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different colored batch then the entire load must be disposed of because the recycler will not accept the trailer. We would have to allocate a full-time person to man the glass trailers to make sure this did not happen. I am very aware of the interest our citizens have in recycling glass, but it is just not an option at this time.

Q. Normally, each spring there is an event called the Great American Cleanup. Is that going to happen this year?

A. Yes, it is happening this weekend actually. It will be taking place on May 9 at 10 a.m. at City Hall. This is an event that is coordinated through Keep America Beautiful, North Georgia Resource Management Authority, Union County, City of Blairsville, and the DDA. The idea behind the Cleanup is to provide the people in our community with an opportunity to participate in community beautification projects. Historically, volunteers cleaned up the square, planted flowers, picked up trash, and helped with recycling downtown.

This year we are going to plant flowers, weed existing flower beds, and pick up trash on and around the square. In addition, a few volunteers are

going to pick up trash on some of the busier roads near town. If you would like to participate you can be at City Hall this coming Saturday at 10 a.m.

Q. Are there any plans for the county to adopt a Noise Ordinance in the near future?

A. Not for now. It is such a subjective subject and the amount of noise that bothers one person another may not notice. What we try to do is work with people who are having issues with a neighbor so we can facilitate a solution without too much government interference. We have found that there is almost always a reasonable solution.

Q. What is the largest problem the county has with noise?

A. Mostly barking dogs, guns being fired, and sometimes it's a rooster crowing. There are solutions that can be arrived at using common sense and cooperative people. If we ever get to the point that this does not work, then we will look at other ideas, but for now, we think this can be handled as it is currently being done, without government taking away any more rights of the public. We always ask you to consider what you would want if the shoe was on the other foot.

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the end of the war Aunt Jenny Johnson's husband came home on furlough and in an effort to make money for his family he was making a run of white liquor. The Home Guard bushwacked and killed Mr. Johnson and his eldest son. Aunt Jenny and her other sons found her husband and son. The pair were buried and Aunt Jenny made her remaining sons vow to take vengeance against those individuals responsible for the murder of their father and brother.

Robert E. Lee had surrendered at Appomattox. However, the war was just beginning for Aunt Jenny and her sons. The Sheriff and one of his deputies were a part of the Home Guard. Aunt Jenny and her sons set up an ambush for the men. Both men received their just rewards. One by one the men who had murdered Aunt Jenny's husband and son were killed. However, two of the men fled Alabama and moved to Oklahoma and Texas. The Johnson Boys followed and killed them. Resulting in two hangings and the last remaining son fled Texas and

came back home to Alabama. The last Johnson Boy met his end in a gunfight with the law in Alabama. To this day there are families still pitted against one another due to the "War Between the States".

Now it seems everyone in the world is angry with each other. A good remedy to help us forget about all the bad things happening in the world is to come to the Farmers Market. We will hold our annual Ramp Day on May 9 at the Farmers Market. The day will begin at 10 a.m. We will have our usual items for tasting including ramps & potatoes, deep fried ramps and hushpuppies. Our new snack bar owner will be grilling fresh, locally produced trout and our own JoAnne Leone will be conducting cooking demonstrations using ramps in the recipe. Many of our vendors will be with us selling their produce and crafts. One producer will be selling some ramps which he grew on his farm. Also, we will allow kids' fishing in Buttermut Creek again. So come on out and taste some ramp dishes, buy some ramps and catch some fish.

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Even if government's intentions are good, centralized decision making and regulation by the best and brightest has a poor track record.

It is ironic that just fifteen years ago talk was the U.S. was entering an era of "permanent prosperity." Encouraged by government policy and artificially low interest rates, financial firms borrowed billions of dollars to make big bets on esoteric mortgage securities creating the biggest financial bubble in human history. When the bubble burst, bets went sour, and overnight we found ourselves in the Great Recession. The President promised that "government must step in

boldly when free markets run amok" and he delivered. If Adam Smith would have been an economic advisor to the President he would have argued that by avoiding short term pain more severe pain would follow; that picking winners (Wall Street) and losers (middle class) is morally wrong.

What's next remains to be seen, but we would all do well to get to know Mr. Smith and why the founding fathers leaned on his then revolutionary ideas. Maybe the text book could be titled: "Economics 101, back to the future."

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tunnel frame can be constructed of metal, wood, or durable plastic and is at least 6 feet in height. The plastic cover must be, at a minimum, a 6-mil greenhouse-grade, UV resistant polyethylene with a 4 year life. Most High Tunnels are made of metal bows that form an arch and the plastic cover is stretched over this structure.

Chest/Chatt has recently become a Georgia distributor for a new type High Tunnel that is covered with plastic, but the frame is made of wooden 4 X 4s which are more "earthy", are easier to put up, and are more rigid than the metal frame. The Wood High Tunnel kit is complete with all brackets, bolts, 4X4s, plastic, canvas, and step by step instructions for building the structure. Installation can take 1 - 2 days with a 3 or 4 person crew. My metal tunnel took 8 weekends because I was a one man show and it is hard to manhandle those 30' wide by 12' high metal bows by yourself, unless you have a helper named John Deere like I did. Professional installers will put these things up for a price which makes it a lot easier than doing it yourself since the installers have done it before and can have it up before you can get your tools together and read the instruction book.

