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years, we rely on experts in the field to make those estimates.

The current SPLOST began in April 2009, but planning of projects and estimates were made back in 2007 and 2008.

That was before the financial collapse and economic downturn.

The SPLOST law is designed to take these factors into account.

It is obvious that estimates of revenue can vary and the cost of individual projects can vary widely.

We can make educated estimates on all of it, but who could have guessed the severity of the fall of the economy back in late 2008 and the severe financial impact it would have on the entire world, much less Union County.

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North Georgia where I received my BS. I married my kindergarten classmate Danielle, and I then attended the Medical College of Georgia for dental school and orthodontic residency. I now have two children and one more on the way: Carter (5) and McCallan (2). I enjoy playing basketball and fishing.

4. What would people reading this be surprised to know about you?

I was majoring in drama while at Duke University. I also took an Italian Opera class while in college.

5. What is one of your favorite quotes?

"He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist." -Francis Assisi.

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son. He carefully listened to all I had to say and when I had finished he said, "Okay" and went back to bed.

The next fall my boys and I went camping with some friends. We camped out at Little Rock Creek within a short distance of a waterfall. Wade has always loved waterfalls. I explained to him about the importance of avoiding slick rocks and watching where he walked. I told the boys to stay away from the waterfall until I finished unloading the truck. As I was setting up our tent I heard a scream and ran to the waterfall. Not only had Wade been at the waterfall he was in the creek above the waterfall and was swept over the ledge. The waterfall was only a few feet high, but, Wade was only a few feet tall. He was soaking wet but unharmed. As I was drying him off I looked into his big brown eyes and thanked the Lord for his safety.

A couple of years ago Wade and I went rafting on Section IV of the Chattooga River. Our first white water was a waterfall called Seven Foot Falls. As we went over the falls the raft tipped and guess who went out of the raft. As I came back to the surface of the river my head hit the bottom of the raft. I worked my

way from underneath the raft and looked up to notice a big rock fast approaching. I turned to pull myself into the raft and there extending his arm was my youngest son. I noticed the same grin and the same look in those big brown eyes I had noticed nearly 20 years ago as I had dried him off after he was washed over the waterfall.

In my childhood I spent a lot of time with my grandparents. Some of the foods I learned to enjoy and appreciate were combread with milk, fried pies, apple sauce cake and black walnut cake. One of the most peculiar foods I enjoyed while growing up was Chocolate Gravy over home-made biscuits. You read it right. That chocolate gravy got our day started right for us boys on the farm. It gave us a lot of energy. Forget those high-dollar energy drinks. Just try some chocolate gravy poured over a biscuit. You will be able to try this at the Farmers Market Snack Bar on Oct. 11. You can try chocolate gravy, apple butter, blackberry applesauce or blackberry jelly at the Farmers Market on our "A Taste of Appalachian Sweetness Day." Also, remember the "The Great Butternut Creek Pumpkin Contest" on Oct. 18. Come on out to the Farmers Market and see us!

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proceeds of the Bonds will be lent to Cordele Heritage Oaks, LP, a Georgia limited partnership (the "Borrower"), and its affiliates to be used for the purpose of providing funds to: (a)make certain improvements to the Borrower's facilities, (b)fund certain reserves, and (c)pay certain costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds. The facility being financed by a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds that is located in the geographic jurisdiction of Blairsville, Georgia is Tan Yard Branch Apartments, an approximately 49-unit affordable housing apartment community located at 14 Tan Yard Street, Blairsville, Union County, GA (the "Blairsville Facility"). The Blairsville Facility will be owned and operated by the Borrower or one of its affiliates.

Issuing municipal tax-exempt revenue bonds promises repayment from a specified stream of future income such as real estate taxation value base. According to uniongatax.com Web site assertion, "Union County has one of the highest tax collection rates in the State of Georgia," which

translates lower loan risk rate category designation. Uniongatax.com website also proclaims collected property taxes are used: To support administration of county government and the public school system; To build and repair public buildings and bridges; To pay expenses of courts, county jail and law enforcement; To build and maintain county roads; To provide for fire protection; To provide for public health and sanitation.

Government financing of affordable housing apartment community improvement is not a legitimate use of tax revenue. If government officials can appropriate tax revenue for affordable housing apartment community improvement, other unauthorized uses can be legislated. I oppose pledging real estate taxation value base as collateral for any municipal revenue bond program to finance affordable housing apartment community improvement. Corporations and partnerships should secure conventional financing terms and conditions.

Linda Kay Nalley
Union County Taxpayer

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will someday go through that change and transition. Aren't you glad that when our change comes we will be clothed in perfect righteousness in a perfect place where the Tree of Life is and its leaves are for

the healing of the nations and don't have to be raked. Therefore, don't be part of the falling away crowd or those who fall by the wayside, but fall in love with Jesus today and you shall never fall!

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in fat than corn. The mineral composition differs only slightly from corn, and the vitamin content in grain sorghum is similar to white corn. The flour made from the sorghum grain is gluten free and we all know what a cash cow that is in today's market. Oh, and you can also "pop" sorghum grain. (You can Google "popping sorghum" to see where you can purchase the kernels).

