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Who’s Here May Surprise You

The diversity of people from all over who have moved here, especially over the last 20 years, adds an extra layer of welcome. You’ll find an eclectic mix of young retirees, free spirits, artists and young families, plus friendly locals and a few good ol’ boys. Among your new neighbors, you’re almost certain to find someone from “back home.”

A Just-Right Mix of Big and Small

Newcomers quickly discover a small-town way of life with just the right mix of big-city culture and conveniences. Among other things, you’ll find excellent healthcare, an incredible school system, a wide variety of arts and theater — plus recreational facilities that are the envy of our neighbors.

Best of all, the good life is affordable here! The cost of living is surprisingly low — Union County has the fifth lowest property tax rate in the state of Georgia. And who can put a price on the feeling of sunrise in the mountains? It turns out that coffee really does taste better with a view! Speaking of coffee, you can go from drinking a latte downtown to hiking a scenic waterfall, meandering a
walking trail in Meeks Park or swinging a golf club in just minutes.

**Work Hard, Live Well**

Business owners — and those dreaming of starting their own business — will find a prosperous and supportive business community. Business in Blairsville-Union County comes with a slower pace of life and tight-knit community without sacrificing modern technology.

When you’re ready to make the move to a place where your family and your business can thrive, we're here to help. You’ll find everything you need in this

*It won’t take long for you to go from being a newcomer to feeling like a local.*

The weather in a word: **Wonderful!**

In general, we are significantly cooler than other cities in the Southeast and somewhat colder (and sometimes snowier!) thanks to our higher elevation.

**Summers** tend to be humid and fairly warm in the mountains, although the days always start and end somewhat cooler. Temperatures can reach the high 80s or even the low 90s with rain showers common in the afternoon.

**Fall** is glorious, typically with brisk clear days and chilly nights, although an early season “Indian summer” usually brings a few warm days. Peak leaf color is usually late October to early November, and first frost is usually mid-October.

**Winter** is definitely snuggle-by-the-fire weather. By November, you’ll have some freezing temperatures at night. A dusting of snow is possible during these colder months, and the mountaintops are frequently capped with snow or rime frost.

**Spring**, especially the period from mid March to early May, is when the mountains come back to life and the wildflowers bloom. The weather is mild and the humidity low. It’s the perfect time to open the windows wide and enjoy the crisp mountain air.

Thanks to our inland location, we’re protected from hurricanes and tornadoes. Occasionally we’ll catch the tail end of a tropical storm with heavy rain, or a small funnel cloud will pop up briefly, but these events are infrequent and rarely cause much damage.

**LOCAL HISTORY**

It may have been gold fever that originally drew folks to the North Georgia mountains, but the area’s beauty and opportunities surely made them stay! In the late 1820s, a gold strike in nearby Dahlonega set off a genuine gold rush in the area. It eventually ran dry, so fortune hunters moved on.

Union County was originally carved from Cherokee territory during the Georgia Land Lottery of 1832. It was likely named for the Union Party, a political group that supported removing Native Americans in order to open the area to white settlers.

Blairsville, the county seat, was named after Kentuckian Francis Preston Blair, a supporter of Andrew Jackson and editor of the *Washington Globe*. Blairsville was originally incorporated in 1835 and, to this day, remains the only incorporated town in the County.
The first county courthouse was constructed in the center of town in 1835, but it burned down in 1859. It was replaced by a new structure, but that burned again in 1898. Another courthouse was built in 1899, and it still stands in the center of the Town Square. It served the county until 1976, when a new structure was built nearby. The old courthouse was donated to the Union County Historical Society for preservation.

The county’s first paved road was completed in 1922. Also during that time, the United States purchased large amounts of land and consolidated it into the Georgia National Forest. In 1937, the holdings were renamed the Chattahoochee National Forest. Today, tourism is a major industry in the county (tourists spent more than $27 million here in 2017), primarily due to the national forest and also the creation of Lake Nottely when the Nottely River was dammed in the late 1940s.

**Towns**
- Blairsville (county seat)
- Suches (unincorporated)

**Total Area**
322.55 square miles of land and 6.47 square miles of water (329.02 square miles total), situated completely within the Chattahoochee National Forest.

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**Blairsville Proud**

Meet the Commissioner

**So, exactly how do you become**

the Sole Commissioner of Union County?

Some would chuckle and say the job Lamar Paris has held for 18 years now is “payback” for being such a community booster. There were the years of coaching youth football and chairing the Quarterback Club. There were 10 years on the County Recreation Board, helping to find more fields and more room for people to play. And always, a deep pride in the mountain community where he was born and raised.

After taking a well-deserved break, Commissioner Paris reluctantly threw his name in the hat when asked to serve yet again — this time as the county’s Sole Commissioner (Union is one of only eight counties in Georgia with this unique form of government). Now, 18 years later, Commissioner Paris is as excited to serve as the first day he took office. “I get to work with great people who are working hard to make this a great place to live,” he says. “When new-comers move here, they love what they find and want to be part of it — they don’t want to make it exactly like the place they just came from.”

Of course, the challenge with any area is balancing the need to grow without “paving over paradise.” Fortunately, Union County enjoys a steady and manageable population growth of approximately 1.5 percent a year. At that pace, municipal services are not overwhelmed — nor is the treasured way of life.

“Our saving grace is that more than half of our county is held by the Forest Service and TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority),” the Commissioner explains. Yet the growth is strong enough to provide good employment opportunities throughout the community. “When I grew up here, you had to leave the mountains to find work. Now, business owners are bringing their companies here or starting new ones because of the lifestyle and amenities.”

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A Perfect Day in Union

When asked how he’d share the “perfect day” with someone visiting the area for the first time, the Commissioner had this to say: “I’d start them off with a big stack of pancakes at one of our excellent local restaurants, then wander out to the Farmers Market or take a stroll along Butternut Creek at Meeks Park. I’d want them to see our Fine Arts Center and library, which are both unbelievable for a small town. I’d also want them to see what’s happening at Union General Hospital. With so many rural hospitals shutting down, it’s pretty incredible to see the world-class physicians and facilities we have here. If it’s a hot day, we’d head up to Brasstown Bald or over to Helton Creek Falls. We might end the day with a steak or some seafood as the sun sets and toast another perfect day in the mountains!”

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- Butternut Creek Festival
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AUGUST
- A Taste of the Mountains
- Mountain Heritage Festival

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- Blairsville Extreme Adventure Race (BEAR)
- Mountain Music Day Festival
- Mountain Music & Arts & Crafts Festival

OCTOBER
- Indian Summer Festival & Run Above the Clouds
- Blairsville Sorghum Festival
- Good Neighbors Car Show
- Fall Hoedown at Vogel State Park
- Hometown Halloween on the Square

NOVEMBER
- Mistletoe Market

DECEMBER
- Kris Kringle Mountain Market
- Christmas Parade & Holiday on the Square
- Tour of Trees
- Holly Jolly Christmas
- Blairsville Holiday Stop & Shop
- Tree Lighting at Vogel State Park

RECURRING EVENTS
- Cruise-In on the Square (April-October)
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“So, How Much House Can We Get in the Mountains?”

BY CHAD LARISCY
REALTOR & TEAM OWNER OF THE MOUNTAIN LIFE TEAM / KW REALTY

You’ll be pleasantly surprised at just how much home you can get for your money in Union County. Buyers from Florida and other parts of the country — even Atlanta — can’t believe they can live on the lake or have a mountain house on several acres for what they were paying back home. Even compared to some of our neighboring counties, you’re going to save $100,000 or so over comparable property.

It’s Better Here!
Blairsville-Union County truly is the place to get away, relax and enjoy God’s creation. We have lakes and rivers. We have one of the nicest state parks in the country, as well as the highest point in Georgia. You won’t find quite the same level of tourism found in some of the surrounding areas, so you’re not going to be searching for a parking spot on Friday night when all the cabin rental folks hit town.

Our area is very conducive to people who want a slower pace of life. They love the small-town feel and the friendliness of the community. The icing on the cake: The county is very well-governed and property taxes are among the lowest in Georgia. And young families are always happy to find that the school system is just phenomenal.

