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MAY—JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER
MILK & HONEY



THE CRADDOCK CENTER FIRST ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT was a huge success! We are most appreciative to all the teams that entered the tournament. Many thanks go out to our fabulous sponsors that made the event special. A BIG Craddock Center thank you to Mr. Mike Brumby and Mr. Pat Reagan for co-chairing our tournament. We are appreciative of **WHITEPATH GOLF CLUB'S** marvelous staff for helping make the event fun and successful. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all our TCC volunteers and staff that helped the event run very smoothly and highly organized! Please make plans to join the fun next year!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MRS. NETTIE CRADDOCK



An English tea birthday party was held in May to celebrate the birthday of TCC co-founder Mrs. Nettie Craddock! The tea took place in the meeting hall of The Craddock Center. Many friends and family attended. Mrs. Craddock was entertained by our CEP staff with song and story! We adore Mrs. Craddock and wish her many more fabulous birthdays!

THE CRADDOCK CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to deliver educational and cultural programs to children, families, and communities, primarily in Southern Appalachia. We serve by sharing and spreading centuries old traditions of song and story characteristic of the region.

A TASTE OF MILK & HONEY



DR. FRED B. CRADDOCK

How was I to know that when the cows are lying down, the fish won't bite? This bit of information is vital, especially to an eight -year- old, the perfect age for fishing. I could not believe this knowledge was intentionally withheld from me, although I know for a fact that adults withhold information from children. How do I know? Walk into a room of adults talking and suddenly every voice is hushed. Why? You know. Or when a child lies ill in bed with a fever of 120 and an adult says, "Now run along outside and play," you know secrets are being kept.

Now that I think about it, most of the important knowledge I possess was gained by watching and overhearing. Nobody told me that if a snapping turtle bites you, it will not turn you loose until it thunders. Nobody told me that a dead snake hanged on a fence will continue to wiggle its tail until sundown. Nobody told me that you can tell a watermelon is ripe by placing a broomstraw on the melon. If the straw turns a complete revolution, the melon is ripe. I picked up this information, nobody gave it to me. But it sure helps now and then when someone cares enough to just plain flat out tell you the truth.

So why didn't someone tell me that when the cows are lying down, the fish don't bite? We had a cow, for goodness sake! All those mornings I walked down to the farm pond with pole and worms, no one ever said, "Look at the cow on your way; if it is lying down, don't waste your time." Would that information have cost them anything? No. Would it have helped me? Yes, immensely.

It's not as if I was asking for an interpretation: did the fish get the cow to agree or was the whole thing the cow's idea? I don't care who started it or what the motive was. All I know is the basic information would have spared me many a disappointing day, the victim of a dark conspiracy.

Years later, my mother and I were driving out to the old farm where I was born. We passed a field in which were several cows, all lying down. "Not a good day to fish," she said. "You knew and didn't tell me!" My own mother; I couldn't believe it. She felt my pain. "You were just eight years old and you loved to fish. I didn't think *catching* fish was all that important. Besides, I did what I could." "And what was that?" "You remember Belle, our cow? Well, Belle promised me she would never lie down while you were fishing and she didn't. I trusted her."

And so did I, and I trusted my mother too. Trusting is very important, especially now, with all these conspiracies going around. Why, I heard the other day that cats can read your mind.

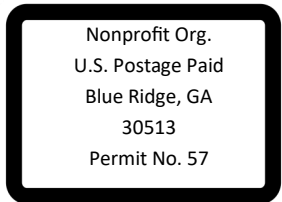


CAMP CRADDOCK!

Camp Craddock will get underway in June and run through July! The Craddock Center will host five mission groups from across the nation and with their helpful generosity, we will be serving local children with food, crafts, adventure and "Happy and Hope". At TCC we are proud to announce that there will be two local churches on board with Camp Craddock this year. We also would like to welcome our Intern Camp Coordinator for this summer Reverend Brad Biggerstaff. We are looking forward to working with him and know it will be a great fun filled summer!



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