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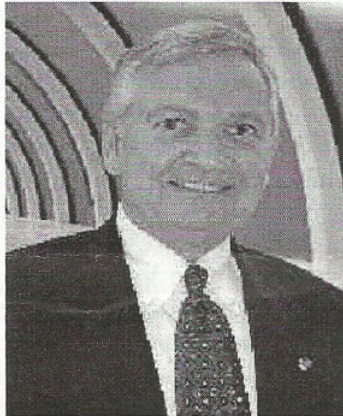


OUR INSPIRATION IS IN THE PAST  
OUR DUTY IS IN THE PRESENT  
OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE

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## From the President's Desk



Von Starkey

### Advancement of our Goals

In the course of developing relation-

ships between organizations, the activities of the organizations become intertwined with goals and objectives and the service rendered by one to the other. This interchange of activities becomes a part of the milieu of the relationship. The gifts and graces are appreciated by each but the appreciation is never fully expressed. The familial milieu results in an acceptance like those in a family relationship. The gifts and graces of the Integrity Bank, their staff, and in particular **Rita Gray and Skip Gray** have long been appreciated by the Piedmont Chapter, but like in a family relationship not definitively expressed.

The Piedmont Chapter hereby recognizes the gifts and graces of these individuals:

Integrity Bank for the first annual "Partners in Patriotism" - Patriot Award

Rita Gray for the "Daughters of Liberty Medal"

Skip Gray as "Piedmont's Patriot of the Year"

Steve Skow for the Bronze "Good Citizenship Medal"

In addition, we are grateful for the tireless work of the Honor Guard and the other active members of the award winning Piedmont Chapter. A sincere thank you!

Charles Moran and Skip Gray request that the Stark Award points be collected throughout the year to avoid the year-end scramble to report by 12-5. Please use the reporting form each month. For additional copies of the award, please access

### Saturday July 15, 2006 July Chapter Meeting

Integrity Bank Building  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. Meeting

#### Speaker:

**Linda Bhame**

**"The Hessians"**

### *Upcoming Events*

#### Color Guard Highlights

2 July—World Harvest Church  
Patriotic Service, Roswell, 1030 hrs.  
4 July—Windward Childrens Parade,  
Alpharetta, 0930 hrs.  
4 July -Canton 4th of July Parade,  
Canton , 1700 hrs.  
8-10 July—National Congress,  
Dallas, TX  
5 Aug—Old Soldiers Day Parade,  
Alpharetta, 0900 hrs.

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Integrity Bank Building  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. Meeting

#### Speaker:

**Tom Price**

**"Update from DC"**



the winning Piedmont Chapter web site.

The current national timeline and the critical need to recognize and support our returning vets are of utmost importance now. It's a timeless refrain sounded by generation after generation of soldiers returning from combat. But what sets Iraq war veterans apart is not just the kind of war they are fighting, but the mood of the country they are returning home to. It is not a United States unified behind the war effort, such as in World War II. There is no rationing, no sacrifice, no Rosie the Riveter urging, "We Can Do it!" Nor is it the country that protested Vietnam and derided many vets as baby killers. As a community group, it is important that we make every effort to support our brave men and women who are fighting to protect our way of life and our freedom.

As we welcome home the living, we need to remember those that made the ultimate sacrifice for us. It is my hope that we will be able to work with other community and veterans groups to institute a "Funeral Watch Program". This is a new program, where members of the chapter would be called upon to attend the funeral service of any veteran that has died in our area. I have asked our Veterans Committee to help establish this program for the Piedmont Chapter.

From September through December we will be marking the graves of deceased Compatriots Frank Darwin, Jr., Jack Martin, James Colvin, William Aimone and Richard Titus. A listing of the times and places of these markings appears on page 4.

All members of the Piedmont Chapter are requested to mark your calendars and reserve the dates. We wish to honor the memory of these compatriots with as great a turn-out as possible at these commemorative ceremonies

**Quote of the Month\***

"I will venture to assert that no combination of designing men under heaven will be capable of making a government unpopular which is in its principles a wise and good one, and vigorous in its operations."

\*Alexander Hamilton (speech to the New York Ratifying Convention, June 1788) Reference: The Works of Alexander Hamilton, Henry Cabot Lodge, ed., II, 29.