There Are So Many Options
Your choices really are wide open here. You can go remote-and-rustic with a mountaintop retreat, or stick closer to town in one of our charming neighborhoods. Acreage options run the gamut from secluded land bordering the national forest to mini farms. Depending on your elevation, you could be looking off into the mountains of Western North Carolina. Or, you could be down in a valley near a bubbling creek and looking up at Brasstown Bald, which is really a spectacular view.

Looking for Amenities?
Another distinctive trait about our area is the number of communities with strong amenities. Not just paved roads and a gated entrance, but swimming, tennis, a clubhouse and even mountain golf. Waterfront communities typically feature lakeside pavilions

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Source: NEGB MLS
and common areas, sandy beaches and community boat docks. What's more amazing is that you can purchase a nice home on Lake Nottely from around $400,000. You can't even touch other lakes in the area for that price.

Overall, construction tends to be more traditional in our area. Even the cabins here are going to be a little more finished, with a nice mixture of sheet rock and tongue-and-groove.

**The Market Is Solid**

Right now, the local market is looking very balanced, with opportunities for buyers and sellers. Whether you're looking for a view lot, a cozy cabin or an upscale home, you're sure to find the perfect one here in Union County.

**UNION COUNTY TAX INFO**

Union County has the fifth lowest property tax rate in the state, and property is assessed at 40% of the fair market value. Property tax exemptions may be available for those who qualify. Please contact the Tax Commissioner or Tax Assessor for other detailed information:

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“If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there’d be a shortage of fishing poles.”
~ Doug Larson

Whether you want to take up fly-fishing or just “drown a worm” with the grandkids, you’ll find plenty of opportunities for that outdoorsy stuff.

From your home deep in the heart of the Chattahoochee National Forest, you can enjoy hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding, or fishing and water adventures on Lake Winfield Scott or Lake Nottely. Even if you aren’t particularly athletic, you might find you love wildlife photography, park visits, and other outdoor endeavors.

“Don’t play too much golf. Two rounds a day are plenty.”
~ Harry Vardon

Yes, there’s golf here — lots of it, in fact. But there’s also tons of cultural opportunities — from musical recitals at nearby Young Harris College to main stage plays at the Peacock Performing Arts Center or Blue Ridge Community Theater. Festivals on the Town Square and contra dancing at the John C. Campbell Folk School add to the fun.

Lifelong learners have plenty of opportunities to expand their knowledge and enrich their education. Senior education and class offerings run the gamut from arts and hobbies to more academic topics. And for those who like to get involved, civic clubs, pet rescue organizations and networking groups can fill your calendar with activities.

“When a man retires, his wife gets twice the husband but only half the income.”
~ Chi Chi Rodriguez

Good thing that your money goes further here in the mountains. Date nights are particularly sweet when you’re not breaking the bank for dinner and a movie. The cost of living is decidedly less. And you won’t get taxed to death. Union County has one of the lowest property tax rates in the state. With such good property values, the county brings in more per mil without putting an undue burden on folks.

“I don’t plan to grow old gracefully. I plan to have face lifts until my ears meet.”
~ Rita Rudner

All joking aside, growing old gracefully also means having access to good healthcare. And there’s no shortage of top-notch docs here in the mountains. World-class care is available from local providers as well as specialists from Atlanta and Gainesville with satellite offices here. Rarely will you need to chew up a valuable day traveling out of the area for a doctor’s appointment.

“The really frightening thing about middle age is that you know you’ll grow out of it.”
~ Doris Day

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Well, we know it’s coming. But when the day finally arrives and you need a little extra help, you’ll find plenty of options for maintenance-free senior living. There are well-appointed independent-living communities throughout the area, as well as assisted living and nursing care facilities. The Union County Senior Center serves folks age 60+ throughout the county with hot meals, transportation to and from the center, as well as drug store visits and grocery shopping. There are also plenty of reputable providers offering errand, transportation and home-care services, too.

Resources & Activities
A wide array of resources and activities are available to support an active, engaged lifestyle, including:

- BLUE RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE
- BRANAN LODGE/ WESLEY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE
- BRASSTOWN MANOR
- CROSSING CREEKS RV RESORT & SPA
- INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEARNING AT YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE
- JOHN C. CAMPBELL FOLK SCHOOL
- LAKESIDE VILLAGE
- O.A.S.I.S. (OUTSTANDING ADULTS SHARING IN SERVICE)
- STONEHENGE SENIOR LIVING
- UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
Union County Farmers Market
is the place to be Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. From June through October, the market bustles with local farmers, artisans, beekeepers and bakers for a celebration of everything homegrown and handmade. The Market is also home to the Union County Cannery, plus monthly classic car shows and regular special events — everything from Tomato Sandwich Day to tractor parades.

Enjoy Our Fresh Picks and Rich Past!

Reece Farm, home of acclaimed poet and novelist Byron Herbert Reece, wonderfully preserves rural life in Appalachia. The restored barns, farm exhibits and artifacts capture life in the mountains, and poetry and nature trails introduce you to the acclaimed “Farmer Poet” of North Georgia. Enjoy the creekside amphitheater, picnic tables and petting farm. There is also a welcome center, museum and gift shop, as well as wedding and event facilities. Come enjoy a wonderful day in the past.

Union County Farmers Market
Open June-October
148 Old Smokey Road, Blairsville
706.439.6043 • ucfarmersmarket.com

Reece Farm
Open April-November
8552 Gainesville Highway, Blairsville
706.745.2034 • unioncountyga.gov/reecefarm
How are the schools? If you have school-age children, the answer to that question is incredibly important. But it’s also crucial if you’re looking for a good college — or want to learn a new skill or trade. The answer matters if you’re a lifelong learner, too.

The good news is that there are a wealth of options. Whether it’s public, private, charter, higher education or trade schools, you’ll find that education and learning makes the grade here.

It’s All Elementary
Let’s start with K-12. The beauty of our school district is that it has been able to preserve small-town values while keeping up-to-date with the latest in educational practices and technology. For example, every student in grades 6-12 receives a dedicated Chromebook computer for use at school and home. Students in grades 3-5 also receive Chromebooks, but they remain in the classroom.

Nerds Rule!
STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) is emphasized in all higher grades. Union County High School began a STEM cohort during the 2015-2016 school year, targeting 20-30 students in 9th grade. A new cohort each year receives integrated instruction in physics/engineering and literacy/chemistry, while the following year focuses on biology/healthcare sciences. Through community partnerships, students also receive hands-on, field-based research opportunities.

Advanced placement and accelerated courses expose middle and high school students to academics a year or so before they would traditionally receive them. And, with the close proximity of Young Harris College, North Georgia Technical College and the University of North Georgia, many high schoolers take advantage of dual enrollment opportunities.

A Focus on Fine Arts
A $9 million, state-of-the-art Fine Arts Center sets the stage for everything from band concerts and drama productions to art exhibits and choral recitals. The 986-seat building was specifically designed for excellent sound resonance. In fact, the theater walls contain approximately 27 tons of sand for sound proofing, and the sound and lighting equipment is some of the best around!

Innovation Leads the Way
A big part of what makes Union County schools so exceptional is the designation as a Georgia Charter School System. Under the charter school system, educators enjoy increased flexibility to inno-
vate — as well as more direct involvement with the community in the progress of the schools.

Union County Schools currently serve more than 2,900 students in Blairsville and Suches. Each of the area's five schools has unique qualities that make them a special place for children to learn and grow.

Union County Primary School is recognized as a Title I Reward School, and serves approximately 642 students ranging from Pre-K through 2nd grade.

Union County Elementary School, with approximately 614 students in grades 3-5, regularly places among the top 30 percent of all Georgia schools for overall test scores. Students receive a well-rounded academic program with a concentration in reading and math. Other programs include art, music, technology and physical education.

Union County Middle School serves approximately 621 students in grades 6-8. Besides academic subjects, the curriculum includes art, band, chorus, computer technology, career education, physical education, health and agriculture. A low student-teacher ratio contributes to some of the highest test scores in the state.

Home to more than 850 students, Union County High School earned a bronze medal from the U.S. News & World Report national rankings of best high schools. It also had an 81.8 State Performance Index score, which measures overall student performance on state exams. The school’s innovative CTAE (Career, Technical and Agriculture Education) Pathways program provides interested students with a personalized course of study within a chosen career focus — from health sciences and education to forestry and metals technology.

