

# Union County Anti-Drug Coalition message: Be Smart, Don't Start

The mission of the Union County Anti-Drug Coalition is to support an overall safe community by providing information, education and support services to children, teens and adults in the community towards prevention of the use of illegal drugs and the illegal use of prescription pills.

The message: Be Smart, Don't Start. The UCADC is reaching the community with its message.

The UCADC News, a newsletter produced and published by the UCADC, consist of articles, facts, photos, information, interviews and much more.

There have been three publications printed and distributed, the most recent edition mailed to more than 2,200 post office box holders in Blairsville. Those editions can be read online at [www.ucadc.org](http://www.ucadc.org). Copies of the newsletter are available at no charge.

The community has been supportive of the efforts of the organization to deliver the message that use of illegal drugs and illegal use of prescription pills is wrong and harmful.

An Anti-Drug Drama in the Old Fort Sorghum in Blairsville focuses on the realities of what happens to people who become involved with illegal drugs and the il-

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[www.drugfreeunioncounty.com](http://www.drugfreeunioncounty.com)



The UCADC newsletter distributed in the community. See the issues on [www.ucadc.org](http://www.ucadc.org). To obtain copies contact the Program Director at 706-781-9401.

legal use of prescription pills. The drama was presented to 7th Grade students the past two years.

The drama uses a small cast. Those attending watch. A suspect is caught, taken to an interrogation room, courtroom, jail cell, room of reflection and room of consequences. Students in the 6th Grade were given a presentation on "10 Things Your Friends May Not Know About Drugs." The 8th Grade class had a presentation showing the connection between the brain the harmful effects from illegal drugs and illegal use of prescription pills.

In total, more than 600 students in the middle school were reached with the message and all were given material to take home.

The organization holds community meetings where people in the community can learn what the UCADC is doing and what is planned. Information has been given at those meetings by the sheriff and the district attorney.

Funding for the non-profit organization comes from individual donations, activities coordinated by the UCADC, grants from businesses, donations from organizations and the Union County Substance Abuse Education Grant.

The UCADC mission is accomplished in part by presentations to local groups, businesses, civic organizations, churches and other places. The presentation can be custom made for the group. Materials are provided at no charge.

A website with a wealth of information and resources is [www.ucadc.org](http://www.ucadc.org).

The Blairsville 5K is a function of the UCADC which raises money for the UCADC, American Red Cross and numerous local groups in the county.

The UCADC is governed by a Board of Directors. Officers are Chair & Program Director Norm Cooper, Vice Chair Paula Padgett, Secretary William Stone and Treasurer Ben Maltby.

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## Calendar of Events

### July

#### Lake Nottely Boat Parade

Nottely Marina, decorate boats in any theme. Arrive at marina at 11 a.m. Winners at Noon.

#### July 4th Fireworks, Blairsville

Fireworks at Meeks Park

#### July 4th Fireworks, Suches

Fireworks at Woody Gap School

#### July 4th at Vogel State Park

Flag-raising ceremony, bicycle parade, pedal boat races, sandcastle building competition, watermelon eating, sack races, egg tosses and greased pole climbing. 706-745-2628. [www.gastateparks.org/Vogel](http://www.gastateparks.org/Vogel)

#### Butternut Creek Festival

July 19, 20. 16th Festival. Juried arts and crafts show showcases the work of 65 artists and craftsmen in many categories at Meeks Park. 706-781-1221 [www.butternutcreekfestival.com](http://www.butternutcreekfestival.com)

#### Green Bean Festival

July 26. Multiple venues as Farmers Market, others. Square dance, 5K race, bike ride, beauty pageant, pizza eating contest, block party. [www.greenbeanfestival.com](http://www.greenbeanfestival.com)

### August

#### Mountain Marketplace and Heritage Festival

Aug. 30-31 Mountain Life Heritage Center, Blairsville. Celebrate old-time mountain ways, displays, shopping, music, food, demonstrations. Labor Day weekend. 706-745-5493 [www.unioncountyhistory.org](http://www.unioncountyhistory.org)

### September

#### Blairsville 5K Run & Walk

Sept. 6, 2014. 11th event of Northeast Georgia Run. Run or walk through beautiful Meeks Park. There is a 1-Mile walk also. 706-781-9401 [www.negarun.com](http://www.negarun.com)

#### Mountain Music and Art & Craft Festival

Sept. 13, Vogel State Park. Appalachian, Bluegrass, Gospel music. Art/craft booths, handmade items, food. 706-745-2628, [www.gastateparks.org/Vogel](http://www.gastateparks.org/Vogel)

### October

#### Indian Summer Festival

Oct. 4-5, 2014, Suches, Woody Gap School. Arts, crafts, student booths, games, exhibits, quilts, Indian play by students, food, turkey shoot, 10K race, square dance, music. 706-747-2401 [www.suches.com/festivalinfo.htm](http://www.suches.com/festivalinfo.htm)

#### Blairsville Sorghum Festival, Meeks Park

Oct. 11,12,18,19, 2014 (2nd/3rd weekend) Parade (11th), arts, crafts, demonstrations, food, games, square dance, sorghum mill grinding, cooking sorghum, beauty pageant, exhibits. More than 40 years. 706-745-4745 [www.blairsvillesorghumfestival.com](http://www.blairsvillesorghumfestival.com)

#### Fall Hoedown at Vogel State Park

Oct 18, 2014. Celebrate autumn's arrival. Food, cakewalk, hayrides, bonfire, square/line dancing, trunk or treats, professional storytelling. 706-745-2628 [www.gastateparks.org/Vogel](http://www.gastateparks.org/Vogel)

#### Good Neighbors Car Show

Oct 18, 2014. United Community Bank, Blairsville. 30th Good Neighbors Auto Club's Classic Car Show. 706-835-9010 or 864-980-1616

#### Hometown Halloween on the Square

Oct. 31, 2014. [www.downtownblairsville.com](http://www.downtownblairsville.com)

### November

### December

#### Christmas Parade, Old Courthouse activities

Dec 6, 2014, 2 p.m. 706-745-5493 Downtown Blairsville, presented by Historical Society. Santa at Old Courthouse, tour of museum

#### Christmas Tree Lighting, Vogel State Park

Dec 13, 2014. 10th Annual Tree Lighting of a 35-foot live Blue Spruce. Caroling, hayrides, much more. Bring an un wrapped gift for a child. 706-745-2628. [www.gastateparks.org/Vogel](http://www.gastateparks.org/Vogel)

#### Holly Jolly Christmas, Blairsville

Dec. 18. Union County Community Center. Beautiful decorated trees, children events, music, refreshments 706-745-5789 [www.blairvillechamber.com](http://www.blairvillechamber.com)



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## Monet's Cafe

130 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville, Ga.  
706-745-5305

Lunch: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Dinner: 3 p.m. to closing  
Sunday: Noon to 3 p.m.



Full Menu \* Beer & Wine  
Dining Room \* Outdoor Dining \* TV Room



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