

# Beans and greens all the rage at Farmers Market

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In its second to last weekend of the season, the Union County Farmers Market celebrated local crops with Beans and Greens Day on Saturday, Oct. 24.

"We're just trying to highlight our local collard green and turnip green producers," said Market Manager Mickey Cummings. "As my granny used to say, we've cooked up a mess of collard greens. And Millie Arrowood's got them over at the Market Cafe for sale along with some pinto beans, and we've got combread to go with them."

The cornbread was provided by Logan Turnpike Mill, and the collards were supplied by Freddie Collins Farm.

"The way I learned to make collards is, I cover them with just a little bit of water and start boiling," said Cummings. "They take a long time to cook, so after they cook just a little while, you'll add some bacon grease to them or ham hocks or something like that. A little while later, I put a little sugar



in them to take the bite, because collards by themselves can be strong sometimes."

Collards are particularly popular in the area after the first frost of the fall, since they're such a hearty crop.

This coming Saturday, Oct. 31, will be the last day of the season for the Farmers Market, and Cummings said they plan to celebrate Halloween in style.

"We want kids to come out, and we're encouraging our vendors to bring candy that they can give out to people, so dress up in costume," said Cummings.

The market will also be hosting a pumpkin carving contest, and will get

their pumpkins from Sunrise Grocery and Ray Long of Long's Produce.

"People show up and get a pumpkin, and then they take it somewhere and carve it," said Cummings. "We'll have the pumpkins here early Saturday morning. They can come by and get the pumpkin, and they bring it back. We want the pumpkins back between 9 and 10 a.m. sometime."

Also at the market this past Saturday was the 2015 Fall Perennial Plant Sale, put on by the Towns-Union Master Gardener Association.

The sale was supposed to go on Oct. 24 and Oct. 31, but the sale was so successful that the second weekend has been

cancelled - TUMGA volunteers sold nearly all 500 of the plants that were for sale, which were grown in members' gardens.

"This is our first ever Perennial Plant Sale," said Master Gardener Annette Hoppgood, adding that the sale was an experiment to gauge community interest. "It's a good opportunity to teach people that fall is a good time to plant these perennials, don't wait until the spring. Most of them are planted easily in the fall, then they get a jumpstart in the spring - before you put anything else out, these are already growing up and out and ready to be part of your garden."

TUMGA is now accepting applications for February Master Gardener classes, and the registration deadline is this Friday, Oct. 30.

Classes will be held at North Georgia Technical College, and members of the community interested in becoming a Master Gardener should contact the county Extension Office for an application by the deadline.

# Rotary Club continues fight against polio



Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris and City of Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley sign Proclamation in honor of World Polio Day.

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On Friday, Oct. 23, Blairsville Rotary Club President Bill McGlamery opened the doors of his local business, the Wine Shoppe, to club members, Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley, Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris, as well as to

the community for a proclamation signing in honor of World Polio Day.

Rotary Club is an international organization in over 200 countries, and is on the frontlines of the battle with polio in an attempt to erase this crippling and deadly disease from the earth.

Before the signing, McGlamery shared with those gathered the impact that polio had on the local community as he was growing up in Union County.

"When I was a kid, when Jim (Conley) was a kid, and when Lamar (Paris) was a kid, polio hit this community," McGlamery said. "And I will never, ever forget the fear that we all had. Our pastimes were swimming at Vogel State Park or Lake Nottely, or creeks and branches around here, and one day a young man named Wayne Colwell was stricken with polio. He was in an iron lung for I don't know how many months or years. And I will never forget, it's indelibly imprinted in my brain, how here's a young boy, 15 or 16 years old, walking with these metal crutches and swinging his hips along. I'll never, ever forget that, and I'm sure Jim and Lamar will recall that vividly as well."

The Rotary Club's fight with polio played a large role in McGlamery joining the local chapter, and now the disease is no longer an issue for the majority of the world.

