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A. Because it is the oldest home on this side of the mountain with a home in Suches being the oldest. We are working on getting all the history, but it was apparently first constructed between 1832 and 1834. The Hunter and England families all have roots there. We hope to be able to provide a lot of history on this home as we reach the completion.

**Q. Once complete, will people be able to go inside and see how a historic log**

**cabin was constructed?**

A. Oh yes, it will certainly be for display and utilization. We are now looking at a couple of other log cabins and some other outbuildings that we would hope to be able to move there at some point. Our history is our heritage and I feel that it is vitally important that we retain and restore as much of our history as is reasonably possible for future visitation and education of the public. Much more later.

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those who try to help teens after the fact. This advice is excerpted from an article by Mark Adams of the White Sands Treatment Center.

First, educate yourself. Family history is one of the biggest factors that predicts substance abuse in young people. A parent with a drug or alcohol addiction raises the risk significantly that their children will develop similar issues. A child with a behavioral disorder such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or a mental illness such as depression has a higher risk for developing a drug problem. Similarly, a child with problems controlling impulses may also be at an elevated risk for developing substance abuse problems. Finally, when a trauma or series of traumatic events occurs, this can set the stage for using drugs to cope.

Second, while it's impossible to erase risks when they are present, parents can create a positive environment to offset the risks. Strong family bonds between parents and children can serve as the foundation for happiness and health for all family members. An open and affirming relationship between a parent and a child helps a youngster feel accepted and comfortable confiding in the parent. This bond is often instrumental in helping kids avoid drugs.

Third, it is important to model good adult behavior. The example set by parents is highly influential with youngsters. If parents abuse alcohol or drugs, children are more likely to follow this example. It can be especially confusing for children if a parent condemns drug abuse but drinks to excess, for instance. Children are often very attuned to this type of hypocrisy, and they may respond by specifically choosing to abuse drugs or alcohol because of the parent's example. When parents want to help ensure that children choose not to misuse drugs and alcohol, they should

strive to model the behavior they want in their children.

Fourth, talk to your teens early. Waiting to speak with children about drugs and alcohol can often be a serious mistake. By the time a child reaches the preteen period, between ages 8 and 12, the youngster has already encountered a significant amount of negative influence regarding drugs. When parents establish an early dialogue about drugs and the associated dangers, these conversations help shape a child's attitudes about drugs. Waiting to discuss drugs until a child has already encountered negative attitudes that can potentially sway a child toward drugs could be too late. By this time, a parent will be fighting against the negative influences, which is much more difficult than instilling positive messages from young childhood. Open and early communication equips a child to make positive choices against drugs.

Fifth, establish rules and consequences. Clear and established rules and consequences are another effective tool for parents seeking to prevent substance abuse. Create a set of clear expectations for youngsters, such as not using drugs, not spending time with people who use drugs, not getting in a vehicle with someone who has been using, and more. With each expectation, parents must also create connected consequences. For example, if a child is found to have been riding in a car driven by someone who has used drugs or alcohol, the consequence might be grounding or the loss of phone privileges. The final part of this process involves following through. If a child breaks a rule, always follow through with the connected consequence. Children learn effectively with clear boundaries and established consequences that they know will always occur. This stability is of paramount importance when raising children of all ages.

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peas she knew the teacher. She also knew the wrath that woman faced when my granny got wind of the fact her little boy was made to eat English Peas. Granny walked the 1 1/2 miles to Trapptown School House and confronted the principal and the teacher. Everyone soon realized that the young Paul Cummings never had to eat those English Peas again.

Later in High School Dad's second cousin Junior Cummings pulled a prank on Dad. Mrs. Cummings relayed the event which happened in another teacher's class. Junior was the star of the football team and Dad had just come back home from Chicago. During his first day back Dad walked into the classroom and as he walked by Junior he was startled by a scream. Junior was holding his eye with his chalk dust covered hand and there was an eraser laying in the floor beside of him. Dad thought he

was in deep trouble. He looked at Mrs. Underwood.

She looked at Dad and then Junior saying, "Junior Cummings, your daddy tried that same trick with me when he was a boy. Now quit your whining, pick up the eraser and place it at the chalk board".

Mrs. Cummings was married to Papa's first cousin. They were about the same age and she remembered a time when the two of them pulled a prank at Union Hill Church during a revival. There was a knot hole in the floor of the church directly under the pulpit while directly overhead a coal oil lantern was attached to the ceiling. Papa knew where a yellow jacket's nest was located. So, he and his cousin inserted a bottle in the entrance and caught a number of angry yellow jackets.

That night during revival meetings the boys slipped out the back door and crawled underneath the church. They uncorked the bottle and inserted

it into the knothole while the preacher was giving his sermon. Soon the yellow jackets were flying toward the light. But, in their way was this visiting minister. When he was stung the first time he became very animated. Things only escalated from there and congregation said it was the best sermon ever preached at Union

Hill Methodist Church. Many people came forward to make decisions and 20 baptisms were held as a result of that bottle of Yellow Jackets. As Mrs. Cummings dismissed me from my punishment she said, "You are not the first Cummings boy that I have watched get into trouble. I know all about your tricks."

