

Something Special *Martha Jane Anderson*

We are so blessed with cool breezes and the beautiful sun sets and fabulous flowers in Northeast Louisiana and all are gifts from God! The late Irene Cole would say, "We can't explain how the flowers grow and leave God out of the equation!"

Drs. Robinson and Caples, talented dentists, keep Forsythe Avenue beautiful with seasonal plantings. The Flower Study Guild with Holly Ratcliff and Amy Sherman is planting beautifully the Marie Place median! We thank you!

The new shopping spot on North Third, The Palette, with gorgeous painting, planting, and restored facade by Margaret Jackson Moses, is something for all to see, says my best shopper friend, Dianne Walters! Don't miss for it is in Camille Woods' Antiques building and is refurbished to perfection!

Good news from Shreveport is that Suzanne and Jerry Wolff's two grandsons, Brown and Hart, made 4.0 GPAs at St. Mark's Episcopal School and Brown won the Outstanding Religion Student Award! Brown is quite a young athlete who plays "up" and is headed to the prestigious IMG School in Sarasota, Fla., for special coaching in golf!

We stay in contact with former First Lady, Deborah Cofer, who sent a wonderful reminder as we shared concern for the international situation! Her message was comforting in that what people who wish to destroy our way of life want from us is fear! We must continue to choose to live life to the full every day and remember that our lives are already determined by our God.

This weekend on Friday, June 2, is the annual Neville Ruple-Brown Golf Tournament at Bayou DeSiard to raise funds for college scholarships in Louisiana.

Pat Anderson has headed this committee and event for 22 years! The committee — which includes Bill Ledoux, Butch Dupuy, Coach Mickey McCarty, Carolyn Traweek, Nancy Wilson, Susan and Jeff Weaver, Kaydell Jackson, Dana Jefferson, Jeff Laudenheimer, Coach Tommy Akin, Mandy Fritzer, Nici Hanks, Frank Nettles and Bob Brown — has funded 21 Neville student athletes who have received help for college as a result of the Ruple family requesting a fund raising initiative of Pat, a former All-State tackle/guard on the first (1955) championship team! Pat thought of golf and got the McElroy family aboard. We are happy to report that Billie Ann Ruple Haynes and husband, Gene, have moved back home. The scholarship endowment is worth \$220,000 so the Neville Ruple-Brown legacy is alive and well helping outstanding students.

Kaydell Jackson drove old friends to Rayville to meet Sally Marchman Calvert for lunch at Stone House Eats on Julia Street. Justin Wilson's granddaughter, Clielie and her husband, Henry Stone, prepared the excellent food. Google for more info! Sally arrived first and had fresh flowers on the table and a small silver cross for each friend inscribed with, "A friend is a gift from God."

The June issue of *Southern Living* is just out and the "best of the best" staples are shared from the SL Test Kitchen. Some items include:

Bush's Best Beans, Cracker Barrel Sharp Cheese, Duke's Mayonnaise, Crystal Hot Sauce, Oscar Mayer thick Applewood Smoked Bacon, Land of Lakes, unsalted butter, Gold Medal all-purpose flour, Swans Down Cake Flour, Clyde May's Bourbon, Big Easy Bucha fermented tea, and Wilsonville, Alabama Grits to name a few.

If some have not tried Nature Valley Crunchy Biscuits with Almond Butter or Blueberries, do try for a small but great breakfast with coffee or tea!

One of our favorite authors and painters is Anne Neilsen. Judge Wendell and Ashley Manning, gave us beautiful angel cards with favorite scriptures on the back. One example...

Hebrews 4:16
 "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

LSU Girls Softball team defeated Fla. State to go to Okla. City for the College World Series! LSU baseball boys defeated Arkansas to win the it's 12th SEC title and host a Regional Tournament.

Sending God's kind of love,

Martha Jane



Martha Jane Anderson retired as Assistant Dean of Students at ULM, SGA Advisor, Alpha Lambda Delta Regional Coordinator and National Council of Mortar Board.



ABOVE: Friends of Pat Barham gathered at the Anna Claire and Ed Seymour home to say goodbye to Pat who is headed home to the Texas Hill Country. **LEFT:** Family celebrating: Rosemary Upshaw Ewing, Ashley Ewing Manning and Judge Wendell Manning.



ABOVE: Friends gathered in Rayville at The Stone House Restaurant. Linda Reeves, owner Clelie Wilson Stone, Kaydell Jackson and Sally Marchman Calvert.



ABOVE: University High graduate Adam Upshaw Lewis, mom Ainsley Upshaw Lewis and John Graydon Lewis.



LEFT: Dining Divas celebrating Friday at Fat Pelican, Ellen Huey, IV Tanguis, Evelyn Amman Hahn, Linda Taylor, Kathy Schendle and Annetta Hill.



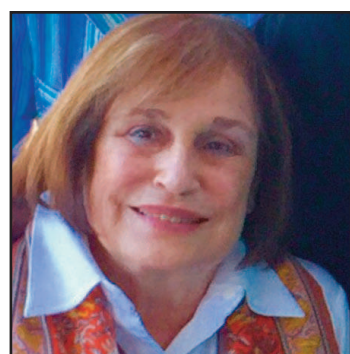
ABOVE: The Watson Family in Maryland to see son Will play. Brooks, Will, Allie, and mom, Karen. **RIGHT:** Beautiful WMHS student Hallie Winters, daughter of Judge Stephens and Sandie Winters.



ABOVE & LEFT: The Jason and Ainsley Lewis family with John and Adam in Hawaii. **RIGHT:** Laurel Ann Box, new graduate of the Dunham School in Baton Rouge.



RIGHT: Dawn Sager with mom, the stylish Norene Smith.



ABOVE: Loretta Rivers, Monroe bridge icon.






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