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Q. How do the questionnaires eliminate communities and what are they looking for?

A. The questionnaires will include infrastructure, assets, utilities, logistics, labor force, sites and buildings along with many other characteristics. Communities lacking some of these characteristics are eliminated from consideration until only a few communities remain. At this point the remaining communities will be investigated further by the company.

Q. Does Union County's lack of an interstate make any difference when manufacturers are deciding where to locate?

A. For some projects, it makes a big difference as a typical data point on RFI's is the location's distance to an interstate highway. Often, the preferred distance is within 10 miles. However, since an interstate is not the only factor companies use when deciding on a location, this does not eliminate us from all potential manufacturing companies. But for other smaller companies that don't use high volumes of trucking, the advantages to locating here can outweigh the lack of an interstate. Highway 515 connects us to one major market, which is Atlanta, so if a company does a lot of business in that market, it could be a great opportunity for expanding here.

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Dawsonville found their brand new statue missing from the courthouse lawn. They found their beloved statue on the lawn of Shoal Creek Baptist Church. Nobody ever found out that Clifford had stolen the statue. But, Clifford told me that my great-great grandfather had

fought in the "War of Northern Aggression". So, Clifford figured that his great grandfather deserved that statue at his resting place there at Shoal Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Clifford said, "None of them town boys had folks to fight in that war anyway".

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visit after Christmas, or some of us just don't get around to it as soon as we should. One of the most important safety tips when dealing with the old Christmas tree is to remove the tree from your home when it begins dropping needles and dispose of it properly because dried-out trees burn easily and should not be left in a garage or placed against the home, and always unplug or switch off all holiday lights before leaving home or going to sleep.

Take holiday lights down after the holidays, because holi-

day lights are for temporary, seasonal use up to 90 days. During the Holidays we create more fire risk for our homes, businesses, and even our lives, so we must be more diligent about fire safety. Our Citizens Coalition is ready to help with information for our citizens to use to reduce their risk from a destructive fire.

For more information on Fires, Firewise, Ready Set Go or wildfire education contact Frank Riley, Executive Director, Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council at www.frank.ccrd@gmail.com.

Special Christmas Concert at Old Courthouse on the Square

The Union County Historical Society presents "Christmas Favorites Meet Broadway" performed by W. Gordon (Bill) Graff on Friday, December 11th, at 7 p.m., in the Old Courthouse on the square in Blairsville. The concert will feature popular Christmas favorites as well as songs from Broadway.

William returns to the Old Courthouse for his 7th solo performance repeating his Christmas concert of last year.

William's music interest began in high school as a member of the band "The Berets". He later developed into performing songs from Broadway to classic rock to contemporary and pop music.

The concert will include the Christmas Classics: "White Christmas", "Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire", "Mary Did You Know", "I'll Be Home For Christmas", "Do You Hear What I Hear?", and many other classic songs.

The concert will also feature two songs from Broadway, family favorites from *Fiddler on the Roof* - "Sunrise Sunset" and from



W. Gordon (Bill) Graff

Phantom of the Opera - "Music of the Night".

William will also perform his original Christmas song, "It's Christmas Time Of The Year" on the piano.

So come and join us for the Friday night Christmas concert this holiday weekend, bring your friends - make new friends. There is never an admission charge to concerts presented by the Union County Historical Society. The musicians donate their time and talents. Voluntary contributions to the maintenance fund are always appreciated and welcomed.

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on morning television, with gurus sharing with you how to rethink everything that has been tradition in your family for generations. You don't need to hear from another time management coach how you should get through these 6 weeks, especially now when there's really only 3 weeks left.

Instead today, since you actually found time to read this column, (an excuse to avoid all that you have to do?) I'm going to offer an idea that you can fit into your crazy harried schedule, that will let you share some of the pleasures that you are trying to bring others. Let's start with your purse. (Gentleman, we'll settle for your coat or trouser pockets.)

