

The Foothills View

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Many "Pine" For This Tree

Some cultures have recognized the beauty and interest of pines.

One of the ornaments used in Chinese folk design is the pine tree ("sung") symbolizing longevity. The Japanese also employ it ("matsu") as an emblem in family crest and built into textile designs for formal clothing. In America, the Pine Tree State is the nickname for Maine, and the state tree of North Carolina is the loblolly pine.

North Carolinians see so many pines in their surroundings—loblolly, short-leaf, Virginia scrub and long-leaf—that they miss some of the interesting details of these trees,

like their cones of varied shaped, sizes and designs.

The cones usually observed are the mature brown ones on the ground, their scales dried and opened. The seeds have fallen out either to germinate in the ground or to be eaten by birds and animals.

A closer look at the cones on the tree in the spring may bring a surprise.

All pines have two forms of pine cones, male and female, on the same tree.

The tree is especially well designed to encourage pollination. The male cones, which produce the pollen, hang in clusters at the very tips of branches where they are most exposed to

wind movement, and the pollen grains are winged to catch the wind. These characteristics insure abundant pollen distribution. During a period of two or three days each spring you can often see clouds of sulfur-colored pollen dust on branches and on any nearby water.

The female cones grow on the lateral branches and stand erect. When the pollen dust is scattered by the wind, some of it drifts into these cones, falling among the scales. Eventually, the pollen reaches the base of the cone and fertilizes the eggs

This is no simple matter, for it takes 13 or 14 months from pollination to fertilization. So pines pollinated this spring will

not be fertilized until the summer of next year.

Eventually mature winged seeds will develop and fall to earth, some to germinate and produce a new pine tree. The seeds seem to germinate readily in sunny locations, judging by the number of young trees found in old field and clearings.

It is evident that pine cones are really the equivalent of a flower for the pine tree. As in flowers, the male part produces pollen to be distributed by the wind while the seed is produced in the female cone partner.

This process results in a mature seed to carry on the never-ending cycle in producing the trees so familiar that we sometimes scarcely notice them.

Hiking Trail Opens Saturday

The Cleveland County Trails Association will officially open a ten mile trail through the Boiling Springs area on Saturday, May 7 during a 9 a.m. ceremony.

The trail which is located off the College Farm Road, where the pavement ends, was developed with the permission of Gardner-Webb College and the Federal Paper Board Co., owners of the property.

"A small circle of people already used the property for jogging and horseback riding but with the trail being officially established more people will be able to use it," said Fred Blackley, chairman of the trails

association. "The trail will offer people of the community a place to hike that is close by."

According to Blackley, the trail offers a varied terrain that is not strenuous. Points of interest along the trail include an overlook of the Broad River and a variety of wildflowers that are native to this area.

The work on the trail was done by the trails association along with the help of the Shelby Presbyterian Church Boy Scouts. Maps of the trail are available through the trails association or from the Cleveland County Museum.

Two Weeks Til Cable Turn-On

Two weeks and a quarter of a mile separate the first Boiling Springs residents from a hook-up to cable television, the manager of the company providing the service said Wednesday.

Ed Palumbo of Vision Cable of Shelby said his company is laying the last quarter-mile of the underground "trunk" or main cable east of the Broad River on Highway 150. When laid, the trunk will connect to overhead cables in Boiling Springs already

in place.

That connection is planned for the second week in May, he said. Salespeople for the company will then begin selling subscriptions door-to-door Palumbo said.

Vision Cable currently offers 21 channels for its basic subscription fee. The company sells three additional channels: HBO, Cinemax, and The Movie Channel.

Crest Junior High Taps Honor Students

All A's

7th grade: Michael Barbee, Hunter Blake, David Blanton, Susan Canipe, Elizabeth Daves, Lynn Drewery, Bryan Edwards, Melissa Hartis, Melissa Hogston, Jamey Lutz, Brent Mellon, Nicole Nalley, Michael Jason Ruff, Eric Steven Self, and Melanie Waters.

8th grade: Aaron Brackett, Karen Canipe, Tina Cobb, Tracy Glover, Angie Greene, Darlene Hunt, Patrick Kendrick, Tim Norman, Kate Sheppard, and Elizabeth Weathers.

9th grade: Rebecca Bryson, Greg Dover, Rhonda McBride, Scott Mitchell, Lori Yvonne Self, Nole Sweezy, Winter Weber, and Leslie Williams.

A Average

7th grade: Sharon Corry, Sherry Corry, Chris Craft, Bryan Drum, Amy Edmondson, Jack Ellis, Tiffany Fowler, Wendy Glover, Angie Goode, Laura Hamrick, Michelle Glover, Stacey Gardner, Lisa Harris, Kelly Hawkins, Rebecca Heavener, Holli Helms, Michael Hoyle, Christine Lancaster, Danny Jolley, Dawn Ledbetter, Jodi Ledbetter, Jennifer Jones, Caroline McCraw, Sandra McCluney, Dan McBride, Tricia Martin, Audrey Lipscomb, Michele Lemons, Tony McCraw, Melanie McCullough, Kelly McSwain, Tracy McSwain, Robert Nestlerode, Matthew Newton, Angela Philbeck, Lisa Price, Todd Peeler, Lea Jane Putnam, Lisa Lynn Rayle, James Darrell Rogers, Michael Scott Sharp, Dwayne Shope, Everett Smith, Brian Strickland, Marilyn Surratt, Mark Taylor, Marty Thomas, Tammy Turner, Cynthia Toney, Greg Walker, Tony Walker, and Randy Wacaster.

