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**Ticks:** These things are tough, and it can be frustrating trying to keep them off! They're resistant to a lot of the older commonly found medications and it's a constant challenge to find something that works very well to repel and kill ticks. However, the diseases that ticks carry will warrant the extra effort it may take to keep them off.

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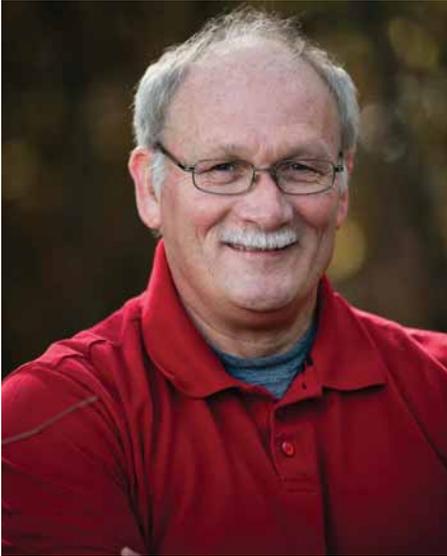
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## From The Managing Editor...



Richard Brummett, Managing Editor

It is always rewarding to cover an event and receive some positive feedback, knowing we have made someone's life a bit happier.

It is even more meaningful when covering the event affects us in a positive way, and the annual staging of The Special Olympics is just such an assignment.

Witnessing the sheer joy exhibited by the participants warms the heart and helps put things into perspective: These athletes haven't gotten all wrapped up in winning championships and claiming first-place trophies; they are satisfied just to compete and to enjoy their moment in the sun.

It is nice to see fans cheering for everyone -- not just for their team or favorite athlete -- and so gratifying to hear only positive support coming from the bleachers instead of boos and negative comments directed at event officials or opposing players.

Maybe we should show a Special Olympics video to athletes and fans alike before the start of each school athletic season, just to remind them what is important about amateur sports.

Our coverage of this year's Area I Special Olympics, held at Paragould High School, can be found on pages 42 and 43.

This month's cover subject proved to be a difficult interview, even though he has his own Facebook page.

Bacchaus, owned by Greta Doss, captured the

top honors in the Paragould Rotary Club's "Paws For A Cause" dog show and along with it the right to be featured on our cover.

His story appears on page 26 while several photos from the show can be found alongside Bacchaus' feature.

This month's Premiere showcases lots of local faces thanks to a multitude of events staged in our area. Be sure and check out our coverage of The Loose Caboose Festival, Art & Stroll, AMMC's Run For The Roses, the Paragould School District's Ram Run and others to see if you or someone you know made it in front of the camera.

June is a month dedicated to Father's Day, to men's health and to kids in sports, and we have stories related to each, as well as our regular monthly features designed to educate and entertain.

We also have a memorial to Dr. Jay Springman, a longtime contributor to the local entertainment and educational scenes. Gabriel Cook pays tribute to him on page 18 in our Between The Dashes segment. ♦

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# Beth Pace retiring after long teaching career

By Richard Brummett

**B**eth Pace figures it's about time to leave the fourth grade, and after 40 years in the same room at Baldwin Elementary School she just might be right. Pace is retiring, putting an end to 42 years of lesson plans, report cards and lunch duty.

"My emotions are quite mixed right now," she said as she prepared for her final awards assembly. "I'm sad today because I've devoted my life to school, but it's time to devote more of it to family. I love school ... it's been very good to me."

Family issues played a part in Pace's decision to leave the classroom, issues related both to health problems of loved ones and a desire to be more visible in the lives of her four grandchildren, Tyler, Chloe, Cameron and Carter.

She has endured countless changes to her profession over the years, but moving into the computer age is one that stands out. "I'm uncovering my green board today," she said, pointing to an area where posters and illustrations once covered the chalkboard. "I started out with a green board, and now we all have Smart Boards. Everything is computerized now. I never thought I'd be sending grades and lesson



Beth Pace has been a role model for students and teachers alike.

plans home on the computer."

Scores of today's teachers say Pace was their motivation for moving into the field, and she doesn't take such a compliment lightly. "Well, I hope I've been a good influence," she said. "I'm honored when young teachers come back and tell me I'm the reason they wanted to teach." ♦

## Outstanding Teacher: Carol Surber, GCT

**1. Why did you choose teaching?** First and foremost, I chose teaching because I wanted to help. I love to read and to write, but I know many others do not. I hoped that my passion for literacy would translate into my work. If they could see 5 or 10 years into the future, I imagine most would say that they wished they worked harder in school. My goal is to help them realize it now.

**2. What do you enjoy most about it?** The best part of my day is the students. Seeing their smiling faces each day really lights me up. I try very hard to help them in any way that I can, and I try to be flexible. That means that our daily plans usually change on a whim, but if it helps them understand — then all the better! I love sharing what I am reading with them, and I love to get book recommendations from students. I love to order a box of books and open them in front of students. They are always so excited! It's contagious the energy that students have each day.

**3. How long have you been teaching?** If you don't count the years we played school at home when I was growing up, I have been teaching for 9 years. I started the year my son started kindergarten. It has been the best decision that I have ever made.

**4. Tell us about your family.** My husband, Jonny, and I spend much of our time riding motorcycles and ministering with the Steadfast Ridge Riders (the local Christian Motorcycle Association chapter). He is president of the Paragould chapter, and I serve as secretary. My son, Alex, is a student at Greene County Tech. He loves to play football. I have three step-children, Kimburley, BreeAna, and Chase. All three attend Paragould High School. ♦



## Outstanding Teacher: Amy Glenn, Baldwin

**1. Why did you choose teaching?** I have been around children all of my life. My teen years were spent babysitting my nieces and nephews, riding the JOY Bus at church, teaching Sunday School and counseling at Crowley's Ridge Youth Camp. I knew it would be an occupation I would enjoy and having played sports all of my life, coaching/physical education would give me the opportunity to still be involved in the teaching and enjoyment of sports.

**2. What do you enjoy most about it?** There is not a day I don't SMILE!!!! Kids know how to love without boundaries and laugh without holding out. They bring out the best in you. Most of them love P.E. so I get lots of hugs, high-5's, and "I love you's." Each day with them brings new opportunity and hope. Plus, I work with an amazing group of people. This job has also enabled me to be around my own two children and interact with them while they are in elementary.

**3. How long have you been teaching?** 17 years, all with the Paragould School District

**4. Tell us about your family.** My husband Chris and I have been married 17 years. We have 2 children: Preston is a 6th grader at Oak Grove, Paige is a 4th grader at Baldwin. I have been a resident of Paragould all my life. ♦



**In the July issue of Premiere Magazine, all of the winners of our Outstanding Teachers for the school year will be presented for readers to consider as the overall Outstanding Teacher. Be sure to vote for your favorite when the time comes.**

# 4-H organization offering summer day camps for children of all ages

By Gary Bennett

Ah, summer is almost here! The sweet season of vacations and barbecues ... as good as that sounds, these are just brief respites for the parents while the young ones have a lot more time on their hands while out of school. This can leave parents looking for safe productive ways to keep them occupied while providing a fun and stimulating environment.

One of the ways to do this comes from wonderful opportunities provided by local 4-H groups. They offer a series of summer camps through August that provide fun activities as well as stimulate emotional and physical growth. These Arkansas Outdoor School summer day camps are based at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center, 10 miles west of Little Rock in the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains.

The center is comprised of more than 220 acres of fields, forests, creeks and a six-acre flat-water lake. Camps are staffed by outdoor education professionals and all activities are designed to emphasize teamwork, self-esteem, communication and cooperation. They provide an exciting chance for young campers to get outside, and discover the world around them.

- Weeklong Camp (their longest camp), June 23-29, for 10-13-year-olds. The theme is 4-H Fun & Fit. Swimming, basketball, volleyball, canoeing and other activities along with learning the best ways to stay healthy for life. (\$390)

- Junior Camp – a three day

camp for 9-12-year-olds with two sessions. The theme is Expressing Yourself. Creating comics, videos, music, photos and more. Swimming and campfires are just part of the fun! Session I – July 8-10 Session II – July 15-17 (\$165)

- Adventure and Challenge Camp - a three-day camp for 13-15-year-olds. The theme is Expressing Yourself. Teaming up 4-H teens, from around the state, to conquer challenges. This has an award winning ExCEL Leadership program, which includes a ropes course. Swimming, campfire and other camp activities are also included. \*Arkansas Business Reader's Choice Best Teambuilding. Session I – July 8-10 Session II – July 15-17 (\$165)

- Cloverbud Camp - a two day camp for 5-9-year-olds with an adult/guardian. Introducing Cloverbuds to overnight camping. The theme is Expressing Yourself. Campers expressing themselves by taking pictures, making videos, creating music and more. Campfire, swimming, and camp Olympics are also included. July 5-6 (\$110 per child, \$110 per adult)

- High Adventure Trip - an 8-day for 13-19-year-olds and adult chaperones; 5 days and 4 nights in Pecos Wilderness, New Mexico. Trip Date: July 28 – August 4. (\$600)

For more information contact: Shannon Caldwell, 4-H camping coordinator, 4hcamp@uaex.edu or 501-821-6884, or visit <http://www.arkansas4hcenter.org/summercamp/> ♦

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Whether enjoying rides, tasty food, winning prizes or taking in the many activities, like the music of Brad Messer and the Refuge, below left, or twirlers, below, visitors to Paragould's Loose Caboose found plenty to enjoy.