Stop in the candy isle of your favorite dollar store, big box, grocery or pharmacy and buy a 99 cent bag of wrapped peppermints. Stuff the bag in your purse or pockets and hand them out to every one you do business with today, wearing a big smile and say, "Merry Christmas", or whatever holiday greeting you are comfortable sharing to evoke the joy of the entire season. Hand it to the kid that was raised right, and he

holds the door open for you at the Post Office. Hand it to the receptionist at the doctor's office. Tuck one into the pocket of the Doctor's white coat. When you drop off the can goods to the Food Pantry, hand one to each of the people there, whether they are volunteering, donating or picking up. They'll love this unexpected gift, especially, when you share it with your greeting and a smile. Now at the grocery, don't forget the produce guy stacking the asparagus in rows, and the gal cleaning the restroom.

You should have several pieces left. Be sure to hand it to the young man taking your \$3 at the drive-in window for your annual eggnog frappe. In fact, give him two. Tell him you want him to give one to the car behind you and say "Merry Christmas" from you. Wouldn't it be fun to buy a bag to keep in your car, and the next time you go by the "probationers" working off their time by helping to beautify our community, you stop and hand the guard the bag and tell him to share with the crew?

By the end of that bag, you'll have received at least two dozen unexpected smiles, genuine, heartfelt looks of appreciation. Each time you extend the candy and your greeting you will feel the joy of the season run through you, as if Johnny Mathis was standing next to you singing your favorite holiday song, looking straight into your eyes. All this reciprocal joy for 99 cents and the act of reaching out on your way to accomplish all the things on your to-do list.

A special peppermint thank you to all those who participated in making the Kris Kringle Market such a smashing success once again this year. The Union County Farmers Market is so blessed to have the support of this community.

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My husband, Jeremy, played gong, and I sang Tibetan bowls and chimes. Another fact is that I spent a week in the desert when my husband and I took a journey out west to Black Rock City. Finally, I was previously featured in *Allure Magazine*.

4. If you could be any animal, what would it be?

I would probably be an owl. I've always been drawn to this particular animal. Their flight is just one of the many reasons. Closely related to the hawk, they have keen depth perception and can turn their head at near 270 degrees. They are overall beautiful creatures.

5. Where is your dream travel destination?

I would say Thailand or India. I know that I would love the food there and would enjoy experiencing the culture and seeing the ruins.

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world looking, knowing yet?

The simplest telling of the Christmas story is in this final Gospel. God the Son was with the Father in the beginning, and He took on humanity so He could take on the cross. His Christmas gift is for anyone who receives Him and believes in His name, to be reborn as a child of God by His grace. See for yourself in John chapter 1, the short version.

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well as relationships that have suffered for too many years. A renewing of one's faith can increase. Believing becomes easier to understand and hope brings encouragement to all who embrace the Christmas spirit of love.

So don't be a humbug this Christmas season, but instead become a believer that with God, all things are truly possible in the birth of a miracle child. Amen.

Frank F. Combs

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2001 are now denying that they ever did.

I would like for anyone else that remembers this occurrence to please write in and say so. Another scene that was broadcast at that time was one of Osama Bin Laden and friends watching the towers fall on TV. Another story was about some folks in New Jersey beating up some people that were celebrating.

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could see a huge increase in jobs as we build wind farms, install solar panels and retrofit existing buildings in order to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. As a matter of fact, jobs in the solar industry have already grown in the last few years 20 times faster than the rest of the economy. And all of this could lead to more individual disposable income. Isn't it worth a try?

Michelle Maloney

Brasstown Ringers concert

On Sunday, December 13th, Brasstown Ringers will present their "Bells of Christmas" concert at 4 PM at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church, 1114 Main St., in Young Harris, GA. The concert is free with a good will offering taken at the end of the program. "Bells of Christmas" has music that will appeal to both the young and young-at-heart.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Blairsville PTO	UC Primary School	12/14/15 6 pm
Every Monday:		
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
A Course in Miracles	UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Every Tuesday:		
Tri State Bus. Women	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
Spiritual Living Group	UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	6:30 pm
Every Wednesday:		
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Third Monday of each month:		
Shape Note Music	Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 pm
Third Tuesday of each month:		
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon
Healthy Hearts Support	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 pm
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
American Legion, Aux	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 pm
Third Wednesday of each month:		
Quilts of Valor	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	So. Bank & Trust	7 pm
Third Thursday of each month:		
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
Good N'bors Auto	Rib County, Murphy	6:30 pm
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Third Friday of each month:		
No activities listed		
Third Saturday of each month:		
UC Republican Party	Civic Center	10 am
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 am