

We can take our country back and create a new beginning

By Nighta Davis
 "I'm encouraged, if we do some things right we can change the direction of America", said freshman Senator, David Perdue.

A large crowd gathered from several North Georgia counties welcoming US Senator, David Perdue to the stage in the Blue Ridge City Park on Saturday.

Perdue campaigned in this race for Senate as the outsider. If you have a fresh perspective on what can be done to take the people of America toward a positive direction and improve the financial crisis in America, and bring jobs back to our country where fewer people are employed than when Jimmy Carter was President, then by golly we need a Senate and Congress full of outsiders.

"I just want to let a lot of people know we have a crisis in America. We are 100 trillion dollars in debt and rising, Social Security will be broke.

In fifteen years, medicare will run out of money, there is over four million women living at the poverty level since the President took office."

That's only the beginning of the crisis nightmare according to US Senator David Perdue.



(L-R): Chris Sweat (Towns County), Bonnie Perdue, Senator David Perdue and Minister Nighta Davis (Towns County)

We are facing a nuclear crisis and we have had our military scaled down to the smallest army since World War II and the smallest navy since World War I.

Perdue hasn't drug his heels since he entered the US Senate. He is a workhorse not a show horse. He has already been working on bills for term limits, fair tax, global security crisis, giving congress the power that the Founding Fathers intended back and he serves on many committees.

"We have a president who is trying to run our country without congress by using executive power".

"I don't want to be a

part of the first generation that has to tell our children and grandchildren, we left you and America in debt you'll never dig out of", said Perdue.

"God has blessed this nation more than any other nation in the world".

The Senator was a big businessman for many years and we need more outsiders like him in Washington, not for a hand out, but their hand to the plow helping to resolve the crisis." When Senator Perdue isn't working on improving our country he said, "I spend a lot of time on my knees before God". Americans need to join him. NT(Jun24,23)CA

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a difference when it comes to saving lives.

"We do a lot of mutual aid with Lumpkin County, responding to bad accidents on the Mountain, and having this truck and the equipment it carries, will indeed save a life."

Commissioner Paris praised the community for helping to pay for the \$140,000 life-saving vehicle.

"As a county, we commit almost \$1 million each year for fire services," Paris said. "However, without the donations from the community, there's no way we can afford the equipment that our fire department really needs.

"We're so proud and humbled by the community support that they show for our fire department," Paris said. "It's truly appreciated."

The second important reason of the day was Roy Fortenberry, a 22-year-veteran volunteer firefighter, who retired from Station 3. Chief Dyer and Commissioner Paris presented Fortenberry with a plaque to remember him for his many years of dedicated service.

"We always need volunteers and Roy has put in a lot of dedication and a lot of hard work over the years," Chief Dyer said. "We're really sad to see him go, we're proud for all the years he served and we're happy for him in his future endeavors."

Commissioner Paris said he was so proud of Fortenberry. He tipped his cap to Fortenberry and his family for the 22 years of dedicated service.

"It takes a lot of dedication to be a volunteer firefighter," Paris said. "Not only from the volunteer, but from their families. Their service is time away from their families and that is true dedication.

"It's not only time spent involving emergencies, but time spent dedicated to training for the moments that will come in the future when that training is necessary," he said. "Roy has done a great job



through the years, he works for Georgia Forestry Commission and we feel truly blessed to have had him on our team for so many years. The volunteers are one big family and they look out for each other. They'll always remember Roy for his dedication."

Chief Dyer was especially pleased with the turnout on Saturday for the two ceremonies.

"It was a great crowd out here today, and we really do appreciate everyone that comes to see us," Chief Dyer said. "We're really dependent on donations and the folks who came through here today really helped us out. It was great to see so many people

come out to visit with us today.

"I really love to see people come out and look at our stations and the equipment that we have," Chief Dyer said. "The people that come out here are a big reason behind the new equipment. People that drive by a fire station only see a building with doors closed.

"Anytime they see the doors open, stop in and take a look around," Chief Dyer said. "Look at the equipment, we bought a great deal of that equipment with their donations. Look around so you will know what you've got protecting your community."

Get ready for Georgia Mountain Fair Cooking Contest



Participants in 2014 cooking contest.

Get your favorite family recipes out and join the fun with the 6th annual Georgia Mountain Fair Cooking Contest. The date for this fun and tasty event is Tuesday, July 21st. We have 2 age groups with 2 different categories. Adult (ages 18+) and Youth (ages 9-17)

Categories are "Sweet-Family Favorites" and "Savory-Family Favorites. Enter one category or both! Pre-register by July 17 and receive (1) free admission per contestant to the 2015 Fall Festival. Pre-registration is not required but is encouraged. Cash prizes are received

the day of the contest. The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds is thankful to our 2015 sponsors: Chatuge Medical Supply and NoMo "O". For further information and rules visit our website at www.GorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com. NT(Jun24,G1)SH

July garden chores from Georgia Master Gardeners

If your annuals and perennials need to be rejuvenated, cut one-third of the existing growth, water and fertilize. In about ten days, your annuals will bloom again with a fuller, healthier appearance and in September, your perennials will be more compact and less likely to topple over or split in high winds.

