Zeitner Receives Prestigious Carnegie Mineralogical Award
by Steve & Carolyn Weinberger

When you say the phrase “been there, done that” you could be talking about June Culp Zeitner, first lady of American rockhounding!

June, who just turned 90 on February 7th has travelled the country collecting rocks and minerals and writing about the localities and people she’s visited. Her articles in Lapidary Journal and Rock & Gem Magazines have been read by thousands and helped spur interest in collecting minerals, cutting materials and fossils and in making gems and jewelry. For many, her articles in the magazines or her series of “Gem Trail” books were the first introduction to what would become a life-long interest.

June, one of five children, was born in Michigan. Her father, a very progressive man for his time, insisted that his five daughters attend college. June’s first job was teaching on an Indian Reservation in South Dakota where she met, and subsequently married Albert Zeitner. It was Albert’s interest in rocks, minerals and fossils that infected June with the rockhound bug. Together, they travelled and collected throughout the United States. These treks, carefully documented by June, became the early basis for her Gem Trails books. She’s still writing, now working on a new book on Geodes and still contributing to Rock & Gem Magazine.

June remains active in her local South Dakota gem and mineral club planning and putting in a display each year for the annual show. She’s donated large parts of her collections to various museums in South Dakota as well. She was also very active in the Midwest Federation, serving in various offices including President and she’s judged Midwest and AFMS entries in the various bulletin contests. In 2003 June was awarded the very first AFMS Recognition Award for her contributions to the Federations.

Citing the need to recognize excellence in the earth sciences, June established the National Lapidary & Mineral Hall of Fame in 1987. Now housed in Murdo, SD, the hall of fame also contains a large portion of June’s personal collection as well as items donated by several of the over 120 inductees (www.rockhoundhalloffame.org). June became a member of the hall in 1992, inducted for her contributions in the field of education.

Each year the Carnegie Mineral Museum (Pittsburgh, PA) recognizes an individual or organization for their outstanding contributions to the field. The award is made possible by the Hillman Foundation. Past recipients of the award include Bob Jones, (Sr. Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine), John Sinkankas, Paul Desautels (former Curator of the Smithsonian Gem & Mineral collection), Fred Pough, Bryan Lees, Wendell Wilson (Mineralogical Record), Marie Huizing (Rocks & Minerals Magazine) and the Sterling Hill Mining Museum (Franklin, NJ).

For 2005, the Carnegie Mineralogical Award was presented to June Culp Zeitner… and she flew to Tucson to accept the prize in person! We had a terrific visit with this fine lady whom we consider one of our special friends.

We can’t think of a more fitting recipient than June… she’s “been there and done that” for our hobby.
**SOME THOUGHTS ON SHOWMANSHIP & COMPETITION**

by Dr. Robert Carlson, AFMS President-elect

Think about competition for your show. It has been my observation that when a show includes competitive exhibits, the quality of all the exhibits improves. They reach another level of showmanship.

Is showmanship important? You bet. I remember attending a show put on by a club that was vehemently opposed to competition. It was a fairly large club, and they had a lot of cabochon displays. Most of these - case after case, row upon row - were displayed in flat cases where you had to bend over the case to see what was being displayed. There were no case lights, but that was a good thing. Some of the case liners were filthy, and a few almost fit. The cabochons were packed together so that one could barely distinguish one from another. The labels were nearly non-existent, so you had to know what you were looking at to determine what material was being displayed. Imagine that you are a member of the general public and want to learn more about the Rockhounding hobby. Would the just described displays help or encourage you in any way?

When you see a show with competitive exhibits, you will see displays of cabochons that are well lit so you can see the beauty of the material and the quality of the polish. Because the cabochons are labeled - with labels that do not overpower the display - you can determine what materials are being shown. The liners will be clean, fit well, and complement the material being displayed. There will be a focus to the cases of one or two items that will draw the attention of those who pass by. The items in the display will be neatly arranged and separated from one another so that once attention has been gained, the viewer can examine the rest of the items in the case at leisure.

