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cases, the growth of the county supports these increased costs without tax increases. For example, we completed the new courthouse seven years ago and we were still able to reduce our county budget and property taxes for the past three years. Our utility bills doubled and some additional employees were necessary, but we still were able to keep property taxes low.

We have doubled the size of the library, but have not had to increase property taxes to fund it. We have built the Community Center, but have not had to increase property taxes to operate it. We always evaluate cost of operation and necessary employee adjustments prior to funding any new project and most require no new employees.

**Q. Can you think of any reason that someone would want to vote against SPLOST?**

A. I may be a little prejudice, but while I cannot legally ask you to vote for SPLOST, I certainly can not think of any

good reason someone would want to vote against it. It is the lifeblood of Union County. It keeps property taxes low. It is why Union County is well known throughout the state as having such great facilities, equipment, recreation and roads (high quality of life) for a small rural county.

**Q. Have we been able to utilize our previous SPLOST funds to benefit the county?**

A. The answer is a dramatic YES! Our, jail, courthouse addition, E-911 upgrades, fire engines and equipment, canning plant, Farmers Market, Library, Horse Arena, and many more, all demonstrate how carefully we utilize our sales tax funds now and in the past, so that our taxpayers receive the best possible services and quality of life with the very least expenses and cost. There is no better way to let those who pass through our town contribute to paying for our services and facilities, other than through SPLOST.

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1 medium carrot, peeled and finely chopped (3/4 cup)  
 1 medium celery stalk, finely chopped (3/4 cup)  
 1-1/2 tsp. minced fresh basil or Tbs. of dried basil.  
 2 Tbs. tomato paste (have you tried the tomato paste in a tube? Money saver!)  
 2 large cloves garlic, minced (1 Tbs.)  
 1 quart chicken or vegetable broth or salted water  
 Two 15-oz. cans cannellini beans, rinsed and drained (GOYA, latin section of grocery store)  
 6 oz. KALE, center ribs removed, leaves chopped (about 4 firmly packed cups)  
 1-1/2 tsp. cider or white vinegar  
 Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
 2/3 lb. sweet or hot bulk Italian sausage, rolled into bite-size meatballs  
 Heat 1 Tbs. of the oil in a 4- to 5-quart pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrot, celery, and rosemary/basil and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables begin to soften, about 6 minutes. Add the tomato paste and garlic and cook until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add the broth, beans and kale. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to me-

dium low, and simmer gently until the vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes.  
 Meanwhile, heat the remaining 1/2 Tbs. oil in a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium-low heat. Add the sausage meatballs, sprinkle with a pinch of salt, and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned and cooked through, about 10 minutes.  
 Add the sausage to the soup and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Cook 5 minutes more to meld the flavors. Stir the vinegar into the soup and season to taste with salt and pepper.  
 Serve with a crusty baguette. Here's a hint for making any old, stale bread, biscuit, roll or bagel "oven fresh", again. Pre-heat your oven to 400 degrees. Take a regular size brown lunch bag. Place the bread inside and roll the top closed tight. Wet the bag under the faucet so it is wet, but not soaked. Place in oven. When the bag is dry and crispy, take it out and open carefully, so as not to burn yourself. Bread will be just like it came out of the oven the first time!  
 Just two more weeks to spread the love to our vendors at the Farmers Market. Join us as we close out a challenging growing season with a great fall harvest of goods and produce.

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and to report them promptly. While Coosa Water Authority employees are not likely to be terrorists – domestic or otherwise – they do not wear Coosa Water uniforms with their

names imprinted on them, and they do not always drive Coosa Water Authority identified vehicles. Ah, how easily it could happen here!

**Ruth Elizabeth Ramsey**

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seas to witness the wonders each country proudly displays. What about the tourists from other countries that come to see "The Great Country" we have? Their money is spent. That group won't be

back. What impressions do they take back home of our Democracy?  
 Next election... how about electing a totally clean slate?  
**Catherine Fiser**

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rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given in life, will be open at the judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, re-

wards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents."

Do you love God's book? Do you read God's book? Do you seek to obey God's book? We all need to love, read and obey this Book of the Ages!!

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very warm and friendly staff, ready to greet you with a smile and serve you a delicious cup of fresh brewed coffee.

When it comes to providing for community organizations, Waffle House has been generous in their support of local nonprofit organizations. They have provided Union County Library with reading rewards for the summer reading program and also participated in the Brian Jordan Foundation baseball camp that allowed Union County kids to improve their skills under the direction of a

professional baseball player. Each of these contributions demonstrates their genuine concern for the vitality of Union County.

The Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce congratulates Waffle House on this outstanding recognition. If you would like to nominate our next Business of the Quarter, forms can be obtained at [www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com](http://www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com) or by contacting the Chamber (706) 745-5789. I can be reached any time at [President@BlairsvilleChamber.com](mailto:President@BlairsvilleChamber.com).

