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reading, including any changes brought up as a result of the public hearing. If the changes are only minor changes, they can be made at the meeting and the ordinance is adopted at that second county meeting. However, if there are significant changes that need to be made, the ordinance will be tabled until a future meeting where the second reading will again be held and the ordinance considered for adoption. If necessary, a second public hearing will be held.

Q. How can we find out if an ordinance is going to be adopted?

A. The best way is to read the newspaper because the *North Georgia News* is the legal organ of the county and as such, we advertise our public hearings and notices in the *NGN*. We will also post all public hearings on our website under the "news" tab and on the doors of the courthouse.

Q. What happens if there are violations of an ordinance?

A. In general, violations of county ordinances are under the jurisdiction of the magistrate court and punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or 60

days in jail. The commissioner may designate the county attorney or some other attorney to prosecute violations of county ordinances in magistrate court.

Q. Do we normally have a problem with people violating ordinances?

A. We really do not. It is very rare. The biggest violation would be related to trash when someone is caught either throwing trash out their vehicle window, or when bags of trash are found on the side of the road after blowing off a pickup.

Q. What and who are the largest violators of the litter ordinance?

A. Sometimes we catch folks simply throwing trash out their windows. But the vast majority of trash blown out on our highways comes from pick up trucks. People either do not tie down their load or simply lay trash in their pick up bed thinking they are keeping from having to throw it on the ground and miraculously, when they get home, there is no trash in their truck. I seldom think that this is intentional, but never the less it helps spread litter throughout our county.

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When Mrs. Underwood noticed the match box she immediately picked it up and shook it. The mouse started scrambling around in the box and captured her attention. She asked the class who had brought the match box to class while she pulled the box toward her face. She slid the box open and out sprang the mouse onto her nose. Mrs. Underwood never said a word. She gently fell backward into her chair and passed out. She came to with my father holding a damp towel to her forehead. She looked at Dad and asked, "Lonnie Paul, did you bring me the mouse in the box?" Dad told her he would never do such a thing. Then she looked at the person standing next to Dad and asked, "Junior, did you bring that mouse?" Junior responded, "No ma'am, I

would never try to hurt you." Mrs. Underwood never found out who brought the mouse to school. But, everyone enjoyed the mouse in the box.

Recently, the Georgia Ag Forecast was held in Gainesville. The following facts were revealed at that event. Union County has an Ag Income of \$29 million. There are 912 people in this county employed in the field of Agriculture. Ornamental Horticulture generates about \$14 million. Vegetable Production generates about \$1 million. Livestock and Aquaculture generates about \$5 million on an annual basis. Georgia's top commodity is broilers. The 4th ranking commodity is beef and horses rank 9th in income for the state of Georgia. Over the next couple of weeks we will talk about some of the predictions for 2015.

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Here's what you'll need to get started on your "frittelle di spinaci". Two cups of frozen chopped spinach that has been defrosted, drained and squeezed of the liquid; ¼ of a cup of flour (preferably semolina, but your standard all purpose flour, sifted, will work fine); ½ cup of grated cheese (parmigiano or romano); 1 tablespoon of dried oregano (or ground fennel seed if you can find it or grind it yourself); 2 large eggs; 1 cup of water; 1 small red onion-diced; salt and pepper to taste; olive oil for frying.

In a mixing bowl combine all the ingredients with the exception of the water, salt and pepper and olive oil. Begin to mix these ingredients with a fork slowly adding water till it forms the consistency of a light paste, easy to scoop and drop in hot oil, similar to cookie dough consistency. Add your salt and pepper to taste. You may still have water left. Not a problem. Just do not make it too wet.

Now heat your oil in a deep frying pan (cast iron will work fine), just enough depth to cover the fritter. When olive

oil is hot (about 350 degrees), drop the fritters by tablespoon full into the oil. Once the pan is full, leaving some space in between each fritter, baste them continuously with the oil, flipping them with the spoon until they are lightly brown all the way around. Take them out, one at a time and rest them on a rack covered with a paper towel, to drain. Serve warm or at room temperature.

For those of you that would like to try a little different approach, more American and baked instead of deep fried, use all the same ingredients with the exception of the grated Italian cheese and the oregano. Instead, add ¾ of a cup of finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese and a teaspoon of ground cumin. Roll these in balls about the size of a golf ball. Then roll them in melted butter and then in Panko crumbs. Place on a parchment lined cookie sheet and bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for about 15-20 mins.

And for those of you that think that frozen spinach may not have nearly the nutritional value of fresh spinach, I leave you with this. In a study published in the "Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture" in 2007, University of California, Davis, researchers reviewed the variable nutrient content of fresh, frozen and canned vegetables and fruits. According to their findings, "freshly picked vegetables consistently contained the greatest amounts of ascorbic acid in all vegetables studied." However,

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a collective lie while enduring the withering persecution the early church faced?

The Bible is trustworthy. Sure, it has been misaligned, misused, and misunderstood. But its purpose remains to reveal that God invites you to trust the Jewish Messiah, sent to take away the sins of the world. That's good news!

By the way, I'd be glad to recount the tales of my travels to Nicaragua, Haiti, and Juarez to anyone willing to listen (and I have witnesses)!

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High School. For those who are not familiar, the PAGE STAR program honors Georgia's outstanding high school seniors and the teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development. To obtain the STAR nomination, high school students must have the highest score on a single test date on the three-part SAT and be in the top 10 percent of their class based on grade point average. Each high school STAR student is asked to name his/her STAR teacher.

