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law to have the office open on Election Day.

Q. What is the function of the Board of Registrars?

A. The Board of Registrars is responsible for the safe-keeping of all voter registration records for Union County. This includes adding new voters; removing deceased voters, felons, etc.; entering voter history; and working with the office of the Secretary of State on a daily basis to verify voter eligibility. They are also responsible for all early voting and absentee voting. Their rules and regulations are governed by the Georgia State Election Code as well as the State Board of Elections.

Q. Is the Registrar's Office where I would go to register to vote?

A. Yes, it is. You can also register to vote at any public library, at the Department of Drivers Services, and other locations. You may also register online or print and mail an application available on the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.ga.gov.

Q. What else do I need to know about voting?

A. You do not register

by party in Georgia since the state has open primaries. You can choose which party primary to vote in for each primary election. You simply ask for a Democrat or Republican ballot when you go to the polls during the primary. It does not matter what party you affiliate with, so it is your choice which ballot you request.

Q. What ID is required to vote in Georgia and Union County?

A. Identification is required to vote, which for most people is their Driver's License (even if expired). Other forms of ID are: or a Georgia voter ID card, a valid state or federal government-issued ID card, including an ID card from a public university, college, or technical school in Georgia (with photo), a valid U.S. military ID card (with photo), a valid employee ID card (with photo) issued by any division of the federal government or the government of Georgia, a valid tribal ID card (with photo) or a valid U.S. passport.

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sister, who can't come on account of her kidneys, stood in line two hours to get into the movie house. The show was, *The Miracle Worker*. I thought this right appropriate, seeing how a miracle had happened to her. Yes sir, it thrilled my heart to see what I saw. I ought to have a packed house next Sunday with all my shut-ins being set free and my sick folks being healed. I just hope they don't

overdo themselves and have a relapse. I gotta go now and play with my smallest youngun. He is gonna be the farmer and I'm gonna be the goat. Tin cans will be easier to eat after what I just swallowed."

On this coming Sunday surprise your pastor, God and everyone by showing up at church. Help to make this Sunday an up day and not a down day. Keep on celebrating!

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May 3. Farmers Market vendors will be selling produce, crafts, and plants at the market beginning at 9 a.m. The event will continue until 3 p.m. You will be able to purchase plants including native plants and other ornamentals that day. I also expect to have some produce available that day and of course you will be able to purchase crafts like bird houses and other items associated with the garden.

As usual you will be able to try recipes which include ramps as an ingredient. For example, there will be humus with ramps, potatoes with ramps, blooming ramps,

scrambled eggs and ramps, hushpuppies with ramps and brats with ramps. The tasting of the recipes will begin around 10 a.m. and last until we run out of food. Remember the tasting is free. This is the first event of this year and we just want to see you at the 2014 Farmers Market.

Please do not eat so much of the food that it makes you sick. I really do not wish to be shot at. I know the recipes will be good and I hope you will enjoy yourself. For more information please visit our web site at UCFarmersMarket.com.

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and cook on medium heat. After the onion starts to lose its stiffness, add the chopped greens. Sauté, tossing lightly, until the color of the greens starts to change. Add a half cup of chopped strawberries or whole blueberries, one tablespoon each of brown sugar and balsamic vinegar. When fruit is hot, remove from heat, then salt and pepper to taste and serve. Instead of fruit, you can add a few of those grape tomatoes that are all wrinkled in the bottom of your vegetable bin, before you think about tossing them out.

I've never met a green I didn't learn to love. Yes, I do agree that there are some plants that initially are not as desirable to the palate as milk chocolate. But they are what are known as an "acquired" taste, and well worth the effort for your health and well

being. I'm a push over for a delicious wedge salad. The combination of creamy blue cheese, smoky bacon and sweet tomato over a chunk of crispy, iceberg lettuce is more desirable to me than a crème Brule. The difference in nutritional value of that head lettuce and that of spring mix is nearly the difference between cotton candy versus a daily vitamin. With that in mind, I've been eating a good deal more kale and spinach, than that wedge of pale green crisp.

