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- Deaths, cancer, 2010, 60
- Deaths, Respiratory system, 2010, 28

### Q. Here are some other interesting statistics on birth and death in Union County.

- A. These are statistics for the year 2010:
- Total teen pregnancies 27
  - Births to unwed mothers 52
  - Total county deaths 283
  - Total homicides 1
  - Total suicides 1

### Q. How many babies are born in Union County?

A. For the years 1998-2007 there were a total of 216 live births in Union County:

- 6.1% were born to mothers age 15-17
- 10.2% to mothers 18-19
- 34.3% to mothers age 20-24
- 26.9% to mothers 25-29
- 14.8% to mothers 30-34
- 7.9% to mothers 35-39
- 3.2% to mothers 40+

### Q. How many farms are in Union County?

A. In Union County in the year 1945, according to the website, www.georgiastats.uga.edu, there were 1,292 farms. As you can see the number of farms steadily declined in the years following:

1949	1,303	1978	292
1954	1,004	1982	307
1959	861	1987	263
1964	636	1992	261
1969	447	1997	321
1974	306	2002	330
		2007	281

The most recent data we could find is from the year 2010 reporting 259 farms.

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can understand how some people live to attend these weekly sales.

Garage and yard sales are all the rage, here in the North Georgia Mountains. You can get rid of a lot of your trash to folks who will take it home to love it. Or they may turn around and post it on eBay, for a little profit. But if you live at a high elevation, 12 miles from the heart of downtown, it's tough to get a large crowd to attend your yard sale. And then there's always the issue of weather. No place under cover? You get rained out.

You have to invest in signage, or have all your grandkids with markers and poster board creating signs just hours before the big event. Your sale is advertised to begin at 8 a.m., but they are at your door around 7, stalking you. In just 6 long hours, 23 people have asked you to use your restroom. At this point, you swear you'll donate the next craft room cleanout to help feed the orphaned dogs and cats. The Humane Society understands your despair, and will empathetically accept your black bags of "stuff."

A few years ago, the Union County Farmers Market Committee took action on an idea of Peggy Deyton, where the Market facility would be used to help the folks in this community overcome some of these tag sale pitfalls.

Trash and Treasures was born and it has been a huge success over the past few years.

It is so simple to participate. You do not need a reservation.

The morning of the sale, you pull into a stall at the market. You pull out your own tables and a chair (which you will need to rest your butt, sometime that morning). Then you unload your bags and boxes and wait for the crowd to come. A little while later in the morning, one of the Market staff will be by to collect the \$10 rental space fee from you.

We do all the advertising, putting out the signs, provide plenty of free parking and keep the restrooms clean.

We also get great crowds, and this year we'll be bumping up the exposure to the general public as well.

Trash and Treasures has been a one-day affair in the past, but this year we are making it two days in a row. Load your vehicle on Wednesday night and pull into a spot early Thursday morning. Pack up your stuff that's left Thursday after the sale, load some more that night and come back and do the same thing on Friday morning. For more details visit our website at www.UCFarmersMarket.com. Please like our new Facebook page, too.

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sions. Their daily existence is an endless task of finding ways, methods and means to please the ceaseless appetites of the flesh. The more you feed its passions the greedier it becomes.

Our body, flesh is certainly important. It gives a visible expression of who we are. It is nothing more than a tent or house that will someday be folded up and disappear. However, the tenant of the house will still exist, though in different form. The flesh, our tent is tarnished. It is conceived in iniquity and brought forth in sin. Therefore, the

tent is temporary. It is not the permanent abode of life.

The body, flesh is God's gift. It is to be the temple where God abides so take care of it. However, remember it is just the temporary house, so don't spend all your time pampering the tent, but provide for you, the tenant that lives forever.

Yes, life is flesh, but that is only one dimension of life. What is your fleshly life? Is it in subjection to God's will and purpose or is it out of control? Jesus said, "your life is more than meat, and the body than raiment" (Matthew 6:25).

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not gone 15 minutes when they struck a track and trailed it about 20 minutes before giving their tree barks. We walked to the tree and sure enough the pups (at 6 months old) had their first coon up a tree. I was proud of my dogs and went home that night well satisfied with the hunt. The next day we woke up to three days of a cold rain.

We stayed at home with Granny the next evening due to the rain and prepared to watch Granny's favorite show.

That evening "Hulk Hogan" was to wrestle "Andre the Giant" on "Wrestling" as Granny called it. Papa and I began to poke a little fun at Granny. I tried to explain to her that wrestling was not real. Papa winked and said that nobody the size of Hulk Hogan could beat a man like Andre the Giant that weighed more than 450 pounds. As the wrestling match began Granny pulled up her seat in front of the TV.

The match began and quickly Hulk Hogan was on the offensive pounding on the giant's head. But, soon Andre got his hands on Hulk Hogan and threw him on the ground and with his 450 pounds jumped right on top of Hulk Hogan. We all knew that Hogan was finished. However, all of the sudden Hogan got this wild look in his eyes. He slowly pushed the Giant off the top of him. Hogan stood and ripped his shirt off his body and slowly beat the stuffing out of Andre the Giant. Hogan pinned him to the mat and won his championship wrestling match.

