

ASHVILLE NEWS – FEBRUARY 18, 2012 – ROSE M.JAMISON – 740-601-0446

Sorry, folks. This will be short, as I'm headed south. To Jacksonville, Florida, that is. Am going on a bus trip with a group of seniors, led by Cynthia Love, director of the Pickaway County Senior Center. While there, we will visit St. Augustine and Amelia Island, and stop at Savannah, Georgia for an afternoon on the way home.

SYMPATHY

Evelyn Elsa Bastian (October 17, 1924 – January 6, 2012). Evelyn is survived by her brother, Wesley Vesey, of Delaware; three sons, Jay (Jill), Florida; Dean (Jill), Tennessee and Dale (Andrea), of California and seven grandchildren. We remember Evelyn by her wonderful paintings and her work with her late husband, Warren Bastian, in the Bastian Funeral Home, as well as her warm personality.

James L. "Jimmy" Alexander (July 24, 1921 – February 12, 2012) grew up in Ashville, the son of James Bates and Mae Hickman Alexander. He was owner and operator of Alexander Funeral Home in Millersburg. He is survived by special nieces, Merrily (Glenn) Williams, Dianne (Martin) Frankel and nephew, Nicholas (Sheila) Nance. Jimmy was preceded in death by his sister, Hilda (Don) Nance, and a nephew, James D. Nance.

Veranelle "Vera" Logan – (June 15-1937 – February 14, 2012). Vera is survived by her husband, Kenneth; sons, Tim Logan, Kenny (Rozane) Logan and Steve Logan; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Vera was a kind and gentle woman who loved her family. I am proud to have known her. She was an excellent seamstress and made the best pizza I ever ate. No one could make pizza like Vera.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Chester McCain who turned 90 on February 16. My daughter, Kim Knore is 55, and my granddaughter, Kari Forson, is now 24.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – Gene and Mary Jane Wilson celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary with friends at the Cherry Street Diner.

PRAYERS

Diane Cookson is recovering from knee surgery. Eleanore Chandler had carpal tunnel surgery and is healing nicely.

FOLKS YOU KNOW

Colton Foreman was home on a three-day leave from West Point, visiting his family. He was enjoying the 'senior night' basketball game between Teays Valley and Hamilton which TV won. Colton is a junior and has his sights set on a career as an aircraft pilot. Good luck, Colton. Grandmother, Marge Kraft and Aunt Susan were enjoying the visit and watching Grant Gilliland on the floor with the basketball team.

Dr. Richard "Dick" Messick graduated in 1945 and his wife, Violet (McDowell) Messick graduated in 1947 from Ashville-Harrison High School. They are the parents of four children. Son, Mike, and his wife, Gail, are U.S. Peace Corps volunteers, assigned to help

fight the HIV pandemic in Swaziland. On August 26, 2010, the retired couple moved to the Nhlanguano area and began their work at the children's home.

I've been reading Gail's reports on their activities on the internet and find their work very exciting and interesting.

Mike and Gail are proud grandparents of twins, Lavinia "Livvy" McDowell Pitts and Hatcher 'Hatch' Canfield Pitts, born to their daughter, Mary and John Pitts, September 25, 2010, on great-grandpa Dick's 83rd birthday. Mike and Gail will complete their Peace Corps service in August of this year. To read more of Gail's posts, visit Mike & Gail Messick – U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers.

The Teays Valley Educational Foundation will hold its 4th annual Chinese Auction on Saturday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Foxfire Golf Club. Heavy appetizers are included. Tickets are \$30.00 for one or \$50.00 for two.

Prizes, this year, include \$500.00 in airfare and an iPad. Every person who buys a ticket will be entered to win a grand prize, as well as a number of door prizes (gift cards to local restaurants, etc.) There will also be numerous auction items to win with the purchase of raffle tickets. For the first time, there will be some silent auction items. One does not have to be present to win.

All of the money raised at the event goes to sponsor scholarships for graduating seniors and classroom grants for Teays Valley staff members. If you interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Julie Lazzara, Director of Communications, at 740-983-5048.

The Teays Valley Alumni Association is a branch of the Teays Valley Educational Foundation (501c).

TOPS OPEN HOUSE

Ashville TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter Number 0853, is holding an open house Wednesday, March 28, 2012. If you are trying to lose weight and are interested in learning about the TOPS program, you are invited to stop by between 9 a.m. and noon. Annual membership (\$28.00) in the national TOPS organization is required and \$2.00 monthly chapter dues.

The open house will be held at the Ashville Church of Christ in Christian Union Church Fellowship Hall, 420 Long Street, Ashville, Ohio where we hold our weekly meetings each Wednesday 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Former TOPS members are cordially invited and will be welcome. For more information, call me, Rose Jamison, 740-601-0446.

AAHS – You are invited to attend the March 12 Ashville Area Heritage Society Meeting Monday, March 12. The program will be about our rich Ashville music heritage. We plan to have a round table discussion with Dave Rainey and Bob Hines leading the talk. Why not attend and learn about local bands and musicians of bygone eras; great drummers such as

Tommy Rife; college professors, Ellis Snyder, Ohio State band members, Guy Cline, and much more. We meet in the Younkin Branch Library at 7 p.m
All are welcome and encouraged to attend what should be a fun evening of reminiscing.

COMING EVENTS

March 10 – Benefit Crop – Walnut Twp. Elementary

March 2 and 6 – Commercial Point Men’s Club Fish Fry

Be kind to one another.

THANKS. ROSE