



Remembering Mrs. Martin

Longtime Fairview Teacher Dies at 51

By Terri Hornsby

To know her was to love her.

As many of you know, we recently lost a very special friend here in Fairview, Dianne Tallant Martin. Dianne was only 51 when she passed away from advanced colon cancer on Saturday, May 3, at Memorial Mission Health System. She had her family by her side and was without any pain.

Dianne was a lifelong resident of Asheville and was a first grade teacher at Fairview Elementary School for over 28 years. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society and a member of Sunrise Baptist Church. She was also a 1970 graduate of Erwin High School and a graduate of Western Carolina University, where she received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in early childhood education and reading.

She was elected "teacher of the year" at Fairview and represented the school for Buncombe County. Dianne was also a great supporter of *The Fairview Town Crier* and the Fall Festival. She showed she had a great passion for our community.

I had the wonderful opportunity to talk to just a few of Dianne's closest friends and colleagues recently, and I wanted to share their stories with you. Everyone I talked with had only wonderful things to say about her, and it was quite difficult for me to know when to stop writing.

Dianne asked Pastor David Eck from Abiding Savior Lutheran Church to provide the sermon for her funeral. She even planned the funeral around the teachers' schedules and was hoping it wouldn't interfere with her daughter's finals. Pastor Eck had a chance to sit down with Dianne's family one Sunday. They told him she put her family first before anything. She was the kind of mom who would show up for every softball game and PTA meeting. Dianne's husband, Jeff, said that she was kind and generous with everyone.



Dianne Martin at a farewell party last year, along with friends and colleagues Joann Hamrick (top left), Rebecca Harris (top middle), La Donna Sluder (top right), and Jan Lunsford (bottom right).

When Dianne was diagnosed with cancer, not only did her friends give her support in the short run, they were there every step of the way with cards, letters, and visits. These acts of kindness were a testimony to how many lives Dianne touched, and her family told Pastor Eck she treasured these letters and cards and would read them over and over again.

Sandy Bryant, Dianne's good friend and most recent assistant of at least 13 years, explained how Dianne discovered her cancer. She said that Dianne went in for her regular physicals but had complained of back pain one day while attending her daughter Sarah's dance rehearsal. She had had prior back surgery, but she still had the pain checked out, and that's when she found out she had colon cancer. Dianne managed to continue to work as much as she could and then retired at the end of the 2002 school year.

Sandy remembers that through the years Dianne would have her classes organize tray favors for the patients at the V.A. hospital as well as "goodie boxes"

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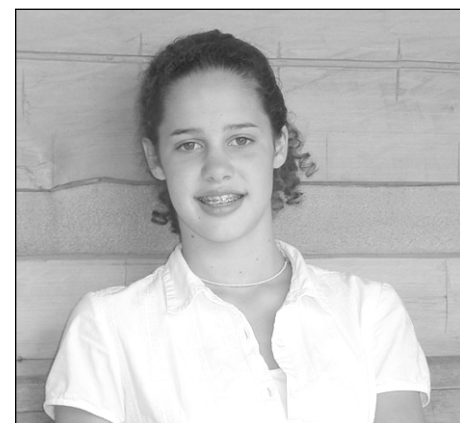
Parts of Fairview were pounded by a May 15 hailstorm that dropped large hailstones—some reported to be as big as lemons—and caused damage to cars, crops, gardens, and outdoor furniture. This hailstone fell on the property of Chris and Sandie Rhodes of Hollywood Road.

Local Student Wins National Award

Fairview ninth grader Grace MacNair was recently named the first-place winner of the national Jack London Writing Contest. Her short story, "A Changed Heart," was judged the best entry of the many stories and essays submitted by ninth through twelfth graders from across the country. As the first place finisher, Grace receives a \$1000 prize, and she will be honored at an awards ceremony in California next January.

Grace is homeschooled. She entered the contest because she was in a creative writing class and the teacher made everyone enter. Grace said she had never written before.

The writing contest is sponsored by the Jack London Educational Research Foundation, which solicits the participation of high school students from around



Grace MacNair

the country. Entries may be stories or essays on any topic and are judged based on content and form, with an emphasis on creativity. ❖

More information about the contest can be found at <http://jacklondonfdn.org/contest.html>.

From "A Changed Heart":

With a strained tone he said, "Elsa, your mother and I decided to help that couple's daughter, Sara, by hiding her. Sara's father felt that it would be best for their whole family to split up until this madness is over." He said the word madness with deep bitterness. "We thought that since this girl has blond hair she would not be suspected as a Jew."

A look of alarm and anger flashed in Elsa's brown eyes as she cried, "Do you know what the Gestapo will do to the person who hides a Jew?"

"Yes, Elsa, I know," said her father. "Your mother and I are willing to take that risk."

"No one asked me if I am willing to take that risk," cried Elsa. "Don't you care about Mom and me? Or do you only care about that Jew?" With that Elsa stormed out of the room, the door slamming behind her, rattling the dishes inside their dark cabinets.

The full story can be read online at www.fairviewtowncrier.com.

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Around & About...

Going Native

There's an abundance of new plants adorning the beds in front of KD's One Stop and Trout Lily Market on Highway 74-A. The owners of the properties—Karl and McKenzie Koon—didn't choose just any old plants; they chose species that are indigenous to this region. Look for them next time you go by. You will find dogwoods, red buds, a fringe tree, black-eyed susans, joppe weed, cone flowers (Echinacea), mountain blueberries, coreopsis, phlox, and daisies. All should thrive on only what the environment naturally provides. ❖



Open House at New Children's Summer Camp

Camp Good News, Maranatha, located off Old Fort Road, will be opening this summer, and, to give the community an opportunity to check out the facilities, it will be having a Family Camp Day May 31 from 3:00 to 7:00. There will be free hot dogs and refreshments, free rides in a tethered hot air balloon, tours of the camp, and a chance to meet with staff and learn of the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship, which runs the camp.

Camp sessions this summer will be held in July. See more information on page 23. ❖

Sharon Church Homecoming – June 8

Fairview Sharon United Methodist Church will celebrate its annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, June 8, at the Old Sharon Church on Sharon Road beginning with worship at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Bob Harris, who served the Fairview Sharon and Nesbitt's Chapel United Methodist churches for 13 years, will be the guest speaker.

The Rev. Glenda Bramlett, the church's current pastor, invites the community to come and worship, share a covered dish meal, and fellowship with them after the service. ❖



Sarah Brown Hagan's piano students performed very well at their recital May 3 at Trinity of Fairview Church. Mrs. Hagan welcomed everyone to the filled choir room, the Rev. Nathaniel Hill gave the invocation, and the program followed. Those participating were (L to R): Front row – Zach Mitchell, Kaitlyn Harwood, and Brandon Hoge. Back row – Carly Mitchell, Emily Bolden, Bryn McDonald, Katie Johnson, Lisa Runion, Haven Hefner, Shauna Wright, and Danni Hoge. Mrs. Hagan has been teaching piano for 40 years, and this was her 40th recital.

White Squirrel Makes Home in Fairview

Everyone in Fairview has squirrels living nearby, but how many of us have a white squirrel for a neighbor? Well, Nathan Poore and Sonja Hyatt do.

Nathan and Sonja, who live on Hard Rock Lane off Old Fort Road, first noticed the squirrel this spring. It lives by their home and travels with a gray squirrel. Nathan says he saw several white squirrels while working in Etowah a couple of years ago, but he had never heard of any being in our area. There is a substantial white squirrel colony in Brevard that evidently got started in the 1940s and has since spread to Hendersonville and other parts of Western North Carolina. Perhaps the one now living on Hard Rock Lane came from that group.

Nathan, by the way, says he and Sonja have lived in Fairview for five years, love living here, and wouldn't want to be anywhere else. He is a licensed electrician who will be starting up his own business, Fairview Electric



Co., in June. You can call him at 628-3095 or 712-2371 if you need electrical work done. He would also probably be quite happy to talk some about white squirrels. ❖

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Symphony Musicians Perform at Fairview Elementary

On April 28, Fairview Elementary's six third-grade classes trooped into the school gym to hear a performance (designed especially for them) by Asheville Symphony musicians. Fairview was chosen as one of three schools to take part in a pilot program sponsored by the Docent Committee of the Asheville Symphony Guild, which is hoping to expand the program to additional schools over the next three years.

A brass quintet—two trumpets, a horn, tuba, and trombone—played several selections and explained the workings of their instruments to the children. A lively question-and-answer period followed, as children wondered how long the tuba would be if stretched out (16 feet!) and if the trumpet player ever gets a headache from blowing so hard. The children heard firsthand how rewarding it is to play an instrument and how enjoyable it can be to participate in a live concert. As they listened to selections ranging from classical music to Dixieland jazz, the children watched in rapt attention and tapped their feet in time with the beat.

"A live performance by real musicians is the most valuable service you could offer," Fairview Elementary music

teacher Kelly McFalls told Guild members early in the design of the program. While the North Carolina curriculum includes music and the arts as an important component, the Asheville Symphony Guild agreed with Mrs. McFalls that live performances in the schools would greatly enhance the work of music teachers throughout the area. Mrs. McFalls helped design the format for the program and assisted Guild members in making additional arrangements for Fairview's performance. Judging by the reactions of the third graders at the Fairview, West Buncombe, and Weaverville schools, the performances were a hit.

The Asheville Symphony Guild is composed of volunteers whose purpose is to support the Symphony by promoting an interest in music throughout the city and surrounding areas. Its Docent Committee advances musical education through special projects in the schools, such as the one begun this year at Fairview. If sufficient funds are raised, the Guild hopes to expand the program to additional schools in coming years, offering brass concerts to third grades, woodwinds to fourth, and strings to fifth. Through ex-



By Anne Babcock

posure to these major instrument families, youngsters will be better prepared to choose an instrument in beginning band when they get to middle school.

The Docent Committee wants to thank Mrs. McFalls and Principal Drake for their support and encouragement

during the design of this pilot program. Following the concert, Mrs. McFalls said, "Giving students the chance to see and hear instruments in person is a great asset to their musical education." The Docent Committee hopes to bring symphony musicians to Fairview again next year. ❖

Marriage Myanmar Style

On May 3 at Hickory Nut Gap Farm, Court Walters and Susan Stewart tied the knot in a fashion different from the normal Fairview wedding: They did it Myanmar style.

Actually, the wedding ceremony itself was not so unusual for Fairview, but the happy couple dressed for the occasion in the style of the southeast Asian country of Myanmar—the place many of us know as Burma. There was a good reason for the choice of attire. Susan has lived and worked in Myanmar for a number of years, and she and Court (who is a Fairview resident) are planning to make that country their home.

Their life together will get off to an unusual start—because they won't be together. Susan will be heading back to Myanmar to work, but Court will remain in this country learning the language he will need to know in their new home before travelling there to rejoin his wife. ❖



Court Walters and Susan Stewart—now Mr. and Mrs.

PHOTO BY B. J. KEEL

Tailgate Market Up and Running Every Saturday

Hopefully the rain—and hail—are behind us. The tailgate market farmers have regrouped and will be at their new location (Trout Lily Market/KD's One Stop on 74A) every Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to noon. There will be 3 to 4 craft vendors each week. Scheduled are pottery, quilting, photography, aromatherapy candles, soaps, stained glass, dried flowers, and who knows what else. Crafts will change weekly.

Farm vendors already have beautiful greens of all kinds, herbs, lettuce, irises, plants, etc.

Anyone wanting more information on the market or interested in obtaining a selling space (only \$5/week), contact Sandie Rhodes at 628-1422 or email sandierhodes@earthlink.net to schedule. If you are interested in a farm booth, call 628-1588. Plan to shop for fresh local produce every Saturday morning. ❖

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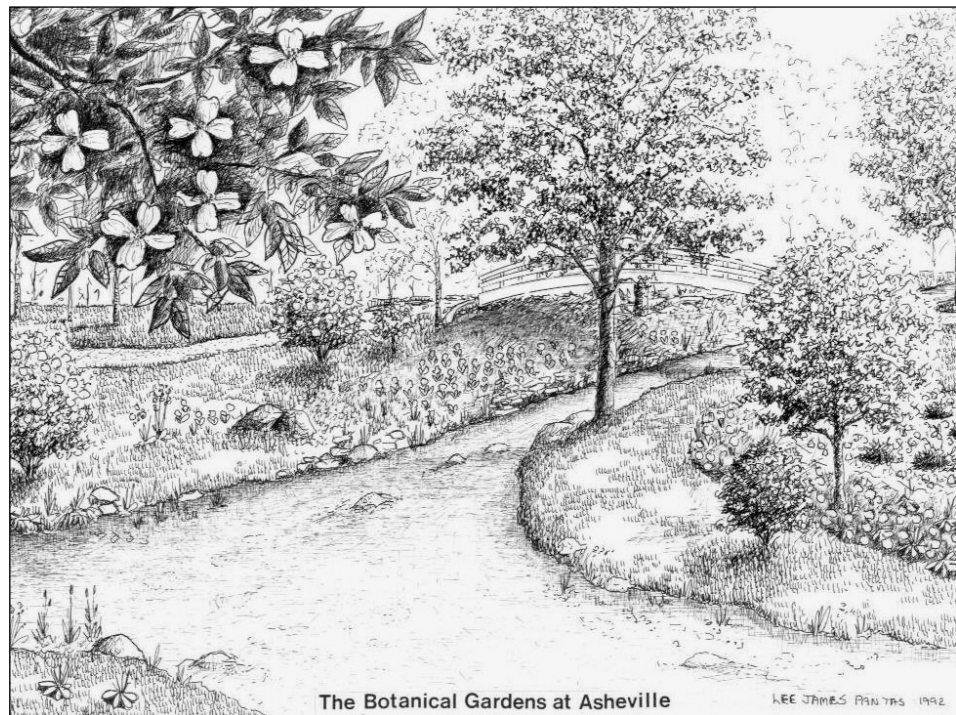
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scaping and the great variety of plant life present on the grounds.

The gardens are open year round, and of course are especially enjoyable at this time of the year. ❖

This excerpt and the pen-and-ink illustration are from the best-selling guidebook for our area, The Ultimate Guide to Asheville and Hendersonville, by Fairview resident Lee James Pantas. Visit his website, www.ashevilleguidebook.com, for more.



