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Jury, and is the body charged with hearing and adjudicating administrative appeals to property and assessments made by the Board of Tax Assessors. (Note: An arbitration method of appeal is available to the taxpayer in lieu of an appeal to the Board of Equalization at the option of the taxpayer at the time the appeal is filed).

### Q. What is the role of the County Commissioner(s) in the process?

A. The Commissioner establishes the annual budget for county government operations each year, and levies the mill rate necessary to fund the portions of the budget to be paid for by ad valorem tax.

### Q. What part does the County Board of Education play?

A. The Board of Education establishes the annual budget for school purposes and then recommends their mill rate, which, with very few exceptions, must be levied for the school board by the county commissioner.

### Q. What does the State Revenue Commissioner do?

A. This position exercises general oversight of the entire ad valorem tax process. In addition, the State levies ad valorem tax each year in an amount, which cannot exceed one-quarter of one mill.

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ture of Bud, the time he caught the same bass, three times in the same day, because he couldn't keep it in the boat. That's the decision. When we start to feel the melancholy set in, we need to shift gears and still think about that person, but remember why we loved them most and find the joy in that memory.

Happiness is contagious. Yes, another cliché. I dare you to try not to smile when a child looks up at you and grins from ear to ear. Smiles are the physical presence (and presents) of happiness. Listen to a child's uncontrollable laughter. Do you feel sad? No. You, too, are overwhelmed with delight and you don't even know what has evoked this giggle. It doesn't matter, the child's happiness is contagious.

We aren't always surrounded by children who are carefree and more susceptible to joyousness without all the responsibilities in life that we seem to burden ourselves with these days. In fact, since the 1950s, the world has been focused on being richer, one inhabitant at a time. We've amassed so much and studies indicate we have so much less happiness in our lives to show for it.

We tend to satiate ourselves with "things" or "experi-

ences" that make us feel good. We treat ourselves in countless numbers of ways everyday to reward ourselves for our efforts. Did you know that doing something for others lights up the same part of your brain as treating yourself? Scientific fact.

So, this 20th day of March, make a concerted effort to "Be Happy." Then share that happiness. Bake a batch of cookies and take them to the neighbor that always looks miserable when they drive past your place. I bet you find that they aren't nearly as miserable as you thought. Smile at the bag boy instead of cringing when he places the gallon of milk in the same bag as the bread. Try to see if you can still skip, even two steps. You'll smile at the attempt, even at your age. Better yet, pick up the phone and call an old girlfriend who you used to play hopscotch with in those days where being happy was a given.

Need another happy thought to distract you? It's almost planting season which means we are a little closer to the opening of the Farmers Market, a place that I equate to the "Disney Experience." Everyone is happy on Saturdays at the Union County Farmers Market. Keep that feeling in your heart all year long!

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ing life. The faith life makes it possible for the flesh life to endure sickness, hardship, loss and even death without defeat. Faith provides power in the flesh life to enjoy this world that God has created to the fullest, relationships to the highest and love to the nth degree. While the faith life intensifies, expands, multiplies, enhances and enriches every facet of this fleshly life, it promises a future life that cannot be compared with life in the here and now. It can only be described by this one word - Heaven.

The fleshly life is vanishing away however slowly. It is temporary. But Jesus offers to us the faith life that secures for us eternal, everlasting life beyond physical death and this present evil

world system. How can I enjoy this faith life? It is simple. All of us came into this world through a physical birth. God tells us we need a second birth or a new birth. This is called a spiritual birth. It takes place when you ask Christ to come into your heart, forgive your sin and take up residence in your life.

If you have experienced only a physical birth you are experiencing and living only a fleshly life which is limited to the here and now of eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you die. The second birth gives to you eternal, everlasting life that has no end. The quality and quantity of that life begins immediately when you recognize Christ to be your Savior and Source of Life.

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once again he began looking for employment and found it with the Rockwood Quarries. Paw Paw drove a truck delivering cut limestone slabs used in construction. Those slabs can be seen today in buildings in Nashville and as far away as Chicago. Paw Paw never got rich driving a truck, but, he devised plans which he thought would make him rich. Paw paw had never seen or even heard of a banana. He was first introduced to this wonderful delicacy on one of his trips down to New Orleans. He stopped into a place to get himself something to eat and didn't have much money. So, he bought himself some stick bologna, crackers, and cheese. At the last moment he spotted this banana and asked for one. He even had to ask for help in peeling the thing. Upon tasting the banana he decided it was the best thing he had ever eaten.

Paw Paw decided to take some back home to the hills of North Alabama. He thought people would like them as much as he did. So, he could buy them for a penny and sell them for a nickel. Paw Paw just knew he was going to make a boat load of money. He decided to buy a truck load after he unloaded his goods. I think he ended up with 1,000 pounds of bananas and took them back to Alabama on the back of his old flatbed truck. It was during July and the only protection he had was a tarp. My momma told me she was a just a little girl, but, she remembered that most of the bananas were rotten by the time Paw Paw got home.