Woody Gap School in Suches is the smallest public school in the state of Georgia, with less than 75 students in grades K-12. The low student-teacher ratio of 5:1 ensures that students receive unparalleled individual attention in a supportive learning environment.

Mountain Education Charter High School is a self-paced, evening high school that serves non-traditional students seeking a high school diploma.

Mountain Area Christian Academy in nearby Morganton is a fully accredited private Christian school. Students are offered a progressive, relevant and personally dynamic education experience focusing on Biblical instruction and academic rigor.

**College Times Three**

Blairsville-Union County is blessed by proximity to three quality institutions of higher learning. The resources and opportunities they provide add an unmistakable vitality to our mountain community.

Putting people to work in productive careers is at the core of what North Georgia Technical College (NGTC) is all about. For some, that could be preparing for a career in healthcare, cosmetology or criminal justice.

For others, it may mean focusing on core courses before heading off to a four-year college (NGTC is fully SACS accredited). Students training or retraining for a new career enjoy small classes infused with high-end technology and plenty of hands-on coaching and real-world experience.

**Distance Learning** — Advanced video-conferencing allows the school to bring in more subject matter experts and deliver coursework to more students.

**Health Sciences Building** — A $3.1 million expansion added 14,200 square feet of classroom and study space as well as EMS, nursing and medical assisting labs to boost the school’s offerings.

**Continuing Education** — In addition to credit programs, NGTC offers a variety of continuing education classes — everything from web design to cake decorating and CPR.

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The University of North Georgia's Blue Ridge campus has been a game-changer for higher education in the area — serving dual-enrolled high school students, as well as full-time freshmen and adult learners who may just be getting started in college or returning to school to complete a degree. Courses also include continuing and professional education programs for career growth or personal enrichment. UNG students can take advantage of eCore, which enables them to complete the first two years of their college career online.

UNG recently broke ground on a new, stand-alone campus in Blue Ridge that is scheduled to open in 2020. The current Blue Ridge Campus has experienced almost 800 percent growth since its opening in fall of 2015, reaching 156 students in 2018. The new campus will allow for additional courses in the core curriculum, which means students will be able to spend a longer period of their college career in North Georgia.

Nearby Young Harris College (YHC) enriches the cultural life of the community for all ages — including lifelong learning through the Institute for Continuing Learning. The inviting 35-acre campus offers baccalaureate degree programs in English, Music, Religious Studies and more.

Exhibitions by students, faculty and professional artists regularly take place in the Campus Gate Art Gallery. During its theatrical season, Theatre Young Harris presents a full line-up of notable productions, including musicals, dramas, classic plays and children's shows.

Rollins Planetarium offers public shows featuring a state-of-the-art GOTO Chronos Space Simulator star projector. Programs at the 1,060-seat Glenn Auditorium include faculty artist recitals, chamber choirs and Christmas shows, as well as lectures and readings by renowned national speakers.
UNG is growing in Blue Ridge

A new standalone campus in Blue Ridge is opening in fall 2020 to continue to serve the students in this area.

The University of North Georgia’s Blue Ridge Campus offers courses to serve dual-enrolled high school students, full-time freshmen and adult learners who may be getting started in college or returning to college to complete a degree.

Learn more about college courses available in Blue Ridge at ung.edu.
Union General Leads the Way in Hometown Care

With so many top-notch providers and so much cutting-edge technology right here, there’s no need to leave Union County for excellent healthcare. In fact, Hometown Health recognized Union General Hospital as 2016 “Hospital of the Year” at its Annual Conference.

This state-of-the-art, 45-bed facility is home to quality doctors, caring nurses and skilled therapists working together to help make sure everyone — at every age — stays active, healthy and fit.

In particular, the hospital has taken a long, hard look at what kind of care people had to leave the county for, and committed to offering those services here in the community. That includes investing in advanced imaging technology — including two top-of-the-line CT scanners — that is on par with the best hospitals in Atlanta and Gainesville. The hospital also has the latest in 3-D digital mammography, and Union General’s state-of-the-art Wound Care Clinic includes advanced hyperbarics.

The hospital’s on-site Wellness Center is not only a great place for the community to workout, but is also home to an expanded rehabilitation and therapy program. It includes in-house Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapy — perfect for when you’re recovering from a sports injury or recuperating from knee or hip surgery.

The hospital offers Phase I, Phase II and Phase III Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation, providing the resources patients need to truly live — and not just exist — with heart or lung disease.

In addition, Union General Hospital serves the community through a variety of clinics — ranging from an outpatient psychiatric center to a walk-up clinic in the local Walmart store.

Care on the Ground and in the Air
Union General Hospital’s 18-bed Emergency Room is staffed 24/7, and air transportation is available to quickly transport critically ill patients to six metro area facilities. All citizens of Union County automatically receive free enrollment in the Air Methods Advantage program, which covers out-of-pocket expenses if they need to use the medical helicopter stationed at Union General Hospital.

A Wired Hospital
Union General Hospital is a proud winner of HealthCare’s Most Wired award in 2017, thanks in part to its recently implemented patient portals, which allow patients to access their healthcare records remotely any time and place they would like.

Even with this focus on facilities and technology, Union General Hospital often receives glowing reviews for its “hometown” approach. Patients consistently say they love the friendliness of the staff as well as the fact that the hospital is so clean and modern.
Let’s face it, we’re wired for belonging. We all want a sense of community — and small-town living delivers that in spades. Whether it’s your church family, the guys in your club or the ladies you volunteer with, you’ll find your place to be a welcome and contributing member.

Find Your Faith Community
You’re sure to find a denomination, congregation and style of worship that you connect with (check the Membership Listing on page 54 for an extensive list of member churches).

St. Clare’s Episcopal Church has an active Outreach Ministry that assists those in need throughout the community. St. Clare’s also has a strong adult Christian education class, youth and children’s programs, and men’s and women’s groups that meet regularly.

First United Methodist Church of Union County is a big, bustling church where it seems there’s always something going on — whether it’s casual, contemporary and traditional services on Sunday, or basketball and seniors’ educational enrichment programs during the week. Midweek, the church gathers for dinner together, followed by special programs, including Bible study, adult handbells, and children’s and youth programs.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church reaches deep into the community with a variety of ministries, including the...
for Humanity, or help out with the Georgia Mountain Food Bank. Additional needs are met through organizations like Hope House, S.A.F.E., NAMI Georgia, PFLAG Blairsville, Enotah CASA, Open Arms of Blue Ridge, Georgia Mountains Hospice, Union County Family Connection, Joshua Dream Ranch and Joshua’s Warriors.

Classic car buffs will love the Blairsville Cruisers Car Club, known for its Cruise-Ins on the Square. The North Georgia Tri-State Amateur Radio Club welcomes enthusiasts of all ages. Fly fishing lovers can join the local Trout Unlimited Chapter. There’s even a Southern Appalachian Bicycle Association for mountain bike riders.

Many local professionals are members of the Mountain Networking Referral Group, Tri-State Business Women and Friends of the Union County Library. And pet lovers are always needed to help out at Castoff Pet Rescue, The Humane Society’s Mountain Shelter, Paws 4A Warrior and the Whiskers Project.

You’ll find a big part of what makes Blairsville-Union County so special is the generous spirit of our people who give of their time, talents and resources. For more service opportunities, see the Membership Listing on pages 54-55, or visit Volunteer Blairsville at www.facebook.com/ VolunteerBlairsville.
Business Outlook
Success Comes Naturally

Entrepreneurs looking for the benefits of a metro location — without all the stresses of city life — find that Blairsville-Union County is the ideal location to move their business ... or start a new one. Just a two-hour drive from Atlanta and in close proximity to other regional markets like Chattanooga, TN, Greenville, SC, and Asheville, NC, we’re close to the action but far from the concrete jungle.

Wired (and Proud of It!)
We’re justifiably proud of our top-of-the-line broadband services. Our fiber optic network is constantly expanding, meaning your internet speed will be just as fast in your Blairsville office as it would be in any major city. Cell coverage is solid, and reliable tech support is easy to find.

We’re Bullish on Business
The county’s business outlook remains strong. The local economy is positive, and area businesses are staying busy or expanding. Many of our industrial companies are even running extra shifts.