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**New Member Applications in Process**

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Apt. # 62  
Cincinnati, OH 45211-2536

**Michael Norbert Sandman**  
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**Joseph Patrick Sandman**  
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Morrow, OH 45152

**Reinstatement as Dual Member:**

**Douglas H. Stansberry, Piedmont Chapter Past President**  
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**IN MEMORIUM**

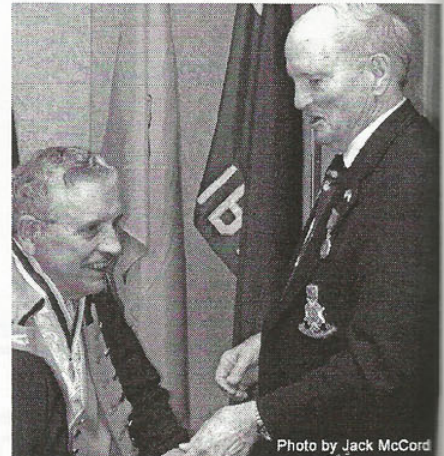


Photo by Jack McCord

**GENERAL JOHN GILLETTE  
1923- 2006**

GASSAR Past President John Gillette passed away May 18, 2006. In the photo above Compatriot Gillette is shown at the installation of Piedmont's George Thurmond as the new State President.

John was born in Versailles, Ohio and graduated from high school there where he was Senior Class Vice President and Class Valedictorian in 1942. He received a BA in History and Political Science at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. He later did extensive graduate studying at Princeton University.

He served as a combat infantryman with the 100th "Timberwolf" Division during World War II. For this service he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantryman's badge.

John continued his military service after transferring to Georgia in 1966. Compatriot Gillette served as President of the Georgia Society, SAR, and as a member and Chaplain of the Atlanta Chapter. He was also a member of the Huguenot Society and other civic organizations.





From:

**Bill Walker**

Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



### King of the Jungle

"It's a jungle out there." This cliché may be overused, but that doesn't keep it from aptly describing current-day life, especially living in the Atlanta area or simply driving down Georgia 400. It seems people are more rushed today than ever before. I am by no means exempt. My schedule at work expanded at the same time as my kids' activities and my other obligations, not to mention the unexpected demands for my attention. On more than a few occasions I found myself wondering how I was going to get it all done.

It's easy to remember God when things are slow and we can enjoy quiet times with Him and the blessings He so graciously shares with us. But when life comes zipping by – or flying right in our face – we somehow forget that God is with us just the same. Sometimes He sends us a gentle reminder, but we have to notice it when it comes. Ironically, my reminder came when I took my kids to a rehearsal for their choir musical.

The story tells of a school class on a safari adventure to learn about God's creation. However, the chaperon (a busy executive) shows up late with his daughter and with a cell phone stuck to his ear. He has to come up with a new product line – and the deadline comes before the safari is over! But he committed to be there for his daughter, so now he's stuck. In explaining his dilemma, he tells the kids, "It's a jungle

out there," and in the title song he sings, *"With too many irons in the fire and too much on my plate, I'd be pulling out my hair if I could just get one hand free."*

Ouch – that sounded too much like me! I thought, "OK, God, you have my attention – what do you want to tell me?" I didn't have to wait long. After he finishes, the children sing, *"What I feel is telling me this world's gone crazy, but what is real is God is on His throne. And what I need is to remember one thing: That the Lord of the gentle breeze is Lord of the rough and tumble, and He is the King of the jungle."*

So simple, so obvious, and so true. Yet so elusive to those who are inundated by the demands on their time imposed by the frantic pace of life in today's world. We're constantly worrying about how we're going to make it through. But is today's world really that different?

Centuries ago, long before Blackberries, email and Georgia 400, our Lord Jesus asked, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" It seems that people weren't much different then than they are today. While modern life may be more stressful, their worries then were every bit as real as our worries now. Likewise, Christ's answer is every bit as meaningful now as it was then. He went on to say, "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"



"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Too often, we let ourselves get so caught up with our daily stuff that we forget to seek God first. Instead, we give Him a few minutes at night with a bedtime prayer – then sometimes fall asleep during that! God knows what we're going through, and He knows just what we need to get through it. But it's difficult for Him to help us with our daily struggles if we don't ask for His help until *after* we're through struggling! By seeking God first, He can give us what we need to handle what life's about to throw at us.