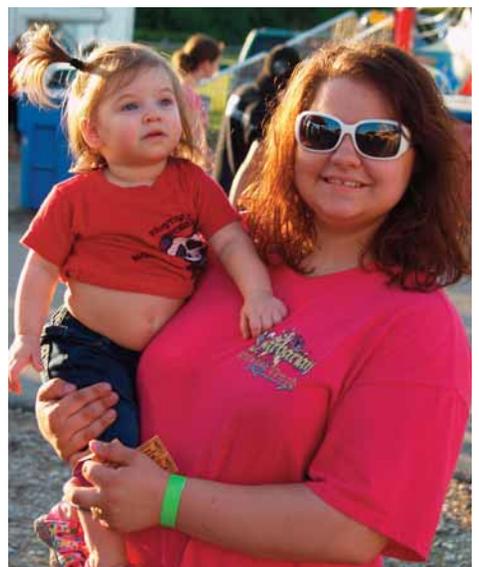
**Loose Caboose 2013**  
 The site may have been different,  
 but the smiling faces were there  
 just the same



# Loose Caboose 2013



When getting her backstage passes from MOR Media's Brian Osborn, Marlene Elliott of Hermitage found it difficult to keep her composure. She also earned a "Meet and Greet" with the featured musical act, Restless Heart, and an upgrade to front row seats by having her name selected in a random drawing.



## Red Goose Deli hosts Blues & BBQ

In conjunction with Paragould's Loose Caboose Festival, the Red Goose Deli played host to the Blues & BBQ event in its Grand Hall.

Participants enjoyed a night of good music, good food and a good time with friends and neighbors. ♦



The West Finch Blues Band entertained.



## Downtown Paragould continues to see growing spurt

By Richard Brummett

The Downtown Paragould area continues to grow, and Main Street Paragould Director Gina Jarrett sees more good things to come.

"Mosaic Salon is now open at 225 South Pruet," she said, "310 South will be opening very quickly, and Just Pretend is booking birthday parties and planning a summer art camp.

"Things are really beginning to take shape," she said.

The new enterprises are part of a drive to

bring business back downtown, and Jarrett said things are looking up in that effort.

"Skinny J's will be open the first week in July, and everybody's excited about having another quality restaurant downtown," she said. "Downtown Paragould is changing, and changing for the better."

During the month of June, Southern Bank will host its Family Movie Night on the parking lot at the corner of Court and Pruet streets.

"The movie will be 'The Odd Life Of Timothy Green' and it will start at dusk," Jarrett said. "Everyone will get a free popcorn and a free

drink. All they have to do is show up. And when we say it starts at dusk, we mean 'when it gets dark enough to show a movie.' We can't be specific on a start time, but people can come and enjoy it up to the start, whenever that is."

She also reminds readers that Blue Grass Monday will be held on the fourth Monday of the month, and that The Great Race will have a lunch stop in town on the 26th. (See story on page 36 of this issue.)

"We're excited, and we're always planning more and more for downtown," Jarrett said. ♦

# Farm Parts marking 50th year in business

By Richard Brummett

Paragould's Farm Parts Company, Inc., is marking 50 years in business this month, and if anyone has the right to talk about its history it's owner Phillip Miles.

"I helped put the shelves together back in 1963," said Miles, who today runs the business along with his son, Jacob and employee Robert Hedges. Miles' father Ed had the idea for the store, seeing a need for less expensive repair parts for farm implements. Once the doors opened, the store began to grow as more products were needed by a wider variety of customers.

Farm Parts had two other owners between Miles and his dad, but basically he said he has "pretty much spent my life here." He bought into the business in 1972 and obtained the whole thing in 1985.

Miles said they serve area factories, farmers, construction crews, automotive needs and lawn and garden equipment with name brand items.

The increase in business called for expanded work space, and Miles said a repair shop was one of the first necessities, a 50x70 structure used for tractor repair at the time. The building today has about 7,200 square feet of showroom, shop and storage space. "People are surprised when they come in for the first time at how big it is," he said. "We get here early and try to stay



Jacob and Phillip Miles run the show at Farm Parts in Paragould.

open late if customers need us to."

Miles has guided the business through numerous changes, as each decade boasts advances in technology and business approaches.

"Farming has certainly changed, for one thing," he said. "That's a whole different approach than it used to be. When you stop and think about it, a lot of the farmers we dealt with have passed away now. And you don't have the

salesperson like you used to; no one has time to stop and talk anymore. Everyone needs things and they need them right now, and you have to be ready for them."

Miles, now 63, doesn't have a retirement date in sight, and said one thing his son will have that he didn't is that "I can come back part-time and work some if I want to, or I can help out when things get busy even if I'm not here all the time. But that's not going to happen anytime soon." ♦

An advertisement for Paragould Family Dentistry. It features a photograph of a smiling family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) in the center. To the left, the text reads "Quality Care for the whole family." Below the photo, it says "Paragould Family Dentistry" and "Kevin Mann, DDS" followed by the address "1224 West Court Street, Paragould | 239•5518". To the right, it advertises "Free Teeth Whitening." and includes the CareCredit logo with the text "Patient Payment Plans" and the Invisalign logo.

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## Business Milestones



Ruth Ann Prater has been in the hairstyling business for 50 years.

### Prater has no plans to slow down just yet

By Richard Brummett

**W**hen Ruth Ann Prater was 20 years old, she took a part-time job as a hairdresser.

"It was a means of making a living so I could go back to college," she said. "I wanted to be a CPA."

Instead, she became a full-time stylist.

When March of this year rolled around Prater marked her 50th year in the business, something she says she never saw happening.

"My life has never been really planned out," she said, "but I never dreamed I would be doing this at 70."

She recalled a newspaper feature about a fellow hairdresser who also had spent a lifetime in the field, and she said, "That will not be me. I will not be doing hair when I'm 70. Well, here I am."

Prater spent the early days of her career working for others before finally opening her own shop, but today she's content to work

two days a week at The Hair Loft in Downtown Paragould.

"When I first started," she recalled, "I rented a room -- bedroom, bathroom -- for a dollar a day, \$7 a week ... and I barely made my payments. It was just \$2.50 for a hairstyle and a perm for \$5. I've seen unbelievable changes."

Prater credits much of her longevity to the work ethic preached by her parents, W.O. and Winnie Fay Wilson who taught her "that we all need to work and do the job right."

She said her current work situation is pleasant because of the teamwork inside the building.

"It's very unusual for nine women to be so close in a work atmosphere and get along as well as we do," she said. "All my customers comment on that."

As for how long she will work, she said, "Long as I can, I guess. They won't let me quit." ♦



Frozen treats from Swirlz topped off a fundraiser for the Circle of Friends.

## Daycares, preschools take part in Circle of Friends fundraiser

The Greene County Circle of Friends Chapter of Arkansas Children's Hospital Foundation sponsored a Rock the Shamrock fund raiser.

The Circle of Friends and ACH appreciate the daycare centers and preschools, and all the children who collected funds for the event. Those participating included Ms. Kristi's Private Preschool, Heavenly Kids Daycare, Little Learners, First Steps Daycare, LLC, and Angelville, all located in Paragould.

Raising the most money was Ms. Kristi's Private Preschool. The children and staff were rewarded with a party provided by Swirlz. ♦



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# Exercise, nutrition play part in men's -- or anyone's -- health

There are many challenges for men in terms of health. It's no secret, male life expectancy has statistically declined in comparison to women's throughout the years.

Many factors can contribute ... consumption of alcoholic beverages or smoking, overwork and stress, or refusal to go to the doctor and submit to medical testing as cautiously as women do. A contributing factor to ailment on both sides is the growing issue of obesity, although men seem to be more tolerant of weight gain, being they are stereotypically bigger, faster or stronger.

"When I graduated from high school, I weighed 305 pounds, which would've been bad enough if I were, say, 8 foot tall -- but I was 5-10! I started researching nutrition and fitness, and my freshman year of college I lost 150 pounds," fitness consultant Shannon Beasley admits.

Determination is key for those who wish to combat extra pounds, but the combination of exercise and good nutrition can beat more than the bulge.

"If only exercise came in a pill. It burns calories, builds muscle, improves mood, inhibits appetite, cleans your heart, cleans your arteries, lowers your risk of

stroke/heart disease, diabetes, breast cancer, colon cancer, osteoporosis, improves your blood pressure/blood sugar . . . virtually eliminates obesity. It even turns on your good genes and turns off your bad ones. I'd get rich selling a pill like that; it would be the most expensive drug in history. Yet, it's free," he says. "In terms of diet, I eat meat -- lean ones; vegetables -- green ones; and nuts -- clean ones. I don't eat stuff that comes out of a cardboard box or a bag. I eat to levels that support my exercise but not increase my body fat. Food is fuel. It is also medicine. I'm not foolish enough to take more medicine than is necessary. I won't do it with food either."



