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and Carol Head.”

Paris, also a longtime member of First United Methodist, remembers how Carol had a heart to help anyone in need, and how she used to make the children of the church feel special by presenting stories to them at the

beginning of services.

“This community has lost a great ambassador,” said Paris. “When you put her and Bob Head working on the same project, there was no stopping it.

“We will all never know the number of people they

helped and the many, many contributions they have made to Union County. Carol and, of course, Bob were both very hard workers and would tackle just about any project.”

Ultimately, Paris said having grown up knowing Carol and Bob, and being able to look to them as “an example for so many different things in helping people and making life better for everyone,” has been a blessing in his life.

“It did not matter if it was church related, community related, bank related, family related, or just watching the two of them in love interact, we have all been blessed to have known them, and to have been a small part of their lives was an honor for me. They will be so very much missed,” said Paris.

United Community Bank President Andy Williams, who knew Bob and Carol both professionally and personally, agreed with Paris that – first with Bob, and now with Carol – the community has lost a tremendous pair of gracious leaders.

Williams called Carol a “woman of strong spirit,” adding that “if you wanted to know how Carol felt about an issue, you’d just ask her.”

“You didn’t see Bob without Carol being very close

by,” said Williams. “In the true sense of the word, she was a true helpmate for Bob Head, and he would tell you that if he were here today.”

Added Williams: “Bob was a mentor to many, many people. We’ll never know the number of people that would drop by Bob’s office for advice, for directions on

different projects that they may be looking at. They would seek Bob’s advice for that.

“And Bob always would confer with Carol about certain issues that came along. He depended a lot on her behind-the-scenes wisdom. And a lot of folks don’t realize that the deals that Bob did, that he would seek Carol’s input before he might

proceed with a deal.”

Memorial services for Carol were held on Saturday, Oct. 27, at First United Methodist Church of Union County, with Pastor Mark Burgess officiating. Afterward, she was laid to rest next to her husband at Union Memory Gardens Cemetery.

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issued by the Department of Driver Services or your Voter Registrar; valid U.S. passport; valid employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. Government, this state, or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of this state; valid U.S. military photo ID; valid tribal photo ID.”

Voters looking for absentee ballots will need to contact the Registrar’s Office in the courthouse or call 706-439-6016.

Tuesday, Oct. 9, was the voter registration deadline to be eligible to cast a ballot in the Nov. 6 General Election.

Each of the following candidates will appear on the ballot:

For Governor, Republican Brian Kemp, Democrat Stacey Abrams and Libertarian Ted Metz.

For Lieutenant Governor, Republican Geoff Duncan and Democrat Sarah Riggs Amico.

For Secretary of State, Republican Brad Raffensperger, Democrat Josh Barrow and Libertarian Smythe Duval.

For Attorney General, Republican Incumbent Chris Carr and Democrat Charlie Bailey.

For Commissioner of Agriculture, Republican Incumbent Gary Black and Democrat Fred Swann.

For Commissioner of Insurance, Republican Jim Beck, Democrat Janice Laws and Libertarian Donnie Foster.

For State School Superintendent, Republican Incumbent Richard Woods and Democrat Otha E. Thornton Jr.

For Commissioner of Labor, Republican Incumbent Mark Butler and Democrat Richard Keatley.

For Public Service Commissioner District 3, Republican Incumbent Chuck Eaton, Democrat Lindy Miller and Libertarian Ryan Graham.

For Public Service Commissioner District 5, Republican Incumbent Tricia Pridemore, Democrat Dawn A. Randolph and Libertarian John Turpish.

For U.S. Representative in 116th Congress from the 9th Congressional District of Georgia, Republican Incumbent Doug Collins and Democrat Josh McCall.

For State Senator from the 51st District, Republican Incumbent Steve Gooch is running unopposed.

For State Representative in the General Assembly from the 8th District, Republican Incumbent Matt Gurtler is running unopposed.

For District Attorney of the Enotah Judicial Circuit, Republican Incumbent Jeff Langley is running unopposed.

For County Board of Education District 2, Republican Incumbent Tony Hunter is running unopposed.

For County Board of Education District 4, Republican Incumbent Keith Potts is running unopposed.

For County Board of Education District 5, Republican Incumbent Patrick White is running unopposed.

For Blue Ridge Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, Jennifer Logan is running unopposed.

Union County voters will also be asked to support or reject the continuation of the county SPLOST in the Nov. 6 General Election.

A SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) is a 1-cent sales tax that is collected by counties for up to six years for the purposes of funding county and city capital outlay projects such as roads, public safety, infrastructure, etc.

The sales tax in Union County is 7 cents on the dollar, which includes a penny for current SPLOST IV collections.

Since the county is already collecting SPLOST money, if residents decide to renew the SPLOST, the sales tax rate within the county will stay the same at 7 percent.

SPLOST V is expected to collect \$24 million over its six-year collection period, just like SPLOST IV.

The county would also be able to issue \$10 million in SPLOST-backed bonds to complete projects if the referendum passes.

Also on the ballot are five Proposed Constitutional

Amendments, including: the creation of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to protect water quality, wildlife habitats and parks; the creation of a statewide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency and promote predictable judicial outcomes; the encouragement of the conservation, sustainability and longevity of Georgia’s working forests through tax sub-classification and grants; the provision of rights for victims of crime in the judicial process; and the authorization

of fair allocation of sales tax proceeds to county and city school districts.

Further, there will be two Proposed Statewide Referenda on the ballot, one providing for a homestead exemption for residents of certain municipal corporations, and another providing a tax exemption for certain homes for the mentally disabled.

Of course, voters will want to more fully familiarize themselves with the language of the amendments and referenda before voting.

Ashley Smith receives Col. Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship

Ashley Smith, daughter of Jason and Shellie Smith and a granddaughter of Grover Jr. and Janice Smith, was recently awarded the 2018 Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship for superior leadership accomplishments, uncommon personal initiative and civic contribution in addition to an outstanding academic record.

Ashley is currently a Sophomore Journalism major at Lee University in Cleveland, TN where she has maintained a 4.0 GPA, as well as participated in several volunteer outreach programs.

Ashley’s grandfather, Grover Jr. served in the Vietnam War as a member of the B Company 720th Military Police detachment #1, stationed with the 11th Armored Calvary “Blackhorse” Regiment.

This award is dedicated to the memory of former beloved and respected President of the 11th Armored Calvary Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia, Colonel L. Schmidt, U.S. Army



Ashley Smith (Retired). Colonel Schmidt, who received the third highest award for valor during the Vietnam War, the Silver Star, died on Veteran’s Day 2007 because of Agent Orange-related cancer.

Old Blairsville Cemetery Restoration Ceremony November 10

After nearly five years, this project has reached fruition and a ceremony will be held Saturday, November 10th at 10 AM, on Hughes Street behind the Union County War Memorial.

The effort was initiated by the David W. Payne Camp 1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and working

closely with Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley and Union County Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris, received strong support from the community.

Everyone is invited to attend this special event to commemorate Blairsville’s oldest burial ground as a historic site and point of civic pride. N00431Z14CA