We know "it's a jungle out there." Let's ask the King to lead our "safari."

"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." – Psalm 5:3

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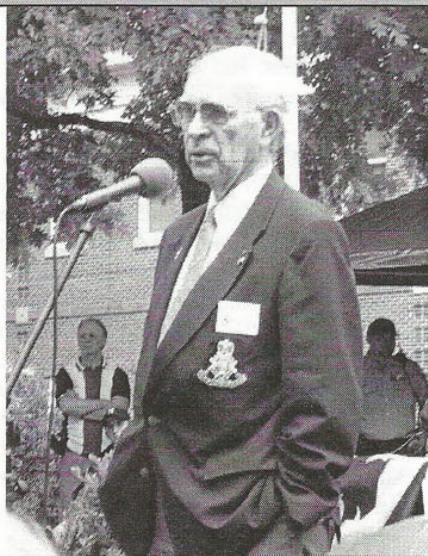
### NATIONAL SOCIETY PRESENTS AWARD TO NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PATRIOTISM

At an impressive ceremony in Atlanta, our National President General, Roland Downing, honored the National Museum of Patriotism for its active promotion of patriotism as an important part of American History and heritage. The prestigious Distinguished Patriotic Leadership Award was presented to Mr. Nick Snyder, Founder of the Museum.

President General Downing described the Award as a major new initiative by the National Society to promote educational opportunities for the general public to experience the spirit of patriotism and all it represents for citizens of this country.

Mr. Jason Wetzel of the Museum staff and a member of the Piedmont Chapter presided over the ceremony. Col. George Thurmond, then President of the Georgia Society, welcomed members and guests.

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### MEET BOB SAPP

Compatriot Robert "Bob" Sapp joined the Piedmont Chapter in February 1995 at the invitation of Merrill Law. Merrill Law and Bob were members of Computer Genealogical Society of Georgia where they met. Bob's made his SAR membership through ancestor patriot Jonathan Ogden of Maryland. Bob has twelve patriot ancestors identified, one of which is Charles McIntire who served with the Virginia Continental Line at Valley Forge.

Born in Florida, Bob moved with his parents to coastal North Carolina in 1931. The depression caused his father, a printer, to seek employment in other geographical areas. His father found employment in Washington, NC in a newspaper owned by Herschel C. Ogden of Wheeling, WV, a descendant of Jonathan Ogden.

In the summer of 1944 Bob enlisted in the Army Air Corps reserve and was later accepted to the ASTRP at NC State College in January 1945. At NC State he pursued a degree in Civil Engineering. Bob was called into active duty in July 1945. After basic training Bob was later assigned to serve in Germany for a year. Discharged from active duty in 1947 he re-entered NC State College to complete his degree work for a BS in Civil Engineering in 1950.

Although Bob expected to have a long career with the NC State Highway De-

partment in bridge design, the opportunity to obtain entry into a newly forming aerospace industry in Atlanta was provided in 1951. Bob began his aeronautical design career with Lockheed as a draftsman and through 36 years of service participated in the wing design for C-130, C-141, C-5 and L-1011 aircraft. He also participated as Engineering Program Manager for the C-141 Stretch program.

Bob began his genealogical research after retiring from Lockheed. He joined the Enrichment in Life Movement ("ELM") of Cobb County, a seniors' outreach program, where he took courses in genealogy, calligraphy, and creative writing. He later became an instructor at ELM in calligraphy. His genealogical pursuits lead him to join Computer Genealogical Society of Georgia where he met Merrill Law. Merrill invited Bob to join the SAR.

Bob met his wife, Joyce Currier, in Washington, NC. Their meeting was after he returned from military service. They were married in 1950. Bob and Joyce have four children, four grand children, and two great-grandchildren. Joyce took courses in floral preservation after the children had grown up. She apprenticed with a floral preservation company, "Posey's Creation", for several years and then entered into business for herself. Through her business "Things of Joy" she preserved special occasion flowers and prepared preserved floral pictures for sale at craft shows for about 25 years.

Bob and Joyce love to travel and have made several trips overseas. They have visited Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, parts of Italy, Austria, Switzerland, the Passion Play in Germany, England, Scotland and parts of France. They toured several US western states and cruised on a paddleboat up the Columbia River to the Snake in Idaho. Bob was a tour leader for his church adult group for over 15 years.