Shannon Beasley is a personal trainer, and a living example of what diet and exercise can do.

The urge to over indulge is supersized for most Americans. Although health food and ideology are on the uptick, it's still difficult to deny the norm. Beasley's theory is not to ignore your cravings but put them on hold. For most, this prevents bingeing or blowing the diet altogether.

"I encourage my clients to have a cheat night.

For most of them, that's Friday. During the week, any time an unhealthy craving strikes them, I tell them to write it down. This is a bit of psychological diet trick: they'll get it . . . just not yet.

On Friday night, I tell them to pull out the list and knock themselves out. Telling people they can never eat cookies or strawberry cheesecake ever again for the rest of eternity is not realistic. Neither is telling people to eat them in moderation. Moderation is a really cute idea in the abstract. In the concrete, it is making 60 percent of America obese," he says.

Beasley trains locally and online. Building meal and exercise plans is part of his routine, but he practices his recommendations. While he favors several forms of activity (running, bicycling and Cross Fit training), he advises simple guidelines.

"I do strength training and metabolic conditioning daily. For strength training, I like weightlifting and power lifting. People often confuse weightlifting with lifting weights. Weightlifting is one word, two things: the snatch and the clean and jerk. Power lifting is one word, three things: the dead lift, the squat, and the bench press. Metabolic conditioning generally involves cardio training that is very intense, but fairly short. Google 100 burpees some time to get an idea," he suggests.

The pathway to overall health has a core; it's true, as the benefits of staying active and eating healthy have long been noted. It is the initiative that changes everything.

"What motivates me as a personal trainer is seeing clients reach their goals -- goals they thought were unattainable. When a client tells me, 'You gave me my life back . . . I'll live to see my daughter walk down the aisle,' well, it makes up for all those early mornings and late nights," Beasley says.

Beasley teaches at Arkansas State University and is a personal trainer for Victory Fitness. He offers one-on-one personal training in Paragould and online training anywhere on earth. He plans to open Victory Fitness Studio for private, personal training soon. Contact him at [VictoryFitnessStudio.com](http://VictoryFitnessStudio.com). ♦



# Relay For Life set for June 14 in Paragould

By Gabriel A. Cook

On June 14 at 6 p.m. a 17-year tradition returns to Greene County at the West Kingshighway campus of Greene Country Tech. Several teams will walk in the Relay for Life, raising money for cancer research and treatment.

“Relay for Life started in 1985 as a one-man operation,” explains event co-chair, Kayci Evans. “Dr. Gordy Klapp decided to raise money for cancer research by putting his body through a physical exertion in solidarity with cancer patients. Businesses sponsored each lap as he walked a track in Tacoma, Washington. It wasn’t long before teams sprung up in other places, and now it’s a worldwide event.”

The Greene County Relay for Life Committee is volunteer-based, and they’re always on the scout for new members. Folks interested in joining or helping with events should contact Wes Dawson at [wes.dawson@gcrfl.org](mailto:wes.dawson@gcrfl.org).

This year’s theme is Cirque du Relay. Evans said they have approximately 20 teams with a goal of \$133,000. “The money goes to the American Cancer Society, but it’s not just for research. It also helps an organization called Road to Recovery. A cancer patient may not be able to drive to a doctor’s appointment — this provides a driver to get them there. There’s also “Look Good/Feel Better.” Chemo does a number on a person’s skin, and, of course, there’s hair loss. Geared toward women, this helps them adapt to it.”

Another resource aided by Relay for Life is the Hope Lodge. A long drive to a specialist’s office would be difficult for the heartiest of folk, but those coping with the effects of cancer are less inclined to manage a 300-mile trip ... to say nothing of hotel expenses. The Hope Lodge is a place for patients who must take to the road for treatment to stay .

Though walking the track is the primary goal of team members, several events take place as the night goes on. “We have live performances, different games, Bingo, and, in the past, a “Dude Looks Like a Lady” contest. We’re changing that to a talent show so everyone can participate. Any talent can be justified;

they don’t have to be good at it!”

Evans marvels at the willingness of team captains and members to go above and beyond to help the event. She said many of them arrive hours before the walk to get everything in order ... only to turn around and walk or help with one of the many chores. One of the most emotional events of the evening happens when the sun goes down. During the Ceremony of Hope, candles are placed in personalized bags around the track’s periphery as a testament to absent friends who bravely fought their cancer, and as tribute to those still fighting.

For those unable to join in the walk, donations can be made directly at [gcrfl.com](http://gcrfl.com). For the teams, spectators, and events coordinators, however, June 14th will be a night of hope, fellowship, and fun. “It’s family-oriented,” Evans said, “with lots of food and games, and we want everyone to come out and have a good time.” For more info, log onto [www.gcrfl.org](http://www.gcrfl.org).



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## Relay For Life Events

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7:00-8:00—Elrod the Magician; Baggo Tournament begins; Potato Golf

8:00-9:00—Live Auction; Games on the field (water balloons, Plinko, Fruit Basket Turnover)

9:00-10:00—Hailey Reed (possibly with Cody Noel)

10:00-11:00—Luminary Service

11:00-12:00—Sky Lantern Release; Cardboard Testimonies

12:00-12:30—Drama Production by Paragould Church of God Youth Group; Wet Tee Shirt Contest

12:30-1:00—Photo Booth; Scavenger Hunt; Team Photos

1:00-2:00—Talent Show and/or Pajama Contest

2:00-3:00—Judging of banners, spirit sticks, and tee shirts from the stage;

3:00-4:00—Bingo from the stage and Crafts under the Committee tent; Karaoke and Line Dancing

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5:00-6:00—Closing Ceremony; Fight Back Ceremony. ♦

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## Dr. Jay Springman touched the lives of many

**K**arl A. Menninger said: "What the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches." A good teacher — one who engages students and encourages them to push beyond limitations — is a shining light in this world, and their knowledge lives on in the students they teach. Such an educator was Dr. Jay K. Springman, who passed away on April 16.

Dr. Springman (Doc, to his students) touched the lives of hundreds of young people. Cracking a book and droning boring text for an hour was not his way. He taught by doing, leading students to the stage of Paragould High School (then known as Ridgecrest) and performing animated antics that brought theatre class to life. Even the most reserved student couldn't help but participate in Doc's wild experiments, whether it was scenes from Shakespeare, improv lessons, or trust exercises.

Dr. Springman was born October 1, 1933, in Gordon, Nebraska. He attained the rank of Corporal during the Korean Conflict, and — after serving his country — graduated from Chadron Stage College. He taught English and Theatre in his hometown, where he was named "Teacher of the Year," then Speech and Theatre at Chadron State, during which time he earned a Doctor of Education degree. He soon became Chairman of the Speech and Theatre Department at Xavier University in New Orleans, where he taught for 12 years.

Interesting things happened to Doc at Xavier. A spate of movie making swept the southern states, and casting agents often sent notices to theatre departments for extras. Dr. Springman himself appeared in movies, one of which was "The Toy," with Richard Pryor.

Doc met Dr. Carol Pratt and they built a life together in Northeast Arkansas, she teaching at ASU, he settling in as chairman of the Department of Communications at Ridgecrest. Though he'd already led an exciting life, it was in Arkansas that he was to develop a

fiercely loyal student following.

Deidra Addison remembers a speech Doc gave her in the summer of 1981 when she was at a low ebb.

"Dede, I am not sure what's going on in your life, but Dr. Pratt and I see great things in you. No matter what your situation may be, you control the



outcome.

You may not be able to control the actions of others, but you can control your reaction to them. That is what makes you who you are."

Such words, Addison said, improved her life, and she's never forgotten them.

Always quick to share a motivating word, Doc encouraged the casts of his plays to become "families." Overseeing the whole production was Doc himself, often with Dr. Pratt at his side. Doc, laid back and calm, directed alongside Dr. Pratt, who was intense and boisterous and highly critical.

Jason Houston, former keyboardist for Andy Williams and now a pastor, remembers the dynamic between the polar-opposite partners.

"One thing that sticks out in my mind, is the great love he had for Dr. Pratt. We knew that he cared for us, but it was really something to watch the two docs working together. They both just lit up, and there was something truly spectacular when they put a show together. They not only loved each other, but loved working with each other."

Not that Doc couldn't be critical himself. "Not only did this great man spark the beginning of my journey into the theater," notes performer and songwriter, Nathan Morgan, "but he also inspired art and creativity just by his presence. He said to me one time in rehearsal, "You call that acting!" Truly it upset me, because it was out of character for him to be harsh. But it is what I needed to be within the scene. I knew then that 'acting' and later, 'art' in general, takes a lion's heart. Certainly, along with passion and love for everything he did, he possessed this."

Movies and radio broadcasts also appealed to Doc. He loved sharing his collection of tapes and LPs and encouraged students to make their own. Former makeup artist Jack Mizell made home movies during high school, and he recalls showing them to Doc with trepidation.

"He sat, fist under his chin, analyzing the entire show. We had no idea if he liked them or thought we were crazy until it had ended and he started asking how we'd accomplished different effects. He'd watch them again, this time laughing throughout, enjoying our dry humor. Afterwards, we spent the rest of the class discussing it. To draw the attention of a professional — that was the best."

