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require water/sewer or electricity connections; (3) Structures that exceed 150 square feet; (4) any structure in a state mandated stream buffer; (5) additions/repairs to structural, electrical, gas piping, mechanical, or plumbing systems. Some of these examples are: commercial buildings, residential buildings, location of a mobile home, location of a travel trailer used as a full time residence, seasonal or part time residence, garage, carport, completion of any unfinished areas within a residence or building. Boat docks

also require a permit.

### Q. What projects do not require a permit?

A. If you want to change your roofing material, this does not require a permit. Neither does an exterior siding change, replacement of floor covering, painting, wallpapering, or sidewalks or driveways.

### Q. If I get a permit, how long is it good for?

A. Building permits are only valid for one year, after which a renewal permit is required.

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the hobos who traveled the rails could jump off safely, with hopes of setting up camp along the protected creek. Imagine in this day and age letting your 6 year old walk through these woods, unaccompanied by adult supervision, along the tracks, greeting these vagabonds like they were friends. We never had a problem. Those dusty, unshaven men would tip their hat and give us a big toothless grin, and we'd be on our way, probably under their watchful, protective eye.

The woods eventually opened up to a magnificent meadow. There we would run amongst the wildflowers, collecting queen Ann's Lace, buttercups, some purple flower (at the end of a weed I never learned the proper name of) and the vines covered with morning glories would tie the bouquet.

Sometimes we took a bag lunch with us, and we'd sit on the tracks on the way back and eat to satisfy the appetites we had worked up. When we got home, Mom would marvel at

the bouquet we presented her, and quickly found an appropriate vase to display it. Then we'd go out to the yard and lay in the shade, blowing the aged dandelion flowers from their stems, pretending that the white fuzzy seeds were fairy dust, making wishes with each puff.

Many of you have similar memories, and now, at this stage of your life, you create flower arrangements from your own woods or garden. You have an opportunity to display your talents and also to compete in the Annual Union County Farmers Market Community Flower Show that is coming up August 7th - 10th. Please visit our website for application and all the details of this magnificent show. Even if you aren't one to create your own bouquets, plan on attending the show to see some of Mother Nature's local beauty transposed by those inspired. Visit [www.UCFarmersMarket.com](http://www.UCFarmersMarket.com) for all the details of this and other events throughout the Market season.

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arms.

"One government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, pointed out that "None of these people would have been killed had the Extremists obeyed the law and turned over their weapons voluntarily."

"Government troops initially succeeded in confiscating a large supply of outlawed weapons and ammunition. However, troops attempting to seize arms and ammunition in Lexington met with resistance from heavily-armed Extremists who had been tipped off regarding the government's plans.

"During a tense standoff in the Lexington town park, National Guard Colonel, Francis Smith, commander of the government operation, ordered the armed group to surrender and return to their homes. The impasse was broken by a single shot, which was reportedly fired by one of the right-wing Extremists.

"Eight civilians were killed in the ensuing gunfire.

"Ironically, the local citizenry blamed government forces rather than the Extremists for the civilian deaths. Before order could be restored, armed citizens from surrounding areas had descended upon the Guard units. Colonel Smith, finding his forces

over-matched by the armed mob, ordered a retreat.

"Governor Gage has called upon citizens to support the state/national joint task force in its effort to restore law and order. The governor also demanded the surrender of those responsible for planning and leading the attack against the government troops.

"Samuel Adams, Paul Revere and John Hancock, who have been identified as "ring-leaders" of the Extremist faction, remain at large...."

...and this, fellow Americans, is how the American Revolution began on the morning of April 19, 1775.

On July 4th, 1776, at great personal risk, these same "extremists" signed the Declaration of Independence, pledging to each other and their countrymen their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor." Many of them lost everything, including their families and their lives over the course of the next few years.

Lest we forget.... (\*The Kentucky "long rifle" was declared illegal by British authorities because of its technological advancement over the "Brown Bess.")

**George Mitchell**  
Blairsville

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This is not the first accident that has happened there since the flower bed has been added.

I hope someone is willing to take charge and fix this problem, before someone gets badly hurt.

If you are interested in

having some change please come out to the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 6th at 6 p.m. and see if anyone is concerned enough to make the square a safer place instead of a hazardous place.

