

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

Margaret Elizabeth and Marjorie Ann Redmon

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Margaret Elizabeth and Marjorie Ann Redmon, born April 29, 1928, are the daughters of Leon Hughes "Lynn" and Mary Tucker Redmon. They were the youngest of eight children and were born in Eagleville in the second house on the right on Allisona Road. This house was later owned and occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Williams. At the time of their birth, twins were not expected and were a very big surprise to the family. Their siblings were Sammie, Leon Hughes "Jake", Russell, Roy, Leon Jr. "Junior" and Katherine. The day Margaret and Marjorie was born Katherine, who was about seven years old, ran across the road to their neighbors, Rob and Mae Shelton. Katherine told them to come and see the new baby girls, not just one baby but two baby girls. She was really excited. As they grew older, Katherine helped care for the twins, and the excitement of having twin sisters soon faded as they became a nuisance to her. Margaret and Marjorie were pretty spoiled by their older brothers. Their brother Junior would often say he wished there had been 3 of them instead of only 2. When Margaret and Marjorie were four or five years old they hid in a cabinet in their kitchen. Their mother wasn't able to find them and soon everyone in Eagleville was looking for the girls. This was a scary time for the family but had a happy ending, when they decided to re-appear. Another incident they remember well; their mother sent them to Arnold's Store, presently the location of the Eagleville Drug Center to get a jar of pickles. On the way back home they dropped the jar of pickles on the road near the service station on the corner of Allisona Road and Main Street. Their mother made them go back and pick up all the glass and pickles from the road. They weren't

punished but they felt the embarrassment of picking up pickles and glass from the road was punishment enough. Their older brother Roy and his family lived across the road in front of their house. One day they decided to cross the road for a visit. The road had recently been sprayed with tar and they were barefooted. When they returned home with tar all over their feet, they were in trouble again.

Their father, Lynn Redmon, milked cows while they lived at this location on Allisona Road. Twice a day after the milking, he would drive the cows from behind his house, thru Eagleville to the creek on the south end of Eagleville to be watered and then back home. Margaret and Marjorie often walked with him helping to keep the cows all together.

Margaret and Marjorie attended Eagleville School, walking to school when the weather permitted. Their first grade teacher was Miss Grace Fann. They also took singing from Miss Ethel Elmore. Growing up in Eagleville they spent a lot of time with friends and having fun at the gathering place, home of Jane Stephenson Simpson. Some of the friends remembered were; Katherine Little, Mary Jean Hay, Dorothy Gillespie, Lucille Pope, Junior Bellenfant, Urban Little, James Fagan and Jane Stephenson. During this time they were always playing tricks on Halloween. Almost every year their front gate to the house would go missing before dark. They remember one year, Mr. Green Hay's outdoor toilet was moved to the roof of Bud Walker's barbershop, which was located near the present fire hall.

When the twins were at the age of 13, the Redmon family moved from Eagleville to John Windrow Road on a farm that is still home to Marjorie and her family. Marjorie married Earlen Freemond Patterson, son of Robert Lee and Alice Vaughn Patterson. They have four children: Fred Lee, Don Lynn, Ron Lytle and Pamela Bridget. Her sons, Don Lynn and Ron Lytle are twins with different birthdays. Don was born February 16, 1956, and Ron was born February 17, 1956. Fred is married to Patricia Ann Hester Crowell. He has two daughters: Tami Brooke and Brittany Ann Patterson and stepson, Coby Russell Crowell. Don married Kim Morgan and has a daughter, Kalyn Lee. Ron married Nancy Jane Morton and they have two children: Carrie Ann and Evan Grant. Bridgett married (div.) Don Miller and has two children: Brandon Chance and Shelby Lee.

Margaret married Walfred Alvin Pate, son of Henry Herman and Winnie Blanche Patterson Pate. They have four children: Walfred Alvin Jr., Mary Ann, Sandra Lynn and Melissa. Walfred "Buddy", principal of Eagleville High School is married to Bernice Scott. He has a son, Drew Ashley Pate and a granddaughter, Lily. Mary Ann married Robert Langley and has two children: John Pate Langley and Lindsey Clair Langley. Sandra married Charles Edward Reed and has a son, Andrew Pate Reed. He married Stephanie Halsey and has three daughters: Nicole Halsey, Lauren Ashley and Hannah Grace Reed. Melissa married Timothy Bradley Huston and has a son, Tyler Bradley. Margaret and Alvin lives in the Patterson Community (Possum Trot), moving there in 1951. They are avid sport fans and supporters of Eagleville School.

