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many people, it is even more vital to protect this beautiful tourist attraction. Mountains and streams are two of the largest assets we have and properly showing them off to the public is a way to improve our county tourism business.

Q. One of your political opponents has just complained about the Farmers Market being built in a flood plain and that you are wasting money purchasing this property. Is that correct?

A. Ask any of the tens of thousands that visit the Farmers Market each year what they think. First, I have not seen

this person at the Farmers Market, so I am not sure how many if any times he has been there. Second, if the property had not been in a flood plain, it would have been unaffordable and not available to the county. Any property in a floodplain is subject to flood occasionally. The buildings and facilities at the Farmers Market however were built above the 100 year flood plain and have not flooded. The only areas around the market that have flooded is along Butternut Creek and the parking area, which we have always known would flood occasionally. When it does flood, it

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Toccoa River. After WWI these mica houses were relocated to Dahlonega and eventually to Gainesville.

I would venture to guess that the mines were worked in the fall and winter after crops were harvested. I have walked up on a number of old mines while out walking in the woods. The first one I was shown was in the woods around Rattlesnake Mountain. Later, Harold Dyer and I climbed to the top of Cass Mountain. We walked up through Ruth Gap from Choestoe to the mountain and began looking for the mine. What we found were mines. There were at least 2 of them and we have been told there are others. The first we found was a very shallow shaft, only about 10 feet long carved out of solid rock. The give away clue to our finding the shaft was the rock tailings. These were piled in front of the shaft to create a v shaped opening to the mine.

Later, (accompanied by Jimmy Spivia) we found the second opening. This one was a shaft going down 10-12 feet and then proceeding at a slight downward angle into the mountain. This shaft was completely full of water.

I have been told by others that there is another shaft which goes straight down into the mountain located close to the others. However, I have never been able to locate this one and maybe this is provi-

dence because this shaft is said to be deep and very dangerous. I have also been told these mines were dug out by a fellow by the name of Theodore Sexton. Whoever dug the mines was a strong individual. The shafts are made of solid rock and there are at least 2 miles of rugged country between the mines and the closest road. The mining part of the operation was only half of the work. I think people were tougher in those days than nowadays.

As you read this we are taking applications at the Farmers Market. These are RSVP Applications for only farmers this week. If you are interested please go to our website and print out an application. Complete the application and have it notarized. Then bring it and the fee of \$209 to the Canning Plant between the hours of 9-12 noon Monday through Friday. Then the week of March 14 through 18 is the time last year's nonagricultural vendors may sign up using the same time and process. New vendors can sign up during the week of March 21 through March 25. If you are a new vendor that is not agriculture related do not come before this week and you must have your form notarized prior to coming to register or it will not be accepted. For more information please visit our website at ucfarmersmarket.com or you can email us at farmersmarket@uniongov.com.

usually only requires minimal repair and minimal cost.

Q. Does the county have other property located in the flood plain?

A. We certainly do. Almost all of the lower part of Meeks Park is in a flood plain. The parade grounds for the Scottish Festival and Sorghum Festival, Rich and Bryant Fields and Colwell 1 & 2 fields, the gazebo, playground, Kayak launch and much more is all subject to occasionally flooding. Does that mean we should not have built Meeks Park? Absolutely not!

Q. We heard that another one of your political opponents said that "...we need someone that is fiscally conservative with our tax dollars..." "Someone that will tell you like it is and is not in the 'good old boy' network."

A. During the political season, you will hear most anything. However, this guy really has no idea of what he is speaking. First, we have the 4th lowest property tax rate in the entire state of Georgia out of 159 counties. So how much more fiscally conservative can we get? Above all, I think I tell it exactly like it is; on Facebook,

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us in that community saying that "the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father." Paul adds that "God sends the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" By faith we receive that gift, and are woven into the Trinity. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, amen.

Gen. 1:1-2, 26-27; Deut. 6:4; Is. 48:12-16; Dan. 7:13-14; Luke 4:21; Mark 2:10, 14:62; John 16:27; Gal. 4:6, Eph. 2:8

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overlooked berries that could be potential sources of fungus and other diseases. Once you are done raking and the area is cleared, it's the perfect time to take a soil test. Blueberries do best in an acidic environment, so it's important to keep an eye on the pH of the soil they are planted in. Once you know what fertilizer is needed, if any, apply the required amount and water thoroughly. Then lay down a 2-3 inch layer of your chosen mulch material. This will help to prevent fungal infections and minimize weed growth.

Some varieties of blueberries, such as Southern Highbush, have more specific pruning requirements. If you have any questions about these, feel free to contact me and I can provide you more information. By tending to your blueberry bushes now, you can rest assured that you will have happy, healthy bushes that will give you tasty rewards to enjoy later in the season!

