

# Early Voting...from Page 1A

vice Commissioner Herman "Doug" Everett, District 51 State Sen. Steve Gooch, Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney W.J. "Jeff" Langley, are also running unopposed on the Republican ticket.

In the Nonpartisan General races, Enotah Judicial Circuit Judges Raymond E. George and N. Stanley Gunter are unopposed.

Georgia Supreme Court Justices Robert Benham, Keith R. Blackwell, and P. Harris Hines are unopposed.

Georgia Court of Appeals Judges Gary B. Andrews, Elizabeth "Lisa" Branch, Sara L. Doyle, Carla W. McMillian, and William M. Ray are unopposed.

The race for State School Superintendent will feature nine GOP candidates. Mary Kay Bacallao, Ashley D. Bell, Michael "Mike" Buck, Sharyl H. Dawes, Allen

Bowles Fort, Nancy T. Jester, T. Fitz Johnson, Kira G. Willis, and Richard L. Woods are vying for the spot in the November General Election.

Incumbent Public Service Commissioner Lauren "Bubba" McDonald faces opposition from Douglas T. Kidd and Charles "Craig" Lutz.

U.S. Congressman and 9th District Representative Doug Collins will look to retain his seat as he faces Bernard "Bernie" Fontaine in the GOP Primary.

On the Democratic Ballot, Steen Miles, Michelle Nunn, Branko Radulovacki, and Todd Anthony Robinson are running for Sen. Chambliss' seat in the U.S. Senate.

The race for School Superintendent will see Tarnisha L. Dent, Marion Spencer "Denise" Freeman, Jurita Forehand Mays, Alisha Thomas Morgan, R. "Rita" Robinzine,

and Valarie D. Wilson on the ballot.

The Secretary of State races will feature Gerald B. Beckum and Doreen Carter vying for a spot in the November General Election.

Keith G. Heard and Elizabeth "Liz" Johnson seek the office of Commissioner of Insurance.

Jason Carter is unopposed in the Governor's race, along with Connie J. Stokes for Lieutenant Governor, Greg Hecht for Attorney General, Christopher James Ryan for Commissioner of Agriculture, Daniel A. Blackman for Public Service Commissioner, and 9th District U.S. Representative candidate David D. Vogel are also unopposed.

The Democratic Party Ballot will feature four yes and no straw poll questions.

The first is raising the state minimum wage above

the "current \$5.15" an hour. The second: "should Georgia's federal tax dollars be returned to Georgia to fund Medicaid expansion and relieve the indigent care burden on our hospitals?"

Question three is: "should the Constitution of Georgia be amended to create an independent ethics commission not tied to the Governor's Office, legislature, or other elected offices, to more effectively police potential ethics violations by elected officials?"

Finally, question four reads: "should the State Constitution be amended to make the education budget Georgia's first funding priority?"

For more election details, visit the Secretary of State website at [www.sos.ga.gov](http://www.sos.ga.gov) or contact the Union County Board of Elections Office at the courthouse.

# 4-H...from Page 1A

gun team started 17 years ago with 3 students, 2 coaches and one manual thrower.

Bobby Lance was the first head coach at that time.

The team's goal was to introduce young boys and girls seventh grade through high school to the shooting sports coupled with the University of Georgia's 4-H program of youth development.

Over the years, the program has grown significantly and the opportunity to grow the 4-H program continues every year, Margelli said.

"While the shooting sports were at one time a boy dominate sport, times have changed," he said. "Girls made up 25 percent of our new team members in 2013. We have always had young ladies as part of our team, but find the increased interest by them very exciting and we welcome their participation.

"We anticipate our team to be at 60-70 members in the next two years," he said. "We are very proud of where we have been and where we are going, but our ongoing con-

cern has been a place to call home."

For three years running, the Union County 4-H team has been selected to host the North Georgia District Shoot, Margelli said.

"We had six counties who have asked to attend and last year we had 101 young shooters participate and they brought their parents, siblings and grandparents," Margelli said. "We estimated the crowd to be more than 450 people. We expect 125 shooters in 2014."

Paris is confident that the 4-H program will continue to grow.

"I am very excited about this," Commissioner Paris said. "Everyone realizes the impact that this will have on the 4-H program, the kids, their shotgun program, and not only that, the future.

"I think that positive impact will benefit our community," he said. "This will be one of the only skeet and trap shooting ranges, eventually a public one, north of Atlanta."

# Death...from Page 1A

autopsy, toxicology and other testing, they basically couldn't come to a conclusion.

"The GBI doesn't know what killed Mr. Fox and we don't either," Sgt. Hammond said. "There was no evidence that another person had been inside the home."

Fox suffered multiple head injuries and other lacerations to the head and face.

He also suffered from blood loss from those injuries.

In conclusion, the Medical Examiner's Office ruled that those injuries and blood loss were not sufficient to cause his death.

"Toxicology results indicate that there was nothing in his blood work to cause his death," Sgt. Hammond said. "He had several underlying medical issues that could have caused his death.

"We did an exhaustive investigation; there were no suspects, there was no evi-

dence that the injuries that he suffered were inflicted by another person," Sgt. Hammond said. "Based on the ruling of the Medical Examiner's Office, we conclude that Mr. Fox died of an undetermined cause of death. At this time, our case is closed."

Chief Deputy George

said that should evidence surface in the future to prove foul play was involved, the case would be reopened.

"Definitely, if something comes to light to change the course of the investigation, yes, we will reopen this case," Chief Deputy George said.

# Prayer...from Page 1A

year's Day of Prayer is, "One Voice, United in Prayer," which is based on the New Testament's Book of Romans, Chapter 15, Verse 6.

The verse reads, "So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

According to the proclamation, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Union County when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation.

Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775.

The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the laws of Nature and of Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given.

We are all endowed with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which do not come from man or government, but from God.

In 1988, legislation set aside the first Thursday in May, each year, as a National Day of Prayer.

It was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by the 40th President, Ronald Reagan.

The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join

in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens.

Everyone is invited to attend the event at First Baptist which will include prayers for the military, local emergency forces, governmental leaders and the community.

Event coordinators Richard and Sharon Morrison would like to invite everyone to what they're calling a "united effort and unique opportunity for citizens and their elected leaders to join in united prayer to acknowledge together the sovereignty of Almighty God, and to seek His guidance and blessings for our nation as we depend on Him."

# Fair...

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there because there are ample supplies of appetizing food.

**Come join the family tradition. Parking is free, and the gate admission price is a very reasonable \$2; children under 12 years old get in free.**

**An unlimited ride ticket is available for \$15; single ride tickets also are available.**

**Fair operation hours begin Wednesday – Friday 5 p.m.; Saturday at noon, and Sunday at 1 p.m.**

Come on out and support the Blairsville Kiwanis Mountain Fair. You'll be glad you did.