Chest/Chatt will be one of two certified vendors in Georgia under EQUIP for this package. The wood frame High Tunnel kits are 20' wide and the length is in increments of 16' up to 9'. Basic kits include the frame structure (PVC) and assembly hardware; polyethylene cover with roll-up or drop-down side assemblies

and heavy duty ground posts. Seasonal high tunnel systems are placed perpendicular to prevailing winds to insure proper ventilation and if possible, with the long axis oriented in a north-south direction to provide more uniform sun exposure to plants and minimize plant shading. Irrigation is required inside the tunnel since it can't rain in there so availability and a source of water must be considered when deciding where to place the system. We constructed a 30' X 72' metal high tunnel last summer on Mountain Scene Farm that has three 4' x 60' raised beds with 4 drip tape lines in each bed for irrigation. These 12 drip tape lines in the beds will all together drip 75 gallons of water per hour. We use rainwater for our irrigation and it is captured from gutters on our farm house and on our barn and piped into a 1,000 gallon underground storage tank near the high tunnel. The water is then pumped up to a raised tank where it flows into the drip tape in the beds by gravity. The results are amazing, last fall we had tomato plants that were 7 feet tall well into November and since the environment is controlled, we had very few weeds and insects, and can work in this garden rain or shine.

Check out seasonal high tunnels out if you have a patch of usable land and are willing to work in the dirt with your hands. The results can be amazing. For more information on high tunnels and the new wooden High Tunnel package, contact Frank Riley, Executive Director, Chestatee/Chattahoochee RC&D Council at www.frank.ccrd@gmail.com.

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vidson Buick in Cobb County. When he retired, he and his wife moved back over to the land just down from his folks. Jay put down his wrench and picked up a hoe to farm, once again.

You can introduce yourself to Jay Tipton, and ask him about that calf his mother took out with just a pitch when you visit the Union County Farmers Market this season. Jay will be in booth 57, selling his tomatoes, beans, squash, corn and cucumbers, crops that have grown on that land for at least the last seven decades.

For the next several weeks I will be sharing with you more stories about our farmers. We'd like you to get to know them a little better. There's always more to that ear of corn than meets the eye.

This coming Saturday, I'll be donning my apron once again, but not at the Market Café. I had such a wonderful time the last eight weeks of the 2014 season, bringing life to the Café. This season,

I've handed the spatula over to Brenda Hull, a professor at Young Harris College, who raises pigs, has her own garden and loves to cook for others, using as much local product as she possibly can find. Brenda will be grilling local trout on Saturday, May 9th, to accompany the three ramp recipes that will be served to celebrate Ramp Day, our preseason opener. Our farmers will be out in force from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. that day, with spring crops. There will be crafts, baked and canned goods, other locally produced products and lots of plants and flowers. Come shop, and celebrate the ramp with us. And plan on a lunch plate of local trout, too.

And I'll be close by that day, too. You will find me giving cooking demonstrations in the Canning Plant from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. I will be showing you how to fix everything from appetizers to dessert using ramps (yes, even dessert). I love the versatility of this "wild leek" and am delighted to have the opportunity to share this time with you. I'll be giving out free samples of what we fix, as well. So come join me for some fun in the kitchen. For more details about the upcoming season visit us at www.UC-FarmetsMarket.com.

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I have to say that I would really love to take a class and become proficient in ASL (American Sign Language). I am driven to connect with people and communication is the key to doing so. Everyone has a message, and whether through voice or ALS, I would like to be there to be a part of that connection.

4. What is your favorite time of year?

Before moving to Georgia, I would have said that I loved springtime. However, now that I have seen the "seasons" and have enjoyed the fresh air and cool nights, I am absolutely in love with the fall. The colors, the weather, and especially the festivals... need I go on.

5. What's your favorite activity?

I wish I could narrow it down to one thing, because there are so many things that I enjoy doing. I love traveling throughout the Northeast Georgia area and looking at the beautiful landscape. When I have finished traveling, I can be found seeking out antique, specialty, and clothing shops. I can shop until you drop. Then finally, I am a dining fanatic. If there is a location that has a menu attached to it, I will be there. It's just another way to meet people, try out new food items, and not have to do the dishes.

Stop by and say hello to Linda at our office located at 129 Union County Recreation Road inside the Union County Community Center. She can also be reached by phone at 706-745-5789 or email at membership@blairsvillechamber.com. Welcome aboard, Linda!

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there go I.'

Blessed is the mother who has a son or daughter serving others in harm's way. May God be near them and bring them back safely to your arms time and time again.

Blessed is the mother who mourns a child for you shall be comforted. May the anger, desperation, and grief you feel give way to love, peace, and a heart to bless others.

Blessed is the grandmother raising her grandchildren. Once again, you're standing in the gap, and may both generations "rise up and call you blessed" (Prov. 31:28).

Blessed is the great-grandmother. May you be strong in body, mind, and faith for all your appointed days, and may you never know loneliness.

"A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,

It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,

And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation." - Helen Steiner Rice

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