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completed as the voter desired. Other than Federal elections, no person may assist more than 10 voters in a primary, election, or runoff. A candidate on the ballot, or a relative of a candidate on the ballot, may not offer assistance during the election to any voter who is not related to the candidate.

Q. How do I apply for an absentee ballot?

A. You may request an absentee ballot as early as 180 days before an election. Absentee ballots must be received by the county Registrar's Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day. No absentee ballots are issued on the day before or the day of an election. The application must be in writing and must contain the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, sufficient information to identify you as a voter, and the election in which you wish to vote. If you are physically disabled or living temporarily outside of Union County, a close relative may apply for an absentee ballot for you.

Q. I am a student living away from home. How can I vote?

A. You can register to vote at whatever address you regard as your primary residence. This can be either your school address or your home address. However, it is too late to register for this upcoming election, but you can register to vote in the General Election.

Q. What if I have moved or changed my name. Can I still vote?

A. You have to re-register every time you move or change your name. If you moved within your county and didn't re-register, you can vote at your old polling place and file your change of address when you vote. If you moved to a new county more than 30 days before the election and didn't re-register, you can't vote in this election. If you moved to a new county after 30 days, you can vote at your old polling place. *Continued next week...*

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When I was a little boy I was visiting my grandmother during the summer. One miserable hot day in August Granny came down with a sick headache. I suppose it was a migraine. But, all I knew then was Granny felt bad enough that she went to bed. So, I went out in the yard to play. I used my knife to play a game called mumbly peg. Soon, I became bored and switched to playing a game kind of like horse shoes where I pitched washers into a hole in the ground. Once again I became bored and began thinking about Granny.

I thought about all the times she would try to make those around feel better. Many times when my cousins and I would get bored and Granny would take us to the woods to play under the bluffs overlooking Turkey Creek. Or if one of us became sick she would doctor us until we were well. So, I decided to find a way to make Granny feel better. I looked in the pasture and found some pretty yellow flowers. So, I picked them,

placed them in a jar of water and left them on a table close to Granny's bed. Later she thanked me. For years I figured Granny thought I was a nut for giving her a bunch of "bitter sneeze weed flowers." But, years later while going through her things she showed me the dried flowers she had saved. Even though they were weeds, her grandson had given them to her and therefore, she treasured them.

Please remember this weekend at the Farmers Market. Saturday is Ramps and Plants Day. You will be able to purchase all kinds of plants like vegetable plants, native plants and ornamental plants. You will also find crafts items that will be of interest and of course there will be some produce available as well. Also, there will be ramps prepared in various dishes available for your tasting. The day begins at 9 a.m. and will end at 3 p.m. Also, the Farmers Market Strawberry Festival will be held on May 24. So, please come out and see us at the Farmers Market.

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the equipment that we have and ask questions. We'll have snacks, hotdogs, and drinks along with the latest Firewise literature to help all of you learn all you want to about becoming a Firewise Community. The program is free, easy, and very rewarding knowing that you have done what you can to lessen your risk and protect your prop-

erty. Are you Firewise yet?

For more details on Firewise or any of our wildfire education programs, call your local fire station, Georgia Forestry Commission, U.S. Forest Service, or the Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council. Visit our web site www.chestchattred.org or e-mail www.frank.ccrd@gmail.com.

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company with the unpaid bill," according to Belcher's report.

That note said that the company was owned by Terry Taylor, chairman of the EMC Board of Directors.

BRMEMC's attorney confirmed on Monday that Taylor is no longer a member of the utility company's Board of Directors that he has chaired for several years.

BRMEMC's attorney told Belcher that Taylor is making arrangements to pay the well overdue utility bill.

Belcher reports that the EMC attorney told him that BRMEMC acted promptly when it learned of the unpaid bill owed by the now former board president.

The EMC's legal counsel told WSB-TV that the utility company will take a closer look to determine if there are any other unpaid bills that may have been overlooked.

Taylor's payment is expected to be formalized in a consent judgment, according to the EMC's legal counsel.

The news report aired Monday evening as rumors of the unpaid utility bills and Taylor's resignation from the EMC Board of Directors swirled about among the utility company's more than 43,000 customers with more than 49,000 electric meters.

