

Families and friends

Church homecomings bring old friends together

By GLADYS M. SMITH

It has been a very busy time here so I haven't had any extra time. Pete has most of the garden out, two flower gardens, our first.

In between this we have homecomings at several churches. We attend services five times per week. On April 13, the Apostolic Pentecostal Lighthouse Church in Bolivia, N.C., hosted an old-time religion day; 128 attended. A covered dish dinner was served at the Town Creek Community Building in Winnabow. Last year there were 116 visitors. Bro. Charles Drew promised he would kiss a pig if the record was broken. Well, here he is kissing a pig!

I enjoy homecomings. Several of the members are from around Wooten, so you know we

had good pinto beans and cornbread.

On April 26, the homecoming was in Laurens, N.C., at the Apostolic Lighthouse Tabernacle with Pastor Barnhill. There we were served old-time North Carolina food, good too, collards, rice and beef, homemade cracklings by Bro. Barnhill.

North Carolina

My church, Solid Rock Pentecostal, in Wilmington, N.C., had our homecoming April 27. There were 220 attending. We had fried chicken and baked spaghetti. We weren't prepared for Sunday School so I was surprised when asked to teach Sunday School. I am always ready to teach, preach, or give a speech.



PET GOAT — Jumping Jack is the pet goat of North Carolina correspondent Gladys M. Smith.



CRACKLING COOK — At a church homecoming in Laurens, N.C., recently, Pastor Barnhill served up his homemade cracklings.



KISSING A PIG — Bro. Charles Drew promised he would kiss a pig if last year's attendance record of 116 at the old-time religion day at the Apostolic Pentecostal Lighthouse Church in Bolivia, N.C., was broken this year. This year 128 people attended the event.

Pastors Tammy and Brian Simmons asked us to attend a seminar at their church in Leland, N.C., to hear facilitator Dr. Max Flynn from Greenville, N.C.

I enjoy meeting new people but enjoyed the most seeing old friends at homecomings. I saw so many, I didn't realize how many people I really missed seeing. It seemed like a "hi, how are you day?"

It is good seeing old friends here at home, too. While shopping at Wal-Mart in Southport, I talked to a friend of long ago, Sister Mary Lou White. We attend the Old Regular Baptist Church here in Winnabow. She gets *The Mountain Eagle* and said she enjoyed reading it. Who wouldn't? When my paper arrives I read it no matter what I am doing.

Rose Ballard, you're right about our money and yard sales. I always enjoy your column and all the others too. Oma Hatton, I enjoy yours too. Here is a picture of my baby goat Jumping Jack. It's good that you like pets. Anyone who likes them rates a thousand in my book. I have Marygold, Buttons and Jasper. I wouldn't know how to exist without pets around. I think to shoot a dog is horrible and un-

Auditions

Final auditions for the production of "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" outdoor drama will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 10, at the June Tolliver Playhouse in Big Stone Gap, Va. Roles and positions are available for all age groups, on and off stage. Actors should bring a resume, and musicians should prepare a solo. Performances for the 2008 season will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, June 26 through August 23. For more information, call (276) 523-1235.

Scholarships sought

Applications for the 2008 Mountain Heritage Festival Scholarships are due May 15. Applications can be picked up at the Pine Mountain Cop and Pine Mountain Grill or can also be found at www.mountainheritagefestival.com. For more information, contact Lee Anna Mullins at 633-9644.

forgivable. It wouldn't do for me to be their judge. All of the little strays that I take in are wonderful pets. I would take in all of the strays if it were possible.

I missed my grandbabies, Caleb and Alizah, so much I surprised them with a visit a few weeks ago. My, how they have grown. We had a pajama party as always.

I saw Andy Griffith on the Channel 3 news. He looks really nice for his age.

Hillary Clinton visited Wilmington, N.C., April 27, and Obama was also visiting.

We've had all sorts of parades now that it is warm. Actually, it's hot. We have the air conditioner on, not like there in your place, Emma Engle. Hope you and Red are OK. I will get you a letter off soon. Good night to you both and happy, happy birthday to you. May you have many, many more and good health along with them.