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put them on right." The funeral director said, "But, you can't..." and he was interrupted by the son pulling a .44 magnum from his pocket and after having a gun at his face the funeral director said, "Yes you can."

After leaving his first wife, the now dead man had moved to Florida and took up with another woman. They raised a family in the swamps of north Florida. Before the man died he requested that he be buried back home in Georgia. During the funeral my father read the obituary which listed his family and of course everyone was confused. This was especially true when his former wife was mentioned and his second wife was listed as a very good friend. Immediately after the closing prayer, Dad was stopped by the eldest son from Florida. He wanted to know why his mother was listed as a very good friend. Dad told him he read the obituary as it was presented. The eldest son said, "Must've been that Undertaker."

After the funeral my father walked down the aisle leading the families and casket to the front of the church. Daddy opened the door of the hearse and waited for the casket to be placed inside. At this point the six sons of the deceased man and Florida wife seized control of the casket from the pallbearers and placed it the back of a red pick-up truck. The funeral director approached the young men and said, "You can't..." The young man pulled out the gun and the funeral director said, "Yes, you can." My Daddy said that he had never seen a red pick-up truck lead a funeral procession while hauling six men and a casket. The family from North Florida said, "Our Daddy always wanted his body to be hauled to the graveyard in the back of a red truck and no high-acting funeral director was going to stop them." After the graveside service each family had words with the other. The Sheriff was called and some of the sons from Florida spent the night in jail. I don't know the amount of money my Father was paid for preaching this funeral, but,

## Narcotics Anonymous

A new NA group called "One Is Too Many" has started meeting in Young Harris at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church. Meetings are being held every Wednesday and Friday evening at 6 p.m. The church is on campus and the meeting entrance is through the back door.

For further questions about Narcotics Anonymous please call the NA Help Line at 706-974-9990.

# UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	<b>Every Monday:</b> GMREC	9 am - 1 pm
Boy Scouts #101	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
	<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	<b>Every Thursday:</b>	
Masonic Luncheon	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
	<b>Fourth Tuesday of each month:</b>	
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild	Blairsville UMC	12:30
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
VFW Post #7394	78 Old Blue Ridge Hwy.	11:30 am
Compassionate Friends	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 pm
	<b>Fourth Wednesday of each month:</b>	
No activities listed		
	<b>Fourth Thursday of each month:</b>	
UT Homebuilders	YH College	7 pm
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 pm
	<b>Fourth Friday of each month</b>	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 pm
	<b>Fourth Saturday of each month:</b>	
Youngcane Lodge #597	Lodge Hall	7:30 pm

## Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events see events calendar at [www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com](http://www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com)

	<b>Wednesday, October 16</b>
2 pm	Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane
2 pm	Friends of the Union County Library Meeting-Community Room Library
	<b>Thursday, October 17</b>
8 am	Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting – Cooks Country Kitchen
12 pm	Rotary Club Monthly Meeting – Cadence Bank 2nd Floor
6:30 pm	Good Neighbors Auto Club Monthly Meeting-Marcus Tuschel-706-835-9010
6:30 pm	Woodmen of the World Lodge Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse
7 pm	Trivia Night – Union County Community Center, The View Grill
7 pm	Shape Note Singing Practice – Old Union County Courthouse
	<b>Friday, October 18</b>
8 am	Trash and Treasures – Union County Farmers Market
2 pm	Chamber Ribbon Cutting Davenport Motors - 4150 East Highway 515 (past Victoria's Center on the right)
7 pm	Danny Rhea – The Copperhead Lodge
7 pm	Highway 76, Bluegrass – Union County Historical Courthouse
	<b>Saturday, October 19</b>
7 am	Union County Farmers Market – 148 Old Smokey Rd
9 am	2 day event 19 & 20 Blairsville Sorghum Festival – Meeks Park
9 am	29th Annual The Good Neighbors Classic Car Show-United Community Bank
9 am	Union County Republican Meeting – The Copperhead Lodge
10 am	Fall Fun on the Farm! – Southern Tree Plantation
12 pm	Fall Hoedown – Vogel State Park
7 pm	Neighbor's Hand "The Gathering" – 307 C Cleveland Street
	<b>Sunday, October 20</b>
12 pm	Fall Fun on the Farm! – Southern Tree Plantation
	<b>Monday, October 21</b>
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Monthly Meeting-Steve's Cookie Jar Restaurant
12 pm	Wings of Freedom Tour – Blairsville Airport
6 pm	Texas Hold'em Poker – The Copperhead Lodge
	<b>Tuesday, October 22</b>
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting – Blairsville Restaurant
9 am	Wings of Freedom Tour – Blairsville Airport
11:30 am	VFW Monthly Meeting – Old Chamber Building
3 pm	Union County Farmer's Market – 148 Old Smokey Rd
	<b>Wednesday, October 23</b>
9 am	Wings of Freedom Tour – Blairsville Airport
2 pm	Friends of the Union County Library Meeting-Community Room Library