The displays just described will thrill and educate the public. It is professional showmanship at its best. So why competition?

Competition allows at least two independent individuals to review and critique a display and offer suggestions for improvement. This is especially important to a person who is just starting to display his or her material. When a display draws a lot of attention from the public, not only the material, but the showmanship is very good. Remember that the general public does not necessarily know about the hobby or the material being shown. It is the showmanship that stops them in front of the case and they learn about the materials being displayed from that point onward.
Warm Spring Breezes From South 
Followed by Some Really Hot New Prizes! 

by Joy Bourne, AFMS Endowment Fun Chair

Thanks to members both of our southern federations, the South Central and Southeast Federations, three wonderful prizes new prizes have just "blown in" to be added to the seven you have already seen. We know you are waiting to hear what's new, and so, without further ado, here is the latest:

Prize #9. Collection of four gage cabochons cut from Texas Plume and Mass agates and an Owyhee jasper. Sizes of the three larger cabs are 40mm x 52mm, and the fourth measures 30mm x 40mm. The uniquely beautiful cabochons are the superb lapidary work of the late Carl Childers, well known lapidarist, cabbing instructor and author, member of the Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society, TX. The set is valued at $200. And if you check elsewhere the internet, you'll see similar, but less beautiful, work priced much higher than that! (SCFMS)

Prize #10. A real Texas Treasure of a Bolo Tie, also created by Carl Childers, of Lubbock, TX. The cabochon was cut from rare White Dino and polished by Carl, then mounted in a sterling setting designed by goldsmith Ron Simons, fellow member of the Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society. The cabochon circle measures 2" in diameter and overall dimensions of the piece are 2-1/4' high by 2-3/4' wide. Included with the tie is a handsome tarnish-resistant velcro-closed pouch designed and made by Carl's wife, Mary. A real value at $200. (SCFMS)

Our sincere thanks to Betty James, on behalf of the Mississippi Society, and Mary-Childers, of the Lubbock Club for sending this these three wonderful prizes to add to the drawing this month. These prizes are sure to draw lots of ticket sales for the 2006 raffle. These beautiful new prizes can be seen (among all the earlier prizes) on the AFMS Website in full color, along with complete descriptions of each. Take a look for yourself at www.amfed.org.

But, we aren't finished yet! We are expecting still more great prizes in the next month or two - and remember, no matter when or where your tickets are purchased, everyone who buys a ticket will be eligible for any and all prizes we have in the case when we leave for Nashville in mid-August. Get yours now and then get some more later, if you wish.

See you next month with more ... 

Joy

You can see all the prizes that are available by visiting <www.amfed.org/endow2006.htm>. Tickets can be purchased from the following:

California Federation - Bural LaRue
Eastern Federation - Joy Bourne
Midwest Federation - Marve Starbuck
Northwest Federation - Rocky McColl
Rocky Mountain Federation - Howie Whiting
South Central Federation - Joyce Speed
Southeast Federation - Ken Anderson

Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. Prizes will be awarded at the AFMS Awards Dinner in Nashville, TN on August 19. You need not be present to win.

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**BE SAFE - BE WELL**
by Don Monroe, AFMS Safety Chair

In previous months I have submitted original articles usually dealing with issues that were current and filled a need. This month I am using material that I found in one of my old files. I do not know the author. I really wish I did so that I can give proper credit. I like the article and hope some of you will also appreciate the content.

**SAFETY RULES**

Jewelry making can be a most enjoyable hobby but there are certain hazards which must be avoided, and can be, by following a few simple rules.

**Work Safely. You can’t get by on luck.**

Don’t polish a wire or chain on a rotary tool without nailing the wire or chain to a board. This might wrap around the arbor and pull your hand with it.

Don’t set fire to your clothing with the torch. Fuzzy sweaters are dangerous.

Don’t drop the torch or fail to turn it off. An explosion might follow.

Don’t pour water into acid when making pickle; pour acid into water.

