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project?

A. I will let you answer that question when you see it. In my opinion, it was an awesome project and you will be proud to see what a treasure we were able to save for generations to come. It will be used for voting during elections, but the rest of the time, it will serve as a community center for the citizens of Choestoe and anyone else interested in utilizing it. The decision had to be made to make it a multi-use facility as opposed to a museum, so some compromises had to be made to renovate it for the multi uses.

Q. Will we be voting on anything else during this election other than continuation of the SPLOST one penny sales tax?

A. No, that will be the only thing you will vote on. It will not take you long, but it is very important for the future of our county, so please come out and vote. City of Blairsville residents will be voting for Mayor, but they will be voting in a separate location

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more intently these days, this autumn of my life. I still see opportunities, like gathered leaves, where I run and catapult my heart into them. Most of the time, I land softly, nestled, but with a crunchy sound. When I open my eyes to the experience, I marvel at how remarkable it can be.

My senses are receptors of so much joy and also the woe of those around me. I mix my senses up, now, as well. I feel music instead of just hearing it. I taste pain, I hear my heartbeat, I see inside my past and I try to touch the lives of those I encounter on my hike through daily life, if only by offering them a smile.

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tatives have a right to make spending decisions based on their opinion.

ObamaCare is indeed “the law of the land,” as its supporters keep saying and the Supreme Court has upheld its Constitutionality.

But the whole point of having a division of powers within the federal government is that each branch can decide independently what it wants to do or not do, regardless of what the other branches do, when exercising the powers specifically granted to that branch by the Constitution.

The hundreds of thousands of government workers who have been laid off are not idle because the House of Representatives did not vote enough money to pay their salaries or the other expenses of their agencies – unless they are in an agency that would administer ObamaCare.

Since we cannot read minds, we cannot say who – if anybody – “wants to shut down the government.” But we do know who had the option to keep the government running and chose not to. The money voted by the House of Representatives covered everything that the government does, except for ObamaCare.

The Senate chose not to vote to authorize that money to be spent, because it did not include money for ObamaCare. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says that he wants a “clean” bill from the House of Representatives, and some in the media keep repeating the word “clean” like a mantra. But what is unclear about not giving Harry Reid everything he wants?

If Senator Reid and President Obama refuse to accept the money required to run the government, because it leaves

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on their attempt to “move into the 21st Century” as you have said.

The work the young men were doing at your home was to update your meter to a new electronic one that works effectively and efficiently as I found out after calling them to inquire on the young men at my meter box. I am sure the young lady at the office was surprised to hear your water was off based off a simple, yet avoidable, mistake. I am sure you too have made mistakes and no person on earth is perfect.

I respect the people of Union County and the fact that the majority of them are not natives; however, I would never

at City Hall. Those same City residents will be voting for the continuation of SPLOST.

Q. Is this continuation of the SPLOST sales tax a political vote?

A. Absolutely not. It is simply voting on the continuation of the current 1-cent sales tax. This issue is not Republican or Democratic or Independent, but is simply what you think is the best for our county, no matter who is in office.

Q. How does the SPLOST sales tax affect our property tax rate?

A. It has a tremendous impact. If we did not have the 1-cent sales tax, then our property tax would have to increase dramatically to maintain our service level. The problem with property tax is that only those who own property or homes or a business pay the tax. But sales tax is paid by everyone, which is one reason why we are able to keep our property tax rate as one of the lowest in the state of Georgia.

I inhale the sweet kindnesses of strangers along the way. I’m relishing this season of my life.

At the Market, we are supposed to be transitioning out of our produce growing period. So, unless something changes before my deadline on this column, this week is the closing of our Farmers Market for the 2013 season. Please believe me when I share with you that there is a plethora of good, local vegetables still available at the Market. Come this Tuesday and Saturday and give your senses one last jolt of all that is so delightfully fulfilling at the Union County Farmers Market.

out the money they want to run ObamaCare, that is their right. But that is also their responsibility.

You cannot blame other people for not giving you everything you want. And it is a fraud to blame them when you refuse to use the money they did vote, even when it is ample to pay for everything else in the government.

When Barack Obama keeps claiming that it is some new outrage for those who control the money to try to change government policy by granting or withholding money, that is simply a bald-faced lie. You can check the history of other examples of “legislation by appropriation” as it used to be called.

Whether legislation by appropriation is a good idea or a bad idea is a matter of opinion. But whether it is both legal and not unprecedented is a matter of fact.

Perhaps the biggest of the big lies is that the government will not be able to pay what it owes on the national debt, creating a danger of default. Tax money keeps coming into the Treasury during the shutdown, and it vastly exceeds the interest that has to be paid on the national debt.

Even if the debt ceiling is not lifted, that only means that government is not allowed to run up new debt. But that does not mean that it is unable to pay the interest on existing debt.