This event is certain to be a memorable one. Tickets are only \$40. Registration is required by Friday, February 6, but seating is limited so don't delay. Call our office at 706-745-5789 to reserve your spot. The Chamber would like to express our sincere appreciation to Joey Swanson of Woodmen of the World for his sponsorship of this event and overall support of the local community.

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washed. Our children deserve to learn and hear that there are other theories and presentations, even if is "Intelligent Design," which I also have issues with. (I am a Biblical Creationist.) It should be emphasized by their current teachers that when it involves dating of the earth, the universe, and of evolution it is a "theory" and that other equally valid theories and beliefs exist, and then allow an open discussion. The educators who do not do so may have some hidden agenda which includes disregarding absolute truth, my God, the Bible and provable science. I, of course, don't have all the answers, but as for me and my house, I do have the sure testimony of the Word of God as to the real history of the world, and I have a boat load of evidence to back it up.

David Braddy

Bell Ringing Union
County Old Courthouse



Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493

Chamber of Commerce events

For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com

Wednesday, January 28

12 pm National Alliance on Mental Illness Education Program - UGH classroom
1 pm Knitter's Knitch Class - 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
1:30 pm Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tour - Misty Mtn. Lane
6 pm BINGO - Haralson Memorial Civic Center

Thursday, January 29

8 am Mtn. Networking Referral Group Meeting - Cook's Country Kitchen
9 am Chamber Board Member Training Workshop - UC Community Center
12 pm Rotary Club of Union County - upstairs meeting room at Cadence Bank
6 pm Knitter's Knitch Class - 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
6:30 pm Trivia - The View

Friday, January 30

10 am Composting 101 Seminar - Georgia Mountain Research Center
1:30 pm Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tour - Misty Mtn. Lane
7 pm Dori Freedman & David Long - John C. Campbell Folk School

Saturday, January 31

10 am Knitter's Knitch Class - 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
12 pm Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament - Copperhead Lodge
12 pm Soup Saturdays - Hightower Creek Vineyards
1:30 pm Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tour - Misty Mtn. Lane
4 pm Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tour - Misty Mtn. Lane
6 pm Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament - Copperhead Lodge
7 pm Leather & Lace Band - Copperhead Lodge

Sunday, February 1

12 pm BBQ Weekend at 7M Family Farms
2:30 pm Misty Mountain Railroad Tour - Misty Mtn. Lane

Monday, February 2

12 pm Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting - Steve's Steakhouse
1 pm Knitter's Knitch Class - 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
6 pm Alzheimer's Support Group - Cadence Bank, 2nd Floor

Tuesday, February 3

8 am Tri-State Business Women's weekly meeting - Blairsville Restaurant
10 am Crochet Class - The Knitter's Knitch, 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
6 pm Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament - Copperhead Lodge

Wednesday, February 4

11:15 am Tri-County Women's Connection Luncheon & Program - Monet's Café
1 pm Knitter's Knitch Class - 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
6 pm BINGO - Haralson Memorial Civic Center

Ongoing Exhibit

10 am Robyn Cappelli and the Lynn Mayes Exhibit - Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association, 420 West Main Street, Blue Ridge

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

| Every Monday: | | |
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| Children's Story Time | Union County Library | 11 am |
| Kiwanis Club | Steve's Steakhouse | Noon |
| Civil Air Patrol | Blairsville Airport | 6 pm |
| Boy Scouts #101 | United Methodist Ch | 7 pm |
| Every Tuesday: | | |
| Get Fit | First UMC | 5:15 pm |
| Smoky Mtn. Melodies | United Methodist Ch | 6:30 pm |
| Hi Country Harmonizers | Branan Lodge | 6:30 pm |
| Every Thursday: | | |
| Masonic Luncheon | Cooks Restaurant | 11:30 am |
| Rotary Club | Cadence Bank | Noon |
| Get Fit | First UMC | 5:15 pm |
| First Monday of each month: | | |
| Lockheed-Martin Ret. | Blairsville Restaurant | 9 am |
| Volunteers/Handicap | First Baptist, H Bldg. | 6 pm |
| Allegheny Lodge | Masonic Temple | 6:30 pm |
| CERT | St. Francis of Assisi | 6:30 pm |
| Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, off the square | | 6:30 pm |
| First Tuesday of each month: | | |
| Business Women | Cook's Restaurant | 8 am |
| Brownie Scouts | United Methodist Ch | 3-5 pm |
| Blairsville City Coun. | City Hall | 6 pm |
| Amateur Radio Club | Branan Lodge | 7 pm |
| Gaddistown Hmakers | Woody Gap | 7 pm |
| Knights/Colum. #2563 | place TBA | 7:30 pm |
| Enotah Ch. #24 RAM | Masonic Temple | 7:30 pm |
| First Wednesday of each month: | | |
| Exercise class | Senior Citizens Center | 10:30 am |
| Tri-Cty Wom. Lunch | Monet's Rest. | Noon |
| First Thursday of each month: | | |
| Awake America | City Hall | 11:59 am |
| NAMI Fam. Support | New Hope Counseling | 12-1:30 pm |
| Blairsville Sorghum Fest. | Fort Sorghum | 6:30 pm |
| Open Road ORV | Civic Center | 8 pm |
| First Friday of each month: | | |
| "Nailed" Book Club | G-N-G Bakery | 10 am |
| UG Hospital Aux | UC Nursing Home | Noon |
| Feel Good Friday | Wellness Center | 7 pm |
| First Saturday of each month: | | |
| No activities listed. | | |