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## Christmas activities, shopping to fill Dec. 4 weekend

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As folks begin to hang their stockings by the chimney with care, there's a lot left to do in the mountains before Saint Nicholas gets here, as Blairsville once again invites the community to celebrate the Christmas spirit together.

Like fresh-fallen snow, there's plenty to do spread out around the county this holiday season, and various local organizations will be hosting everything from tree lighting to shopping events against the cheerful backdrop of a Christmas-decorated Blairsville.

Ringing in the holidays on Saturday, Dec. 4, will be multiple events from the

Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce, Union County Historical Society, and Downtown Development Authority.

To start the day off, the chamber is hosting its annual "Holly Jolly Christmas" from 9-11 a.m. at the Community Center, to feature "Breakfast with Santa." And while people are there, they can check out the festive "Tour of Trees" tree decorating and custom wreath display in the building.

"Breakfast with Santa" offers more than the name suggests. There will be choir singing and other musical entertainment, and outside, the Mayor's Train will be taking children in a loop around the parking lot.

"The reason it's called

Mayor's Train is because Mayor Jim Conley is normally the conductor," Chamber President Steve Rowe said. "He hasn't been able to do it for the last couple of years, but he promises he'll be back this year."

Children can talk to and take pictures with Santa Claus, and if they stick around for the Holly Jolly Christmas celebration, they can also write a letter to the North Pole to make their more specific requests.

Additionally, the festivities will include games, crafts, and Christmas-themed storybook reading, and it's possible several surprise Christmas characters will make an appearance at the event.

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From City Hall to the Farmers Market, Blairsville is all decked out for the Christmas season, including this Nativity showcasing the reason for the season at the Community Center. Photo by Brittany Holbrooks

## 'Shop with a Cop' to serve 125 children in 21st year

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Thanks to the kindness and generosity of Blairsville/Union County residents, 125 local children will receive the opportunity to "Shop with a Cop" for Christmas presents on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Christmas is a time for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, with part of the tradition being to "love thy neighbor" by exchanging gifts.

And due to donations from a loving community, 125 kids who otherwise might not have been able to buy gifts for their loved ones will receive that chance this month when the Blairsville Police Department and other volunteers take them shopping at Walmart.

"This will be our 21st year," Blairsville Police Chief Michael "Bear" Baxter said of the program that partners with Union County Schools and Family Connection. "Last year we took a record number 125



Blairsville Assistant Police Chief Shawn Dyer and Police Chief Michael "Bear" Baxter are ready for another exciting installment of Shop with a Cop for Christmas Dec. 11. Photo by Mark Smith

kids shopping. This year we're going to match that and take another 125."

Since beginning the program 21 years ago, Blairsville PD has taken nearly 2,000 kids Christmas shopping, more recently including some children of past program

beneficiaries, and it's all been made possible by greater than two decades of community support for the cause.

"Of course, we had our (Third Annual Rubber Duck Derby), which is our primary fundraiser," Baxter

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## US Army refuels Apache helicopters at local airport

By Mark Smith  
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A flight of four Boeing AH-64E Apache Guardian attack helicopters bound for Fort Campbell, Kentucky, made a refueling stop at the Blairsville Municipal Airport on Saturday, Nov. 20, following completion of a three-week

training exercise in Cherry Point, North Carolina.

The refueling stop wasn't entirely a military exercise, as Blairsville is the hometown of U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joe Telford's mother, Edie, and his wife and children were here visiting.

So, a refueling stop in Blairsville was a welcome surprise for his extended

family, not to mention a number of aviation enthusiasts and onlookers.

Local attorney and Union County School Board Member Janna Akins is Telford's sister-in-law, and she said the Army pilot received approval from his superiors to divert to Blairsville, which made for a fun reunion for his family and kids.

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L-R: Brooks Telford, Beckett Akins, Greyson Telford, Weston Davenport, Finley Telford, Carson Davenport, and Joe Telford holding Benton Davenport at the Blairsville Municipal Airport Nov. 20. Photo by Mark Smith

## With free meals, volunteers share 'Thanksgiving Blessings'

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Members of a dozen local churches gathered at House of Prayer Nov. 25 to host the 10th Annual Thanksgiving Blessings Dinner, which provides home-cooked meals to folks who maybe can't afford Thanksgiving dinner themselves or who have no family with which to spend the holiday.

