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relax with all the amenities of being in your own home.

During its short existence 200 families have been privileged to use the hospital-ity house. This includes families from all over the United States, The Netherlands, Canada and Nova Scotia as well as local residents from Blue Ridge, Murphy, and Peachtree.

A board of directors is

responsible for its daily operation and oversees all of its maintenance. This non-profit group looks to the local community for the financial resources to maintain this free ministry to families.

If you would like to help keep Glenda's memory alive through this ministry you may do so by sending a donation to Carolyn Jarrard, P. O. Box 1535, Blairsville, GA 30514.

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inheritance Papa received was an old pocket knife, pocket watch and the family dinner bell. Mabel found out that Papa had received these items and she came to his house and demanded the items. Papa was not at home at the time. So, Granny handled the situation by saying, "May Bell, get out of this house".

The two women had not spoken for 10 or 11 months when the cotton crop demanded attention. Mabel needed Granny's help and Granny needed Mabel's help. So, first Granny helped Mabel get her crop laid by. The next day Mabel's car wouldn't start so Granny went to get her in the old 1957 Chevy step side pick-up. As they drove down the gravel road they rounded a curve. Mabel's door flew open and dumped her out of the truck onto the road. Granny slammed on the brakes and rushed to Aunt Mabel's side. Granny asked, "Mabel are you okay"? Mabel looked up at Granny and began to rant and rave. She accused Granny of slinging her out of the truck on purpose on account of what had happened about the pocket knife, bell and watch. Granny said, "May Bell, get up from there I am taking you home". And the feud continued for a couple more years.

Later on after the feud had subsided our little country church decided to build a new church. Aunt Mabel and Granny were right in the

thick of things. Granny would cook lunch and supper for the workers. But, Aunt Mabel was helping the men build the church. After the building was constructed Aunt Mabel took it upon herself to paint a mural on the wall above the baptismal pool. The mural portrayed the ascension of Jesus into heaven. It was beautiful. Everyone was so pleased with the painting. Granny was especially proud of Mabel's efforts. She called us in Georgia and said, "You must come home and see Sirendy's painting". Granny called Mabel by different names depending on their relationship at the time. But, in the end the two women still loved and depended on one another.

I feel that way many times especially concerning the canning plant. For more than three years we have operated a canning plant which is old and outdated. The former plant was constantly in need of repair. It served its purpose for many years. However, now we have a new one and it works. It is a pleasure to operate. We will have a ribbon cutting for the Union County Canning Plant on Sept. 12th at 10 a.m. Please come and be with us. Also, we have one more inspection for the boiler and then we will open. Hopefully that will occur within the next week. Please call me at (706) 439-6030 to find out the exact date.

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Next, be a guide. Rather than just handing your guest the room key, have a staff member escort them to their room and offer a tour of the property and facilities.

Start the morning right with complimentary coffee for your guests.

Increase the stakes by offering a generous portion rather than a skimpy 4-ounce serving. What a great way to start the day!

Empower your employees to do the unexpected. At breakfast one morning, a customer was celebrating their son's 12-year-old birthday. During the meal and unbeknownst to the family, the waiter slipped out of the lobby and to his car. He brought back a book he gave to the son as a gift. Can you imagine what a difference that unexpected touch made?

In addition, don't just pass your customer without noticing them. Offer assistance when you see someone struggle to enter or exit your business and better yet help with their shopping bags if needed.

Leave them with a lasting impression.

When exiting the camp-

ground for the weekend, the host left their guests with four bottles of water and a campsite baseball cap for each member of the family. The customers drove away with smiles and could not wait to share their positive experience with each member of their family, their co-workers and anyone considering a vacation in the North Georgia Mountains.

To conclude, a quote by Katherine Barchetti states, "Make a customer, not a sale."

Often business is lost due to neglect. When a customer asks for information or needs unknown to you, refer them to whomever can help them. If you can't solve their problem, pass them on to someone who can. Make solving their problem your number one aim.

The Chamber is eager to help our business community with your customer service needs.

Our Website can be viewed at VisitBlairsvilleGA.com or you may phone the chamber at (706) 745-5789 for additional information.

I may be reached anytime at Chair@Blairsville-Chamber.com.

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practiced in the evenings until about 10 at night, which was much cooler then, although the bugs were really hectic.

