



County & City Reports

Local law enforcement provide the following information for publication. Names are spelled as they were received from the law enforcement agencies. It is important to remember that the following individuals have been charged only and are presumed innocent until such time as they are found guilty by a court or enter a guilty plea.

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Union County Jail Arrest Report
Mack Mason, Union County Sheriff
- 02/28/18 Kohl Joseph Brown, age 19, Blairsville, GA Theft by shoplifting
 - 03/02/18 Travis Ray Cantrell, age 32, Blairsville, GA Sale of methamphetamine (2 counts), use of communications in committing or facilitating a drug transaction, (2 counts), possession of controlled substance, possession of drug related objects
 - 02/27/18 Lee Odell Conard, age 40, Hiawassee, GA Hold for other agency
 - 02/27/18 Brandon Tyler Condetti, age 26, Morganton, GA Probation violation (misd)
 - 03/05/18 Christopher Michael Franklin, Young Harris, GA Probation violation
 - 03/02/18 Pamala Lynn Franklin, age 55, Blairsville, GA Sale of methamphetamine (2 counts), use of communications in committing or facilitating a drug transaction, (2 counts), possession of controlled substance, possession of drug related objects
 - 03/01/18 Samuel Joseph Giordano, age 36, Blairsville, GA Probation violation (felony)
 - 02/28/18 Christie Ann Goode, age 41, Blairsville, GA Hold for court
 - 03/01/18 William Veston Harkins, age 59, Blairsville, GA Hold for court
 - 02/27/18 Nancy Lee Harrington, age 55, Hayesville, NC Deposit account fraud/bad checks (4 counts), theft by deception (4 counts)
 - 03/01/18 Antonio Jasmine Ahmaad Henderson, age 29, Weklaka, FL Driving while license suspended/revoked, tag light required
 - 03/02/18 Tasheena Shavaun Jones, age 33, Blairsville, GA Driving while license suspended/revoked
 - 03/03/18 Shaun Michael Lecoq, age 39, Blairsville, GA Probation violation (felony)
 - 02/27/18 Donielle Nicole McAtee, age 31, Blairsville, GA Terroristic threats and acts, obstructing or hindering law enforcement officers (3 counts), battery, simple battery against police officer/LEDOG/ correction or detention officer, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, probation violation (misd)
 - 03/02/18 Brittany Dawn Nelson, age 26, Commerce, GA Hold for Madison County
 - 03/02/18 Shad Jonathan Newton, age 39, Mineral Bluff, GA Theft by shoplifting
 - 02/27/18 Brandon Eugene Rich, age 35, Blairsville, GA Simple battery (FVA)
 - 03/03/18 Jose Angel Sajbin De-Leon, age 42, Blairsville, GA Driving without a valid license, expired tag
 - 02/28/18 Christopher Sean Stokes, age 45, Gainesville, GA Probation violation (felony)
 - 03/02/18 John Reuben Trusty, age 33, Commerce, GA Hold for Hall County
 - 02/27/18 Arthur Matthew Velasco, age 29, Blairsville, GA Probation violation (misd)
 - 03/02/18 Shelley Renee Waldroup, age 54, Blue Ridge, GA Theft by shoplifting, possession of open alcohol container
 - 03/01/18 Kristain Taylor Watson, age 25, Murphy, NC Theft by shoplifting
 - 03/03/18 Mike Milton Wigley, age 50, Blairsville, GA Trafficking in methamphetamine or amphetamine, possession of firearm by convicted felon, possession of firearm or knife during certain crimes, DUI refusal, possession of drug related objects, failure to maintain lane
 - 03/01/18 Trent Harold Wilson, age 44, Marble, NC Probation violation (felony)
 - 03/04/18 Kenneth Maurice Woodell, age 48, Blairsville, GA DUI/alcohol/0.08 grams or more 21 YOA or over, failure to maintain lane
- There are 72 inmates now being housed in the Union County Jail. 3 inmates housed outside county.**



Blairsville Police Department ARRESTS AND INCIDENT REPORT
Chief Johnny Carroll

- 03/02/18 Royce Glen Hamby, age 54, Blairsville, GA Driving while license suspended/revoked, seat belt violation
- 02/26/18 Assist other agency, escort
- 02/27/18 5 accidents, arrest-probation violations, assist other agency, 2 misc. reports, suspicious person, lost property
- 02/28/18 Serve warrant, assist other agency, bank alarm, possession of marijuana less than one ounce, intoxicated person
- 03/01/18 3 escorts, 2 accidents, assist other agency, misc. report, driving with suspended license, lost property, suspicious vehicle
- 03/02/18 Lost property, misc. report, assist other agency
- 03/03/18 Assist other agency
- 03/04/18 Suspicious person, accident, bank alarm
- 03/05/18 Misc. report, civil standby, alarm