Area manufacturers include national and international companies engaged in traditional machining and metal fabrication, as well as high-tech bio-engineering. Notable companies include Corrugated Replacements, Inc., which provides replacement parts for corrugated and paperboard industry machines. Modular building manufacturer Panel Built Incorporated builds in-plant offices, mezzanines and stair systems for companies such as Costco, Pepsi and Ford.

Since 2010, Lamin-x Protective Film has been manufacturing its Lamin-x brand of clear and colored film covers for automotive and motorcycle markets nationwide. Also serving the automotive market is Southern Polyurethanes, a leading manufacturer of automotive coatings for restoration, repair and custom markets.

Visitors Drive a Thriving Retail & Hospitality Sector
The area’s hundreds of thousands of visitors each year support a robust tourism and hospitality industry, with new restaurants, boutiques and other retail stores constantly being added. Real estate
sales and home building are key contributors to the local economy. Agriculture, of course, remains a strong basis for the area economy, with the Union County Farmers Market being a local favorite.

**Bring Your Boldest Ideas**

We are always looking for new ventures in Union County. In fact, we’re officially an “Entrepreneur Friendly Community.” That means qualified entrepreneurs and small business owners are eligible for customized market data, such as demographic and business information, to help them become more competitive.

The Union County Development Authority (UCDA) assists businesses in identifying available commercial buildings or land. Sites in the Blairsville Airport Regional Industrial Park, for example, are move-in ready with water, sewer, road, power and telecommunication.

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**Union County is pro-business with a low-tax climate and talented labor pool.**

**CONNECTED AND BUSINESS-FRIENDLY**

Blairsville-Union County is part of a 260-mile fiber optic broadband ring from Atlanta through the Georgia mountains. It has also been designated “Entrepreneur Friendly” by the Georgia Department of Economic Development. For business assistance, contact:

- **Blairsville Downtown Development Authority:**
  VisitDowntownBlairsville.com
  (706) 347-3503

- **Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce:**
  VisitBlairsvilleGA.com
  (706) 745-5789

- **City of Blairsville:**
  Blairsville-GA.gov
  (706) 745-2000

- **Georgia Department of Economic Development:**
  Georgia.org

- **SCORE: Small Business Counseling:**
  Atlanta.Score.org

- **UGA Small Business Development Center:**
  GeorgiaSBDC.org

- **Union County Development Authority:**
  UCDA.net
  (706) 745-4500

- **Union County Government:**
  UnionCountyGA.gov
  (706) 439-6000

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tions infrastructure. Thanks to partnerships with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the Southeast Industrial Development Association (SEIDA) and the Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation (BRMEMC), the UCDA can arrange low-cost financing and grant/loan packages for companies interested in bringing business to Union County.

**Business Incentives Available**
Additional incentives include Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) financing, which can be issued for project-related costs of land, facilities, machinery and equipment. Tax abatements may also be available if a company chooses to finance all or part of its project with IRBs. Meanwhile, the Freeport Exemption allows raw materials, goods-in-process and finished goods bound for out-of-state shipment to be exempt from county ad valorem taxes.

The State of Georgia offers at least a dozen tax and financial incentives, while Union County offers eight additional incentives. For more information about how your business can find success and financial rewards in Union County, contact Mitch Griggs at the UCDA at (706) 745-4500 or UCDA.net.

**Small Airport = Big Opportunities**
With a 5,000-foot runway, Blairsville Airport is one of the only public airports in the North Georgia mountains that can accommodate jets. Blairsville KDZJ can handle everything from Cessna 150s and home-built aircraft to twins, small jets, Cita-
The Blue Ridge Mountains are 1+ billion years old — among the oldest mountain ranges in the U.S. The Cherokee who once lived here called them “The Great Blue Hills of God.”

Created in 1931, Vogel State Park is the 2nd oldest state park in Georgia (and one of the most popular!).

Choestoe, an unincorporated area south of Blairsville, was known to the Cherokee as the “rabbit place” or “land of dancing rabbits.” You will impress the locals when you correctly pronounce it Cho-ee-stow-ee.

Blairsville & Union County

Home to Georgia’s only “cloud forest,” Brasstown Bald is continually soaked from the moisture of the clouds.
Blood Mountain & Slaughter Creek, legend has it, take their names from battles between competing Creek & Cherokee Indian tribes.

500 years ago, Hwy. 129 was a key link in the “Great White Path” that connected the Smoky Mountains to the Gulf of Mexico.

Completed in 1942, Nottely Dam is 197 feet high and 3,915 feet long. Building the dam required the purchase of 8,000 acres of land, the relocation of 91 families and the redesign of 21 miles of roads.

Local favorite sorghum syrup was a staple in homes in the early 1900s, gracing biscuits daily, until farm labor costs grew and sugar prices fell.

Photo courtesy of Chad Laringy
The Georgia Department of Tourism proclaimed Meeks Park one of the most beautiful parks in the North Georgia mountains. Both Butternut Creek and the Nottely River meander through the magnificent shady oaks of the park, which is located about a mile west of Blairsville and straddles both sides of Highway 515. Meeks Park is home to baseball and softball fields, as well as tennis courts, a playground, dog park, skateboard park, seasonal swimming pool and kids’ “splash pad.” Paddlers gain convenient river access at the kayak/canoe launch. The 18-hole disc golf course winds through the park and features concrete tee boxes. A 900-seat amphitheater is also planned. Miles of walking and hiking trails take visitors past unique art installations, such as the “We Are Still Here” statue by nationally renowned Pawnee/Cherokee artist Daniel Horsechief, and various metal sculptures by local artist Al Garno. In addition to the refurbished Tate Grist Mill, the park also has a fully functioning sorghum mill, making it a perfect setting for the annual Blairsville Sorghum Festival each fall. Other regular festivals include the Butternut Creek Festival and the Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games, both held during the summer.

**MOUNTAIN CROSSINGS AT WALASI-YI**
12471 Gainesville Highway, Blairsville
(706) 745-6095  |  www.mountaincrossings.com

The stone building of the Walasi-yi Interpretive Center has been standing at Neel Gap on the Appalachian Trail since it was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1937. Today, the building also houses Mountain Crossings, an outfitting store and backpackers destination on the AT. It’s also the only place where the 2,190-mile-long AT passes through a man-made structure.

**POTTEETE CREEK CAMPGROUND**
1040 Poteete Creek Road, Blairsville
(706) 439-6103  |  www.unioncountyga.gov

Open spring through fall, this 59-site campground is located off...
Meeks Park is the crown jewel of the Union County Parks Department. Here, visitors can enjoy a wide variety of incredible activities while exploring the beautiful tree-shaded grounds.

Our amazing park features hiking and walking trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, extended river access and much more. Be sure to stop by for a visit today!

There’s Something For Everyone!

- Walking & Hiking Trails
- Dog Park
- Pavilions & Picnic Tables
- Skateboard Park
- Disc Golf Course
- Swimming Pool
- Kid’s Splash Pad
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Tennis Courts
- Sports Fields
- Kinetic Sculptures
- Playgrounds
- Restored Grist Mill
- Adult Exercise Area
- Batting Cages
- Festivals & Events

490 Meeks Park Road
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
706-439-6074 • Visit us on Facebook
HIKERS WELCOME!

They say that a journey of a thousand miles starts with the first step. And for many, the 2,192 miles of the Appalachian Trail starts by lacing up their boots in Georgia. The famed footpath runs through Blairsville-Union County, and we are proud to be an “AT Community.” This designation comes from our efforts to promote and protect the Appalachian Trail — and to provide support to those who hike it. Thru-hikers can catch a shuttle to town and enjoy special discounts on lodging, dining and supplies from the AT Community Supporters in the area.

Completed in August of 1937, the Appalachian Trail winds through 14 states — from the southern terminus at nearby Springer Mountain, Georgia, to the northern terminus at Katahdin, Maine. It is estimated that 3 million people visit the Trail each year, and more than 3,000 people attempt a full thru-hike. In Union County, the Appalachian Trail traverses three high mountain gaps — Hog Pen Gap, Jack’s Knob and Jarrard Gap — which provide direct access to the AT and are reached by paved roadways. In addition, there are a variety of other access trails that intersect the AT throughout the county.

