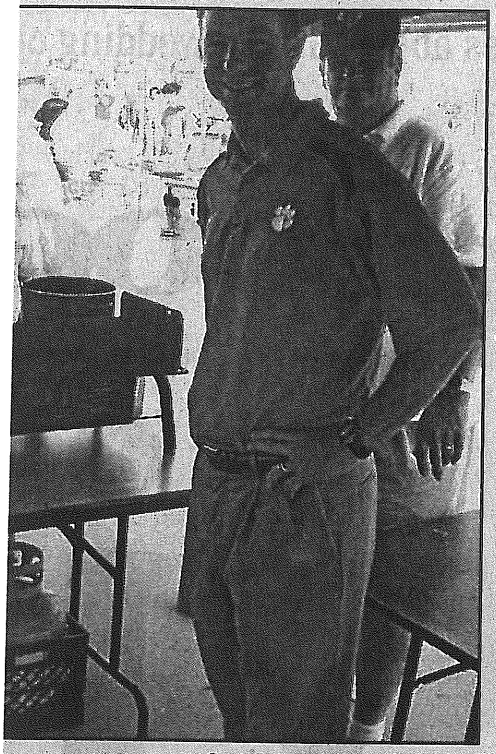


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Blue Ridge Fest sees early success

With the economic climate affecting so many businesses, Blue Ridge Fest is celebrating a strong, early display of support from its host of corporate sponsors. By the third week in April, 87 sponsors had stepped forward with gifts and pledges totaling $111,050.

Charles Dalton, president and CEO of Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, expressed amazement at the level of response. "Sponsor contributions are ahead of last year's total at this point in time. The sponsor commitment is truly unbelievable, and I'm sincerely grateful."

Dalton suggested that community needs were a major factor driving this outpouring of support. "Many of our corporate donors are, I know, giving sacrificially because they recognize that a large portion of our area's population is hurting. Their generosity is significant for the 12 human-help agencies funded by this year's Blue Ridge Fest." Among the organizations receiving support are: Anderson Interfaith Ministries, Hidden Treasure Christian School, Golden Corner Ministries and Prevent Child Abuse Pickens County and others.

"This charity fund-raiser also offers our Blue Ridge work force an opportunity to shine," Dalton said. "Almost every available employee from both the cooperative and Blue Ridge Security Systems is volunteering time to conduct this weekend event. I believe that factor is also serving to motivate sponsor participation."

With a donation of $10,000, Quality Inspection Services is the Presenting Sponsor for 2009. Other top sponsors include Martin Printing, The Cliffs Communities, Allied Tree Service, WYFF-TV4, AT&T, Sluder Urban Forestry, and Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

The May 15-16 festival will take place on the grounds of Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative's Pickens office. Friday's Beach Night will feature the Upstate's largest antique car cruise-in and a show and dance. Entertainers will include The Flashbacks, Jim Quick and Coastline and The Puzzle Band with Will Ragland as Buddy Holly. Headlining the evening will be Chicago's Jerry Butler.

Blue Ridge Fest will conclude on Saturday with a motorcycle rally and card run. Information about the fest can be obtained by calling 1-800-240-3400 or visiting the Web site, www.blueridgefest.com.

