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A. If you choose to give a non-working cell phone to a child, please remove the battery. The phone may still call 911 when dialed, or the emergency button pressed, even if there is no longer active service on the phone.

Q. Can the 911 Center run a license plate if I provide the number?

A. No. The 911 Center is not authorized to release any information from the NCIC/GCIC Computer System to the public. They also cannot run a Criminal Background on someone for the public. All Criminal History information is obtained through the local Sheriff's Office, FBI or GBI.

Q. Why does the fire department respond to medical emergencies along with an ambulance?

A. When a medical emergency is dispatched, the fire department can often arrive first on the scene, and begin treatment and stabilization of the patient prior to arrival of EMS. This action can make a difference in the outcome of

the patient, sometimes saving their life. They also assist with patient transport out of the home when needed.

Q. How do we teach our children about calling 911 in an emergency? We saw on the 6:00 news this week where a child saved her mother's life with a call to 911 telling them her mother was choking.

A. It is important to teach children how and more importantly when to call 911. Ask them questions like, "What would you do if we had a fire in our house?" Discuss with them what constitutes an emergency and what to do if one occurs. Part of understanding what is an emergency is knowing what is not. A fire, an intruder in the home, an unconscious family member - these are all things that would require a call to 911. A skinned knee, a stolen bicycle, or a lost pet wouldn't. Make sure your kids understand that calling 911 as a joke is a crime in many places. Make sure your children know their street address and phone number.

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her girls wearing nothing but their birthday suits standing behind the hen house.

Mommy Baker was a woman who loved to laugh. When she saw her girls she began to laugh. Soon she was laughing so hard she lost her balance and leaned back against the hen house to keep from falling. Delphia and Lucille told her of the events of the day and they soon realized their brothers had pulled the wool over their eyes. My grandmother never forgot this event and she laughed each time she told it to her family.

The Green Bean Festival will be held this Saturday at the Farmers Market. This year the race will not begin at the Farmers Market as it did

last year. Also, we will not have vendors in the field as we did last year. Therefore there should be plenty of parking and no traffic problems as in the past. Also, we hope to have a bridge completed allowing us to park people across the creek. The festival does not begin until 9 a.m. The regular Farmers Market opens at 7 a.m. which will allow regular customers to come and shop early. Also, if you need to pick up produce at the Market after shopping, you will be able to by telling those directing traffic. You will be directed to the back of the Manager's Office to get your produce by driving through the market. See you on Saturday at the Union County Farmers Market.

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public awareness programs effectively work to educate communities about ways to prevent wildfires and/or deal with them once they've started. But there are currently no systemized, widespread initiatives to proactively increase adoption and enforcement of WUI building safety codes, which would serve as a critical element for mitigating the nation's growing WUI fire problem.

The NARC&D Council, International Code Council (ICC), DHS, (FEMA) and NIST, along with other groups are partnered to develop this national program called, Wildfire Safe, Sound & Code Smart, which provides a multi-faceted approach to WUI mitigation. The program guides and supports community leaders as they develop and adopt a WUI code, while actively encouraging implementation of existing WUI educational programs. By teaming the NARC&DC's local, grassroots experience and resources (Chest/Chatt) along with other key fire, research, insurance, the ICC's code adoption and enforcement expertise, the organizations can work together to increase WUI building code adoption and public awareness in targeted communities throughout the U.S. As a result of this escalating crisis, Wildfire Safe, Sound and Code Smart will kick off this fall. Public education and awareness programs (i.e. Firesafe,

Firesmart, Firewise, Firefree, Firerready and Ready, Set, Go) play a vital role in reducing the risk of WUI fires by educating communities where potential hazards exist, and steps to minimize them. Adoption and enforcement of a WUI code also plays a critical role in WUI fire mitigation, strategically complementing existing WUI fire prevention programs.

A WUI code utilizes science-based understanding to develop proper construction methods to mitigate WUI fires for the built environment, assisting in design recommendations for architects, builders and homeowners, and providing concepts like defensible space and fire-resistant landscaping when building or retrofitting homes. Along with the safety benefits these provisions provide to the public at large, they also reassure homeowners that their homes incorporate regulated, standardized features that can protect them from many of the natural hazards existing in WUI areas and will allow our fire fighters space to safely defend their homes from an approaching wildfire.

For more information on Firewise, Fire Adapted Communities, and Wildfire Safe, Sound, & Code Smart programs, contact Frank M. Riley, Jr. - Executive Director of the Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council. NTUat24.Z10JCA

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The Chamber is thrilled to welcome Mr. Smith to our team and anxious for our members and the community to meet him. Chuck will begin his employment with the

Chamber on Friday, July 26. He may be reached after that time at membership@blairsvillechamber.com. I can be reached anytime at president@blairsvillechamber.com.