A unique feature of the AT in Union County is a small section that runs through the Walasi-Yi Interpretive Center — the only section of the trail that runs through a man-made structure. Whether heading north or south on the AT, hikers use the local outfitters, Mountain Crossings, as a place to resupply, rest up at the hostel and pick up mail. Many also take advantage of Mountain Crossings’ Trail-famous “shakedown” to help lighten their loads. You can also reach Walasi-Yi and Mountain Crossings by car off GA 19/129 at Neel Gap.

GA Highway 325 on the shores of Lake Nottely. There are large and small RV and tent sites, with power and water at most. In addition to camping, you’ll find a boat ramp, picnic tables, swimming area, pavilion, playground, fishing area, hiking trails, restrooms and bathhouse with showers.

TRACK ROCK GAP PETROGLYPH SITE
Track Rock Gap Road, Blairsville
(706) 745-6928  |  www.fs.usda.gov

One of the most significant rock art sites in the Southeast and the only such site on public land in Georgia, Track Rock is home to more than 100 different rock carvings, or petroglyphs, thought to be made by early Native Americans.

VOGEL STATE PARK
405 Vogel State Park Road, Blairsville
(706) 745-2628  |  www.gastateparks.org/Vogel

At the base of Blood Mountain lies one of Georgia’s oldest and most popular state parks. Built mostly by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, this 233-acre natural retreat features more than 100 campsites, 35 cottages, picnic shelters, a 22-acre lake with a swimming beach, easily accessible Trahlyta Falls, mini golf course, hiking trails, museum, general store and more.

Take a Hike Almost Anywhere

If you’re looking for an easy paved trail or some shorter hikes, Meeks Park offers more than 4.5 miles of trails. But our area is also home to a number of mountain hiking trails that can be as challenging as they are beautiful.

The most famous trail in the area, of course, is the Appalachian Trail (AT), which is accessible from several locations within Union County. See the article at left — then just follow the white rectangle “blazes” found on trees, rocks and posts.

Looking for an interesting day trip? The Jacks Knob Trail stretches 4.5 miles from Brasstown Bald to the top of Wolfpen Ridge. The trailhead is located at the Brasstown Bald parking lot, as is the popular 5.5-mile Arkaquah Trail that leads to Track Rock Gap.

The Coosa Backcountry Trail loops 12.5 miles in the rugged mountains near Vogel State Park. The trail is moderately difficult and requires a permit that you can get at the Vogel State Park office.
Park Visitors Center. Inside Vogel State Park, Trahlyta Lake Trail is an easy 1-mile loop around the lake that crosses an earthen dam built by the CCC in 1935. And 4-mile Bear Hair Gap Trail is a great trail to bring the dogs.

Head down GA 129 to Helton Creek Road, 2 miles south of Vogel State Park, to access Helton Creek Falls. The short, easy walk tapers down into a mountain cove that leads to a multi-level cascading waterfall.

Go to www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com, where you can find more information on hiking trails and waterfalls in the area.

**The Views Are Better on a Horse**

Whether you’re a greenhorn or an experienced rider, you can saddle up for plenty of horseback adventures in Union County.

**A STEP ABOVE STABLES**

696 Mauney Circle, Blairsville
(706) 745-9051  |  www.astepabovestables.com

This full-service facility offers everything from instruction to trail riding, breeding, showing and sales. Trail rides consist of a private group of family and friends, where you’ll follow a guide through forest trails with beautiful views.

**APPALACHIAN TRAIL RIDES**

4100 Cutcane Road, Mineral Bluff
(706) 374-0362  |  appalachiantrailrides.com

With more than 30 years experience, the folks at Appalachian Trail Rides make the most of your ride as you travel through 250 acres of pristine private land that meanders alongside lakes, creeks and breathtaking mountain views.

**BRASSTOWN VALLEY RESORT & SPA**

6321 US Highway 76, Young Harris
(706) 379-9900  |  www.brasstownvalley.com

The Stables at Brasstown Valley features 5 miles of guided mountain trail rides, plus custom excursions, hayrides and catered picnic rides.

**TRACKROCK STABLES**

202 Trackrock Camp Road, Blairsville
(706) 745-5252  |  www.trackrockstables.com

Located on 250 acres adjacent to the Chattahoochee National Forest, Trackrock Stables offers horseback riding adventures for both skilled and beginning riders. Choose a 1- or 2-hour guided trail ride through lush foliage as you cross clear mountain streams and peaceful meadows. Next door, you can rent a cabin, pitch a tent or bring your RV.

**UNION COUNTY SADDLE CLUB**

73 Saddle Club Drive, Blairsville
www.unioncountysaddleclub.org

The Union County Arena is a lighted, enclosed showplace with an outdoor practice area, concession stand and clubhouse. In addition to rodeos, it hosts horse shows, barrel racing, team roping, ranch sorting, exhibitions and clinics.

**High Altitude Putting**

Maybe it’s just us, but the ball does seem to fly a little farther in our clear mountain air!

**BRASSTOWN VALLEY RESORT & SPA**

Designed by Denis Griffiths, Brasstown Valley Golf Course was ranked by both *Golf Digest* and *Leading Golf Courses of America* as one of the top courses to play in Georgia. The beautiful mountain course winds through wildlife preserves, ponds and streams, and features five sets of tees for all skill levels. You’ll also find practice facilities, a pro shop, golf lessons and clinics.

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Union County’s own Butternut Creek Golf Course is incredibly located right in downtown Blairsville below beautiful Ivy Log Mountain. The course features a very playable combination of rolling valley holes and challenging mountain slopes with mountain views from all 18 holes. Butternut Creek plays to 6,500-plus yards with plenty of mounds, undulating greens and elevation changes. The course is operated by the Union County Recreation Department.

Also nearby is 18-hole Old Union Golf Course, which offers a large practice area and a design inspired by classic links courses. It’s home to the Kilted Golf Classic each May.

Blairsville-Union County is a water-lovers heaven, whether you love to fish, boat, swim or float.

Located inside Vogel State Park, this 20-acre lake is named for a Cherokee maiden. You can bring your own non-motorized boat or rent a kayak or paddleboat for a few hours of fun. Swimming, camping, fishing, picnicking, hiking, wildlife viewing, miniature golf, a playground and rental cabins are also available.

Lake Nottely is a gorgeous 4,180-acre lake with more than half its 106-mile shoreline undeveloped and protected by the U.S. Forest Service. The TVA-controlled lake tends to be quieter than other lakes in the mountains (a secret spot for paddleboards and kayaks is where the Nottely River runs into the lake near Meeks Park). It’s also well known for fishing — striped bass, largemouth bass and crappie are regularly stocked to provide more opportunities.

To make the most of your time on our many lakes and rivers, contact these Chamber members for available services:

**LAKE WINFIELD SCOTT**
GA 180, Suches  
(706) 745-6928  |  www.fs.usda.gov
Seeking solitude? Head south from Blairsville on GA 180 to the small town of Suches and 18-acre Lake Winfield Scott. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, this quiet gem is open year-round. Sit on the sandy beach, fish the freshwater lake, boat, camp, picnic, hike and swim.

**NOTTELY DAM & LAKE**
GA 325, Blairsville  |  www.lakenottely.org/lake.html
Lake Nottely is a gorgeous 4,180-acre lake with more than half its 106-mile shoreline undeveloped and protected by the U.S. Forest Service. The TVA-controlled lake tends to be quieter than other lakes in the mountains (a secret spot for paddleboards and kayaks is where the Nottely River runs into the lake near Meeks Park). It’s also well known for fishing — striped bass, largemouth bass and crappie are regularly stocked to provide more opportunities.

**Dive in for Fun on the Water**
Blairsville-Union County is a water-lovers heaven, whether you love to fish, boat, swim or float.

**Old Union Golf Course**
78 Scores Point, Blairsville  
(706) 745-4653  |  www.olduniongolf.com
Also nearby is 18-hole Old Union Golf Course, which offers a large practice area and a design inspired by classic links courses. It’s home to the Kilted Golf Classic each May.

To make the most of your time on our many lakes and rivers, contact these Chamber members for available services:

**AQUA TIKI**
3399 US Highway 76, Hiawassee  
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CONNECT WITH THE COUNTY’S AGRICULTURAL ROOTS
Farmers and growers sell their goods at the Union County Farmers Market every Tuesday and Saturday, June–October. With more than 85 vendors on hand, you’ll also discover artisans, bakers, potters and painters. While you’re there, check out the Hunter-England Cabin. Volunteers carefully reconstructed the cabin, which was built by John Hunter between 1832-1834 in the Choestoe area. Considered the oldest dwelling in the county, it was originally built of poplar logs, with wooden shutters over the windows and a root cellar beneath the floor.