The all-volunteer effort attended to 953 total reservations, including 735 adults, 49 teens, and 169 children, with over 50 delivery teams for homes not only in Union but drifting into Towns County as well. Free Bibles were received with the



Volunteers from local churches getting ready to make Thanksgiving Blessings Dinner deliveries from home base at the Family Life Center of House of Prayer Church Nov. 25. Photo by Jeremy Foster

## Union County Government to host budget hearing Dec. 2

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Union County Government is pleased to announce that its Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget is increasing just 5.2% over 2021 amid a prolonged period of national inflationary pressures.

That is a full percentage point under the more than 6% year-over-year increase in the Consumer Price Index, which at the end of October saw "the largest 12-month increase since the period ending November

1990," according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Residents are invited to provide input in a state-mandated budget public hearing on Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Union County Courthouse. Elected officials and department heads are being asked to attend that evening to answer department-specific budget questions.

The budget will be adopted in a Dec. 13 called meeting at 5:30 p.m., also inside the courthouse.

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Laura Driskell  
County Finance Director

## Wilkinson discusses vocational opportunities in North Georgia

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HIWASSEE – Plenty of folks in the Nov. 19 Mountain Movers and Shakers meeting recognized the "recovering politician" who went on to become the president of Georgia's first technical college, former District 50 State Sen. John Wilkinson.

Prior to being elected state senator, Wilkinson was a program manager at the Georgia Department of Education, where he oversaw the state's agricultural

education programs, and he also worked as the executive secretary for the Georgia Future Farmers of America Association.

As a Georgia senator, he served as the Chairman of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee and as Vice-Chairman of the Education and Youth Committee, and he has received several awards over the years for his attention to educational and vocational issues in Georgia.

After leaving state politics last year, Wilkinson came aboard as North Georgia Technical College President

in February 2021, and in the Nov. 19 Movers and Shakers meeting, Wilkinson talked about the history and outstanding achievements of the institution he now leads.

He also addressed the importance and validity of students who decide to go into a more hands-on field after graduating high school.

First detailing the history of the college, Wilkinson shared that North Georgia Tech was the first trade school in Georgia. At over 75 years old, the Clarkesville location was the first of the college's campuses.

According to Wilkinson, North Georgia Tech's ongoing success is due in part to a local political legend.

"One of the governors who was really an advocate for the Technical College System was Gov. Zell Miller (of Young Harris)," Wilkinson said. "He said he wanted to have a technical college system within 30 minutes of every young person in the state."

Indeed, the Blairsville campus lies about 30 minutes from Hiwassee and an hour from the original

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NGTC President John Wilkinson was happy to stop by the Movers and Shakers breakfast meeting recently for an educational discussion. Photo by Brittany Holbrooks

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said. "We had that on Labor Day Weekend, and it was very successful. It was a record year. We did the most we ever did – we did 2,000 ducks, so it was a very successful event."

The Duck Derby gives residents and businesses the opportunity to donate by purchasing a numbered rubber duck for \$10 with a chance to win prizes as it floats toward the Butternut Creek finish line, and 100% of the proceeds go toward the Shop with a Cop Program.

"It takes a lot of manpower and money to run this (Shop with a Cop) event," Baxter said. "But that's what we do and will continue to do as long as we can."

As highlighted above, not only do these children get an opportunity to put gifts for themselves under the Christmas tree, but they also

use the money to help their families. And since feelings of community are fostered first in the home, the program is a win-win for the entire community.

Speaking of community impact, Baxter said COVID changed everything in 2020. In years past, kids gathered at Union County Middle the morning of the event and traveled to Walmart together via school bus.

However, given health concerns for students amid COVID-19, last year, parents brought their children from home directly to the shopping event, which has turned out to be a good thing.

"We learned that it's a whole lot better logistically

and easier for us just to have the parents bring the kids over there," Baxter said, adding that parents will again bring kids to the event this year.