By Dr. Dean Hutsell, DVM
Fairview Animal Hospital

Tick Talk

Editor's Note: Dr. Hutsell asked us to rerun this article from a few months ago, and I can understand why. I've seen more ticks around my place this month than I've ever seen before.

One of the most common parasites seen on pets is the tick. Ticks are parasites of birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. February is the month that ticks begin to emerge from their eggs in this area, and warmer winter months allow for even earlier emergence of ticks, as well as overwintering of ticks from the year before. It pays to be prepared for tick time and know a little bit about them.

Ticks encountered by pet owners in the United States are usually from one or more of the following genera: Ixodes, Dermacentor, Rhipicephalus, and Amblyomma. Nineteen genera and nearly 850 species of ticks are found worldwide. Ticks are blood-sucking parasites that are vectors for disease and are responsible for transmitting viral, bacterial, fungal, and protozoal infections. They can cause toxic conditions, allergic reactions, paralysis, and even severe illness or death from blood loss. A tick bite should be taken seriously when it occurs because ticks can carry more than one disease-producing organism simultaneously.

One study showed that the tick population in this area had a high incidence of the Lyme disease organism. Not all ticks have been implicated in the transmission of Lyme disease, but it is possi-

ble that any tick with the organism in its body could transmit it to its next host. Realizing that ticks can transmit one or more diseases in a single bite is of great concern. Building homes in areas where the tick's natural hosts live exposes us to reservoir animals that harbor these diseases. This close proximity to the reservoir host allows for easier transmission to us. In the case of Lyme disease, the white-footed mouse and deer are reservoir hosts, and there are lots of these animals in this area.

It is important to be cautious when removing a tick. Be careful to remove a tick without crushing the body, and make sure the head and mouthparts are removed. Record on your calendar any tick bites that you or your pets receive. This is how you can associate quickly any sickness that may develop from a tick bite.

Tick treatment has improved greatly, and two products, Frontline Plus (dogs and cats) and Preventic collars (dogs only), have been very effective in keeping pets tick-free. Other tick prevention/control treatments for dogs and cats are also available.

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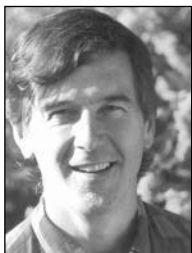
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Alf and the Septic... Stuff

I have a friend. Let's call him Alf. You know, Alf, the Anonymous Luckless Fellow.

Alf had a problem. A couple of puddles were forming in his yard. A couple of puddles that smelled like...bad. Real bad.

Alf's septic field was failing.

Toilets are great. You push the lever and things go away, never to be seen or thought of again. If you live in Fairview, though, sometimes those things reappear...in your yard. Most of us out here have to dispose of our own wastewater. So we have septic tanks, huge buried concrete boxes that grab the solids. (Solids— that's a nice way of putting it, don't you think?) The tanks are connected to large, underground drain fields of gravel and perforated pipe to dissipate the, uh, nonsolids.

Responsible septic stewards get their tanks pumped out every two or three years to keep the solids from overflowing, going out where the liquids go, and permanently clogging up the drain fields. Alf, well, maybe Alf didn't do that quite as often as he should have, particularly in the first years after he built his home and still had a bit of that naïve, city dweller's flush-it-and-it-goes-away mindset.

Didn't go away, did it, Alf? Stinks for you (ha, ha)!

Slowly, the puddles in Alf's yard got larger, and smellier. Alf put his family on water-use restrictions. "If it's yellow, let it mellow," he proclaimed. He discouraged long showers. He started throwing his used bathwater out the window ("Look out below!").

Didn't help.

So Alf had a bulldozer guy come check things out. "Yep," the fella said, spitting on a particularly ripe puddle, "your drain field's shot. You'll have to replace it."

Alf asked how much that would cost.

"Couldn't say," the fella said.

Alf encouraged him to say.

"Oh, I'd guess—once the County Health Department finishes approving things and all—around \$3,500 to \$4,000. But then, you got that creek on the downhill side of your property, so they might make you set your new drainfield up that hill and pump up to that. Then it'll probably run you around \$6,000."

Alf just about created a new puddle on the spot.

He sent the nice bulldozer man away—quickly. He encouraged his children to spend more nights with their friends. ("Use the toilet a lot while you're there!") He asked the wife what she'd think of walking out to an outhouse every morning. ("You could grow flowers around it. They'd get really big.")

He decided to repair his septic system—himself.

"Can't be that hard," he thought. "Save a lot of money."

See why we're not using Alf's real name today?

Alf hired a plumber friend and his friend to help: Pug (Pretty Unlucky Guy) and Tug (Truly Unlucky Guy). They got



Do-it-yourself septic repair gone bad. Note also the condition of the lawn.

their names because, well, they got to spend days shoveling—how shall we say this?—soiled soil.

Then he got a bunch of stone delivered and went down to Rent-It of Fairview to see about getting a drive-it-yourself backhoe. Charlie and the friendly folks down there were a big help. They had just the thing, too: a nice, hefty machine with a blade on the front and a bucket in the back. Even Alf could operate it.

Sure enough, after a day or two of Alf's backhoeing and Pug and Tug's spading, the septic tank and main drain lines had been unearthed. The work pit was a good six feet deep. Ask Pug. He'll tell you about the time one of the side walls collapsed and almost gave him a face plant into the...subsoil.

Pug and Tug exercised their minds as well as their spines through all this, often philosophizing on how beneficial shoveling...stuff like this was for one's character. Alf enjoyed listening to these cheerful reflections from his seat on the backhoe, particularly when he was upwind.

Soon Pug and Tug discovered—Aha!—that the main drainpipe had gotten disconnected from the septic tank and that—Aha! Aha!—it was only connected to one of the drainfield lines, anyway. Repairing all that should make a world of difference, all parties agreed.

Ah, but Alf was an ambitious fella. Why not install a graywater system, as well, he figured. Send the graywater (the classy term for a house's nontoilet drain water) to a new, separate, medium-sized drainfield to help the main septic field last even longer!

That meant Alf got to have lots of fun digging new drain trenches all over his yard. He basically tore the whole place up, heaping great heaps of red clay all over what used to be his rich, brown garden soil, knocking over the garden shed with a whoops-a-little-too-close swing of the backhoe bucket, and getting stuck repeatedly in the soft spots.

Yessir, it was great! Between the trenches and ditches and heaps and tracks, what used to be a nice, green lawn

got turned into a brown, cratered moonscape. Nothing like completely ripping up your own property!

To top it all off, Sunday afternoon Alf set himself up sideways on a hill, swung the bucket out to dig, and felt the entire backhoe slowly tilt up...and flip over! Alf had to jump free to avoid being hospitalized by his do-it-yourself project. Fortunately, Tug managed to borrow a tractor

and winch and get the machine back upright. So Alf just had to wait until the Rent-It Folks could make sure all the fluid levels were OK and then rent the hoe for an extra day (\$\$\$) to finish up.

It's now a couple of months since that eventful week. Everything's hooked back up, reburied, and working...for now. Did Alf save money? Well...some...if it all keeps working. If it doesn't, he'll have to start all over. Then he'll come out way, uh, behind.

OK then, how long will this self-repair job last? Alf doesn't know. Could be months (boo!), could be years (yay!). He does know one thing. As he's out there sowing yet another bagful of grass seed over what used to be a nice yard, Alf knows he's walking on top of a septic time bomb. It's not a question of will it go off. It's just a question of when.

That's why Alf has just one thing to say to you: *When, dear reader, was the last time you had your septic tank pumped?* ❖

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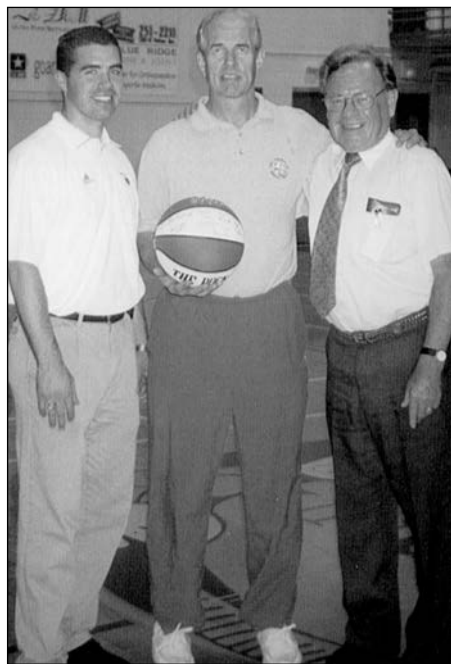
Food For Thought

News From **FOOD for FAIRVIEW**

By Jack Andrews, Executive Director

The end of June marks the completion of another year of service for Food for Fairview, and it's been an amazing year. We are so appreciative of all of our friends who have financially supported our efforts to provide food and clothing to Fairview families who are struggling at the current time. It seems with every passing day that more people are feeling the effects of the economy: lost jobs, lost homes, and lost dreams. And during these tough times for many families, the people of Fairview continue to reach out to help however they can.

During this past year, we served 265 different families and we averaged 40-45 different families each week. We see families move in and out of crisis. Some achieve some level of financial independence and no longer need the support of the pantry, but others move into crisis and look to us for temporary help. It's not unusual for us to have a family come for just one week because they have hit the wall and need a hand to temporarily reach out to them. It's very heartwarming to see and experience the expressions of appreciation that we hear from them. And all of you help make this possible.



UNCA Assistant Coach Nick McDevitt, Head Coach Eddie Beidenbach, and Ed Bradley, vice chairman of Food for Fairview, show off the basketball autographed by the UNCA coaches and players that will be raffled off by Food for Fairview this summer.

On August 23, you will have another opportunity to help support our work. Please plan on attending our flea market and pancake breakfast at the Community Center from 9:00 to 1:00. Items for the flea market are still being accepted and would be very welcomed.

And don't forget, we have an autographed basketball from the University of North Carolina-Asheville team that just completed an amazingly successful year. We feel that this will be a very prized possession for the lucky winner of this raffle. The basketball will be in a nice showcase with a plaque commemorating the team's success. The drawing for the winner's name will take place in early July. Tickets to win this prize selection are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets will be raffled during June at Food Lion in Fairview, Lowe's on Tunnel Road, and at the UNCA campus. Or you can call the office at 628-4322 for a schedule of dates and places where tickets can be purchased.

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Friends' Footnotes

By Gene and Mary Lou Tatsch

Thank You, Fairview

Due to your support, our May Book Sale raised almost \$500. Thank you for supporting your library. We will continue to have more small sales like this at the library throughout the year—stay tuned to this column for the "when and where." Our sale shelves inside the library continue to have many great buys available, with numerous gardening books these next few months. Stop by and buy!

Calling All Kids!!

Kids, come and bring your parents to the library on Saturday, June 28, at 11:00 a.m. Fireman Clifford from the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department will bring the fire truck and a fire house for you to see and explore. He will also teach you important things about fire safety. In addition, SCOOPS Ice Cream will be selling treats on site. You don't wanna miss this one!

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The Fairview Library will begin sign-ups for the Asheville-Buncombe Public Library System's Summer Reading Program on June 2. Children who check out books four times at any of the libraries in the county will receive a free book. Ask your librarian about earning another free book by undertaking the Library Quest.

Upcoming Events

The following special programs will be held at the Fairview Library during June and July:

Imagination Station Preschoolers Puppet Show (ages 2-6): Thursday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Magician Bill Grimsley (all ages): Thursday, June 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Fireman Clifford Visits the Library (all ages): Saturday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m.

Talking Hands Storytelling (all ages): Thursday, July 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Hobey Ford and the Golden Rod Puppet Show (all ages): Thursday, July 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Untold Tales of Mother Goose (all ages): Saturday, July 19 at 11:00 a.m.

The library will continue to have three story times each week. They are:

Toddler Time (ages 18 months-3 years): Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time (ages 3-6 years): Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday Story Time (ages 2-7 years): Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

The next Friends meeting will be a retreat on Saturday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We will be planning and prioritizing goals for our coming year. For information, call 628-9588.

Library Volunteers Needed

Volunteer drivers are needed for Book Express, the library's homebound book delivery service. Drivers need a valid NC Driver's License and their own transportation. Deliveries will take approximately two hours per week. Call 667-8153, if you would like to help. ❖

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Bertie Williams Turns

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By Melanie Anderson



Mrs. Bertie Williams was born June 2, 1908, right here in Fairview and, oh, the tales she can tell! Tales of "way back when," when life was harder in some ways, but also much simpler.

Bertie remembers when Fairview scarcely resembled what we now know it as. If you can let your mind's eye picture our community as it is today with the beautiful rolling hills, meadows, mountains, and streams—and then one by one remove the paved roads, the Food Lion, the school and other buildings, the cars, the power lines, the roadside signs, and most of the houses—then you can get some idea of the simple, rural farm community that Bertie knew.

She was born and raised on the farm of her parents, Jake and Fannie Caubles, on Webb Creek Road (before it could actually be considered a road by modern standards). The last survivor of 12 children, Bertie remembers a world few of us can imagine. There was no electricity, no lights, no refrigerators, no freezers. There was no ice cream except in the winter when her mother would make "snow cream." Living rooms weren't called living rooms, they were called parlors, and you only used them when you had company. The food they ate was the food they raised—vegetable and animal. Butter was churned at home and whatever else needed refrigeration was kept cool in an outside springhouse. Meat was salted, cured, smoked, and hung outdoors in the smokehouse. Water for washing, cooking, bathing or any other use had to be carried up from a spring and everyone used an outside "Johnny." Bertie remembers sleeping on straw tick mattresses. "Why, the straw tick wasn't much more than just a big bag stuffed with fresh hay, and it was this high [indicating a height of about 3-1/2 feet], and then when you'd lay in it, you'd just keep going down and down in it. There was no way you could get cold!" Feather beds came along much later.

All the children worked the farm: in cornfields, hay fields, vegetable gardens, and wherever else help was needed. Can you imagine what children would do today if we took away the televisions, the PlayStations, and the Gameboys and stuck them out in a hayfield? If that wouldn't be enough to make them think we had lost our minds, just imagine the looks on their faces when they were told where to use the restroom.

