

# SOCIETY



Front row, from left, Jimmy Wasdin, Allen Martin, Perry Jarrett, Aubrey Rentz, George Pullen and Dwight Mercer; second row, Joann Moore Williams, Sara Hall Still, Susan Houston Baker, Annie Mae Williams Mote, Eunice White Waller, Ina Frances Waller Rogers, Merle Barron Cooper, Ginger Chandler Jones, Reba Floyd Hall, Orita Hayes Tedder and Louis Zoeckelor; back row, Patricia Hudspeth Helton, Fleda Mercer Snow, Ralph Moody, Ima Jean Earnest Temples, Jan Whitehurst, Patricia Davis Mercer, Buddy Sites, Pace Whitehead, Royce Richardson and Al Felder.

## BHS Class of 1956 enjoys 50th reunion

Members of Blakely High School's Class of 1956 enjoyed their 50th class reunion Oct. 6 and Oct. 7. Classmates enjoyed an evening together on Oct. 6 and a class picnic at

Kolomoki Mounds on Oct. 7. Members who attended Friday's gathering but couldn't make the picnic were Fred Bynum, Patricia Pittman Jarrett, Norman

Johnson, Sonja H. McClain, Juanita Pyle Merritt and Edmond Sheffield. Class members also took a moment to remember classmates who have died. Those classmates are Edward Deal, William Hudspeth, Gordon Jenkins, Arrie Lou Middleton, Julius Jones and Ruth Whatley Massengale.

## Strange happenings – bet you have some stories, too

I have been writing about some of the legends and true history of the south, especially our area of Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. Even hitting on unexplained things in our very area (buried treasure, things found, things lost). Well today I'm going to tell you a true and unexplained event that was experienced by my husband and his parents. Jim, my husband, was about 12 years old at the time.

The three of them left Panama City early one Saturday morning to go camping in the North Carolina part of the Smokey Mountains. They were looking forward to their stay at Elkmont Park in the National Park area, not far from Gatlinburg, Tenn.

As their reservations were for Sunday morning they thought that they would pull into a park for Saturday night and get an early start the next day arriving early. (It was a rule at Elkmont that reservations had to be claimed before 10 a.m., any later you would not be guaranteed to have a campsite and in most cases the park would be full before noon.

They chose to stop for the night at Sugar Lands Visitor Center and the manager told Jim's father to just wait until they close at 9pm then pull down into the area past the lights. He also told him not to unhook the trailer and they would be able to stay overnight. This was not normally allowed so they had to be gone by 8 a.m. the next morning before Sugar Lands was due to reopen. Jim and his parents removed their shoes, lay down in their comfortable traveling clothes, and covered up with open sleeping bags (no since in pulling out everything for just one night).

It was a still and quiet night, No wind. No noise in this area off the road. They

### Just Jakin

Jean Retherford

were just asleep when suddenly they were awakened by something that shook the trailer hard. They all sat straight up asking each other, "What was that?"

Even though they were not in the big-lighted area, you could still see everywhere around the trailer. They finally decided OH, well everything looked OK the trailer was still connected to the car. Nothing around so might as well lie back down and try to sleep. But Mom and Dad couldn't go to sleep.

Then it happened again the trailer shook even more violently than it did the first time. So Dad got up said, "Wake Jim, and when I get to the car you two run and get in. We are leaving here!" He checked outside again, no one, nothing, no animal, no wind, no explaining.

They started the car and left that place. They stopped finally at a pull off and checked the tires, car, and the trailer but could find nothing wrong. They went on down the road until they saw a place downtown and pulled in and finally caught a nap.

Later Dad said he was afraid it might be someone who said they are traveling and camping and possibly have some cash on them, a good place to rob. But 35 years ago that didn't happen too often. Also there


was no indication it was someone shaking the camper. Even until today, when Mom and Jim talk about it, they say they get this strange feeling.

Strange happenings — bet there's an incident in your family history too. My daughter enjoys hearing all the family stories as well as sharing stories about trips

she has taken with us or with her Grams.

Please if you have a story you would like to share we would enjoy hearing from you. We also have plenty of chilling tales for you to read both true and fiction.

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### Baby Registry

Kim S. Hall	Angela Bell
Avra Ward Gilleland	Leigh Turpin
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Jill H. Neely	Melanie Ashley
Christina Sanders	



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## BIRTHS



Noah Rider Swords

Jonathan and Kayla proudly announce the birth of their son. Noah was born Oct. 12, 2006, at 7:38 p.m. He was born at Donalsonville's Women and Children Center. He weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Johnny and Lisa Swords of Blakely. Noah was welcomed home by many proud and excited family members.

## CLASS REUNIONS

### BHS Class of 1966

The class of 1966 is planning a class reunion Nov. 3-4 in Panama City. If you graduated in 1966 from Blakely High School and did not receive any information, please call Cindy Chapman at 723-4620.

### ECHS Class of 1974

The ECHS Class of 1974 Black Alumni Association will host a 50th birthday celebration reunion weekend Oct. 20-22.

Weekend activities

include a fish fry at the Blakely Civic Center Oct. 20, 7 p.m.-11:30 p.m.; a reception/banquet for class members and teachers Oct. 21, 6 p.m., at the Early County Middle School; and church services at True Love Missionary Baptist Church Oct. 22, 11:30 a.m., followed by a farewell brunch at 1:30 p.m. at 282 College Street.

For more information, contact Catheryne Robinson at 723-6006.

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**DEWANA FIELDS • TYRONE LINDSEY**

**SEPTEMBER 23**  
CASIE DEVALL • CHUCK MCCORMICK

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MALLORY POPE • MAC HILL

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KIMBERLY ALSTON • JOSH STILL

**OCTOBER 14**  
BLAIR GRANT • KEVIN LEROY

**ANDREA MASON • BJ JOSEY**

**OCTOBER 21**  
KELLEY TEDDER • ANDREW GRILLO

**LAUREN WALWORTH • DANIEL THOMPSON**


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LAURA NASH • CHAD STERR

**NOVEMBER 25**  
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