If you have not planted your tomatoes, corn, beans and okra, do so by mid July to allow time for them to mature before cool weather. Cut back by half herbs like basil and oregano to promote leaves and to prevent them from producing seed. Cut back dahlias to half their height after they bloom for fall flowers. Cut back tall overgrown chrysanthemums in early July for compact growth. Then allow the plant to grow for fall blooms.

Hanging baskets continually exposed to sun, wind and high temperatures may need to be watered every day. Plant pumpkin seeds now for pumpkins in October. Extreme heat can cause tomatoes and peppers to stop setting fruit. This is a temporary condition and they will continue to set fruit once temperatures drop.

A big rotten spot on the end of a ripe tomato means it has blossom end rot. Purchase a product from your garden center that specifically treats

this and apply lime to your garden soil in the fall to decrease susceptibility. Look for and remove hornworms (big green caterpillars camouflaged among the stems) on your tomato plants.

Pick squash, cucumbers and okra regularly to keep the plants producing. Mulch your garden to retain moisture, lower the temperature, reduce the number of weeds and prevent the soil surface from compacting. It is not too late to sow seeds of quick growing annuals such as marigolds and zinnias. Remove vegetable plants from your garden once they have finished bearing to prevent disease/insect buildup.

Japanese beetles are hard to control. Hand pick if you can but you may need an insecticide. Always follow label directions. Stake tall plants.

Water trees to keep them alive during the dry summer months. Water the ground at the base of the trunk and out as far as the limb canopy reaches. For more efficient watering, water at the root zone with soaker hoses.

Cut purple coneflower and black-eyed Susan for a nice bouquet. This will help the plants continue to bloom for a longer period and give you much pleasure. Remove faded flowers from annuals and perennials to encourage more blooms.

Dig Irish potatoes and harvest garlic when the leaves turn yellow and shrivel up. Trees and shrubs may need to be lightly trimmed in the summer months to maintain a desired shape but save all major pruning jobs for the late winter. Divide crowded bearded iris clumps making sure each root has a healthy fan of leaves.

Avoid wetting the foliage of roses when watering them as this encourages leaf disease. Remove water-robbing weeds from your garden. One weed that goes to seed this year makes many weeds next year.

To help keep your compost pile from drying out, make the top of your pile concave so rainfall is directed to the center. For better health of your creeping juniper, prune out old, dead foliage underneath the plants.

Make sure your mower blades are sharp. A ragged cut causes grass to use more water. Keep shovel blades sharp with a file or grinder. A sharp blade makes digging hard soil easier. Treat mealybugs on coleus and African violets with a cotton swab saturated with rubbing alcohol. Remove standing water from flowerpot saucers and watering cans where mosquitoes can breed.

Jo Anne Allen, Master Gardener Extension Volunteer, 706-400-8139 NT(Jun24,Z9)CA

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rently only three-fifths of a mile long, but takes the hiker through a peaceful, beautiful wilderness.

Kemmy Garrett, of TVA explained that they hope to be able to install more recreation-friendly areas.

"These are originally construction roads from when they built the dam," he said. "We're turning them into trails. We intend to open up some more of the area. This is the first section of that."

As they slowly turn the area into a more people-friendly place, they will build accommodations to turn what was once wilderness into a family-friendly recreational area.

"It's public land being made available to the public, bike riders and hikers and so on," said Garrett. "This is the first trail. There'll be a parking lot here. The signs are coming. When we get done, you'll be able to drive down to the old quarry pond."

Union County Com-

missioner Lamar Paris was present. He had just finished a walk up the trail.

"It's going to be really nice," he said. "It's a good grade and it's pretty up through there."

He explained that the county does not control Notely Reservoir, although they are helping it open up. The project is being funded by TVA money, with the county supplementing them.

"They're doing probably three-fourths of the work and we're putting gravel down and cleaning up, mostly using our detainees to keep it looking good," said Paris.

It has been closed for some time, but he hopes that it will be a nice place to come and stay for a picnic, a hike, or a day of fishing.

"This is part of the Tennessee Valley Authority that has been off-limits to the county and the residents for years. We just opened this part up. And so we're just adding to it. Right now we've done

clearing out, we've got a few picnic tables trying to get it to where people can come in here and picnic or get out and fish and wade in the river," he said.

The river is high right now, so anyone wanting to wade in the river will have to take caution. However, for the adventurous-inclined, the river will be open to canoes and kayakers.

