the membership service is feasible to continue the coverage for an additional year.

### Q. Will all Union County citizens be given free membership in the emergency helicopter service?

A. Yes, but you and your family must be signed up by May 15th to be covered and you must live in Union County.

### Q. Why is the county and hospital offering this membership free to the public?

A. We both want to do something for the citizens that will be a significant benefit for everyone.

The first year of operation the helicopter service is working with Union General Hospital to not only promote the hospital but to promote the professionalism and advantage of the new helicopter service.

### Q. What does this membership cover?

A. Hopefully it will never happen, but if you or a family member should be injured or become sick requiring an emergency helicopter ride for emergency life saving needs, this membership will assure that you will not receive any bill or supplement bill for the cost of the transport.

### Q. If we have purchased similar membership with another helicopter company, would we cancel that?

A. Generally not. There will now be two helicopter services available in our mountain area.

The one stationed in Blue Ridge, Erlanger/Life Force may have their own separate membership.

### Q. Why would we ever need to use a different helicopter service other than the one stationed at Union General Hospital?

A. Normally, you probably would not need a second service.

However, if the UGH helicopter is en route on an emergency and another emergency requiring transport is needed at the same time, the helicopter in Blue Ridge would be called.

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the opportunity, consider offering her more than just a "happy Mother's day" wish, and tell her some specific reasons you are thankful. That should make her day happy without you having to wish for it.

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for tobacco, alcohol, or drugs and inconsistent enforcement for breaking those rules; belief that there is little risk in using a drug.

Protective Factors: Protective factors are those characteristics that can reduce a person's risk for substance abuse or addiction. Protective factors that may decrease the risk of drug use include: strong bond with a parent or caregiver; high self esteem; parent or caregiver who talks regularly with their child about drugs; active in faith-based organizations, school, athletic, or community activities; spending time around positive role models; living in a community that offers youths activities where drugs and alcohol are not tolerated; attending a school with an effective alcohol and drug education program and a non-tolerance policy for alcohol and drugs; belief that using drugs may be harmful or risky.

As a parent you can control many of the risk and protective factors in your home. Remember that parents and caregivers are the most important role models in children's lives. Parents and caregivers have the opportunity to guide their teen in making positive decisions about drug and alcohol use. Talk to your kids about drugs.

Don't forget about the Drug Free Mountain Life Youth Event on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Union County Community Center. This drug prevention program is designed for ages 12-18. Snacks will be provided and lots of great door prizes will be given away.

helicopter will be available for service.

### Q. Does everyone need this emergency medical helicopter membership?

A. Each year, many emergency flights are flown out of Union General to other area trauma centers.

The likelihood of any one person or family needing

this service is minimal, but if needed, the financial impact could be significant.

It is an individual decision, but we wanted it to be available to everyone free the first year so the need can be better evaluated.

Since it is free to the public, there is no reason not to join.

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and mentored to become the next generation that will carry the precious message to a dying world about the good news of God's salvation plan.

It's easy to just sit in our comfortable pews year after year and let someone else do the job that God has called all believers to be involved in.

Pray for our youth. Get involved in youth programs at church. When you come to church

say good morning to them. Let them know you are praying for them and encourage them to keep the faith. It will brighten their day and let them know you really care about them.

Passing the baton of Christ into the next generation of our youth will assure that God's word will still be heard from His people.

**Frank F. Combs,**  
**Blairsville**

# UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	<b>Every Monday:</b> GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
A Course in Miracles	298 School Circle	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	<b>Every Tuesday:</b> Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
MMQG Tues. Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
BINGO	<b>Every Wednesday:</b> Civic Center	7 pm
Butternut Ladies Golf	<b>Every Thursday:</b> Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
MMQG Sewcials	<b>Second Monday of each month:</b> Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Enotah Chapter #24	Masonic Lodge	7:30 pm
Disabled Am Veterans	Veterans Center	7 pm (Jan-Oct)
FPL Retirees	<b>Second Tuesday of each month:</b> Hole in Wall Rest.	9 am
Historical Society Bd.	Old Courthouse	9:30 am
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts	Union County Library	10 am
Active/Retired Fed Emp.	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 pm
Mountain Coin Club	N. GA Tech	6 pm
Blairsville PTO	UC Primary School	6 pm
Blue Ridge Mtn Jeepers	Steve's Steakhouse	6:00 pm
Beta Sigma Phi	Kappa Alpha Chapter	7 pm
Mtn. Reg. Arts/Crafts	Library - Young Harris	7 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Band Boosters	UC Middle School (Aug through May, except Dec)	7:30 pm
Parkinson's Sup. Grp.	<b>Second Wednesday of each month:</b> Cabin Coffee Co.	3 pm
UC Interagency Grp.	<b>Second Thursday of each month:</b> Civic Cntr. Conf. Rm.	12 noon
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Appalachian Shrine Club	Shrine Building	6:30 pm
Democratic Party	UC Senior Center	6:30 pm
Trout Unlimited	So. Bank & Trust	6:30 pm
Sons Confederate Vet.	UCB Community Rm	7 pm
Knights of Columbus	Marian Hall	7:30 pm
Eastern Star #471	<b>Second Friday of each month:</b> Location not listed	7:30 pm
His Victory Riders	<b>Second Saturday of each month:</b> Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
PFLAG	<b>Second Sunday of each month:</b> Call 706-389-5269 for Info	