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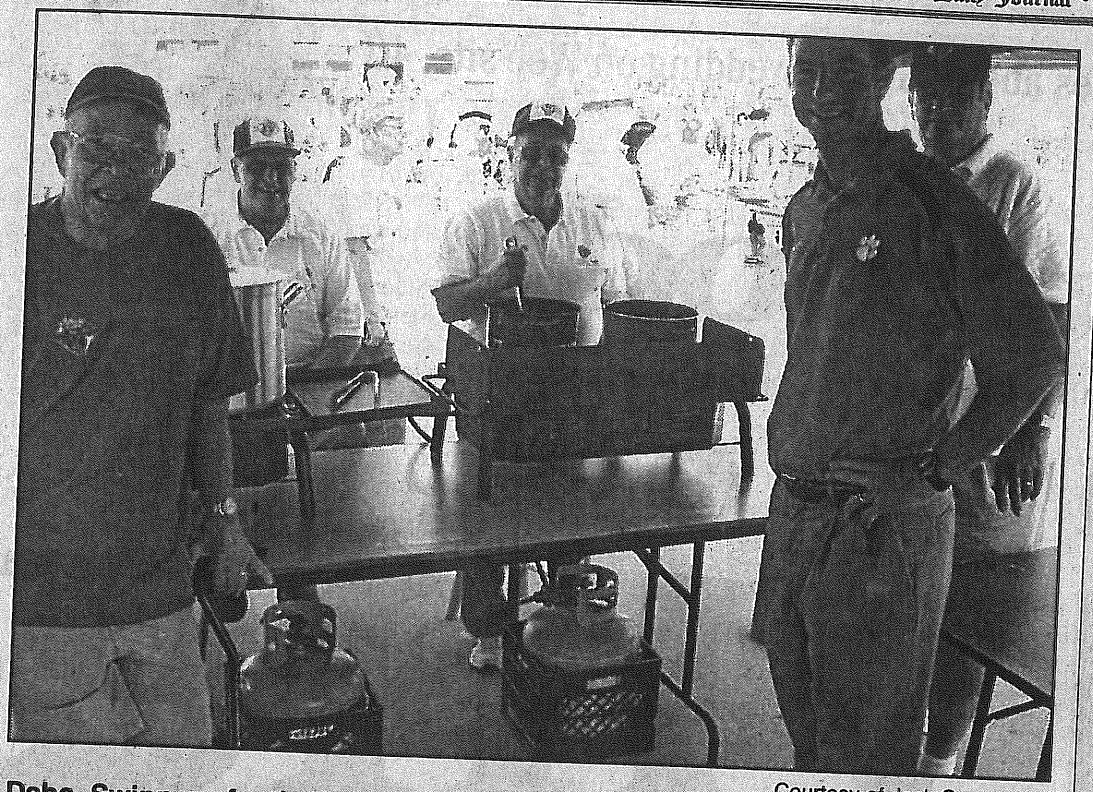
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2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons white vin-

Heat the oven to 375 F.
To make the sauce, chop

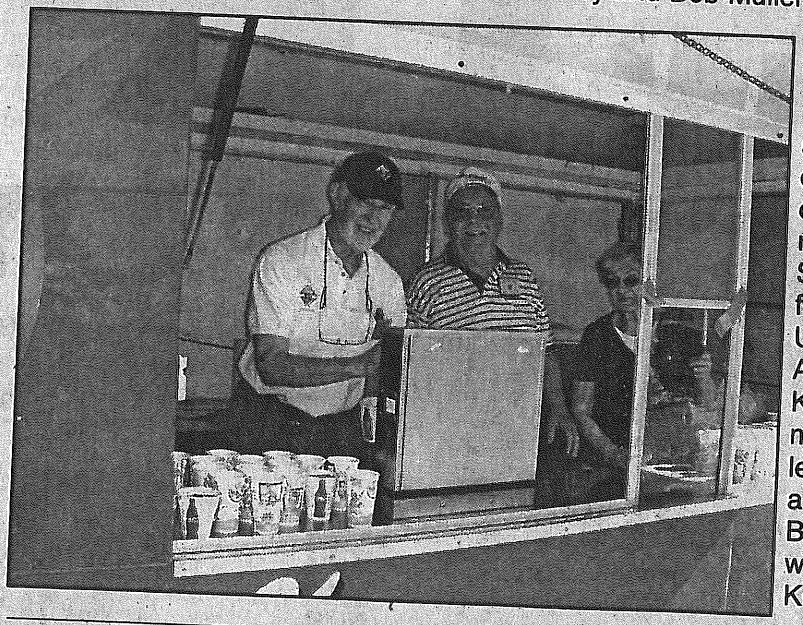
sheet. Bake for 30 minutes.
Meanwhile, heat a gas grill

about 10 minutes.
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Dabo Swinney, football coach at Clemson University, stops in at the Seneca Knights of Columbus tent during the Special Olympics where free hot dogs and all the trimmings were given to the athletes and their companions and families. He wished them success and gave his personal thanks for the Knights' continued presence over many years at this event — 1,200 sodas, 1,000 hot dogs and 1,300 Tootsie Rolls were given away that day. Pictured, from left, are: Brother Knights Don Ricken, chairman; Al Gruosso, Jack Puleo, Coach Swinney and Bob Mullen.



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TASTE

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This exotic, yet simple-to-prepare dish is perfect for a Mother's Day dinner that will impress without stress. It also

peas and pearl onions.

PEANUT BUTTER-CHUTNEY BARBECUED CHICKEN

2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons white vinegar
12 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed, trimmed of

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