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more common, and residents of the wildland/urban interface should prepare their homes for the possibility before settling down to admire the trees. By working together, residents can make their own property – and their neighborhood – much safer from wildfire. The Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Program provides a number of resources and action steps homeowners can utilize now to reduce their community’s risk of wildfire damage tomorrow. Firewise Communities is a joint venture with the US Forest Service, State Forestry Commissions, National Fire Prevention Association, and many others all of whom have an interest in using good fire and stopping uncontrolled fire. The Firewise Communities program is free and has many resources for homeowners to use to reduce the risk of wildfire for their property. The concept is simple; homeowners should maintain 30 feet of “defensible space” around any buildings where there is a potential for wildfire and it also encourages residents to keep their roof tops clean of debris. Defensible space provides homeowners or fire fighters a safe area to defend the property from an approaching wild fire without compromising their own safety. Information about the Firewise concept can be found at www.firewise.org. The Chestatee Chattahoochee RC&D council fully supports the Firewise Communities Program since our mission is to assist local people in planning and carrying out activities that conserve natural resources, support economic development, enhance the environment, and improve the standard of living for all citizens, and Firewise is one tool that helps to fulfill this mission very well.

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Workforce Development session coming to Blairsville

Georgia Mountains Workforce Development Overview is coming to Blairsville. Are you unemployed and looking for a new career? Georgia Mountains Workforce Development On-the-Job Training may be the right choice for you! Georgia Mountains Workforce Development (GMWD) will hold an Overview Session at the Union County Community Center, Conference Rooms A & B, 129 Union Co. Rec. Road, Blairsville, Georgia on April 12, 2013 at 1 p.m. The Overview Session will acquaint potential customers with the services and requirements of the On-the-Job Training Program through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. WIA provides unemployed adults the opportunity to obtain full-time permanent jobs. On-the-Job Training gives people a chance to learn new skills on the job instead of having them before they begin working. Potential appli-

cants should be unemployed or laid-off through no fault of their own from their previous employment. Some assistance may include dependent care and transportation cost while transitioning into your new position. On-the-Job Training is available to adults 18 years and older. Individuals seeking assistance through the GMWD must be a resident in one of our 13 counties or is/was employed by a company whose business is/was within the Georgia Mountains service area. Our Service Area is comprised of the following thirteen counties: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White. To see if you qualify for services and to register for the Overview, contact the office at 770-538-2727. GMWD is operated by Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program.

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ready reached our maximum number for vendors. Most all of our vendors are returning from last year with several new produce vendors. Our goal when we first started the market in 2007 was to encour-

age more people to get into farming by providing a place where they could sell their product. It would appear that we have reached that goal and then some!

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and you don’t go outside your comfort zone, you don’t have the opportunity to experience pure nirvana.

Stay with me for one more paragraph, OK? Growing up, did you eat canned spinach and canned asparagus? If so, then you know that the canned version has no resemblance to the real thing. Over the years I’ve converted so many people in my kitchen to fresh asparagus, who had never tasted it before. They could only think about what their mother used to serve and just the thought of it made them blanch. Trust me. Frog legs are so much better than most vegetables out of the can.

Lest you think I’m strictly a caveman carnivore, assure you, I’m crazy about my veggies, too. After all, one can’t live on just the fat of the land. I have pretty eclectic taste in veggies, as well. Not much out of the field I won’t

eat....and I’m not referring to a farmed field. I will leave you with a recipe that you probably would never think of preparing, because you think that the source is more appropriate for your garbage can.

You know those old lettuce leaves that loose all their crispness and freshness? They lay limp in your fridge’s veggie bin and you manage to toss them just before they take the form of seaweed. Instead of tossing them, pull out a small saucepan. Add a tablespoon of olive oil, some chopped garlic and chopped onion. After they sauté up, throw in the lettuce. Yes, head lettuce, romaine, and escarole, whatever you have. Add a tablespoon or two of water and some salt to taste. Put a cover on it for about five minutes and serve as a side dish. Now if I just had a bowl of stewed chicken gizzards to accompany that. Um-um. Bon Appetit!

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youth and I always had lots of questions. First, how did the old Indian know Clifford was a Cherokee? Second, how did a 98 year old man walk all the way from Oklahoma? Third, where is this spot called the Turkey’s Foot? Granny would always say Clifford and his sons spent many an afternoon walking around the area they assumed was the Turkey’s Foot. Clifford spent the best part of 40 years looking for this lost treasure. The location of the treasure and the answers to my questions died with that old Man and Clifford.

A Ramp and Native Plant Day will be held on April 18 at the Farmers Market beginning at 4 PM and ending at 7 PM. You will be able to come and try Ramps prepared in many different fashions. We will have them

cooked with potatoes, hush puppies and deep fried. There will be native plants for sale and various crafts will also be on sale at the Farmers Market. If you have a favorite recipe for Ramps you can bring the prepared dish with you and we’ll let some judges decide who has the best recipe in the area. So, come out and be with us at the Farmers market on Thursday, April 18 at 4 PM.

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in this world did she find such an awful looking outfit!” You lied.

I tell you I have been between a rock and a hard place on occasions as some of you other men. Fellows, has your wife ever come home from the beauty salon and as soon as she walked through the door, you thought, “My lands, someone has used a leaf blower on her head?” But when she asked, “How do you like my hair?” There was no hesitation, you responded, “Oh,” “it looks good.” We lied! Shouldn’t have, didn’t have to, but we knew that to avoid a great outpouring of tears we just didn’t speak the truth.

It is true that fallen mankind has departed from truth and lapsed into error and sin. However, God is a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He (Deut. 32:4). He, therefore, “desireth truth in the inward parts” (Ps. 51:6). Thank God, Jesus came as “The Truth” and when He ascended back to heaven He sent the “Spirit of Truth” to guide us into all truth (John 16:13). Every believer has the “Spirit of truth” that enables him to believe truth, think truth, speak truth and practice truth.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC	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	6:30 pm
	Every Tuesday:	
Sweet Adelines	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	Every Thursday:	
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	Third Monday of each month:	
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 pm
Allegheny Lodge	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
Prostate Cancer Sup.	U.C. Cancer Center	5 pm
	Third Tuesday of each month:	
UC Anti-Drug Coal.	Conference Room	Noon
American Legion, Aux	Civic Center	7 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon
Am. Legion Post 121	Old Civic Center	7 pm
Ladies Aux. Post 121	Old Civic Center	7 pm
	Third Wednesday of each month:	
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	Cadence Bank	7 pm
	Third Thursday of each month:	
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Good N’bors Auto	Meeks Park	7 pm
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Commissioner’s Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
UT Home Builders	Moschetto’s	6:30 pm
Shape Note Music	Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
MOPS	First Baptist Church	6 pm
	Third Friday of each month:	
No activities listed		
	Third Saturday of each month:	
Blairsville Cruisers	On the Square	4 pm (Apr-Oct)
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 am