"I met Dr. Jay Springman when he first came to Paragould," adds local performer, Vicki Bishop-Nigro. "I had never heard an accent like his. Paragould was much smaller then, and I was a little bit country. Doc taught about movies, live theatre, debate, and speech presenting. He noticed right away I was a loud mouth, and was the first person ever to introduce me to live theatre and Broadway.

I never knew such things existed. He told me, "Vicki, dear, you should be onstage and often!" Words I have never forgotten. Doc demanded then and there that I audition for the upcoming musical at Paragould High School, "Annie Get Your Gun". I was ecstatic.

"I got in the chorus, as a 6th grader. Doc never once treated me like I didn't belong. Since then, I have been in over 300 stage productions. Because of him. He didn't miss many of them, either."

Nor did he lose touch with former students once they graduated. Derek Phelps, a theatre mainstay in Northeast Arkansas, remembers how Dr. Springman would welcome a visit, anticipated or not. "He had a way of making a room light up by just walking in. I recall several performances after graduating that I would be excited beyond words knowing that he and Dr. Pratt would be in the audience. Doc had a way of making his students feel special and that is key in teaching. His smile and thoughtful words made impossible tasks seem simple."

Doc retired in the late 1990s, and he and Dr. Pratt moved to Faith, South Dakota. In recent years, health issues took their toll. Dr. Sylvia Richards, an educator of equal force and tenacity, knew something was wrong. "After retirement, I spoke with Carol and Jay several times, and I realized that Jay did not sound like himself — but he was asking questions about the folks we had known in Paragould.

"I picked up the telephone one evening in April and called South Dakota. Carol answered and told me that Jay was in the hospital. He passed on April 16 ... I had to smile. One day after the Income Tax due date!"

A memorial on behalf of Dr. Springman will be presented June 8, 6 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2611 Purcell Road. All former acquaintances and students are encouraged to attend and share memories of this extraordinary teacher.

Farewell, Dr. Springman. You're undoubtedly teaching them a thing or two up there. ♦

-- By Gabriel A. Cook

## Looking for ways to help? Try joining Paragould Jaycees

**T**he Jaycees is a nonprofit, politically nonpartisan, organization with the goal of acquiring and developing leadership abilities within its members.

They strive to give young people the tools they need to build the bridges of success for themselves in the areas of business development, management skills, individual training, community service, and international connections. This goal is accomplished through community service and development projects that are undertaken throughout the year as well as a multitude of training and network opportunities.

Membership is open to all persons between the ages of 21 and 40.

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The Paragould Jaycees were founded in December of 2006 and have been an active member in the community ever since. Aside from helping bring back the 4th of July fireworks to Paragould, they have also contributed to local back pack programs, donated to local school organizations and assisted with different events such as Relay For Life. In addition to charitable events, they have also coordinated multiple fundraising events such as Mardi Gras Paragould, St. Patrick's Day Casino Night, and their annual Halloween Costume Party.

The Paragould Jaycees are always looking for new members who want to make a difference in their community. If you or someone you know would like to get involved with the Paragould Jaycees or just would like more information, you can contact their chapter president at [ParagouldJaycees@gmail.com](mailto:ParagouldJaycees@gmail.com). ♦



# They're back!

Members of the 1039th Engineering Company of the Arkansas Army National Guard returned from a 10-month deployment in Afghanistan in May

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CPT Seth Jacobs and wife Karina.



PFC Brett Bozone meeting son, Denver, for the first time.



SSG Zack Mullins of Cherry Valley with son Gunner, daughter Kenzie and wife Hope



Emily Medlock and Shannon Bradley await the arrival of their soldier, SPC Jordan Phillips.



SPC Cody Raines sharing a moment with wife, Hannah and son, Conner.



Layne Harrison Bass waiting to welcome home his dad, PFC Benjamin Bass.



SPC Taron Robinson with mother, Dorcy and brother, Tavoris.



SPC Nathan Greer and sister, Devon Greer.



SGT Tony Taylor with sister, Tiffany and niece Ellison.



Adria Roberts welcoming home son, SGT Michael Whatley.



SSG Timothy Goldman with daughter Hannah and 2 month old grandson Rhylan.

## Legacy Concert benefits Greene County Museum

The Greene County Museum Legacy Concert at the Collins Theatre in Paragould, featuring the Rhodes, Morris and Joiner families, was great success, according to Museum co-president Doris Hagen.

"It was a nasty, rainy night outside," she said, "but inside the Collins we enjoyed a good time and great entertainment. In fact, we had so much fun we plan to do it again next year."

Proceeds from the event will help fund special events, exhibits, and youth activities at the museum. ♦



Musical entertainment at the Greene County Museum's Legacy Concert included the Morris Family, above, and below, the Joiner Family and drummer Kevin King among others.



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## Get Rich

By Richard Brummett



### Cards' manager proves there's more to game than just baseball

While attending the St. Louis Cardinals' Affiliate Event in May, I was struck by some statements from manager Mike Matheny.

The two-day session is a tough assignment. You have to stay cost-free in a luxury hotel, get free Cardinals gifts, attend a couple of baseball games and get all your meals provided. Participants are also treated to a panel of Cardinals' celebrities representing TV, radio and the club itself.

It is customary for the manager to address the audience and then open up the floor for a question/answer session.

Matheny, known as a deeply religious man, fielded questions about his team and personnel until one of the visitors asked, "Do you share your faith with your players?"

I, as did many others, expected the answer to be "yes." Instead, we heard "no." His explanation was forthright and admirable.

"When you spend 162 out of about 200 days with a group of guys," Matheny said, "they know who you are. I don't force my beliefs down their throats; I try to live my life in such a way that they can see who I am, and what I stand for."

Powerful words. Matheny is one of the few -- very few -- in professional sports who cannot be seen mouthing profanities when caught on camera during the course of game action. He isn't a yeller and screamer and dirt-kicker. He is a man true to his religious teachings.

"The players know I am always there for them if they want to talk about anything," he said. "They know I am willing to listen and help. I live my life in a way that I think is right, and they can see that. They know who I am."

Now, all of us do and he's someone we can admire. ♦

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# Dads deserve their holiday, too; June 16 is Father's Day 2013

**F**ather's Day was inaugurated in the United States in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fatherhood and male parenting.

After the success obtained by Anna Jarvis with the promotion of Mother's Day, some wanted to create similar holidays for other family members, and Father's Day was the choice most likely to succeed. Credit for the modern holiday is often given to Sonora Dodd, who was the driving force behind its establishment.

Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington, at the YMCA in 1910 by Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was on June 19, 1910. Her father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children. After hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June.

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972. ♦

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# Museum hosts antique car show

The Greene County Museum played host to an antique car show in May, a "smashing success," according to event organizers.

Vintage vehicle enthusiasts were treated to 25 to 30 vehicles on display, and the beautiful spring day helped make attendance excellent.

Car owners and museum board members are already planning next year's show. ♦





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Bacchaus spends much of his time relaxing these days, basking in his dog show victory.

Photo by Tim Rand

# Bacchaus emerges as the top dog at Rotary Club show

By Richard Brummett

**G**reta Doss said entering the Rotary Club's dog show was actually her nephew's idea, and one she didn't put a lot of stock into.

"He was excited about it because he'd watched a lot of Animal Planet and commented about it a lot, but I didn't put that much thought into it. It seemed like it would be a fun thing."

When the barking stopped and judges made their decision, Greta's dog -- Bacchaus -- came away with the top prize.

A Great Dane the family got as a rescue dog, Bacchaus is "probably 6 or 7, we're not sure," Doss said. "We've had him, basically, since he was a puppy."

She said Bacchaus is "a fun dog. He's getting older and he sleeps a lot, but he loves to play and run."

Having had other Great Danes, she said the

family is aware they slow down pretty quickly when the time comes.

"We noticed after Christmas he had slowed down a lot," she said of Bacchaus. "That seems to be the way they do ... they just reach

a point where they slow down and like to rest."

Slow or not, it isn't every dog that has its own Facebook page, but give Bacchaus Doss a try and you'll find it.

"My daughter sort of started that as a joke," Doss said, "along with other Great Dane owners. I think it's kind of a universal

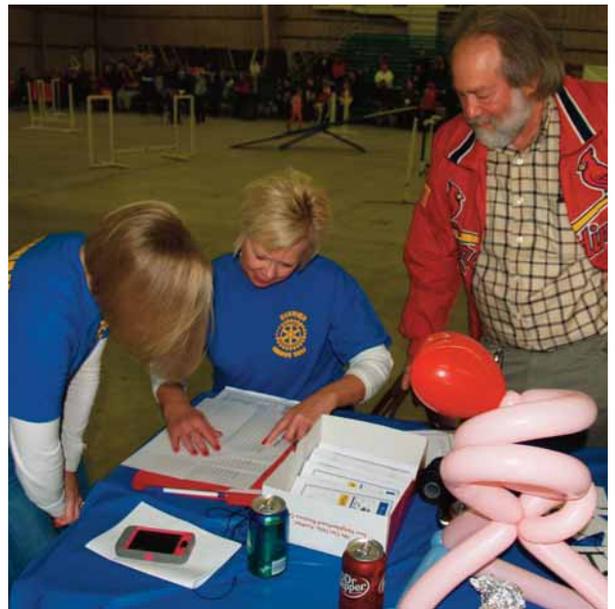
thing with them."