Some of the Farmers Market family will be out in the foothills this week, digging up greens to share with all of you on Saturday, May 3. It's our third annual Ramp Festival and Plant Sale. Ramps are the "new" arugula of the posh cuisine set, and can be seen on menus of the swankiest restaurants this time of year. Grown in the wild, they are a cross between a garlic and onion chive, and the greens, as well as the bulb are amazingly delicious. But don't take my word for it. Come and enjoy them cooked with fried potatoes, served over Chamber's grilled bratwurst, or mixed in homemade hummus served on pita chips. One of our family will be cooking them with scrambled eggs, and you can start to acquire a taste for this delicacy starting at 10 a.m. that morning. The festival and plant (including a large variety of native plants) sale actually

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Union County merchants at this year's Extravaganza. The Community Center is located at 129 Union County Recreation Road. We appreciate our presenting sponsor, United Community Bank as well as corporate sponsors Financial Guideposts, Woodmen of the World, and The Mountain Life Team. If you are a business owner who would like to sign up for a booth space or a resident who would like to sign up for our e-coupon newsletter, contact the Chamber at (706) 745-5789 or chat with us online at www.Visit-BlairsvilleGA.com.

It's the law: don't put signs in right of way

The Georgia Department of Transportation is cautioning political candidates and campaigns not to place signs on rights of way. Signs that are found on rights of way will be removed by Georgia DOT maintenance crews.

Georgia law stipulates that the Department is required to maintain a safe roadway for the traveling public, which includes the immediate removal of any obstruction or hazard that may pose a threat to the traveling public. Any sign along Georgia's state routes and interstates must meet safety standards and be permitted by Georgia DOT to be within our right of way. Typically signs that advertise yard sales, real estate for sale and/or political candidates on Department land adjacent to our roads. None of those types of signs are allowed and will be removed by our personnel.

Georgia Code 32-6-51 states that "it shall be unlawful for any person to erect, place or maintain within the right of way of any public road any sign, signal or other device except as authorized by subsection (d) of this Code section." Any person who violates the advertising restrictions of Georgia Code 32 "shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided in Code Section 32-6-91."

"In the midst of this political season, Georgia DOT would like to clarify the laws that deal with signs along State Routes and Interstates," explained Georgia DOT District Maintenance Engineer Bayne Smith. "As part of our routine maintenance work; the Department will remove ANY and ALL signs from our right of way. Right of way is defined as the strip of land over which facilities such as highways, railroads or power lines are built and maintained. It is a wise practice to ask the property owner where the right of way line is when you get permission to install your sign on their property."

Signs that are removed from right of way by Department personnel will be held for a short while and then destroyed. To prevent the loss of signs, do not place signage within the State owned rights of way.

Picking up the tons of trash that litter Georgia's highways costs the Department of Transportation more than \$11 million every year. Those funds – your tax dollars – could be put to much better use if motorists and their passengers would be more thoughtful and considerate. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release RSS feed. You also may follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).

begins at 9 a.m., and we'll be going strong until 3 p.m. Our produce vendors will be there, as will our crafters. We have

all missed you and can't wait to start the pre-season off with a bang. So we are "ramping" it up. Mark your calendars.

