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were first installed. Do you still receive complaints about them?

A. No. We do not hear any complaints. In fact, if you ask any UPS or FedEx driver, any Sheriff's deputy, Fire Department employee or any ambulance driver, you will hear praises for this address system. We are the ONLY county that I am aware of north of Atlanta who has these at every driveway entrance in the county. (well over 12,000) It allows emergency services and delivery trucks and visitors to be able to easily find any address in the county because the number of the sign tells you exactly how far you are from the nearest intersection. (Address 1250 Blue Ridge Highway, is located 1.25 miles from the city limits of Blairsville; 775 Pat Colwell Road is located .775 (3/4 mile) miles from the intersec-

tion of US 129 North).

Q. The county addressing system must have been expensive to install and maintain. Where did the money come from to pay for this system?

A. SPLOST sales tax proceeds, which are the backbone for all our county projects. Back in 2005, we completely upgraded our E-911 emergency equipment and began installing the new green address signs countywide. These are potentially life saving measures that could have not been afforded without SPLOST sales tax revenue for the county, which currently does and always has saved property taxpayers millions and millions of dollars over the past 20 years.

Thank you for always supporting the SPLOST sales tax program in Union County!

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on food. The average American can earn enough disposable income to pay for food for a year in just 40 days.

Individually, we can consume some staggering amounts of food. The average dairy cow produces seven gallons of milk a day or 46,000 glasses a year. The average person consumes 584 pounds of dairy products a year. You don't think you consume that much dairy? There's a cup of mozzarella cheese on a small pizza. The average American eats 750 slices a year. Every day in America, we consume 100 acres of pizza.

You may not put milk on anything but your cereal, and maybe dunk an Oreo in a glass of the white stuff once in awhile, but don't discount the iced treats when looking at your dairy intake. The average American consumes 20 gallons of ice cream a year.

Heading underground, let's take a look at the potato. Each American consumes approximately 140 pounds of spuds every year. Potato chips has the highest consumption of any snack food. We spend

more than 6 billion dollars a year on potato chips in this country, consuming about 1.2 billion pounds, annually.

We each consume about 29 pounds of French fries in a year (compared to 4 pounds of broccoli annually, which is still 900 percent more than we averaged of the green florets 20 years ago). French Fries and pizza consumption probably have something to do with the fact that over half of the tomatoes grown in this country are consumed in the form of ketchup and tomato sauce.

Farmers don't determine whether we eat healthy or not.

They produce all of it and we decide how we want to ingest it. The next time you sit down to a burger with fries and a strawberry milkshake, stop and think how many family farms it takes to put that on your plate. This is why we salute them this Saturday. We hope you'll join us.

Visit www.UCFarmersMarket.com for a list of the weekly events for the balance of the season.

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curricular activities. We seek participants who are honest, have integrity, dependability and a concern for others. If selected, participation is expected by attending all sessions. Applications and a complete class schedule can be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce, Community & Southern Bank or the high school

counselors. Many students will receive an application in the mail to their home address. Should you need additional information on Youth Leadership Union, please call 706-745-5789 or visit our website at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com. I can be reached any time at President@BlairsvilleChamber.com.

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thrift.

You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot further brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

You cannot build char-

acter and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

My dad was one of the hardest working men that I have ever known. He taught me to give an honest day's work no matter what I did. He taught me not to be afraid of doing too much but be afraid of doing too little. Work is not a curse but a blessing from God. We work for God and with God. Six days shall you labor!

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Dad grinned and said "That is my 230-pound brother and if he hits you with that ball I don't think you will be able to anything." The next pitch hit the man above the ear and the ball went straight up into the air. The man took one step toward first base and wilted like sick tomato plant. All three of the following batters received high and tight pitches and then proceeded to strike out on the next pitches.

One week later the team from Tennessee came to Alabama. The man who had spiked our cousin came walking toward Dad and Uncle Bud. Dad said, "Oh no, here we go again." As he walked up to the pair of young men he extended his hand and apologized to Dad and Uncle Bud for his behavior. Uncle Bud shook the man's hand and told him there would be no more trouble as long as they played clean. Trapptown won again 23 to 2. Back in those days the Trapptown Baseball Team was serious about winning and protecting their own.

