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the Road Department know. Other non-emergency problems will be handled when they can. It requires another large crew just to trim trees and grind all the brush and we simply do not have the extra manpower to do this and the road ditches, so please be patient. However, if you have a problem, please call the Road Department so they can get it on their list.

**Q. Our pavement needs to be repaved because it has all these patches on it and it does not look good.**

A. Union County has some of the best roads of any county around. Just ask a UPS or FED X driver. We are doing a lot of patching on our roads because of the extreme cost of resurfacing. While the patching may not look the best, the road surface is sound and safe. We are very proud of our road system where you will see very few cracks and alligator areas and should not see any pot holes. If you have a pot hole, always call the Road Dept. because we like to repair them immediately. Thanks for your patience. Road Department, (706) 439-6062. Commissioner's Office, (706) 439-6000.

**Q. We heard the county is purchasing several pieces of real estate? Can you tell us what it is for and how we are paying for it?**

A. The property is being purchased with SPLOST funds. We have under contract five acres across Butter-

nut Creek from the Farmers Market. We are very excited about this as it will allow us to greatly expand parking, which will allow us to expand the facilities and usage in the future to try to keep up with demand. We are also purchasing 1.4 acres adjacent to the Fire Dept. at Station 1. We are currently negotiating on two other parcels with one under contract. All properties are adjacent to property already owned by the county. Prices are reasonable and it is an excellent opportunity to plan for the future of the county.

**Q. I pay a lot of taxes and I don't think I get any value for what I pay. My road is not even mowed very often.**

A. Unfortunately, we still hear this sentiment expressed occasionally. Over the next several weeks I will be using my Q & A column to inform you of all the many services your taxes are paying for in Union County.

I have written about this before, but it doesn't hurt to remind everyone. You may say, well, I don't use all of these services or I don't care about the new buildings and the trails at the park, I just want my road maintained. It is true that you may not use some of the services but still, many other people do, and you certainly want services such as emergency services and the fire department to be there for you in case you need them.

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ball went straight up into the air. The man took one step toward first base and wilted like a sick tomato plant. All three of the following batters received high and tight pitches and then proceeded to strike out on the next pitches.

One week later the team from Tennessee came to Alabama. The man who had spiked our cousin came walking toward Dad and Uncle Bud. Dad said, "Oh no, here we go again." As he walked up to the pair of young men he extended his hand and apologized to Dad and Uncle Bud for his behavior.

Uncle Bud shook the man's hand and told him there would be no more trouble as long as they played clean. Trapptown won again 23 to 2. Back in those days the Trapptown Baseball Team was serious about winning and protecting their own.

I hope you will remember the Farmers Market is now open on Tuesdays from 3 p.m.

until 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Also, each Friday the Trash to Treasures Yard Sale is held at the Farmers Market from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Also, remember the Union County Canning Plant will open on Tuesday, July 9th at 6:30 a.m.

This spring has turned out to be wetter than normal and as a result we are seeing more plant diseases than usual. If you have apples or pears be prepared to deal with Fire Blight.

The disease symptoms cause dead brown twigs and leaves to hang on to the tree for a long time. Leaves and twigs look as if they have had a torch held under them. To slow down or stop the disease you should prune out dead tissue. Each time a pruning cut is made dip your shears in streptomycin.

After pruning, spray your trees with streptomycin.

Make sure you follow label instructions on any pesticide you use.

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is also available to view in a digital format on our website at [www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com](http://www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com).

Hiking Trails and Waterfalls Guides – For those who love to explore the great outdoors, the Chamber offers both a hiking and a waterfalls guide that help you easily navigate your way throughout the area. Restaurant, Shopping, Lodging, and Real Estate Guides – The Chamber maintains an updated brochure listing of each of the aforementioned groups of businesses that are part of our Chamber membership. These are very handy for quick reference or to share with those not familiar with what Blairsville-Union County has to offer.

Maps – There are many

people who still like the security of a printed map when their trusty GPS fails them. The Chamber offers a variety of tourism related maps with identified points of interests as well as a detailed city/county map for those who need to know the back roads.

The Welcome Center is now open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come see us to explore all the great information available to residents and visitors alike. For more information about the Chamber, call us at (706) 745-5789, visit us online at [www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com](http://www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com), or email me directly at [president@blairsvillechamber.com](mailto:president@blairsvillechamber.com).

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they were soaked in cold water a minute.

The flower vendors were extraordinary in their variety of cut flowers and the vibrancy of the colors. But you expect that out of Mother Nature's floral bouquet. What I wasn't prepared for was the variety of pastas, the multitude of shapes and the array of colors that they came in. Tomatoes came in over 50 varieties, shapes and sizes. Sweet peppers were close to the size of a football. Baskets of snails or almonds were nearly at every station.