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There’s more to Blairsville-Union County than flora and fauna. You’ll also discover a diverse assortment of artisans, galleries, exhibits, theater and musical offerings.

The Mountains Are the Stage
The Peacock Performing Arts Center offers big city entertainment in a quiet mountain town (Hayesville, NC). Built in the 1980s, the center holds four plays a year, musical concerts and family entertainment. From rip-roaring comedies to eclectic dramas, Blue Ridge Community Theater enjoys acclaim for professional shows and live music concerts, as well as its renowned children’s theater and summer camp.

Young Harris College’s wide variety of arts programming includes theatrical productions, live concerts, lectures and readings, visual art exhibitions, planetarium shows and other events that enrich the cultural life of our small mountain community. Goldrush School of Music provides music lessons for all ages, plus hosts several recitals.

Art Is All Around Us
Small mountain towns have always been home to eclectic artists and unique festivals, and we’re no exception! Goldhagen Studios dazzles visitors with glass blowing demonstrations. The Misty Mountain Quilters Guild meets regularly for programs and workshops, and holds quilt shows throughout the year. At the Olive Tree Art Centre, students take classes in clay and painting in a studio housed in a renovated 1950s homestead. And Lardworks Studio at Lasso the Moon Alpaca Farm offers classes in printing, yarn dying, felting, jewelry making and more.

The 80+ member Mountain Regional Arts & Crafts Guild in nearby Hiawassee offers lessons for adults and children in everything from watercolors and plein aire painting to alcohol inks. There are also artist exhibits throughout the year. And the Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association brims with exhibitions, classrooms, studios, galleries, youth art camps and even an annual Writer’s Conference in neighboring Blue Ridge. It also sponsors two Arts in the Park Festivals (May & October) that draw thousands of visitors to the area.

Closer to home in beautiful Meeks Park, the Butternut Creek Festival hosted by the High Country Artisans, is held each July. You’ll enjoy a wonderful weekend of arts, crafts and music along the shady banks of Butternut Creek.

The John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC, offers week-long and weekend classes in arts, crafts, music, dance,
cooking, gardening, nature studies, photography and more. Musical performances, contra dancing and annual festivals are open to the public.

**History You Can Touch**

Learn more about the area’s history through museums, attractions and events that showcase our Appalachian heritage. The historic Reece Farm explores the life of “Farmer Poet” Byron Herbert Reece through early 1900s buildings and exhibits that capture rural life in Appalachia. You can walk the Poetry Trail, visit Reece’s writing studio, picnic along Wolf Creek or stop by the petting farm. A hiking trail connects the farm to Vogel State Park, which shares its own history in the CCC Museum. The exhibits celebrate FDR’s New Deal project that put young men to work during The Great Depression.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Historic Union County Courthouse lies in the center of Blairsville’s Town Square and is home to an extensive museum, research and genealogy room, miniature collection and more. The courthouse comes alive on Friday evenings from May through October with performers who play and sing in the Appalachian style.

The Mountain Life Museum hosts the annual Mountain Heritage Festival, and is also home to the 1906 Mock House and Civil War-era Payne Cabin.

In April, the two-day Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival provides visitors a chance to learn about Appalachian tradition and history through storytelling, workshops, a quilt display and other programming.

And each fall, the Georgia Mountain Fall Festival celebrates mountain life with reenactments, food, and arts & crafts booths. It’s only one of the many festivals, concerts and events held at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds on the shores of Lake Chatuge.
Delectable Dining
Your Table Is Ready

If you go hungry around here, it's your own fault! Our area is blessed with a delicious mix of down-home restaurants, upscale eateries and casual dining options. You'll have no trouble finding the perfect spot for a romantic dinner, a quick lunch or an evening out with a table full of friends.

Cock-a-Doodle-Doo!
Start your mountain mornings with a mocha and muffin at G&G Bakery & Café. If the weather is nice, sit outside and enjoy your breakfast sandwich overlooking the town square at Cabin Coffee of Blairsville. Or, dig into a hearty — and locally sourced — country breakfast at The Sawmill Place. You can order it “covered and smothered” at the Waffle House. And for breakfast on the go, it’s hard to beat coffee and a donut at Dunkin Donuts or a quick over-easy at the Huddle House Restaurant.

For a healthy option, give S&S Smoothies & Supplements a try.

Sit Down or on the Go
For lunch — or dinner as we call it in the South — it’s hard to beat the fresh-made sandwiches and daily specials at The Aviator Café or Griddle Café & Deli. Grab a sub at Sammie’s Sub Shop, or join the locals at the Hole in the Wall or Fatz Café. For lunch with a view, don’t miss The View Grill, a hidden gem overlooking Butternut Creek Golf Course. For a quick chicken fix, Zaxby’s or Chick-fil-A are great options. Of course, you can always pop in (or drive through) one of the other quick-serve favorites like KFC–Taco Bell, McDonald’s or Burger King.

Supper’s on the Table
If you’re ready to get a little sauce on your hands, check out the finger-licking barbecue at Jim’s Smokin’ Que or Rib Country. A classic Southern meat-and-three awaits you at Cook’s Country Kitchen and The Blairsville Restaurant. At Copeland’s Burgers & Southern Eats, just pick your patty, choose your cheese and enjoy an incredible gourmet burger. The seafood is always fresh at Mike’s Seafood Market & Grill, where you can savor fresh and succulent shrimp, clams, oysters and more.

At Brother’s at Willow Ranch, signature items include certified USDA-choice Black Angus Beef and local mountain trout. Across the street, Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa is famous both for its Friday evening seafood buffet and Sunday brunch. Across the line in historic Hayesville, NC, don’t miss the upscale dining and well-chosen selection of wines at The Copper Door.

The unique Mediterranean and Italian dishes at Michael’s Italian Life Caffé are a great way to start a perfect date night. The Flying Trout offers casual fine dining, a full bar and entertainment. And you’ll enjoy weekly specials and a comfortable atmosphere at Monet’s Italian Grille & Pizzeria. Up the road in Hiawassee, you’ll find lakeside dining and fine international cuisine at The Ridges Resort & Marina.

Eats from Around the World
American cuisine isn't the only thing cooking around here. When you’re ready for something a little different, head over to The Sushi Shack for a tuna roll or Bento Box, or go Greek at K&L Gyros & More. Monte Alban is the place for sizzling faji-
tas, enchiladas and other Mexican fare. Craving pizza? Downtown Pizza Company, Sicily’s Pizza, Pasta & Subs and Twisted Pizza Blairsville serve it up hand-tossed and delicious.

**I Scream, You Scream ...**
Satisfy your sweet tooth with a delicious sundae, shake or scoop at The Sweet Spot or Sensational Shakes Ice Cream Parlor. Or, visit Pappy’s Plaza for an assortment of treats, including fresh, creamy fudge. And keep your eyes peeled for the Kona Ice of Blairsville food truck to cool off with a Hawaiian-style shaved ice. Bakery options include Dixie Confexions and Made by Mamz. Or plan ahead and order a cake for a special occasion from Melissa’s Custom Cakes or Custom Cakes by Stacy.

**Call It in or Make It Yourself**
Of course, if you can’t make it out to a restaurant yourself, you can always contact Eatzeez Takeout Delivery. They’ll deliver food hot from your favorite restaurant to anywhere in the 30512 ZIP code.

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**Spotlight: The Sawmill Place Kitchen + Market Brings the Farm to Your Table**

**Nestled in a charming cabin** just a mile from the Town Square, **The Sawmill Place Kitchen + Market** takes farm-to-table and locally-sourced to a whole new level!

The restaurant menu is harvest-driven and filled with heirloom recipes from co-owner Amy Kight’s family. “As Amy was growing up, if they didn’t grow it or catch it, they didn’t eat it!” co-owner Shawn Kight explains. “So, we’d rather source five items from 10 local growers instead of making even one call to a food service truck.”