Children's guardians will not be accompanying them on the trip, as that's a task reserved for "cops and first responders and other volunteers," Baxter said.

This gives children a freer hand at selecting gifts while providing a cornerstone for healthy relations between first responders and kids, which in turn promotes trust in and around the community for years to come.

"We live in a great place, we live in a giving place," Baxter said. "We live in a place where people care for each

other. They love each other. I don't think there's a better place to live. If you live here, you don't find many reasons to leave. We may be the ones who take (the kids shopping), but this community supports this program."

When asked about the significance of the Shop with a Cop event, Baxter said, "If we can touch one young person's life, we've accomplished our goal."

Undoubtedly, a lot more than just one young person's life will be impacted by volunteer chaperones with the Blairsville Police Department, Union County Sheriff's Office, Union County Fire, and other agencies and volunteers who assist the effort on Dec. 11.

## Apache Helicopters...from Page 1A



Four Boeing AH-64E Apache Guardian attack helicopters stopped for some fuel and public outreach at the Blairsville Airport last month. Photo by Mark Smith

Overall, it was a terrific outreach opportunity, as Telford's family and several onlookers were allowed to sit in the cockpit of one of the Apaches for pictures, and crew members answered questions about how the lethal helicopters operate and what it's like to fly them.

Telford said the AH-64E Guardian is "actually the world's premier attack helicopter and has been used extensively in the world war on terror."

Air Methods Pilot Lou Gregoire, who happened to be making a refueling stop at the same time for the Blairsville-based medical chopper, said his Bell helicopter weighs about 5,000 pounds, whereas the Apache, fully armed, weighs about 20,000 pounds.

The AH-64E is designed for a crew of two. Telford, who is the Battalion Standardization Officer, said the backseat crew member generally flies the aircraft while the front-seat crew member handles weapons control.

Interestingly, he said the aircraft can be flown from either seat, so both crew members must be trained pilots.

U.S. Army Capt. Blake Lemmons, serving as Company Commander, and Warrant Officer Devan Gudroe, Telford's weapons control officer, were two of the pilot officers answering questions.

Telford, Lemmons and Gudroe all said the Warrant Officer Flight Training program offered by the U.S. Army is available to high school graduates with good grades, a clean record, and a favorable recommendation. And, of course, passing grades on the entrance exam.

"The slang term for it is 'street to seat,'" Lemmons



U.S. Army Capt. Blake Lemmons and Warrant Officer Devan Gudroe during a recent refueling stop for four Apache helicopters at the Blairsville Airport. Photo by Mark Smith

said, referring to high school graduates entering the program right after commencement exercises.

In fact, the Army's Warrant Officer Flight Training program is the only flight training program in all of the armed services that's available to high school graduates with no prior military service or flying experience, according to the U.S. Army website.

Other military flight programs require an enlisted person to attain the rank of sergeant before being allowed to advance to flight/officer training, or they require a college degree or a private pilot certificate.

So, an interested high school graduate could step right into the Warrant Officer Flight Training program after graduation and, within two years, be flying a variety of helicopters, including the Blackhawk, or fixed-wing aircraft, as a warrant officer.

And that experience would qualify that person for

a great many high-paying jobs in the civilian sector after fulfilling his or her service commitment.

For his part, Telford said he initially joined the U.S. Marines and became a helicopter mechanic, though he ended up switching branches to become a helicopter pilot after learning about the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Flight Training program.

For more information on this program, check out <https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/current-and-prior-service/advance-your-career/warrant-officer/flight-warrant-officers.html>.

As for the Nov. 20 Blairsville visit that lasted about an hour and a half, after a bite to eat and some refreshments, the four helicopter crews spooled up and lifted off for Fort Campbell.

It appeared both the civilians and the helicopter crews all enjoyed their time on the ground in Blairsville – especially Chief Warrant Officer Telford and his family.

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volunteer-cooked and prepared meals.

Many organizations rallied together to make the day possible, among them Harmony Grove Baptist, All Saints Lutheran, Antioch Baptist, Choestoe Baptist, First United Methodist, Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Club, Fellowship of the Hills, and Blairsville Church of Christ.