Therefore, they could only sell a few and the family had to eat the rest. Mom said the family ate banana nut bread, banana pancakes, banana sandwiches, banana pudding and anything else they could make with bananas for a few days. By the time all the bananas were gone the whole family was sick of bananas. The moral of the story is this; buy your fresh produce from a local farmer. The place to buy fresh produce is at the Farmers

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by many people and they have good values as well. Why can't we just be good, caring people and leave whatever god you care to believe in out of the equation. Be kind just to be kind.

And yes Mr. Smith I have owned a business, paid payroll, give to charities, and do believe that it's okay to own a gun. As far as your comment regarding government handouts, sadly there are folks who work their butts off and still can't feed their families. There are many veterans who served this country using food stamps and Medicaid. There

are young children who would not have food if this safety net wasn't in place. Is taking these things away within your value system? We have seniors who strictly rely on Social Security and Medicare to survive, would you give that up?

Could we please get rid of the labels and just do the right thing? We all have to share and take care of this planet and its people. Don't even get me started on the ad that was submitted called THE TRUTH.

**Candy Retter**

### Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events see events calendar at [www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com](http://www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com)

#### Wednesday, March 12

11 am Appreciation Week Blairsville UC Government Employees - Ollies Grill & Smokehouse

1 pm Knitters Knitch Class - 64 Bracketts Way Ste. 6

6 pm Bingo - Haralson Memorial Civic Center

#### Thursday, March 13

8 am Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting - Cooks Country Kitchen

8 am Chamber Membership Orientation 2014 - U.C. Community Center

12 pm Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565

6:30 pm Union County Lions Club Meeting-Steve's Steakhouse Cookie Jar Restaurant

6:30 pm Trivia at The View - Union County Community Center

#### Friday, March 14

2 pm Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Firm Answers Now-U.C. Community Center

6 pm Prime Rib Special - The Lodge at Copperhead

6 pm Friday Evening Tapas - Crane Creek Vineyards

#### Saturday, March 15

11 am Soup Kitchen Saturdays - Crane Creek Vineyards

12 pm St. Patrick's Celebration with Music - High Tower Creek Vineyards

4 pm Low Country Boil & Live Music - The Lodge at Copperhead

6 pm Young Harris College presents "Big Dance" - Young Harris College Recreation/ Fitness Center

#### Monday, March 17

10 am Crochet Class - 64 Bracketts Way Ste. 6

12 pm Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting-Steve's Steakhouse, Cookie Jar Restaurant

1 pm Knitters Knitch Class - 64 Bracketts Way Ste. 6

6 pm Texas Hold'em Poker - The Lodge at Copperhead

6:30 pm Shape Note Singing Practice - Old Union County Historical Courthouse

#### Tuesday, March 18

8 am Tri-State Business Women's Meeting - Blairsville Restaurant

11 am Appreciation Week for Hospital & Nursing Home Staff - Ollie's Grill & Smokehouse

11:30 am Union/Towns Employer Committee Mtg.-UCB Small Community Room

5 pm Childbirth Classes (Reg. Required) - Union General Hospital 2nd Floor

6 pm Buy One, Get One Half Off Dinner - The Lodge at Copperhead

#### Wednesday, March 19

2pm Friends of the Union County Library Meeting-Community Room at Library

6 pm Bingo - Haralson Memorial Civic Center

## UNION COUNTY

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Boy Scouts #101	<b>Every Monday:</b> 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
	<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	<b>Every Thursday:</b>	
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	<b>Third Monday of each month:</b>	
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
Allegheny Lodge	Masonic Temple	6:30 pm
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, off the square		6:30 pm
	<b>Third Tuesday of each month:</b>	
American Legion, Aux	Civic Center	7 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon
Am. Legion Post 121	Old Civic Center	7 pm
Ladies Aux. Post 121	Old Civic Center	7 pm
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 pm
	<b>Third Wednesday of each month:</b>	
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
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	<b>Third Thursday of each month:</b>	
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Good N' bors Auto	Brothers Rest., Murphy	7 pm
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
MOPS	First Baptist Church	6 pm
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
	<b>Third Friday of each month:</b>	
No activities listed		
	<b>Third Saturday of each month:</b>	
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 am

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professional tour manager, motorcoach transportation and all taxes and service charges. Are you ready to learn more? A complimentary community presentation will be held at the Union County Community Center on Thursday, March 27 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Make plans to join us. You may also e-mail [Travel@BlairsvilleChamber.com](mailto:Travel@BlairsvilleChamber.com) or call (706) 745-5789 for more information.

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the underground, electric railway that runs beneath the Houses of Congress.

When I met Everett, he was in his early 50s. He had sold his business, had bought a 62-foot sailboat.

He, his wife and their two sons, sailed the oceans. If he needed some extra money, he'd dock his boat and hire himself out for as long as it took him to replenish his financial larder. Then, off they'd sail again.

Everett was proof that a good, solid trade - especially if you own the shop - many times pays far better than a college degree.

To be good at a trade isn't easy but there can be great satisfaction in it.

Academic teachers are college-educated. You'd expect them to favor a college education. That's what they know.

College is fine for some but being skilled in a trade in demand is often a more viable (and more profitable) alternative.

**George Mitchell**