**Start with Some Made-from-Scratch Biscuits**
Open for breakfast and lunch, you can start your day with a hearty, cooked-to-order meal using seasonal, locally-sourced goods. The farm fresh eggs and applewood smoked bacon are brought in daily, and the tart berries on your buttermilk pancakes probably came from around the corner at Tim Dyer’s Blueberry Patch.

At lunch time (or dinner as we say in the South), the experienced Sawmill staff serves up an authentic meat-and-three using locally sourced meats and fresh veggies harvested on area farms — try the pork chops, meatloaf, slow-cooked roast beef or chicken ‘n dumplings paired with delicious sides like okra & tomatoes, corn on the cob, red skin potatoes, crowder peas and, of course, fried green tomatoes.

**Shop the Market**
With so many fresh goods grown right here, it only made sense for Shawn and Amy to carry the farm-to-table concept over to a market. Opened in 2017 and located next door to the restaurant, **The Sawmill Market** offers an extensive assortment of locally grown produce, “Georgia Grown” products and artisanal goods from Union County and the entire tri-state area. With shelves full of syrups, jams and honey, it’s the perfect place for any committed “locavore.”

It’s also an ideal spot if you’re looking for a unique gift — from handmade jewelry and goat’s milk soap to specialty coffees, teas, tasty sweets and delicious mixes!
Saavy Shoppers Shop Local

Thanks to a healthy economy, new shops are popping up all over. Local shopkeepers are always happy for your business and will welcome you in for a friendly shopping experience.

Outfits, Shoes & Accessories
From cardigans and kimonos to jumpsuits and rompers, Hello Beautiful Clothing Company has the latest looks. Other don’t-miss clothiers include Britt & Capri Boutique, 15 Below Boutique, and North & Main Clothing Company. You can wrangle up some western wear at the American Cowboy Store or find stylish footwear at Struts Shoe Store. Put your mark on something special with the array of personalized items at Made with Love Marketplace.

If you hunt, fish or just enjoy the outdoors, Hughes Outdoors Merchandise is the place to go. You can also gear up at Alexander’s Store, Mountain Crossings and Sunrise Country Store. These stores stock everything from hiking boots and socks to maps, backpacks and snacks.

Fun & Unique Finds
It’s easy to find something for the guy or gal who has it all at one of our area specialty shops. Fun and unique finds can be found at Amoree’s, Beautiful Things, Granny’s House, Pappy’s Country Store, Pappy’s Trading Post, Season’s Flurries, Sundance Gallery or Farmer’s Daughters. For antiques, vintage items and collectibles, check out The Shabby Peacock. Blue Ridge Cotton Company is your source for quality Blairsville apparel along with inspiring gifts. And from me 2 u offers unique gifts and free wrapping!

Book lovers can spend a blissful day rummaging through The Book Cellar’s more than 40,000 used books. The young and young-at-heart will love The Doll Shop and Toy Store, which is loaded with books, games and puzzles. When it’s time to celebrate life’s special occasions, stop in Pat’s Hallmark Shop for the perfect card or gift. Then, ship it off with help from Blairsville Pack & Ship or Mountainside Parcel & Post.

Craft Supplies & More
If you’re feeling crafty, you’ll find supplies — and inspiration! — at our many crafting supply stores, including ArtWorks Artisan Centre, Fabrics Galore and Quilting Store, Knitter’s Knitch, and Treasured Creations Art Supplies and More. Stop by Southern D’Signs to find out about their next DIY sign painting workshop. Looking for florals? Visit The Flower Garden for fresh blooms. Beautiful Things for gorgeous silk arrangements.

Way-Cool Art
Our area galleries and studios are the place for one-of-a-kind works — from original paintings to pottery and photography. For instance, Art & Soul Artisan Gallery features the works of over 50 local artists and craftsmen. At the Olive Tree Art Centre, you can purchase treasures from the gallery — or create a piece of your own. Grahl Gallery & Framing Studio features original art by local and regional artists as well as full service custom picture framing. For fine alpaca products, check out Jerae’s Unity Alpacas and Lardworks Studio at Lasso the Moon Alpaca Farm. And the Highlander Gallery features photography, fine art, books, maps and handmade natural products.

Antiques & Vintage Finds
From prim-and-pretty to rusty-and-dusty, there’s nothing like the finds at our area antique shops. You can easily spend a morning scouring the shelves at Blairsville Pickers Barn & Consignment Mall or the Hiawassee Antique Mall. On the Square downtown, Sunflowers Antiques & Interiors is loaded with upscale gifts and furnishings. For more vintage finds, be sure to visit Black and White Market, Blairsville Antiques & Treasures, Cottage Antiques, The Mall of Blairsville and Victoria’s Antique Mall.

Thrifty Shopping
Who doesn’t love a bargain? Weekend Bargains and Treasures is an indoor flea market with permanent and drop-in vendors. At the Nifty Thrifty, you’ll find a multi-family indoor yard sale featuring homemade products, vintage/antique items and lots more. Many of the thrift stores serving Union County also support worthy causes. Do your part and shop at 2wice Around, The Humane
Society’s Mountain Shelter Thrift Store or S.A.F.E. Thrift Store. Don’t forget Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore for building materials and furniture.

**Appliances & Home Furnishings**

Mountain homes are distinctive, so your home furnishings should be, too. Rountree's Furniture & Home Décor and Mountain Top Furniture & Accessories are great places for purchasing bedroom suites, kitchen tables, sofas, chairs and more. Other options include The Mountain House and Town & Country Furniture & Appliances. For one-of-a-kind custom-made furniture, be sure to check out Home Werks and Rustic Mountain Décor. Rich Furniture & Cabinet Shop is your full-service cabinet and countertop shop. If you need business-type furniture, Flat Creek Company is the place to contact. Finish it off with the perfect wood stove or fireplace system from Aspen Hearth & Home or A1A Systems.

When it’s time for appliances, you’ll find everything you need at Alexander's Store, Hoyt's Furniture and Appliance and Sears Hometown Store of Blairsville. For sales, service and parts for all major brands, Hayes Appliance is the place. Circuit World offers great prices on a fantastic selection of appliances, electronics and home furnishings. Round it out with a visit to The Vacuum Store and Sleep USA Mattress Superstore.

Flooring options including hardwood, laminate, carpet and tile are available at Leon's Floors. When it’s time for paint, the friendly folks at Superior Paint will mix you up the perfect shade. And to protect your interior, window tinting from Best Solar Control will help you control the sun while preserving your view. Contact Hootie's Window Tinting for your car windows. Then, add the finishing touch with window coverings from M-Design and Budget Blinds.

**Outdoor Living**

Nothing sets off a home like landscaping, so be sure to visit our local nurseries and garden centers, including Buds & Butterflies Nursery and Garden Center, General Supply and Nelson's ACE Hardware. The folks at North GA Stone & Outdoor Living can design a gorgeous stone walkway or outdoor fireplace. Then be sure to add a flagpole and flag from Mountain Flagpoles. Of course, there's nothing more relaxing than the perfect spa or hot tub from Back Yard Delights or Spa and Deck Creations — both of which also offer repairs and spa/pool supplies.

**Good Things to Eat & Drink**

When it's time to eat, you'll find all kinds of natural goodies at Logan Turnpike Mill, The Sawmill Market, Mercier Orchards, Sunrise Country Store and, of course, 7M Family Farms and the Union County Farmers Market in season. For health foods and spices, Ken's Herbs and The Herb Crib are the places to go.

You'll find locally made spirits at Grandaddy Mimm's Distillery, and domestic and imported wines from around the world at The Wine Shoppe.

**Office Supplies & More**

For your prescription needs, visit Brasstown Pharmacy Drug and Gun or Our Hometown Pharmacy. Electronic cigarettes, e-cig vapor products and accessories are available at Empire of E Cigs. And your home office or business can be restocked with supplies from McGarity's Business Products or Tri-County Office Supply.

ALEXANDER’S: NOT JUST A STORE

It all began in 1953 as a small general store selling feed and seed, a few groceries and gas in the Trackrock area of the county. It has since evolved into a tourist landmark, plus a shopping experience with casual yet trendy clothing and shoes, furniture, appliances, gifts, accessories, and guns and ammunition.