I remember we had new member initiation during those days in which we dressed new band members up in weird attire and painted their faces and fixed their hair really wild. They had to go dressed like that through the entire evening and then most of the time, they were made to parade around the old Tastee Freeze so every one could see them.

I don't think they do these fun and great things anymore like the old days. And the band director back then started the Union County High School band out with the seventh grade which made for a bigger band. I KNOW they don't do that any more.

And we usually made up our SNOW DAYS by going at least half a day on Saturdays, but heck, all we did was either watch Saturday morning cartoons on an old TV, or brought records and played them on an old record player and danced in the classrooms. We also never knew what Fall or Spring Break was because when we went to school back then WE WENT to school!

We were not allowed to wear shorts of any kind unless it was for gym classes. I remember the A, B, and C buildings in Junior High as well, and how every time it would rain, B building would almost always get

flooded because of the way the rain would wash in from the old football field there.

I also remember very well the old White school building that was torn down years ago, which housed second through fourth grades. I remember an old tale about the Junior High gym being HAUNTED too. Some one found an old suitcase hidden up in the loft that had a body in it, or so the tale was told. You will hear anything to get something started.

Many of my teachers that I had back then are deceased now. I dearly loved some of those teachers. They will always hold a special place in my heart. My sixth grade science teacher as well as my seventh grade science teacher. They made science my favorite subject. I know we can't go back in time, and we must journey towards the future. However, I do wish we could turn back the clock because it seems like the kids in our era had a better advantage than the kids have today.

The changes in our schools are probably one of the reasons why we hear of so many tragedies happening in and around schools all over the country these days.

That's something that you never heard tell of happening back then. Maybe we should take that into account when we plan for the future.

Thank you for your time, blessings and have a great day!
Mrs. D. Barnes

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able to offer this to the public. We think it is a great addition to the already very successful Farmers Market.

Q. Does using a "cannery" mean that the vegetables and meats are actually put into tin cans

A. No, it does not. Actually, utilizing a cannery is a similar process to using a pressure cooker at home. The product is put into glass canning jars, not tin cans. The difference is that the process is a little more sophisticated and controlled, and certain products can be certified. With the cannery, you will be able to can large amounts of products at one time. This will also allow the possible use for commercial canning of certain approved products for next season.

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er. It's our Farmers Market Bake-off.

We want you to bring your favorite baked good and compete. There will be a savory category as well as sweet.

Again, there is no charge to compete. More details will be following on our Website. Visit UCFarmersMarket.com for all the latest news.

And come spend Tuesdays and Saturdays during the month of September with us.

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Neither coach was pleased with the outcome of the game. Coach Allison was fit to be tied after the contest. Coach Langford felt the same way.

Panther fans were happy to begin the season with a win. Indian fans felt like they had scored a moral victory.

Either way, once in a blue moon, two teams will lock horns and give it their all.

On this night, the moon wasn't blue enough for the Indians to pull out a victory.

It was blue enough for Union County to say "once in a blue moon, Towns County gives us a game."

In the end, it is what it is. Both teams left it on the field. Isn't that what it's really all about?

They both played their hearts out and that's all they could do. They both made it a ball game, and as I watched that big blue moon over Frank McClure Stadium afterward, I had the feeling that a rivalry was renewed, if only for one night.

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tional budget. The sorry excuse for one that the President sent to Congress was turned down flat, even by his Democratically controlled Senate. Paul Ryan proposed a budget that would save Social Security and Medicare for us and future generations. We must vote this November to save our great country from total disaster!

**Joyce Walker
Blairsville**

Food Pantry

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Our reason for moving forward with this community initiative is because we have heard your voice and we are dedicated to serving all the people who are in need. To be successful, this will require a commitment from civic organizations, faith based groups, community leaders, recreational groups, and individual volunteers. This is truly intended to be a Community Based Initiative.

Our short term goal is to identify those who are in need, feed them, and provide them with information and direction to other available services. Our long term goal is to coordinate with all providing agencies within our service area as part of a broader support net within the community.

You are receiving this invitation because you are an important part of meeting the sensitive needs of your neighbors. Please make every effort to attend this informative meeting. Your e-mail response will help us in setting up seating and number of hand-outs needed.

**Sincerely,
Rev. Victory McVay**

Bell Ringing Union
County Old Courthouse



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