Don’t turn over the pickle pot or the boil pot. Keep handles to the rear.

Don’t put a large piece of very hot metal in pickle. It might splash.

Don’t pick up the charcoal block or hot metal until you are sure they are cool.

Don’t hold a piece being drilled with your hand; the drill might slip or break or the piece might spin when the drill breaks through. Use pliers.

Don’t put your fingers inside any item being polished; for example, a belt-buckle, a ring, a bracelet, etc. Hold the work being polished between finger-tips and thumb.

Don’t wear rubber gloves or fingerstalls when polishing; these might wrap around the arbor.

Don’t work without some protection for the eyes such as plastic goggles or a magnifying eye piece, particularly when using a rotating wire brush.

Don’t let your tie or hair get caught by the rotating arbor. This could be fatal.

Don’t get into contact with electricity or belts. Don’t work on a wet or damp floor.

Don’t fail to report any apparent hazard immediately.

**We repeat:** "Work safely. You can’t get by on luck!"

Just fail to observe these rules and you will find yourself situation comparable to that of the fellow whose wife had the stone-cutter carve on his tomb-stone, "I told you to go to the doctor".

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**HAVING FUN - JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**

**FUNDRAISING**

by Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Activities Chair

In my continuing effort to try developing new activities for possible future FRA merit badges, this month my thoughts turn to money, what with tax season not far off. Kids should learn where money comes from and the effort it takes to earn it, how to manage it wisely, and how to save for things of value. The following activities are intended to help in this effort.

**Activity 1: Deciding how to spend your money.**

The first step in a fund-raising project is determining what you need or want, then finding out how much it will cost. If your club holds a local show, you might take the kids around to the various dealers to see what sorts of things are out there before meeting as a group to decide what to buy. Kids should think of what sorts of things will benefit the most club members while remaining within a reasonable budget. Is there a particular piece of lapidary equipment that would prove of value to your club’s kids, for instance, a rock tumbler that could be filled with stones provided by each child? Or perhaps they’d like to start a club library and have some specific books in mind to buy. With everyone gathered around a white board or flip chart, toss around and list ideas and take a vote.

**Activity 2: Setting fund-raising goals.**

Once you know what your kids want, you’ll be able to come up with a specific target dollar amount to raise. Given the price of most things these days, raising the necessary amount will likely be a long-term project, with various fund-raising activities over the course of a year. Teach the kids to keep track of their fund via simple, basic accounting. Make one of those large thermometers on poster board calibrated with dollar amounts leading up to their goal, and use it to motivate the kids by keeping their goal—and their progress in reaching toward it—literally in sight.

**Activity 3: Seeking out fund-raising possibilities.**

In addition to involving the kids in the decision about what to buy, involve them in decisions about how to buy it. After holding a brain-storming session and a vote on what to buy, hold another session on fund-raising activities that everyone can participate in, from running a Kids’ Activities booth at your local club show, to making and selling lapidary crafts to sell as gifts, to holding garage sales. To motivate potential customers, the kids might make a poster showing what they’re planning to purchase with their hard-earned money for donating customers to help in reaching their goal, showing folks how the money is going to a good cause.

**Activity 4: Helping “give back” to the AFMS.**

Our merit badge program is provided free of charge to participating clubs with an AFMS affiliation, but it’s not without costs. There’s the cost of mailing manuals and badges to the nearly 60 clubs now using the program (with postage going up all the time) and—most significantly—the cost of manufacturing badges. We might consider a certificate for the club in each Federation that contributes the most to the merit badge program via fund-raising activities by local youth groups to help keep growing the program and to instill a sense of belonging and obligation to the Federation among youth members.

Hopefully, teaching the value of money and the long-term vision and patience to save for something worthwhile will help kids learn lessons that will benefit them all their lives while—as always—having fun!

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**IS YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST?**

by Marve Starbuck, ALAA President

If it is the American Lands Access Association needs your e-mail address!!!