Thanksgiving Blessings Team Leader Cal Wolcott helped to coordinate the program, saying that both the volunteers and the recipients of the ministry benefit from the occasion.

"We do this because we feel that it is an important step in our faith to do something for our neighbors," Wolcott said, "and to let them know that they are not forgotten and somebody is thinking about them."

"If people ask us for a meal, we give it to them, because no matter how big or small the blessing is to them, we know we did help to make some difference in their lives, even if just for this one day."

Harmony Grove Baptist Church Pastor Scotty Jarrard weighed in on the importance of the program, especially during this time of year.

"We are not only meeting

the needs of our community, but we are also showing them that in a time of diversity, many churches can work together for one common purpose," he said. "And this is just one event where we can all come together as a collective body to show our community that we love them vicariously through the love of our Lord."

"I think the holiday season (is triggering) for many people. This is a time where families do come together who may not see much of each other throughout the year, and it hits people who are alone extra hard because they get reminded that they are truly alone or cannot afford to make an extra special meal for themselves."

Providing the free Thanksgiving Day meals is a massive logistical undertaking with humble beginnings, having started with a small group of seven volunteers in 2011 providing 145 free meals in hopes of starting a lasting ministry to spread the love of Jesus Christ.

This gets to the heart of the Thanksgiving Blessings Dinner, which serves to take care of those who have fallen through the cracks in society by showing them that they are loved by their neighbors and that more resources are available

with church involvement.

"That is why this is a valuable tool for us to have," Pastor Jarrard said. "For example, home delivery drivers can stay at the patron's house if the patron wants to talk and spend a few hours with them to help comfort them in a time of need or even witness if that is accepted."

"Many people have moved up here and do not have families, and the need for that is becoming more and more every year, because it is getting harder to see those needs as our population grows."

"And this shows that our church has an opportunity now more than ever to love on the community that God has placed us in."

### Bagpipe instruction

The Appalachian Saint Andrew's Pipes and Drums Bagpipe Band is offering free instruction to all who want to learn how to play the Great Highland Bagpipe or to learn Regimental Drumming.

The band meets each Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon in the Parish Hall of St. Clare's Episcopal Church for instruction and practice.

For further information, call 770-833-5411 or 1-828-557-3812.

# Budget Hearing...from Page 1A

People can find the FY22 Proposed Budget at <http://www.unioncountygga.gov/>. All told, the budget balances to \$22,878,191, up \$1,129,411 from the FY21 Budget of \$21,748,780.

Most of the 5% bump over last year comes by way of salary increases, which are important for employee retention, County Manager Larry Garrett said, and revenues are up slightly due in part to growth in the county digest netting an additional \$997,886 in property tax dollars.

Essentially, the budget is the county's planning document to pay employees to provide the many services residents rely on all year round, from protection by the Sheriff's Office, Fire Department and 911 Dispatch to maintenance by the Road Department.

Also included in the budget are a couple million dollars in American Rescue

Plan funds, which is federal money earmarked for public safety infrastructure in the wake of COVID-19. For example, the county plans to use these funds to build Fire Station 13 in the north end of Union.

Other budgeted items are the countywide medical helicopter service membership, pay for employees to run the county-owned Butternut Creek Golf Course, personnel to offer other recreational opportunities, the District Attorney and Public Defender Offices, gas for emergency service vehicles, and much more.

The budget is required by state law to balance, that is, incoming dollars in the form of revenues – property taxes, Local Option Sales Taxes, grant monies, etc. – must match the costs of offering public services to residents and visitors alike.

It's an arduous process that results in many hundreds of pages of calculations

spanning every department located under the umbrella of county government, and the Commissioner's Office works with each department head and elected official to ascertain needs and allocate funding.

Of course, department heads don't automatically get everything they ask for at budget time, but this year, County Purchasing Agent Pam Hawkins said everyone has done a tremendous job keeping things in line so that the Commissioner's Office did not have to turn down requests for lack of projected revenues.

"This is one of the best years I think we've ever had as far as everybody falling within their budget," County Purchasing Agent Pam Hawkins said. "It's been great. Every time we look at it, we're like, this is good."

