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	Union	State
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2012	29.5%	11.5%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2008-2012	2.2%	9.7%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent, age 5+ 2008-2012	5.5%	13.1%
HS graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2008-2012	83.8%	84.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2008-2012	20.6%	27.8%
Persons per household, 2008-2012	2.25	2.7
Homeownership rate, 2008-2012	77.1%	66.0%
Per capita money income in past 12 months (2012 dollars)	\$23,334	\$25,309
Median household income, 2008-2012	\$42,125	\$49,604
Persons below poverty level*, percent 2008-2012	17.4%	17.4%

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Fair where some carny, who looks like he doesn't have two cents to rub together, front teeth missing and dirtier fingernails than a vole, hands you a basketball that is over-inflated (after you hand him \$3) and you get to shoot at the hoop three times to try and win a life size stuffed frog who has traveled on a barge, all the way from China. Did I mention how much I love my smart phone?

This winter, I've complained more than ever about the cold. I feel it deeper in the bone than in those younger years. I don't like the inconvenience of winter, either. Icy roads mean putting off the errands. I have more to do on Saturday mornings at this stage of my life than indulge myself in TV and games. How many layers of clothing do I need? I don't care to be bundled up, feeling like

the Michelin man. And even though I posted the Currier and Ives pictures I took of the frosted meadows on my Facebook page, I could survive nicely without the beauty and serenity of the solstice.

With all that said, I'd relish a snow day with a time machine. I'd be taken home, to that wrap around sofa in our family room. I'd sit through a few episodes of the Three Stooges, with a dish of hot milk toast and sugar, my footed pajamas and my sister curled up next to me, pinching me until I'd play a game of Candyland. I'd even let her lick the board.

Have a bunch of board games in your closet that never get played? Box them up and get ready to sell them at Trash and Treasures. We'll be opening up in April at the Farmers Market. The best yard sale in the mountains!

## Mom and Son Jammin' Fun Night

The UCHS Access Explorers and the Towns-Union Special Olympics Committee are sponsoring a Mom and Son Jammin' Fun Night. It will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 6 - 9 p.m. at North Georgia Tech.

It will be a night of music, dancing, food, fun and the opportunity to ride in a stretch hummer limo. Limo rides will leave every fifteen minutes during the time of dance. Rides will be in order of tickets ordered so get your tickets early.

The cost is \$25 per couple if purchased prior to the dance and \$30 at the door the night of the dance. Each additional child is \$5.

Tickets will be on sale at North Georgia Tech on Friday, February 28 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To order tickets or more information call: 706-994-9668, 706-781-7425 or 706-781-9063.

All proceeds go to the Access Explorers spring trip to Chicago and the Towns-Union Special Olympics.

## UGH announces Employee of the 4th Quarter 2013

Jackie Anderson, Labor and Delivery Clerk, was recognized as the Hospital Employee of the 4th Quarter 2013. Jackie's work ethic, helpful nature, and outstanding patient and customer service pushed her nomination to the top.

Union General Hospital is very fortunate to have employees like Jackie, whose performance each and every day has a positive impact on patients and co-workers alike.



Jackie Anderson

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To the theologian He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith.  
To the sinner He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.  
To the Christian He is the Son of the Living God, the Savior, the Redeemer and Lord.

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Road. These dates are open to any farmer wishing to sell produce or Ag related products at the Farmers Market.

Returning vendors (non-ag vendors) may register Monday through Friday, March 24 through March 28 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Union County Canning Plant Office.

New vendors may register Monday through Friday, March 31 through April 4 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at the Union County Canning Plant Office.

Registration forms will not be accepted early or out of time frame. Do not come into the office to register prior to the time you are supposed to register.

Copies of the Registration Form can be found on the UCFarmersMarket.com web site or picked up from the

UGA Cooperative Extension Office or at the Union County Commissioner's Office. If you are unable to RSVP in person please mail the registration form and check to the Union County Farmers Market, 148 Old Smokey Road, Blairsville, GA 30512. Registration forms and checks must be received in the appropriate time frames to be considered.

Registration Fees for the season are \$209. Registration Fees for Food Vendors (food cooked and prepared on premises) are \$220. Walk up registration on Saturdays is \$15. Walk-up registration on Tuesdays is \$10. Walk up registration for Food Vendors is \$20. For more information please call me at 706-439-6030 or visit the Farmers Market web-site at UCFarmersMarket.com. You can also find us on FACEBOOK.

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that has been reprinted from the *Georgia Grown* magazine. As the temperatures continue to drop, Georgians are using increasing amounts of firewood in fireplaces, wooden heaters and campfires. The Georgia Department of Agriculture would like to remind consumers to limit the movement of firewood due to potential pest and disease infestation.

