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to avoid having two separate primaries and runoffs which would have created a huge cost for counties and would have been very confusing for Georgia voters. By moving the primary date earlier it also moves the qualifying period earlier for all offices. Qualifying will be March 3 – March 7 this year followed by the May 20 election.

For more information on election dates, early voting, registering to vote, etc. please contact our Registrar's Office at (706) 439-6016.

Q. How many questions have you answered in your column this past year?

A. We answered 378 questions in 2013. I started this Q & A format soon after I first took office in 2001 as a

way of keeping the public informed about the inner workings of county government. A majority of the questions are actual questions asked by the public, but many are informative questions about a particular subject. My assistant has kept an index of every question asked over the years and it is amazing to go back and see the various subjects covered, everything from A (Animal Control) to Z (zoning). If you average around 400 questions a year that would be 5,200 questions over the 13 years I have been in office.

This takes a lot of time and effort, but I feel it is one of the best ways that I have of communicating with the public.

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stuffed with peanut butter and grape jelly, then rolled in brown sugar, panko and crushed peanuts before they are deep fried to a golden hue.

Elvis Presley was first renowned for those gyrating hips that had mothers of the 1940s covering the eyes of their teenage daughters. Those hips became a little less mobile when he indulged in enough of his famous Grilled Peanut and Butter and Banana sandwiches, at 725 calories, apiece.

Desserts with peanut butter top the charts as some of the most famous. Peanut Butter Pie, Peanut Butter and Kisses cookies and at an amazing little Greek deli in Louisville, Kentucky, you can delight in a serving of PB&J baklava. Personally, I like the combination of peanut butter and apple. This is my favorite evening snack, a cold, crisp apple sliced and each bite being accompanied by a little smooth Jif.

Peanut butter is used in a more savory way in other cultures. Chicken, sweet potatoes and peanut butter are one of those magical flavor combinations, the ingredients to a favorite African stew. A visit to Singapore will have you enjoying a national comfort food called laksa, often made

of butternut squash cubes and peanut butter. The Vietnamese make a delectable turkey and cilantro meatball and serve it with a dip made of Peanut butter and hot sauce.

When you compare Peanut Butter's costs per protein value, it rates pretty high. Per pound, the protein value of PB is \$9.60. Milk is \$11.57, tilapia and hamburger meat are \$13.60 a pound and tofu is \$15.15 a protein pound.

Have a peanut allergy? Don't despair. There are other great uses for this sticky substance. Rub it into the scratches on a CD or DVD. It will play like new, again. Hate the smell of fried fish? Right after you cook it, melt peanut butter in the pan. It will absorb the fishy smell. I despise the odor of that orange chemical liquid used to take off sticky residue. You can get the same great results from rubbing the glue spot with peanut butter. It works great on getting gum out of hair and out of carpets, too.

And is there anything easier than giving your dog a pill disguised in a dollop of peanut butter? My Pug, Cubby is just as easily seduced as I. Visit the Union County Farmers Market page to vote your preference. Smooth or Chunky?

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Indeed, could one not also accuse the UN of encouraging violence against Catholics on exactly the same grounds, especially since the accuser does not need to provide evidence of actual incitement to violence in making the charge?

The Catholic Church and Catholics around the world deserve a correction

of the deeply and thoroughly flawed "Concluding Observations" document that attacks the freedom of Catholics to express our faith without persecution. This type of language inciting hatred and violence towards Catholics cannot be allowed to stand.

Jerry Rousseau, OFS

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Jesus came and did a little splitting. In His birth He split time into B.C. and A.D. When He died He split the veil of the temple from top to bottom to offer mankind wholeness for all of life. Today, because of His resurrection He splits all mankind – you are either saved or lost.

Some day, perhaps in the very near future, He will split the Eastern skies, the graves of the saints will split open, and for those of us who are alive and remain in a split second we will be transformed to meet the Lord in the air. We shall ever be with the Lord. The end of splitting.

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and made whiskey together for nearly 15 years. The two men also became my great-great grandparents because John's son Lon married Champ's daughter Laura.

The stories of how things happen can have many twists and turns. For example, a couple of weeks ago there was a story in our local paper about our 4-H Shotgun and Shooting Program. The article talked about how the program began. And some names were left out of the article so, I thought those names should be added because those individuals helped begin our program. The very first year the program began Bill Jones and Geraldine Coker coached the 4-H members on the team. The team members were Jus-

tin Lance, Molly Coker, and Chase Hemphill. Bobby Lance began coaching and worked with our students and was our head coach for a number of years afterward. And under his leadership the team grew from three individuals to 30 in just under three years. So, without the help of these three adults our 4-H Shotgun Program would never have started.

