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records permanently recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Union County should bring the records to the Clerk's Office. The office is located in the Union County Courthouse, 65 Courthouse Street, Blairsville, GA 30512.

Q. Someone told me you could register your trade name in the Clerk's Office.

A. Yes, you can. Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 10-1-490) requires every "person, firm, or partnership, carrying on in this state any trade or business under any trade name or partnership name or other name" to register the trade name of the business within 30 days from "commencing to do business." As provided by law, the registra-

tion shall be filed with the Clerk of the Superior court "of the county in which the business is chiefly carried on or, in the case of a domestic corporation using any name other than its corporate name, in the county of its legal domicile."

Notice of the filing shall be published in the newspaper in which the sheriff's advertisements are printed once a week for two weeks. If you have questions about filing a trade name please call the Clerk's Office at (706) 439-6022. For more information on the Clerk of Superior Court, you can visit the county website (www.unioncountygga.gov) and go to the Courts page under the Government tab.

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cookies with walnuts. We used the tried and true recipe right off the Nestles milk chocolate morsels bag, and they were always perfect. But we made them other times of the year, just because. It was redundant at Christmas.

If I had to choose a cookie that was my absolute favorite, the one that I still wanted by the end of March when we'd pull the last small Tupperware out of the freezer, where my Mom had hidden it three months earlier, has to be the Mexican Wedding cookie. This powdered sugar coated treat is also known as a Russian teacake, snowdrop or pecan butterball. The name isn't as important as using the best ingredients to bring these little nutty butter batches to life. I have always taken seriously the timing of the powdered sugar process. They must be powdered twice, the first time when hot. Then they go in the paper lunch bag for their second dousing when just a tad bit warm. Um.Um. And Ummm.

A recipe using rice crispies has also been another favor-

ite in our family. It wasn't the one with all the marshmallow. These are little date balls rolled in coconut. You pop one in your mouth, chew it once, let it melt as you reach for three more. They are addictive. Here's the easy recipe.

Rice Krispie Date Cookies

Ingredients: 1 c. butter; 1 c. sugar; 1 1/2 c. chopped dates; 1 egg; 1 tsp. vanilla; 3 c. Rice Krispies; 1 1/2 c. pecans; coconut. Directions: Melt butter, add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add dates, cook until dates, sugar and butter are well mixed. Add beaten egg, cook about 5 minutes; add vanilla. Pour over Rice Krispies and add pecans. Cool, roll into balls, roll balls in coconut.

Next week's column I will share with you the Italian cookies that have been passed down for generations. In the meantime, I hope that you will find someone in your life to share cookie making time with this season. Then share the fruits of your labor with your neighbors or the UPS driver. Even on a paper plate covered with plastic wrap, they are a gift

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Matthew the news of His birth didn't go over big in Jerusalem either. Herod and all Jerusalem were troubled (Matt. 2:3).

Each year as Christians begin celebrating Christmas, God-haters start a big stink. They get upset over manger scenes. They want to take legal action against public singing of Jesus, Peace and Good Will. Merry Christmas spoken in their presence gives them the heartburn, raises their blood pressure and accelerates their heart rate. They are anti-God and would be very pleased if they never heard God's name mentioned. In spite of their

passionate rejection of God, that does not stop God's love for them. Neither should it prevent Christians from loving them and sharing frequently and vocally of the biggest event in human history – the birth of the Son of God, Christ Jesus our Lord. The biggest birth led to the biggest death and biggest miracle of all time – the resurrection of Christ from the grave, which places on God's calendar the biggest event yet to come – the visible return of Christ - "Even so come quickly, Lord Jesus!"

A great big Merry Christmas to all!

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she never watched the Dogs play. But, she knew I attended that school. And every month I received a \$20 bill in the mail to help with food.