Union County Fire Department Incidents
Union County Fire Chief David Dyer

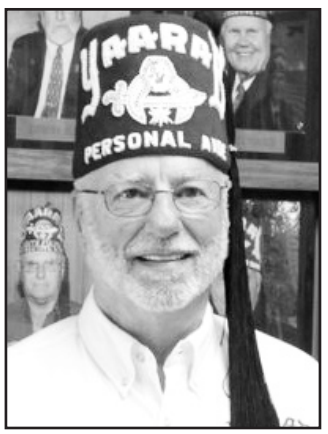
- 02/26/18 Medical Call-Station 4-Ivy Log; Medical Call-Station 5-Suches; Medical Call-Station 6-Pat Colwell; Medical Call-Station 7-Dooly; Medical Call, Smoke Detector Install-Station 10-Blairsville; Land Zone-Union General Hospital
- 02/27/18 Medical Call-Station 2-Jones Creek; Medical Call-Station 4-Ivy Log; Medical Call-Station 5-Suches; 2 Medical Calls-Station 6-Pat Colwell; Medical Call-Station 9-Coosa; Medical Call-Station 10-Blairsville
- 02/28/18 Public Safety Education-UC Middle School; Smoke/Fire Alarm; Medical Call-Station 10-Blairsville; Vehicle Fire-Blue Ridge St; Motor Vehicle Accident-Gainesville Hwy; Medical Call-Station 2-Jones Creek; Medical Call-Station 3-Trackrock; 2 Medical Calls-Station 6-Pat Colwell
- 03/01/18 Medical Call-Station 2-Jones Creek; Medical Call-Station 8-Gumlog; 2 Medical Calls-Station 10-Blairsville
- 03/02/18 Safety Inspection-Station 10-Trackrock; Vehicle Fire-Hwy 515 E; Chimney Fire-Station 6-Pat Colwell; Medical Call-Station 5-Suches; Medical Call-Station 10- Blairsville
- 03/03/18 Motor Vehicle Accident-Hwy 515 E; Smoke/Fire Investigation- Station 10-Blairsville; Medical Call-Station 12-Choestoe
- 03/04/18 2 Medical Calls-Station 2-Jones Creek; 2 Medical Calls-Station 5-Suches; Medical Call-Station 7-Dooly; 2 Medical Calls, 2 Vehicle Unlocks, Fire Alarm-Station 10-Blairsville; Fire Alarm-Station 8-Gumlog; 3 Search & Rescues; Motor Vehicle Accident-Hwy 515 W; Land Zone-Union General Hospital

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:		
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Every Tuesday:		
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	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
Every Wednesday:		
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Second Monday of each month:		
MMQG Sewcials	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Enotah Chapter #24	Masonic Lodge	7:30 pm
Disabled Am Veterans	Veterans Center	7 pm (Jan-Oct)
Second Tuesday of each month:		
FPL Retirees	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
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Band Boosters	UC Middle School	7:30 pm
	(Aug through May, except Dec)	

Local Shriner has success

Local Shriner, Dick Fleming, has spent a lot of time at the four-way stop in Blairsville. A resident of Blairsville for the last five years you may have seen him and put some money in his bucket. Now after 17 years standing on street corners, Dick has reached a milestone in his life of collecting money for the Shriners Hospital for Children, and the local Yaarab Shrine Center. He has been honored by Yaarab for earning in excess of 100,000 Crown of Honor Points. Dick said "I have finally done it! Thanks to Blairsville for helping me do this. It only took 17 years, but well worth the time. The gen-



Dick Fleming
erous people of Blairsville and Union County pushed me over the top. Not every Shriner gets here, but I did!" NMar7,28)CA

Hall Of Fame

THE NOBLES PICTURED BELOW HAVE EARNED THIS ESTEEMED HONOR BY EARNING IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (100,000) CROWN OF HONOR POINTS.



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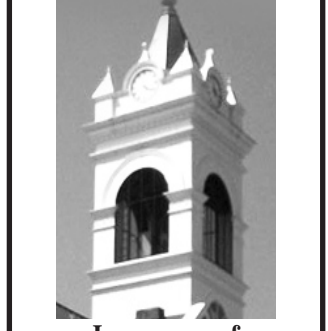
program. Union County Emergency Management Agency adopted the C.E.R.T. program in 2006. "Anyone interested in signing up can contact Jeannie Matheson (at Station No. 1)," said Lt. Justin Blanchard, who runs the C.E.R.T. training program. "We're waiting on the people to volunteer to start the next class." Anyone interested can call (706) 439-6091. The Union County Fire Department consists of 16 paid employees and 80 volunteers. With the assistance of C.E.R.T. members, residents in need will get help faster in the event of a disaster. "Volunteers can come and take the training, then we provide the equipment, and they're part of the team," said Chief Dyer. "They can go out into the community and help get us through a natural disaster when our resources are spread out."

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Participants that undergo C.E.R.T. training will learn the basics to help themselves and then their neighbors. The areas of training consist of disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, command, disaster psychology, and how terrorism affects C.E.R.T., per UnionCountyGA.gov. "The training on various aspects of fire and rescue situations makes you more aware of your surroundings and what would need to be done in the event of an emergency," said graduate Rhonda Cole. "Everyone in the community should get involved, it's an experience that you would never imagine." UCFD only has four full-time employees per shift, and in an emergency, that's not much coverage in the county. "With the help of the volunteers that go through our training program, we can save

lives," said Lt. Blanchard. "It's tough for four of our team to cover the whole county." Added Chief Dyer: "We are also starting a catch and release program, where members of the community can receive training but don't want to become part of the team. They will receive equipment to be able to help themselves and their neighbors in the event of an emergency." The most recent graduates are Larry Duemmling, Jan Duemmling, Thomas Pike, Lynne Pike, Rhonda Cole, Debbie Werder, Ed Werder, John Grimes, Julie Buffington, Elliot Parsowith and Janet Parsowith. Prior to signing up for a local C.E.R.T. class, anyone interested can take the online course to get familiar with the training through the Emergency Management Institute at Training.FEMA.gov.

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



In memory of James "Jim" Collins
10/3/1945 - 1/12/2018
by UC Historical Society

March 11, 2018
In memory of Paula Paris Johnson
Anniversary
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

March 27, 2018
In memory of Gertrude Shuler
by Betty Jane Shuler

In memory of Eve Gratton
March 6, 2017
by Marlene, Charlie, Dylan and Meghan DeFrancesco

Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493