"There's a lot to be said for all the department heads and elected officials keeping their budgets as tight as they can and operating with what they have. We have several offices

that have put in for another employee in next year's budget because they're short-handed, and that costs a lot in terms of salaries and benefits. But everybody's actual expenditures to maintain their offices are pretty low."

Added Hawkins, "Trying to find employees nowadays is hard. Either they don't want to work, or you have to pay a little more to get somebody to work. (In the latter case), you don't want them to make more than somebody that's been here 10 years, so then you've really got to look across the board and figure out, do you need to bring everybody else up a little bit?"

"We try to take care of all the employees and make it comparable."

Calculating revenues to balance the budgetary needs of county government is done by examining the prior year's revenues in concert with projections for the next year, and the budgeting process for each next year begins about halfway through the current

fiscal year.

"County Finance Director Laura Driskell works constantly on that to make sure we've accounted for every revenue we could possibly receive based on the history and projections," Hawkins said. "That's how we determine how much property tax is needed, and that's how we determine what the millage rate needs to be."

Following the implementation of the two-year revaluation process that kicked in earlier this year, the county was able to cut the millage rate by 1.154 mills, though many property owners still experienced an increase due to recent-year additions at their homes.

Fortunately for the FY22 Proposed Budget, the county did not have to raise the millage rate or dip into fund balance reserves to cover the county's expenses, which might have been a different story if not for strong ongoing collections of the Local Option Sales Tax.

"That LOST collection,

for every penny spent in Union County, helps offset the millage rate," Hawkins said.

Another point of pride for the Commissioner's Office is the lack of debt service built into the FY22 budget, as earlier this summer, the county officially made its last payment on the SPLOST-backed general obligation bond from 2015.

Once adopted, the FY22 Proposed Budget will be submitted to the state for approval, and later, it will be subjected to an external audit that must also be submitted for state approval.

"We do this to help," Finance Director Driskell said of the budget process. "Everybody in this office and everybody in the county as a whole works hard to put their best foot forward for the citizens."

"We try to provide the best services we can while still spending the least amount of money to keep that level of service up."

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William "Scotty" Scott is one of the key organizers behind the Mountain Movers and Shakers.

Photo by Brittany Holbrooks

Clarkesville campus. And with the Currahee campus, Northeast Georgia offers

plentiful options for trade schools.

Also mentioned was

the fact that Atlanta's JAMES Magazine listed North Georgia Tech in third place for their 2021 rankings of technical colleges.

"I was real proud of that rank," Wilkinson said, taking a moment to give credit to the college's dedicated instructors, like 2021's NGTC Employee of the Year and Hiawassee resident Tammy Keyes.

After the employees came recognition for the student body. Out of a total of 2,600 students, 25% of them are dual enrolled, balancing high school with earning early college credits.

"There have been some students that graduated from high school and had two years of college credits," Wilkinson said.

The "great thing" about dual enrollment, Wilkinson continued, is that those opportunities are state funded, meaning high school students who dual enroll don't have to pay college tuition fees.

While it is true that North Georgia Tech's tuition is considerably lower than other colleges, Wilkinson recognizes that some students may still struggle with the financial

burden of pursuing a higher education.

"We don't want any student who wants to attend North Georgia Tech to be unable to attend because they don't have the funds to," he said, moving on to the subject of monetary aid.

Students whose scholarships don't cover the entire cost of tuition may find their opportunity through the North Georgia Technical College Foundation, Wilkinson said.

With members including alumni and local businesses, the foundation works with students requiring financial aid to attend North Georgia Tech. Wilkinson lauded the variety of programs available to major in, including nursing, criminal justice, welding and, recently, agriculture.

To finish up the talk, Wilkinson answered questions involving the Student Government Organization and the percentage of "non-traditional students" who may be older or returning to school to pursue a new career.

Interestingly, Wilkinson made note of another option

for parties who are interested in classes but aren't looking for degrees.

"Not everyone comes for a degree," Wilkinson said. "We

do have an adult education program, and we do have adult education centers, and we have adult literacy teachers that teach adults how to read."