Back during Bertie's childhood, not only did the children work hard but they worked six days a week, Monday through Saturday. When Sunday came, Bertie's family all attended Emma's Grove Church. After church service, everyone would gather, and friends and family enjoyed a big dinner. "In those days," she says, "people got together for meals. And for fun, we visited neighbors. People watched after one another and helped each other

with everything." After Sunday dinner, the children were free to play, which usually meant gathering in the hayfield for a ball game.

When we talked about the hard work, Bertie remembered it well and said, "Well, it never hurt us any." In fact, she said, they were rarely sick or had need of the local doctor. Back then, Dr. McCracken (the doctor who delivered her) lived in the white house that still sits beside the post office and across from Fairview Elementary School (which didn't yet exist). He traveled the Fairview area in a horse-drawn buggy, and according to Bertie "about the only time we would need him was if somebody got pneumonia or was having a baby, and then somebody had to go fetch him." (There was no phone service in Fairview at that time.)

The Highway 74-A we drive on today was then a one lane, dirt and rock road. Bertie says "Oh, that mountain over there [Mine Hole Gap] was just awful and so, SO crooked! It would take us all day to go into Asheville to buy what we needed. We'd load up real early in the morning [in a wagon, pulled by mules] and it'd be late in the evening before we'd get home."

If you can imagine 74 over Mine Hole Gap being a rough, crooked, dirt road traveled by horses, mules, and buggies, try to imagine the city of Asheville as Bertie remembers it. "Biltmore Avenue was 'main street' I guess. There was Carmichael's Drug Store on the corner, The Racket Store where we'd buy all our clothes, Leaders Store and T.S. Morrison on Lexington Avenue, which was

purchased other meats from the traveling wagons. Other peddlers came through every now and then selling household goods. "They'd come up here from South Carolina in covered wagons, and they sold all kinds of linens for the house, bed clothes, sheets, pillowcases, and towels. They all liked to spend the night at Mama's house so they'd have a place to put their horses up."

She remembers when Christmas time was much simpler. "For Christmas, Mama always made sure we girls got a little doll, store-bought for about twenty-five cents.

And I remember big buckets of candy. Daddy always made sure we had candy. We'd hang our socks on the mantle over the fireplace, and Daddy would fill them with candy, oranges, and bananas. We'd make paper chains and pop some popcorn to decorate the tree." Laughing, she added, "Mama never would let us put candles on the tree; she was afraid we'd burn everything down. We always had a big dinner, usually a hen; we never

had a turkey; and Mama always baked up cakes and pies, starting a week or two before, that she kept in a pie safe. We'd have pound cake, walnut cake, chocolate cake, caramel cake, pumpkin pies, and apple pies. We sure never went hungry!"

What is now named Old Gap Creek Road [off Sharon Road] was called Possum Trot in those days, and that's where Bertie went to school up until around 1921. It was a two-room log cabin, simply named Gap Creek School. "We walked pretty much wherever we needed to

go," remembers Bertie, "and we always carried our lunch to school. Mama would always try to have us a lunchbox. Oh, it was nothing like what they have now; it was just a little, small tin box, but sometimes we just carried our lunch in brown paper bags." When I asked what lunch usually consisted of, she replied, "Oh, we'd have us a biscuit and sausage or a biscuit and jelly, and then we'd drink water from the spring at the school." She remembers going to school there from first grade up to the seventh or eighth grade.

She remembers the weather being much different back then. Winters were colder and when I asked if it snowed more back then, she replied, "My lands, yes! Knee deep!" She has memory of some of the area's worst storms, too. "I believe it was 1918 when we had that

terrible storm that flooded everything and almost washed Biltmore completely away! The Swannanoa and the French Broad flooded... everything flooded. There was an amusement park down on the river at that time, and it was washed completely away!"

At fourteen years old, on August 18, 1922, Bertie married George Williams. Some time after that, Bertie

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There was no ice cream except in the winter when her mother would make "snow cream."



Bertie's old home place

just a feed and seed store and where Mama would buy all her seeds and such. Other than that, there weren't really many other places to go to. Oh, there was also Tom Trantham's store in Biltmore, and there was a mill in Fletcher."

Many peddlers traveled through the area. Although Bertie's family raised their own hogs and always had sausage, bacon, pork, and hams, they also bartered for or

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Days Gone By... in Fairview

By Bruce Whitaker

Abner F. Reed: An Independent Man

Abner F. Reed was born in Fairview about 1823. He was the second of two children born to Jacob and Fannie Williams Reed. Abner's mother died when he was a small boy, and he and his older brother, Ramie, apparently lived with their Reed great uncles and aunts and their grandfather George Williams much of the time until their father Jacob remarried.

One time when Abner and Ramie Reed were staying with their grandpa George Williams, their grandma Williams was preparing some cakes and pies for a big dinner that was to take place the next day. She ran out of sugar and sent Abner and Ramie to one of the neighbors to borrow some. On the way back to their grandmother's, Abner wet his finger and stuck it in the sugar. He then put his finger in his mouth and licked the sugar off.

As soon as they got home, Ramie told his grandmother what Abner had done. She became so furious and upset that she had to go lie down on the bed. A few minutes later she was dead. Ramie Reed's 95-year-old granddaughter, Nina Belle Painter Camp, used to laugh and say, "Abner Reed's grandma died over a finger of sugar."

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Abner Reed's father, Jacob, remarried around 1836 to a woman named Mary, who was also known as Polly. I do not know for sure what her maiden name was, but I believe she was a Williams and a sister to his first wife. Polly Reed was a very strong-willed, domineering, and overbearing woman. She ran the household, and Jacob Reed did as he was told. Jacob Reed's farm on what is now Hollywood Road became forever known as THE Polly Reed place.

Abner and Ramie Reed never got along with their stepmother. Polly detested Ramie in particular as long as he

lived. Ramie left home as soon as possible and moved to Flat Rock in Henderson County. Abner fared little better. Occasionally Polly would be nice to him, but not often.

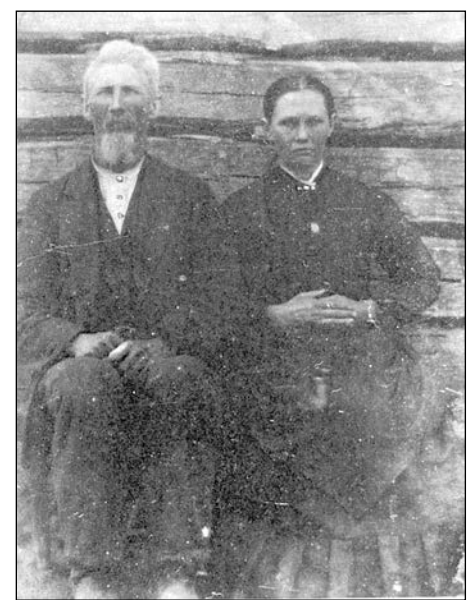
Jacob and Polly Reed's first and only child, Jesse, was born in 1837. This more or less sealed the fate of Abner and

Ramie. Polly considered them "the other woman's kids," and Jesse was "their child." Polly was interested only in Jesse. Jacob Reed also seemed partial to his "baby" boy, although he was so "hen-pecked" and totally dominated by his second wife that what he thought about anything never mattered anyway.

Around 1846, Abner Reed married Mary Matilda "Tildie" Clements (pronounced "Clemmons"). She was born about 1825 in the Flat Creek section of Broad River Township (near Nesbitt's Chapel) in what was then Rutherford County. This area later became part of McDowell County in the early 1840s and Buncombe County in the 1920s.

Abner and Matilda lived in Fairview for the first ten or so years of their marriage. In 1850 they lived in a rented house next to Johnson Ashworth. By 1860 Abner was living in Swannanoa. In the early 1860s, he moved to Flat Creek near his mother-in-law, Milly Fortune Clements.

Around this time, the Civil War broke out. A story passed down in the family says that Abner was drafted into the service. He went to the place, probably in McDowell County, where they were examining and enlisting the newly conscripted recruits. Abner had bad vision, a trait that has been passed down to his present descendants. He did not support either side in the war and had no de-



Abner F. Reed and his daughter Lou Reed Bass

sire to fight. When the recruiter called his name, Abner stood up and walked straight into a tree, knocking himself unconscious. The recruiter told Abner "they believed they could do without him." This kept him from fighting in the war, although I found some very hard-to-read papers in the file pertaining to a lawsuit of Abner's against Johnson Ashworth that indicated he may have been sent to Raleigh and put on hospital duty in 1864 for the duration of the war. These papers are so dim and hard to read, however, that they may have been interpreted incorrectly.

Jesse Reed, Abner's half brother, died September 30, 1862. This event played a major role in Abner's life. Before he died, Jesse Reed asked his father, Jacob, to promise him that since he was going to

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die and not receive any of his (Jacob's) estate, that Abner and Ramie should not receive anything either. Unknown to Abner until 13 years later, this request was to set off years of lawsuits between Abner Reed, Polly Reed, and Johnson Ashworth and a century of hard feelings. (I will deal with this in a future article.)

Abner Reed was famous for his oxen and always drove a wagon pulled by a pair of them. He was frequently called upon to move families or to haul material and produce all over the area. Pulaski Searcy (1879-1974) could remember that as a child he had seen Abner passing by his parents' home on Broad River with his oxen pulling a wagon loaded with goods. Nela Morgan Merrell (1881-1977) also remembered Abner and his oxen going by her home many times when she was a child. Former Henderson County Sheriff Robert P. Freeman (1875-1974) recalled that Reed moved his parents from Fairview to Chimney Rock in the early 1880s. It has been said that every time he drove to town, Abner would hang a bell on his ox's neck and stuff it with leaves so it would not ring. When he arrived in town, people would go up to his wagon and ask him why he would put a bell on his ox and then fix it so it would not ring. He would always answer, "So damn fools can ask silly questions!"



Mary Reed Wright,
daughter of Abner Reed

Persons who could remember Abner Reed or had heard their parents talk of him used the word "independent" to describe him. He did what he pleased when he pleased, and always said exactly what he thought, regardless of anyone's feelings or the consequences. Abner's grandnephew Benjamin C. Marlow remembered Reed's "dancing eyes." He said they were in constant motion.

In the 1880s, Abner and Matilda Reed bought property at the head of Garren Creek in what is now called Ownbey Cove. They built a log house there that was still standing the last time I checked. Mary Matilda Reed died at the home in 1887. She was buried in the Clements-Marlow Cemetery above Nesbitt's Chapel.

In his later years, Abner Reed became almost completely blind. His granddaughter Maggie Reed Mitchell remembered having to lead her grandpa around. She recalled that every time she took him for a walk and they came to a branch, she would tell him to step over it. Instead he would step right in the middle of the branch and just "cuss and raise Cain!" Abner Reed's mind began to fail during his last years due to hardening of the arteries. In November 1899, he deeded all his property to his baby son, Ben Reed.

In the early part of 1900, Abner Reed was found at the base of a cliff, almost frozen to death, by the children of his late

nephew Thomas Marlow. They took their great-uncle home to their mother, Florence Harris Marlow. She succeeded in nursing the old man back to health. She took Abner back home a week or so later. A few weeks later, Abner was found at the base of the same cliff. He was taken to the home of his daughter Nancy Abertine Wright. This time he was found too late to save his life. He lay in bed and screamed and hollered for two or three days and then died. The doctor thought his kidneys had been frozen before he was found. Whether Abner had wandered away from home and fell off the cliff on his own, or was helped off by someone, was hotly debated for years.

Abner Reed was buried in the Old Sumner Cemetery on Little Pisgah. The Sumner family sold their Little Pisgah farm in the 1920s and moved to Edneyville in Henderson County. The man who bought the property ordered the Summers to move the graves of their people off his property. He said he was going to destroy the cemetery. The Reeds dug up the remains of Abner and his son at this time and moved them to the Clements-Marlow Cemetery where Abner's wife was buried.

Abner and Mary Matilda Clements Reed had nine children:

Marcus "Mark" Lafayette Reed was born in Fairview August 14, 1848. He moved to Birmingham, Alabama, in the 1870s when the steel mills opened up. He married Rebecca Crow. After her death in the early 1880s, he came back to Fairview with his two sons, Mike and Ben. He gave one son to each of his parents. A few weeks later he was working in the field with his brother Ben. Ben looked up and his brother was gone. Mark Reed was never seen or heard from again.

Nancy Abertine "Tine" Reed was born in Fairview December 4, 1850. She first married James Wheelon and later married Maret Sidney Wright. Tine died in 1942. She and Maret are buried in the Clements-Marlow Cemetery.

William C. Reed was born in Fairview November 28, 1852. He died December 19 of the same year.

Andrew Fhiletus Reed was born in Fairview January 6, 1852, and died at Flat Creek in 1874. He never married and is buried at Clements-Marlow Cemetery.

Mary Adda Reed (the author's great grandmother) was born in Fairview or Swannanoa November 21, 1856. She married James Franklin "Frank" Wright. Mary died in 1887. She and her husband are buried in Cane Creek Cemetery.

Francis Marion "France" Reed was born in Swannanoa February 7, 1859. He first married Milly Matilda McBrayer and later married Molly Wilson. France Reed died in 1935. France and his second wife are buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

George Washington Reed was born in Swannanoa or Flat Creek October 4, 1861. He married Matilda Garrison McBrayer, widow of Richard McBrayer. George died in 1935. George and Matilda are buried in Cane Creek Cemetery.

