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hood in an unsafe manner you should contact 911 or the Union County Sheriff's Office at (706) 439-6066. When a deputy is dispatched to the property he will determine if they are firing in a safe manner. If there is any dangerous activity it will be up to him to educate and give warnings to the offenders. Union County does not have rules and regulations that prevent people outside of the city limits from firing a weapon as long as they are doing so in a safe manner. We remind people that usually most of this target practice takes place just before hunting season begins. Therefore, most of the time, the target practice will stop within two or three weeks. With the high cost of ammunition, most folks will continue this for only a short time.

Q. My neighbor has a rooster that crows all through the night. What department within the county handles this?

A. Farm animals have a lot of protection under Georgia law in the state of Georgia. You should first simply try to talk to your neighbor about the issue. If it is serious enough, meaning more than an occasional aggravation, you can contact the Sheriff's Office. Finally, there

is a Nuisance Law in the State of Georgia and you can contact the Magistrate Court to see if it falls under their prevue.

Q. I have several cans of opened paint that is old and I want to get rid of it. Is there some where in the county where I can dispose of the paint?

A. You have two options for disposing of old paint, but both require a little preparation on your part. The first way is to put kittie litter or sand in a garbage bag, mix the paint in and let it dry, tie up the bag, and take to the transfer station. The second and best option is to pour the old paint onto newspaper and let it dry. Then all you have to do is bag it up and take it to the transfer station.

Q. When will the cannery be open for use this year?

A. The Cannery will open on July 7th this year. The hours will be from 6 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Last year, the cannery processed over 17,000 jars and is a major asset to Union County. You can visit the Farmers Market website at www.uc-farmersmarket.com and click on the Cannery tab for more information. You can also email them at cannery@uniongov.com with specific questions.

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ever heard. Skeeter looked at the boys and asked if they were ready. All of them said yes. So, Skeeter eased up behind Prince Albert and poked the big man in the ribs while he said, "Punch him". The big man punched his boss causing his feet to leave the ground. While their boss man was unconscious the crew closed the mill waiting for their inevitable dismissal. Eventually, the boss woke up with two blackened eyes and afterwards was very nice. He never used profanity toward his crew and they were always paid on time.

During my father's time he also experienced and made memories at the gin. Dad said, "It was so cold one fall that his mother had buried him up to his neck in the cotton to keep him warm". Papa stopped the wagon just beyond Uncle Dan's house to take a bathroom break in the woods. While Papa was in the edge of the woods the mules began walking. Papa said, "Whoa mules" to no avail. Again Papa spoke, but, the mules did not stop. Mind you Dad was still in the wagon buried up to his neck

and couldn't move. Papa was crouched over in the woods taking care of business. Dad said, "One of the funniest memories I have is of my Dad running from the woods with his overall galluses dragging the dirt while Papa was trying to catch those stubborn mules. By the time I came along the gin was on its last legs. It closed when I was very young, but, I remember it well and its impact on 4 generations of my family.

In the same manner I hope future generations will remember the Farmers Market. And for information purposes remember the Trash to Treasures is open each Thursday and Friday beginning at 8 a.m. The Cruisers will be at the Farmers Market on May 1st. Our Ramp Day is scheduled at the Farmers Market on May 9th. We will have trout and deep fried ramps, hushpuppies with ramps and fried potatoes with ramps on that day. It is Mother's Day weekend so many of our vendors will be there as well. So, come out and see us on May 9th.

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and staying local. This awareness campaign is intended to be a reminder to residents of Union County that buying local first allows for a healthy and thriving community. Not only does it mean prosperity for local business, but it also means jobs for our neighbors, new and enhanced public assets, and an overall higher quality of life for everyone.

Make plans to stop in and enjoy the sights, sounds, tastes and offerings of Blairsville-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 Allstate Insurance Company, The Enotah Group LLC; Bulldog Restoration; and The Loft Boutique.

If you are a resident who would like to sign up for our Buy Local coupons and events newsletter, contact the Chamber at 706-745-5789 or chat with us online at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com.

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Where in eternity will you and I live when we die, with the Lord, Jesus Christ or totally separated from our Creator God. We all make decisions each day that determines our destiny. Re-

member the last three words of John 14:6 - Except through Me. Jesus is the only way. All other ways lead to destruction. I didn't say it., God did. Amen
Frank F. Combs

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carillon bell recordings. The music varies. Over the holidays, I'd hate the blast of icy air that would hit me as I opened the door to exit my toasty office, but then I'd hear "Silent Night" streaming from the tower, and I'd just stand out in the parking lot and listen to the beautiful tones bouncing off the frozen mountains. On a recent evening, I got a big kick out of the selection of tunes which covered melodies of Johnny Cash, Frank Sinatra and Leonard Bernstein, all in a row.

