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of the foods I learned to enjoy and appreciate were cornbread and black-eyed peas with onion, fried apple pies, apple sauce cake and black walnut cake. One of the most peculiar foods I enjoyed while growing up was Chocolate Gravy. You read it right. My grandmother had five to six chicken houses that she managed. My cousins and I worked in these from 8 a.m. until about 10:30 a.m. We then worked in the garden until about noon. After lunch, we spent the day in Turkey Creek. We used a lot of energy in those days. That chocolate gravy got our day started right.

How do you make the stuff? You will need 1 cup of granulated sugar, 1 tablespoon of butter, 1 1/2 cups of milk, 2 tablespoons of flour, and 3 tablespoons of unsweetened Hershey's cocoa powder.

Step #1: Mix all the ingredients in a heavy saucepan with a whisk. Stir in the milk.

Step #2: Cook over medium heat stirring constantly. Remove the pot when the mixture begins to thicken.

Step #3: Add the butter and stir until melted.

This chocolate gravy should be served over a crumbled up biscuit with a pad of butter plopped over the top. Make sure to use homemade biscuits and avoid using canned biscuits. This is the closest thing to chocolate cake you'll ever have for breakfast.

Late each summer, I would go with Granny to pick

apples. We would take the apples home and slice them up. The apples were then placed on a tarp on top of the wellhouse to dry in the sun. Later in the fall, the dried apples would be used to make fried apple pies. This has to be my all-time favorite desert. Granny Cummings could make them better than anyone I know.

One particularly hot day, we had picked, sliced and placed the apples on the wellhouse on top of a tarp. After finishing our chores, we gathered up our fishing poles and walked down to the lake to catch some fish for supper. My old Black and Tan Coonhound, Cracker, walked beside of us as we walked toward the lake.

We fished for a couple of hours and caught eight fish. This amount was enough for supper, and we reeled in our lines and gathered up our tackle. I looked around and noticed that Cracker was missing. I called but, he never came. We figured the old dog would make it back home without us. So, we began the long walk back up the hill to the house. When we walked into the yard, we found the dog. He was lying in the yard on top of the tarp he had pulled off the wellhouse. The old dog had consumed all the apples that had been drying in the sun. I thought for sure Granny would be mad. I thought she might even kill my dog. However, she just said, "I guess we'll have to pick more apples tomorrow."

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p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m. This event serves as a great snapshot of just how much Blairsville has to offer its community.

Have you registered for this year's Power Lunch? The Blairsville Chamber of Commerce and the Union General Health System are thrilled to present the President of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Chris Clark as our speaker. Chris is a very dynamic speaker and will help bring us up to speed on all the latest updates and developments in North Georgia and throughout the state. This event is filling up quickly, so reserve your spot today.

At the Chamber, we know one of the best ways to grow your business is to be informed, and we're accomplish-

ing this goal by bringing the best speakers to the area to offer insight to our members. We are thankful we can help our members succeed, whether it's by celebrating their entrepreneurship with a special ribbon cutting ceremony, giving them a shout out on the local radio, or providing them with a slew of opportunities to connect with their community.

There are many more fun events coming up in October like the 50th anniversary of the Blairsville Sorghum Festival taking place during the 2nd and 3rd weekends of October, and Halloween on the Square in downtown Blairsville. Check out the full list of events on our calendar at VisitBlairsvilleGa.com.

Weekly Patriot Reflection



Understanding the 2nd Amendment

There has been endless debate in recent years about the validity or obsolescence of the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution which reads: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." Thomas Paine, Author of "Common Sense", elaborated on the necessity of this amendment: "The supposed quietude of a good man allures the ruffian;

while on the other hand, arms like laws discourage and keep the invader and the plunderer in awe, and preserve order in the world as well as property. The same balance would be preserved were all the world destitute of arms, for all would be alike; but since some will not, others dare not lay them aside... horrid mischief would ensue were one half the world deprived of the use of them....!"

Left to your imagination what do you think would happen if all the arms were removed from law-abiding citizens? To coin Paine's words: "Ruffians would create havoc and what we know as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness would end!" Paine had one other thought that is worth quoting here... "The duty of a patriot is to protect his country from its government."