Firewood can transport many invasive pests such as the emerald ash borer, Sirex wood wasp, Asian longhorned beetle and gypsy moth as well as diseases such as beech bark disease, sudden oak death, and oak wilt. Infested trees can be cut, split into firewood, and sent to other parts of Georgia and the U.S., thereby expanding the range of these pests.

Campers, hunters, RV'ers, etc. also move firewood, often hundreds of miles, before their stash is burned. Given time and right temperatures, these insect pests can leave the firewood and infest new areas before the wood is burned in a campfire. Due to this pest movement, several states have passed state regulations and quarantines on firewood. In order to prevent and control the movement of these invasive pests, it is important to follow a few simple rules when handling firewood.

1. Wait to buy firewood when you reach your destination.
2. Use firewood from the area where you plan to burn it.
3. Do not leave any unused firewood behind.

For more information on the pest and firewood movement, please contact the Georgia Department of Agriculture

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cent of all providers of home health care services face net losses as a result of this Medicare cut." Put more plainly, four in 10 of all providers on whom homebound seniors depend face the threat of bankruptcy and closure as a result of Obamacare. That's 5,000 home health care companies and 500,000 jobs wiped out in order to pay for Obamacare.

Does anyone remember during one of his speeches Obama's referring to a mythical "grandma" who, for the sake of "cutting health care costs" would be "sent home with enough generic medicine to make her comfortable?"

And it was the Republicans who were accused of wanting to push that "grandma" in her wheelchair over a cliff.

This is the kind of legislation that has to be "passed so we can see what's in it."

Not one Republican voted for Obamacare. Not one Democrat abstained.

George Mitchell

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structure, members will be able to opt in to membership at a packaged level that suits them and their needs, no matter what industry or how many employees. We believe that ultimately, member satisfaction in their direct benefits will increase.

I look forward to sharing more about these and many other future offerings of the Chamber. If you would like to discuss the value of being a member of the Chamber, please contact our office at 706-745-5789. We look forward to working with you!

### Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events

see events calendar at [www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com](http://www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com)

#### Wednesday, February 26

7 am Jillian Michaels Workouts 7 am & 2 pm - Curves of Blairsville  
1 pm Knitters Knit Class - 64 Brackets Way Ste. 6  
6 pm Bingo - Haralson Memorial Civic Center

#### Thursday, February 27

7 am Jillian Michaels Workouts 7 am & 2 pm - Curves of Blairsville  
8 am Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting - Cooks Country Kitchen  
9 am Zumba - Curves of Blairsville  
12 pm Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565  
6 pm Blairsville Cruisers Car Club General Meeting - [www.BlairsvilleCruisers.com](http://www.BlairsvilleCruisers.com)  
6:30 pm Trivia at The View - Union County Community Center

#### Friday, February 28

7 am Jillian Michaels Workouts 7am & 2pm - Curves of Blairsville  
6 pm Friday Evening Tapas - Crane Creek Vineyards

#### Saturday, March 1

9 am Kick Off Party at The Mountain Crossings - Walasi - Yi

#### Monday, March 3

10 am Crochet Class - 64 Brackets Way Ste. 6  
12 pm Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting - Steve's Steakhouse, Cookie Jar Restaurant

6 pm Alzheimer's Support Group - Cadence Bank, 2nd Floor  
7 pm The Lawbike.com Texas Hold'em Poker - The Lodge at Copperhead

#### Tuesday, March 4

8 am Tri-State Business Women's Meeting - Blairsville Restaurant

#### Wednesday, March 5

5:30 pm Women & Wine Series - The Paradise Hills Resort & Spa  
6 pm Bingo - Haralson Memorial Civic Center

## UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Boy Scouts #101	<b>Every Monday:</b> 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	6:30 pm
Sweet Adelines	<b>Every Tuesday:</b> United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Masonic Luncheon	<b>Every Thursday:</b> Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Volunteers/Handicap	<b>First Monday of each month:</b> First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
Union County DFCS	Conference room	8 pm
Allegheny Lodge	(Feb, May, Aug, Oct ONLY) Masonic Temple	6:30 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, off the square		6:30 pm
Blairsville City Coun.	<b>First Tuesday of each month:</b> City Hall	6 pm
Brownie Scouts	United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm
Enotah Ch. #24 RAM	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 pm
Business Women	Cook's Restaurant	8 am
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 pm
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 pm
Tri-City Wom. Lunch	<b>First Wednesday of each month:</b> Monet's Rest.	Noon
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
Awake America	<b>First Thursday of each month:</b> City Hall	11:59 am
Blairsville Sorghum Festival, Fort Sorghum		6:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
UG Hospital Aux	<b>First Friday of each month:</b> UC Nursing Home	Noon
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