| Chamber of Commerce events | |
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| For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com | |
| Wednesday, April 23 | |
| 9 am | Hamilton Rhododendron Garden Festival Opens – GA Mountain Fairgrounds |
| 5 pm | 6th Annual Kiwanis Mountain Fair through April 27 – Airport Industrial Drive off Hwy 515 |
| 6 pm | Bingo – Haralson Memorial Civic Center |
| Thursday, April 24 | |
| 8 am | Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting – Cooks Country Kitchen |
| 8 am | Trash and Treasures Sale – Union County Farmers Market |
| 12 pm | Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565 |
| 4 pm | 2nd Annual Thunder in the Mountains Rally – The Copperhead Lodge |
| 6 pm | Blairsville Cruisers Car Club General Mtg.- www.BlairsvilleCruisers.com |
| 6:30 pm | Union County Lions Club Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse, The Cookie Jar Restaurant |
| 6:30 pm | Trivia at The View – Union County Community Center |
| Friday, April 25 | |
| 7 am | 1st Annual Derrick Whittle Golf Tourn. – Butternut Creek Golf Course |
| 8 am | Trash and Treasures Sale – Union County Farmers Market |
| 12 pm | Bud Break Tour –Self Guided Tour 14 Different Wineries |
| 2 pm | The Mountain Home Show – North Georgia Technical College |
| 4 pm | Chamber Ribbon Cutting Jerac's Unity Alpacas – 1338 Henson Rd |
| 6 pm | Prime Rib Special – The Copperhead Lodge |
| 6 pm | Friday Evening Tapas – Crane Creek Vineyards |
| Saturday, April 26 | |
| 9 am | The Mountain Home Show – North Georgia Technical College |
| 10 am | Learn How To Grow A Vertical Garden-215 Blue Ridge St. Highland Plaza |
| 11 am | Soup Kitchen Saturdays – Crane Creek Vineyards |
| 2 pm | 20th Annual The Bankers Hours 2 & 7 pm – GA Mountain Fairgrounds |
| Monday, April 28 | |
| 12 pm | Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse, Cookie Jar Restaurant |
| 6 pm | Texas Hold'em Poker – The Lodge at Copperhead |
| Tuesday, April 29 | |
| 8 am | Tri-State Business Women's Meeting – Blairsville Restaurant |
| 11:30 am | Union/Towns Employer Committee – Union County Community Center |
| 6 pm | All You Can Eat Crab Legs – The Copperhead Lodge |
| 6:30 pm | Join our Sweet Adeline Chorus – First United Methodist Church |
| Wednesday, April 30 | |
| 6 pm | Bingo – Haralson Memorial Civic Center |

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| 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 pm |
| Sweet Adelines | Every Tuesday: United Methodist Ch | 6:30 pm |
| Get Fit | First UMC | 5:15 pm |
| Hi Country Harmonizers | Branan Lodge | 6:30 pm |
| Masonic Luncheon | Every Thursday: 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 |
| Volunteers/Handicap | First Monday of each month: First Baptist, H Bldg. | 6 pm |
| Allegheny Lodge | Masonic Temple | 6:30 pm |
| CERT | St. Francis of Assisi | 6:30 pm |
| Lockheed-Martin Ret. | Blairsville Restaurant | 9 am |
| Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, off the square | | 6:30 pm |
| Blairsville City Coun. | First Tuesday of each month: City Hall | 6 pm |
| Brownie Scouts | United Methodist Ch | 3-5 pm |
| Enotah Ch. #24 RAM | Masonic Temple | 7:30 pm |
| Gaddistown Hmakers | Woody Gap | 7 pm |
| Business Women | Cook's Restaurant | 8 am |
| Knights/Colum. #2563 | place TBA | 7:30 pm |
| Amateur Radio Club | Branan Lodge | 7 pm |
| Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch | First Wednesday of each month: Monet's Rest. | Noon |
| Exercise class | Senior Citizens Center | 10:30 am |
| Awake America | First Thursday of each month: City Hall | 11:59 am |
| Blairsville Sorghum Fest. | Fort Sorghum | 6:30 pm |
| Open Road ORV | Civic Center | 8 pm |
| UG Hospital Aux | First Friday of each month: UC Nursing Home | Noon |
| Cruisers Block Party | Walmart | 5 pm (Apr-Oct) |
| Feel Good Friday | Wellness Center | 7 pm |
| "Nailed" Book Club | G-N-G Bakery | 10 am |
| Firefighters Bkfst. | Hole in the Wall Rest. | 9 am |
| Cruise-In | First Saturday of each month: Blairsville Restaurant | 4 pm (Apr-Oct) |