Blairsville's Square is evolving. New businesses are opening and established businesses are starting to re-awaken with the new beat. The streetscape has blossomed in utility, convenience, safety and esthetics. Dirt is being moved to add more convenient parking. Events are being planned to draw more visitors to this wonderful place we get to call "home". The Union County Historical Society has been the driving force in holding together the past as the stalwart foundation for this pres-

ent day development. And the Old Courthouse is our museum, housing the artifacts of a county that began its boom when gold was discovered here nearly 200 years ago.

The original bell tower was established in 1899. Before electricity came to Blairsville, the Courthouse clock was powered by fallen weights through the tower as in a Grandfather Clock. This necessitated someone climbing through the attic and into the belfry to manually wind back up the heavy weights once or twice weekly. At some point after electricity came to Blairsville in 1936, the clock/bell mechanism was converted to electricity. The wooden tower began to lean from the weight of the clock/bell and in 1960, it was taken down, and the clock and bell were put in "storage", so to speak.

In 2000, the clock tower was replaced. Due to weight considerations, the restored Courthouse tower houses a replica bell. The original bell and clock mechanism are housed in a new pavilion on the Courthouse grounds.

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The arguments from evil and morality are less developed in the movie. But two key points are made: (1) Evil exists in the world because God gave us free will, and God's solution is to provide a way for us to be free from it forever, and (2) without God, there is no fixed point of morality, so anything could be permissible since there is no reason to be moral.

I faced a challenge to my faith in a philosophy class 35 years ago, so this movie rings true. I recommend it especially for college students. Kevin Sorbo (Hercules) plays the professor. Dean Cain (Superman), Willie and Korie Robertson (Duck Dynasty), and News Boys (musicians) all make appearances. The arguments are convincing that God's not dead!

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until after your azaleas have bloomed to prune them (if pruning is needed). This is also an ideal time to fertilize them. Replace pansies with summer annuals and plant ornamental grasses now. Remove faded blooms from rhododendrons to increase the buds that make the blooms for next year. Remove low-hanging and dead limbs from shade trees.

Fertilize azaleas, rhododendrons, and roses now. As your spring flowering bulbs die back, plant bulb beds with annuals for summer color, being careful not to disturb your bulbs. It is still not too late to set out roses. Fertilize flowerbeds with a slow-release fertilizer.

Rejuvenate houseplants by lightly pruning them and moving them outdoors to a partly sunny/partly shady area for the summer. Start fertilizing at half the recommended strength.

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



April 19th
in memory of
Virginia B. Meeks
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

Lori Michelle Nuce
April 28 Birthday
by Mom, Dad, Bette Lou,
and Maryann
forever in our hearts.

**Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493**

**UNION COUNTY
COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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| Children's Story Time | Every Monday: Union County Library | 11 am |
| Kiwanis Club | Steve's Steakhouse | Noon |
| Civil Air Patrol | Blairsville Airport | 6 pm |
| Boy Scouts #101 | United Methodist Ch | 7 pm |
| Get Fit | Every Tuesday: First UMC | 5:15 pm |
| Smoky Mtn. Melodies | United Methodist Ch | 6:30 pm |
| Hi Country Harmonizers | Branan Lodge | 6:30 pm |
| Butternut Ladies Golf | Every Thursday: Golf Course (Apr-Oct) | 8:30 am |
| Masonic Luncheon | Cooks Restaurant | 11:30 am |
| Rotary Club | So. Bank & Trust | Noon |
| Get Fit | First UMC | 5:15 pm |

Union County Historical Society Membership Drive



The Historical Society was created in 1976 to preserve and promote the history and culture of Union County. Since then, the 1899 Courthouse has been restored and the museum created. The 1906 Grapelle Butt Mock house has been restored along with the 1861 John Payne Cabin.

The Historical Society has plans for upgrading museum exhibits, expanding cultural and educational programs, and further development of our historical properties.

Membership is open to everyone, please consider joining or making a contribution to help preserve our heritage. Several options are available for businesses and individuals. N(Apr22,29)CA

Union County Historical Society Membership Form

Name _____ Organization _____
 Mail Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Individual (\$20) Business or Non-profit Org. (\$100)
 Family (\$30) Corporate Partner (\$250)
 Sustaining (\$100) New Membership
 Individual/Lifetime (\$350) Renewal
 Couple/Lifetime (\$500) Gift of \$ _____

Please note your comments or any skills/services/resources you would be willing to donate:

Please send form and payment to:
 Union County Historical Society, P.O. Box 35, Blairsville, GA 30514.