Jesse Benjamin "Ben" Reed was born in Flat Creek near Nesbitt's Chapel February 15, 1864. He married Cora Hill. Ben died in 1947. They are buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Milly Louise "Lou" Reed was born in Flat Creek January 10, 1865. She was the second wife of John Bass. Lou died in 1947. She and her husband are buried at Nesbitt's Chapel. ❖

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Mario & Lee Di Cesare

Enriching the Lives of Others

By Anne Babcock

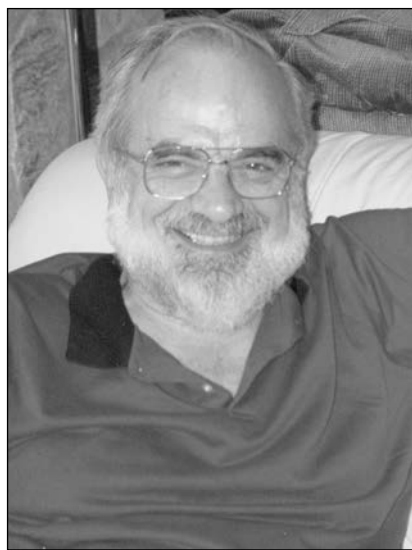
The gravel road leading to the home of Mario and Lee Di Cesare meanders up and down hills and then abruptly turns 90 degrees before reaching the house. A metaphor, perhaps, for the journey this couple has traveled together as man and wife before arriving at their retirement home in Fairview. Roads have ruts and so does life sometimes. But the view at the end of the road is dazzling, and after hearing their story, one can't help but feel that the Di Cesares deserve to sit on their back porch and enjoy it.

These two individuals, both Ph.D.s, have managed to carve out brilliant and useful lives despite hurdles that might have discouraged those less courageous or determined. Together they raised nine children, started a nonprofit publishing company, and contributed their time and talents to countless worthy organizations. Thousands of college students have benefited (and continue to benefit) from their love of literature and passion for excellence.

Mario and Lee met in college. Well, that happens. Lots of couples meet that way. Except that Mario was the professor and Lee the student. That happens, too. But wait, it gets a bit more complicated. Mario had six children when they met, and Lee had three.

As a very young woman, Lee left Cornell University after her first year to get married, and by the time she decided to go back to school she had three children and her marriage was on the verge of dissolution. She applied at Harpur College, the high-quality liberal arts college of SUNY, the State University of New York. She did very well and was admitted to the Honors Program, where her tutor was Mario Di Cesare. "She doesn't believe me when I say it," Mario recalls, "but she was one of my brightest students." Lee must have thought Mario was a good teacher, since she "took as many courses from him" as she could. Seven years later, the day after Lee received her B.A., she and Mario were married, instantly becoming joint parents of nine children. One could say that starting a marriage with nine children in tow could be a bit of a challenge, but the Di Cesares smile together at the memory.

How did the kids adjust? "The best part," Lee recalls, "was watching them find new friends among the other family members." Both Mario and Lee concede, however, that combining two different sets of rules and differing methods of discipline presented some challenges in the beginning. It all came together eventually, as evidenced by the Di Cesare home in Fairview. "We built it large enough to accommodate all the kids, their spouses, and grandkids when they come for the holidays," Mario says proudly.



"They have a great time when they all get together."

The Di Cesares lived most of their married life in the hills of south central New York, where Mario was a professor of literature at the successor of Harpur College, SUNY-Binghamton. From 1954 to 1996 he taught classes that "wandered all over the field—I consider myself an intellectual hobo," he says with a smile. In addition to teaching at SUNY, Mario also taught at Duquesne University and Pratt Institute, and was a Visiting Professor at Brooklyn College, Rutgers University, New York University, and the University of Pittsburgh. Besides his specialty in the Renaissance, his courses covered the Classics, Modern Literature, Poetry, Fiction, and Greek Drama, just to name a few. He also authored, edited and translated over twenty books during the early years.

During a fellowship year at Oxford College in England, Mario was appalled to notice some of his books advertised in a literary journal at outrageously high prices. Something had to be done. So in 1978 he started a nonprofit publishing company at SUNY: Medieval & Renaissance Texts & Studies, or MRTS. "We published basic scholarship texts,"

Mario explains. "Hard-to-find manuscripts, little-known but important writings. Research tools, really, for serious students of literature." With the help of several colleagues, and especially Lee, MRTS published its first books in 1982. By the time Mario retired, over 200 books, some of them much larger and more complex than university presses were willing to consider, had been published. All the while, Mario continued with his full load of teaching. "I never could have done it without Lee," he says emphatically.

Lee, meanwhile, somehow managed to go on for her Ph.D. while also helping Mario and shepherding the nine children through school. One of her fondest memories is getting her Ph.D. just one week before her eldest son graduated from medical school. "I was so proud of him, and he was so proud of me," she says. "Really, they were all proud of me. I always felt their encouragement and support."

Apparently, encouragement and support are strong values in the family. Lee describes several instances from her childhood where family support helped overcome huge obstacles. "My grandfather lost almost everything in the stock market crash of 1929," she recalls.

"My grandmother didn't let him give up. She told him, 'You did it once, you can do it again'—and he did." That saying became a family motto, enabling Lee's father to start over in business, buying a newspaper with no previous experience, and empowering her mother to manage it

She told him, 'You did it once, you can do it again'—and he did.

successfully during the war years. "The paper covered seven towns in northwestern Connecticut," Lee says proudly. "While my father was working for the war effort in the 1940s, mother just took over, although she had no journalistic experience. Together they made it into a prize-winning paper." The motto would later come into play when things looked grim for Mario and Lee.

In 1987, the Di Cesares decided to apply the principles of MRTS—significant books produced in high-quality format but at modest prices—and start a paperback series specifically for teachers and students. Pegasus Press was born. When Mario and Lee retired from SUNY, the major scholarly series was transferred to Arizona State University, while the paperback series accompanied the Di Cesares to Asheville to be housed at UNCA. Mario had agreed to act as volunteer co-director of Pegasus Press with an academic who would succeed him after three years. Unfortunately, things didn't go exactly as planned.

"When I retired from teaching in 1996 we did quite a bit of research on the best places to live," Mario recalls. "We had friends who were very excited about moving to Asheville. So we came down to take a look." At first they moved to Biltmore Forest but eventually found land in

Fairview and built their house. They moved into it in June 1998. Meanwhile, however, Lee learned that she had a benign brain tumor, and surgery seemed absolutely necessary. Mario turned Pegasus Press over to his successor and devoted all of his time to Lee. The surgery was dangerous and the recovery difficult. Thankfully, Lee remembers very little about her time in the hospital and maintains a positive attitude about the experience. She regrets having less energy than before, is on a heavy regimen of medications, and has lost about half her vision, but "it could have been worse." Her husband gives her an admiring glance. "She's a real trouper," he says.

Meanwhile, however, Pegasus Press was in serious trouble because of financial mismanagement and worse. The director was fired. In early 2002, the Board appointed Mario as executive director of the Press and chairman of the board, with responsibility to restore financial stability. Given Lee's condition, he hesitated, but Lee didn't. "You did it once, you can do it again," she reminded him. So today Pegasus Press is once again up and running.

Lee and Mario are effusive about their love for this area. No one thing attracted them to western North Carolina, but rather a combination of several factors. They both "fiercely" love the mountains, which remind Lee of her hometown in the Berkshire Mountains of northwestern Connecticut. Mario is sure that "mountains must be in my genes somehow" since his parents came from the mountainous region of Abruzzo, Italy. But the arts and diversity of the people are also high on their list of appealing attributes.

Both are active in numerous organizations and activities. Mario teaches almost every term, year-round, in the College for Seniors. "It's the most fun I've ever had in my whole life," he says effusively. They deliver Meals on Wheels once a week to clients in Fairview ("We've met some lovely people," says Lee) and help sponsor the annual Shakespeare Festival in October at the Diana Wortham Theater. They both love opera: Mario is on the board of the Asheville Lyric Opera. Dearest to his heart, however, is serving on the board of "Caring for Children," an organization he considers one of the "most impressive, best-run organizations" he has ever known.

Obviously, Mario and Lee Di Cesare are people who find personal satisfaction through enriching the lives of others, and Fairview is richer for having them as neighbors. ❖



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Community Center Corner

By Lina Evans

On April 28 the Community Center held a tree-planting ceremony in honor of Rem Behrer, longtime Fairview resident and Community Center Board member. Rem is the first person to be so honored in our new Memorial Garden. (See article on page 27 for a tribute to him.) A group of family, friends, board members, and Scenic Byway members gathered to remember Rem with words and song. Annie Ager, president of the Community Center's board, spoke of the wonderful contributions that Rem had made over the years, and others also reminisced. Pat Stone and Lizzie Hamilton provided music for the occasion.



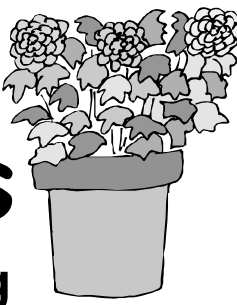
Rem Behrer's grandson Schyler, and his wife, Isbell, put in the first shovelful of dirt for Rem's Kousa dogwood tree.

Isbell Behrer, Rem's widow, related how much Rem had enjoyed participating in community events and just how important the Center was to him. Susan Roderick, head of Quality Forward of Asheville, brought golden shovels, which were used to plant a Kousa dogwood tree in his honor.

The Community Center has started the Memorial Garden with nine new shrubs/bushes and two dogwood trees. More plantings are scheduled for fall. Jim Webb, who designed the landscaping for the library, also designed and supervised our plantings. We offer many thanks to him for this wonderful service to the Center. Also our thanks go to David Searcy, owner of Backroads Landscaping & Mulch, who donated the mulch for the project. Be sure to stop by and admire the new landscaping.

On Sunday, May 18, we held a community-wide potluck dinner at the Center to celebrate our fundraising efforts. The group of Fairviewians who attended shared delicious food and fine companionship. It was a time for us to acknowledge those who have helped the FCC. Although we did not reach our \$12,000 fundraising goal, we do have \$8,400 as of May 17. We received matching funds from the McClure Foundation and an anonymous donor. Thanks to all of you generous folks for helping us to maintain and improve your Community Center. For those of you who forgot to donate and are busily kicking yourselves, do not despair: we are still accepting donations. An additional \$4,000 is needed for the improvements that we hope to make this year. ❖

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What's Happening in Fairview

May 31 – Camp Good News, Maranatha Family Camp Day. 3:00–7:00. See article on page 2.

June 1 – Cane Creek Cemetery Association Meeting. 2:30 p.m. at the cemetery. Call Bruce Whitaker at 628-1089 for more information.

June 2 – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Fairview Fire Department.

June 2 – MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Meetings. Covenant Community Church. 9:00–11:00 a.m. and 6:00–8:00 p.m. Contact Karen at 298-8955, ext. 105, or karen@covenant-community.org.

June 5 – Fairview Business Association Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at Prudential Asheville-Fairview Realty. Open house at 6:00 p.m. Contact John Hogan at 628-1394 or naseofwnc@charter.net.

June 7 – Fairview Center for Dance Recital. 3:00 in the Fairview Community Center.

June 8 – Old Sharon Church Homecoming Day. 11:00 a.m. See article on page 2.

June 10 – Drovers Road Scenic Byway Association Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the Fairview Community Center.

June 11 – Open Music Jam. Blue Ridge Arts & Crafts Marketplace, 9 Miller Road. 7:00–10:00 p.m. Call Chris Carter at 628-7774 for information.

June 12 – Imagination Station Preschoolers Puppet Show. 10:30 a.m. at Fairview Library. Ages 2–6. Call 628-5837 for information.

June 12 – Fairview Writers Group Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Call 628-9507 for more information.

June 16 – MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Meetings. Covenant Community Church 9:00–11:00 a.m. and 6:00–8:00 p.m. Contact Karen at 298-8955, ext. 105, or karen@covenant-community.org.

June 16 – Fairview Fire Department Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m.

June 19 – Magician Bill Grimsley Show. 2:30 p.m. at Fairview Library. All ages. Call 628-5837 for information.

June 21 – Friends of Fairview Library Retreat. 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Call 628-9588 for information.

June 25 – Senior Lunch. Noon at the Fairview Community Center. Sponsored by Flesher's Healthcare.

June 25 – Open Music Jam. Blue Ridge Arts & Crafts Marketplace, 9 Miller Road. 7:00–10:00 p.m. Call Chris Carter at 628-7774 for information.

June 28 – Fireman Clifford Visits the Library. 11:00 a.m. at Fairview Library. All ages. Call 628-5837 for information.

June 30 – Drovers Road Festival Meeting. For local artists interested in participating in Blue Ridge Arts Collaborative's

3rd Annual Drovers Road Art & Music Festival. 7:00 p.m., 9 Miller Road. Call Karen at 628-4875 for information.

Fridays and Saturdays – Fairview Ridge Center Indoor Flea Market. Heated space available. \$5/space per day. Call 628-6123.

Saturdays – Fairview Tailgate Market. 8:00 to noon. On 74A beside Trout Lily and KD's One Stop Market. Booth space for crafters available at \$5/space per day. Call 628-1422.

Yoga Class – Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. Mondays, 9:00 a.m., Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Beginners and intermediate level welcome. Call Kendall Hale, 628-4075.

M.O.M.S. (Mothers Offering Mothers Support) Group. For women with babies 0–12 months. Meets every Thursday 10:30–noon in Fairview. Call for information and directions: Susan Mooney 628-4438.

Thursdays – Garren Creek Youth Outreach Ministry. 4:30–6:30 p.m. at Garren Creek Community Center. Food, fellowship, and fun for middle- and high-school-age youth. Call 628-2412 or 628-2337.

Year-Round at Fairview Library – Toddler Time (ages 18 months to 3 years): Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.; **Preschool Storytime** (ages 3–6): Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.; **Storytime** (ages 2–7): Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

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Spring Mountain Community Bulletin Board

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 3 – Community Meeting: 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. We are returning to monthly meetings beginning in June. Meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. We need you!

June 21 – Dinner honoring those who have served (past or present) in the military: 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Call Kay Jenkins at 628-7900 by Saturday, June 14 to reserve a place for you and your spouse or one guest.

GENERAL NEWS:

Friday Breakfasts: Come by for breakfast at the Center or carry out breakfast to your neighbor, family, or coworkers. Support this Community Center fundraiser! Thank you, volunteers!

Cooks Needed: Please consider making a dish or the entire meal at your home and then dropping it off at the Center for one of the Tuesday senior luncheons. Also, if you are interested in helping cook one of the Friday breakfasts on a regular basis or as a substitute, call Charlotte Ann Harrill at 628-2363.