Now, having won his first-ever contest, Bacchaus will have a chance to rest up and decide if he wants to come back and try to defend his title next year.

"He might retire," his owner said. "We'll see what he feels like next year." ♦



Most Handsome and Top Dog. Bacchaus poses with Garrett Youngblood.



While contestants paraded their dogs in front of the panel of judges, above left and below, Rotarians like Andrea Dickey, Diann Walker and Marty Buchman kept up with the tally sheets for the various categories.

## Dog show proves to be a hit for Paragould Rotary Club

**F**orty two dogs strutted their stuff for a panel of judges when the Paragould Rotary Club held its first-ever Paws For A Cause Dog Show.

“It was a very successful event,” said Rotarian Dina Mason. “We had lots of participation and Malissa Lewis, the project coordinator, did a wonderful job.” ♦



Bonida Poyner and Sophie



Victoria Thompson, Riley Kate Bennett and Coco



Lakota Noles and Honey

# Kids In Sports:

## 'Teamwork, Sportsmanship and Fun' is Aftershock's motto

Members of one area softball team are learning that just being a good player isn't enough

By Richard Brummett

One of the wonderful things about the Paragould community is the variety of sports-related activities it provides area young people.

Thousands of youngsters take part in sports like swimming, golf, tennis, baseball, basketball and softball -- to mention just part of the programs offered -- and several take their participation to a higher level by learning there is more to the game than just the game.

One such team is the 8-and-under girls Aftershock softball team, made up of athletes from Paragould, Marmaduke and Rector.

"We try to teach them that you can't just take," said coach Amy Garner, "that you have to be willing to give back, too."

And that they have. As a group, the girls have taken on several community projects under the guise of "Aftershock Gives Back," giving of their time and efforts to make life better for someone else.

"In November, we adopted seven children at The Children's Home," Garner said. "We divided them up among the girls, and they bought things for them from a want list. They bought some toys and things that the house parents thought it was neat to buy instead of clothes.

"And they got TaMolly's gift cards for the parents," she added. "It was good for the girls to see that not everyone is as fortunate as they are, that not everyone gets to grow up having everything they need."

When the calendar turned to January, the team members decided to show their support for members of the military.

"Out of their own pockets, the girls made care packages for two soldiers and sent them through the mail to Afghanistan," the coach said.



Aftershock team members include, front from left, Mayla Cox, Shelby Hensley, Ally Wood, Wyllow Lambdin, Sara Roland and Baylee Whitaker; middle, Tailor Brockett, Carly Robinson, Morgan Garner, Abby Lenderman, Karley Burrow and Aspen Coffel; and back, coaches Amy Garner, Shane Wood, Tracy Garner, Mark Burrow, Timmy Martin and Dawn Martin.

The packages consisted of snack foods, granola bars and beef jerky and were designed to show the soldiers they were not forgotten while at the same time providing a taste of home.

"The girls love doing these things," Garner said. "They love being a part of a team, and part of a team that understands there's more to it than just playing. Sometimes I think they enjoy the projects almost as much as they do the playing."

Garner said this summer the girls hope to make a group visit to Paragould's Chateau On The Ridge, an assisted living retirement community.

"We're coordinating that with the activities director right now," she said. "The girls would like to go out and play catch for them

and make some arts and crafts with them.

"They just sort of want to have a 'play day' with the older folks and interact with residents there."

Garner said since the girls are so young it takes great support from their families to make all the projects happen.

"We've got great parents and grandparents who make sure they get them there," she said. "We have a lot of support."

Not to be overlooked are the girls' accomplishments *on* the field. They got off to a 14-2 start this year and were the Paragould 2012 Fall League champions, the Sportsmanship Award winners and had 1st and 2nd place finishes to begin the 2013 season in tournament play. ♦

# July fireworks returning, thanks to local sponsors

Thanks to the efforts of local sponsors Paragould will again host a 4th of July fireworks display.

The Big Bang Blowout will be held at Rotary Park under the direction of the Paragould Jaycees, according to club president Jeremiah Allen.

"It will be held this year right on the 4th of July," Allen said, "and we're in the process of scheduling some additional activities and entertainment, as well."

The Jaycees, MOR Media, Inc. and First National Bank have stepped up to help make



the event possible, Allen said.

"We want to make it a little bigger than last year," Allen said. "We're adding some things to give families something to do for a few hours until it gets dark. We're going to have

some food vendors and other entertainment. The fireworks will start after dark, probably around 9:30 or so; entertainment will start around 5:00."

Allen said his organization has sent out sponsor letters detailing three different levels of participation, but those wanting to be primary sponsors must reply by Monday, June 10.

To be a sponsor of the fireworks show, interested parties should contact Allen by phone at 870-565-5056, by email at [paragouldjaycees@gmail.com](mailto:paragouldjaycees@gmail.com) or by viewing the Jaycees Facebook page. ♦

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## Art & Stroll event attracts crowd to Downtown area



Visitors and participants filled the streets of Downtown Paragould for the annual Art & Stroll event. Whether using a horse as a canvas, showing off personal artwork, just strolling, or listening to the music of Simple Roots, the crowd seemed to enjoy the evening.



# Local artist has wide array of interests

By Gabriel A Cook

Most people who pursue the fine arts took multiple classes in the respective field growing up, but local artist Mandy Maxwell is an exception. “Being homeschooled, I didn’t have those classes. I’d grab a book of Da Vinci paintings and copy them. I went to a public school my senior year, and my teacher said I would have excelled in whatever field of art I explored.”

Maxwell set her sights on pursuing graphic design and took the requisite drawing classes in college, and she studied Fresco paintings in Italy for a summer ... the extent of her formal training. The process of creation for Maxwell is as different as the different pieces she creates.

“Something will happen in my life, something

stands out that I’ll use in my painting. I’ll either draw it out over and over again or I’ll mock it up in Photoshop, like a preview. Most of the time I sketch it out multiple times and it eventually comes together.

“I love oil painting, but it depends on the subject and what I want out of the painting. I dabble in watercolor and pastels. I definitely go through phases. I paint things that speak to me. A lot of the houses I paint are abandoned or have a different personality — and I have no connections to the owner — but there may be something in the structure that I like. It changes with my mood.”

Maxwell’s current series consists of miniature paintings of houses in and around her neighborhood. The structures, whether abandoned or occupied, speak to the artist in some way, and she plans to continue that particular line.

“My paintings are very personal. It’s selfish, but I paint for personal reasons. I’ve done a few of my miniature houses for commissions, but I paint for myself. I do sale my work at galleries, but otherwise it’s my own thing.”

Working at Flower Shop Network prevents Maxwell’s being a “starving artist.” She creates in her house studio, and — being an avid collector of records — music inspires her. “I definitely don’t think I’ve peaked, artistically. My masterpiece is still out there. I have big dreams, I guess.”

With pieces in various galleries and featured in the film, “45RPM” (a huge undertaking with dozens of sketches, paintings, and bits of animation), Maxwell has no intentions of slowing down. To see more of her artwork, visit her website at [mandyatlarge.com](http://mandyatlarge.com). ♦

# RAM RUN

Paragould elementary school students hit the track at PHS for a day of fun in the sun



Kindergartners broke through the banner to officially start the 2013 Ram Run at the Paragould High School track, above, while at right a youngster went all out with face paint in school colors. Students mixed in running, jogging and walking, below, and even took time out for a little shoe repair from the police, thanks to officer Chris Bunch, below right.



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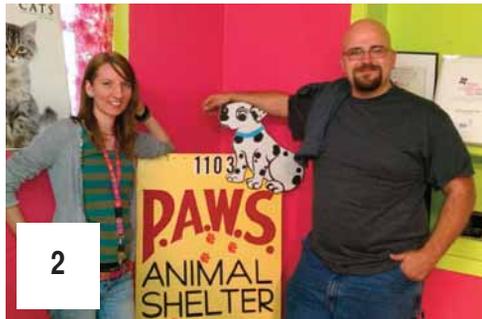


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# Happenings!

## 1. Third In The State

The Paragould High School Electric Vehicle team took home the 3rd place overall trophy at the state finals in Little Rock in April, competing against 19 other teams. The PHS team also won 2nd place in autocross, 2nd place in range event and 4th place in quiz bowl. Sponsors for the EV team are Michelle Guinn and Amanda Pillow. Pictured are: Kinan Alhallak, Cody Blan, Cortney Turman, Keelee Rushing, Chance Causey, Carson Gill, Alex Burroughs and Connor Roe. Not pictured are: Josh Greene, Jared Davison, Chase Woods, Gena McCullar, Colby Holladay, Tanner Duty, Iad Alhallak, Mitchell Lankford, Erin Straub and Jacy Craig.

