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and lots of money to make an improvement. Again, it is only a problem when there is a car in the turn lane approaching from Blairsville.

Q. I heard that you are going to be restoring the old cemetery that is behind the Board of Education and near the old Cannery. Can you tell us more about that?

A. Yes, this is a project that the city, county, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Union County Historical Society, and some interested citizens are undertaking. For years this cemetery has been pretty much neglected except for keeping the grass cut. Many of the markers are badly in need of some tender loving care. It is called the Old Blairsville Cemetery and there are 37 graves with inscribed headstones and legible names and dates and more than 50 unmarked graves. The oldest grave that has a legible inscription is that of Sara Addington who died in 1844.

Q. What is involved in restoring a cemetery?

A. This is not a project to be taken lightly. We want to make sure we are doing every-

thing correctly so we will be doing research and getting advice on how to proceed. We have someone coming up next week who has worked at a Gainesville cemetery for 15 years to look at the cemetery and advise us on how to proceed.

Q. Will there be fundraising involved with this project?

A. Yes, there will be. Once we have a plan of action and can narrow down the cost, the fundraising effort will begin. One final part will be to construct a historic fence or replica around as much of the cemetery as possible. This will probably be the most expensive part of the project. We will be contacting ancestors of those buried in the cemetery that we can locate and also hope members of the public will take an interest. There are seven confederate soldier graves that are already identified. This will be an exciting project and more information will be forthcoming. If you are interested in donating now, you can contact City Hall until we have a bank account set up, at (706) 745-2000.

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ter them together, under the "most unusual pet" category. Needless to say, we won our first blue ribbon. We were so thrilled; my Dad felt like a hero to my Mom and his two little girls, and ice cream at the Big Dipper was our next reward. We sat in the car, eating our cones, discussing all the other pets, laughing and singing, like we did on those hot summer nights. We were the perfect family, right off the cover of the Saturday Evening Post. The sun was setting and the fireflies were dancing. My sister and I jumped out of the car to catch fireflies. We ran around in giggles, while Mom and Dad sat in the car watching us with gratefulness.

When we got home that night, Sis and I were already asleep in the backseat. My folks carried us in, changed us into our pajamas, not waking us out of our slumber and tucked us in. The next morning, we played at home, never giving our new pets much thought. Later that day, when we went hunting for them, we found them, lifeless in their plastic island tray, in the back window of the old Pontiac, roasted by the July sun beating in on them. RIP,

Blue Ribbon crayfish.

Every kid should have opportunities like those playground days while growing up. And we are seeing to it at the Farmers Market this Saturday. The Green Bean Festival is all about the kids. Again this year we are having our kids tent, our appearances with Mr. Green Bean and our Kazoo band, which is for kids young and old. We've added sack races and water balloon tosses this year, as well.

Most fun will be to see how creative parents and kids can be with our first Bonnet and Beanie Parade. Make a silly hat or beanie out of fruits, vegetables and/or flowers. Enter in the parade at 11:45 that morning. The parade will just be around the perimeter of the market for all to see, and the judges will be selecting their favorites. Winners will be announced at Noon. Kids won't ever forget an experience like this. I know I never have. There's plenty more about the Green Bean Festival in today's edition of the paper. A full schedule can be found at www.GreenBeanFestival.com. Be sure to plan to spend the day. It will do your heart good to have that much fun, no matter what your age.

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One ingredient does not stand above the other ingredients but there is a blending balance that produces a pleasing recipe.

Marriage is to be a blending balance of one man, one woman where neither overpowers the other. Although, it is possible to have a marriage equally divided between male and female and not have blending together. Marriage is not just an equal portion of both male and female but a mixing and blending. Just as surely as you can have all the ingredients for a cake: sugar, flour, butter, etc. you cannot have a cake until the blending, weaving and stirring takes place. Neither

can you have a marriage until there is an intermingling and blending of ideas, skills, interests and tasks. Marriage is two people that God has brought together whose personalities work together to fulfill God's original purpose to glorify Him and enjoy each other until death shall part them. This is a life-long process of weaving, blending and mixing.

If two people try to be selfish and lone rangers there can be no marriage. Regina and I do not have a perfect marriage because we are not perfect but we have and still are enjoying the blending of marriage and the weaving pro-

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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.

Remember the Green Bean Festival this week at the Farmers Market. Please take note of the following items: We will accept entries for the Canning Contest until 9 am.

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Corps will regulate virtually every area of ground that gets wet in the country, including those areas that only have water flow during heavy rains. The change would expand regulatory authority to many land features, including ditches and ponds, giving the agencies the power to regulate land use. This rule is an effort to go around the will of Congress and to thwart U.S. Supreme Court case decisions on the issue.

These federal agencies have no accountability to the citizens they seek to regulate. Please take a few minutes to tell EPA to "Ditch the Rule." Visit the aforementioned Web page and submit comments urging EPA to withdraw the rule. The comment deadline is Oct. 20. Your comments do matter. The original comment deadline of July 21 was extended after the agencies received numerous requests for an extension.

Tim Dyer, President UC Farm Bureau

McKechnie ...