A Special Thank You to Roger (auctioneer) and Judy Rector (auctioneer's extraordinary assistant!), to all those who helped organize, prepare, cook, and clean up for the May Fish Fry/Auction, and to all of you who supported this event!

Sympathy to Darrell Redmond and family in the death of his brother, Leo Anthony Redmond of Arden. **Sympathy** to the family of Ivey Nesbitt.

Welcome to new Old Fort Road neighbors, Debra Moon, Emma Grace Moon, and Stephen Dougherty, who have recently moved here from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Happy Birthday to Rachel Meeks (5th) and Hazel Guffey (7th) of the Tuesday Senior Luncheon Club.

Happy Birthday to other neighbors celebrating in June: Elaine Watkins, Kim Thompson, and Ray Jenkins.

Pumpkin Growers – Remember to plant a few extra pumpkins to be donated for decoration and to sell at the fall festival.

To rent the Community Center, please contact Arlene Jenkins at 628-2439.

Community Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. All Spring Mountain residents are welcome. Please consider being an active participant in this special community!

To post Spring Mountain Community news, announcements, celebrations, and events in this column, call Barbara Swart at 628-1710.



June Fairview Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Cane Creek Cemetery Assoc. Meeting 2:30pm	2 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6pm Fairview Fire Dept.	3	4	5 Fairview Business Assoc. Mtg. 7pm Prudential Realty	6	7 Fairview Tailgate Market 8-12
8 Old Sharon Church Homecoming 11am	9	10 Scenic Byway Mtg. 7:30pm Fairview CC.	11 Blue Ridge Arts Music Jam 7pm 9 Miller Rd.	12 Puppet Show 10:30am Library Fairview Writers Meeting 6pm	13	14 FLAG DAY Fairview Tailgate Market 8-12
15 FATHER'S DAY	16 Fairview Fire Dept Board Meeting 7pm	17	18	19 Magician Show 2:30pm Library	20	21 Fairview Tailgate Market 8-12 Friends of Library Retreat 10-2
22	23	24	25 Senior Lunch 12pm Fairview CC Blue Ridge Arts Music Jam 7pm 9 Miller Rd.	26	27	28 Tailgate Market 8-12 Fireman Clifford Visit 11am Library Pro Wrestling 7pm Fairview CC
29	30 Drovers Rd. Festival Mtg. 7pm 9 Miller Rd.					

To place an event on the Calendar, call the *Town Crier* at 687-6337 or email us at towncrier@internick.com.

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Appalachian Designs	628-9994
Blue Ridge Arts Collaborative	628-4875
Cane Creek Animal Clinic	628-9908
Cane Creek Health Care	628-3010
Cane Creek Station	628-7951
Carolina Country Realty	296-1146
Carpet Guys	628-3440
Complete Energy Systems	628-1056
Cool Mt. Construction	628-3082
Critters & Friends	628-2570
Dancing Bear Toys	255-8697
Davis Storage	299-3585
Davis Stump Grinding	628-4916
Doctors Vision Center	681-5959
Fairview Animal Hospital	628-3557
Fairview Center for Dance	628-0027
Fairview Chiropractic	628-7800
Fairview Kennels	628-1997
Fairview Clinic for Massage	628-0036
Fairview Station	628-9888
Fairview Treatment Services	628-0262
Flesher's Healthcare	628-2800
Frame Studio	628-9140
Inn at Wintersun	628-7890
Insurance - Bobby Rice	252-1800
KD's One Stop	628-1122
Keller-Williams, Jim Buff	771-2310
Kindermusik	628-4277
Kounty Line BP	298-4889
Labyrinth Center	628-1706
Little Venice Restaurant	299-8911
Magic Rocket Video	298-3792
Pack & Send	298-9500
Paeplow Construction	628-9472
Pantas, Elizabeth, MA, LPC	628-4621
PerPETual Care Pet Sitters	684-5146
Potting Shed	684-8050
Prudential Asheville-Fairview Realty	628-3200
Prudential Lifestyle Realty	254-7355
Rent-It	628-3004
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Southern Styles	628-9596
State Farm - Tammy Murphy	299-4522
Steam Master Carpet Cleaning	628-9495
Three Oaks Trading Post	279-3804
TLC Petsitting	628-3096
Trillium A Bistro	299-0470
Trout Lily Market	628-0402
Ttouch	628-5898
Tweed's Wedding Chapel	628-4100
Visual Eyes Optical	628-6700
Willow Wisp Farms Studio	628-0401
Zara's Barn	628-1588

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Fairview Fire Dept.	628-2001
Food for Fairview	628-4322
Garren Creek Fire Dept.	628-4359
Community Services Info Line	211
Library - Fairview Branch	628-5837
Fairview Post Office	628-2656
The Fairview Town Crier	687-6337
Fairview Community Center	628-4322

Call Annie (628-2616) or Wanda (628-2962) to reserve the Center for \$20/hour.

Cane Creek Pool	628-4494
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Schools

Cane Creek Middle School	628-0824
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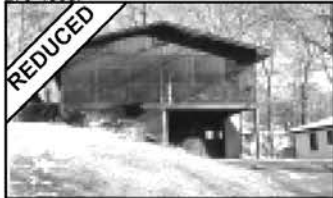
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SPORTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Cane Creek Celebrates Track Championship

By Melanie Anderson

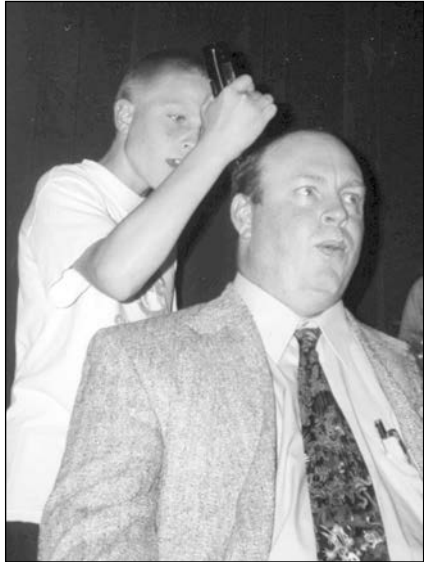
This year, for the first time ever, the Cane Creek Middle School girls and boys track & field teams finished the season not only undefeated but as conference champions as well. This was no small feat because at the conference meet they were competing against over 400 other athletes.

The awards ceremony was held May 19 at the school. Hosted by Coach Tom McPherson and Assistant Coaches Lori Bridges and Lauren Bruce, many awards were given out in distance running, sprints, relay teams, hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot, and discus. In addition to the large Conference Champions tro-

phies they proudly brought back to the school, each student athlete was also given a certificate and a "Conference Champion" medallion. Individual "Most Valuable," "Most Improved," and "Most Dedicated" awards were awarded to track runners, relay runners, and field athletes among both girls and boys.

The title, trophy, and awards weren't all the boys and girls were competing for. They had an additional incentive provided by Coach McPherson. To make the competition a little more interesting, he had promised the teams that if both the boys and girls had undefeated seasons, he would allow them to shave his head. Everyone (including the assistant coaches and parents) enjoyed watching as individual students took turns with the clippers. During the head-shaving ceremony, Coach McPherson's haircut became more and more "interesting" after each student's "artistic contribution," but Coach handled it with style.

It was a fun-filled evening for everyone. The teams had every reason to be proud of winning the Conference Championship. And don't worry, Coach McPherson, your new haircut is just in time for summer, and you have plenty of time to grow it back before next season! ♦



Coach McPherson being shaved



The end result

Fairview Senior Named Best in Soccer

A.C. Reynolds senior Sammy Stone was named this season's best girls soccer player in the entire 17-county Western North Carolina region. Her selection was made by the area's soccer coaches.

Sammy also achieved All-State status because of her stellar play as center-midfielder for the Rockets, who were 16-4-1 during the regular season before a heartbreaking shootout loss to East Mecklenburg in the Class 4-A playoffs ended their quest for the state championship. She contributed 14 goals and 23 assists during the year.

Sammy is the daughter of Pat and Becky Stone of Fairview. She plans to attend Yale University next fall. ♦



Pat, Sammy, and Becky Stone

Fairview Little League in Full Swing

By Scott Bissinger

The Fairview Little League baseball season is well underway and the nearly 260 boys are having a great time. Fairview has 18 teams that compete against each other as well as against teams from South Asheville and East Asheville. The regular season will end in mid-June and give way to the all-star tournaments for each age group.

The ball fields are in excellent shape and a lot of time, money, and effort have allowed the league to play immediately following wet weather. The league is very thankful to Andy Presley and Brad Rogers for making the fields, as well as the park area, a great facility for the players. There are quite a few local businesses that continue to sponsor and support the program and help with the needed facility improvements. This year's coaches and parents have been very involved in creating a supportive and safe environment for the players.

Thanks to an article in the *Town Crier*, we were able to recruit enough players and coaches to field our own Junior League team. The team, made up of 13- and 14-year-old boys, is doing great. Doyle McLaughlin stepped up in our time of need and took on the tough task of managing and coaching the team. Even though Doyle did not have a child on the team he wanted to make sure these young men had every opportunity to play baseball. A.C. Reynolds Middle School head coach Tim McLaughlin helped Doyle and his assistant coaches learn the proper drills and strategies needed to build a great team. Many thanks to Doyle, Tim, and assistant coach Carter for supporting this team.

Finally, if you have the chance, come visit the ballpark and watch a great game of baseball. If you see a player out and about be sure to read the sponsor name on their jerseys and help support the businesses that support these young men. ♦



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Hurricanes Win First Baseball Title

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Their season began in mid-February, with weeklong tryouts before final cuts were made. After-school practices then began in anticipation of the first game on March 13. With a rainy spring, many practices had to be held inside the school gym. On dry, sunny days, however, the team was on the field, practicing almost every day (even some Saturdays) when they weren't playing a game. The schedule was adjusted throughout the season due to many rain days. Three non-conference games were lost due to the rain, but all conference games were played.

The Hurricanes repeatedly demonstrated strong batting and tight fielding. The boys, working as one, showed what talented players they are. Good sportsmanship was also first rate. They encouraged one another on and off the field and were positive toward opposing teams. This team of boys played hard all season long and are to be congratulated on an outstanding season. In addition, the majority of the players were Scholar Athletes. This means they carried a 3.5 or higher grade point average during the playing season. Truly a successful group of young men!

As with most things, volunteers make things happen. The 'Canes were blessed with parents who provided pre-game food and drinks, parents who organized and manned the concession stand, and a dedicated group of men who were responsible for field maintenance and dugout construction (which will be completed this summer).

The team's head coach was Brint Russell (this was his first year coaching the 'Canes), and the assistant coaches

By Julie Paeplow

were Jeff Austin, Steve Jeffords, and Martin Lytle. They were faithful in their support of the team, overseeing practices and attending games. Coaches Jeffords and Lytle each received Cane Creek's Lighthouse Award this spring "for unselfish service benefiting the students of Cane Creek Middle School." ❖



Way to Go Hurricanes!



Cane Creek Middle School 2003 Baseball Conference Champions

(L to R): Bottom row – Joe Kuykendall (2B, SS), Ben Blakow (mgr.), Scott Wideman (2B), Andrew Jeffords (LF/2B/P), Taylor Sales (mgr.), Austin Ownbey (C/OF); Middle row – Phillip Deroaches (mgr.), Stephen Wrightenberry (C/P/3B), Justin Ownbey (LF), Anthony Roper (C), Matt Fields (P/CF), Josh Moore (SS), Scott Phillion (OF/P); Top row – Assistant Coach Steve Jeffords, Assistant Coach Martin Lytle, Chris Cummings (3B/OF/P), Brandon Green (1B), Jonathan Wright (P/C/3B/SS), Kyle Paeplow (P/1B/LF), Michael Whitehead (OF/P), Jesse Craig (OF), Head Coach Brint Russell. (Not pictured: Assistant Coach Jeff Austin)



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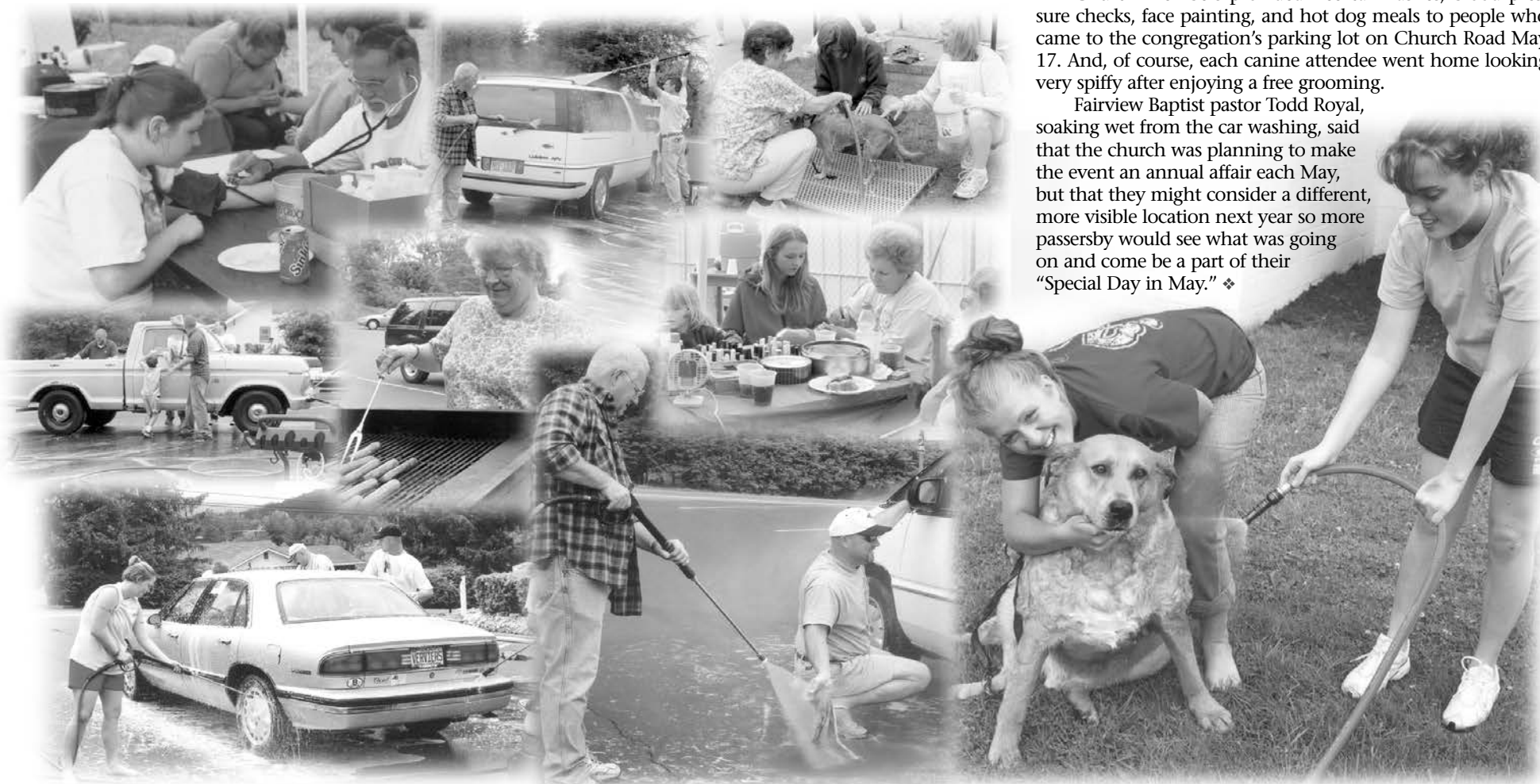
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A Special Day in May

Fairview Baptist Church decided to serve the community in a tangible way, and everyone who came had a good time—except the dogs, perhaps.