Thank you,  
**Linda King**

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middle of the floor in her bedroom and then go right back out for more! I have to say there was much stuff that had to be thrown away because we had enough stuff to last for MONTHS! I went last year and well, the kids were frozen standing out in the cold, the lines were long and you didn't know which end to start on either, people acted like they were annoyed having to go and didn't speak or talk, you just walked around and got your stuff and that was it. And many didn't give out candy, but literature and other stuff. That ain't Halloween! And several areas started earlier than specified and by the time the kids got there, many businesses and all were already

putting away their candy and wouldn't offer to bring it back out either. And of course you never know what the weather will be and standing out in it, well, they at least have a warm vehicle to get in to after they go to one house, and wait to go to another. And my grandkids got only about a quarter bag full, if that. It is sad in a way. I know things change, time changes and people change, but we CAN still have a few traditions left if they are followed out correctly and safely. I say this year, let the kids have their time of going house to house just this once and see how it goes for them. Just once!

Thank you for your time,

**Mrs. D. Barnes**

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some land and making management recommendations based upon the habitat needs of certain species of wildlife. The team also identified species of wildlife by observing pelts, skulls and listening to animal sounds. The team toured a state forest where researchers from Purdue University are researching species like White Tail Deer and Eastern Diamond Back Rattlesnakes.

The team placed 11th at the contest. Holly Harkins was our high scoring individual and was the 25th highest scoring individual at the contest.

After the contest we made our way back to Louisville, KY to tour the Louisville Slugger Baseball Bat manufacturing plant. We learned about the

history of not only baseball, but, the history of the company. The first contract ever signed between this company and a professional player was with Joe Dimaggio. His payment was \$1 and a set of gold clubs. Congratulations Holly, Brooks and Daniel for a job well done.

## Glenda Gooch House available

The Glenda Gooch House is now available for use by families, from the tri-state area, of patients in Union General Hospital as well as local nursing and assisted living homes. For more information please contact Leslie Daniel at 706-745-2050, or log on to [glendagoochhouse.org](http://glendagoochhouse.org).  
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To be a successful gardener you must employ an Air Force to ward off fowl that swoop down out of the sky. You need an underground Army to block the advancement of critters like moles, chipmunks and groundhogs. You need a Marine company to

take care of larger enemies like raccoons, deer, etc. And with all the rain you probably need a Navy to counter act all of the water fowl and fish. Next year I may listen to my wife. The Farmers Market seems to be my best hope for vegetables this year.

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and professional license holders. The office also oversees the Georgia Archives.

The Chamber would like to express our sincere thanks to this year's Eggs & Issues Breakfast sponsor, The Wine Shoppe.

Located in the Union Station Plaza off of Highway 129 North, The Wine Shoppe carries a large selection of fine wines for any occasion. Stop by and speak with owner Bill McGlamery and pick up your perfect bottle.

Please make plans to join us as we welcome Sec-

retary of State Brian Kemp to Union County.

Due to limited seating, all reservations must be made on or before Friday, Aug. 16 by contacting the Chamber Office at (706) 745-5789.

The cost is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for the general public. Chamber members may register online at [www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com](http://www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com) and are also eligible for a \$5 early bird discount if paid before Aug. 9.

I can be reached any time at [President@BlairsvilleChamber.com](mailto:President@BlairsvilleChamber.com).

## Red Cross launches Summer of Stories campaign

Historically, during the summer months of June, July and August, about two fewer donors give blood at each Red Cross blood drive than what patients need. But, this seasonal challenge can be overcome two generous donors at a time, at every blood drive, every day. Individuals can visit [redcrossblood.org/summer](http://redcrossblood.org/summer) to make an appointment to donate and share their donation story.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities: Wednesday, August 14: Young Harris College Blood Drive to be held at Myers Student Center, (College Street; Young Harris, GA), 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please call Ashley Randall at (706) 379-5110 for further information or to schedule your appointment.

Thursday, August 22: United Community Bank - Blairsville Blood Drive (59 Highway 515; Blairsville, GA), 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call Teresa Moore at (706) 745-2151 for further information or to schedule your appointment.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

## Watershed Coalition to host Rain Harvesting Workshop

Have you seen the abundance of turbulent, muddy stormwater washing along banks and ditches after one of our heavy summer showers? Are you concerned about increased water bills during the summer months due to outdoor water use? Join the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition along with your friends and neighbors in this opportunity to learn about the power of harvesting rainwater while getting to build your own rain barrel!

The rain harvesting workshop will be held at the Towns County swim beach covered picnic pavilion from 2 - 3:30 on Tuesday, August 13, 2013. The workshop will cover residential stormwater basics along with how to harvest rainwater from your home's roof and gutters. The cost of the workshop is \$25 and you will leave with a ready-to-install 50-gallon rain barrel.

We hope you will join us in saving water and money and protecting our lakes, rivers and streams from stormwater runoff. Please pre-register by contacting Amanda at [admin@hrwc.net](mailto:admin@hrwc.net) or by calling 828-837-5414. NT0617ZJ)CA