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take the project to bid in April and have it open in June. However, the plans were delayed because of equipment changes. Once we were unable to build the splash pad prior to the pool opening, it became impossible to complete the project this season. The construction zone will include part of the pool area, and this would not be safe with small children and construction equipment. We could either delay the construction of the splash pad or we could have the pool closed the majority of the summer so we just chose to delay the construction.

Q. When will the splash pad be built?

A. We are close to having the final plans redone and completed. We will have to put the

project out to bid and advertising will take a couple of months. So we still hope to have the construction done this year, at least part of it, and then have it ready to open when the pool opens in the spring. Yeah!

Q. What is a splash pad?

A. This will be a 5,110 square foot area of small fountains, bucket dumps and other assorted water spray areas for the enjoyment of tots, probably up to pre-school age. It will also have a small area for mothers and the kids to enjoy about 6" of water to wade and sit in. It will be lots of fun and I am very excited at the prospects of having this completed. This will be funded with SPLOST dollars.

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lowing batters received high and tight pitches and then proceeded to strike out on the next pitches.

One week later the team from Tennessee came to Alabama. The man who had spiked our cousin came walking toward Dad and Uncle Bud. Dad said, "Oh no, here we go again." As he walked up to the pair of young men he extended his hand and apologized to Dad and Uncle Bud for his behavior. Uncle Bud shook the man's hand and told him there would be no more trouble as long as they played clean. Trapptown won again 23 to 2. Back in those days the Trapptown Baseball Team was serious about winning and protecting their own.

At the Farmers Market we are also serious about protecting our farmers. Therefore all the produce you are presently seeing is locally grown with the exceptions of sweet potatoes and melons. Our local ones are not ready yet. Also, we do not grow peaches so the peaches you are seeing are from elsewhere. But, the beans, squash, tomatoes,

sweet corn and other types of produce are locally grown. You will also see some "Georgia Grown" signs throughout the market. The people displaying these signs are selling items produced in Georgia.

The Green Bean Festival will be held at the Farmers Market on July 25th. We will have some interesting events at the Festival. There will be a Green Bean Pizza Eating Contest. There will be a Canning Contest. You can bring your home canned products to the Canning Plant the week prior to the festival and compete against others in our own Local Canning Contest. Please go to our website at ucfarmersmarket.com for entry forms and guidelines to the contest. A quilt show will also be held at the Green Bean Festival. Once again please go to the website for entry information. Finally, this year we will also have a storytelling contest. So, if you are interested in any of these events please go to ucfarmersmarket.com for more information.

Ferst thanks business sponsors

The Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy's Community Action Team has been conducting a letter drive to businesses detailing the program and asking for support. To those who believe in promoting childhood literacy in Union County and have supported this program, we would like to extend to you our sincere thanks and appreciation. You have enabled us serve over 200 children currently, and there are many more to serve with your help!

Please remember if your business has not been contacted yet, or if you have not responded to our written request, for a donation of \$36, a child can receive books for one year; for \$180, a child can receive books from birth to age 5 (60 books)! However, any amount will go toward providing books to children and will be gratefully received. There are several ways to give to this

501(c)3 non-profit organization: go to www.ferstfoundation.org to contribute to the Union County program electronically; mail contributions to: Union County Ferst Foundation, P.O. Box 2743, Blairsville, GA 30514; contact any of the following CAT members for details: Martha Davenport, (706) 745-5170; Elaine Queen, (706) 745-4988; Betty Sexton, (706) 745-2329; Melissa Kelley, (706) 745-1333; or Cindy Williams, (706) 745-5789.

If any civic organization or other group would like to hear more about the FERST Foundation for Childhood Literacy in Union County, please contact Martha Davenport at (706) 745-5170 or Elaine Queen at (706) 745-4988 to arrange a presentation. Please help us to continue such a valuable opportunity for all of Union County's children. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

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owned slaves.

They also fathered a Republic — at great personal risk to themselves and to their families.

Had Mr. Jefferson not compromised with The South, he'd not have gleaned the votes necessary to adopt the Constitution.

He said that it would remain with future generations to eliminate slavery.

By the way, Abraham Lincoln emancipated slaves only in "those States in rebellion."

Why not purge all references to Mr. Lincoln, too?

Exodus 21 records directions from YAHWEH regarding the disposition of Hebrew slaves.

Moses might have owned slaves, too.

Why not remove the bas relief of Moses, "the Law-Giver," from the pediment of the Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C.?

Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek and Seminole Indians, among other tribes, owned slaves.

Why not close down any and all casinos which they currently operate since they were former slave-owners and confiscate that money and give it to black people? Native Americans shouldn't be able to profit on their heritage of slavery, should they?

