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know when we have a final decision. At a minimum it will include aluminum, cardboard, newspaper and hopefully several others.

Q. Who do I contact to rent the Senior Center pavilion or one of the pavilions at Meeks Park?

A. You contact the Recreation Department at 706-439-6074. There is a minimal rental cost for these pavilions.

Q. When will the county be making upgrades to the Transfer Station near the hospital? You have stated in the past that would be com-

pleted.

A. I agree that the current transfer station is a real mess much of the time. We have a design completed and ready to start work on. But, we also have a possible change to our commercial hauling and until we have reached a final decision on this, we are in a stale mate. Either way we hope to begin making some improvements possibly this year with completing the work in 2016. I am really looking forward to when people are able to quit calling it "the dump" as it is so rightfully called now.

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the rail and the security guard left.

A miracle occurred late in the 4th quarter. UGA was behind by 3 points. The Dawgs Defense forced Alabama to punt from about the 15 yard line. Georgia blocked the punt and fell on the ball in the end zone giving UGA the lead. 92,000 fans went crazy. People were screaming and jumping up and down. The student sitting next to Mom was so happy he grabbed my mom around the waist and dipped her like a ball room dancer. While he dipped her she kissed her right on the

mouth. Dad was so intent upon watching the game he never noticed a thing. Mom will not go back to another Georgia Game.

Next week is our Big Pumpkin Contest at the Farmers Market. If you have a large pumpkin bring it to the contest. We will give prizes to people based upon the weight of the pumpkins. We have money and other prizes for participants. If you would like to enter you can call me at 706-781-8802 for more information. Please have your pumpkins at the Market by 9 AM if you would like to participate.

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lifetime of memories awaits!

In addition to the remarkable stops on the tour, Collette Vacations is including a variety of services to make this trip one of pure leisure. Transportation will be provided to travelers from Blairsville to the Atlanta airport and back. Collette will handle all flight and hotel arrangements as well as luggage transfers between hotels. Fourteen total meals are also included in the tour pricing which starts at \$3,949 per person for double occupancy if you book before March 28, 2016.

Interested travelers can learn more about the tour by attending an upcoming, free and informational presentation on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 3 p.m. at the Union County Community Center. Please note that this trip is open to the entire community – business owners, families, retirees, etc. For more information about the Discover Scotland tour and to RSVP for the presentation, please call the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce at 706-745-5789 or email travel@blairsvillechamber.com.

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demonstrate contour plowing, permanent pasture development, and hog cholera vaccinations. They taught farm families about children's health and nutrition, boll weevil control, mattress making, and purebred hog and cattle raising.

The roots of the Georgia 4-H Club began in 1904 in Newton County as a county-wide boys' corn club. Statewide corn- and cotton-growing contests were held in 1906. Chicken and pig contests were held in 1908. In that same year the program was also extended to black youngsters. Club work for girls began in Hancock County in 1906 and consisted of garden clubs, tomato clubs, and canning clubs. By 1911 more than 1,500 girls were active in the pre-4-H Club activities. In 1924 the nation's first state 4-H camp, Camp Wilkins, was built on the University of Georgia campus. The Georgia Extension Service opened the world's largest youth camp—Rock Eagle 4-H Center—in 1955. Almost half a million Georgia 4-H members have experienced Rock Eagle camping. The center also serves as a training site and environmental laboratory for extension workers and other educational groups.

Agriculture was responsible for much of the economic and social progress in Georgia between 1907 and 1932. In the 1960s the focus of the Extension Service shifted to reflect the radically changing times. While extension workers maintained strong agricultural and 4-H programs, some expanded their teaching to low-income nutrition, urban programs, mass media, minority representation, civil rights, and family life

education. Over the decades the UGA Extension Service has developed into a complex organization with multiple functions and locations, including faculty and staff in almost all of the state's 159 counties. The pace of modern science and business requires the flexibility and responsiveness of interdisciplinary teams to address issues.

Throughout its long history the Cooperative Extension Service has introduced methods and techniques that have enhanced economic stability in rural areas, protected the environment, guided communities through decision-making processes, and improved the health and well-being of families. County Extension Service agents are the local link between science-based education and the communities they serve. County agents introduced integrated pest management to protect the environment and help farmers control pests efficiently. They helped carry out the Boll Weevil Eradication Program, introduce research-tested varieties, collaborate with a wide variety of community leaders and groups to improve their communities, and teach classes on food safety. In addition more than 163,000 children across the state benefit from Georgia 4-H. They learn valuable lessons ranging from the traditional agricultural topics to public speaking, photography, and computers, and they gain invaluable leadership and citizenship.

