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market?

A. There are certain items not grown locally that are allowed to be sold at the market: peaches, apples, peanuts, pecans, muscadines, watermelons, pumpkins, cantaloupes, and strawberries. Melons can only be brought in and sold until they are available locally.

**Q. What happens if vendors violate this policy?**

A. Vendors violating this policy will be warned and can be dismissed from the market.

**Q. Are civic groups allowed to sell at the market?**

A. Yes. Recognized civic groups are welcome to participate and may resell items for fund raising purposes. For more information or to sign up to sell at the market, please call the market manager at (706) 439-6043.

**Q. How can we get more information about the market?**

A. The market has a great website with a calendar of events, information about vendors, photographs, recipes, directions and much more (www.UCFarmersmarket.com). You can get to the website two ways. You can enter www.ucfarmersmarket.com or you can go to the county website, www.unioncountygagov and then select Farmers Market under local links. The Union County Farmers Market also has a Facebook page that can be accessed by going to www.facebook.com/UnionCountyFarmersMarket.

**Q. What other events are held at the Union County Farmers Market site each year?**

A. The first annual AG

Day was just held a couple of weekends ago with a huge crowd in attendance. New and used farm implements and equipment were offered for sale, and there was a large auction for used tools and equipment. Vendors were also at the market. Other events to look forward to this season: May 9 - Ramp Day; May 23 - Strawberry Day; June 6 - Beef It Up!; June 13 - EGG-Stravaganza; June 20 - BBQ Blast; June 27 - Ornamental Plant Exhibit; July 4 - All American Day; July 11 - Union County Canning Plant Open House; July 18 - Sweet Corn Day; July 25 - The Green Bean Festival; Aug 1 - Tomato Sandwich Day; Aug 8 - Honey Day/Honey Bees & Flowers; Aug 15 - Berries/Jams & Jellies; Aug 22 - Watermelon/Cantaloupe Day; Aug 29 - Food Fight Championship-Local Chefs; Sept 5 - Sixth Annual Salute to our Farmers/Tractor Parade; Sept 12 - College Colors Day; Sept 19 - Johnny Appleseed Day; Sept 26 - Butternut Creek Pumpkin Contest; Oct 3 - Harvest Days; Oct 10 - International Food Day; Oct 17 - Blue Ridge Sweetness; Oct 24 - Beans, Greens & Cornbread; and Oct 31 - Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest.

Don't forget the Trash to Treasures Yard Sale begins on April 9th. It is every Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The booth rental for the day is \$10.

We look forward to another very successful year and I will see you at the Union County Farmers Market on Opening Day, June 6.

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ted Lou dragging me across the ground. She had bit into the hem of my pants leg and pulled me back about 10 feet. Dad walked out to investigate and found a rattlesnake close to where I was playing.

Another time she came to my defense was when a fellow came to check out the phone lines leading to Papa's house. After his work was finished the repairman noticed me playing beside the house. The man walked over to me and began talking with me and Granny. He reached down to pick me up. As I was lifted into the air the fellow heard a deep growl. When I was placed back on the ground the dog wagged her tail in appreciation. That good old dog lived another 4-5 years. She was killed in a lightning strike. She was a grand old dog and I will forever remember the day we were told of her demise because everyone in our house cried.

Last fall at the Farmers Market a Big Pumpkin Contest

was held. However, the contest was held late in the year and all of the pumpkins slated to enter the contest rotted before the event. This year the contest has been moved up into September. But, we have added another event related to the Big Pumpkin Contest. This year on April 23rd a training will be held at the Mountain Branch Research and Education Center. The training will teach participants the secrets to growing huge pumpkins. The idea for the contest is to grow and exhibit 500 pound to 1400 pound pumpkins. Therefore, our training will teach participants how to grow these extremely large pumpkins. Dr. Tim Coolong and Dr. George Boyhan will be our guest speakers and they will discuss varieties, diseases, and fertility requirements of growing large pumpkins. The meeting will begin at 7 PM and light refreshments will be available. The meeting is open to gardeners as well as vegetable producers.

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4. What's the best gift you've ever received?

It would be hard to narrow down the great gifts I've received. However, I'm partial to my leopard Betsy Jonhson watch.

5. Besides your store of course, what is one of your favorite things about Downtown Blairsville?

I love the historic Courthouse. It's beautiful and holds so many memories of "town" for those of us who grew up here. Our courthouse is simply

timeless!

Make a point to go by Austin Blu on the square in Blairsville and patronize one of our great Blairsville businesses. As a bonus, locals always get 10% off of their purchase! You can call the shop directly at (706) 835-5878. For other business and retail recommendations, please call the Chamber at 706-745-5789. We have over 600 local business members who are ready to serve you!

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man" (the "ps" is silent) during a speech at the National Prayer Breakfast, Washington, D.C., Feb. 5, 2010 (The Corpsman's name is also Christopher, not Christian); "The Middle East is obviously an issue that has plagued the region for centuries." --Tampa, FL, Jan. 28, 2010; "UPS and FedEx are doing just fine, right? It's the Post Office that's always having problems." -- attempting to make the case for government-run healthcare, while simultaneously undercutting his own argument, Portsmouth, NH, Aug. 11, 2009.

Now referring to Obama's academic stature and I quote from *The Daily Mail UK*: "In his autobiography, *Dreams From My Father*, Mr. Obama describes himself as an unfocused high school student whose mother criticised him for being a 'loafer.' He also describes his attitude toward his studies at Occidental as 'indifferent' and called himself a 'bum' who was notorious for partying. However, despite his apparent lack of focus, he was able to win a place at Columbia.

Of the 450 students applied to transfer to the Ivy League university in 1981, only 67 were admitted, according to the *Columbia Spectator*. This compared to 650 applicants just four years before, signifying that those who wanted to study there has lower grades.