## 2. PAWS, PetSmart join forces

The Paragould Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) is officially partnering with PetSmart as an adoption partner. Shelter animals will be onsite at the store with cats and kittens there during the week and dogs and puppies available on Saturdays. For each adoption PAWS gets a \$10 donation from PetSmart Charities. Call (870) 240-0997 for shelter hours or see pets available on the web at [www.pawsparagould.org](http://www.pawsparagould.org) <<http://www.pawsparagould.org/>> or on Facebook.

## 3. At The Reception

A reception was held at First United Methodist Church to honor Bishop Gary Mueller and his wife, Wink, after their visit to the church on April 28. Pictured is Music Minister Danny Davis holding his granddaughter.

## 4. Smiles For A Lifetime

Launched in 2008, the Smile for a Lifetime Foundation aims to reach individuals with financial challenges, special situations, and orthodontic needs. Smile for a Lifetime was founded by Northeast Arkansas Orthodontist Dr. Benjamin Burris, owner of Braces by Burris, located in Jonesboro, Paragould, Blytheville, Forrest City and West Memphis. The local chapter accepts applications from candidates living in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri. Usually, three scholarships are awarded monthly, nine quarterly. May was the exception with ten recipients being announced, awarded and seen for their initial exam at the Jonesboro office of Dr. Burris. Since its inception, over one million dollars in free orthodontic and dental treatment has been awarded locally.



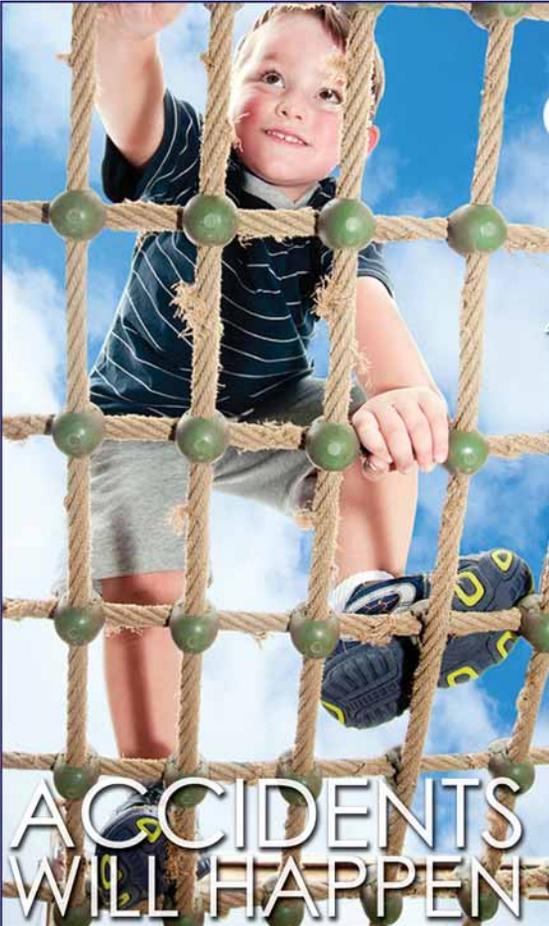
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**What's The Fuss?**



By Fuss

## Dad's interaction with grandson makes nice Father's Day gift

I often wonder what my dad made of the red-headed moptop thrown into his life in early 1977. I didn't play in the dirt or chase bugs, nor did I appreciate machines or sports. Dad, on the other hand, loved racing. It is something he's pursued for decades, and he's well-known in local circles. I attended a

few races, but I wasn't moved in the same way.

Dad was hooked when he first heard the baby's cry. They have become fast friends, and my son, now 19-months old, knows which side of the bread is buttered.

If I've ever felt disappointed in myself, it is in this failure to connect with his greatest passion. I would've loved to have shared my dad's victories and consoled him in his losses.

Despite my absence, my pride in him is boundless.

We shared an amicable relationship. He left most of the disciplining to my mom, but a stern glance from him was enough to convince me to straighten up. He was never hard-handed, however, and he loved a good time. Dad took us on grand vacations, and it was he who first introduced me to Mt. View, a place of great sacredness and tranquility to me. Somehow, he knew I'd love it there, and we've gone back (with wives and pets) several times.

The whole family descends on our house for Christmas, and — though Dad affects a severe attitude to keep the assorted cousins and nieces and nephews in check — his eyes

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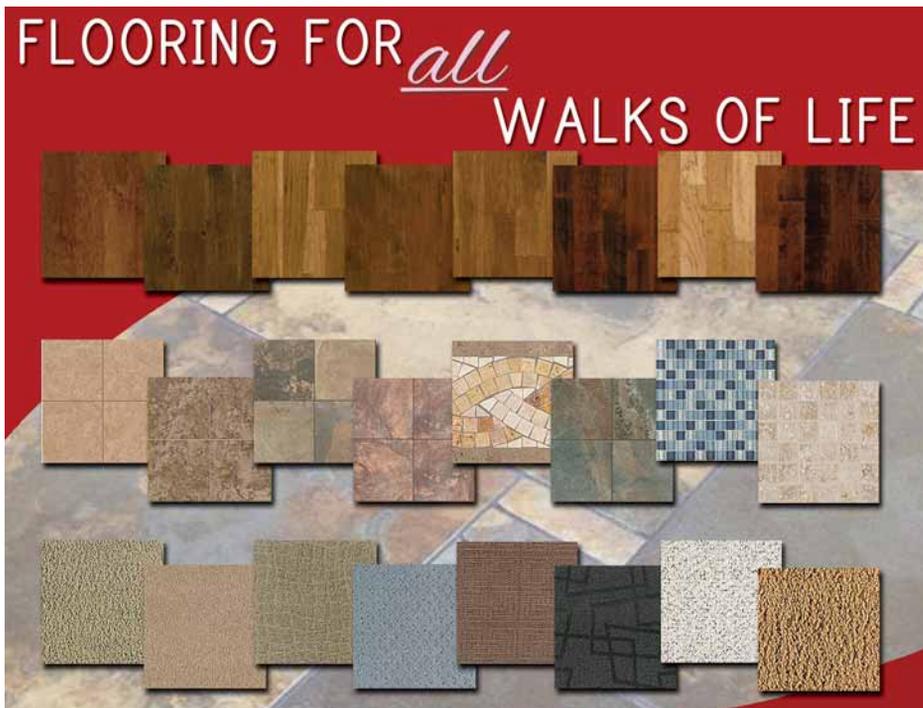
Dad is a noted cook, and when he lays out a spread, it's enough to feed two armies. In most families, the men typically eat first. When dad cooks, no one eats till every child has a full plate, and he has said on numerous occasions that he enjoys nothing more than watching kids eat. I fear it is because, at some point in his life, he went without.

All would've gone its normal pace, I think, except for the event that brought my dad and me even closer: In November of 2011, my own son was born. Dad was hooked when he first heard the baby's cry. They have become fast friends, and my son, now 19-months old, knows which side of the bread is buttered. Every grunt and point is my dad's command, and Grandpapa Fuss never hesitates to fulfill it. It is something to see when they play together, and sometimes ... when the light is dim, or my mood is particularly reflective ... I flashback to my own childhood, looking up at him and wondering if there could possibly be a greater man on the face of the earth.

I often wonder what he thinks of the gray-bearded moptop I became, and if he knows I still doubt there's a greater man on the face of the earth than him. He gave me encouragement and a loving home as a child. As a man, I gave him a grandson who adores him.

The look in dad's eyes when they are together makes me think it's a fair trade. Happy Father's Day, Grandpapa Fuss. ♦

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# 2013 Great Race will make appearance in Paragould June 26

Paragould will host a lunch stop on the 2013 Hemmings Motor News Great Race presented by Hagerty on Wednesday, June 26, race promoters have announced.

The Great Race, the world's premiere old car rally, is expected to bring up to 100 antique automobiles to South Pruet Street in downtown Paragould for the \$150,000 event.

The race will start June 22 in St. Paul, Minn., at the State Fairgrounds as part of the "Back to the 50s" car show and weave its way down the Mississippi River toward the Gulf of Mexico through 10 states and crossing the river a dozen times before the finish in Mobile, Ala., on June 30.

The stop in Paragould will be the first on Day 5 of the 9-day race. The cars will arrive from the overnight stop in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The Great Race, which began 30 years ago, is not a speed race, but a time/speed/distance rally. The vehicles, each with a driver and

navigator, are given precise instructions each day that detail every move down to the second. They are scored at secret check points along the way and are penalized one second for each second either early or late. As in golf, the lowest score wins.

Cars start – and hopefully finish – one minute apart if all goes according to plan. The biggest part of the challenge other than staying on time and following the instructions is getting an old car to the finish line each day.

The cars will arrive after noon at one-minute intervals for more than an hour and a half and stay for an hour each to allow spectators to visit with the participants and to look at the cars. It is common for kids to climb in the cars for a first-hand look. The Paragould Regional Chamber of Commerce is helping with the plans.

Cars built prior to 1969 are eligible, with most entries having been manufactured before World War II. In the 2012 Great Race, a 1907

Renault and a 1914 Ford Model T were the two oldest vehicles. There were also two 1916 Hudsons, a 1916 Packard, a 1917 Hudson and a 1917 Peerless in the event and many of those cars are expected back again in 2013.