Remember, this Saturday the Farmers Market will induct its newest members into the Union County Agricultural Hall of Fame, the Tractor Show and Parade will be held and Bethel Buchanan will be playing his French harp to entertain those present. I'd like to thank Union

County Farm Bureau for sponsoring the Tractor Parade and Show. Farm Bureau has purchased shirts for the participants of the Tractor Show and will also provide plaques for the winners. Also, I would like to thank the Union County Historical Society for their sponsorship of the Hall of Fame Ceremony. Finally, please remember the Trash to Treasures Sale will be held on Wednesdays as well as Fridays beginning the first Wednesday in September which is Sept. 4th. The Trash to Treasures event always begins at 8 a.m. and runs until 1 p.m.

Ramsey

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any reason. I am at a loss. Why here and why so often?

Union County seems to pride itself on its educational system, its welcoming ambience and its forward thinking. Isn't it time, therefore, that it have a water utility that serves all of the county, run by trained and responsible employees, where such "mistakes" or any other would never occur? Bring Union County's water supply system into the 21st century. We have one supplier of electricity; let's have one supplier of water - a privately-owned capitalistic one, if necessary.

Sincerely,
Ruth Elizabeth Ramsey

Lance

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here, and no longer destroy it. Our mountains are too good to destroy, pass it on!

Will Lance
Blairsville

UC Elementary School elections

Union County Elementary School announces the election of a School Council Member on September 11, 2013 at 7:30 AM in the Elementary School Cafeteria. Nominations for this position will be accepted September 2nd through September 6th in the office of the Elementary School from 9 AM until 3 PM. The deadline for nominations is September 6th at 3 PM.

N(Aug21,Z9)/CA

Retired Firefighters Breakfast

The Retired Firefighters Breakfast is held the first Friday of each month, 9 a.m. at Hole in the Wall Restaurant, Blairsville, GA. N(Aug28,Z1)/CA

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



August 26
In memory of
Dr. William T. Meeks, Sr.
by Ginger and Terry Meeks

Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493

Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events

see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com

Wednesday, August 28

2 pm Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane

Thursday, August 29

12 pm Rotary Club Monthly Meeting - Cadence Bank 2nd Floor

5 pm Trivia Night - The Union County Community Center View Grill

Friday, August 30

8 am Trash and Treasures - Union County Farmers Market

7 pm The Plowboys - The Copperhead Lodge

7 pm Nearly Normal String Band - Union County Historical Courthouse

Saturday, August 31

7 am Union County Farmers Market - 148 Old Smokey Rd

9 am Mountain Heritage Festival - The Mountain Life Museum

9 am 4th Annual Tractor Show, A Salute to our Farmers-Union County Farmers Mkt.

1 pm Collins Brothers, Nearly Normal String Band-Union County Historical

Courthouse

2 pm Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane

7 pm Local Legends - The Copperhead Lodge

9 pm Fireworks Celebration in Blairsville - Meeks Park

Sunday, September 1

9 am Mountain Heritage Festival - The Mountain Life Museum

3 pm Third Degree - Union County Historical Society

Monday, September 2

9 am Garden Tours at Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center

12 pm Blairsville Kiwanis Club Monthly Meeting-Steve's Cookie Jar Restaurant

6 pm Alzheimer's Support Group - Cadence Bank 2nd Floor

Tuesday, September 3

8 am Tri-State Business Women's Meeting - Blairsville Restaurant

3 pm Union County Farmer's Market - 148 Old Smokey Rd

Wednesday, September 4

2 pm Tour Misty Mountain Model Railroad-16 Misty Mountain Lane

UNION COUNTY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday:		
Garden Tours	GMREC	9 am - 1 pm
Boy Scouts #101	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
Every Tuesday:		
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
First Monday of each month:		
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 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
First Tuesday of each month:		
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
First Wednesday of each month:		
Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch	Monet's Restaurant	Noon
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
First Thursday of each month:		
Blairsville Sorghum Festival, Fort Sorghum		6:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
First Friday of each month:		
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Cruisers Block Party	Walmart	5 pm (Apr-Oct)
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm
"Nailed" Book Club	G-N-G Bakery	10:30am
First Saturday of each month:		
Cruise-In	Blairsville Restaurant	4 pm (Apr-Oct)