Alexanders is a family-owned business passed down three generations from original owners Hoyt and Ruby to their son Eddy and his wife Sandy, and now their son Mark and his wife Kennetha. More than just a store, Alexander’s is a testimony to how a family business can succeed in today’s era of mega stores and online shopping. Be sure to stop in the store that’s not just a store.
Unique venues and event services can help you create memories that will last a lifetime. Whether it’s a wedding, family gathering or special-day celebration, you’ll find everything you need in the North Georgia mountains.

Venues from Historic to Elegant
For a touch of history, Enotah Valley Event Center near Vogel State Park offers a wonderful outdoor wedding site, as well as a 2,200-square-foot lodge with a stage. The historic Reece Farm features a covered outdoor pavilion and lovely settings along the banks of Wolf Creek. Your guests will love the quaint venue and wonderful views at the historic Choestoe School House. And the recipe for a romantic getaway can be found among the grapevines and cabins at Paradise Hills Resort & Spa.

For a place with all the extras, Brasstown Valley Resort can handle the venue, food and lodging. Or choose a memorable gathering on Lake Chatuge at The Ridges Resort & Marina. Right in town, the Union County Community Center, which overlooks the Butternut Creek Golf Course, offers plenty of space, plus on-site catering and a full bar.

McDowall Acres features a two-story barn with a patio, pond and sprawling fields for an unforgettable rustic wedding. And the annual Wedding Expo at The Hackney Warehouse in nearby Murphy, NC, provides an opportunity to discover local vendors, services and unique ideas.

Church groups, business retreats and family reunions will find everything they need at Camp Jabez Retreat Center, Canal Lake Bible Camp or Mountain Fellowship Camp.

Don’t Forget the Food, Supplies & Extras
Several local restaurants and catering companies are available to help feed your guests, including Amazing Grace Catering & Events and Epic Catering. For custom cakes and desserts, check out the delicious sweets offered by Custom Cakes by Stacy, Dixie Confexions, Melissa’s Custom Cakes and Made by Mamz.

You’ll find wedding and party supplies, such as tables, dinnerware, tents and lighting, available from Mountain Elegance. Of course, you can always turn to the professional event planners and organizers at Dixie Weddings or Unique Events for a stress-free day.

Many hair boutiques and spa services can be found among the Chamber Membership listings on the next few pages, as well as plenty of lodging options, including hotels, B&Bs, cabins and campgrounds.
The Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce serves as the voice of commerce and industry by facilitating interaction among business, government, education, labor and the community. Big or small, your business can benefit as a Chamber member through:

- **EXPOSURE** on the Chamber website, plus promote your events, hot deals and jobs on the website.
- **FIRST REFERRALS** to Welcome Center guests, plus listings in our in-house brochures. Place promotional materials in the Welcome Center.
- **NETWORKING** at regular Business After Hours events, plus Annual Banquet and Power Breakfast meetings.
- **RIBBON CUTTINGS** to introduce new businesses to the community.
- **GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY** through education & advocacy.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** to hone your skills with classes and workshops.
- **CONNECT** and learn about current events and business issues with weekly e-newsletters.
- **SAVE** on insurance, Worker's Comp premiums, email marketing programs and more.

We invite you to call or stop by the Chamber office and let us know how we can help welcome you to our hometown!

For more information, please contact the Chamber:

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  (706) 781-1550
  www.highlandfallscabins.com
- **Cozy Cove Cabin Rentals**
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  (706) 745-2468
  www.cozycovecabinrentals.com
- **Enchanted Mountain Retreats**
  (706) 781-3892
  www.GeorgiaEMR.com
- **Enota Mountain Retreat**
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  (706) 896-9966
  www.enota.com
- **Escape to Blue Ridge**
  205 Tyme Out Lane
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 745-1900
  www.kilintymecabin.com
- **Kilin Tyme Cabins**
  270 Crest Road
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  www.mistymtninn.com
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- **Mountain Paws Cabin Rentals**
  3668 Newport Road
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  www.mountainpawscabinrentals.com
- **My Mountain Cabin Rentals**
  3945 Old Loving Road
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  (706) 374-4111
  www.tnmymountain.com
- **Noontootla Creek Farms**
  3668 Newport Road
  Blue Ridge, GA 30513
  (706) 838-0585
  www.ncfca.com

### ACCOMMODATIONS: CABINS & COTTAGES

- **2's Company Farm Creek Cabins**
  123 Sweetheart Lane
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 781-2500
  www.farmcreekcabins.com
- **Above The Rest Luxury Cabins**
  1662 My Mountain Road
  Morganton, GA 30560
  (706) 374-2057
  www.abovetherestcabins.com
- **Alpine Cabins**
  77 Alpine Way
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 745-7589
  www.alpinecabins.com
- **Appalachian Land Company**
  5510 West US 64
  Murphy, NC 28906
  (828) 837-9199
  www.AppalachianLand.com
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### ACCOMMODATIONS: CAMPGROUNDS/RV PARKS

- **Crossing Creeks RV Resort & Spa**
  136 Mountain Creek Road
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 835-1111
  www.crossingcreeksrvresort.com
- **Enota Mountain Retreat**
  1000 Highway 180
  Hiawassee, GA 30546
  (706) 896-9966
  www.enota.com
- **Lake Nottely RV Park, Inc.**
  3832 Gainesville Highway
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 745-6711
  www.lnrvpark.com
- **Nottely River Campground, Cabins & Tubing**
  3832 Gainesville Highway
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 745-6711
  www.nottelyrivercampground.com
- **Paradise Hills Resort & Spa**
  366 Paradise Road / 129 South
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (877) 745-7483
  www.paradisehillsga.com
- **Sunrise River Cabins**
  7586 Gainesville Highway
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 745-5877
  www.sunsericecabins.com
- **Trackrock Campground & Cabins**
  141 Trackrock Camp Road
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 745-2420
  www.trackrock.com
- **Vogel State Park**
  405 Vogel State Park Road
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 745-2628
  www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/vogel
- **WagonMaster Ranch Resort Adventure Park, Boat Tours & Event Center**
  359 Adventure Ranch Road
  Murphy, NC 28906
  (828) 494-9521
  www.WagonMasterRanch.com

### ACCOMMODATIONS: HOTELS/MOTELS

- **Best Western Milton Inn**
  201 Hwy 515 West
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 745-6995
  www.bestwestern.com/miltoninn
- **Lake Nottely RV Park, Inc.**
  3832 Gainesville Highway
  Blairsville, GA 30512
  (706) 745-6711
  www.lnrvpark.com
### Affordable Hearing Aid Solutions – Blairsville
411 Highway 515, Suite D
Blairsville, GA 30505
(706) 745-4948
www.affordablehearingaidsofsolution.com

### Affordable Hearing Aid Solutions – Ellijay
572 Maddox Drive, Suite 210
Ellijay, GA 30540
(706) 635-0022
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### North Georgia Hearing Aid Specialist
281-C Young Harris Street
Blairsville, GA 30505
(706) 745-1861
www.northgahearingaids.com

### Hearing & Air Conditioning

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<td>McKinney Heating &amp; Air Conditioning, Inc.</td>
<td>2300 Jim Watson Road, Blairsville, GA 30506</td>
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<td>Mikes Heating &amp; Air Conditioning, Inc.</td>
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<td>Southeast Geothermal, Inc.</td>
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<td>Mountain Top Furniture</td>
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<td>Rountree’s Furniture &amp; Home Decor</td>
<td>42 Rountree Circle, Blairsville, GA 30512</td>
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<td>McClure Home Inspections</td>
<td>45 Hideaway Ridge, Blairsville, GA 30512</td>
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<td>Nelson’s ACE Hardware</td>
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<td>HomeMinders Plus</td>
<td>125-B Overlook Court, Blairsville, GA 30512</td>
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<td>Appalachian Trail Rides</td>
<td>4100 Cutcane Road, Mineral Bluff, GA 30559</td>
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<td>Brasstown Valley Resort &amp; Spa</td>
<td>6321 US Highway 76, Young Harris, GA 30582</td>
<td>(706) 379-9900</td>
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<td>Trackrock Stables</td>
<td>202 Trackrock Camp Road, Blairsville, GA 30512</td>
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<td>Spa and Deck Creations, Inc.</td>
<td>19 Hollow Hill Road, Blairsville, GA 30512</td>
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<td>Moore Insurance Services, Inc.</td>
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www.gavisioncenter.com

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