As the match ended Papa and I once again began poking fun at Granny for believing the events of that wrestling match. Once again I explained the match was staged and that Hulk Hogan was supposed to win. At this point Granny became angry. She looked at Papa and me and said, "I'd like to see you both in that ring with Hulk Hogan. He'd beat the..." I can't really tell you what Granny said. But, she went on by saying, "Did you hear that word you made me say?"

Let me remind each of you that we will take reservations for Ag related vendors for 2014 at the Farmers Market March 17-21 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. The process

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Word is needed for this seminar.

Week three will cover Excel 2010 Tips and Tricks. Topics will include conditional formatting, keyboard shortcuts, logical formulas, absolute references, charts, formatting options, and preparing for printing. A basic understanding of Excel is needed for this seminar.

Week four will be Making Your Mobile Device Your Best Friend. This is your chance to learn how to professionally conduct business from your mobile device (tablet or iPad) so that you have everything you need exactly when and where you need it. No experience needed.

To register for an individual class or the full series, please contact the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce at 706-745-5789. Classes are \$10 each for Chamber members and \$25 each for non members. Lunch is included, and registration is required.

## Mitchell...

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of Georgia by elected commissioners' seeking to prevent law-abiding citizens from protecting themselves, should the need arise?

Whether they'll admit it or not, the ACCG stands for distrusting "We, the People."

Like senators and representatives to Congress, perhaps Georgia's commissioners should be more concerned about their re-election.

**George Mitchell**

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of information on the ACA on their website.

Some pharmacies provide an informative brochure and also has informative websites. Pharmacies have great experience in dealing with insurance programs and they

seem willing to share their experience and understanding of the ACA with their customers and the general public.

These local businesses deserve the applause and gratitude of this entire community.

**Michael S. Berkman**

### Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events see events calendar at [www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com](http://www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com)

#### Wednesday, March 5

- 1 pm Knitters Knitch Class – 64 Brackets Way Ste. 6
- 1 pm Better Breathers Club – Union General Hospital 2nd Floor
- 6 pm Bingo – Haralson Memorial Civic Center

#### Thursday, March 6

- 8 am Mountain Networking Referral Group Meeting – Cooks Country Kitchen
- 12 pm Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565
- 12 pm Relay For Life Committee Meeting – Civic Center
- 5:30 pm Relay For Life Team Captain Meeting – Civic Center
- 6:30 pm Trivia at The View – Union County Community Center

#### Friday, March 7

- 6 pm Friday Evening Tapas – Crane Creek Vineyards

#### Saturday, March 8

- 11:30 am Hope House Super Chef Showdown – MAC First United Methodist

#### Sunday, March 9

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

#### Tuesday, March 11

- 6 pm Texas Hold'em Poker – The Lodge at Copperhead
- 8 am Tri-State Business Women's Meeting – Blairsville Restaurant
- 1 pm Knitters Knitch Class – 64 Brackets Way Ste. 6
- 4:30 pm Habitat Dinner Club – Enrico's in Young Harris

#### Wednesday, March 12

- 6 pm Buy One, Get One Half Off Dinner – The Lodge at Copperhead
- 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
	<b>Second Monday of each month:</b>		
Misty Mtn Quilt Guild		Hayesville	10 am-3 pm
Disabled Am Veterans		UC Annex, Rm 116	Noon (Jan-Oct)
	<b>Second Tuesday of each month:</b>		
Historical Society Bd.		Old Courthouse	9:30 am
Band Boosters		UC Middle School	7:30 pm
		(Aug through May, except Dec)	
Beta Sigma Phi		Kappa Alpha Chapter	7 pm
Eastern Star #304		Location not listed	7:30 pm
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts		Union County Library	10 am
Mtn. Reg. Arts/Crafts		Library - Young Harris	7 pm
NARFE		Grinds & Glazes	Noon
FPL Retirees		Hole in Wall Rest.	9 am
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer		Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 pm
Mountain Coin Club		N. GA College-Blv.	6 pm
	<b>Second Wednesday of each month:</b>		
Parkinson's Sup. Grp		Cadence Bank	3 pm
UC Interagency Grp.		UC Civic Center	Noon
GA Mtn Writers Club		Cadence Bank	10 am
	<b>Second Thursday of each month:</b>		
Sons Confederate Vet.		UCB Community Rm	7 pm
Appalachian Shriners		Allegheny Lodge	6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus		Marian Hall	7:30 pm
Lions Club		Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Democratic Party		UC Senior Center	6:30 pm
Trout Unlimited		Cadence Bank	6:30 pm
UC Tea Party Patriots		UC Civic Center	7 pm
	<b>Second Friday of each month:</b>		
Eastern Star #471		Location not listed	7:30 pm
	<b>Second Saturday of each month:</b>		
His Victory Riders		Blairsville Restaurant	8 am