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Q. So why is this small group concerned that you and the county will get into so much debt that the county taxpayers will be required to pay for it with additional property taxes?

A. It must get back to some of the current political philosophies; that if you continue to say the same old thing over and over, although it is a misrepresentation, people will eventually believe it. However, in this case, they fail to realize that after so many years of crying wolf and the sky not falling, they still think someone is going to take them seriously and the problem is, no one does. Why, after 14 years in office with a solid fiscally conservative record, and the third lowest property tax rate in the state of Georgia, would I all of the sudden start making bad financial decisions?

It is not going to happen and they know it. Again, it is simply politics and part of what we have to deal with in county government.

Q. What kind of finan-

cial condition is the county currently in?

A. We are in excellent financial condition. We continue to receive an A-plus bond rating. We continue to be able to pay our bills without borrowing, and above all, we have one of the lowest property tax rates (currently third lowest) in the entire state of Georgia out of 159 counties. For the third year in a row, we have been able to give our county employees a modest pay increase without furloughs - find another county that has done that. Your property taxes have been decreased for the past four years in a row. We continue to have to watch our expenses very closely and some of the new laws taking effect are having and will continue to have a negative financial impact on the county going forward. But we are very proud of our financial condition, made possible by good solid management and by a very hard-working employee and elected official base.

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10 a.m. to enjoy sampling fresh catch that will be delicately cooked by Homer Payne.

We have other great events coming up this month, too. Saturday June 21st is our "Beef It Up" Day. The local Cattleman's association will be on hand to explain the bovine business to us as well as be cooking up all different cuts of beef to share samples and recipes.

And if you are more of a porky pig lover, then our BBQ Blast on June 28th is a date you want to mark on your calendars, now. We will be having our biggest cooking competition of the season that day. If

you want to compete with your BBQ, we have four categories. Watch this paper or visit our website at www.UCFarmersMarket.com for more details.

I trust that you were at the market for our grand opening this weekend. We are a little tight with space until our new building is completed. But thanks to the efforts of the County, the parking is plentiful. Thanks to Mother Nature, the produce is plentiful. And thanks to this great community of people, this "meet and greet" has kicked off another great season. See you every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m., too. Have a great week.

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and fellow students. Yes, all the instructors are volunteers! They receive the class fee and charge for materials purchased by students.

"Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!" They leave their homes as far away as Canada and Guatemala and some have been doing it for more than 20 years, each and every year.

What disturbed me was, so few of the students were locals. Everyone I've talked with seems familiar with the "other" school in North Carolina. The "other" school's fees are so much higher. We as a community need to know about, and support a wonderful opportunity right in our own back yard.

Our town offers passionate, friendly, world renowned artists in their fields of expertise at a price unmatched by "other" schools nation wide. The office, kitchen, housekeeping and maintenance staff were hard working, friendly and willing to help everyone have a memory of great times, along with making new and wonderful friends.

Oh, and by the way, they also have fantastic instructors in Polymer Clay, Glass Bead making, Beading design, Cold Metal Connections, and Beau-

tiful Basket Weaving. Call to schedule a tour of the classes. On Tuesday nights 7-9 p.m. they hold a "non-professional" auction as a fund raiser for the school and a Tailgating Sale on Thursday nights 7-9 p.m. Both are open to the public.

They are a non-profit school right in your own back yard and need your continued support, through donations and as students!

Sincerely, Carolyn A. Brown

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



June 15th
in memory of
Paula Paris Johnson
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

June 19th
in memory of
Bill Meeks
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

Bell ringing information
at 706-745-5493

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when Uncle Rufus looked at me and said, "Boy, how did you manage to hook yourself?" He pulled out his pocket knife and cut the hook out and I didn't even whimper. Uncle Rufus told everyone I was a "tough nut." I was pretty proud of that and still look for the scar on my lip when I am having a bad day.

A few years ago I took up the habit of Fly Fishing. I probably enjoy this sport more than any other type of fishing I have ever tried. There is something special about casting an imitation insect to a spot in a creek where you know a fish is lurking and convincing the fish your fly is real enough to eat. It is a magical time when the water explodes and you know you have fooled the fish. Fly Fishing takes much practice. And it took me a year or two before I caught a fish of any size with a Fly Rod.

I was standing next to a creek and trying to cast the fly across the water next to the far bank. There was a little

pool there with a big rock that I knew a big trout was lying under. I drew the rod back and made three false casts. On the third back cast my line hung on something. I figured it was just another limb and so I gave the line a hard jerk. Much to my surprise the line began singing as it was being pulled from the reel. I turned around to see a Deer running away with my Fly hooked in its side. I was so intent on making the cast I never noticed a deer was bedded down on the creek bank and when I made the back cast the Fly caught the deer's side. How many people do you know of that have caught a deer and a human lip on fishing trips?