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ity to have access to abortive products; they are available on the open market. It does allow the owners of Hobby Lobby to practice their religious convictions against abortion by not forcing them to pay for such products. Those four Justices evidently overlook that part of the First Amendment that says "Congress shall make no law ... prohibiting the free exercise thereof" [of religion].

If elected representatives ignore the Constitution and members of the Supreme Court of the land back them up, God help us!
Carol McKechnie

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happen in California, but to the people who lose their homes they are just as devastating. Wildfire can happen to you or me so we all need to take time to make plans for what to do when the flames are approaching our homes and businesses... Be Fire Wise!

For more information Firewise and the Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council, visit our web site www.chestchattacd.org; phone 706-894-1591; email susan.ccrd@gmail.com.

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And I remember us having Band Camp a week or so before school started back in August as well. And we started having it in the evenings because it was much cooler. Bugs were ridiculous though and we all smelled of Bug repellent but it was worth it just to be cooler. Even in the evenings in July it is still not the least bit cooler as it was those evenings in August.

I also see no point of starting back so early as they do now days, when they turn around and get a week or so off for Fall, Winter and Spring. We never had no such things. And when it came to snow, well, we usually made those days up by going at least half a day on Saturdays which was actually really cool! We either sat and watched cartoons, listened to records every one brought and danced, or played board games or cards or checkers. It was actually fun making up snow days.

It was practically a superior time as Phineas and Ferb sings..."104 days of Summer vacation..." which now days is more like uhhmm..."75 days of Summer vacation." WOW!
Thank You, Mrs. D. Barnes Grandparent's are God's gift to little babies.

cess through every experience of life. The truth is, as someone has said, "Success in marriage

consists not only in finding the right mate, but also in being the right mate."

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want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a grocery store cashier. I thought pushing all the buttons was so cool. I also wanted to paint houses and make designer candles. I don't have a creative bone in my body, so I wouldn't excel in those career paths.

4. What would people reading this be surprised to know about you?

I'm a pretty open book so I don't know. I love being around people but I can be really shy in large groups of people. I also would love to go back to school and get my masters in psychology. I would

love to end up being an elementary school counselor and help children in some way.

5. When you aren't working, what do you like to do?

I love to be with family. We don't have family too close so when we get to visit I value and cherish every second of it!

Erin can be reached at the Chamber by calling 706-745-5789 or emailing her at membership@blairsvillechamber.com. The Chamber of Commerce is located in the Union County Community Center at 129 Union County Recreation Road.

Chamber of Commerce events	
For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com	
Wednesday, July 23	
6 pm	Every Wednesday Bingo – Haralson Memorial Civic Center
Thursday, July 24	
8 am	Trash and Treasures Sale – Union County Farmers Market
12 pm	Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565
5 pm	Bike Night – The Copperhead Lodge
6 pm	Blairsville Cruisers Car Club General Meeting - BlairsvilleCruisers.com
6:30 pm	Union County Lions Club – Steve's Steak House
6:30 pm	Trivia at The View – Union County Community Center
Friday, July 25	
8 am	Trash and Treasures Sale – Union County Farmers Market
12 pm	Ribbon Cutting for NYR Organic Independent Consultant Kim Madren
1 pm	Anne Sloan Chalk Paint Classes – Main Street Shops
6 pm	Friday Evening Tapas – Crane Creek Vineyards
6 pm	Raven & Red – Hightower Creek Vineyards, Hiawassee
6 pm	The Coveralls – The Copperhead Lodge
6:30 pm	Live Music – Monet's Café 130 Blue Ridge St.
7 pm	Dulcimer Celebration - John C Campbell Folk School
7 pm	Friday Night Concert Cedar Grove Grass, Bluegrass-Old Historic Courthouse
Saturday, July 26	
7 am	UC Farmers Market "The Green Bean Festival" – 148 Old Smokey Rd.
10 am	Anne Sloan Chalk Paint Classes – Main Street Shops
2 pm	"Live Music" Summer Concert Series-Paradise Hills Winery Resort & Spa
2 pm	Vino & Vibes – Hightower Creek Vineyards
6 pm	Ryan Boss – The Copperhead Lodge
Monday, July 28	
9 am	Garden Tours – GA Mountain Research & Education Center
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse
1:30 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tours M,W,F & S-16 Misty Mtn. Lane
Tuesday, July 29	
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting – Blairsville Restaurant
12 pm	Ribbon Cutting for Paris Nails & Hair - 168 Hwy 515W., Ste. G
3 pm	Union County Farmers Market - 148 Old Smokey Rd
Wednesday, July 30	
6 pm	Every Wednesday Bingo – Haralson Memorial Civic Center

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Boy Scouts #101	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
Sweet Adelines	Every Tuesday: United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
Masonic Luncheon	Every Thursday: Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
First Friday of each month:		
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Cruisers Block Party	Farmer's Market	5 pm (Apr-Oct)
Feel Good FridaY	Wellness Center	7 pm
"Nailed" Book Club	G-N-G Bakery	10 am
Firefighters Bkfst.	Hole in the Wall Rest.	9 am