For more information on Cooperative Extension Service, contact Frank Riley, frank.crcd@gmail.com.

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Do you have a giant pumpkin patch with an award winning specimen? You can enter it into the International GPC competition that is being held regionally at our own Union County Farmers Market this Saturday, Sept. 26. Bring your pumpkin in to be weighed by 9 a.m. There will be cash and product prizes for the winners.

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important to us (a traffic light at Pat Colwell Road for example). Are we smart enough to decide what we need, or must we rely on the experts in Atlanta to tell us? Must we ask over and over for years and then be ever so grateful when they deign to grant our request? How much more could we do if we were allowed to keep the tax money we pay locally without deducting the costs of a huge Atlanta bureaucracy?

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was voted by the Board 6-2 in favor. Only Steve Phillips and Chris Logan descended. As I recall, the Board refused to even say which Board members approved this elaborate package, and who did not. A third question by a member, asks the salary of the new General Manager, Dan Brewer. Again the Attorney and the Board refused to answer this question saying that they cannot comment on salaries. My two trusted sources told me that Mr. Brewer's salary is double that of Matthew Aikens. Since Mr. Aikens earned \$100,000 then this would mean that Mr. Brewer is paid \$200,000! I believe this is more than Governor Nathan Deal earns in a single year.

I have also learned, from my sources, that the Board in its budget, approved a brand new, fully loaded Chevy Tahoe for Mr. Brewer. Again the vote was 6-2, with Steve Phillips and Chris Logan saying no.

We believe this Board is spending money unwisely and without regard for the members. Mr. Brewer tells us of yet another rate increase, with more increases to come - year after year. Many members are struggling financially, with ever increasing rates and customer charges. Also, we get no capital credits.

In my opinion, the Board is treating the BRMEMC as its own personal piggy bank while the members continue to suffer.

My point is that change for the better and transparency needs to happen and happen soon.

While they are living it up in the Castle, in that Brassington Valley Town, in the real world they are shutting people down. I rest my case. Any and all comments, both in agreement and in opposition to this letter would be welcome.

Barbara and Robert Heimanson

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giver that yearns for humanity to know Him despite our immorality?

Actually Christianity should be dangerous. The love of Jesus is a life-changing threat to selfishness, hatred, and evil. Faith in Christ is a threat to life without meaning, sin without forgiveness, religion without relationship. It attacks fear, anger, and loneliness. We can only hope that it leads to an epidemic of hope and healing of the human heart.

Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest" (Mat. 11:28). Sounds dangerous.

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Mr. Jenkins hoping for someone who would make decisions in favor of the membership, not their cronies.

Hopefully, these new board members will be more open and maybe we can have the minutes printed on the EMC's website so we members can actually know what the EMC is doing for us.

Marcia Schultz

Retired Firefighters Breakfast

The Retired Firefighters Breakfast is held the first Friday of each month, 9 a.m. at Hole in the Wall Restaurant, Blairsville, GA. N(Sep23.Z1)CA

Those of you who find yourself feeling more like Charlie Brown and are on a hunt to find the great pumpkin, you'll find a phenomenal variety of pumpkins, gourds, decorative squashes, corn and stalks, along with a dozen variety of mums, all for sale at the Market these Fall weekends, in this glorious place we call home.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to ask for your support of our friends at the Mountain Shelter Humane Society. Every Saturday they are out there with their volunteers to dog sit for those canine creatures that visit the Market each week. This Saturday evening, at the Farmers Market is their annual major fundraising event – Puttin' On The Dog. Yours truly is the emcee, and Mark Mote will be handling the honors as the auctioneer. It is a great evening of fun, food, spirits and an opportunity to help the unfortunate dogs and cats who need a pad and healthy attention while the Society works diligently to find them loving homes. The silent auction is second to none in the region. Fantastic offerings at the live auction as well. The food is always scrumptious and the live music will have you swaying. For more details on how to get your tickets to this event, contact Lisa at 706-781-3843. Hope to see you there.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Tours	Every Monday:	GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Children's Story Time		Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club		Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
A Course in Miracles		UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	2 pm
Civil Air Patrol		Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101		United Methodist Ch	7 pm
Tri State Bus. Women	Every Tuesday:	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
Get Fit		First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies		United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers		Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
Spiritual Living Group		UC Comm Cntr., Rm 101	6:30 pm
Butternut Ladies Golf	Every Thursday:	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon		Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club		So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit		First UMC	5:15 pm