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a redo if some mistakes are accidentally made. Our possible dates are Nov. 5th of this year, July 15th of 2014 or Nov. 4th of 2014. Any dates later than this would mean that we would lose several months of collections because there is a three-month delay from the time it is passed until you can begin collecting.

Q. What considerations will you make in choosing a date for the SPLOST election?

A. If there is some other election that becomes necessary, we would certainly like to have it on the same date so that we do not have to pay for an election with only one is-

sue. Second, we want to have it as soon as practical and finally, we want to have time to properly select projects for the future SPLOST that you the voters will support. A good SPLOST program requires good leadership, but it also requires a great employee work force, which we are fortunate to have. But most of all it takes support from our community for the SPLOST vote, which is the penny of sales tax just like the ESPLOST the school system just passed. We hope to earn your vote as we move forward with the many decisions we have to make over the next several months.

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life they gave me my first job. I served as a stock boy in their clothing store.

Although I never apologized to RC, I am sure he forgave me for my violence on that day in 1962.

At this point last week I was planning to announce the beginning of the RSVP period for new vendors at the Farmers Market. However, at this time all the spaces are filled at the Farmers Market. We presently have more than 40 slots that are agriculture related. We also have food vendors as well as crafters.

I realize some folks will be disappointed. But, this amount of interest in the

Farmers Market shows us how popular the event has become and there are discussions occurring which would enlarge the facility.

Also, please remember the "Trash to Treasures Yard Sale" happens April 12th. That is the second Friday in April. Also, for those interested we will be having our annual "Ramps and Native Plants Day" on April 18th at the Farmers Market.

Finally, many of you have encouraged me to publish a book containing all of these stories. This will be happening soon. So, keep reading the paper to find out more.

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realize that you are not ever going to use it "for parts".

You take an accounting of your canning jars and make a list of how many new seals you need to buy "if and when" you see them on sale. You stop to get boxes from the bench outside Foodland in order to pack up the stuff you are readying for your yard sale.

Yes, it's official. Yard Sale season blooms the weekend after Easter, this year. Trash and Treasures opens the gates to the Farmers Market on Friday morning, April 12th. If the number of questions I field every week is any indication of the interest in both buying and selling, this first week should be fantastic. So, get your stuff together and get over there in line by 7am to get yourself a booth. Those of you who have been attending Yard Sale Anonymous Meetings all winter, you'll be able to jump off the wagon and right back into your bargain shopping frenzy at 8am that morning.

Here are a few tips to help make your Trash & Treasures selling experience (at the Union County Farmers Market) a very prosperous one.

All items you plan to sell should be clean, free of grease, dirt and years of dust. Clearly price each item

you are selling. People don't want to ask. They want to haggle after they know the price.

Bring bags and wrapping material. Have plenty of coins and small bills on hand to make change.

Use tables with pretty covers to display your items. Make sure things aren't stacked up on the table so that people can see things clearly.

Clothes that are hung on a rack are much more likely to have people look through them. If you don't have a way to hang clothes, separate them into boxes according to baby/kids/adults, male/female, spring/summer, size, etc.

Bring an extension cord if you have any electrical items. People like to test them.

Lastly, I encourage you to have a free box. These are items that you know you are going to donate or throw away, no matter what happens at the sale. Put them in a box clearly marked "free."

This draws people to your booth and keeps them looking through to see if there is any little treasure in your trash.

That's it for this week. I've got to go put my spring cuddle duds on with the daffodils printed on them. It's cold this morning!

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Pay cash for something? What an amusing and old-fashion concept. On credit is how our economy now operates, be it home mortgages, washing machines or automobiles. No one ever knows the security of actually "owning" something. Foreclosures, dodging the repo man, robbing Peter to pay Paul becomes the way of life for many. Not for me. When my late husband

and I married, we pledged to each other that we would pay cash for everything we wanted or needed, or do without. We both kept that pledge - the experiences of the Great Depression were enough for us - lessons that will be learned soon enough for the present generation, if they don't change their ways.

Sincerely,
Ruth Elizabeth Ramsey

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county and if we could retain that income, we would have reduced school taxes and little need for ESPLOST. By going after local officials, the writer

is short-sighted. The main problem lies in Atlanta and how they choose to return such a small portion of our school tax money. Their policies force our local school board to ask us for more money so that we can provide a quality education to our kids. Don't beat up our local officials (regardless of party); go after the heart of the problem - Atlanta confiscatory school tax policies.

By the way, I appreciate ESPLOST because, unlike property taxes, it includes every person in the county, including visitors. If you like the Fair Tax, then you should like ESPLOST because it accomplishes the same thing. Everybody, not just property owners, have an investment in educating our children. That's the way it should be.

Jim Fitzgerald

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Adhering to these principles, I feel the \$21 million (\$350,000/month, or \$11,666/day) would best be left in our community to circulate among all of our citizens, especially the merchants, and not be given to five people to spend on their "wish-list" (a school board member's words, not mine).

Sincerely,
Dorothy McIntosh-Honea

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er is the one who decides to give his or her commitment.

Most successful people start their leadership interactions by establishing a common goal. Leaders understand the difference between goals and strategies. Goals are always outcome-oriented, starting with the end in mind. Strategies are plans a leader has for reaching the desired outcome.

Once a common goal has been established, successful leaders follow and connect with their potential followers before taking the lead and inspiring higher, more motivated points of view ending with co-owners of the goal and a commitment to optimal business results.

Successful business leaders join and actively participate in the Blairsville/Union County Chamber of Commerce. For more information on joining the Chamber, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Robin Story at 706-745-5789 or register online at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com.

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traveled with Jesus for three years, and finally betrayed Him for the price of a slave, Judas, the name that makes you shudder, bitterly wails out, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood" (Matt. 27:4).


The evidence is overwhelming. Jesus is God's Son, humanity's only Savior. The witnesses in heaven and on earth, both friends and foes, testify that Jesus is the Son of God. Even the devils believe and tremble (James 2:19).

It is important what all of these witnesses believed and confessed. But what they believed won't help you.

In the beginning, I said this was a personal question. Your eternal destiny depends on what you think of Christ. In light of the evidence and witnesses what is your decision? During Holy Week or Passion Week God demonstrated the great lengths to which He would go to forgive our sins.

This Sunday as we worship and celebrate Easter we need to remember that this is not just an event on our calendar but the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ should stir the strongest feelings of worship from our souls. Easter is the experience of love conquering hate, light triumphing over darkness, good defeating evil, and life finally, fully and forever demolishing death because Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Because He lives we live and sing, "I serve a risen savior!" "Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

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