None of this is rocket science. But unless the Republicans get their side of the story out – and articulation has never been their strong suit – the lies will win. More important, the whole country will lose.

**Borrowed from
Thomas Sowell
Jean M. Holsapple**

make myself look unappreciative and as unintelligent as you did by calling the employees people of out the hills and you obviously have no respect for the natives of this county.

Water leaks happen, water services will be interrupted briefly, it happens all over the country daily. Yes, we have one provider of electricity, but do you like the increases you see from them based off of them being the only power provider? We pay them because we have no choice; you on the other hand have a choice, have a well dug or appreciate the men at Coosa Water and the sacrifices they make for their customers.
Sincerely, Gracie-Lou Dyer

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There it stands.
Kings are crowned and uncrowned –
There it stands.
It out lives, out lifts,
out loves,
outreaches, outranks,

outruns all other books.

Trust it, love it, obey it, and eternal life is yours.”

It is the miracle book and it shall stand forever! Spend some time in The Divine Library Today.

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do so soon!

And what stays the same? Members and visitors can still look forward to finding a robust business directory, local business coupons, and the most complete online events calendar around. Quick links to places to eat, shop, play, and stay are found on the homepage. Web visitors can still request brochures and newsletters and live chat with our staff. Local businesses and organizations can also learn more about the services

the Chamber offers to members and sign up for chamber membership online.

The new VisitBlairsvilleGA.com will serve as the virtual front door for Blairsville-Union County. I invite you to take a moment to see all that we have to offer. We look forward to assisting you! In addition to the website, you can communicate with our team by calling (706) 745-5789 or me directly at President@BlairsvilleChamber.

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I never apologized to him, but, I am sure R. C. forgave me for my violence on that day in 1962.

As you know we are winding down the season at the Farmers Market. Our last regular day at the market will be on Oct. 26th. We have had a great year with more than 150,000 people attending the Farmers Market and Trash to Treasures Sales each week.

Patrons spent approximately \$750,000 at just the Farmers Market this year. Also, I have been contacted from people as far away as Montana about the operation of the Farmers Market. The Canning Plant had its last day of operation on Thursday, Oct. 17th and on that day we surpassed 15,000 jars being processed.

However, we are not finished with work at the Farmers Market and Canning plant for 2013. The Farmers Market

will be open on Dec. 6th and 7th for our annual Kris Kringle Market. On these days we will have someone reading the Christmas Stories, a bon-fire and smores, singing and entertainment, Santa Claus and plenty of in-season produce and crafts. Also, we will be collecting Christmas gifts for children and donating these gifts to an organization which will distribute them. And the Canning Plant will be open on Oct. 29th, Nov. 12th and Dec. 10th for special dates. For more details please call (706) 439-6030.

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provides this nation with milk and milk products.

Our milk herd is fed all natural feed, no hormones or antibiotics.

Last week, a letter writer expressed their opinion about tractors on the roads that won’t get out of their way. Well, the next time you get behind a tractor, think of where your milk comes from. You buy it in a jug or a carton at the store, but do you really know how it got into that jug and through the doors of that store.

The next time you buy sour cream, cheese, buttermilk, and any other dairy products, just remember we are dairy farmers, we drive tractors on the road to be able to feed cows natural feed so that your milk is the best you can buy. We aren’t rednecks, we aren’t uneducated hillbillies, we’re dairy farmers.

So to anyone out there showing how uneducated they are about farming, I invite you to visit our dairy farm and I will show you a job where you wouldn’t last 30 minutes.

When you see farmers on their tractors on the road, give them some respect. We respect you enough to work our fingers to the bone to give you a quality dairy product, the least you could do is give us the few minutes it takes for you to make a safe pass around our tractor.

And by the way, we wont move out of your way, we are here to stay.

**Jennifer Dyer Kerr
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University of North Georgia in Dahlonega. There use to be funny clowns running around acting silly and goofy and where was the Hill Billy Car Pool and the other antique cars and older vehicles? I missed the steers and covered wagons and although there were several horses, they weren’t as many as there use to be.

I also remember the football team riding on a float and the cheerleaders walking along behind cheering. There were a lot of floats back then as well. Of course the By-Pass was not created back then, so the parade route was more or less in town.

I remember it turning up where the library is now and going out that way passing by the old hospital and nursing home and how some of the patients and nursing home residents were rolled out to watch us go by. We then went back around the courthouse and went down by Foodland and on to Fort Sorghum where we eagerly waited to see who placed where in the competitions.

I know many of you reading this will say and think these type of parades never existed. Ask some who were in the band back then. Well, they did.

But still, it was a very nice parade and I enjoyed it really well.

Delores Seabolt-Barnes