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trash mean that all the property in Union County is going to be cleaned up?

No. It means those that are to the extreme and present a public safety issue, will require maintenance.

**Q. What is the penalty for not cleaning up a property?**

A. There are fines and even jail time if the violation is severe enough. The county is not looking to cause anyone a problem nor to issue any fines unless absolutely necessary. If a person or family can not physically or financially clean up their property, we are willing to assist those who can not help themselves. There are also local groups and churches we have utilized that offer assistance if asked.

**Q. I want to clean my home up, but we have just gotten so far behind, it is depressing to us and we really do not know where or how to start. What can we do?**

A. Again, the county will work with you and find other support and assistance if needed. It is easy to get behind and hoard different items. Many times hoarding problems are hidden within the home and we can not deal with that without a request for help. But help is here if you will just ask. Call

my office at 706-439-6000 for assistance.

**Q. How soon will we see property cleanup improvement in the county?**

A. Some are already in progress, and others will take a while. We have a pretty long list right now, so we are dealing with them in an orderly fashion.

**Q. What if the homes are not cleaned up to what I think they should be?**

A. No offense, but we are not going to be using the public's guidelines. We will be using the county guidelines and it may be below the standards certain people, especially a neighbor would want, but we are going to be fair. Again, we are not trying to take over the property rights of others, we just do not want them to feel that they can negatively impact an entire county or neighborhood without any consequences.

**Q. How do we get rid of old appliances or lawn mowers?**

A. The county transfer station off Deep South Farm Road will accept appliances and most other metal free. Old TVs will be accepted on April 7, 2018 at the Electronic Recycling Event at North Georgia Technical College on Highway 515.

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Glenn putting something in his pocket. They drove to the home of a man called Lester. Lester had owed him \$100 for more than a year with no repayment. The pair of men arrived and walked up to the front door of Lester's house. The door was answered by a fellow reeking of alcohol. The men sat down on a couch and Dad began talking about repayment of Lester's debt to Glenn. The inebriated fellow interrupted, "Hold on just a minute. I am going to the kitchen to get a drink of water".

Dad watched Lester go to the sink where he pulled a quart jar from the cabinet. He guzzled a few swallows and walked back toward the living room. Dad smiled as Glenn, who had watched the drunken man, took what appeared to be a Hershey candy bar from his pocket.

Actually, the candy bar was a chocolate Ex-Lax Bar wrapped in a Hershey package. This bar was a laxative and most people would eat a couple of squares to relieve their problem.

Glenn said, "Come on Paul. Lester is too smart for us. He ain't gonna pay me no money". Glenn began unwrapping his supposed candy bar as the pair stood to leave. Lester reached out and snatched the candy bar from Glenn's hands exclaiming "Not only am I too smart for the likes of you two. But, I aim to have this candy bar". As Glenn began to protest the drunken man put the whole thing in his mouth and swallowed with one chomp. Glenn and Dad got up to leave and as they walked out of the house, Glenn said, "I hope everything comes out all right for you Lester".

## An open invitation from the Union County Historical Society

The Union County Historical Society is now conducting their 2018 membership drive. Membership is open to anyone and is your investment in preserving the history of Union County. This drive will continue through March 31, 2018. If you are interested in becoming a member, please

complete the attached membership form, enclose your check and return it to the Union County Historical Society, P.O. Box 35, Blairsville, GA 30514.

If you have questions, please contact us at 706-745-5493. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts here at the society.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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demonstrating to people how they can produce their own locally grown food, flowers, or fruits. We think this is a worthwhile use of your hard earned tax money as it circles back into the community thru the RC&D from the Gold Dome, even though a lot of it was filtered out before it came back but we'll take what we can get.

The Counties are putting these tunnel houses at Senior Centers, local colleges, elementary, middle, and High schools and with other groups that will use the houses to teach people how to provide for themselves. Forsyth County and Cumming Rotary Clubs have purchased 6 high tunnels and placed them at middle and elementary schools and they have become very popular with teachers and students alike.