Last year's winners, Barry and Irene Jason of Keller, Texas, drove a 1935 Ford coupe. The 2013 winners will receive \$50,000 of the \$150,000 total purse, based on 100 entries.

Over the decades, the Great Race has stopped in hundreds of cities big and small, from tiny Austin, Nev., to New York City.

"When the Great Race pulls into a city it becomes an instant festival," race director Jeff Stumb said. "Last year we had 25,000 spectators at the start in Traverse City, Mich., and another 15,000 people at lunch in Fairport, N.Y., on our way to having 250,000 people see the Great Race during our 20 city stops."

After leaving Paragould the cars will head south to Germantown, Tenn., for the fifth of nine overnight stops, eight of which are on the Mississippi River or the Gulf of Mexico.

The other overnight stops along the route are in La Crosse, Wisc., on June 22; Davenport, Iowa, on June 23; in Hannibal, Mo., on June 24; in Vicksburg, Miss., on June 27; in Baton Rouge, La., on June 28; in Covington, La., on June 29; and in Mobile on June 30.

The other lunch stops are Eau Claire, Wisc.; Dubuque, Iowa; Peoria, Ill.; Washington, Mo.; Monticello, Ark.; Natchez, Miss.; Crowley, La.; and Irvington, Ala.

The event was started in 1983 by Tom McRae and it takes its name from the 1965 movie, The Great Race, which starred Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, Natalie Wood and Peter Falk. The movie is a comedy based on the real life 1908 automobile race from New York to Paris. In 2004, Tony Curtis was the guest of the Great Race and rode in his car from the movie, the Leslie Special.

The event's main sponsors are Hemmings Motor News, Hagerty, Coker Tire, Reliable Carriers, Meguiar's and Steele Rubber.

For more information, go to [www.greatrace.com](http://www.greatrace.com) or contact Jeff Stumb at [jeff@greatrace.com](mailto:jeff@greatrace.com) or by calling him at 423-648-8542. ♦

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Pictured above, decked out in their finest, are Sharon Grooms, Knea Morris, Dinah Bates, Lana Williams and Candy Yancey and at right, Theresa Peeples, Mary Ann Allen and Whitney Benson. Workers keeping the action moving below included Julia Taylor, Megan Koller and Holly Fox.



## Foundation stages Run For The Roses

The Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Foundation hosted the Run For The Roses fundraiser at the Paragould Community Center in conjunction with the Kentucky Derby in May.



Women were encouraged to wear derby hats and compete for prizes for best headwear, while food, games

Above, Mark Rowland is flanked by daughters Rachel and Claire. Below are Ann Marie Guinn and Libby Glasco.

and a telecast of the Derby were provided for the participants. ♦



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# Helmets & Heels features ASU coaches and players

“Helmets & Heels” is a unique “girls-only” event during which women come to the Arkansas State University campus and receive behind-the-scenes information on the 2013 Red Wolves football program.

The event will take place Tuesday, July 30, beginning at 5 p.m. in Centennial Hall inside the ASU Student Union. The keynote speaker for the evening will be Head Coach Brian Harsin.

Coaches will discuss this year’s offense, defense and recruiting. Players will participate in a question and answer panel and will model team uniforms as the coaching staff discusses football equipment.

Other activities include a live and silent auction featuring one-of-a-kind Red Wolves items, vendor booths with A-State gear for sale and a fashion show featuring some of the coaches’ wives.

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for A-State students. Registration includes light hors d’oeuvres, an official Helmets & Heels T-shirt and a goody bag.

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Greene County's B.E.E.S. Senior Citizens went to New York City in April.

## Senior B.E.E.S. wind up trip with visit to New York

The Greene County B.E.E.S. Senior Citizens traveled to New York City in April. Thirty six group members traveled to Columbus, Ohio, and toured the Franklin Park Conservatory, then visited the



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Kettle Village in the Amsih Country of Pennsylvania before moving on to Independence Hall to see the Liberty Bell.

From there, the B.E.E.S. went to New York City and visited Central Park, Times Square, Rockefeller Center, China Town, Little Italy, Greenwich Village and Fifth Avenue. They also took a Harbor Cruise to Liberty Island to see the Statue of Liberty, and toured the 9/11 Memorial.

On the return home, they stopped at Hershey, Pennsylvania, to visit Hershey's Chocolate World and in Stoystown to see the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Anyone interested in learning about the next trip may call B.E.E.S. Executive Director Carol Fleszar at 870-239-4093.

The B.E.E.S. are currently planning a fall trip to Niagara Falls/Toronto in September of 2013. ♦

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## Engagement Announcement

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The bride-to-be's parents are Shane and Shannon Tripod of Paragould.

The prospective groom is the son of Gregg and Sandy Jones of Stuttgart.

The wedding is planned for July 13, 2013, at Swindle's Farm in Paragould. ♦



Hillary Tripod and Casey Jones

## Birth Announcements



Weslynn Elizabeth Engelken

**D**avid and Natalie Engelken of Jonesboro announce the birth of their daughter, Weslynn Elizabeth Engelken.

The baby was born at St. Bernards and weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents include the late Crissie Jumper of Paragould, Richy Beggs and Pam Beggs; paternal grandparents are Robert and Sherry Engelken. ♦



Reed Allen Murphy



Lincoln Rayne Baird

**J**ason Baird and Megan Mitchell of Paragould announce the birth of their son, Lincoln Rayne Baird.

Lincoln, born at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center, weighed 9 pounds, 6.6 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

The baby has one sibling, Jaxson Mitchell.

Grandparents are Ralph and Lynda Baird of Paragould, and Keith and Becky Clifton of Beech Grove. ♦

**J**eff and Shae Murphy of Paragould announce the birth of their son, Reed Allen Murphy.

Reed Allen was born at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould and weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces. He was 21 inches long.

He has a sister, Haley Murphy.

Grandparents include Franklin and Pam Digs and Pat Murphy and Gary Murphy. ♦

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**Hillary Tripod & Casey Jones**

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**Gretchen Jetton & Tanner Smith**

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**Katie Wilhite & Russ Brewer**

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# Special Olympians have their day at PHS

**M**ore than 300 athletes invaded the campus of Paragould High School for the staging of the Area I Special Olympics in May.

After an impressive opening ceremony that included a march around the track, presentation of the colors and singing of the national anthem, participants competed in the softball throw, long jump and running events as volunteers and family members cheered them on. ♦



Jenna Davenport and Makenzie Nutt, Jr. Miss GCT and Miss GCT, led walkers around the track to open the event, while the PHS Color Guard presented the flags. Below, members of the host school march.





# The Faces of The Special Olympics

The expressions of athletes, volunteers, parents and spectators make The Special Olympics a happy occasion.



# June

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

**AMMC HOSTS CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASSES.** Session one of two. Held in the auditorium in the Professional Office Building at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center. Free to those delivering at AMMC, otherwise it is \$50. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Participants will have a break for lunch. For more information or to register, call AMMC Lactation Services at (870) 239-7467.

**A TIME TO DANCES SPRING RECITAL.** "Beautiful: It's What's Inside that Counts" will be presented at 7pm at the Collins Theater in Paragould. Tickets will be sold for \$5 at the door. Dance styles in ballet, tap, jazz, and lyrical will be performed. For more information visit [www.atime2dances-tudio.com](http://www.atime2dances-tudio.com) or call Elizabeth Miller at 870-450-0394.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 6

**AMMC HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.** held in the Auditorium in the Professional Office Building at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center. Each person who successfully donates blood at the June blood drive at AMMC will receive three \$5.00 coupons to be used at the Auxiliary Gift Shop, Beacon's Deli, Cafeteria, or The Foundation Station. Held from 11:00am - 5:30pm.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 7

**SOUTHERN BANK MOVIE NIGHT.** "The Odd Life of Timothy Green", in downtown Paragould. Movie begins at dusk in the parking lot at Court and

Pruett Streets. Something Sweet will stay open to serve cupcakes.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 8

**AMMC HOSTS CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASSES.** Session two of two and is a feeding class. Held in the auditorium in the Professional Office Building at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center. Free to those delivering at AMMC, otherwise it is \$50. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call AMMC Lactation Services at (870) 239-7467.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 14

**RELAY FOR LIFE** an event that raises money for cancer research and treatment will be from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am at the West Kingshighway campus of Greene Country Tech. For more info, log onto [www.gcrfl.org](http://www.gcrfl.org).

### SATURDAY, JUNE 15

**4,000 STEPS DIABETES AWARENESS RUN/WALK.** hosted by Arkansas Methodist Medical Center & Northeast Arkansas Diabetes Organization, formerly Mom's of 1's Group for Mothers of Children with Type 1 Diabetes. Event will be held at the Paragould Community Center at 3404 Linwood Drive, at 8:00am. Those interested should register online at [ageeracing.com](http://ageeracing.com) or [crathleticclub.com](http://crathleticclub.com). Pre-registration closes at midnight on Thursday, June 13 and includes a shirt. Cost is \$15.00 for both walkers and runners. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). For more information, please call (870) 239-7016.