Remember, next Saturday is Trout Day at the Farmers Market. We will have samples (for sale \$1) of locally grown trout and hushuppies from some of our Fish Farms. Homer Payne will be cooking these trout. So, come on out and try some of the area's locally grown trout. See you Saturday.

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excuse for ever missing another great deal in Union County!

This year's participating businesses include our co-sponsors SafeGuard Lock & Vault offering half off a home rekey of up to four locks and WUCG Community Radio offering half off ten World News broadcast sponsorship advertisements. Other participants include 7M Family Farms, Alpha Drug Testing, Aspen Home and Hearth, Azzarello Photography, Blimpie Subs & Salads, Candles by Jean, Cornerstone Thrift Store, Curves of Blairsville, Galaxy Bowling of Union County, Gift Baskets of Joy, Huddle House, Hi Country Shops, Inspire Art Studio, Jerac's Unity Alpacas,

Knitter's Knitch, Junebug's Consignment Cottage, Mary Kay Cosmetics - Roberta L. Ford, Mountain Crossings, Mountain Hope Pottery, Natural Treatments for Brain & Body, Pappy's Restaurant, Origami Owl - The Laura's, Pat's Hallmark, Premier Designs Jewelry by Alysia Hargus, The Vacuum Store, Waffle House, and YES Electric.

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by every tyrant and dictator in the world in countries that did not, and do not have a second amendment in their constitution. Not being very successful in his dream to destroy the second amendment and disarm the American citizen he has done the next best thing (in his opinion) and that is to dry up the ammo supply. Ammo manufacturers are heavily regulated by government laws and are required to give government orders top priority. Cars don't run without gas and guns don't shoot without ammo. I have visited another country recently and even though they have very strict gun laws by our standards, they have no shortage of ammo. What does that tell you about what our commander in Grief can do with his phone and his pen?

John Q. Adams III

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the glorious privilege of having a perfect father through Christ Jesus. Dads, there is an eraser for the mistakes we make with a pencil. But what about the mistakes we make with our personal lives? There is a Divine Eraser - "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from every sin." God bless our fathers!

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The current harm being done to our country's economy and society through the policies and actions of those superior beings in Washington who boast, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you!" should be apparent to any with even average intelligence. It takes little education to know that one goes broke if he makes a dollar per week but spends two, or dies if he lives the life of parasite and his nutrient supply dries up from overuse or is controlled by a government hostile to "parasites."

In the movie *The Scarlet and the Black* there is a line spoken by the Nazi commander of Rome that goes something like this: "Half of the people are cattle to be led, the other half are those with the knowledge and capability to lead these dim witted and ignorant beings." As for the Federal Government feather merchants being so intelligent that they must tell the rest of us how to eat, breathe and reproduce, etc. I have survived 80 years quite well without their advice and assistance. In my judgement those "liberal Democrats," as I believe they proudly call themselves, absolutely believe they are in that half who should lead us cattle. I deny their right and personally invite those with their self-proclaimed superior social intelligence to emigrate to a country where they can more fully employ their superiorities. They are wasting their expertise here while proceeding to pervert and destroy the greatest country the world has ever known.

Richard Yates Fiser

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Sweet Adelines	Every Tuesday: United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
Masonic Luncheon	Every Thursday: Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Shape Note Music	Third Monday of each month: Old Courthouse	6:30 pm
High Country Artisan	U.C.Bank Com Room	6:30 pm
Exp Aviation Assoc #1211	Blairsville Airport	7 pm
Allegheny Lodge	Masonic Temple	6:30 pm
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, off the square		6:30 pm
American Legion, Aux	Third Tuesday of each month: Civic Center	7 pm
Chatuge Gun Club	Senior Center, Hia.	7 pm
UC Homemakers	Dooley Chapter	Noon
Am. Legion Post 121	Serviceman's Center	6:30 pm
Ladies Aux. Post 121	Old Civic Center	7 pm
Compassionate Friends	UCB Community Room	7 pm
Blairsville Garden Club	Third Wednesday of each month: Location not listed	1 pm
Friends of the Library	Library Com Room	2 pm
Beta Sigma Phi, Iota Iota	Cadence Bank	7 pm
Jaycees	Third Thursday of each month: Fort Sorghum	7:30 pm
Good N'bers Auto	Meeks Park Pavilion 1	6:30 pm
Tip-off Club	UC High School	7 pm
UC Saddle Club	Arena Clubhouse	7 pm
Commissioner's Meet.	County Courthouse	6 pm
UT Home Builders	Moschetto's	6:30 pm
Kinship Care	Civic Center	Noon
MOPS	First Baptist Church	6 pm
Cub Scouts Trp. #101	United Methodist Ch.	6:30 pm
No activities listed	Third Friday of each month:	
Goldwing Road Riders	Third Saturday of each month: Daniels Steak House	11 am
UC Republican Party	Civic Center	10 am