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make it more inviting to either grow or purchase the products and then can them for home use during the winter months. After a commitment of nearly \$200,000 in grant funds, we next checked to see if we had enough SPLOST sales tax funding to be able to complete the building. We carefully watch our sales tax revenue and only begin projects that we feel comfortable we can afford. We had originally planned for additional room at the farmers market for a future cannery and felt it would be a perfect fit to build there.

Q. Will the cannery be like the farmers market and have uses other than just canning vegetables and jams?

A. Yes. It will be available for any entrepreneurs who may want to go into the com-

mercial market to sell their products. We will eventually have a cooking area where retail products could be produced and canned for either home use, for sale at the farmers market, or for distribution worldwide.

Q. Do you think the cannery will be an asset to our community?

A. It certainly will be. Not only will it help perpetuate the farming industry in our county, but will be another notch we can add to our quality of life here. Few counties in the state will be able to provide this service for their citizens.

Once the new plant is operational next year, many of you will want to experience not only the joy of canning, but the money savings it can provide for you and your family.

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hear this out and paste it on your fridge, OK?

Next Tuesday, Sept. 18th you want to be at the market. Starting at 4 p.m., Sukoshi Rice will be doing two seminars on chair yoga. Yep. Now everyone, big, small, physically handicapped, old, ancient, decrepit, can try their hand (well, it takes other parts of your body, too) at yoga. Sitting in a chair.

In between Sukoshi's yoga sessions, local writer and herbalist Janice Boling will be conducting two seminars on medicinal herbs and ointments. I know these two women, well. They are not only experts on their subjects; they are absolutely delightful in their presentations.

Both ladies have non-conforming approaches to life, and their presentations will captivate your spirit.

On Sept. 25th, Pat Aube Gray, local expert on reverse mortgages, will be answering all the questions you have on this alternative financing that makes

more sense than you think.

She will take the mystery out of and clear up the fallacies that are out there about these programs.

That same evening we will have a financial planning expert that will also be presenting some of the newer opportunities out there for you to build or maintain your nest egg.

On Oct. 2nd, an expert is visiting us from the University System to discuss GMO's.

GMO's are genetically modified organisms and it's one of the hottest topics regarding our food supply. Come and hear what the facts are on this controversial subject.

Then on Oct. 9th, Mr. Bee Keeper, Glen Henderson, will be presenting a workshop on taking the sting out of keeping bees. OK, that was stupid....I couldn't resist.

Help me fertilize Tuesday nights. You'll find more details in the paper each week. On Tuesdays The Market is open from 3 to 7 p.m. See you there!

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almost. At a stop sign, someone jerked open his door and a man with wild eyes, a man with a gray hat and a dirty gray flannel shirt pulled him out of his car and said, "I need your car. I must have it." He took it and drove off leaving the doctor. The doctor wandered for about 45 minutes looking for a phone. When he finally found a phone and the taxi came, it was more than an hour later when he got to the hospital. He rushed in and was met by a nurse who shook her head and said, "It's too late." The boy

had died 30 minutes before. She directed the doctor to the chapel where the father was grieving. He couldn't understand why the doctor did not come. When Dr. Winters opened the door to the chapel there huddled at the altar was the father crying. He was wearing a gray hat, a dirty flannel shirt...the man who had pulled him out of his car.

We must never let our Christian convictions be pulled away from our lives and society. If we do we will contribute to our own death. Selah

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Lon went to work. First he took the blade off the mill. He heated the blade and then put it in a big vice and laid it over an anvil. He pounded on the blade with a hammer until he straightened the blade. Next, he worked on the carriage of the mill until it was working properly.

The next morning the crew was astonished at the efficiency of the sawmill. They began cutting lumber and by the time John came home from Mississippi the men had sawed several thousand board feet of lumber. Actually, they had completed their contract a few days early.

Later in his life John moved to Missouri and began operating a sawmill close to the Mississippi River. Once again John developed some problems not only with the operation of the mill but, also with the book-keeping and records of the operation. John sent for his son and Lon came to help his dear old Daddy. Lon took apart the mill

and revamped everything. Next, he tackled the books of the operation. By the time Lon left for Alabama the mill was operating as smooth as silk.

Late in life John knew he'd made some grave mistakes in life that estranged him from most of his family. However, he was always close to Lon. A few days before his death he was heard to say, "I think I'll call Lon. Lon can fix anything and he'll come and take me away from all these problems. You know Lon was the smartest son I ever raised."

The smartest people I ever knew were farmers. Next week at the Farmers Market we will celebrate the work of people involved in Agriculture.

We will induct some new members into our Union County Agricultural Hall of Fame. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. and the Union County Historical Society will induct these new members.

Come see us, Saturday, Sept. 15th at The Market.

