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Q. What do we know about who is buried at the cemetery?

A. We know there are six Confederate soldiers buried there. The oldest grave marker in the cemetery with a legible inscription is dated 1844. There is also a beautiful large stone covered grave without a headstone that possibly could be that of an Indian grave and could be much older. If you want to know more about the cemetery and the markers located there, please visit the web site www.findagrave.com.

Once on the page, look on the right side of the page under "Find Graves" and click on the second item, "Search for a cemetery." That will take you to a search page with NAME being the first listed to fill out. Simply type in "Old Blairsville Cemetery" and it will pop up under Cemetery

Search Results. Then click on "Old Blairsville Cemetery," and you are there. You then can click on "View all interments" and from there choose grave markers you want to look at. It is a wonderful resource.

Q. You had said one time that a map of the cemetery was being completed. When will it be available to the public?

A. We are hoping the map will be ready within 30 days and we will make it available soon after that. It will be a wonderful asset as we continue the process of restoring the Old Blairsville Cemetery located adjacent to the Board of Education. (Or if you are a local, it is located just across the street from where Mrs. Wimpey's office was when we were in elementary school.

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purple slippers? Or leopard spotted ones with sequins, either. That was part of my stash from my Mom last year. Even the dog won't be seen with me when I attempt to wear them on our morning walk.

I'm getting very much like my grandmothers with each passing year.

About four years ago, Mickey Cummings and I wanted to add another event to the Farmers Market schedule. We had hopes the weather would cooperate and we scheduled it for the first weekend in December. We attempted to emulate the traditions of the European Holiday Markets, so we dubbed it Kris Kringle Market. Each year it has grown, and this year we will be celebrating with more than 80 vendors participating.

Now the tradition has grown to include a bonfire on Friday night, with free S'mores for everyone. The children young and very old love to be around the fire. The Union County High School Choir comes and shares their glorious voices with us each year. Santa hears requests,

the kids get toured around the Market in their own little train compartment, the smells of sugared and spiced pecans roasting fill the air. And hundreds of people gather to shop their holiday list, whether it be gifts, decorations or for their food preparation.

This year the Market Café will be open, too. Only it won't be at the Café. Early freeze warnings forced the hand of the County to winterize the facility, so we'll be serving hot drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled cheese and our already famous warm bread pudding with caramel sauce at the Canning Plant on Friday evening and all day Saturday.

Mark your calendars for Friday Dec. 5th from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The bonfire and Santa are Friday night. The train will be riding all day Saturday. Shopping will be great throughout the event. Even if it is very chilly, just bundle up and brave the elements. That's what kids do....and there's still a kid left in all of us!

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of tears so they ran to their momma and told them the story. Granny calmed her two sons and dried their tears. She explained to them that they were not poor and that they had a good life. After the boys calmed down she walked directly to the field where Clay and Papa were talking and lit into Uncle Clay. She told Clay that her boys had plenty to eat and clothing to wear.

She ended the discussion by telling Clay "I'll knock a knot on your head if you ever upset my boys again."

Uncle Clay did not mean to upset his nephews. He actually felt sorry for his brother's family because they had no money. But, actually Papa's family was rich. They had all they needed.

Uncle Clay died back in the 1980s from emphysema that he contracted as a result of

all those years working in the mills. Clay loved all of us kids. He took time to do things with us. He was stubborn and would argue with a fence post over his beliefs. Uncle Clay's tomb stone reads, "Clay Stood with the Bible."

Meanwhile Papa never made much money. He only owned one new vehicle his whole life. It was a Ford truck. But, he owned a nice row crop and beef cattle farm and loved his family. Also, Papa farmed until he was 92 and died at the ripe old age of 98. What more could he want?

Don't forget about our Kris Kringle Market on Dec. 5th and 6th. We have every single space sold for the event and there will be plenty of crafts and produce for sale.

And once again Santa will be with us on Friday evening. See you then.

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harder." Nearly one-third of Americans now live in what's known as the Wildland-Urban Interface, or areas in or on the edge of forests and other large swaths of open land. "We've got to figure out a way to combine what we know about fire with the fact that we've basically got around 100 million people in the United States at risk of fire." The solution rests in some combination of education and urban planning – not merely constraining where and what kind of development can occur, but making sure evacuation routes are built and maintained, and that buildings meet the expanding threat of wildfires.

