

# GOP hopefuls to speak Saturday, July 25

Republican candidates vying to fill the Ninth District U.S. Congress seat being vacated by Rep. Nathan Deal will speak at the Ninth Congressional District Picnic Saturday, July 25, at 11:30 a.m. The

event will be held at Fish Trap Park in Ellijay. Scheduled to appear are candidates Bill Stephens, Rep. Tom Graves, Mike Evans, Jeremy Jones and Mike Cowan. Rep. Deal is also sched-

uled to speak about his campaign for Georgia's next governor as are candidates Eric Johnson, Ray McBerry, and Karen Handel. Other Republican candidates for other state posi-

tions will also be on hand to speak. Prior to the picnic, district Republicans will hold their district committee meeting at Harrison Hall in downtown Ellijay at 10 a.m.

## County 911 office asks citizens to update address information

Summer is upon us once again, and along with an influx of visitors and some new residents, people are constantly looking for cabins, homes, and places of business by road names and addresses.

The Gilmer County 911 addressing office is asking residents to take a few minutes to update the office with the following information: new gates that have been added to a development or new gate codes that may have changed.

If anyone sees any missing or damaged street signs they are asked to call and let someone at the office know. They are also asking residents to post the correct address numbers in a highly visible location at each driveway and on each house.

In an emergency when minutes count, being able to locate the correct address without hesitation can be very important. County public safety officials are asking the public to feel free to contact the

911 office with any concerns or questions you may have about your addresses, street signs or gate codes. Stop in or call the office, which is located at 1561 South Main St., next to the Gilmer County Civic Center.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 911 addressing department is a department of the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office. The phone number is 706-635-4652.

## Morales selected for panel

Katie Morales was selected as an item reviewer for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX®).

NCSEB, headquartered in Chicago, is responsible for developing and administering the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® licensing exams.

Morales, RN, of DiscERNment, LLC was approved by

the Georgia Board of Nursing and selected by NCSEB to participate on the NCLEX® item development panel of subject matter experts that was held in Chicago, Ill., May 27-30.

She was one of six nurses from across the nation to be selected for this assignment. She was nominated on the basis of clinical specialty and nursing expertise.

All nurses in the United States and its four U.S. territories must take the

NCLEX®. The licensing exam identifies those candidates who demonstrate minimal competence to practice nursing at the entry level. Passing the exam is one of the requirements necessary for attaining a nursing license.

Nurses interested in contributing to the profession through volunteering to serve on NCLEX® item development panels, should apply by completing the application online at [www.ncshn.org](http://www.ncshn.org).

## Council from 1A

attendance felt like a full slate of council members should be in attendance before such action was considered.

During department head reports, code enforcement officer Don Schneider said the city's new computer Web site was "almost complete." The address is [www.cityofellijay.org](http://www.cityofellijay.org).

Ellijay Police Chief Larry Callahan reported officers in his department answered 448 calls in June which resulted in 70 arrests and 141 warnings. He also told council members the department had been registered for a new program that would alert citizens to missing children and adults. A full story on that program will appear in next week's edition of the

*Times-Courier*. Ellijay Fire Chief Sam West reported city firefighters responded to 11 motor vehicle accidents, four automatic aid calls, one fire alarm, four mutual aid calls, one power line down, two service calls and 14 landing zones for the month of June. Hoyle presided over the meeting which was attended by mayor pro tem David Westmoreland, council members Ruth Caudell and Charles Barclay, and city clerk Jay Crescenti.

The Ellijay City Council meets on the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the council chamber of Ellijay City Hall.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17.

## Fair from 1A

will also be short seminars on fire safety by local firefighters, how to prevent identity theft by local law enforcement officers, fingerprinting for children, and ways to keep diseases from killing hemlocks presented by members of the garden club.

In addition to the midway rides, entertainment and exhibits, the Lions will host a Gilmer County Heritage Exhibit, a pet show for kids ages 3-10, pony rides, a petting zoo and camel rides.

For those interested in displaying something related to the heritage of Gilmer County, contact Emma Lou Stover at 706-635-4738.

Stover, along with Barbara Sanford and Ruth Ann Harding, will be in charge of other exhibits, also. Sanford can be reached at 706-276-3986 and Harding at 706-276-2645.

They ask that you be on the lookout for that prized pumpkin, watermelon, and other vegetables, and pre-

served products, along with arts and crafts. A complete list of categories will be published in next week's edition of the *Times-Courier* in the Lions Club fair advertisement.

If one is interested in placing a quilt in the quilt show, contact Diane Echols at 706-698-2305 or Ruth Marsh at 706-276-2148.

For information on the kids' pet show, contact Sandy Maynard at (706) 276-7726.

To rent a booth, contact Randy Maynard at 706-537-5959 or 706-276-2501, or Barrett Creech at 706-273-6760.

The Gilmer County Fair is one of the major fundraisers for the Ellijay Lions Club, and all of the proceeds derived from the fair go to support the programs sponsored by the Ellijay Lions throughout the year.

The Lions are looking forward to making this one of the biggest and best fairs ever.

**ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Gilmer County Board of Education announces a property tax increase of 19.79 percent over the rollback millage rate. A reduction in state revenues of over \$1,000,000 creates a need for additional funding.

The proposed millage for M & O is 16.25 mills.