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Compliment someone for something when you aren't expected to compliment. Are you ready to give it a try? I was third in line at the checkout of the local Smoothie Shop. The guy being checked out was in a bad mood huffing and puffing toward everyone. He left in a huff and I thought to myself, "He must have had a bad day." The checkout attendant stayed calm and cool, professional and polite. It was an impressive performance for a high school employee working part time. The woman in front of me said to the attendant, "Wow, you handled that really well." She praised him for the job he did with the previous customer. The attendant startled "Um..." then stammered. She said "He was being a jerk, but you handled it perfectly. I have customer service employees working for me that would not have done nearly as well as you did. You should be proud of yourself." Tell someone they are making a difference. "Thanks," he said. He turned to make her smoothie, with his shoulders a little broader and his back a little straighter. Everyday people around you do good things. Compliment them for something they would least expect. Expected feels good. Unexpected makes a huge, long lasting and significant impact. Give someone credit

when they don't yet deserve it. For example, a high school student goes out for wrestling in the ninth grade. He was nervous, intimidated and fearful. A week into practice he heard the coach talking with the seniors about him. The coach said, "That kid from the ninth grade, he will be a state champion by the time he is a senior." The ninth grader was within hearing distance and the student's confidence changed immediately. His self-assurance grew and he became incredibly motivated. When you see someone struggling, give them hope. Give them a lift. Give them credit even though they might not yet deserve it. Belief founded or not is a powerful force. Credit given is even more powerful when given by someone else. It is unforgettable.

To close, take a moment in your busy day to make time for others. At your Chamber, we want to make time for you and your business. We look for ways to make a positive difference in the lives of our members, citizens and community. If you need help or assistance with your small business or have an interest in becoming our newest Chamber member, please call the Chamber at (706) 745-5789 or go to www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com. I may be reached anytime at Chair@BlairsvilleChamber.com.

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while she enjoyed the schooling, she remembered that time as a homesick season of her life.

Graduation allowed her to get a job teaching school in a schoolhouse just off the Downtown square on Cleveland Street.

LaVon secretly married Sylvan Butt in April 1938. It was illegal for teachers to be married at the time.

After her marriage, she worked in the General Store owned by the Butt family. She and Sylvan lived with Mrs. Butt until they were able to afford to move into the apartment above the station.

In 1941, Jasper Owenby Butt was born. He was always a great delight to LaVon.

Sylvan and LaVon built a house on Cleveland Street during World War II and experienced the same difficulties getting building supplies that was common to all.

She returned to teaching as soon as Jasper was in school, and remained a teacher in Union County, until Jasper died in 1973.

She then obtained her

certification as a librarian and continued working, this time in the library at Young Harris, until she retired.

LaVon was instrumental in petitioning the Georgia General Assembly for a library in Union County.

Working the bookmobile for years, allowed her to see the need for a local library and she persisted until it was a reality. There is a room in the library named for her today.

After Sylvan passed away in 1963, LaVon lived with and cared for her parents, allowing them to remain home during their elderly years.

Outside of her employment, LaVon was active in her church, First United Methodist, the Women's Auxiliary, the Chamber of Commerce, and many other facets of Union County life.

She was once a frequent traveler with the Golden Club.

LaVon had multiple opportunities to leave Union County, but refused them all, in favor of the community she loved in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. We're thankful that she did.

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viders (a serious concern) was not initiated by the Healthcare bill. It is a Sustained Growth Rate (SGR) plan enacted years before President Obama took office. Over the past 10 years, Congress has delayed the fee cuts 14 times but, it is time for them to stand up and repeal this flawed legislation that threatens seniors access to critical care.

Sorry, but Paul is not coming to our rescue. The Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan budget plan will not save Social Security or Medicare. Their plan will ELIMINATE Medicare. Additionally, it reduces major funding for education, clean air and water and other programs benefiting the Middle Class. Unfortunately, none of the cuts will reduce the deficit because they will be replaced with higher military spending and tax cuts for the wealthy.

During his short time in office no one has been a greater advocate for the Middle Class than President Obama. His administration has created more jobs in three-plus years than all of the eight years preceding his inauguration.

We must vote this November to continue President Obama's programs in support of the majority of Americans and save this great Country from total disaster.

Bill Cunningham

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If that describes you, do not despair, there is a candidate for you. His name is Gary Johnson and he is the former two-term governor of New Mexico whose name will be on the ballot in all 50 states as the Libertarian Candidate for President. And he does offer a different choice: while both Romney and Obama support the war in Afghanistan, Johnson would end the war now and bring our troops home now; while both Romney and Obama support our current tax system, enforced by the IRS, Johnson would abolish the IRS and move to a tax system based on consumption; while both Romney and Obama support the unconstitutional PATRIOT Act and the National Defense Reauthorization Act, which allows the indefinite detention of US citizens without charges or a trial, Johnson would eliminate them. Insurmountable challenges, you say? Perhaps for Obama and Romney, but not for Johnson; after all, he is the only one of the three who has climbed Mt. Everest.

Chuck Esposito

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



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by Ginger & Terry Meeks

In Observance of
Constitution Week
September 17th - 23rd, 2012
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Daughters of the American Revolution

In memory of
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September 10th
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