It's unclear how long the bill has been overdue, overlooked and gone unpaid.

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Island. Terri and I share a love for the Wellness Center pool, as well as cooking with the finest of fresh ingredients. A quilter, Terri decided it was time to unload some of the yards of fabric she had been collecting that would probably never be used. It was a lovely assortment of calicos in Waverly colors. They would have been irresistible if I had any idea how to use a needle and thread other than to darn socks and sew on a button. Terri did have some vintage picture frames at 50 cents a pop. I bagged up 10 and handed her a fin.

As I bid Terri good-bye, I turn to find that fleece top still staring back at me. I walk over and look through the adjacent rack, trying to be distracted. Another orangey red shirt, a summer weight polo, catches my fancy. The trunk now holds only one of the broads, a beautiful woman with dancing blue eyes that sparkled with memories of days filled with devilish good times. She recognizes that I write this column and she introduces herself as Frances and I'm pleased to make her acquaintance. She offers me the shirt at a reduced price, and I decide that this is the red shirt I can't pass up. As she's wrapping up my purchase, she tells me how much she enjoys being at Trash and Treasures. We speak of the joyfulness that exudes from both the vendors and the shoppers. I bid her farewell and head down to the next booth.

Before I get past that red fleece top, the other woman pops out. "Aren't you the one that writes..." Yes, that's me. My friend Beverly, whom I'm shopping with this morning, has spoken to this vendor on many other occasions and greets her, though does not know her name. She introduces herself to us as Jet. She too, speaks of her fondness for the activities at the Market and then inquires if the Farmers Market is ever looking for musical talent. She leads me over to another vendor and introduces me to Fred Bruder. A handsome man with

a smile warmer than a bonfire on a chilly evening, he tells me about his love for entertaining. I get his contact information, as well as his history as a Park Ranger in the Clearwater area, and then I meet his wife, Jo. (I immediately know she's one of us, Karen Rizzo Richards). "Jo" is short for Josephine, and she's Italian, hailing from New Jersey. Fred teases that he had to go through seven brothers in order to marry her. I understood exactly what he's talking about.

It was time to leave and get back to my office. On my way past I offered Jet a reduced price on that fleece top. She took my offer and now I have two red shirts. I stopped to say goodbye to Frances. She introduced me to her husband, Lamar. He shook my hand with such sincerity, it caused me to pause and savor the connection. I mentioned to Frances that I was on my way to write my column this week. "What would you like me to write about?" I asked her. She wanted me to write about the feeling of community that resides under that roof every time we gather. Thank you, Frances. I hope this is what you had in mind.

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first sudden warm days fool you into thinking winter is over, but there are surely some more cold days to come. It is not quite time to develop spring fever. Blackberry winter is yet to come.

However, we must remember that we have been visited by the Dayspring from on high. The greatest springtime is yet in the future when God will spring a surprise and the resurrection bodies will spring forth from the graves and transformed believers will join them to enjoy heaven's springtime through all eternity. That will be springtime in glory!

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scholarships, is just one of many ways they are continuing the work of their son in the place he called home. Union County is so fortunate to have been blessed with Derrick Whittle. Today we continue to be blessed with the presence and work of Jim and Sharon.

As a flock of white doves flies over the golf course, I am reminded of the love that Derrick shared with so many in this community and the peace it brings all of us in knowing that he remains in our hearts forever.

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well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, . . ."

Mitchell probably also agrees with those right wing justices when they say Ford Motor Company and General Electric are persons, and a dollar bill is speech, thus flooding our political system with billionaire cash. Mitchell repeatedly refers to and damns "Liberal Progressive Democrats." My dictionary says a liberal is one who is open minded, and a progressive is one who uses new ideas to achieve moderate political change, especially social improvement.

Democrats have delivered such improvements as Social Security, child labor laws, the minimum wage, food stamps, Medicare, Medicaid, and most recently they caused the United States to finally join all other western industrial nations by adopting a medical insurance law. All of this has been accomplished in the face of rabid, frequently specious, untruthful, opposition by Republicans.

I am proud to acknowledge publicly that I am a liberal progressive Democrat.

Charles Cheves