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fire, medical, and search and rescue training.

**Q. Do you have any records on how many calls the E-911 Center received last year?**

A. The Union County E-911 Center received 21,821 emergency calls in 2013. That is the number of times 911 was actually dialed which averages out to about 59 per day. We have written about this before but please be sure that you do not make frivolous calls to 911. This could possibly tie up the lines and keep someone with a real emergency from being able to get through in a timely manner. This is very important to teach to your children.

**Q. When should we call E-911?**

A. 911 is for emergencies only. An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police/sheriff, the fire department, or an ambulance. If you are ever in doubt of whether a

situation is an emergency, you should immediately go ahead and call 9-1-1. It's better to be safe and let the 9-1-1 call taker determine if you need emergency assistance.

911 is NOT for information, directory assistance, chit-chat, traffic tickets, animals, or pranks. If you do accidentally call 911 without an emergency, please DO NOT hang up. Tell the call taker your situation so they know it isn't an emergency. When a 911 operator receives a 911 hang up call, they have no way of knowing if there is a true emergency, or if it was a false call. 911 operators call back the telephone number to see if there is an emergency, and they always send a police officer to the residence to confirm that everything is okay. This can be a tremendous waste of manpower and resources, so if you accidentally call 911, please do not hang up but tell them of your mistake.

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enhances the flavor, and carrots, celery onion are healthy veggies that will soften and add not only flavor, but will create a balanced nutritious meal in a single serving.

I rarely eat anything out of a can. I like my food fresh, dried or frozen. I can prepare 12 servings of split pea soup from dried and fresh ingredients for the cost of one canned serving, with more flavor and one tenth the sodium. When I was growing up in the late 50s and early 60s, the variety of Campbell Soups made it possible for mothers to get their kids to eat these meals in a bowl without much effort. My favorite was the Navy Bean Soup. I loved the color, the texture and the smokiness.

Recently, I decided I'd like to make my own Navy Bean Soup, so I looked up a recipe online. I found out that there is such a thing called "Senate Bean Soup," which is actually Navy Bean Soup, made with the onions, carrots, ham hocks and that lovely navy bean. It is served in the dining room of the United States Senate every day, in a tradition that dates to the early

20th century.

Well, the soup wasn't served on one specific day since having been added to the dining menu. The legend is that on Sept. 14, 1943, rationing due to World War II left the Senate kitchen without enough navy beans to serve the soup. *The Washington Times-Herald* reported on its absence the following day, and somehow, by the next day, more beans were found and bowls of bean soup have been ladled up without interruption ever since.

I have a theory about this Washington menu item. The late Senator Strom Thurmond (SC) holds the record for the longest Senate filibuster, speaking for 24 hours and 18 minutes against the 1957 Civil Rights Act. That's a lot of wind. Now with the advent of C-Span covering such verbal marathons, we know that the wind blows from both ends. A good deal of fuel is needed for such political nonsense, and therefore, the navy bean has been used as a staple in the Senate Dining Hall, in order to keep the wind blowing.

It's just a theory.

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glory of God.

Unlike the Appalachian Trail, we always travel with our guide, the Lord Jesus Christ who has blazed the trail before us. He points out the pitfalls. He protects us from the evil one. He provides physical energy and physical sustenance for the journey. When we descend into the valley He is there. When we climb the hill He is there. There is nothing that we encounter

along the way that He is not with us. The journey is always sweet and joyful because of His presence. The end of the journey is indescribable. The reward is heaven. We begin here on earth with Christ, but when the journey is complete it is heaven where a crown of righteousness awaits those who endure to the end. Our endurance is through Christ. Isn't it time you hit The Trail with the Trailblazer?

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was the grandest thing they'd ever seen. The old goat must have thought he'd died and gone to heaven. Those two boys were always feeding the goat an apple or fresh green onions. The two young'uns loved the goat. They hugged and petted the goat constantly. They could hitch the wagon to the goat and ride it anywhere. They rode the wagon through the woods to their farm each and every day and the goat never faltered. He loved pulling the wagon as much as the boys loved riding the wagon.

However, one day Pogy came for a visit. Pogy was my grandfather's fun loving brother who drank too much. As usual Pogy was drunk when he showed up at the farm and he decided he wanted to ride the old goat. Without Granny's knowledge Pogy got on the old goat and started spurring the goat's sides. At first the goat complied, but, soon Pogy got too rough. The goat began running full speed and Pogy was laughing at the top of his lungs when all of the sudden the goat stopped. But, Pogy didn't. He sailed over the head of the goat and into a ditch. Paul said, "Pogy climbed from the ditch and his entire face was bleeding". Pogy told the boys he was going to kill that goat as my Granny walked up to the scene. The boys began crying and Granny walked over to Pogy with her hoe handle extended. Pogy was scared of Granny.

All she did was look at him and he decided to leave. But, I guess the goat was still angry.