All concerned citizens are invited to public hearings on this tax increase at the Gilmer County Board of Education Office at the following dates and times: July 23, 2009, at 8 a.m., July 30, 2009, at 11 a.m., and July 30, 2009, at 6 p.m.

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**NOTICE**

The Gilmer County Board of Commissioners do hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held in the Commissioner's Conference Room of the Gilmer County Courthouse on August 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 do hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

**Current 2009 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy**

County Wide	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Real & Personal	982,261,789	1,132,915,320	1,251,006,632	1,335,804,721	1,828,876,070	1,821,450,232
Motor Vehicles	72,353,120	66,274,650	65,364,460	80,205,300	84,537,990	78,668,240
Mobile Homes	11,683,932	10,796,197	8,896,069	8,340,622	12,536,616	15,149,261
Timber -100%	275,253	320,967	783,949	633,498	567,577	201,541
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Digest	1,066,574,094	1,210,307,134	1,326,051,110	1,424,984,231	1,926,518,253	1,915,469,274
Less M&O Exemptions	161,758,282	166,855,842	186,807,913	189,490,221	387,184,627	356,676,432
Net M&O Digest	904,815,812	1,043,451,292	1,139,243,197	1,235,494,010	1,539,333,626	1,558,792,842
State of Ga Forest Land Assistance Grant Value	0	0	0	0	0	798,292
Adjusted Net M&O Digest	904,815,812	1,043,451,292	1,139,243,197	1,235,494,010	1,539,333,626	1,557,994,550
Gross M&O Millage	6.967	8.858	8.679	9.006	7.600	6.999
Less Rollbacks	2.574	2.658	2.666	2.993	2.400	1.990
Net M&O Millage	4.293	6.013	6.013	6.013	5.000	5.000
Net Taxes Levied	3,884,374	6,274,273	6,880,269	7,429,025	7,696,668	7,789,973
Net Taxes % Increase	236,766	2,389,899	575,997	578,756	267,643	93,305
Net Taxes % Increase	6.490	61.530	9.180	8.440	3.600	1.212

**Tentative Budget • GILMER COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**  
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Debt Service Fund
<b>Estimated Revenues:</b>				
Local Taxes (Property)	23,502,831			
Local Taxes (SPLOST)			4,080,000	
State Sources	25,699,150	946,617		
Local 5 Mills	(7,105,421)			
Formula Adjustment (Austerity Reduction)	(1,557,508)			
Federal Sources		5,103,937		
Other Sources	675,500	2,139,736	13,610,000	
Transfers from Other Funds		390,000		3,950,000
Total Estimated Revenues	41,214,552	8,580,290	17,690,000	3,950,000
<b>Estimated Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	28,604,878	3,426,702		
Pupil Services	1,113,798	303,991		
Improvement of Instruction	585,196	633,847		
Educational Media	959,023	0		
General Administration	600,030	143,538		
School Administration	2,806,407	10,000		
Business Services	797,010	12,125		
Maintenance & Operation	3,556,877	4,125		
Student Transportation	1,789,435	55,892		
Central Support Services	105,350	1,599		
Other Support Services	11,050	18,469		
School Food Service	10,500	2,338,060		
Facility Acq/Improvements	125,000		13,610,000	
Debt Service				3,950,000
Enterprise Operations		647,842		
Other Uses		744,000		
Transfers to Other Funds	150,000	240,000	3,950,000	
Total Expenditures	41,214,552	8,580,290	17,560,000	3,950,000
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	0	0	130,000	0
Estimated Fund Balance 7/1/09	5,100,000	365,000	1,400,000	0
Estimated Fund Balance 6/30/10	5,100,000	365,000	1,530,000	0

The budget will be considered for final adoption by the Board at 6:30 p.m., July 30th, 2009 at the Board of Education Office.

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**To the Citizens of Gilmer County:**

I just wanted to take a few minutes of your time to answer some questions. I usually do not stop this low to respond to RUMORS! I usually think they roll off my back, but I have six children who are being hurt over this and it has to stop.

Yes, my husband LaBronn shot himself. He suffered from depression. He had fought this awful disease for several years. No one really understood depression unless you have it. Something finally happened in his mind that made him do this awful thing. We truly don't know why, but if you are with us lucky ones who get to Heaven, then one day we'll all know why!

We have two small children who truly don't understand any of this. I know it takes a village to raise a child and I need everyone to pray for my children that God will help them get through this.

Twenty-one years ago, LaBronn opened East Ellijay Pawn. Over the years he made many, many friends. He never called them customers, they were always his friends. He has helped many people over the years. He was the most kind and generous man I have ever known. So many nights he got home late because someone needed him for something. Sometimes it would be for a loan or they would just need someone to talk to, but whatever, he took time for everyone he knew. All of you out there who knew him know what I'm talking about. There will never be another one like LaBronn.

The children and I are planning to re-open the shop. There is no way we can ever fill LaBronn's shoes. We ask everyone to please, please be patient with us. We are going to try to carry on business the same way LaBronn has done all these years. We ask everyone to come by and see us if you need anything, or just come by and say hello.

We want to say a special thank-you to all our friends who came by or called to check on us. Thanks to everyone that brought food or said a prayer. Thanks to all our family for always being there for us. I love all of you very much. We want to especially thank Billy Bernhardt, you went above and beyond your job. You are a very special man. Thank you for everything.

Jenny Parker