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construction, and right-of-way maintenance. For more information on these types of burning go to www.georgiaair.org.

Q. What are good practices to follow when doing outdoor burning?

A. The Georgia Forestry Commissioner puts out a very good brochure regarding safe practices for debris burning which is available at GaTrees.org. Some of the safe practices to follow are:

- Get a burn permit before you start.
- Have a rake, water hose and shovel available.
- Wear proper clothing including long pants, long sleeves, sturdy boots, gloves and safety glasses.
- Clear 25 foot or more area around debris pile.
- Never use flammable liquids to start fire.
- Start fire downwind of your pile.
- Never leave fire unattended.
- Ensure fire is completely extinguished and pile is cool to the touch.

Q. How can I minimize smoke as I know one of my neighbors will complain?

A. Remember that it is your responsibility to minimize smoke by:

- Burn small piles which produces less smoke.
- Burn dry piles. Wet piles produce more smoke.
- Burn on clear days. Smoke stagnates on cloudy, overcast days.
- Burn with a little wind. This helps disperse smoke.
- Avoid dirt in your piles. Dirt holds moisture which produces smoke.
- Avoid early-morning and night burning. Smoke lingers during these times.
- Be a good neighbor.

Inform your neighbors of burn plans and if smoke becomes a problem, put your fire out.

- Remember, if your neighbor leaves their windows open in the fall, think of how you would feel if someone burned and filled your house up with the smell of smoke. Do unto others as you would have them do unto to you.

Be safe and enjoy the change of seasons which will be here before you know it. Thanks in advance for your caution.

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house, it was an immediate success. In fact, it grew too big for its britches before the end of season, with vendors eventually occupying space on all three levels. People came from the surrounding communities and everyone bought not only produce, but other food goods and handmade crafts from local artisans.

Then there was something else that happened that neither of these forward thinkers had figured on. This community didn't just come to the Farmers Market to walk around that sweltering hot parking lot to pick up a few ears of corn. They came to be with everyone else in town. It was a "meet and greet" kind of place. It took on a personality all on its own. The rest is history.

My dad always had great ideas. He would plan a business from conception to full execution, and share it with me in the car on the way to school in the morning. Listening to him talk about how he would develop these ideas was a fascinating education in business. I became a dreamer, too. As an adult, I've often missed my exit while driving to work, my mind consumed with conceptualizing another idea.

Most of these exercises just end up being that. An exercise, not in futility, but in training the mind to cover all the bases on how to bring an idea to fruition. One my crazy brainstorm has recently been

developed. This past spring it came to my attention that the food trailer on Old Blue Ridge Hwy was for sale. Dollar General was developing the land it was occupying and it needed to find someplace else to serve the public. I believed that it would be the perfect addition to the Farmers Market. So I took a lesson from Mickey Cummings and took my idea to Lamar Paris, the most passionate person I know about Union County and all its possibilities. That was in late May.

Today the food trailer has found a beautiful home, and has a magnificent pavilion with lots of tables to encourage folks to spend more time on their visits to the Market. Like those days in the courthouse parking lot, it will take a little time to build support for the Market Café. It is currently open serving breakfast and lunch every Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The retro yellow 50s trailer is located next to the Canning Plant. Stop over the next time you are at the Market. You might just find me there putting together an Italian Sausage Sandwich with roasted peppers and onions or serving up a Calabrese salad with tomatoes, fresh mozzarella and grilled eggplant, all from the produce here at the Market. Oh, and rumor has it that they serve breakfast in a cup. Now I wonder what that's all about...

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This place was called the Turkey's foot because it was a place where 3 creeks came together to form one creek. From the top of the rock face the place looked just like the track of a turkey. Clifford and his sons looked for this gold for 40 years without ever finding an ounce of it. Clifford went to his grave longing to find the gold at the Turkey's foot.

How does this story relate back to Ausborn and Elizabeth Mabry? When this couple migrated to Oklahoma they settled in a place called Briartown. Briartown is in Muscogee County and is a part of the reservation of the Western Band of the Cherokee Nation. We still do not know for sure that either Ausborn or Elizabeth was Cherokee. But, Clifford Hyde told my dad, "I am a Cherokee Indian". And the

old Cherokee that came to the Hyde House in the 1920s told Clifford and his family that he stopped at their house because he knew they were of Cherokee descent.

The Farmers Market will hold the Annual Food Fight Championship next week beginning at 11 a.m. Local chefs will compete to determine who can make the best food using locally grown vegetables. Their assignment is to prepare and cook a dish using these locally produced vegetables. The Farmers Market has invited local chefs to prepare a dish and hopefully we will have a lot of fun with this event. The food is not gold, but, it is a local treasure along with our produce at the Farmers Market. So, come to the Farmers Market at 11 on September 13th to view our Local Food Fight.