Upcoming events: UGA Extension High Tunnel Workshop will be on Monday, March 21st from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center in Blairsville. Topics will include best crops to grow in high tunnels, how to apply for one, how to manage insect pests within the tunnel, and a demonstration. Please RSVP by Friday, March 18th to the Union County Extension Office (706) 439-6030. This event counts for 1 hour of credit for applicator license renewal.

Union County Ag Day will be Saturday, March 12th. Events include sprayer calibration workshops (1 hour of applicator license renewal credit), livestock exhibits, vendors, and many others.

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still on shift till the next morning. They may respond to several emergency calls at night as well. Firefighters are very adaptable and able to work with these ever changing conditions. So, if you have ever wondered about the job of a firefighter, this is just a glimpse of what the firefighters do each shift.

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its employees and the community. These decisions were necessary in order for the hospital, its employees and the community to move forward.

Board Vice Chair Jim Williams put the board's decisions into perfect perspective.

"Our primary responsibility as stewards of this hospital and its related facilities are to ensure continuing operations, maintain the high quality of care, and to serve our community."

Well said, Mr. Williams, and may God continue to help this board guide our hospital in the right direction.

on email, in the newspaper every week in the Q & A, on the telephone, in meetings. Of course you have to read and listen, and if you don't you would not have a clue as to what all is going on in Union County. Again, what is he talking about? So I have lived here all my life and I still do not know what the "Good Ole Boy" network is. I certainly am not a part of it and if he can prove there is one that exists, go at it. Otherwise come up with something real to complain about.

Q. When will you announce for your reelection?

A. I already have announced both here in these Q & A and on Facebook. I will officially announce in the NGN some time after qualifying. While I do not like nor really appreciate the amount of griping between all the Presidential candidates, I am going to be a little different running for office this time. I am not going to ignore half truths and lies by my opponents. I will also not ignore their illegal use of the US Postal Service Mail Boxes

throughout the county as they did four years ago. I have dedicated the past 15 and a half years of my life to the fair, honest, fiscally conservative, and

hard work operation of Union County. That will continue and I will ask for, and need, your vote and support in November.

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it says nothing.

This is much more effective: Performance driven individual seeks senior level Business Development opportunity with growth company that values innovation, teamwork, and bottom line results that are immediate and sustainable.

1. Your Professional Accomplishments. Saying that you "targeted and launched distribution into major big box and grocery chains" is simply a statement of your activities during some period of time. However "Led the channel development strategy that resulted in key account growth of +12% in 2007, +17% in 2008, and +27% in 2009" demonstrates a track record of accomplishments.

Your current or immediate past employer should have at least three but no more than five significant accomplishments. Your next prior employer one to three and your next employer one. Any employers beyond three should simply list position, company and dates.

And please, don't claim you have no accomplishments. Even a brand new college graduate with little business experience has some accomplishments i.e. "funded my college education entirely through the Hope Scholarship" or "led my sorority's participation in the Relay For Life raising more than \$4000."

1. Credentials and references. Educational credentials first, then professional credentials etc. finishing with "Business and personal references available on request".

While I believe that these are the support columns to an effective resume, I also recognize that each situation is different and modifications may be required depending on individuals, organizations and circumstances. In any case remember than an obituary is a summary of your life so far. One the other hand a resume should provide the reader with a reason(s) to want to find out more about you.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

	Every Monday:		
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am	
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon	
A Course in Miracles	298 School Circle	2 pm	
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm	
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm	
	Every Tuesday:		
Tri State Bus. Women	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am	
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 Wednesday:		
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm	
	Every Thursday:		
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am	
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon	
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm	
	Third Monday of each month:		
Shape Note Music	Old Courthouse	6:30 pm	
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm	
Allegheny Lodge #114	Masonic Lodge	6:30 pm	
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 pm	
	Third Tuesday of each month:		
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon	
Healthy Hearts Support	UGH 2nd Floor Class	2 pm	
Am. Legion Post 121	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm	
American Legion, Aux	Veteran's Center	6:30 pm	
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm	
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 pm	
	Third Wednesday of each month:		
Quilts of Valor	Coosa Methodist Ch	9:30 am	
GA Mtn. Writers Club	Grinds & Glazes (G&G)	10 am	
Blairsville Garden Club	Location not listed	1 pm	
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm	
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	So. Bank & Trust	7 pm	
	Third Thursday of each month:		
MMQG	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm	
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon	
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm	
Good N'bors Auto	Brothers, Murphy	6:30 pm	
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 pm	
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm	
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm	
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm	
Jaycees	Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm	
	Third Friday of each month:		
No activities listed			
	Third Saturday of each month:		
UC Republican Party	Civic Center	10 am	
Goldwing Road Riders	Daniels Steak House	11 am	