Many people have called the office inquiring about the Farmers Market and Trash to Treasures Sale. The Trash to Treasures sale will begin in early April. The Farmers Market will begin taking reservations for the 2014 season in mid-to-late March. We will be making announcements about that process in the *North Georgia News* very soon.

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bureaucrats like it because it gives them the excuse they're searching for to expand the program.

When it comes to government, work expands to fill time.

Government is an enormous employment agency funding itself with money that doesn't belong to it.

Insane individuals are confined to institutions. Not so with United States Senators and Representatives and Georgia Assembly members who create these pits of moral, intellectual and financial quicksand which We, the Peo-

ple, are forced to live in.

P.S. Senators Isakson and Chambliss are avid and unabashed supporters of the DoE.

George Mitchell

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the month, excluding July and December, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Union County Community Center. This year's Roundtable is being facilitated by Rick Siefken of Budget Blinds. For more information on the Roundtables or to sign up to attend, please contact the Chamber at (706) 745-5789 or me directly at President@BlairsvilleChamber.com.

Union General Hospital Auxiliary offers scholarships


The UGH Auxiliary sends this reminder to students who are seeking scholarship help with their college education. If you are a graduating senior from UCHS or Woody Gap School this year and plan to enroll in college or tech schools majoring in a medical/health related field of study, you may qualify. Your Counselor will have applications. If you are already a college student or planning to attend college for the first time and a resident of Union County, you may also apply. Individuals who are employed by UGH or UC Nursing Home for at least six months may also qualify to apply.

Forms are available at the Information Desk at UGH—between the hours of 9 AM—4 PM. You may contact Claudia Parks, Scholarship Chairperson—706-745-5128. We encourage you to do this immediately, because the deadline to return applications is March 28, 2014. NIFeb12,Z55,CA

Old photos for Historical Society

Union County Historical Society needs old photos for consideration for our 2015 calendar. Please drop off at the old courthouse or mail with all names, dates, places, etc. NIFeb12,Z16,CA

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



February 10
in memory of
Marion Bray
by Patrick & Katherine Malone

February 13th
in memory of
John & Virginia Meeks
Wedding Anniversary
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493

Chamber of Commerce events

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

Wednesday, February 12		
1 pm	Knitters Knitch Class – 64 Bracketts Way Ste. 6	
6 pm	Bingo – Haralson Memorial Civic Center	
Thursday, February 13		
8 am	Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting – Cooks Country Kitchen	
12 pm	Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565	
12 pm	Full Snow Moon & Valentine Day Celebration-Paradise Hills Resort & Spa	
6:30 pm	Trivia at The View – Union County Community Center	
Friday, February 14		
5 pm	Sweethearts Arts & Crafts Show – Brasstown Valley Resort	
5 pm	Valentines Dinner, reservations recommended – Brasstown Valley Resort	
6 pm	Valentines Dinner (space is limited) - Crane Creek Vineyards	
6 pm	Friday Evening Tapas – Crane Creek Vineyards	
Saturday, February 15		
10 am	Sweethearts Arts & Crafts Show – Brasstown Valley Resort	
Sunday, February 16		
10 am	Sweethearts Arts & Crafts Show – Brasstown Valley Resort	
Monday, February 17		
10 am	Crochet Class – 64 Bracketts Way Ste. 6	
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse, Cookie Jar Restaurant	
6 pm	Art Classes Call Ahead 706-881-7771 – Ugly Mug Café	
6:30 pm	Shape Note Singing Practice – Union County Historical Courthouse	
Tuesday, February 18		
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting – Blairsville Restaurant	
11:45 am	Chamber Membership/Star Student Mtg.-Union Co. Community Center	
Wednesday, February 19		
7:30 am	Chamber Round Tables – Union Community Center	
2 pm	Friends of the Union County Library Meeting-Community Room in Library	
6 pm	Bingo – Haralson Memorial Civic Center	

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Boy Scouts #101	Every Monday: 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
Sweet Adelines	Every Tuesday: United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Masonic Luncheon	Every Thursday: Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Shape Note Music	Third Monday of each month: 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
American Legion, Aux	Third Tuesday of each month: 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
Blairsville Garden Club	Third Wednesday of each month: Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	Cadence Bank	7 pm
Jaycees	Third Thursday of each month: Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Good N'bers 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
No activities listed	Third Friday of each month:	
Goldwing Road Riders	Third Saturday of each month: Daniels Steak House	11 am