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but a cost of doing business is also the fixed expenses of new construction, land purchase and maintenance of a new facility. One can keep down the cost of doing business by renovating and reusing rather than new construction in a time that money is so tight.

As a person who has run two businesses and been involved in the finances of a few nonprofit organizations, when expenses are too high, generally we look at our budgets and see what we can collect and what we really need and what can be cut while still delivering the services we need to. We don't start spending money on "dream projects" we can't afford.

When you look at the number of meters BRMEMC has and the flat customer charge, it is apparent also, that if Mr. Taylor had paid his bill, this would more than cover the customer charge for every meter for more than a year!

I think the biggest issue facing the BRMEMC going

forward is transparency about financial issues. If the internal accounting is so poor it can't catch the glaring problems they had, they need more oversight.

I am glad there are candidates that are just not Board chosen replacements.

I am voting for Charles Jenkins, a man of service and integrity. I urge others to consider their choices and vote as well.

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our member information center to grow your business. There will also be time for questions and answers with the Chamber staff.

If you are interested in learning more about our Chamber Orientation or would like to register for this event, please call our office at 706-745-5789 or email our Membership Coordinator, Erin Huffman at membership@blairsvillechamber.com.

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sure about the basis of these).

The Bible clearly teaches that a merry heart doeth good like medicine.

This world is sick and its healing will not come through a hand full of pills but from hearts full of praise.

The world needs not canned laughter but Christian laughter that gives evidence of forgiveness.

The Christian may not laugh all the way to the bank,

but he can laugh all the way to heaven because we will have the last laugh that lasts throughout eternity. It is no laughing matter that some people never laugh.

Learn to laugh and help someone else to laugh. My personal prayer is that I can laugh and encourage others as long as I live.

As someone has said "laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."

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them. They never asked for anything, just helping others. It was like an old fashioned Amish barn raising (even though I had never seen one). I'll never forget it. Bud came back several times to make sure we got the garden planted.

Over the years my dad and Bud Kelley remained friends. Off and on for 30 years Bud would stop by to check in with us. I suppose, to make sure we were still making it. My dad would visit Bud from time to time, maybe to let Bud know that he was making it, but mostly, I think because he truly loved Bud and the Good Samaritan Character he exhibited.

That spring day in 1970 three men from the BRMEMC did out of their heart on their day off and without pay or reward, a service that goes beyond commitment or job requirements.

Bud and Max Kelley had three kids. I still see them from time to time. I can't see them without an instant flash in my heart of the day I saw Bud Kelley at our house for the first time. He represented the EMC in human terms far beyond any terms they could have established. Whenever I have seen Chris Kelley through the years, I have always felt that he and his family's proven goodwill represented the highest standard for kindness and for the BRMEMC. Chris has proven to be of the same character as his father.

Now, I see what has be-

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I asked him to tell me which of the President's policies were reckless.

He answered that there were too many for him to elaborate, which of course meant he couldn't think of any.

How about Obama's proposal to raise the Federal minimum wage from a pitiful \$7.25 per hour I asked him. Is that reckless?

He said it was.

And equal pay for women for doing the same job as men, is that a reckless proposal?

Yes it is, he told me.

I mentioned Obama's efforts to do something about human contribution to climate change.

Climate change is entirely natural, he replied. It's not affected by all that CO2 humans pump into the air, he insisted, contradicting the opinion of almost all climate scientists.

I couldn't resist asking his opinion of Charles Darwin and evolution, a concept universally accepted by the scientific world.

No, he didn't believe in evolution either.

By this time I was laughing so hard I had to hang up, and missed my chance to remind him that after inheriting George Bush's disastrous Iraq War, based on a pack of lies about non-existent weapons of mass destruction, and the huge economic mess left behind by the Bush Administration, Obama had "recklessly" pulled the U.S. out of Iraq and had introduced "reckless" policies which have greatly reduced unemployment and have avoided economic disaster.

The choice for 9th District voters is clear. If facts and established scientific theory give you indigestion, if you are convinced Alley Oop had a pet dinosaur, if you think a Republican Congressman should vote against all proposals by a Democratic president, beneficial or not, if you insist that an unlivable minimum wage is OK, that a woman doesn't deserve to be paid the same as a man for doing the same job, then go ahead, vote for Collins in November.

He's your man.

Charles Cheves

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who believe they are above the rules, do as they please with no consequences!

PLEASE take the time to vote for NEW EMC Board members who will consider the needs of us "regular people"!

Kathleen Lowery