I got this poem for Sister Evie Bowling, "Garden for Daily Living": "Plant 3 rows of peas./1: peace of mind/2: peace of heart/3: peace of soul./Plant 4 rows of squash/1: squash gossip/2: squash indifference/3: squash grumbling/4: squash selfishness/Plant 4 rows of lettuce/1: lettuce be faithful/2: lettuce be kind/3: lettuce be patient/4: lettuce love one another/Plant 3 rows of turnips/1: turnip for meetings/2: turnip for service/3: turnip to help one another out/To conclude our garden we must have thyme/1: Thyme for each other/2: Thyme for family/3: Thyme for friends/Water freely with patience and cultivate with love/There is much fruit in your garden."

A 79-year-old lady that I met at the homecoming called me a few minutes ago. She is Violet Filipi and is from Wytheville, Va. She is a minister and traveled to India and Mexico, where I went last November. To do missionary work is great; I love it. She wants Pete and me to start a cottage meeting.

This was given to me at church and I have no idea who wrote it, OK? Since I love cats: "Donny's mom looked out the window and noticed Donny playing church with their cat. Little children are often closer to God than older people."

In closing, "God Bless America" is a song sung by a brother in church, so God's blessing to all.

Fishing is good at Carr Creek Lake

By MARGIE ISON

To all the family of Oshie Boggs of Big Cowan: Sorry about the death of your mother. The family will be in our prayers.

I had a short chat with Jewel Crase at Parkway Hair Designs Friday while at Andrea Cornett's yard sale and Ruby Roark.

Andrea Cornett and Wendy Ison will be yard sale'ing again this week if the weather permits it. There are plenty of toys, baby items, and all sizes of clothes. It's almost like going to Goodwill in the parking lot. Ruby may also yard sale with them.

Sally Caudill is home from the hospital. Kurt Cornett is taking good care of her again. He seems to be a pretty good cook.

I went fishing Sunday afternoon at Carr Creek Lake and caught some bluegill and brought them home and put them in my pond in the front yard. I saw lots of catfish and carp lying on the bottom where I was fishing. I did catch some baby bigmouth bass. I threw them back in. Jason, a

Knott County game warden, was checking fishing licenses. He said they had pretty well got Carr Creek Lake cleaned and they were not having much of a problem with people drinking, that they had everything pretty well under control. He also said that they were going to raise the water level a lot more so I guess we'll see. Thanks for the info, Jason. Keep safe and keep stocking that lake.

Kingscreek

My nephew, Richard Craig, from Owenton, is in spending a week visiting with my son and his wife and myself.

I would like to wish Shawn Stamper a very happy 33rd birthday on May 5.

Vickie and Ronnie Jones were on vacation last week. They spent a week in Florida.

Anyone who likes to fish, I'll be seeing you at Carr Creek Lake.

I'd like to tell Arron Mitchell, Tadesa Fox, and Cody Coats hello.

Nominations sought for 'Unsung Heroes'

Nominations are being sought for the "Unsung Heroes" award. The award, given by the Letcher County Chamber of Commerce, recognizes outstanding achievement in the voluntary sector. The annual Outstanding Volunteers of the Year awards program salutes those whose caring and compassion for their community has enhanced the quality of life for others in Letcher County. Anyone can nominate a person he or she feels is exceptional, and nominees can be choices through volunteer work, community service,

or service through occupation.

The deadline for nomination submittals is Monday, May 12. Nominees will be honored and winners announced at the annual awards dinner on Tuesday, June 10, at 6 p.m. at the Pine Mountain Grill.

To nominate someone, write a brief description of why the nominee deserves this award. Submit nominations to the Letcher County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 127, Whitesburg, KY 41858 or email jbdep@yahoo.com.

Services held for Hattie Bumgardner

Hattie Bumgardner, 97, of Kingsport, Tenn., formerly of Burdine, died May 3 in Kingsport.

Born in Letcher County, she was a daughter of the late Levi and Sylvania Potter and the widow of Teddy V. Bumgardner. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Rebecca Fann Bumgardner, and 10 brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Bumgardner was a school teacher and aided in the family business. She was active

in community affairs and was a member of the Jenkins First Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia C. Porier, Norfolk, Va.; three grandchildren, Beth Barnett, Catherine Edwards, and Tracy Porier; and two great-grandchildren, Caitlin Edwards and Joshua Edwards.

Funeral services were held May 6 at Carty Funeral Home in Jenkins. Burial was in the Fann Bumgardner Cemetery at Burdine.



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