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While people are there, they can browse the holiday decorating skills of some of Blairsville's most prominent organizations during the monthlong "Tour of Trees" at the Community Center, which celebrates the unique businesses and sponsors that keep the town running.

Also on Dec. 4, Christmas shoppers can go down to the Farmers Market to take part in the ever popular "Kris Kringle Market."

Offered there will be excellent ideas for holiday-themed gifts and more, with soaps, ornaments, and handcrafted clothing being just a few of the options to peruse among the stalls, to say nothing of the excellent assortment of food.

The Kris Kringle Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., giving shoppers ample time to consider the more than 80 vendors who will be in attendance.

As in years past, the Union County High School Chamber Choir will perform at 11 a.m., and the Woody Gap Band of Steel will play at 1 p.m. Other activities will include marshmallow roasting and Santa's Workshop, where kids will get a taste of what it's like to work in the North Pole.

To wrap up the festivities of Dec. 4, the Union County Historical Society and the Blairsville Downtown Development Authority will be teaming up to sponsor much



A view from the annual Christmas Parade when it used to take place in the daytime, pictured here with the Union County High School Marching Panthers in 2013. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

beloved community activities with the annual "Christmas on the Square."

Children will get another chance to say "Hi!" and take a picture with Santa, this time inside the Historic Union County Courthouse from 2-5 p.m.

Families can then enjoy caroling and a tree lighting on the lawn of the courthouse museum from 5:30-6 p.m., as Santa readies himself for the 2021 return of the nighttime Christmas Parade that will begin at 6 p.m. and wind through Downtown Blairsville.

The theme of the parade will be "Christmas

in the Mountains," and after being canceled last year due to COVID-19, it promises to be a major family-friendly event with plenty of floats, classic cars and other participants getting in the Christmas spirit with lights and more.

People may also want to attend the Dec. 3 Christmas Concert featuring Elvis Presley – that is, Roy Perren – on Dec. 3 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Old Courthouse.

Then there's the two-day "Holiday Stop and Shop" Dec. 3-4 at the Haralson Memorial Civic Center from morning to evening both days, and people may do some more Christmas shopping in Hiwassee for the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds' "Mountain Country Christmas in Lights!" Thursday through Saturday.

And the following weekend, Vogel State Park will host its 19th Tree Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 4 p.m. Guests will be given a hayride up to the ballfield, where the warmth of bonfires awaits.

Although the tree lighting is considered the main event, guests should keep in mind that there will also be plenty to do in the way of other activities.

There's a musical lineup to enjoy, including Justin Terry, and new this year will be various children's activity tents set up around the ballfield.

As always, children and adults can sip hot chocolate or cider as Santa visits to read the Story of the Nativity from the Bible, and people may take

pictures with the Jolly Old Elf as well.

Per usual, organizers will recognize the three attendees who are oldest, youngest, and came from farthest away, and the tree lighting will take place after dark with additional caroling by candlelight.

## MountainTrue hosts hike December 4



Join MountainTrue on Saturday, December 4, for a 7.2 mile (round trip) moderate-to-strenuous hike on the Fires Creek Rim Trail to Tusquitee and Potrock Balds. Tusquitee Bald is the highest point in Clay County and lies within an inventoried roadless area that is eligible for a wilderness designation. Registration is required for this hike.

This hike is considered moderate for avid hikers and strenuous for less frequent hikers. The Fires Creek Rim Trail's access point boasts an elevation change of over 1,700 feet and is the most dif-

ficult portion of the hike. The remainder of the trail is much more moderate, with gentler grades interspersed with fairly flat lengths. The trip will involve about 4 hours of actual hiking with one hour for lunch and relaxation on the balds.

What to bring: Close-toed shoes, Wear weather-appropriate clothing, Plenty of water, Snacks, Lunch.

Please, no pets.

What: Hike to Tusquitee Bald via Short Branch. Where: Bristol Fields Horse Camp, Hayesville, NC 28904. When: Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Register at: [mountaintrue.org/event/wro-hike-to-tusquitee-bald-via-short-branch/](https://mountaintrue.org/event/wro-hike-to-tusquitee-bald-via-short-branch/).