"There is no one-size-fits-all response for the wildland issues that we face," says Brent Keith, policy director for the NASF. He pointed to programs like Firewise and Ready, Set Go!, initiatives that teach homeowners how to prepare their houses for potential wildfires. "There's this conception that people moving into fire-prone landscapes don't know what they're getting themselves into," Moritz says. "People have a pretty decent sense of the hazards that they're living with, but whether they're motivated to actually take action and mitigate those risks or they know what the next step is – they might know it's hazardous, but they might not know how to mitigate the hazard or have the resources to mitigate the hazard." Harbour agrees. "To be good stewards," he says, "our 350 million citizens need to be much more acutely aware of the role they play in fire: where they build, how they deal with fire, how they view fire, being careful with fire. We're not divorced from the surroundings.

we're a part of the surroundings."

For more information on Firewise, Ready Set Go or wildfire education contact Frank Riley, Executive Director, Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council at www.frank.cccrd@gmail.com.

Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com

Wednesday, November 19	
1 pm	Knitter's Knitch Class – 64 Bracketts Way, Ste. 6
1 pm	Better Breathers Club – Union General Hospital
2 pm	Friends of the UC Library Meeting – Community Room UC Library
6 pm	Bingo Every Wednesday – Haralson Memorial Civic Center
Thursday, November 20	
8 am	Mountain Networking Referral Group – Blairsville Restaurant
12 pm	Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565
1 pm	Open Drawing & Painting Class – Inspire Art Studio 51 Earnest St.
3 pm	Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Rest Haven Florist – 267 Cleveland Street
5:30 pm	Cooking for Diabetics – Union County Hospital 2nd Floor
6:30 pm	Good Neighbors Auto Club Monthly Meeting – Brothers in Murphy
6:30 pm	Trivia at The View Grill – Union County Community Center
Friday, November 21	
1:30 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tours MWF & S – 16 Misty Mtn. Lane
7 pm	Young Harris Planetarium "Season Of Light" – 1 College Street
8 pm	Young Harris Planetarium "Let It Snow" – 1 College Street
Saturday, November 22	
9 am	Mountain Holiday Fest - Pat Haralson Memorial Civic Center, 165 Wellborn St.
9 am	14th Annual Mistletoe Market – North Georgia Technical College
10 am	Knitter's Knitch Class – 64 Bracketts Way, Ste. 6
6:30 pm	Free Outdoor Movie Night – B & T Trading Post 4903 Hwy. 515E
Sunday, November 23	
11 am	14th Annual Mistletoe Market – North Georgia Technical College
Monday, November 24	
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse
1 pm	Knitter's Knitch Class – 64 Bracketts Way, Ste. 6
1:30 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tours MWF & S – 16 Misty Mtn. Lane
Tuesday, November 25	
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting – Blairsville Restaurant
10 am	Crochet Class – 64 Bracketts Way, Ste 6
6:30 pm	Smoky Mountain Melodies Chorus Practice – First UMC of Union County
Wednesday, November 26	
1 pm	Knitter's Knitch Class – 64 Bracketts Way, Ste. 6
2 pm	United Community Bank serves Pumpkin Bread – 177 Hwy 515W

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opportunities for your growth and development.

Whether you are looking to join the chamber for the first time or rejoin after a period of inactivity, we are ready to partner with you. It is time to join forces with over 550 local businesses and individuals who are part of our membership. Contact the chamber at 706-745-5789 to schedule an appointment or go to www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com and fill out the online application. Membership can start working for you today!

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feat those who believe they are superior and thus empowered with the Divine right and wisdom to impose their will on "We the People," our Constitutional promise of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness!" will soon be a faded memory - and Mr. Gruber's accusations will have been proven correct!

Richard Y. Fiser

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Boy Scouts #101	Every Monday:	7 pm
Children's Story Time	United Methodist Ch	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Union County Library	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Steve's Steakhouse	6 pm
	Blairsville Airport	
	Every Tuesday:	
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Church	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	Every Thursday:	
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	Fourth Tuesday of each month:	
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
VFW Post #7394	Veterans Center	6:30 am
Compassionate Friends	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 pm
UC Tea Party Patriots	Shawdownland Tabernacle	7 pm
	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Fourth Thursday of each month:	
UT Homebuilders	YH College	7 pm
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 pm
	Fourth Friday of each month	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 pm
	Fourth Saturday of each month:	
Youngcane Lodge #597	Lodge Hall	7:30 pm

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been there for me.

In my line of work, you have to depend on people like Charles. I can say this, it hasn't always been easy in other counties.

However, in Union County, no one is more forthcoming than Charles Worden.

He's always picked up the phone whenever I called. If I needed inspiration, Charles is always the first person to give me a booster talk.

I've always had nothing but the utmost respect for Charles and if he offered me

an opinion, you better believe I listened closely.

Last week, Charles received the Emergency Management Agency of Georgia's Legends Award.

There is no one more deserving of this honor than Charles Worden.

Yes, Charles Worden has seen us through good times and bad. He's been there for us whenever we've called.

Charles is calling now. He needs our prayers. Let's give him all we've got.