### MONDAY, JUNE 17

**AMMC HOSTS MOMMY AND ME BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP MEETING,** for new and expectant mothers. Offers a chance to meet other moms and share experiences. Held in the Second Floor conference room in the Professional Office Building at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center. 6:00pm - 7:30pm. For more information, call AMMC Lactation Services at (870) 239-7467 or the Greene County Health Unit at (870) 236-7782.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

**RUMMAGE AT THE RAILS.** join us Downtown and rent a garage sale spot or donate your treasures to Main Street Paragould, a non-profit organization. For more information, call (870) 240-0544.

### MONDAY, JUNE 24

**KASU'S BLUEGRASS MONDAY.** The music starts at 7:00pm, at The Collins Theatre, 120 W. Emerson Street.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

**THE GREAT RACE LUNCH STOP.** Paragould will host a lunch stop on the 2013 Hemmings Motor News Great Race presented by Hagerty on Wednesday, June 26. The Great Race, the world's premiere old car rally, is expected to bring up to 100 antique automobiles to South Pruet Street in downtown Paragould. The cars will arrive after noon at one-minute intervals for more than an hour and a half and stay for an hour each to allow spectators to visit with the participants and to look at the cars. The Paragould Regional Chamber of Commerce is helping with the plans.

## RECURRING EVENTS

**First Monday of every month:** Paragould Young Professionals First Monday Lunch, noon.

**Every Wednesday:** Perking on Pruett, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. At Something Sweet. Find out what is happening in the One and Only downtown Paragould. Your input is welcome.

**Second Thursday of every month:** The Compassionate Friends, 7:00 p.m. Southside Community Church Conference Room, 2211 Jones Road. For parents grieving the loss of a child. [tcfofnortheastarkansas@yahoo.com](mailto:tcfofnortheastarkansas@yahoo.com).

**Second Wednesday of every month:** St. Mary's Spaghetti Dinner, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for all you can eat spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink. At St. Mary's Catholic Church in Paragould.

T.O.P.S. (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Wednesday mornings at the Paragould Community Center in Room E. Private Weigh in at 8:00 a.m.; support meeting at 8:30 a.m. May attend one meeting as a guest. Membership fees are \$26 a year and \$1 dues per meeting.

## COMING UP IN — july —

**THURSDAY, JULY 11** "Les Misérables" at the Collins Theater. Playing through July 14.

**THURSDAY, JULY 18** Roger & Hammerstein's "Shrek" at the Collins Theater. Plays through July 21. A Greene County Fine Arts Council production.

**MONDAY, JULY 22** Bluegrass Monday brought to you by KASU. The music starts at 7:00pm, at The Collins Theatre, 120 W. Emerson Street.

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Name: Sarah Loftin

Where are you from? Paragould

What is your occupation? Full time student.  
I am currently living at home and going to ASU.



Sarah Loftin

Who taught you how to cook? My mom and my grandmother.

When did you first begin cooking? My earliest memories are those spent in the kitchen with my grandmother making her famous fudge.

Who do you like to cook for most? My family and friends.

Do you have a favorite cooking memory? In the kitchen with my grandmother.

What is your absolute favorite thing to cook on the grill? Grilling summertime vegetables.

What is the one ingredient you can't live without? Extra virgin olive oil.

What is your family's favorite dish that you make? Grilled salmon with vegetable stir fry quinoa.

Sarah is a Paragould resident with an extraordinary story. Diagnosed with thyroid cancer at the age of eighteen, she is now in full remission and is competing for the title of Miss Arkansas on July 14-20.

Because of her past diagnosis, she says, "Being faced with an illness has encouraged me to live a healthy lifestyle. The human body uses food as an energy source, and that's why it's important for me to eat a clean diet."

She will use this as her platform in the

## NEA COOKS

upcoming pageant. She has graciously shared Here they are:  
with us three of her delightful dishes.



### Pan Seared Salmon with Cannellini Bean and Roasted Red Pepper Salad

#### Ingredients

3 oz	Salmon
3 Tbs	Olive Oil
1 tsp	Salt
1/2 tsp	Pepper
1	Lemon
1 can	Cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
1 jar	Roasted red peppers
1 bag	Baby arugula or lettuce of your choosing

Dry salmon well with paper towel, salt and pepper both sides. In nonstick skillet on medium heat, add olive oil, heat for a minute. Add salmon and cook for 3 minutes on each side or until no longer pink in the middle. For salad take 5 ounces of lettuce, mix, put on a plate, add cannellini beans, slice roasted peppers, salt and pepper to taste. Cut lemon and squeeze lemon juice on top. ♦



### Zucchini Lasagna

#### Ingredients

3	Zucchini
1/2	Onion
1/2	Bell pepper
6oz	Extra lean hamburger
3oz	Turkey sausage
1 jar	Spaghetti sauce
1 to 2 cup	Mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup	Parmesan cheese

Chop onion and bell pepper. In a skillet, brown sausage and beef with bell pepper and onion. Add just enough sauce to hold the meat together, but not runny. Slice zucchini in thin slices, (you can also chop it in 1-inch pieces). Layer like a lasagna. Bake at 350 for 30 to 40 minutes or until the zucchini is soft and the top is brown. ♦

### Chicken Cobb Salad

#### Ingredients

5 oz	Lettuce
1	Hard boiled egg
1	Ripe avocado, peeled and diced
2	Slices turkey bacon
4	Grape tomatoes
1	Can pinto beans
1	Cucumber

Salt and pepper  
Raspberry vinaigrette dressing

Cook chicken in sauté pan until done, about 4 minutes on both sides, until no longer pink in the middle; chop into 1-inch pieces. Cook bacon until crispy. Chop all other vegetables into 1-inch pieces. Place lettuce, in first row, second row avocado, third row bacon and so on. Top with vinaigrette dressing. Enjoy! ♦

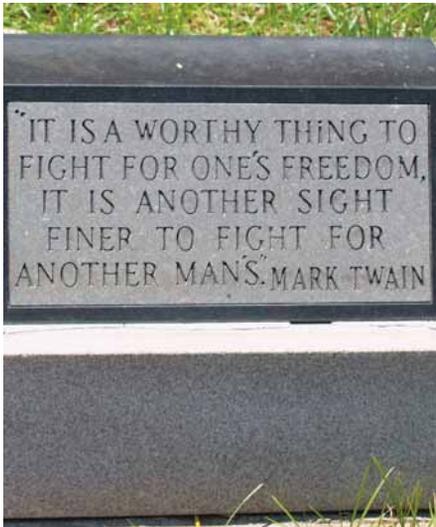
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All they need is some good recipes and a smile.

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What's in Store For Next Month

Cover



We will honor our servicemen and our country with a patriotic-themed edition.

NEA Cooks



We will once more feature an area resident who has a special talent in the kitchen or a favorite recipe they want to share. There will be plenty more of local events and happenings covered in Paragould Premiere.



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Who is Greene County?

# I AM GREENE COUNTY

## Brittany Murray Age: 23

**What I do:** Esthetician at Studio C

**What I like the most about Greene County:** I grew up here and I love the "small town" environment. I'm excited that my baby will be able to grow up in Greene County and have the same experiences I did.

**My family:** My husband, Jake Murray. We are expecting a little girl, Zalie Claire. We have two dogs, Ginger and Echo.

**Hobbies:** Traveling and spending time with my family.

**My future plans:** Enjoying being a mother and watching my business grow.

**Something most people don't know about me:** I love to do continuing education for my esthetics practice. I'm kind of a dork; I love learning and studying new things about skin care.

**One of my most interesting experiences:** Seeing our baby recently with the 3D ultrasound. It made me more excited to finally meet her.

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# I AM GREENE COUNTY

## Muriel White Age: 68

**What I do:** Auto sales.

**What I like the most about Greene County:** The people.

**My family:** Marilyn, my wife of 35 years; daughter Raina Thomas and her husband Lawson; son Rodney White.

**Hobbies:** Coaching kids in basketball.

**My future plans:** Enjoying my granddaughter and grandson.

**Something most people don't know about me:** I was a pretty good baseball and basketball player when I was younger. I played baseball in the daytime for Oak Grove, then at nighttime for the Paragould Babe Ruth League teams. I played basketball at Oak Grove.

**One of my most interesting experiences:** In 1990 or '91 I was asked to put together an AAU basketball team. I took four girls from Tech, four from Paragould, one from Stanford and one from Marmaduke and we went to Hot Springs for the state tournament and won the whole thing. We wound up in Orlando, representing the state of Arkansas.

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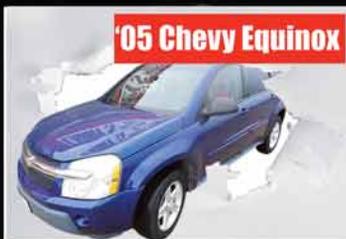


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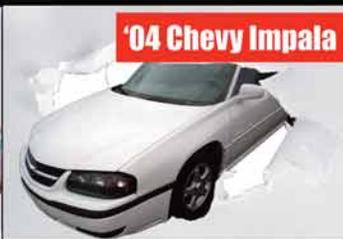
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