A few years later Papa was away working and Granny was washing clothes when she heard a chain saw running on the east side of their farm. She got in the truck and drove over to the community of Dime and down an old logging road to the backside of the farm. She got out of the truck and heard the chainsaws. She pulled out the shotgun and walked toward the saws. She laid down the gun at the base of a big white oak and proceeded another 30 yards to the men running the saw. When she got to the men they were on our place and cutting our timber. When she confronted the man with the saw he laughed at her. Granny walked back toward the white oak tree and picked up her shotgun. When she got back to the man he was sitting in a skidder. She raised the gun, pointed it at him and told him to get off her place. She did find out his name and he paid Granny for the timber he had stolen.

Granny loved to watch "wrestlin." She would bristle at the notion of the sport being faked. One February evening Papa and I were ready to go coon hunting over in the Bankhead National Forest. But, a cold heavy rain changed our minds. So, we stayed at the house with Granny and watched "Hulk Hogan" wrestle "Andre the Giant." We began to poke a little fun at Granny and she'd had enough. She said, "I'd like to see you in there. Hulk Hogan would beat the ---- out of you." Granny covered her mouth and said, "Look what you made me say."

I hope that you have many fond memories of your grandparents. Please let me thank each and every person that purchased products or sold products at our Union County Farmers Market. The Farmers Market is special to me and I know it would not be a special place without the people who visit us. Thanks for a great year!

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caring. The Chamber has been most fortunate to have her as an employee. I have been most fortunate to call her a friend.

Last week, Debbie announced her retirement as of December 31, 2014. In the remaining weeks, I invite you to express your appreciation to her for all of her contributions to this community, its businesses, and its people. We will host a public reception on Thursday, Dec. 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce located at 129 Union County Recreation Road. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, she can be

reached by phone at (706) 745-5789 or by e-mail at info@blairsvillechamber.com.

After eight and a half years of camaraderie and friendship, Ms. Cindy could not help but smile when she thought about all the good times and laughs that they had shared and all that they had accomplished together.

And although she couldn't deny the twinge of sadness over the change that was coming, Ms. Cindy was even more ecstatic that Ms. Debra was about to go live happily ever after.

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Christmas in Ireland lasts from Christmas Eve to the feast of the Epiphany on January 6, which is referred to as Little Christmas. Ireland's Christmas is more religious than a time of fun. Lighted candles are placed in windows on Christmas Eve as a guide that Joseph and Mary might be looking for shelter. The candles are usually red in color and are decorated with sprigs of holly.

George Mitchell

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duction is Virginia pine, and the other 10 percent is Leyland Cypress, eastern red cedar, white pine, and others.

Seventy percent of all Christmas tree sales from Georgia Christmas tree growers come from choose and cut operations where buyers search the fields for that perfect tree, cut it down, and then take it home just like our ancestors did when Christmas trees grew wild all across the countryside.

When I was a kid Christmas tree time was a special event where all of the kids loaded up on the wagon behind the old tractor and rode thru the fields on the farm looking for that special tree which was usually way too big by the time we got it home. A Christmas tree farmer can grow approximately 889 trees per acre normally on a 5-year rotation with the average height of 6 feet.

You can visit GCTA website, www.gachristmas-tree.com to learn more about Georgia-grown Christmas trees or to find a farm near you. You also can find a listing of Georgia Christmas tree farms in the latest issue of the Georgia Market Bulletin.

For more details contact Frank M. Riley, Jr., Executive Director, Chestatee/Chatahoochee RC&D Council at www.frank.ccrd@gmail.com or visit our website www.chestchattrcd.org.

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for the past seven years and pay the same property taxes as everyone else in this county. Our teachers have had to make a lot of sacrifices and it is time the good people of this county to stand behind them.

What I have noticed lately in our county is that the "Trickle Down" Theory of Economics has not been doing too well lately. The top seems to have forgotten who is making our county one of the best in the state. Our principals, other administrators, teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, and all the other employees need to be rewarded for the outstanding jobs they do every day!