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not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). As a believer I am not looking for the mark of the beast, nor for the Anti-Christ, but I am look-

ing for the Christ, The blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). Jesus could come at any time, so be ready all the time.

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There was evidence of what used to be dovetail joints cut into very large, hardwood logs, a garden area, a hand-dug well.

What manner of man had worked his way to that cove, felled trees with a double-bit axe, cleared a garden spot with mule, hand plow, dynamite and hoe?

What's even more amazing was that homestead was carved out of the mountain by hand. With hand-made tools.

What manner of woman -- and there probably was -- would accompany him to that remote spot, stand with him doing what women have always done with and for their men, accepting that this was her life, making the best of what was?

What if she'd birthed her babies there, in that isolated cove, lying on a straw mattress, maybe biting on a piece of wood with perhaps only her man to help -- as much as he knew how?

And, back then, they weren't nearly as big as people are these days.

The men who fought in The War of Northern Ag-

gression stood an average of 5'6" tall and weighed 140 pounds.

They were no bigger when they settled these blue hills.

They had hands curled by callouses, fingernails that were broken and blackened, stooped shoulders. They had eyes and ears that missed no movement, no sound.

Independent. Self-sufficient. Uncomplaining. Persistent. Taciturn.

Whipsaw tough. They were the foundation of all who would follow.

**George Mitchell
Blairsville**

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senses become sensitized, once again.

Small rural communities like ours have suffered for many decades from "brain drain". That's the phenomenon where the youth are encouraged to go on and get their college education, and then they don't come back to their "one horse town", looking for bigger asphalt pastures. Then several years later, they come back for a second cousin's wedding held at the Community Center. They watch their kids running around catching fireflies with their new best friends. They take in the sunset over the mountains at the Butternut Creek golf course and they wonder why they ever left. On Sunday, as they head south on 75, they talk about the possibility of moving back. And maybe they will.

I know that someone will make the decision to make Union County their home after having been to the Green Bean Festival. Someone else will see that this is the ideal place to set up the old fashion ice cream soda shop he always dreamed of owning. He'll go home dreaming about how to make that possible on the Square, where he saw the new development and attended the block party. And there will be a visiting couple who will take a stroll through Meeks Park on the dog trail with their pup in tow, and they'll stop to chat with another dog owner, kibitzing about what a beautiful day it is. And while they make small talk, the resident dog has told the visiting dog that he needs to relocate here. Where else are the leash laws so lenient? And every time a property sells, bringing a new member to this community, your property value increases.

For those of you who are already convinced that you live in heaven on earth and you don't want to be a part of the crowd that gathers for all the fun at this Saturday's Green Bean Festival, don't despair. You will have between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. at the Farmers Market to get in and get your produce, baked goods and other goodies before the Festival starts at 9 a.m. See you at the Market!

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

	Every Monday:	
Garden Tours	GMREC	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	6:30 pm
	Every Tuesday:	
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	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

Chamber of Commerce events

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

	Wednesday, July 24
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane
	Thursday, July 25
8 am	Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting - Cooks Restaurant
12 pm	Rotary Club Monthly Meeting - Cadence Bank 2nd Floor
5 pm	Trivia Night - The Union County Community Center View Grill
6 pm	Union County Lions Club - Steve's Steakhouse Restaurant
6 pm	Blairsville Cruisers Car Club Meeting - www.BlairsvilleCruisers.com
	Friday, July 26
8 am	Trash and Treasures - Union County Farmers Market
10 am	Home Garden Blueberries - GA Mountain Research & Educator Center
10 am	Chamber Ribbon Cutting Budget Wireless & Accessories, LLC-63 Plott St. Ste. B1
7 pm	Don Byers, Americana - Union County Historical Courthouse
8 pm	John Berry In Concert - Copperhead Lodge
	Saturday, July 27
7 am	4th Annual Green Bean Festival & Union County Farmer's Market-148 Old Smokey Rd
8:30 am	Race starts: Green Bean Festival 5K - Downtown Blairsville
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane
6 pm	Downtown Block Party - Downtown Blairsville
7 pm	12 Gauge Persuaders - Copperhead Lodge
	Monday, July 29
9 am	Garden Tours - The GA Mountain Research & Education Center
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Monthly Meeting-Steve's Cookie Jar Restaurant
	Tuesday, July 30
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting - Cooks Country Restaurant
3 pm	Union County Farmer's Market - 148 Old Smokey Rd
	Wednesday, July 31
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



July 10
In memory of
Dr. William T. Meeks Sr.
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

July 14, 2013
In memory of
Pauline Neal Jarrett Harkins
by Ira T. Harkins

Bell ringing information
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