In an effort to cut mailing costs for the ALAA while keeping you informed as to what is happening with the Paleo Bill and other important legislation in Congress, I would like to send as many messages by e-mail as possible.

In a recent e-mail message, the following came back as “undeliverable”:

Individuals:

- Marian Andrus
- Dominic Cataldo
- William Grimes
- Paul Boheen
- Marjorie Golden
- Ray Janes
- Craig radish
- David Penny
- Russell Smock
- Beverly Strohl
- Howie Whiting

Clubs:

- Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
- Chapparal Rockhounds
- Grand Junction Gem & Mineral Club
- Mile High Rock & Mineral Soc.
- Rocky Mountain Bead Soc.
- Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club
- North Bay Field Trips
- Sedona Gem & Mineral Club
- Alex Richardson

Please send me your correct address as soon as possible. Send to: <nwanschul@prodigy.net> (until March 20, 2006) and <mmedump@iserv.net> (after March 20, 2006).

Thank you.

Marve Starbuck
President, ALAA
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AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

Eastern Federation

The members of the American Fossil Federation (Maryland) have selected Jeffrey Sparks as their 2006 AFMS Club Fossilhound of the Year. Jeff has enjoyed the hobby of fossil collecting for approximately twenty-five years. He was elected into the membership of the AFF in September, 2002 and has served in the position of Field Trip Coordinator since 2002. The members of the AFF appreciate the time and effort that Jeff puts forth in organizing the field trips. At times, he has coordinated collecting trips with other clubs in the local area. Jeff has also served the AFF from 2003-2005 at the Aurora Fossil Festival in Aurora, North Carolina, where he assisted and displayed fossils from his collection. Jeff has presented talks to elementary school students and donated fossils to museums such as the Smithsonian, the Aurora Fossil Museum and the Calvert Marine Museum (CMM) in Solomons, Maryland. A whole vertebra, found by Jeff, was donated to CMM in 1999. A photo of it was used on a poster, and it was the subject of a presentation by Dr. Stephen Godfrey, Curator of Paleontology at the museum.

Harriet Strieber is the Austin Gem and Mineral Club librarian. In the early days she would haul the club books in the trunk of her car to our meetings. When we acquired our building she proceeded to expand the library to one of the finest reference facilities of any club that we are aware of. Harriet has devoted years to this service and thus she has been our Rockhound of the Year many times over but has never received the federation acclaim. We are honored by her service and thus we are proud to name her as the Austin Gem & Mineral Society's 2006 Club Rockhound of the Year. Many times over and we're all encouraged to make reservations with them as early as possible. August is prime vacation time and Nashville is a major tourist stop. A block of rooms is being held for us, but rooms are going quickly and once they are gone, others in the hotel may not be available. Be sure to call the hotel directly and tell them that you are with the AFMS Convention to receive the group rate for the rooms.

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Make those reservations at the Hotel Preston, get your exhibit case together, and join the fun as we go "Rockin' in Nashville" this August.

Members of the Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society in Lubbock, Texas would like to nominate Bob & Sherry Gingery as our choice for Rockhound of the Year, 2006. Bob and Sherry are probably the hardest working pair in our club. They step up and volunteer at every opportunity and stay involved in all of the activities of the club. Sherry is serving as editor, beginning this year and is doing an outstanding job. They are both serving as youth leaders of a very active group of 12 young people, the Hounders. They meet with these kids and guide them in the process of earning merit badges and plan programs and activities that keep them engaged. Bob serves as tutor at the workshop and they both are tireless in setting up and tearing down at shows. Please accept our nomination of these two terrific people.