These tunnels are easily installed in a couple of days and our goal is to include the people using it to be involved in the construction process. The tunnels are delivered as a complete kit to the site with an experienced crew to install the structure. These projects will provide citizens who don't have a garden spot a controlled environment where they can have a garden and grow fresh food for their families or to sell.

With each Seasonal High Tunnel House, Chest/Chatt RC&D also provides training to demonstrate how to operate them. The training is by experts on tunnel houses so the citizens who use the structure can maximize their yields with minimal cost and produce vegetables with the most nutrition for their families.

The goal of this project is to show people where food comes from, how it is grown, and to encourage citizens to get back to the basics and grow some of their food for a

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be very informative and educational. Lunch is \$12 and reservations can be made on the Chamber web site at [www.visitblairsvillega.com](http://www.visitblairsvillega.com) or call our office at 706 745-5789.

The Chamber is hosting a Regional Hospital Auxiliary meeting on March 27 at the Community Center from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be about 50 people attending from 6 hospital districts in North Georgia.

Mark your calendars! The next Business After Hours will be held on April 12. ServPro will be hosting the event.

Reservations are still available for the America's Cowboy Country trip on September 2 through September 9. Contact the Chamber office or call Collette Travel at 800-852-5655 to book the travel. The event # is 816581.

I would like to remind our members that with the advanced portal access they have available to the Chamber web site they can build their own marketing presentation for their business. Contact our office for more information: 706 745-5789; [www.visitblairsvillega.com](http://www.visitblairsvillega.com).

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(Gal. 5:24). "You may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust" (2 Pet. 1:4).

People who belong to and walk with Christ Jesus inherit a certain restraint, evidence of God's grace. This is the Kingdom of God coming, His rule in your life. Even if you don't believe it, you should hope that a disturbed, angry loner with access to a gun does. Better to be confronted by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, which is the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22). Against such there is no law.

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pletely legal.

Phenethylamines and Tryptamines can be very easy to make. Many of the drugs listed, such as Methylone, are only one molecule away from MDMA (or Molly) and are completely legal until a state adds it to their controlled substances act. Keeping up with the formula changes for synthetic stimulants is a never-ending challenge for the legislature in keeping the controlled substance act current.

## Mountain Shelter Board meeting

The Humane Society's Mountain Shelter Board of Directors will meet at the Blairsville Thrift Store at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20.

# UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Children's Story Time	<b>Every Monday:</b>	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
	<b>Every Tuesday:</b>		
Tri State Bus. Women		Cabin Coffee	8 am
Get Fit		First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies		United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers		Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	<b>Every Wednesday:</b>		
BINGO		Civic Center	7 pm
	<b>Every Thursday:</b>		
Masonic Luncheon		Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club		NGTC	Noon
Get Fit		First UMC	5:15 pm
	<b>Third Monday of each month:</b>		
Shape Note Music		Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
High Country Artisan		U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Allegheny Lodge #114		Masonic Lodge	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211		Blairsville Airport	7 pm
	<b>Third Tuesday of each month:</b>		
UC Homemakers		Dooley Chapter	Noon
Healthy Hearts Support		UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 pm
Am. Legion Post 121		Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
American Legion, Aux		Veteran's Center	6:30 pm
Chatuge Gun Club		Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
Compassionate Friends		UCB Community Room	7 pm
	<b>Third Wednesday of each month:</b>		
Quilts of Valor		Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am
GA Mtn. Writers Club		Grinds & Glazes (G&G)	10 am
Blairsville Garden Club		Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library		Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota		So. Bank & Trust	7 pm
	<b>Third Thursday of each month:</b>		
MMQG		Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Kinship Care		Civic Center	Noon
Commissioner's Meet.		County Courthouse	6 pm
Good N'bors Auto		Rib Country, Murphy	6:30 pm
UT Home Builders		Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Cub Scouts Trp. #101		United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
Beta Sigma Phi		Civic Center	7 pm
Tip-off Club		UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club		Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Jaycees		Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
	<b>Third Saturday of each month:</b>		
UC Republican Party		Civic Center	10 am