A Nov. 18, 1981 article in the *Columbia Spectator* revealed the SAT average for the transfer intake that year. It

stated: "On paper at least, the quality of the students accepted [as transfers] has declined along with the number of applicants, the officials say."

From the *Washington Times*, May 28, 2012: "But decades after Mr. Obama completed his own college course work, his academic performance is still a mystery. Before and after his election as president, Mr. Obama has refused to release his college transcripts from his days as an undergraduate and a law school student."

Read them and weep. Also keep reminding yourself that Mr. Obama also has that red button at his fingertips, although in my personal opinion the man lacks the fortitude and other internal parts to push it.

**P M Kane**

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quoted law, also get a 10 percent water bill discount.

This letter is not about me, but provides an example of its injustice to us, that is senior citizens! I served my country for over 34 years and became a senior citizen! Publicly we're often told how much we're loved, well if it's love involved - don't love me that much!

Sincerely, a citizen, veteran, and First Class Citizen! No less.

**Ronald Swinson**

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Now I need to capture these voles. A cat. Cats are carnivores. They will hunt voles and kill them. They too can be somewhat "night owls" (sorry, I couldn't resist). Nope, that's not going to work. I'm allergic to cats. I don't want another mouth to feed, and though I like our veterinarian, I don't want to be her sole support by having a plethora of pets. And even if none

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such events. I think in the afternoon would be much better giving time to warm up and a chance to see what the weather really is going to be and have a "make-up" day in case the weather is so bad the event(s) just can't be held. They seem to take too much for granted on these particular days and times every thing will be just fine and dandy and nothing will go wrong weatherwise or any thing else but that is often not the case! I just think they need to schedule these events at a later time in the day myself. Plenty of time for the festivities and all. Thank you for taking the time to print this, and for all to read it too.

**Mrs. D. Barnes**

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"My administration is committed to creating an unprecedented level of openness in government."

"Transparency and the rule of law will be the touchstones of this presidency."

"I will not sign any non-emergency government bill without giving the American public an opportunity to review and comment on the White House website for five days."

"I don't want to pit Red America against Blue America. I want to be the president of the United States of America."

"I will ensure that federal contracts over \$25,000 are competitively bid."

"I will sign a universal health-care bill into law by the end of my first term as president that will cover every American and cut the cost of a typical family's premium by up to \$2,500 a year."

"If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor. Period."

"I refuse to leave our children with a debt that they cannot repay - and that means taking responsibility right now, in this administration, for getting our spending under control."

"There's not even a smidgen of corruption [at the IRS]".

"[I] learned about [Hillary's private email account] the same time everybody else learned it through news reports."

Had enough of intellectual presidents yet? No? Well, the "smartest woman in the world" is waiting in the progressive wings, dear Miss "What difference, at this point, does it make," Clinton.

Best Regards,

**Roger Beal**

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ly the officer went into action and approached the accident from the Eastbound side with lights flashing. Before I could get to my cellphone to call 911 Union County finest were on the scene. I could swear this all occurred within the first 5-7 minutes. As things developed the EMT arrived along with two fire trucks and I think one other emergency vehicle. Also, within minutes two if not three Blairsville police officers were on the scene. I must say I was extremely impressed with all of the emergency responders. Union County and the city of Blairsville should be extremely pleased with the quality and speed with which they responded. It is my hope and prayer that all parties to the accident recovery quickly.

**John A. White**

**Blue Ridge**

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C.S. Lewis tried to remain atheist but, "I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England." Saul was a persecutor of the early church who was changed by Jesus on that Damascus Road. And the list goes on.

But are these really unlikely conversions? Don't underestimate the power of truth! Jesus didn't come to make bad people good or good people better; he came to give life, something everyone needs. In that sense, we all start from the same place, so if anyone is an unlikely convert, we all are.

of these factors prevailed, my 13 year old pug, Cubby, would have nothing to do with sharing his domain with a feline.

There's the mousetrap idea. Set the trap in the runway of the voles, pull back the snap after you bait it with a ball of peanut butter. Right. I have been finger crippled for weeks trying to set a snap trap, and even when I finally succeed, the mice tend to get the peanut butter licked clean before it snaps, they duck out of the way and then the loud noise as the metal vise hits the wood and snaps it into the air - empty - wakes me up in the middle of the night. I'm not playing that game.

OK. It seems my other option is rat poisoning, for voles are rodents. It seems that rat poisoning, at least the most successful brands, are Warfarin based. You know you've heard that word before. Warfarin is the proper medical moniker for Coumadin. Now why would a life saving technique prescribed by your cardiologist help rid the voles? Warfarin is a blood anticoagulant, causing internal bleeding and hemorrhaging leading to death. Essentially, the vole ingests enough of this poison so that it bleeds to death.

As a child I wasn't prone to nightmares, but I do remember having several sleepless nights after my dad had rid our property of some rats. He explained to me that the poison he used would make the animal very thirsty. They would high tail it to the creek and drink and drink and drink until they finally exploded. End of problem. End of his problem, maybe, but it interfered with my sleep for quite a while.

Now I'm adult, no longer a child. Do I play Kevorkian and administer the lethal dose and rid myself of these little, unsightly creatures or do I seek another means to an end that has more heart, that is more humane?

I wish I was cuddled up under my grandmother's wing, with the scent of her lavender lotion permeating my senses, listening to her read me about the three billy goats. Life was so much simpler back then...

For those of you who never get enough of gardening tips, be sure to visit the Union County Facebook page and "Like Us". You will enjoy all that we share. And the Union County Garden Club has their annual plant sale coming up this month at the Farmer's Market. Watch this column for details.