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Birthdays For March

T.C. Ayres	3rd	Marcella Cunningham	3rd	Mattie Nash	5th
Betty Jordan	6th	Linda Hartley	6th	Nancy Booth	10th
Sara Dimino	16th	Louise Mullis	16th	Frank W. Gadbois	17th
Mae Calloway	21st	Sue Braun	22nd	Elizabeth Warren	22nd
Hattie Taylor	28th	Bernice Poole	30th	*Happy Birthday!*	

Birthdays For April

Leonard H. Beal	1st	Kay Cunningham	7th	Justine Nolen	9th
Sybil Bartles	14th	Bill Sutton	22nd	William H. Roy, Jr.	23rd

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For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends. - **Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)**
"Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." **Matthew 5:4**

Worth Repeating (Originally Printed In The Macon Telegraph - March 7, 2008)

AARP Priorities - On Wednesday, 35 members of AARP went by a chartered bus to Atlanta to our state capitol to lobby state legislators about our state AARP chapter's 2008 legislative priorities. Our trip was organized by our local AARP chapter 1952 and is an annual event. Our legislative priorities include improvements in long term care, ID theft prevention, health care reform, tax reform and affordable prescription drugs. Our state membership is over one million members.

We were able to meet with several of our local state legislators and ask them pertinent questions. These legislators included Sen. Cecil Staton, R-Macon; Rep. Willie Talton, R-Warner Robins; and Sen. Ross Tolleson, R-Perry.

We told our representatives that we opposed the Property Tax reform Amendment as presented in HB 979 and SR 796. These bills would devastate our state budget. State revenues would decline when implemented in 2011 by $672 million. Local decision-making would be seriously weakened.

AARP believes that arbitrary property tax revenue and assessment caps would be unrelated to the needs, wishes and values of our local communities. Decisions on funding services to address local needs and values should be left at the local level.

Fortunately, on Wednesday the House voted against SR 796 and HB 979 along party lines and our legislative goals were vindicated. *Frank W. Gadbois*

Attention Readers Of This Newsletter: "Local Chapter Membership" Has Its Rewards And Privileges! Members: Please keep your dues (only $5.00/year) and membership directory information (birthday, address/phone number, etc) current! If you are NOT a member of our local chapter **but** you are a member of AARP please consider joining us … only $5.00/year! Thank you! ggd ☺

AARP Defensive Driving Classes: **Day Classes**: Contact Lynn Partillo at 478/971-4473.
Evening Classes: Contact Lamar Odom at 478/788-5121.

AARP Tax Aide (February 1 – April 15, 2008) Contact: 478/929-6960

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I'm easy to contact … **478/318-0471** and/or via e-mail at **gdavismail@gmail.com!**

Sincerely,

Greg Davis ggd ☺

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Teachers of the Year Announced for Houston County Schools

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – At the end of the school year, Houston County's 34 schools announced their 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year. Among the nominees is **Barbara Reott** (5th Grade Teacher At Miller Elementary School) - daughter of our very own **Suzanne Burgess!**

Each school has its own selection process. To select the system-wide winners, an educator from outside of the system will evaluate the 34 school-level nominees' written applications. As a result of this preliminary judging, 10 semi-finalists will be selected for one-on-one interviews with a panel of out-of-system judges consisting of personnel who have various experiences in the educational field. After an intensive and lengthy review of written applications and face-to-face interviews, the judges will select four finalists and the system-wide Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations to Barbara and Suzanne!

Allergies - Allergic Reaction To Drug Could Be Fatal!

(HealthDay News). For people with moderate to severe allergic asthma, the injectable medication Xolair could be a lifesaver. But for others, it might pose a fatal risk.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration mandated last year that a so-called black-box warning be tagged to the drug, advising doctors and consumers about the risk for anaphylaxis, a sudden, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. The warning was issued in the wake of continuing reports of anaphylaxis after use of the drug, which has the generic name omalizumab.

"It's still a valuable drug, and like any drug, people can become allergic and have anaphylaxis," Dr. Len Horovitz, a pulmonary specialist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, told *HealthDay* after the FDA ordered the warning.

Approved in 2003, Xolair was approved for use by adults and adolescents 12 and older who have moderate or severe asthma and whose symptoms cannot be adequately controlled with inhaled steroids. Injections are typically given every two or four weeks, according to Genentech Inc., which markets the drug.

In the United States, 20 million people, including 9 million children, have been diagnosed with asthma, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

In clinical trials conducted before the drug was approved, anaphylaxis was reported in three of 3,507 people who took it. But since the drug's release, more cases were reported. A review identified 124 reports of anaphylaxis among 57,300 people exposed to the drug from June 2003 to December 2006, or 0.2 percent of treated patients. **CONTINUED INSIDE >>>>**

From The Internet: Actual Church Bulletins

- Don't let worry kill you let the church help.
- Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and mediction to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the alter this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Tuesday at 4:00 PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- Wednesday, the ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing, "Put me in my Little Bed" accompanied by the Pastor.
- Thursday at 5:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the alter.
- The service will close with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All thoses wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

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A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy:
"So I hear you're getting married?" "Yep!"
"Do I know her?" "Nope!"
"This woman, is she good looking?" "Not really."
"Is she a good cook?" "Naw, she can't cook too well."
"Does she have lots of money?" "Nope! Poor as a church mouse."
"Well, then, is she good in bed?" "I don't know."
"Why in the world do you want to marry her then?"
"Because she can still drive!"