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Meeks Park user, you realize the value of having property along the beautiful stream and understand that occasional flooding goes along with any creek front property in the county. The beauty outweighs the risk so long as what you build around creeks is reasonable and could take on water if necessary.

Q. Could the Union County Farmers Market have been built in a better place in the county?

A. Absolutely not. I think anyone that visits there regularly understands and appreciates the value of this particular site. It is in the edge of town, it has excellent access from Highway 515 which we continue to improve, it is less

than a quarter mile from Home Depot, yet you feel like you are in the middle of a farm, and it provides ambiance just perfect for a Farmers Market.

Q. Who found and chose this site for the Union County Farmers Market?

A. I found it and then collaborated with several others to ensure that it was the best place for the market. As we do in Union County Government, we seldom make a decision in a vacuum and always try to seek input from members of the public to verify our ideas. We have the perfect Farmers Market in the perfect location and those who utilize the Farmers Market could not be more satisfied. Just ask them.

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enough there was old John and his four partners.

The crew of revenue agents spread out to form a circle around the moonshiners. It was late in the evening and the men had just finished an evening meal. They were enjoying a nice campfire and had begun to pass the jug. They were a long way up above Owl Creek in a cove just at the head of a spring. Ransy thought to himself, "These boys think they are safe from the law". The revenue agents were just about to spring their trap when one man said, "John. I wonder what old Ransy would do if you called him and told him where we are. Do you think he could find us?" Their leader stood and staggered up to a hickory tree with a big knot hole and broke off a limb. He began to wind the limb as if he were cranking an old telephone.

John looked around to his men and told them the phone was a ringing. He grinned and spoke into the knot hole of the Hickory, "Ransy, this is John. You have been trying to catch me for years and I want you to know I am in a cove just above Owl Creek. Come up and try to find me." With that he dropped his imaginary hand crank and staggered back to the camp fire to sit down.

Ransy and his men had been watching the whole episode and it was all they could do to keep from laughing out loud. After John had sat down Ransy gave the sign and the officers quickly moved in for the arrest. I can just imagine the look on the moonshiners face when Ransy placed the cuffs on him. The man must've asked how did you know I was here to which Ransy must have replied, "Well you called me and told me".

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decision that they made lightly as they knew that would require a large renovation of the hotel. The transition was costly and labor intensive, but their investment in their business and the community shined through. Almost every day I see someone standing in the upper parking lot at the Community Center enjoying the view of Butternut Creek Golf Course. I typically ask them where they are from and where they are staying in town. I have spoken with multiple guests of the Comfort Inn who have spoken very highly of the service and the facility in general.

Suresh and Vina's desire is to be great neighbors in the community. They have been actively engaged in the community and have supported an array of events over the years including Relay For Life and more recently the Georgia Mountain Bridal Show that was hosted by the Union County Community Center. I have had the privilege of knowing them personally for several years and working with them. Their love for this community and their commitment to helping Blairsville-Union County continually shines through.

We want to thank WJUL 97.7 FM/WJRB 95.1 FM Radio and Hughes Accounting for sponsoring the Business After Hours/Business of the Quarter Event. It will be held

on Thursday, October 6th from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Union County Community Center. This is a free networking event for Chamber Members.

We are asking members to register for this particular Business After Hours. Yes, I know you normally haven't had to, but this one is different. Our local Sears Hometown Store has donated a 40" RCA TV that we will be giving away that evening. You must be present to win. You must also register under your primary business who is required to be a Chamber Member.

Comfort Inn of Blairsville will also be giving away a one night stay at the hotel! This is a Business of the Quarter/Business After Hours Event that you will not want to miss. Space is limited, so be sure to go to the calendar of events to register for the event!

Be sure to stop by and see Suresh and Vina to congratulate them or you can call them at the Comfort Inn at (706) 745-6844.

If you would like to nominate a business to be a future recipient of the Business of the Quarter, award, contact the Chamber at 706-745-5789. Be sure to log onto our website at VisitBlairsvilleGa.com for a complete list of all of the Chamber Members along with events in the community.

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all together and to be involved in the American PrepareAthon. It is a program that shows 10 ways to prepare and to test your emergency plan.

Emergency and disaster preparedness is everyone's responsibility. People should make a plan, stock essential supplies, and be self-sufficient for at least three days during a major emergency. For more information on National Preparedness Month and how to be prepared, visit www.ready.gov. Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

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and should be about eight to ten inches long. If you already have a fig tree and it is not producing, there could be a few reasons. Dry, hot weather can stress some figs and prevent them from fruiting. Also, because the flower is located inside the fruit, it requires a visit from a specific wasp. Finally, it might just not be old enough. Figs take a long time to mature and bear fruit.