"When I first moved back up here I was fortunate enough to be asked if I would consider becoming a Rotarian," McGlamery said. "And I have been so blessed to be part of

an organization of some of the finest men that you'll find in this county. They do so much that it's really hard for me to believe sometimes.

"When I heard about Rotary being so involved with polio, I said, 'I want to do whatever I can to help eradicate polio.' It's such a wonderful feeling to know that there are only two countries

remaining (with polio), Afghanistan and Pakistan. Lamar and the mayor wanted to recognize this wonderful day today, as there are people around

the world celebrating World Polio Day."

Mayor Conley and Commissioner Paris also addressed the audience to discuss what it was like growing up with the fear of polio and the impact that Colwell had on their own lives.

"It scared all of us kids to death," Mayor Conley said. "Because they attributed polio to water we had to stay out of the branches, the creeks, the rivers and the lakes, and that was very disheartening. But Wayne Colwell went on to become an outstanding citizen of this community, this county and this city before he passed on. The spotlights on the square that shine on the clock tower at night were put in by Wayne Colwell about 20 years ago. He's done so much for the City of Blairsville that we could honor him for."

"It's an honor that the Mayor and I can both sign this proclamation," Commissioner Paris added. "Growing up, Wayne was always a model to me as a kid, because he never let it slow him down. He went through life as if it wasn't there."

## Hope House

Hope House is a faith-based, non-profit benevolence center to help Union County residents and homeless in times of critical need. Hours of operation: Monday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & Thursday 1 p.m.-4 p.m., located at 178 Brackett's Way, Blairsville, (706)781-3090.

# Quilt Show...from Page 1A

O'Brien, one of the show coordinators.

The guild's outreach projects positively affect many, from children to veterans.

"We have Heart-to-Heart, which is lap quilts for our senior citizens in nursing homes, and we have Hugs and Kisses, which is when a child enters the foster system. They are allowed to choose a quilt of their own, and it follows with them wherever they go, but it's great for them to be able to choose whatever they like and it's all theirs. And then we have Quilts of Valor, where quilts are made and presented to our veterans," said O'Brien.

"And we always ask our members for magazines and books, we ask them for about a year before to start saving their magazines. This is a tremendous thing. You should have seen the books go out of here yesterday. People were carrying boxes out by the armload," she added, referring to the stalls that sold used literature.

Each quilt was entered as part of a contest, but contest entrants didn't have to be members of the guild in order to compete.

"They pay the entrance fee and they can mail the

quilt to us, which is what we do in a lot of cases. We have several categories. It is a judged contest kind of, so we have the first place winner, which is the blue ribbon, and we have second and third place and also honorable mention. We have the Judge's Choice and also Best of Show," said O'Brien.

Alice Russell, one of the judges, said that the main criteria by which each quilt was judged had to do with visual impact.

"They will look at your techniques, they'll look at your borders, do they lay flat and straight? They'll look at how you entered the binding, they will look at the inner sections where various blocks come together and squares come together to see if they meet where they're supposed to," she said.

Rosemary Walker, another show coordinator, added that the weekend-long event drew big crowds.

"We had about 800 people come through here yesterday," Walker said. "It's an art form. You have traditional piece quilts, and then you have modern quilts, which are like a picture, and that's modern quilting. So it's



Kay Donges with her Blue Ribbon Quilt



Karen Izor with her Blue Ribbon Quilt  
an art form. And a lot of people do it because they enjoy it. It's very relaxing and it's good just to be able to create something beautiful. We have some gorgeous quilts here."



Event Coordinators Rosemary Walker and Barb O'Brien



# N. Georgia Motorcycle show, enthusiasts rev through county over weekend

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On Saturday, Oct. 24, the 13th Annual North Georgia Motorcycle Show was held at North Georgia Technical College here in Blairsville, bringing in bike owners and enthusiasts from across the southeast.

According to show founder Dennis Bradley, North Georgia Tech has been the location for each of its 13 years, and it seems like every year the show improves, draws in a few more visitors, and attracts a few more bike owners.