**Mattee...**

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For cool season grasses, which most of us have, September is the most important month for lawn care. What we do in the fall impacts the condition of our lawn in the spring, so it is always important to get a soil test done at least as soon as you see problems. If you have a lot of weeds this year, go ahead and get your soil tested now. Even though you may not do heavy fertilizing, aerating or overseeding until the fall, it is useful to know how much lime you need so you can apply it now. Lime can take months to adequately condition the soil, so if you act now, the pH of your soil will be closer to the target range by September and October

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is possible without the qualities of transcendence and immanence existing together in Him. He is worthy of worship only because He is transcendent; we can truly relate to Him in worship only because He is close to us (immanent)!"

Spontaneous worship happens! When the Lord calms the vexing worry or comforts the wave of grief, when He speaks in majestic vista or grants the joyful blessing, don't let the stones cry out for you. When beauty or burden, hope or hurt compel you to reach for God, when the transcendent is immanent, the heart leaps heavenward and cries out, "Hosanna!"

**Allison...**

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County Chamber membership. No registration is required. We look forward to seeing you there!

For additional information about Future Business Breakouts and other Chamber Events and Programs, give us a call at (706) 745-5789.

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enter the fire area if you are unable to breathe or see due to the smoke. Always have an escape route. Store fire extinguishers in areas where fire is likely but where they may be easily accessible. Be safe!

Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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the dangers of climate change? Are my immediate needs more important than the needs of billions of people that come after me? As Christians, perhaps we should ask ourselves what choice Jesus would make. Yes, it is time for us to choose, knowing that we live with the consequences of those choices.

**Vernon Dixon**

**Mitchell...**

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(Did you know that during those Revolutionary years, a Colonial male who appeared in church without his firearm(s) was subject to a fine and a day-long session in the local pillory?)

Did I mention that the Second Amendment wasn't written to guarantee the right to self defense?

Mr. Madison wrote that the purpose of the Second Amendment was to "keep the government in fear of an armed and aroused citizenry."

Thought you'd appreciate knowing.  
**George A. Mitchell**

**Union County Recreation Art-Tastic Program 2017 Youth Art-Tastic Program Ages: 4-6**

Allow your young one to be able to explore their artistic side! This program is designed for children, ages 4-6. Children will meet twice a week for six weeks and participate in Arts and Crafts. One day a week is designed for painting exploration and the second day is creative design crafts. We will meet in the recreation room at the Recreation Office twice a week from April 25-June 2. Sessions will be led by the new Program and Start Smart Director.

Session One Registration begins on April 4, 2017 and ends April 14, 2017 at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn Street).

Registration must be done in person due to cap on participants per session!

**UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

|                         |                                       |                |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Children's Story Time   | <b>Every Monday:</b>                  | 11 am          |
| Kiwanis Club            | Union County Library                  | Noon           |
| Civil Air Patrol        | Steve's Steakhouse                    | 6:30 pm        |
| Boy Scouts #101         | Blairsville Airport                   | 7 pm           |
|                         | <b>Every Tuesday:</b>                 |                |
| Tri State Bus. Women    | Blairsville Restaurant                | 8 am           |
| MMQG Tues. Strippers    | Mtn. Presbyterian Ch                  | 9:30-2:30 pm   |
| 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>                |                |
| Butternut Ladies Golf   | 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        |
|                         | <b>Second Monday of each month:</b>   |                |
| MMQG Sewcials           | Mtn. Presbyterian Ch                  | 10 am-3 pm     |
| Enotah Chapter #24      | Masonic Lodge                         | 7:30 pm        |
| Disabled Am Veterans    | Veterans Center                       | 7 pm (Jan-Oct) |
|                         | <b>Second Tuesday of each month:</b>  |                |
| FPL Retirees            | Hole in Wall Rest.                    | 9 am           |
| Historical Society Bd.  | Old Courthouse                        | 9:30 am        |
| Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts  | Union County Library                  | 10 am          |
| Active/Retired Fed Emp. | Grinds & Glazes                       | Noon           |
| Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer    | Sr. Citizens Center                   | 1:30-3:30 pm   |
| Mountain Coin Club      | N. GA Tech                            | 6 pm           |
| Blairsville PTO         | UC Primary School                     | 6 pm           |
| Blue Ridge Mtn Jeepers  | Steve's Steakhouse                    | 6:00 pm        |
| Beta Sigma Phi          | Kappa Alpha Chapter                   | 7 pm           |
| Eastern Star #304       | Location not listed                   | 7:30 pm        |
| Band Boosters           | UC Middle School                      | 7:30 pm        |
|                         | (Aug through May, except Dec)         |                |
|                         | <b>Second Thursday of each month:</b> |                |
| Lions Club              | Steve's Cookie Jar                    | 6 pm           |
| Appalachian Shrine Club | Shrine Building                       | 6:30 pm        |
| Democratic Party        | Unity Church of B'ville               | 6:30 pm        |
| Trout Unlimited         | UC Community Cntr - A                 | 6:30 pm        |
| Sons Confederate Vet.   | UCB Community Rm                      | 7 pm           |
| Knights of Columbus     | Marian Hall                           | 7:30 pm        |
|                         | <b>Second Friday of each month:</b>   |                |
| Eastern Star #471       | Location not listed                   | 7:30 pm        |
|                         | <b>Second Saturday of each month:</b> |                |
| His Victory Riders      | Blairsville Restaurant                | 8 am           |
|                         | <b>Second Sunday of each month:</b>   |                |
| PFLAG                   | Call 706-389-5269 for Info            |                |