For more information on other fruiting trees to plant, contact the extension office.

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is marred by the human experience. His forgiveness empowers you to redeem the past by learning from its mistakes, accepting its consequences, and making it right if you can. Jesus loves you and wants you in his grand enterprise of spreading His love to the rest of the hurting world. You can do that much better without carrying around that un-healed regret. "If we live, we live for the Lord" (Rom. 14:8).

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al amendment would inject the heavy hand of politics (GA General Assembly) into a process in which politics should play no role and would challenge the integrity of Judicial review and the discipline of rogue Judiciaries.

Please inform yourself of the negative impact this amendment will have on the application of equitable and fair justice under the rule of law.

Wesley Hopgood

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snorted, but some smoke it, inject it or take it as a pill.

Four synthetic cathinones were identified in 2009. By 2012, thirty-one new synthetic cathinones were identified. According to the U.S. Drug Administration, synthetic cathinone drug reports to the National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) increased from 34 in 2009 to 628 in 2010.

The risk in the synthetic cathinones come from a complete lack of knowledge as to what and how much of any substance is in the drug. It is not difficult to overdose on cathinone. Similar to the adverse effects of cocaine, LSD, and methamphetamine, synthetic cathinone use is associated with increased heart rate and blood pressure, chest pain, extreme paranoia, hallucinations, delusions, and violent behavior.

The Synthetic Drug Abuse Prevention Act, which is part of the FDA Safety and Innovation Act of 2012, placed 26 types of synthetic cannabinoids and cathinones into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) - meaning they are illegal to possess or distribute. The problem with legislating against synthetic drugs is that they are altered so quickly.

Feel Good Friday


Join Natural Treatments for Brain and Body on September 30th, 7 PM, 64 Bracketts Way Suite 9, Blairsville. Dr. Loren Leith will give a demonstration of the Life Access Method. She uses kinesiol-

ogy to access an individual's unconscious mind to uncover the root cause of emotional problems. See how to get rid of depression, anxiety, trust or health problems. RSVP 706-781-4048.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| Garden Tours | Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct) | 9 am - 1 pm |
| Children's Story Time | Union County Library | 11 am |
| Kiwanis Club | Steve's Steakhouse | Noon |
| A Course in Miracles | 298 School Circle | 2 pm |
| Civil Air Patrol | Blairsville Airport | 6 pm |
| Boy Scouts #101 | United Methodist Ch | 7 pm |
| Tri State Bus. Women | Every Tuesday: Blairsville Restaurant | 8 am |
| Tuesday Strippers | Mtn Presbyterian Ch | 9:30-2:30 |
| Get Fit | First UMC | 5:15 pm |
| Smoky Mtn. Melodies | United Methodist Ch | 6:30 pm |
| Hi Country Harmonizers | Branan Lodge | 6:30 pm |
| BINGO | Every Wednesday: Civic Center | 7 pm |
| Butternut Ladies Golf | Every Thursday: 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 |
| Blue Ridge Comm. | Fourth Monday of each month: McCaysville Lodge | 7:30 pm |
| Compassionate Friends | Fourth Tuesday of each month: Grinds & Glazes | Noon |
| Dead Theologians Soc. | Cabin Coffee | Noon |
| Misty Mtn Quilt Guild | Blairsville UMC | 12:30 pm |
| VFW Post #7394 | Veteran's Center | 6:30 pm |
| Eastern Star #304 | Location not listed | 7:30 pm |
| No activities listed | Fourth Wednesday of each month: | |
| Lions Club | Fourth Thursday of each month: Steve's Cookie Jar | 6 pm |
| Cruisers Club Meeting | Sr. Center pavilion | 6 pm |
| UT Homebuilders | YH College | 7 pm |
| Eastern Star #471 | Fourth Friday of each month: Location not listed | 7:30 pm |
| Youngcane Lodge #597 | Fourth Saturday of each month: Lodge Hall | 7:30 pm |

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



September 17th - 23rd
in recognition of
U.S. Constitution Week
by Old Unicoi Trail Chapter
Daughters of the
American Revolution

September 12th
In memory of
John J. Meeks Anniversary
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

Feb. 20, 1957 to Sep. 19, 2015
In memory of
Ginger Booth Quinn
by Patti and Donald Caraway

**Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493**