Church members provided free car washes, blood pressure checks, face painting, and hot dog meals to people who came to the congregation's parking lot on Church Road May 17. And, of course, each canine attendee went home looking very spiffy after enjoying a free grooming.

Fairview Baptist pastor Todd Royal, soaking wet from the car washing, said that the church was planning to make the event an annual affair each May, but that they might consider a different, more visible location next year so more passersby would see what was going on and come be a part of their "Special Day in May." ❖



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Joe Eblen, founder of Eblen Charities, meets student Catherine Higgs May 6 at Fairview Elementary. Mr. Eblen presented the school with the Frank Lewis Memorial Award for outstanding service because the students had the top sales in last fall's Eblen Pumpkin Campaign. Catherine spoke at the award ceremony at the school. It is the second year in a row that Fairview has won the award. The money raised in the campaign is used to provide food, medical supplies, heating assistance, rent, and other emergency needs for children in Buncombe County.

Fourth-grade teacher Janet Shisler is famous for her yearly play. It has become a tradition at Fairview Elementary School that she invites former students to play night to reintroduce themselves, tell what role they had in their play, and give an update on what they are doing now. Among the former students who attended this year's play were an attorney and a builder/developer from 1979, a two-year veterinary medical student from 1989, and many students from her 1995 class who are now high school seniors. Mrs. Shisler says that some of her greatest joys come from savoring the memories of all the dear children and being able to invite others back to see their growth and how they've changed.

This year, on May 22, her current fourth graders put on an adaptation of Hansel & Gretel. I say adaptation for many reasons. As you know, Hansel & Gretel was originally a somewhat dark Grimm's Fairy Tale, which took place in the Black Forest of Germany. In 1894, writer Englebert Humperdinck (not the twentieth century pop singer) modified it and performed it as an opera, his intent being to make it light, happy entertainment for children in tragic times.

Now in 2003, with help from the community, Mrs. Shisler has turned it into an even more light and entertaining tale for children of our time. Mr. Steve Cooper took the original songs from the opera and thanks to his musical talent (and modern keyboard) transformed them into something more "singable." Performed by Mrs. Shisler's students, the songs were not only light but also downright adorable.

Among the features in Mrs. Shisler's version of the play were Hansel and Gretel being joined by several dancing ginger-



Rapper David Anderson (in front) and cast members from Mrs. Shisler's version of Hansel & Gretel: (L to R) Mary Alice Cummings, Julia Harrell, Annlei "Gretel" Briggs (in back), Stephanie Cabral, Allie McLaughlin, Christian "Hansel" Cooper (in back), and Trent Hensley.

bread children, including a "rapper" wearing sunglasses; a mother who actually cared about her children, although she did make the careless mistake of sending them into the forest; the lost children being jeered at by a "Woodland Spirit," a tree that made faces and stuck his tongue out at them; and a visit by "The Sandman," a mystical character who sprinkled them with protective "magic dust," which was followed by the appearance of beautiful angels who sang and protected them. Later, kindergartners covered their eyes as the horrid old witch came out of the gingerbread house and captured Hansel and Gretel. When the two children pushed the mean old witch into the oven (which everyone applauded) the fence made of gingerbread children sud-

denly came alive, the spell having been broken. Hansel and Gretel joined the freed gingerbread children in song, dance, and celebration at having baked the old witch into a gingerbread cookie.

Throughout the play, there was much laughter, clapping, and singing. The audience participated, and at the end the students received a well deserved standing ovation. In addition to the comedy added, the set, the lights, the sound effects, and the impressive acting abilities of the students definitely made this "No Ordinary Play."

Mrs. Shisler would like to extend a special thanks to all the volunteers and members of the community who contributed to this event. Without them, it would not have been such an overwhelming success. ❖

Ms. Bennett's Class Earns Pizza

Ms. Bennett's Fairview Elementary fourth grade class had the best attendance of the whole school for the entire year. What a great job. Their attendance record earned them a pizza party. Ms. Cooper's third grade class came in second and were rewarded with ice cream.

Fourth grade was the grade with the best attendance overall. Way to go, fourth graders! You have really shown how important attendance is. ❖

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A Letter from Fairview Center for Dance

To Its Students, Families, and Friends

It is with deep regret that I must announce that I will be closing the Fairview Center for Dance permanently after June 7. As many of you already know, this has not been a good year for me and my family health-wise. With everyone's help, we have managed to have a full and successful 2002-2003 dance season. However, I will not be able to continue for another year. I have tried to find a buyer for the studio but have yet to find anyone that could continue to keep it up and running. But there is always the chance that just the right person may come along and find the means to keep the doors open.

For those of you who have been with the studio from the beginning, I want to thank you for your loyalty. For those of you who have just begun, it was a pleasure getting to know you. May you find something from your experience that you can take with you that will help you through your life. I will remember you all fondly.

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Homeowner Tanya asks:

I have been told that the most important decision I make in the selling of my home is in pricing it correctly. Can you explain why?

Alice: The price of your home is not about what your realtor wants or even what you might want; it's about what the market tells us buyers are willing to pay for a home like yours. Here are some of the things that can happen with pricing. If you price your home too low, the home will sell, but probably too quickly, causing you to lose money. If your price is too high, it will not sell and other realtors will use your home to sell theirs. The home will continue to lose money through interest, repairs, and upkeep costs. Even if you receive an offer at an inflated price, the loan appraiser will probably come in with a lower appraisal, and few buyers would consider paying more than appraisal value.

A home valued at the fair market value—what a consumer will pay for a home with the style, size, location, and improvements of your home—will be your best bet in pricing to sell. ❖

Have questions? Go Ask Alice ... Alice Rose of Prudential Lifestyle Realty. Email her at arose@prullifestyle.com.

FBA Meets in May & June

The Fairview Business Association met May 1 at Visual Eyes Optical on Highway 74-A. Discussion was held on trying to obtain permission from various property owners to place "Welcome to Fairview" signs on the roads entering the community, and progress was reported on a community bulletin board to be erected in front of the Fairview Post Office, which may be up by June. Following the business meeting, the group was addressed by Buncombe County Commission Chairman Nathan Ramsey, who talked about the current and future status of the county.

The FBA will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of Prudential Asheville-Fairview Realty on Highway 74-A. The public is invited to an open house hosted by Prudential from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. ❖

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Artists of the Month

Al & Amy—Racing Hearts

By J. M. Cox

It's a bit of a drive up the mountain in Fairview Forest to reach the home of Al Petteway and Amy White, but it is worth the effort. Their place is set pleasantly in the woods and there is room enough for them to compose and practice the music they love to play. The view off the deck is splendid.

Amy and Al met about nine years ago at an Irish music concert sponsored by the National Geographic Society. At the time, Al worked as a picture editor for the National Geographic image collection. Amy confesses to being a "pink collar" worker [service industry worker], though both were devoted to music all along. They describe their meeting as "Instant Love," and they both knew "this was the one for me." The result was Al and Amy, their wonderful music, and multiple WAMMIE awards honoring their instrumental and compositional skills and their recordings.

Their first formal duo recording—and of their works the most representative of their live performances—is an album titled "Racing Hearts." It is a really great listening pleasure. My favorite song is the title song, which manages to combine diverse tempos and moods into a singular work of art. Each piece in the album is distinctive, however, and reveals that Amy and Al found the heart of art when they began working together. The moods of the songs range from celebratory to reflective, and while they are all instrumentally lively they present a rich variety of experience and emotion. Al and Amy are composing from their hearts, and this makes their music real, engaging, and unique. On top of that, as Al puts it, "We have a blast playing together and everyone relates to that!"

Amy and Al base their music on experiences in their lives. When they perform they bring this history and storytelling to the show. Their music is traditional and new age, and the influence of old Celtic songs, English madrigals, chant, American folk and blues, and even rock and jazz are clearly present. Most of their work together so far has been instrumental, Amy playing mandolin, guitar, and piano and Al primarily playing acoustic guitar, but the pieces where they sing as well as play are as natural and accomplished as the rest of their work.

Plans for a vocal album featuring Celtic songs and some of the poetry of William Blake and Edna St. Vincent Millet put to music are underway. Amy and Al see no reason to write lyrics themselves. "There are so many beautiful lyrics already available," says Amy, "we might as well use them." For their part, they will concentrate on a composition and interpretation that will bring the beauty of those words a new life.

Amy comes from a musical family. Her mother was a lyric soprano and her



Al Petteway and Amy White.

father played oboe and English horn for the National Symphony Orchestra. While Al's parents loved music and his mother had a natural ability to play, they did not pursue musical careers. Al reminisces with humor on the start of his musical life, which was accompanied by his pre-teen aim to own an electric guitar. His father said, "You play as well as Chet Atkins and I'll get you that electric guitar." Al met the challenge and hasn't stopped since.

Amy received a B.A. in Liberal Arts from Kenyon College in 1987, and Al put in two years at Old Dominion University studying music composition, but their musical lives started long before. When Amy was eleven she won a musical composition award, and in her early adult years she played piano for a modern dance company. Al has played in bands since age ten, was in his high school orchestra, and played in nightclub bands as a young adult. He feels that he came into his own musically during his twenties when he had the opportunity to play beside some of his own musical idols—Jonathan Edwards, Peter Rowan, and Jethro Burns—and to meet such artists as Donovan and Bela Fleck. He eventually formed a group—Razz Ma Tazz—that saw success and one album before breaking up.

You get the sense talking to them, however, that all the history and practice they have experienced was for the purpose of their meeting and playing music together. Al says, "Now is the time for us to do what we were meant to do." If what they have done together so far (nine albums between them) is any indication, look for their music to go places deep into the heart of art.

Upcoming nearby performances will be at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, July 1, the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, July 20 and Au-

gust 17, The Swannanoa Gathering at Warren Wilson College, July 27 through August 2, and The Purple Onion Café and Coffee House in Saluda on August 9. They will also perform at the Diana Wortham Theater in Asheville, December 14 this year. If you can, catch them live at any of these shows: you won't be disappointed. This is some really fine music that celebrates love and life. Read up on their musical history or send them a note at www.alandamy.com. ❖



Al Petteway and Amy White at work in their studio.

Art on Display at Ananda Hair Studio

Recent work by Lucho Palenque Mesa is on display through June 22. In these paintings on stained wood with spray enamel and acrylic, Mesa encourages us to see that there is a positive light at the beginning and end of everything.

June 23 through August 3 paintings by Asheville artist Richard Olsen will be on display. His work is colorful and textural. Many pieces "begin as small china marker sketches, often the lines of the original sketch are painted onto the canvas and left there in the finished painting, where sometimes they become themselves a small scene within a bigger picture."

Ananda Hair Studio, well known as an alternative art space committed to supporting local talent, is owned by Gerton residents Larry and Michelle Hopkins. Art is displayed Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at its 22 Broadway location in Asheville. For information call 232-1017. ❖

Fairview Actress Performs

Fairview's Becky Stone will be performing at the Buncombe County Chautauqua program on June 19. She will portray 20th-Century civil rights activist Pauli Murray. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Smith-McDowell House Museum on the grounds of AB Tech.

Becky's performance is part of the Buncombe County Chautauqua—a program celebrating American history and culture—that will be held June 16-19. This annual event is sponsored by the Friends of the Buncombe County Libraries. For more information call 255-5203. ❖

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By Dr. Emily Muscarella

Solution to this month's crossword puzzle located on page 26.

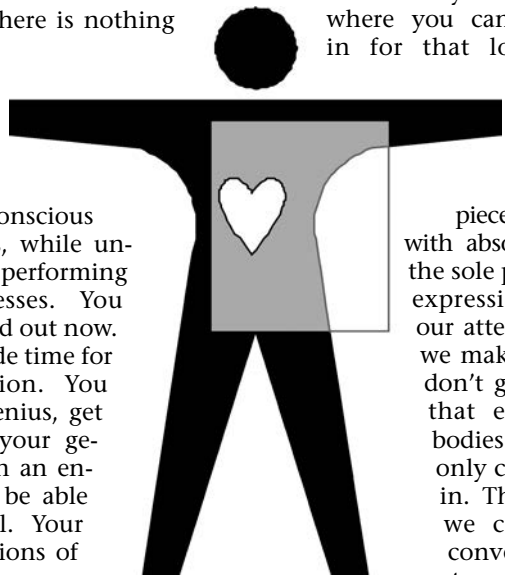
During a 24-hour period, you will breathe an average of 23,040 times, exercise 7 million brain cells, and speak 4,800 words. Did you know that the storage capacity of the human brain exceeds 4 terabytes (200 megabytes) and that you have 60,000 miles of blood vessels in your body and the blood cells within them travel every mile of them each day? Did you know that each of your teeth has over 55 miles of canals in it?