"This show grows a little bit each year, and now the word is out that it's always the fourth Saturday in October, so people look forward to it and come back every year," Bradley said.

The show opens at 10 a.m., and things are usually a little slow around that time, but that's to be expected.

Bradley pointed out that several bike riders are coming from Atlanta and other locations that are at least 90 minutes away, so they usually arrive around noon.

"This weekend is also the peak of the leaf season, and that always brings in a few more people to the area," Bradley added.

There are nine different categories that the bikes are placed in and voted on.

Those categories include: Vintage American, Modern American, Vintage European, Modern European, Vintage Japanese, Modern Japanese, Competition, Custom, and a Special Interest class that includes trikes and side car



rigs. "We give awards to (the Top 3), and those awards are determined by a popular vote," Bradley said. "Everyone that comes to the show gets a ballot, and they go around and look at each bike in each class. Each bike has a number on the handlebar, and they write down their favorite bike in each category."

The winners are as follows:

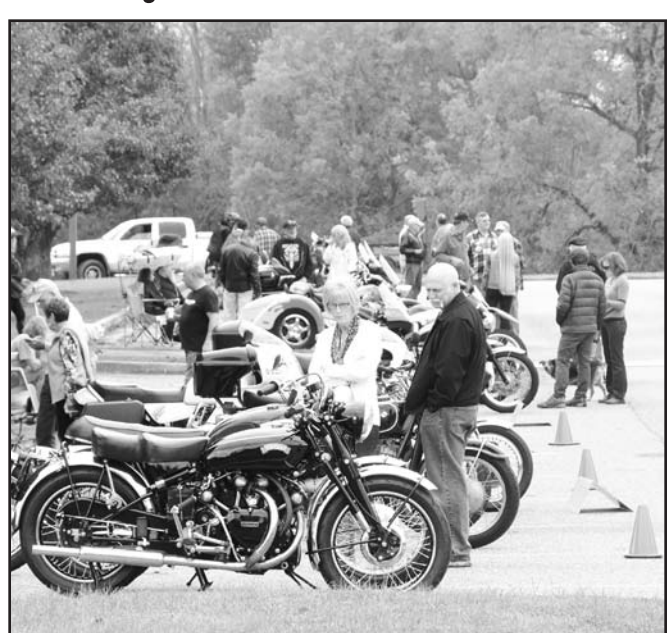
Modern American: First, Dennis Bradley, 1998 HD Super Glide; Second, Len Bivins, 2003 HD Road King; Third, Rick Nichols, 1993 HD Heritage Softail.

Vintage American: First, Tom Tryzbiak, 1963 Mustang Stallion; Second, WC Nelson, 1957 Allstate.

Modern European: First, Joan Mannheim, 2001 Triumph



Bonneville; Second, Tom Tryzbiak, 1994 Moto Guzzi; Third, Aaron Mannheim, 2006 Triumph Scrambler.  
Vintage European: First, Joe Welch, 1967 Triumph Bonneville; Second, Joe Welch, 1952 Vincent Rapide; Third, Bo Bradshaw, 1964 BMW R27.  
Modern Japanese: First, Ted Langley, 2001 Kawasaki W650; Second, Terry Kintz, 2001 Honda Gold Wing; Third, Elliot Bressloer, 2008 Suzuki B King.  
Vintage Japanese: First, Aaron Mannheim, 1969



Yamaha AS2C; Second, Hunter Tryzbiak; 1980 Suzuki JR50; Third, Whitey Groves, 1979 Honda Express.

Competition: First, Bill Welch, 1960 BSA Gold Star Catalina; Second, Dennis Bradley, 1970 Penton Six Day; Third, Dennis Bradley, 1973 Penton Trials.

Custom: First, RJ Alexander, 1972 HD FX; Second, Rocky Lane, 2002 Big Dog.

Special Interest: (name unavailable) First, 1986 HonDog; Second, Peggy Sue Sampson, 2007 Victory Trike.

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