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me during this campaign. Betty Easter, Buddy Moore, Tony Dyer, Rhonda Mahan, and Martha Cone all pitched in and helped me during this campaign."

As with any election, Mayor Conley is relieved to have the business of campaigning behind him.

"I'm glad that it's over with," said a grateful Mayor Conley. "It's been a tough few weeks. I'm glad the people of the City of Blairsville have seen fit to put me back in office for another four years.



Mayor Jim Conley is proud to be back in office. Photo/Todd Forrest
We'll continue working hard and get right back to busi-

ness as usual. Tomorrow is another work day and tomorrow night is another Council Meeting."

City Councilwoman Cone was on hand to congratulate Mayor Conley and is eager to get back to work as well.

"I'm very pleased that the citizens of Blairsville saw fit to put him back into office," Cone said. "We supported him 100 percent during the campaign, we're ready for the next term, and ready to get right back at it."

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of the revenue."

Public Safety is another top priority, Paris said.

"This may include the purchase of new fire trucks, ambulances, and Sheriff's Office cars, and any needed E-911 upgrades," Paris said.

Union County's transfer station will be renovated, Paris said.

"We will begin renovations at the Transfer Station next year, and then we hope to finish the renovations of the Transfer Station in the next SPLOST," he said.

Other projects include

potential upgrades at the Union County Courthouse.

"Our Courthouse is currently seven years old. By the end of the next SPLOST, it will be 15 years old. More than likely, we may have the need for new roof replacement or HVAC replacements," Paris said. "We have a lot of county buildings that will eventually need some type of upgrade. We feel it is better to be able to use SPLOST funds for that rather than money from the general fund."

Some SPLOST proceeds will be used to purchase neces-

sary books and equipment for the county library because of the reduction in state funding.

Also, economic development is a key beneficiary of SPLOST IV.

"Bringing job opportunities here to Union County is definitely a priority," Paris said.

About \$3.4 million will be spent on recreation.

"We hope to be able to construct a splash pool adjacent to the current Meeks Park Pool, refurbish some softball fields, and last, but certainly

not least, we would like to construct an Amphitheater.

"We are very excited about the use an amphitheater would get from the community, churches, festivals, musicians, and many others groups," he said.

Other projected improvements include upgrades at the Horse Arena, Golf Course, and expansion of the Farmers Market, Paris said.

"Once again, what we are able to do will always depend on actual SPLOST collections," he said.

Beekkeeping lecture to be hosted by YHC's Center for Appalachian Studies

Young Harris College's Center for Appalachian Studies and Community Engagement will host a special lecture featuring Chair of the Department of Biology and Professor of Biology Paul Arnold, Ph.D., on Monday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in Wilson Lecture Hall of

Goolsby Center on the YHC campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Arnold's lecture, titled "Beekkeeping in Appala-

chia: Keeping the Craft Alive," will highlight the regained popularity of the beekkeeping tradition in the region and amongst the scientific and greater bee-

keeping communities.

The number of bee colonies in the United States has declined from six million to just over two million since the 1940s. Much of the decline of beekkeeping as an art and practice is attributed to the urbanization of rural environments and the introduction of harmful disease.

"Many Appalachian communities kept the generational tradition alive through this decline with older beekkeeping methods such as beegum hives," explained Dr. Arnold. "The introduction of exotic diseases in the 1980s caused traditional beekkeeping to go into desperate decline, and many bee colony preservation methods no longer worked. This is why traditional beekkeepers have worked to keep the craft alive and even regain popularity."

Dr. Arnold recently presented this lecture at the 2013 Carpathians/Appalachians International Conference in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. He is the co-founder of YHC's Beekkeeping Institute, the single most comprehensive opportunity in the Southeast for concentrated training in all aspects of practical beekkeeping.

For more information about the event, call (706) 379-5139. NT(Nov6.G2)SH

Butternut Creek and Friends in concert at Folk School



L-R: Don Cordier on percussion, Steve Harvey on banjo, Jennifer Cordier on autoharp and Brenda Hull on guitar.

Traditional folk songs, blues, gospel music and more will be featured in concert by Butternut Creek and Friends at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 8th in the Community Room of The John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

Butternut Creek and Friends is a folk group from the North Georgia mountains. The group's repertoire is eclectic - blues, old standards and popular songs as well as traditional folk songs from the mountains. Members of Butternut Creek and Friends are Jennifer Cordier, Don Cordier, Steve Harvey and Brenda Hull. To the guitar, banjo, bass and autoharp they add harmonious voices and an assortment of instruments including flute, doumbec, harp, spoons and ukulele.

Butternut Creek and

Friends performs for fun and donates the money that it earns to charity. The group has donated money to the Wilderness Scouts, S.A.F.E. House, the Union County Courthouse Renovation, the Brasstown Concert Association and the Georgia Mountain Station Arboretum as well as a variety of environmental protection projects.

Butternut Creek and Friends has six recordings, including their most recent CD is entitled "Grass of Parnassus."

For further information, call the Folk School at 828-837-2775 or 1-800-FOLK-SCH. NT(Nov6.F4)SH

Alex Scerbo in Guitar Ensemble Concert

Young Harris College sophomore music major Alex Scerbo will perform at the YHC Guitar Ensemble concert on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. in Susan B. Harris Chapel on the YHC campus. Scerbo is a graduate of Union County High School and the son of Sharla Dupuis of Blairsville, GA.

Under the direction of YHC Assistant Professor of Music Richard Knepp, D.M.A., the six-member student ensemble will present an evening of Romantic and Impressionist music by a variety of composers including Isaac Albéniz, Peter Warlock, Erik Satie, Maurice Ravel and Leo Brouwer.

Scerbo will be featured during Heitor Villa-Lobos's "Étude No. 1."

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Young Harris College Division of Fine Arts at (706) 379-5182.

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