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they spend in our community supporting our businesses, our government, our school system and much more, the economic impact is approximately 100 million dollars.

Q. Do you know much about the new Hospital CEO and when he will begin work as head of Union General Hospital, Inc?

A. I have met he and his wife one time during his interview process. He is well known throughout the state in hospital circles and we are very excited that he and his wife will be moving to this area.

The hospital was very fortunate to attract him to our county and we look forward to his arrival.

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up to wish them well in their new endeavor may be exactly what they need to begin their journey successfully.

2. Freebies! Yes, that usually includes food. And who doesn't love free food? Additionally, new businesses will oftentimes offer special discounts, free samples, and door prizes to ribbon cutting attendees. Simply put, you'll have a great time and most likely leave with a handful of goodies.

3. Meet and Greet! New to town? Ribbon cuttings are a perfect way to meet a group of fun, friendly people. Or perhaps you're interested in socializing with community leaders, connecting with other business people, or increasing visibility for your own business, ribbon cuttings offer a comfortable setting to do just that.

4. Quick and easy! The official Chamber portion of a ribbon cutting lasts between 10 to 15 minutes. After the ribbon is cut and the photo is snapped, it's up to you how to decide how long you want to stay,

browse, eat, and socialize.

5. Smiling faces! If for no other reason, if you do decide to join us, we will be very happy to see you. Business owners love new faces, the other attendees enjoy meeting new people, and the Chamber staff delights in seeing the community come together to support our local businesses.

Plan to join us for the ribbon cutting of Day and Ennis, LLC, a financial planning and wealth management business, on Thursday, March 7th at 11 a.m. Their address is 226 Gainesville Hwy. in Blairsville. And on Friday, March 8th, join us at 3 p.m. for the ribbon cutting for Chelsea Stephens Photography, a photography business for all occasions, which is located at 294 Hwy 515, Suite B, across from Bank OZK in Blairsville.

If you would like to receive notifications of our upcoming ribbon cuttings, sign up for our newsletter by emailing admin@blairsvillechamber.com or by calling our office at 706-745-5789.

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bers began to understand that the ball would be coming their way if they were open. However, Paul was still the second team point guard.

The next Monday uniforms were passed out to the team except for Paul. He was told a jersey was coming, but, he would have to use his old shoes. The team traveled to Leighton for their first game and the young Paul found himself sitting on the bench next to his Coach. A young man named Rod was the starting point guard. Leighton won the tip-off and drove the court. They passed to a man inside and immediately scored. Rod took the inbounds pass under the basket and tried to dribble up the court. Before he reached the midline a Leighton defender stole the ball and scored on a lay-up. This same scenario happened three times over the next 3 minutes. Phil Campbell was down 10 to nothing and could not even get the ball past mid court.

Paul looked at his coach and said, "I hope you have enjoyed your time at Phil Campbell. Here you are watching your inept point guard while I am sitting on the bench." Once again Rod took the inbounds pass and tried to pass, but was intercepted and Leighton scored again. Newman called time out and told his young player, "Cummings, get in the game and if you lose the ball one time you will be running the stairs for a month." The young man was small at only 5 feet 10 inches and 140 pounds. But, he was fast and smart. Leighton was in a full court press meaning that they con-

tested every inbounds pass and when a player from the Bobcats caught a pass a Leighton player would contest the dribble while another would try to steal the ball.

Upon his entrance into the game the new point guard fainted hard to his left and then stopped. The defensive player trying to steal the ball from behind plowed into him and a foul was called. He pulled the same trick the next three times they received the ball. The Leighton Coach called a time out after the Bobcats had pulled within 4 points. The full court press was called off and Phil Campbell never looked back. They won the game by 25 points after an inauspicious start and Paul Cummings won the starting job of point guard.

At the beginning of practice the next day the young man also received a new jersey and a pair of new shoes while his competition, Rod Craig, quit the team the next week. The team did not miss him and went on to lose only 3 games that year and was the only team to beat the previous year State Champions from Haleyville during 1956.

Finally, Coach Newman moved to south Alabama where he eventually was elected as a State Senator. A few years ago he passed away. When the point guard of 1956 found out about the passing of his former coach he called the daughter and told about how Coach Newman had influenced his life. She told my father, "Even though we have never met I feel that you are part of our family. My Dad talked of you often and you meant much to him."