Bob has served as Piedmont Chapter's Registrar, Vice-President and President. He is currently Georgia Society's Genealogist and seeks to pursue certification as a Certified Genealogist. Bob is a member of Clan McIntire Associa-

tion, Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, Computer Genealogical Society of Georgia, St. Andrews Society of Atlanta and inactive member in Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Bob has great grandfathers that were on both sides of the War)

Bob is active in Piedmont's Color Guard, Speakers Bureau and Youth programs.

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### GRAVE MARKINGS OF DECEASED PIEDMONT MEMBERS

All members of the Piedmont Chapter are urged to mark your calendars and preserve these dates for the grave markings of deceased Piedmont members:

Sept. 9, 11:00:00 A.M.  
**Frank Darwin, Jr.**—Union County  
(near Blairsville).

November 4, 10:00 A.M.  
**Jack Martin**—Kennesaw Memorial  
Park, Marietta

November 4, 12:00 P.M.  
**James Colvin and  
William Aimone**—  
Arlington Memorial Park,  
Sandy Springs

December 2, 11:00 A.M.  
**Richard Titus**—  
Fort Mitchell National Military  
Cemetery

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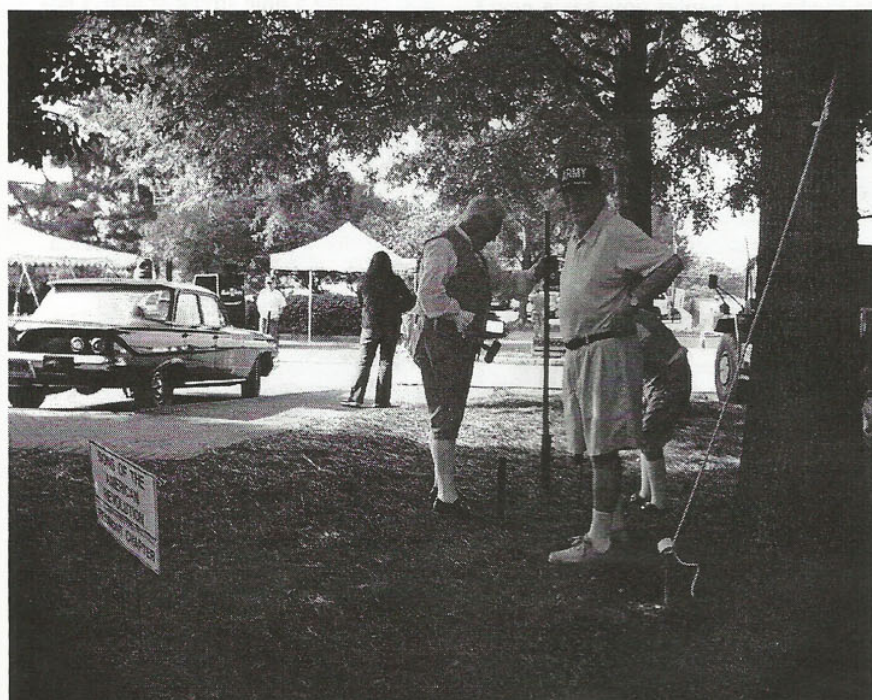
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### ROSWELL REMEMBERS MEMORIAL DAY 2006

Above: Compatriot Bob Bauchspies instructs Compatriots Paul Prescott and Bob Sapp on placement and staking of flag supports in the ground at Roswell's Memorial Day celebration.

Below: Compatriot Prescott demonstrates how the flagpole fits into the support after placement in the ground. Until now flag supports have been used for only indoor activities.



### QUOTES ON GOVERNMENT

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself.

—Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket trying to lift himself up by the handle.

—Winston Churchill

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

—George Bernard Shaw

A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

—G. Gordon Liddy

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

—James Bovard

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

—Douglas Casey

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

—Ronald Reagan

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

—Will Rogers

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

—Mark Twain

—Submitted by Thornton Lambert



### WELCOME BACK, GEORGE

Piedmont's Past President and former GASSAR President, George Thurmond recently completed an extensive term of duty with our State Headquarters and is now available to share his many talents once again at the Chapter level.

