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**Q. When is the Sorghum Festival Parade?**

A. Every year the Parade is on the first Saturday of the Festival, so it will be on Oct. 10th this year. The parade will start at 11 a.m. from the Old Middle School Gym, go through downtown Blairsville, up the four-lane to the Post Office and then back to their starting point. The theme of the parade this year is, AMERICAN PRIDE...ALL GAVE SOME...SOME GAVE ALL, which is befitting since The Moving Wall is here in town.

**Q. How is the county going to handle all the people here for the Sorghum Festival and the Moving Wall and**

the Parade?

A. It will require a lot of coordination between all the county and city agencies and we ask the public to please be patient. The unknown is how many additional people will come to Meeks Park to visit the Veterans Moving Wall, in addition to just attending the Sorghum Festival. Additional parking with transportation from the Industrial Park out Hwy 515 will help alleviate some of the congestion, but it will still be crowded. We would like to encourage as many local people to attend the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall on Thursday or Friday when the crowds should be smaller.

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In the meantime Uncle Rufus, Papa and my Dad were laying on the creek bank laughing so hard they were crying. Uncle Mack finally found his teeth and made his way up the bank of the creek. He looked at my Daddy and said, "You're dogs are pretty good dogs, but, you ain't much help." Then without anything more to say Mack walked back to the creek, rinsed off his teeth and placed them back into his mouth. Mack looked back at his audience and said, "Come on boys we are a wasting moonlight.

Next week at the Farmers Market we will be hosting our "International Foods Day." We will have some marinara sauce (made in the canning plant) and some humus made by our own Kristy Peney for you to try. Each of these can be used as a dip on bread. So, our food trailer will have these for sale with bread from Logan Turnpike Mill. Come on out to the Farmers Market next Saturday. Remember, the Canning Plant is closed this week, but will re-open next week and will be open until the end of October.

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throughout the year; however, our bucket list for out-of-the country would have to be New Zealand.

4. If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you like to meet?

We've met so many amazing people within the community, through our business, during community service projects, and of course, with our church. However, meeting our savior Jesus Christ would be our ultimate wish in life and thereafter.

5. I hear you are involved in a big upcoming motorcycle event. Will you tell us more about that?

In 2002, we were asked by the Jaycees to put on a motorcycle show during the third week of the Sorghum Festival. We sponsored a float in the parade with several motorcycles. Dennis actually drove the truck pulling the float wearing a motorcycle helmet while the children would yell, "Hey motorcycle man" throughout the route. Things have changed a lot with the community fall events, but the Northeast Georgia Motorcycle show remains the same. Always held on the fourth Saturday of October, this year's event will be held

at the North Georgia Technical College on Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Motorcycle enthusiasts can enter into nine show categories that include vintage or modern American, European, Japanese, as well as competition, custom, or special interest bikes. Visitors are encouraged to not only enjoy the sights, but vote for their favorites in each category. In addition, twenty-plus local businesses sponsors provide support for the show and many have donated door prizes for those visitors who can answer some fun motorcycle-related trivia questions. Live entertainment will be provided by DJ Ken Sampson and food by Matt Leonard of Southern Soul Catering Company will be available. Admission to this event, as well as entry into the competition, is free. Everyone is encouraged to take in a day of fresh mountain air while enjoying this family-friendly and one-of-a-kind event.

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to Eastern Europe in hopes of meeting the perfect K-spud. A Latka, Kugel or Knish could win my heart. They are so much more intriguing than mashed potatoes and home fries.

Alas, my efforts to find the perfect international spud to share my life with has all been in vain. Maybe I should reconsider Mr. Potato Head at this late stage of my life. After all, he is one of the wealthiest and famous of root vegetables. Yet, he came from such humble beginnings.

He started life as a cereal box prize.

His inventor, George Lerner, had trouble finding a company in the late 1940s who would sell his face-parts for vegetables. Toymakers were concerned that post-war families who were accustomed to careful rationing would not waste good groceries as playthings for their kids. So Lerner settled on distributing the toy as the prize in cereal boxes.

At that time, brothers Henry and Merrill Hassenfeld owned a modest textiles and

pencil-box business. The boxes sold well when a few school supplies were included inside. But when the Hassenfelds substituted Potato Head parts for those pencils and erasers in 1952, they made four million dollars in sales that year.

On the strength of their Mr. Potato Head sales, those Hassenfeld Brothers focused on making toys, then shortened the company name to Hasbro, and became one of the largest toy companies in the world. To this day, Hasbro company checks are watermarked with Mr. Potato Head in homage to his significant role in their success.

The Union County Farmers Market is celebrating International Food Day this Saturday, and that is where my whimsical writing stems from this week. I challenge you to research the recipes for these International spudicious dishes I alluded to; see which ones seem the most attractive to you.