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by Martin Hart, Show Facilities Chair

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Martin Hart
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Antioch, TN 37013-3570
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Upcoming Regional Federation Conventions

from Mary Trammel, AFMS Show Coordinator

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TRUTH & SOME CONSEQUENCES
by Jon Spunaugle, AFMS Conservation/Legislation Chair

Secure Rural Schools Land Sales Initiative ("SRS")

So you ask, "What does "SRS" have to do with rock collecting?" The simple answer is, up to now, nothing. "SRS" is a federal program that comes out of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Act of 2000. However, recent proposals to sell a limited number of land parcels of public land using "SRS", could affect public access to these parcels which could contain collecting sites. On the other hand, fossil collectors might rejoice if such a sale would open the door for vertebrate fossil collecting on any lands sold.

The SRS program was adopted to try to help rural communities with the loss of tax revenue due to the decline in logging and other resource extraction from federal lands. The national small rural communities which have a large percentage of federal lands within their borders do not have as great a tax base as other areas do. When reduced resource extraction and logging activities curtail tax collections further, these communities have difficulty funding even basic educational needs and infrastructure. The Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) was enacted to provide transitional assistance to rural counties that had been affected by the decline in their share of revenues from timber harvesting due to federal curtailment of these activities. SRS is a needed program for these rural counties.

In the Fiscal year 2007 Federal Budget proposal, the administration is proposing that some of the Federal Lands in these areas be sold to add funding for this program. The logic being that it would bring in both the sale proceeds to the communities and turn over the land to private owners who would pay some annual local tax on the property sold. The lands proposed for sale would be largely those small parcels that are not adjacent to the larger national forest and national resource areas. Sort of small islands of land close to, but not directly adjacent to, existing larger federal land parcels. The land would undoubtedly be purchased by ranchers interested in grazing, mining companies, and perhaps a few developers. The federal government would lower agency costs associated with these same isolated land parcels. Also of issue is the lack of current public access to some of these parcels that are now surrounded by private land whose owners prohibit crossing their land to access the isolated public land parcel. This is a complicated issue.

It is very difficult to pinpoint where rock collecting interests might be affected. It will take local "rockhounds" who are familiar with the areas in question to determine if collecting will be impacted. Information on this proposal and some of the lands affected was published in the Federal Register on February 28, 2006. In this notice, the Forest Service indicated that 304,370 acres were proposed to be offered for sale in 35 states. Lands already protected in Wilderness, Scenic River, National Trails, National Recreation Areas, Monuments and Historic sites, and other protected areas including National Parks, are not included in the list of possible sale locations.

Public input and comments are being solicited by the U.S. Forest Service until March 30, 2006. Congress would have the chance to amend the "SRS Act" being proposed by the administration, for any sales to be processed. Comments can be submitted by mail, e-mail, fax. We'll keep you posted on any developments. Information can also be found on the internet at www.fs.fed.us/land/staff/rural. Thanks to Howell Whiting for his "heads up" on this issue.

America the Beautiful Pass

Nothing from my sources indicate any movement, comment opportunities, or information on this national land access pass in the last two months. The best source for answering questions can be found on the internet at www.doi.gov/initiatives/ImplementationFAQpdf.pdf. We'll continue to watch for anything new.

Wilderness land designations -

Congress is considering numerous Wilderness designations in various States and but has passed into law only two new 10,000+ acre areas. One is in Puerto Rico, and the other in the State of New Mexico.

The Fossil Bill -

It remains bottled up in the U.S. House of Representatives, Natural Resource Committee.

LASTLY, if you're aware of any hobby problems in the area of my Committee's responsibility that I have not written about, I would appreciate an e-mail at jonspe@juno.com or a phone call at (360) 835-9313 to alert me.

Reports Due
by Steve Weinberger, Central Office Admin.

As we begin to gear up for the AFMS Annual Meeting in Nashville this August, I'd like to ask that all AFMS Officers, Directors and Committee Chairpersons have their annual report to me no later than June 30th. This will give me enough time to have them printed, mailed and in the hands of those needing them in more than enough time for the Nashville meeting.

Reports may be sent to me either by snail mail or via e-mail (as a "word" or pdf attachment or within the body of the e-mail message). Mailing information can be found on page 3 of this issue.