The Piper takes great pride in Printing the following article just received from George:

### Graves Committee Active in Marking Member Graves

After an absence of over three years at the state level, I got my old job back – that of Graves Chairman of the Piedmont Chapter. In the past we have marked 33 graves – actually 34 since we marked one twice (John Maxwell, as the original marker was stolen). This is an impressive number since I also work on the state committee and know that there are a total of 117 marked since 1998. Thus, Piedmont accounts for 28% of graves marked in the state over the past several years. A worthy accomplishment indeed.

In the meantime, several members had gone to their final resting place and it was time to double-back and provide them with honors long overdue. Only three of our 10 deceased members have marked graves. Our plan is to have the remaining seven marked by Christmas. Please set aside the following dates to help us accomplish this:

- September 9 11:00 a.m.  
Piedmont Co-Founder Frank Darwin near Blairsville
- November 4 10:00 a.m.  
Jack McConnell Martin at Kennesaw Memorial Park
- November 4 Noon  
James R. "Jake" Colvin and William F. Aimone
- Arlington Memorial Park, Sandy Springs
- December 2 11:00 a.m.

### Ft Mitchell National Military Cemetery (AL) Richard Titus

Two graves will be marked for us out of state. John Campbell Millican is buried in Palatka, Florida and the Florida Society under the leadership of Lindsey Brock will conduct this service on a date to be determined.

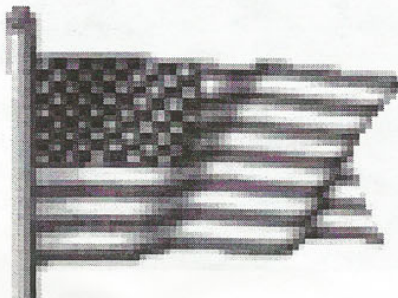
The service for William S. McAliley will be conducted for us by Mark Anthony, recently the President of the Rome Chapter, since transferred to Greenville, South Carolina. Compatriot McAliley is buried in the Old Purity Cemetery in Chester, South Carolina.

It is important that we turn out to support these programs since all chose to be members of the award winning Piedmont Chapter. Your presence at each of the grave marking will be appreciated by the family members who are all most impressed that we are doing this.

—George Thurmond

### PIEDMONT HAS NEW WEB SITE

The Piedmont Chapter now has a new website domain, which can be reached at [www.piedmontsar.com](http://www.piedmontsar.com). This replaces the former website which was made available to us by Compatriot Jack McCord, a previous editor of the Piper and also our State newsletter, The Hornets Nest. Jack is now living in Florida. Our new website, like the previous one, is maintained by Compatriot Paul Simpson.



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An honest man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him.

He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she messed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours a policeman approached her cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the "Choose Life" license plate holder, the "What Would Jesus Do" bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me To Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian Fish emblem on the trunk.

"Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."

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Dear Lord," the Preacher began with arms extended and a rapturous look on his upturned face, "without You we are but dust!"

He would have continued, but at that moment one very obedient little girl (who was listening carefully) leaned over to her mother and asked quite audibly in her shrill little girl voice, "Mommy, WHAT is butt dust?"  
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**PARSONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SUWANEE, GA.**

On May 19, 2006 Piedmont members presented framed copies of our Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights to the 4th Grade Class, which in turn presented them to Parsons Elementary School.

Pictured above are uniformed Piedmont members together with members of the Student Council, Melinda Setmeyer, Principal, and Christina Starkey, Literacy Coordinator and wife of Piedmont President, Von Starkey.

Pictured below, l to r, are Compatriots Skip Gray, Paul Prescott, and Bob Sapp. Mrs. Setmeyer, and Compatriots Von Starkey, George Thurmond and Jack Ferguson.





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The Piedmont Chapter serves communities of the northern suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia including Cobb, Forsyth, Cherokee and Northern Fulton County. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year on the third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Integrity Bank, 11140 State Bridge Road, Alpharetta, Georgia. Most members choose to arrive by 8:00 a.m. to enjoy breakfast together.

Prospective members are always welcome at monthly membership meetings. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interests are urged to contact the **Chapter Registrar, Paul Prescott at 770-360-5766** or any other chapter officer. (Youth Memberships are available for applicants under 18).

Please send all inquires and suggestions to the editor at the address shown below.

**DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT MONTH EDITION:**

The last Monday of the month preceding the date of issue. Please send all articles and photos as early as possible because the space available in the newsletter is often filled prior to the deadline date. Pictures will be scanned and returned to the sender.

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