8th Grade: Felicia Abrams, Rebecca Allen, Roxanne Allison, Marcus Ashley, Tina Beaver, Jeff Biggers, Judy Brabham, Lavondra Brooks, Michelle Brown, "Tee" Burton, Connie Cabiness, Brenda Carter, Angie Charles, Amy Cox, Billy Crowder, Janet Davis, Gregory Dawkins, Travis Dawson, Clint Debrew, Molly Duncan, Dolores Durbin, Tammy Earls, Chris Edwards, Melissa Fender, Scott Gilmore, Barbara Hamrick, Elizabeth Hopkins, Kim Horn, Mandy Hovis, Kelly Huffstickler, Sandy Humphries, Melissa Ivie, Michael Jackson, Sheila Jefferies, Yolanda Jefferies, Tammy Jones, Wendy Jones, Bradley Keller, Wendy Kendrick, Eric Kimbrell, Scott Lail, Michelle Lee, Sherry Leslie, Diane Martin, Terry Martin, Esther McSwain, Sherri McSwain, Lisa Mertz, Dennis Mullinax, Melissa Owens, Mike Pegram, Paige Philbeck, Mike Pruitt, Frederick Robbs, Brian Roberts, Chris Robinson, Miguel Santovena, Scott Scism, Kim Spencer, Tina Sprusansky, Matthew Stephenson, Greg Stidham, Jonathan Strong, Eric Surrettsky, Cindy Theis, Kelly Taylor, and Taffy Wright.

9th grade: Randy Borders, Deborah Bowen, Chris Boyce, Barry Cabiness, Julie Carpenter, Jeff Collins, Leann Davis, Leslie Dawkins, Sandy Deaver, Steven Degraw, Mark Greene, Michael Hamrick, Lori Harrison, Dean Hawkins, Elizabeth Hicks, Catherine Huggins, Taffany Johnson, Barry Lane, Nicole Martin, Julie McSwain, Laura Morrison, Anna Packard, Pam Parker, Rodney Poston, Kandi Ridings, Lisa Sorrells, Randy Webb, Marcus Wright, and Arthur Yount.

Burns Performs At Sea World



The Burns High Pop Dance Ensemble, under the direction of Linda Torres, gave a thirty minute performance at Sea World in Orlando, Florida during their holidays. They were chosen to perform after submitting a tape and photograph of the group. The group consisting of Brenda Summers, Susan Cline, Thurman Lawrence, Eddie Webber, Brent Bingham, Sandy Benton, Donna Spangler, Crystal Bell, Lisa Roberts, Lynn Neill, Fitz

McMurry, Bryan McMurry, Chuck Connors, Lana Barrier, Gina Bradshaw, Melanie Clements, and Paula Eaker have performed at various events in the county including the Dixie Classic Basketball tournament. While in Florida the group visited Disneyworld, Epcot Center and Wet and Wild in addition to Sea World.

Her 95th



Over 100 friends and well-wishers gathered recently at the home of Mrs. Alma Hunt in Lattimore in celebration of her 95th birthday.

"Different" Speech

United Way Grad Speaker

—Dr. Roberta van der Voort, group vice president of United Way of America, will be guest speaker for the 1982 commencement ceremony at Gardner-Webb College.

The exercises will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 14.

"I plan to give a different kind of commencement speech," says Ms. van der Voort. "I will stress to the graduates that their education is just beginning." Ms. van der Voort will look to the year 2000 and discuss the kind of skills and education needed to handle to complexities of society then.

Ms. van der Voort, who joined United Way of America in October of last year, was formerly the national executive director of Camp Fire, Inc., an organization supported by the United Way. "As Camp Fire director I was always on the other side seeking money," she says.

As group vice president, Ms. van der Voort is responsible for the National Academy for Volunteerism and United Way of America's services outreach program. Other areas under her direction include foundations and endowment/deferred giving

programs and the recently established United Way Institute.

"United Way is not just a fund raising organization, but a planning organization as well," she says. According to Ms. van der Voort, just as today's students must plan for the challenges that lay ahead, so must the United Way. "The United Way is already seeing a shift in human needs," says Ms. van der Voort. "There are the increased needs of a growing population of senior citizens, and the retraining of people to fill future job markets. Because of the shift in values, there are the needs of single parents and the need for day care." These are problems the United Way did not have to deal with 20 years ago she says.

Dr. van der Voort began her professional career as director of environmental education for the Cook County Public Schools in Prineville, Ore., where she received the Outstanding Educator Award. She worked for 15 years with the Seattle-King County Council for Camp Fire as executive director, district director and director of camping among other key posts.