It's hard not to grab to purchase nearly everything. The reality that you are living out of a suitcase, going from hotel room to hotel room, starts to set in.

Our next Market we hit for an extended visit was that of Sircusa, Sicily. Here we experienced nirvana in the form of a sample of warm, roasted and seasoned ricotta cheese. Who knew that you could roast the leftover cheese in the Sorrento container after you've made lasagna? We enjoyed samples of the hardest of parmigiana's speckled with peppercorns, to the soft goat cheeses made fresh daily, mounds of perfectly shaped provolone balls, wrapped in rope, separating the cheeks of the cheese to look like a baby's sweet behind. They were piled on platters, decked on either side by heavily cured salamis and hams. Olives came in dozens of shapes and stages of cure. Dried herbs and spices (Sicily was an integral part of the Spice Route during the Middle Ages) could be purchased in bulk, but were also pre mixed for easy preparation per special Sicilian recipes. Sicilians like spices and have particular affinity for almond, jasmine, rosemary, mint and basil. Now I knew my passion for these I had gotten honestly.

The Markets I had the good fortune to visit were very similar to our Union County Farmers Market, in spirit, if not in produce and product. The vendors were like a family. They were proud of their goods and wares and wanted to be sure that each shopper found what they needed, and of the highest

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sician's Assistants, commercial airline pilots, federal law enforcement officers, judges, architects, attorneys, international financiers, nuclear physicists, college professors, teachers, business people.

Is it possible that high expectations - and not just from me - and turning a deaf ear to high schoolers' complaints about how "hard" it was might have had something to do with their later successes?

Is it possible that high expectations forced them to endure - and exceed - what they at first thought was "too hard?"

I had this quotation stenciled across the front wall of my classroom: A MAN'S REACH SHOULD EXCEED HIS GRASP / OR WHAT'S A HEAVEN FOR? - Robert Browning

It was my mantra for them.

**George Mitchell**

### Chamber of Commerce events

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

<b>Wednesday, June 12</b>		
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane	
<b>Thursday, June 13</b>		
8 am	Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting – Cooks Country Kitchen	
9 am	Blairsville Union County Chamber of Commerce Buy Local Weekend – Local Blairsville Businesses	
12 pm	Union County Rotary Club Meeting – 2nd Floor Cadence Bank	
5 pm	Trivia Night & Tacos – The Union County Community Center View Grill	
6 pm	UC Lions Monthly Meeting-Steve's Steakhouse Cookie Jar Restaurant	
6:30 pm	Center for Wellness Presents: Optimize your Body Composition 48 Haralson Place, Ste. #1	
6:30 pm	Shape Note Singing Practice – Union County Historical Courthouse	
<b>Friday, June 14</b>		
8 am	Trash and Treasures – Union County Farmers Market	
9 am	Blairsville Union County Chamber of Commerce Buy Local Weekend – Local Blairsville Businesses	
7 pm	Collins Brothers, bluegrass & country-Union County Historical Courthouse	
<b>Saturday, June 15</b>		
7 am	Union County Farmer's Market – 148 Old Smokey Rd	
9 am	Blairsville Union County Chamber of Commerce Buy Local Weekend – Local Blairsville Businesses	
10 am	Nature Inspire's Garden Tour-GA Mountain Research & Education Center	
10:30a m	Humane Society Mtn Shelter Pet-A-Pet - 129 Bowling Gap Circle	
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane	
7 pm	Neighbor's Hand The Gathering – 307C Cleveland Street	
<b>Monday, June 17</b>		
9 am	Guided Tours – The GA Mountain Research & Education Center	
11 am	Union County Public Library presents "Dig into Reading" Programs – U.C. Public Library	
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Monthly Meeting-Steve's Cookie Jar Restaurant	
<b>Tuesday, June 18</b>		
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting – Cooks Country Restaurant	
3 pm	Union County Farmer's Market – 148 Old Smokey Rd	
7 pm	American Legion Monthly Meeting – Haralson Memorial Civic Center	
<b>Wednesday, June 19</b>		
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane	
2 pm	Friends of the Union County Library Meeting-Community Room UC Library	

### UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<b>Every Monday:</b>		
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
<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
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
<b>Third Monday of each month:</b>		
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
Prostate Cancer Sup.	U.C. Cancer Center	5 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
<b>Third Wednesday of each month:</b>		
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	Cadence Bank	7 pm
<b>Third Thursday of each month:</b>		
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Good N' bors Auto	Seeks Park	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
Shape Note Music	Old Courthouse	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