If the cultural cleansing is to be thorough and complete, that's the least that you Democrats / Liberals / Progressives ought to expect and demand.
George Mitchell

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Ribbons and certificates will be given to the canned goods based on appearance, head space in jar, the type of jar and the technique used to process the product. Entry forms and all criteria and categories are listed on our website at www.UCFarmersMarket.com or you can pick up a copy at the Canning Plant or Farmers Market Office.

Those that quilt will also be featured this year. We will be having a Quilt Show, with judging, ribbons and certificates, as well. The five categories for this Show include: My First Quilt, Art Quilt (designed to hang on the wall), Traditional Quilt Pattern, Nature Themed Quilt and Hand Sewn Quilt (no machine work). Entries need to be submitted by the morning of the 24th. Judging will be the day before the Festival, all quilts will be displayed the day of the Festival in the Canning Plant, for people to tour, and the ribbons will be awarded that morning. For more information, contact Kristy at the Market Office, (706) 439-6043.

In addition to the Quilt Show, we are also adding a Green Bean Tall Tale Contest. You all are avid readers of our friend and Market Manager Mickey Cumming's weekly column. No one tells a tale quite like Mickey. Mickey claims all his tales are true, but for this contest, they don't have to be. The only thing they have to be is about rural life, true or fiction. They

can only be 5 minutes long and they have to have a beginning, a middle and an end. No jokes, but stories told to the audience at the microphone. At 10:30 a.m., in the food pavilion, Mickey will kick it off by telling a few tales, himself. Then the competition begins. Sign up is by 8:30 a.m. that morning. Anyone over the age of 14 years old is encouraged to participate.

It wouldn't be a Green Bean Festival without a Green Bean Pizza Eating Contest. The Contest will be held after the Tall Tale Contest. All pizza lovers with a large capacity to consume pizza (with Green Beans, mind you) are encouraged to sign up for this fun event.

That about wraps up the month of July at the Farmer Market. Hard to believe the summer can be midstream already. Let's not forget how great Tuesday afternoon and evenings are at the Market. Plenty of great produce, picked that morning, time to talk to our farmers and crafters on Tuesday's too. Then at 6 p.m. (note the time change) we have an Auction that is fun, with great deals, too. The second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, you can bring items to be auctioned off. You'll find a link on our website with the criteria for those auctions.

Stay cool, hydrated and happy these hot weeks of July. See you soon at the Market!

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From his intricate and interwoven design of nature, to his providential hand in history and his power to bring good from evil, God is involved in human affairs.

Tebow was right. Jesus Christ is the reason we are all here. "All things came into being through Him" (John 1:3). It is a life well-lived that gives credit where credit is due, especially in matters of eternal consequence.

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a difference in the economic future of their community, region, and the state of Georgia. Tuition is \$225 which covers class materials, meals and breaks for all 4 days. Classes will be held on August 27, October 1, October 29, and November 19. To learn more about the program, view the full curriculum, or sign up for this great course, go to www.dca.ga.gov/academy.

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When considering other information that has become public in recent months, I was not surprised to find that the Board of Directors of the Cooperative has violated its Policy (Bulletin No. 540) that prohibits the organization from making loans to employees or directors for any purpose.

Cooperative loans to a least five current or former board members ranging in amounts from \$45,591 to \$1,329 are listed on the 990 forms filed with the IRS in each of those three fiscal years. None of the loans have been paid and are not judged to be in default, thus the Cooperative's Board of Directors who borrowed money currently owe \$65,399 in unpaid debts to the membership.

This abuse of authority is yet another reason why members should be deeply concerned about the incompetency of the Board and manager of the EMC. I hope other EMC stakeholders will join me by defeating the current board members who are seeking reelection in September and replacing them with candidates who will work to make the cooperative more transparent and more businesslike.

Floyd Schultz

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



July 10th
in memory of
Dr. William P. Meeks, Sr.
Anniversary
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

July 19th
in loving memory of
Don Platt's Birthday
We love and miss you
by Gloria and Becky

July 14th
Elden C. Womacks
Happy Birthday Dad
We love and miss you
very much.
David and Judy

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

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	Every Thursday:	
Butternut Ladies Golf	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
	Fourth Tuesday of each month:	
Compassionate Friends	Grinds & Glazes	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
	Fourth Wednesday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Fourth Thursday of each month:	
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Cruisers Club Meeting	Sr. Center pavilion	6 pm
UT Homebuilders	YH College	7 pm
	Fourth Friday of each month	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 pm
	Fourth Saturday of each month:	
Youngcane Lodge #597	Lodge Hall	7:30 pm