And for those of you who know me well, but find yourself confused by my written adoration of the potato, I confess only to literary license. I assure you, I have not broken my 6 year vow of chastity. I still haven't even nibbled on a spud.

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peace in looking at prophecy through the lens Jesus provided us. He listed plenty of end times signs to observe, many happening even now. But He was not dropping clues so we could sleuth the day or hour, but to urge us to prepare as though His return is imminent (Mat. 24:44).

Maybe recent, unproven claims about 'blood moons' and Russia seem outlandish, but beware the temptation to mock the end times prophecies themselves. If fulfillment of the first advent prophecies was 1000 years in the making, well, I'll let you look up the reason it might be taking so long for the second (2 Pet. 3:9). It might have something to do with you!

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remain so wired in, even while driving, mindlessly take for granted the caution awareness our senses were designed for. Listen to the environment for a change, it speaks volumes.

I pray everyday that Blairsville will retain the quaint, friendly, GREEN imprint this county has always loved. May she always endure in these changing times.

God Bless Union County, God Bless America.

**Joanne O'Malley**

**Union County prepared for winter weather exercise**

Northeast Georgia will be better prepared to respond to a severe winter weather event following a multi-county exercise held recently in Watkinsville, GA. Union County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), along with more than 100 individuals from local and state government agencies, private sector organizations, and volunteer groups participated in the drill coordinated through the Area 3 (Northeast Georgia) All Haz-

ards Council.

The drill simulated a severe winter weather storm affecting northeast Georgia, providing participants the opportunity to rehearse their snow and ice plans. Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Habersham, Jackson, Lumpkin, Morgan, Oconee, Rabun, Walton, White, Wilkes, and Union counties participated in the exercise, along with representatives from Georgia Baptist Association, the American Red Cross, Georgia Power,

Habersham Electric Municipal Cooperative, and the Georgia Department of Public Health.

"Today's exercise gave us the opportunity to practice responding to severe winter weather and the issues it may create for our community," said EMA Director Charles Worden. "While we can never train for everything, these exercises help emergency response partners understand each other's roles and work better together as a county, as a region and as a state."


The Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security (GEMA/HS) also participated in the exercise, responding to simulated county requests for generators and transportation for medically critical patients. Following a winter storm GEMA/HS also assists local governments by coordinating state resources such as Georgia Forestry Commission chainsaw teams or trucks from the Georgia Department of Transportation to clear downed trees from the public right of way.

"Even though we are months away from winter, it's important to build partnerships and plan while the sun is still shining," said GEMA/HS Director Jim Butterworth. "We are leaning forward in our planning so Georgia can be proactive and flexible when disaster strikes."<sup>NOct7ZTICA</sup>

**UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Children's Story Time	<b>Every Monday:</b>	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club		Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
A Course in Miracles		UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol		Blairsville Airport	6:30 pm
Boy Scouts #101		United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	<b>Every Tuesday:</b>	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
Spiritual Living Group		UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	6:30 pm
Butternut Ladies Golf	<b>Every Thursday:</b>	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
MMQG Sewcials	<b>Second Monday of each month:</b>	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Blairsville PTO		UCMS	6 pm
Disabled Am Veterans		Veterans Center	7 pm (Jan-Oct)
FPL Retirees	<b>Second Tuesday of each month:</b>	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	6:30 pm
Beta Sigma Phi		Kappa Alpha Chapter	7 pm
Mtn. Reg. Arts/Crafts		Library - Young Harris	7 pm
Eastern Star #304		Location not listed	7:30 pm
Band Boosters		UC Middle School	7:30 pm
		(Aug through May, except Dec)	
GA Mtn Writers Club	<b>Second Wednesday of each month:</b>	So. Bank & Trust	10 am
Parkinson's Sup. Grp.		So. Bank & Trust	3 pm
UC Interagency Grp.	<b>Second Thursday of each month:</b>	Civic Cntr. Conf. Rm.	12 noon
Lions Club		Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Appalachian Shrine Club		Clubhouse, Industrial Blvd.	6:00 pm
Democratic Party		UC Senior Center	6:30 pm
Trout Unlimited		So. Bank & Trust	6:30 pm
Sons Confederate Vet.		UCB Community Rm	7 pm
Knights of Columbus		Marian Hall	7:30 pm
Eastern Star #471	<b>Second Friday of each month:</b>	Location not listed	7:30 pm
His Victory Riders	<b>Second Saturday of each month:</b>	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am

**Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse**



**October 1st**  
in memory of  
**Bill Meeks Birthday**  
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

**October 22nd**  
in memory of  
**John J. Meeks Birthday**  
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

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