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the University System of Georgia (USG) are completely separate agencies and work entirely independently of each other.

The TCSG's mission regarding technical education is to boost the economic development of the state by providing quality technical training through its network of technical colleges. To carry out its mission, the TCSG assigns each college a service delivery area, which covers a certain number of counties or portions thereof. NGTC has 8. In 2000, NGTC formed the Foundation Board of Trustees to "enhance educational opportunities for students enrolled at the college and to make education possible for many who could not afford to attend otherwise" said Cynthia Brown, Foundation Director. The Board is governed by volunteer board members from NGTC's eight-county service area and includes alumni and local community business leaders (2 from Towns County).

Since 2009, the Foundation has provided resources for 3,691 students to cover tuition, fees and required equipment at a cost of \$1,001,232.

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It may take perseverance and time, but it can happen. Improving organic matter by using mulches, fertilizers, and reducing tillage will improve soil health. Knowing how much fertilizer to apply will help you grow more beautiful and more fruitful plants.

There are no guarantees when it comes to gardening. However, using some forethought will give you a better chance of success in the end. If you have questions about plant selection, planting, soil health, or taking a soil test contact your local Extension office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

We are hosting a free Radon Awareness seminar March 13 at the Union County Civic Center. It will be from 1 pm – 2 pm and we would love for you to join us in learning more about radon.

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grams that model healthy decision making while focusing on the negative impact that high risk behaviors have on future goals help people understand the ripple effect that one choice has on future dreams and plans. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, approaching prevention from several different fronts is the most effective community approach. If a person hears similar messages at home, church, school, recreational activities, community outreach organizations, etc., there is a greater chance that the message is accepted as the truth.

As a community we are more likely to impact drug use and abuse if we work together toward the same goal. "I can do things that you cannot, you can do things I cannot, together we can do great things." -Mother Teresa

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We are very proud to have this lifesaving equipment and are thankful for the support from Walmart and our community.

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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even limit elderly people from living too long, so to decrease the population.

Socialism, Communism, Nazism or any other form of total control over the American people cannot be allowed, no matter the cost.

We have to stand strong against the evilness in our country and not cower down when someone is offended for what is right for our God given rights. Those who died in wars over the past 200 years must not be in vain, but must be preserved by our allegiance to stand up against any other party that wants to destroy our way of life, a life worth fighting for and even dying for.

Cowards run from the enemy, but true blooded American people stand their ground and dig their heels in for the fight of freedoms and the liberties we hold dear to us. Retreat is not an option.

We will fight not only for our rights as American citizens, but for the rights of our children and grandchildren and the next generation to come. In God We Trust.

Frank F. Combs

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UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	Every Monday: Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
MMQG Tues. Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 p.m.
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 p.m.
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 p.m.
	Every Wednesday:	
Kiwanis Club	The Griddle	Noon
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
	Every Thursday:	
Amateur Radio Club	Brkfst. at Blairsville Rest.	8 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
	Second Monday of each month:	
MMQG Sewcials	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Enotah Chapter #24	Masonic Lodge	7:30 p.m.
Disabled A.m. Veterans	Veterans Center	7 p.m. (Jan-Oct)
	Second Tuesday of each month:	
FPL Retirees	Hole in Wall Rest.	9 a.m.
Historical Society Bd.	Old Courthouse	10:30 a.m.
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts	Union County Library	10 a.m.
Active/Retired Fed Emp.	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 p.m.
Mountain Coin Club	N. GA Tech	6 p.m.
Blairsville PTO	UC Primary School	6 p.m.
Blue Ridge Mtn Jeepers	Sammie's Sub Shop	6:00 p.m.
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
Band Boosters	UC Middle School	7:30 p.m.
	(Aug through May, except Dec)	
	Second Thursday of each month:	
Appalachian Shrine Club	Shrine Building	6:30 p.m.
Democratic Party	Unity Church of B'ville	6:30 p.m.
Trout Unlimited	UC Community Cntr - A	6:30 p.m.
Sons Confederate Vet.	UCB Community Rm	7 p.m.
Knights of Columbus	Marian Hall	7:30 p.m.
	Second Friday of each month:	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 p.m.
	Second Sunday of each month:	
PFLAG	Call 706-389-5269 for Info	