The point is, there is nothing that compares to the amazing intelligence within the human body. We walk around each day conscious of so many things, while unconsciously we are performing billions of processes. You think you're stressed out now. Imagine setting aside time for cellular regeneration. You could be born a genius, get together with all your genius friends, and in an entire lifetime never be able to create one cell. Your body does this billions of times each day!

What are we giving back to the greatest asset we have been given? A large pizza with all the fixin's? Now let's consider how we treat something in our lives that we value. For example, let's

say we have a car that lasts ten years for us. During those ten years you'd never let it run out of oil, and you'd never put propane into your gas tank and expect it to run. Just because two different people buy the same 2003 model car doesn't mean that the cars' life spans will be the same for both of them. Luckily, when the car dies you can just push, pull, or tow it in...for a \$2000 credit towards a lovely new model.

Have you heard of a place where you can trade your body in for that lovely new model?



Affordably? I don't think so. We have been given a gift that houses billions of pieces that work together with absolute perfection for the sole purpose of our lives' expression. This deserves our attention. Every choice we make has an effect. We don't get to choose where that effect ends in our bodies and lives. We can only choose what we take in. This means the food we choose to eat, the conversation we choose to make, the physical activities we choose to participate in, and the attention we give to the relationship we have with ourselves.

It is fun to learn that it takes the interaction of 72 different muscles to pro-

duce speech, and that a human hair can hold 3 kilograms of weight. Unless we give back to the thing that lends us our life every day, these facts are meaningless. So keep smiling—it takes 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown—and use that extra energy to give back to the miraculous you! ❖

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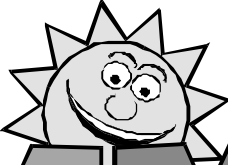
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Chimney Rock Park Events

June 7 - Outdoor Concert

Dance troupe Allure re-creates dances from the movie *Dirty Dancing* (which was filmed at Lake Lure) and "oldies" band Common Saints performs, 7:00 p.m.

June 7-8, 21-22, 28-30

John Mason plays hammered dulcimer, 10:00-4:00.

June 21

"Rowdy with Reptiles" Workshop with Park Naturalist Clint Calhoun and snake-catcher extraordinaire Steve O'Neil (all ages), 9:00-noon.

June 22

"Basic Nature Painting" class with June Ellen (J.E. Bradley) (ages 8 and up), 10:00-noon.

June 28

Intermediate Hammered Dulcimer class with John Mason (ages 10 and up), 2:00-4:00.

June 29

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Cane Creek Pool Is Open

Cane Creek Pool is open for the summer, and it will remain open until August 3. Its hours will be:

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Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: Noon to 5:45 p.m.
Thurs: Closed

Admission: \$3 per person
Multiple passes: \$20 for 10 visits per person
Season passes: \$100 per person

Swimming lessons will be offered in two sessions: Session 1 is June 16-27 and Session 2 is July 7-18. Registration is during the week prior to the session, and payment is required to be registered. The cost is \$20 per person per session. Cane Creek Pool is on Lower Brush Creek Road, just off Cane Creek Road. The phone number is 628-4494. ❖

Fairview Baptist Vacation Bible School

Fairview Baptist Church is inviting all the children in the community to join them at their SonHarvest County Fair in June. This Vacation Bible School program begins Monday, June 2, and continues through Friday, June 6, at the church on Church Road. Registration will be held daily at 6:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity to register new children who have been unable to attend on previous nights. VBS will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. each night.

The church welcomes children age 3 through those completing the 5th grade. Fairview Baptist will also have a VBS program available for middle and high school students. For more information, call 628-2908. ❖

Sports Camp for Speed

Tiger Speed, a speed development camp for soccer, baseball, and softball players from ages 11 to 16, will be held by A.C. Reynolds Track Coach Lee Pantas during the month of June. Sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00. Cost is \$65 for 16 hours of instruction. Campers will be instructed in speed development drills and sprinting techniques, skills that can be learned. The camp sessions are spread over eight sessions to allow for more effective learning of sprinting skills.

Coach Pantas currently coaches two of the fastest hurdlers in the country, All-Americans Kris Fant and Cade Liverman, and has had great success over the years in helping young athletes in all sports learn to sprint and run faster. You can reach Coach Pantas at 628-4641 for more information about the camp. ❖

Summer Children's Camp Opens in July

Camp Good News, Maranatha, located at 110 Maranatha Road (off Old Fort Road), will be offering camp for children ages 7-12 beginning July 6, and running for the following three weeks. At camp the children will engage in many activities, such as archery, sports, crafts, and hiking, and will be taught from the Bible.

The camp is operated by Child Evangelism Fellowship, a Christian, nondenominational, Bible-centered organization that has been ministering to children for 65 years and is in 153 countries around the world. In charge of the camp are Dennis and Marcia Bailey, the Western Carolina Missionaries for CEF.

The place where the new camp will

be held is the site of an old camp run for years by "Uncle Ed" and "Aunt Nancy" Wilcoxson, who used to pick up local children after school and bring them out to the camp for Bible Club and ball games.

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Legislative Update

By State Rep. Bruce Goforth

The last several weeks have been packed with meetings from early morning to sometimes very late in the evening. The budget was passed by both the House and the Senate, but it differed in a number of areas. It is now in a conference committee composed of 19 Democrats and 16 Republicans from the House and 17 Senate members. They will meet to resolve the differences, but overall the process is ahead of schedule compared to prior years. (Based on an operating cost of \$65,000 per day, the extra days that the legislature was sitting during the 2001-2002 session cost taxpayers an additional \$9 million.)

Unfortunately, last week budget officials projected an additional \$300 million shortfall. Speaker Black said the conference committee would be looking at cuts or other revenue. The goal is to have the budget bill passed by June 1.

We are still holding committee meetings on a daily basis. Bills are passed each day in both the House and Senate. There have been 1275 bills filed in the House and 1021 bills filed in the Senate. I have either sponsored or signed on to 40 of those bills. Both chambers are pushing to get things completed in a timely fashion, and we



hope to adjourn by July 15.

On April 26, a number of Buncombe County students participated in History Day in Raleigh. Congratulations to all of the students and especially the 31 students in my district that finished either first or second. These students will go on to represent the state in Washington, D.C.

I recently received some information about a program called Together Rx which is being launched by a number of the leading pharmaceutical companies to provide a free prescription drug savings card available to lower income Medicare enrollees. I am in the process of trying to secure a date and location for an Enrollment/Information Event in Fairview. This will also allow me time in the commu-

nity to meet and discuss any concerns with my constituents.

Permanent room assignments have been made. We are still in Room 1220 in the Legislative Building. Our phone number is 919-733-5746, and our fax number is 919-754-3307. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any issues you would like to discuss. ♦



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Bertie Williams Turns 95

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remembers having electricity and phone service. "We had one of those party lines, an eight-party line, so there were NO secrets!" she laughs. "Since there was no privacy, you used the phone mostly for emergencies. Mrs. Merrill and her daughter down on Cane Creek Road ran the exchange. Our big phone hung on the wall, and whenever you needed to call somebody, you just picked it up and told them whose house you wanted to call and they'd connect you." There was nothing to dial and there weren't any telephone numbers.

During her marriage, Bertie and George had three children: Kathryn, Dorothy, and G. H., a son. Bertie resides now with her daughter Kathryn and her son-in-law Jack Wright, who live off of Emma's Grove Road. Her other daughter, Dorothy Stirewalt, still lives on Highway 74-A. Her son, G. H., was hit and killed by a car when he was six years (and 11 days) old. Her husband, George, passed away in 1992, shortly before they would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. That's right, I said 70th. Can you imagine?

From her two surviving children, she has five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren who she gets to see all the time and about whom she proudly exclaims, "Oh, those are my babies!"

Today, Bertie is a young-at-heart lady who absolutely loves the Atlanta Braves. She has an autographed base-



Bertie and her husband, George, when they married in 1922

ball, hats, pennants—almost any Braves souvenir you can imagine. She also subscribes to Chop Talk, the team's official monthly magazine. I asked, "How long have you been a fan, Bertie?" After she thought a moment, her reply was, "Well, ever since way back, when they first put them on TV!" And when I asked if she watched often, she doesn't remember ever missing a Braves game. "Some of those late ones, I can't stay up for through the whole thing, but, no, I don't believe I've ever missed a one!" That's what I would call a dedicated fan!

With her grandchildren and her baseball games, she's still keeping herself busy. She's a member of Trinity of Fairview church and the Sunshine Bible Study class. She taught herself how to crochet and showed me some of her beautiful afghans, of which she's made so many, she's lost count.

I thoroughly enjoyed our time spent together. She has the most wonderful personality and such a pleasant, positive outlook. If only we would slow down and take the time to listen, Bertie and others from her generation have so many past experiences and so much wisdom to share. And we, in this generation, our children, and our grandchildren still have much opportunity to learn.

Happy Birthday, Bertie, and thank you for sharing your wonderful stories with me. ❖

Mrs. Martin

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during the holidays. Not only was Dianne helping those patients feel better, she was also teaching her students about giving from the heart and helping the less fortunate. Dianne was recognized and honored for these services by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Charman Hess Pittman and Elizabeth Thomas started their careers together with Dianne: They were pregnant together, had their babies together, taught each others' children, and shared a very personal and loyal relationship with each other. They remember when they were all new mothers in the mid-70s and they would meet at Fairview Baptist Church almost every morning with their little babies. They called it the Breakfast Club. They carried this on for years.

Ann Hensley started the daycare at Fairview Baptist Church and watched Dianne's children for many years. Ann said that Dianne was the type of mother that all daycare providers would love to have because she was so supportive. She was concerned for all the children—not just her own.

Ann remembers Dianne's children. The oldest son, Zeb, was very intelligent and was a great role model for the other children. Dianne's second boy, Ben, was the most loving child ever, had great character, and was a lot of fun to be with. Sarah was Dianne's youngest. She was very loving and beautiful. Ann remembers Dianne saying that "Sarah was everything that I had ever hoped to have in a daughter." When Ann's children were ready for first grade, she asked for Dianne to be their teacher because she knew how Dianne was with her own children. Ann said that she received flowers from Dianne every Mother's Day, even after the children were grown.

My own daughters, Paige (class of 97-98) and Grace (class of 01-02), both remember learning from Mrs. Martin the biggest word ever for a first grader: "metamorphosis." Every year Dianne would get tadpoles from her students, and they would watch them transform into little frogs in the aquarium. To this day, the girls still get excited when they hear or see a frog, and they have a real love for nature. Dianne had "circle time," where the kids would do several activities in groups and get hands-on experience. The girls also remembered when Dianne would sit down with them every day to work on their reading. I know this is one of the main reasons both of them are such good readers today.

When Dianne retired, Penny Bakken, her close friend and former classroom assistant of 12 years, decided to make a memory book for her. Penny began to contact as many of the former "kids" as she could find in the short time available to her. These are just a few quotes from the many letters Penny received:

"Thank you for the great foundation you gave me in first grade. Your excitement in teaching helped me become a teacher, too." (Courtney Long Hoskins, kindergarten teacher, Cook Elementary, Winston-Salem)

"I would love to go back to first grade, a place where rules for life's game were made so clear by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Bakken." (William Hamilton, N.C. State Forestry School)

"I was blessed with the opportunity to have Mrs. Martin as my teacher and my friend." (Timmy Earwood, Youth Pastor, Brea Baptist Church, Asheville)

"Mrs. Martin was a wonderful first grade teacher. She figured out the delicate balance between discipline and encouragement which is so vital to us when we're just beginning." (Eric Ager, U.S. Navy helicopter pilot)

"Mrs. Martin's class really was a model of positive reinforcement. I am grateful for that. She once had a project for us that made us realize how much there was to like about other people. Each child got to hear themselves praised. Mrs. Martin didn't ask any of her students to do one for her, so I'd like to complete that assignment. I like Dianne Martin because she dedicated herself 100% to teaching. I like her because she loved her kids enough to begin educating them into the realities of life, and I like her because she made a lasting difference in so many young lives, including mine." (Caleb Whitaker, teacher, Warren Wilson College)

Penny Bakken said she misses Dianne's smile and her laugh: "Anyone who knew her knew that happy laugh so often heard. As long as life and memory last I'll remember her and all she did for my family and me as a friend and confidant. She'll be greatly missed by us all. I love you, Dianne!"

We will treasure all the wonderful things about Dianne and learn to live like she lived: to give of ourselves unselfishly, love everyone equally, and have a passion for life. Thank you Mrs. Dianne Tallant Martin. You will be greatly missed and never forgotten. ❖

SOUND OFF!

Road Hazards

I am writing to complain about the various hazards at the ends of roads and driveways that make it impossible for a driver to see any oncoming traffic from either direction. Specifically, I mean bushes, trees, poles, posts, fences, signs, ornaments, tall weeds, buildings, and mail boxes that are too close to a road and block a view.

I have to look over, around, under, and through three bushes and a tree every day while exiting a driveway (not on my property). The hedge facing Village Road on the property between Church Road and Garren Creek Road is a menace. This hedge is impossible to see around from either road without going a good way out into Village Road. It seems to me the property owner would be considerate enough to trim this hedge to a reasonable height. It is a wonder that there is not an accident at one or the other of these intersections every day. There is also a blind curve to the left at the end of Old Fort Road. Why the D.O.T. did not straighten this curve more during construction of the new road, I can't understand. The bank of the curve was cut down some, but not enough.

Pat Jenkins
Fairview

Turning Bad Luck into Good Luck

On May 5, we heard that a tree fell directly on a lady's car as she drove along Garren Creek Road. My daughter saw the accident and the next day said to us, "What bad luck the lady must have to be in that car driving down the road as a tree was falling."

I reminded her about our accident Easter Sunday as we were returning home from our spring break vacation in Florida. We were in the home stretch part of our vacation, heading north, when in front of us a camper being pulled by a truck lost a back tire. The tire flew off the camper and bounced across the Interstate, going into the south-bound traffic where it hit a semi-truck. This caused the tire to shoot up in the air and back across to our side. It came at a tremendously crazy fast speed and crashed through our windshield.