Later in the day Papa drew some water from the well and poured it into a big wash tub so his sons could take a bath. For some reason Papa bent over the wash tub to move it and the old goat noticed the target of Papa's rear end. Without any hesitation and before anyone could stop it the goat lowered his head and rammed Papa's butt. Papa went head first into that water. He must have been stunned because it took him a minute to recover. When he popped out of the water he turned and pointed his finger at the goat and said, "I will take care of you tomorrow". Paul and Bud knew exactly what that meant.

The next morning Lon Steele show up at the house to trade a fresh cow for Granny's old milk cow. After they had negotiated Lon told Granny, "Okay, I will trade with you". Granny then told Lon, "Okay, now what will you give me for the goat?" Lon was surprised, but, he quickly said, "I will give you 2 dollars for it". Granny smiled and agreed to the deal. Once again Granny had used her wiles to save the day. Although Paul and Bud were not happy about giving up their goat they knew their Daddy would have taken care of the goat when he got home. Besides, each boy had a dollar to spend the next time the peddler came by their house.

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the teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development. To obtain the STAR nomination, high school students must have the highest score on a single test date on the three-part SAT and be in the top 10 percent of their class based on grade point average. Each high school STAR student is asked to name his/her STAR teacher. High School recipients compete for school system titles; and system STAR students in turn compete for region honors. Region win-

ners and their STAR teachers are invited to Atlanta to compete for state STAR scholarships and awards.

Tickets are \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Registration is required by Friday, February 14 by calling 706-745-5789.

We congratulate each of the 2014 recipients, and say a special thank you to Rick and DeeDee Siefken of Budget Blinds for their sponsorship of this event and overall support of the local community.

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working to bring in the year's crop, Georgians are reminded of farmers' increased presence on the roadways. While traveling, you are urged to be mindful of tractors and other farm equipment sharing the same roadways and to take extra precaution. When sharing the road with other motorists, farmers should have red reflective triangles posted on their equipment to signal to drivers they are operating a slow-moving vehicle. The triangle should be visible and if it is rusted or faded, it should be replaced. The Departments want our farmers to have a happy harvest and for motorists to get home safely.

By law, farm equipment must have the nationally designated slow-moving vehicle sign – a red triangle-shaped reflector – to warn oncoming drivers that their equipment is on the road. These vehicles often travel at speeds no higher than 25 mph. When drivers come up on slow-moving vehicles on an open country road, many won't think twice about passing them in a hurry and motorists are reminded that these farmers have every right to use the roadway, too. Waiting a few minutes to safely pass or for the driver to pull over won't impact their drive substantially, and everybody will get home unharmed to drive another day.

*For more information*

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Chamber of Commerce events	
For details and future events see events calendar at <a href="http://www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com">www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com</a>	
<b>Wednesday, January 29</b>	
6 pm	Bingo – Haralson Memorial Civic Center
<b>Thursday, January 30</b>	
8 am	Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting – Cooks Country Kitchen
12 pm	Rotary Club of Union County Meeting – upstairs Cadence Bank
6:30 pm	Trivia at The View – Union County Community Center
<b>Monday, February 3</b>	
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse, Cookie Jar Restaurant
6 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group – Cadence Bank, 2nd Floor
<b>Tuesday, February 4</b>	
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting – Blairsville Restaurant
11:30 am	Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Ollies Grill and Smokehouse – 94 Town Center, Ste. F
<b>Wednesday, February 5</b>	
6 pm	Bingo – Haralson Memorial Civic Center

## UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Boy Scouts #101	<b>Every Monday:</b> 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	<b>Every Tuesday:</b> United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Masonic Luncheon	<b>Every Thursday:</b> Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
<b>First Monday of each month:</b>		
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
Union County DFCS	Conference room	8 pm
(Feb, May, Aug, Oct ONLY)		
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
<b>First Tuesday of each month:</b>		
Blairsville City Coun.	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
<b>First Wednesday of each month:</b>		
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	Monet's Rest.	Noon
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
<b>First Thursday of each month:</b>		
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 am
Sorghum Festival	Fort Sorghum	6:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
<b>First Friday of each month:</b>		
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
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

## Free Health Education class

You are invited to a Free Health Education Class. The Bradford Club at Brasstown Manor is pleased to offer a free, one hour educational seminar regarding fall prevention and dizziness. The seminar will be held on Thursday, February 6, at 2 p.m.

Instructor Cynthia Libert, M.D., Holistic Physician, will be speaking to anyone interested in avoiding high risk medications and protecting your bones without drugs.

What we'll cover: Natural therapies for Osteopenia/Osteoporosis Dizziness and Fall Prevention.

If you are interested in attending this free, no obligation seminar on Thursday, February 6, at 2 p.m., please RSVP to 706-896-4285. The Bradford Club at Brasstown Manor is located at 108 Church Street, Hiawasse, GA 30546.