"Then the trails are just another added amenity," said Paris. "As time goes on we'll do some more trails and some more walking areas. But it's going to be a two-year project."

"It'll be ongoing, but it's useable right now, obviously, and people are starting to use it already," he went on. "I don't expect a lot of people until we really get it totally finished, and then they can ride down here and park and get out and walk and see how beautiful it is down here and want to spend time down here."

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tration," Thibodeaux said.

Following her comments, Thibodeaux and other Tea Party members in attendance presented a book titled, *The Doctrine and the Lesser Magistrates: A Proper Resistance to Tyranny and a Repudiation of Unlimited Obedience to Civil Government* to each Board Member, along with Union County Schools Superintendent Gary Steppe.

Associate Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams, and BOE member Patrick White were unable to attend but books were left for each upon their return.

Thibodeaux expressed concern over the Federal

Government overstepping its boundaries and interfering with State and local School districts, and she urged the board members, Mr. Steppe, and citizens to stand up to the bullying from Big Brother in Washington.

"I'd like to give you a little background and an explanation of why we feel this book is so important," Thibodeaux said. "We're concerned. The federal government is out of control at all levels, including education."

The Board Policy Legislative revisions had its first reading at the meeting and the Board also unanimously approved a renewal of its con-

tract with the Union County Family Connections.

Later in the meeting, the Board approved the use of Sharp copiers at the schools. The Board approved their new contract with Coca-Cola after Union County High School Principal John Hill negotiated the deal with Coke for the sale of their beverages in vending machines and at the concession stand during sporting events.

"Our need is for educational items for the classroom," Principal Hill said "We went back and forth for about two months because I want to get all the money that I can out of them."

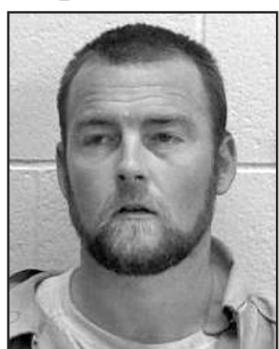
Deputies capture escaped state inmate in 54 minutes

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Union County sheriff's deputies captured a 29-year-old Ringgold man, who escaped from a Colwell Probation Detention Center work detail, within 54 minutes of his escape, Union County Detective Sgt. Tom Mangifesta said.

Marty Keith Phillips escaped from his work detail at Butternut Creek Golf Course on Monday, June 15, Sgt. Mangifesta said.

The Sheriff's Office received a call from Georgia Department of Corrections at 3:46 p.m. on June 15 regarding Phillips' escape.



Marty Keith Phillips

By 4:40 p.m., Detective Lt. Chad Deyton, and Deputy Chad Berry, riding in a golf cart, spotted and took Phillips into custody, Sgt. Mangifesta

said. Sgt. Mangifesta said that Phillips had left a suicide note behind in his jail cell at Colwell Detention Center, detailing his escape on June 15, and his attempt to return to Ringgold.

"According to the note, it was his intention to escape, return to Ringgold, and kill himself in front of his ex-wife," Mangifesta said.

Phillips, who was serving a 6-month sentence for burglary, was transported to the Union County Jail. He was being held for the Georgia Department of Corrections.

The escape could add five years to Phillips' sentence.

Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



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

June 17th in loving memory of Lori Michelle Nuce by Mom, Dad, Bette Lou, and Maryann Forever in our hearts and memories

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

June 19th in memory of Ernest W. Harkins Birthday Love, James, Ernie, Donna, Velma and family

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Dollar General announces recent remodel of Blairsville store

Dollar General is excited to announce it recently completed a remodel of its store at 5665 Ivylog Road. The new format will continue to offer Blairsville residents a convenient place to shop for all of their everyday essentials in addition to a fresher layout, wider aisles and new look.

"Dollar General is committed to delivering a pleasant shopping experience that includes a convenient location, a wide assortment of merchandise and great prices on quality products," said Dan Nieser, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development. "We hope our Blairsville customers will enjoy shopping at Dollar General's recently remodeled location."

Dollar General stores offer convenience and value to customers by providing a focused selection of national name brands and private brands of food, housewares, seasonal items, cleaning supplies, basic apparel and health/beauty products. The store's fresh layout is designed to make shopping simple for customers. Seasonal products are displayed in the

center of the store, departments are easily recognizable with visible signage and coolers are conveniently located at the front of the store.

Dollar General gives its customers more than everyday low prices on basic merchandise. Dollar General is deeply involved in the communities it serves and is an ardent supporter of literacy and education. At the cash register of every Dollar General store, customers interested in learning how to read, speak English or get their General Education Diploma (GED) can pick up a brochure with a postage-paid reply card that can be mailed in for a referral to a local organization that offers free literacy services. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$100 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping nearly six million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.com. NT(Jun24,Z4)CA