A Patriot Reflection is presented weekly by joshuas-warriors.org.

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the agency believes that it is cheaper to prevent wildfires in and around the communities around their forests than to try to put them out after one gets out of hand. A forest where a wildfire didn't happen looks a whole lot better than one where one did.

The Towns County Citizens' Firewise Coalition, who is sponsoring the meeting, is made of local citizens and fire agency representatives who are the very people most at risk from a wildfire and responsible for protecting the communities in north Georgia.

The coalition has taken ownership of the Firewise, Ready-Set-Go, and Fire Adapted Communities programs in Towns County and developed the grassroots network and leadership to keep the programs alive well into the future. The Fire Adapted Communities program is as one of our members put it, "a way of life and an attitude" and is a never-ending process that will continue to grow and evolve as long as people live in the WUI.

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how the natural gives unmistakable evidence of the supernatural. I wish I could say he followed the historical evidence of Jesus and His Resurrection. But the prior point remains, if God designed the universe you will see evidence of that. If you are intellectually honest, you follow the evidence to Him.

"For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together" (Col. 1:16-17).

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the month and attend the preparedness fair to learn how to do it. For more information on National Preparedness Month and how to be prepared, visit www.ready.gov/september.

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maintained compost pile should not have a strong odor.

Once the compost has a crumbly earth look and you can no longer recognize the plant material it's ready to be added to the garden. If you add the organic material over time the compost will become ready a little at a time. If you have questions about creating or maintaining your compost pile contact your local Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

On September 26, Union County Extension is hosting a Radon Education Program at 5:30 in the Union County Civic Center. Call 706-439-6030 or Email me to RSVP.

The Towns-Union Master Gardeners are having their annual Fall Plant Sale on September 28 at the Union County Farmers Market. Stop by to get some perennial plants that are adapted to our climate.

Your life may depend on it! For more information checkout www.chestchattrcd.org or www.appcofac.org or www.firewise.org

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 a.m.
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 p.m.
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday: Cabin Coffee	8 a.m.
Tuesday 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.
Kiwanis Club	Every Wednesday: Skillet Cafe	Noon
BINGO	Civic Center	7 p.m.
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday: Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 a.m.
Masonic Luncheon	Cook's Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Rotary Club	NGTC	Noon
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	First Monday of each month: Blairsville Restaurant	9 a.m.
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 p.m.
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 p.m.
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, Masonic Lodge	First Tuesday of each month: United Methodist Ch	3-5 p.m.
Brownie Scouts	City Hall	6 p.m.
Blairsville City Coun.	United Methodist Ch	7 p.m.
Amateur Radio Club	Woody Gap	7 p.m.
Gaddistown Hmakers	place TBA	7:30 p.m.
Knights/Colum. #2563	Masonic Temple	7:30 p.m.
Enotah Ch. #24 RA.m.	First Wednesday of each month: Senior Citizens Center	10:30 a.m.
Exercise class	UGH Classroom 2nd Fl.	1 p.m.
Better Breathers	First Thursday of each month: Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30am-2:30pm.
Quilts of Valor	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
MMQG	City Hall	11:59 a.m.
Awake America	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 p.m.
NAMI Fam. Support	Fort Sorghum	6:30 p.m.
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Civic Center	8 p.m.
Open Road ORV	First Friday of each month: Ingles Cafe	10:30 a.m.UG
"Nailed" Book Club	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Hospital Aux	Farmer's Market	5 p.m. (Apr-Oct)
Cruisers Block Party	Wellness Center	7 p.m.
Feel Good Friday	First Saturday of each month: UC Comm Cntr	9 a.m.
Amateur Radio Exams	On the Square	4 p.m. (Apr-Oct)
Cruise-In		

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



September 12, 2019

In memory of John J. Meeks

Anniversary

by Ginger and Terry Meeks

September 15, 2019

One Year Anniversary of Death

In Memory of Holley Martin Miles

and In Honor of her precious husband

Butch Miles,

her sons, Clinton Miles

and Matthew Miles

by her older sister, Cherrie Martin Payne

and husband, David H. Legg,

and her younger sister, Myra Martin

September 17-23, 2019

In recognition of U.S. Constitution Week

by Old Unicoi Trail Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

Bell ringing information at 706-745-5493