It is my opinion that the lady on Garren Creek had not bad luck, but good luck, just as we did that day. We were told she saw the tree falling in front of her, so she lay down in the front seat of her car. By doing this she possibly saved her own life and avoided serious injuries.

We, too, saw our accident happening right before our eyes. My husband was able to slow our truck down enough so that when the tire hit our windshield (and it did), it hit off center and also hit that very strong side brace portion of our truck's windshield. He was also able to keep our vehicle under control and pull off the road and into the median. This kept a chain reaction crash from happening on the Interstate. And I know that afternoon I was not only lucky, but truly blessed...and I love my husband.

E. MacDonald
Garren Creek

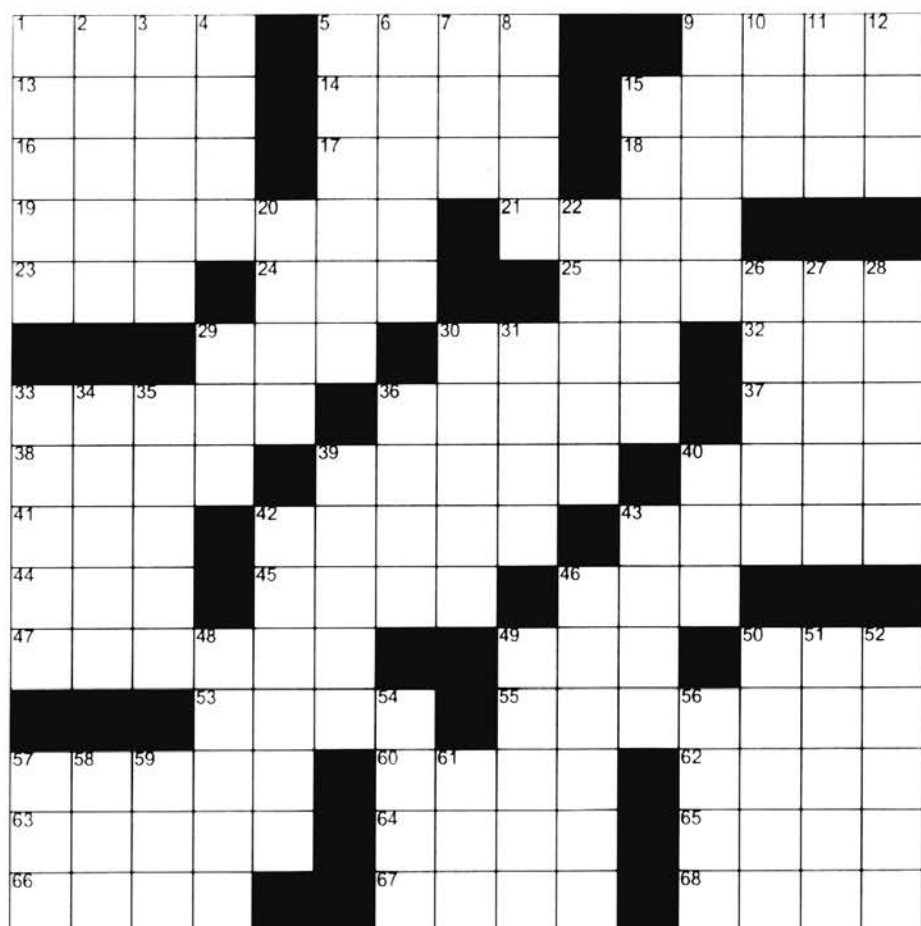
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Crossword Puzzle: Name Dropper

How well do you remember names? The clues in bold refer to persons mentioned somewhere in this issue of the *Town Crier*. The answers could be either first or last names. (Solution on page 22.)



Constructed using Crossword Weaver

ACROSS

- 1 Buck
- 5 Heal
- 9 Frog
- 13 Company symbol
- 14 Fresh
- 15 **Fairview music teacher**
- 16 Opera solo
- 17 News magazine
- 18 **UNCA basketball coach**
- 19 **Dianne Martin's maiden name**
- 21 **Henpecked husband Jacob** ___
- 23 Feminine pronoun
- 24 Shaft of light
- 25 Undercover work
- 29 Japanese (slang)
- 30 Dole out
- 32 Sun's name
- 33 Scour
- 36 Microwave laser
- 37 Snacked
- 38 Trim
- 39 **Fairview Elem. student Catherine** ___
- 40 Exclamation
- 41 Klutz
- 42 Common fish breed
- 43 Leaders
- 44 Zero

- 45 Military officer
- 46 Head motion
- 47 Constructs
- 49 Thirst quencher
- 50 Pressure measure (abbr.)
- 53 You get 3 per inning
- 55 **4th grade teacher at Fairview Elementary**
- 57 Mummer
- 60 Thug
- 62 Location
- 63 **White squirrel spotter**
- 64 Green Gables dweller
- 65 **He's doing magic at Fairview Library**
- 66 Children's love
- 67 Unwanted plant
- 68 Murder

- 11 ___ Baba
- 12 Tinge
- 15 Guardian
- 20 Middle East dweller
- 22 Painter Richard
- 26 Abraham's son
- 27 ___ Dame
- 28 Dales
- 29 Summer mo.
- 30 Syrup tree
- 31 Spy
- 33 **WNC soccer star**
- 34 Seat
- 35 Pillage
- 36 Temperate
- 39 Lift
- 40 Misfire
- 42 Ripen
- 43 **Designed Asheville Botanical Gardens**
- 46 Required
- 48 Beer brand
- 49 Cut of beef
- 50 Danger
- 51 Monument stone
- 52 European nation
- 54 George Bernard ___
- 56 Takes
- 57 Able
- 58 Bird call
- 59 Plaything
- 61 Single

DOWN

- 1 Thin flat strips
- 2 Jewish scripture
- 3 Quick
- 4 End
- 5 Snooze
- 6 Solidarity
- 7 **Tree was planted for him at Comm. Center**
- 8 Pitcher
- 9 Cuddly toy
- 10 Not young

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Remembering Rem

On April 28, a tree-planting ceremony was held at the Fairview Community Center to honor Remson Behrer, who passed away last August. In a moving tribute to Rem at his memorial service on August 23, 2002, his nephew John Ager spoke for the family. Following is a part of his eulogy of a man who continues to be missed by many here in Fairview.

"Rem was the son of New York—and the grandson and great grandson. The Remson family farm took up about half of the Borough of Queens, and their heritage reaches back to the original Dutch settlers. His father owned a very successful plumbing supply business.

"Uncle Rem loved sailing on Long Island Sound—he was a shipshape man, a place for everything and everything in its place. A job worth doing is a job worth doing well. He was raised with the highest moral standards. You can find the old Remson leather-bound Bible in his study. For Uncle Rem, ethics and excellence could never be negotiated, whether the endeavor was plumbing supply, truck farming, pediatrics, or singing in his church choir as a boy. His home life was formal, and punctuality a prime virtue. There was a period where his father expected him at the family billiard table at precisely the same time each evening for a friendly game and the chance for some serious parenting. Uncle Rem was a proud member of the Drum and Fife Corps in Garden City, and you had best not make light of it. He loved marching music forever afterwards. My Uncle Rem was a New York realist.

"Uncle Rem allowed for fits of nostalgia for his beloved alma mater, Williams College. He excelled as a student at Williams and was a member of the swim team and the squash team. After graduating from medical school, he did something quite remarkable and probably surprising to his own family. He married my Aunt Isbell from Alabama (hence "Bam" for those who may have wondered) in her father's Swedenborgian Church in Brooklyn. I suspect that nothing else was ever quite the same. For one thing, he might not have known that he had also married quite an extended family of Agers and that Aunt Isbell issued regular invitations to any and all to join in on all her fun. We were not bashful about accepting.

"Rem and Isbell went off to Alaska for a time, but they eventually settled in St. Louis, where for 20 years he learned how to heal children. He had an ability to win over the confidence of these children almost immediately by talking to them with his Donald Duck voice. He

was on the staff of the St. Louis Children's hospital and the Washington University Hospital. He also served as a member of the school board there, always a voice for educational excellence and never caring a whit for his own popularity. These traits coupled with his powerful intellect made his medical practice and his role as a father something quite extraordinary.

"In 1969, Uncle Rem moved his family to Sewickley, Pennsylvania, to become the Chairman of the Pediatrics Department at Allegheny General Hospital and a physician at the Watson Institute. These appointments were very prestigious—and very demanding.

"Each summer his family spent four weeks in Black Mountain and then several weeks in Long Island. The contrast between the visits was vast. Long Island was formal, planned, and careful. Black Mountain was a wild, no-shoes-experience. The beauty and family ties of North Carolina won out because in 1985, Rem and Isbell came to Fairview to retire. They bought a run-down mountain farm and transformed it into a place of enormous beauty. Uncle Rem finally had time to play golf and tennis. He was also a vicious ping-pong player, able to nick the edges and put baffling spins on the ball. His beloved billiard table from his childhood was situated in his basement.

"Uncle Rem believed in excellence. He believed in working very hard to achieve it and didn't care how many people he had to motivate to win the day. He believed that Truth [with a capital T] existed out there, and we should not be lazy in our desire to find it and to be motivated by its consequences. He was a scientist above all, and scrutinized every question of his life with the rigors of the scientific method. There was a long-term debate within the family over whether honey was healthier for you than white sugar. Uncle Rem claimed that the chemistry was the same, and thus its reactions in the blood stream was the same. Aunt Isbell, who had partnered with her bees to make the famous BamBee honey that all her family members and friends have enjoyed over the years, was never convinced by mere chemistry!

"Most of all, my Uncle Rem was proud of his four children and his wife, Aunt Isbell. It took no prodding at all for him to talk about them and their accomplishments. For a man who could muster an awful lot of New York gruffness, he was filled with the strongest and most powerful form of unconditional Christian love. Here for certain is a life worthy of emulation and celebration." ♦

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Lindsay Owenby, Class of 2003

It seems every time I pick up a local paper or turn on the television, I hear only sad news pertaining to teenagers. However, I would like to tell you about a young lady from Fairview who I, as her mother, am very proud of.

Her name is Lindsay Owenby. She will be graduating from Reynolds High School on May 31. Lindsay is extraordinary due to the fact she has attended school every day since beginning the four-year-old preschool at Rhema Christian School. She began kindergarten at Fairview Elementary, middle school at Reynolds Middle, and high school at Reynolds High School. She has had perfect attendance every year.

Not only is this special but she has accomplished this through a lot of hard work and dedication. She has maintained excellent grades throughout. She has always had an interest in the medical field and decided to work toward that profession early. During her junior year, she completed an apprenticeship with Hendersonville surgeon Dr. Douglas B. Huntley (also a



Reynolds High graduate). She especially liked observing in the operating room at the hospital.

Her senior year was special. Through her Allied Health class, she was able to participate in several areas of the medical field. Once again her interest was in the operating room. Also during her senior year she attended A-B Community College taking classes required toward a degree in Nursing.

She plans to get her Associate Degree at A-B Community College and then attend Western Carolina to earn a BSN. Who knows from there? She also works at Vision Sports Center taking care of the children in the daycare center on Friday and Saturday.

I know there are still very good teenagers in our community. When one accomplishes something extraordinary, I think they deserve some recognition. I hope you feel the same.

Rachel Owenby

Lindsay is the daughter of Larry (Bones) and Rachel Owenby of Fairview.

Remembering John Marlowe

There are times in our lives that things are going smooth and we take those around us for granted. Then, suddenly, our world is turned upside down and God reminds us of all those special gifts that He has given us—those gifts being the friends and loved ones that take time out of their busy day to help you carry a load.

Last June, the John Marlowe family went through such a tragic time. We found so much love and caring from so many people. People came to the hospital to sit with us and help pass the long hours. They made phone calls, prayer chains were started, and food was brought. Later after we got home the abundance of food, the caring and love was so overwhelming it humbled us. God truly comforts the heart and soul through His still small voice, but also through the love of others.

John left this world June 8, 2002, and we know he is in a better home. To know John was to know the love of a true friend and neighbor. He loved his family. He loved gospel music. He always had time to help someone else and never let anyone else know of that kindness, nor ever expected anything in return. He was an example to all that knew him. We love him and miss him daily.

It has been a year now and friends and family are still helping with the load. You will never know how just dropping by or a quick phone call on a "trying day" uplifts the spirits. There are too many of you to name, but God knows who you are. Just know that you hold a special place in each one of our hearts and we hope God will truly bless you.

The John Marlowe Family

My Chinese Friend

My friend, Lee Fong, is a polite, quiet, hard-working Chinese man (with legal resident alien status). Having separated from his (American) wife with whom he has an 8-year-old son, he is in need of a place to live. Lee's English is not very good, though he plans to take classes at AB Tech to improve, and it is due to his difficulties with English that I am assisting him. In China, Lee was a Doctor of Acupuncture and also a teacher at a Tai Chi college (his knowledge of Kung Fu and Chinese martial arts is extensive). Since he has lived in America he has worked at various jobs from fast food cook to grocery store bagger, but he seems to most enjoy working with his hands at jobs such as carpentry, rock masonry, landscaping, etc.

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Our Great God

By James Mason
Pastor, Cane Creek Baptist Church

Every true believer will agree: God is great, mysterious, and His ways are past finding out. One writer asked the question: "For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counsellor?"

All we need do is look into the heavens on a clear starlit night, or inspect a drop of water under a microscope to grasp the fact that the Creator is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. His power is manifested in thousands of ways around us every moment.

Consider the complexity of the divinely created human body. The bible says, "In Him we live and move and have our being." The Psalmist in praise to God declared: "For I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Beneath the breastbone of every human is a clenched-fist size pump which delivers oxygen and nutrients via the bloodstream, nourishing three hundred trillion cells. Medical people tell us that the heart beats over thirty million times in one year. In an average life-time it pumps about one million barrels of blood.

Yes, our God is truly great. He sustains all life, human and otherwise. He governs the countless great galaxies and attends the little creatures too small for human eyes to see. He is present at the funeral of the sparrow and numbers the hairs of our head.

Much more could be said, but space won't permit. Let's briefly consider a few wonderful truths God has revealed to us about Himself:

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