Jim Hughes

Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com

Wednesday, December 10	
10 am	Knitter's Knitch 1 Year Anniversary 4-Day Event-64 Brackets Way Ste. 6
2 pm	Blessings & Bling Premier Designs Jewelry Fundraiser for WUCG 93.1 The Blairsville Restaurant
6 pm	Bingo Every Wednesday – Haralson Memorial Civic Center
Thursday, December 11	
8 am	Mountain Networking Referral Group – Blairsville Restaurant
12 pm	Rotary of Union County Meeting – 706-745-5565
6:30 pm	Union County Lions Club monthly meeting – GnG Bakery & Café
6:30 pm	Trivia at the View Grill - Union County Community Center
7 pm	Evening of Ancient Carols with David Vowell – Folk School
7:30 pm	Live Theater "Miracle On 34th Street" – Blue Ridge Comm. Theater
8 pm	"The Littlest Angel" Licklog Players Theater
Friday, December 12	
1:30 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tours MWF&S-16 Misty Mtn. Lane
1:30 pm	Ribbon Cutting for ERA Carolina Mountain Homes – UC Community Center
7 pm	Special Christmas Concert – Union County Historical Courthouse
Saturday, December 13	
12 pm	Christmas Open House at Hightower Creek Vineyards – Hiawassee
12:30 pm	Whiskers Project Christmas Meeting – Monet's Restaurant
3 pm	Holly Jolly Christmas Event & Tour of Trees – UC Community Center
4 pm	Christmas Tree Lighting – Vogel State Park
6:30 pm	Free Outdoor Christmas Movie – B & T Trading Post 4903 Hwy 515E
8:30 pm	Holiday Contra & Square Dance – John C Campbell School
Sunday, December 14	
4 pm	Brasstown Ringers Holiday Concert – Sharp Memorial Methodist Church, Young Harris
Monday, December 15	
9 am	Tour of Trees (December 1 – 31) – Union County Community Center
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse
6:30 pm	Shape Note Singing Practice – Union County Historical Courthouse
Tuesday, December 16	
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting – Blairsville Restaurant
11:30 am	Towns/Union Employer Committee – UCB Small Community Room
6:30 pm	Smoky Mtn. Melodies Chorus Practice – First UMC of Union County
Wednesday, December 17	
1 pm	Better Breathers Club – Union General Hospital 2nd Floor
2 pm	Friends of the Union County Library – Union County Public Library
6 pm	Bingo Every Wednesday – Haralson Memorial Civic Center

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Boy Scouts #101	Every Monday:	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 pm
	Every Tuesday:		
Smoky Mtn. Melodies		United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit		First UMC	5:15 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers		Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon		Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club		Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit		First UMC	5:15 pm
	Third Monday of each month:		
Shape Note Music		Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
High Country Artisan		U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211		Blairsville Airport	7 pm
Allegheny Lodge		Masonic Temple	6:30 pm
	Third Tuesday of each month:		
American Legion, Aux		Civic Center	7 pm
Chatuge Gun Club		Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
UC Homemakers		Dooley Chapter	Noon
Am. Legion Post 121		Serviceman's Center	6:30 pm
Ladies Aux. Post 121		Old Civic Center	7 pm
Compassionate Friends		UCB Community Room	7 pm
	Third Wednesday of each month:		
Blairsville Garden Club		Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library		Library Com Room	2 pm
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	Third Thursday of each month:		
Jaycees		Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Good N'bers Auto		Meeks Park Pavilion 1	6:30 pm
Tip-off Club		UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club		Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Commissioner's Meet.		County Courthouse	6 pm
UT Home Builders		Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Kinship Care		Civic Center	Noon
Cub Scouts Trp. #101		United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
	Third Friday of each month:		
No activities listed			
	Third Saturday of each month:		
Goldwing Road Riders		Daniels Steak House	11 am
UC Republican Party		Civic Center	10 am