The next two weekends, Union County will be in a blaze of color, if not on the trees quite yet, certainly on the different license plates that pull into Meeks Park to attend the Sorghum Festival, a part of our heritage here for over 40 years. If you haven't been to the Festival yet, you owe it to yourself to go, if only to see the process of extracting the sorghum from the cane, and then the processing plant in action that's located at the Park. I'm fascinated by it. This is also one of the finest festivals for children to have good old fashioned fun. And it can't be a nicer time of year to meander on both sides of the creek in the best park in Union County. Admission is free, and the organizers of this annual event, donate all the profits to local charities.

To help celebrate sorghum, the Union County Farmers Market will host its 3rd Annual "The Taste of Appalachian Sweetness." Our local honey and sorghum will be featured with biscuits for all to try. Apple butter will be made and for sale. And our farmers, crafters, bakers and canning specialists will be selling their best prod-

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candidate for US Senate, had a rally in Blairsville, there was nothing in the paper. Nothing. Evidently Mr. Duncan didn't attend her rally, despite the fact that the event was advertised in his own paper the week before. David Vogel, Democratic candidate to represent the 9th District in the US Congress, rode into Blairsville on Monday, Sept. 22 on his bike after riding 400 miles throughout the 9th District to publicize his campaign. He even stopped by the *North Georgia News* and spoke to Mr. Duncan. Was there coverage of his ride? No. But we see two articles honoring the Republican candidates for Governor, U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative right in the middle of the front page of the paper. Some would say that Mr. Deal and Mr. Collins were covered because of the positions they hold. But they did not come as Governor and Representative. They came to Blairsville as candidates.

The articles read like campaign ads, filled with glowing platitudes. Were these paid political ads? Even a high school journalism student knows that news articles are supposed to be factual. Editorials or opinion pieces belong in the editorial section and that is found inside the paper not on the front page presented as news.

Yes, this is a predominantly Republican county but there are Democrats here as well. Responsible journalism provides a balance. Where is it?

Patricia McCarthy

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in favor of Obamacare. "We must pass this bill so we can find out what's in it," is no way to pass major legislation that affects every citizen. It is not a formula for creating good law. Even then, not all Democrats were in favor of it. Promises were made to a few hold-out Democrats that in some arenas would be subject to criminal prosecution for bribery. In national politics it is business as usual.

If, after this fall election, both the Senate and the House are majority republican, the presidency will still be Democratic and legislation passed in both Houses will still be subject to presidential veto. If the president wants particular legislation passed he will have the opportunity to exercise real leadership toward that goal. I hope he has that opportunity.

Clyde Woolsey

Chamber of Commerce events	
For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com	
Wednesday, October 8	
11:30 am	Ribbon Cutting for Premier Home & Property Services – Union County Community Center
1 pm	Knitters Knitch Class – 64 Brackets Way, Ste. 6
6 pm	Bingo Every Wednesday – Haralson Memorial Civic Center
Thursday, October 9	
8 am	Trash and Treasures Sale – Union County Farmers Market
8 am	Mountain Networking Referral Group – Blairsville Restaurant
1 pm	Open Drawing & Painting Class – Inspire Art Studio 51 Earnest St.
12 pm	Rotary of Union County Meeting - 706-745-5565
6 pm	2nd Annual Night of the Mountain Lion - YHC
6:30 pm	Trivia at The View – Union County Community Center
6:30 pm	Union County Lions Club Meeting – Steve's Cookie Jar Restaurant
Friday, October 10	
8 am	Trash and Treasures Sale – Union County Farmers Market
9 am	Annual Harvest Festival – United Methodist Church of Union County
10 am	Fall Festival – GA Mountain Fairgrounds
6 pm	"Raven and Red" – The Copperhead Lodge
6:30 pm	Friday Night Painting Party – Inspire Art Studio 51 Earnest St
7 pm	Friday Night Concerts "John Nix and The Nix Singers" Bluegrass – Downtown on the Square
Saturday, October 11	
7 am	Union County Farmer's Market – 148 Old Smokey Rd.
7 am	Allegheny Lodge Big Country Breakfast – 60 Rodgers Street
9 am	Blairsville Sorghum Festival – Meeks Park
9 am	Annual Harvest Festival – United Methodist Church of Union County
9 am	43rd Georgia Apple Festival - Ellijay
4 pm	Fireside Music Saturdays – The Paradise Hills Resort, Spa & Winery
6 pm	'Writers' Night Out – Union County Community Center
7 pm	Goldhagen Hot Summer Nights – 7 Goldhagen Studio Drive
7:30 pm	Free Outdoor Movie Night – B & T Trading Post 4903 Hwy 51SE
Sunday, October 12	
9 am	Blairsville Sorghum Festival – Meeks Park
9 am	43rd Georgia Apple Festival - Ellijay
10 am	John C Campbell Folk School Festival - Brasstown, NC
Monday, October 13	
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting – Steve's Steakhouse
1:30 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tours MWF & S-16 Misty Mtn. Lane
Tuesday, October 14	
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's Meeting – Blairsville Restaurant
10 am	S.A.F.E. 25 Year Anniversary Sale – Victoria's Center
3 pm	Union County Farmers Market - 148 Old Smokey Rd
6:30 pm	Smokey Mountain Melodies Chorus – First UMC of Union County
Wednesday, October 15	
1 pm	Better Breather's Club – Union General Hospital
2 pm	Friends of the Union County Library – Union County Library
6 pm	Bingo Every Wednesday – Haralson Memorial Civic Center