Newsletter Exchanges
by Sir Barkley Bigfoot, Assist. Editor

Even though I'm only six years of age, I've quickly learned the value of money. The cost of everything seems to be going up and my doggie allowance just doesn't seem to go as far as it did a year ago. Some of the clubs that "those people I live with" belong to are talking about raising club dues to cover the additional costs associated with things like printing and mailing their newsletters. Is the same thing happening to you and your club?

I have a good idea that can help.

With most of us now using computers to edit and most of us having e-mail, why not send out exchange bulletins via e-mail?

If you can, convert your issue to "pdf" format and then send it to your Regional Federation officers, editor and to the AFMS President, President-elect and Editor. Doing it this way won't cost you a penny. "SRS"
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Are You the Correct One?
from Steve Weinberger, AFMS Central Office

Has your club elected new officers for 2006?

Most have by now and the AFMS Central Office needs to know who they are so that we can continue to send each issue of the Newsletter to your current officers. Please, snail or e-mail us the name and address of your President, Editor, Federation Director (Liaison) and Secretary so that we may update the mailing list. We'd prefer to send the newsletter directly to the home of each officer, so please give us those addresses. The mailing list is never shared or sold so your information remains confidential.

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Here is the listing of the people who have agreed to serve as AFMS Chairs for 2005-06. Please feel free to contact these people (or the person in your regional federation who serves on the as well) if you need information or have ideas to share with them.

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AFMS Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.
I will leave all gates as found.
I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.
I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
I will support the rockhound project HELP, (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
I will report to my club or Federation of Rockhounds, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

From Signs.....

Automatic Blanket
Ensures sound sleep with one of our authorized dealers.

Give Us Your Dirty Clothes
Ladies! If you drive by our new launderette and drop off your clothes, you will receive very swift attention!

In an Office Building:
"Toilet out of order. Please use floor below."

Outside a Disco:
"This is the most exclusive disco in town. Everybody welcome!"

From The Newspaper...

Room Wanted
Young, sentimental, loving male. Loves to play. Wants Room and Board with loving female. Cannot pay rent, but offers true love, constant company, and 24-hour protection. Will serve as escort to and from classes if desired. Will keep you warm all night long. Allows you complete freedom to date others. Call 466-7523. DO NOT CALL unless you are truly interested in giving a home to this adorable puppy.

FREE. Beautiful 6 month old kitten, playful, friendly, very affectionate OR...Handsome 32 year old husband-personable, funny, good job but hates cats. Says he goes or cat goes. Come see both and decide which you like.

Wedding gown worn only once, by mistake. Asking $100.

From Church Bulletins...

Miss Marcia Smyth sang "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the entire congregation.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Johnson to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind, and they may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet on Friday. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 o'clock. Please use the back door.

The Christian Youth Fellowship Sexuality course will be held at 7 p.m. Please use the rear parking lot for this activity.

At a meeting of the cemetery committee, the burial rates were increased slightly to reflect the higher cost of living.

THE CAKE
from Angie Teixeira

Alice was to bake a cake for the church ladies' group bake sale, but she forgot to do it until the last minute. She baked an angel food cake and when she took it from the oven, the center had dropped flat.

She said, "Oh dear, there's no time to bake another cake." So, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake.

Alice found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and covered it with icing. The finished product looked beautiful, so she rushed it to the church.

Before she left the house, Alice had given her daughter some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the minute it opened, and to buy that cake and bring it home, but when the daughter arrived at the sale, the attractive cake had already been sold. Alice was beside herself.

The next day, Alice was invited to a friend's home where two tables of bridge were to be played that afternoon. After the game, a fancy lunch was served, and to top it off, the cake in question was presented for dessert.

Alice saw the cake, she started to get out of her chair to rush into the kitchen to tell her hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, one of the other ladies said, "What a beautiful cake!" Alice sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say "Thank you, I baked it myself."

TRUCK ART
seen on a semi in Germany

"Call her 'Fatso' again. That last rock she seen on a semi in Germany via Strata Gem March '04"