

# Helping Hurting Children is a Life-Long Journey for Martha Faircloth Bush

Even in the lives of children, losses are a normal part of life. Helping children learn how to cope with those losses, has been a life-long mission of former Donalsonville resident Martha Faircloth Bush.

To help children deal with the many issues resulting from life's hurts and losses, Bush has written *Helping Hurting Children: A Journey of Healing*. The book, released on March 13 and accompanied by an adult reference guide of the same name, addresses and offers guidance through the difficult times of the death of a loved one, divorce of parents, abuse, multiple moves, family addictions, parental imprisonment, terrorism, school violence, and natural disasters, just to name a few.

Bush, the daughter of Faye Faircloth, grew up on a farm in Donalsonville and

## Meet the Author

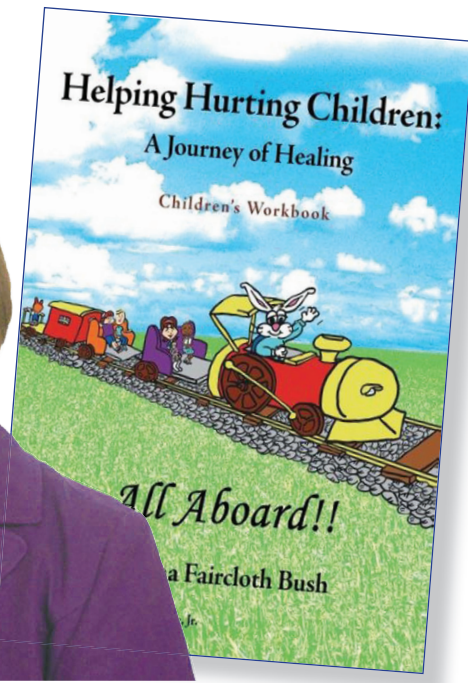
**Martha Faircloth Bush**  
**Saturday, May 11**  
**at 2 p.m. at the**  
**Seminole County**  
**Public Library**

is a Seminole County High School graduate. She attended Valdosta State College and earned a BS degree in Business Education. After graduating from college, Martha began a teaching career that spanned grades 5-12 in both public and Christian schools. She also taught adult vocational courses in the Atlanta School System.

Through her years of teaching, as well as being an avid reader of human behavior and grief counseling writings of noted Christian psychologists, she recog-

nized how a team effort can help build a foundation in children at an early age that will enable them to cope with the losses in their lives. She believes this team, made of up parents, grandparents, educators, and spiritual leaders, can guide a child to healing from losses he or she might experience. They can do this simply by recognizing his pain, listening to his pain, and then teaching the child how to apply the principles of God's Word to his hurting heart. This led her to write *Helping Hurting Children: A Journey of Healing*.

Her love for teaching led her into areas outside the school system as she began teaching Bible study courses



The book gives children the opportunity to travel with Martha and Bubby the Rabbit on a journey of healing. They make literary stops along the way to discuss topics that include what does loss mean, facts about losses, what does grieve mean, recognizing feelings, expressing feelings, forgiving others, asking others to forgive you and accepting losses.

On their journey, Martha and Bubby are joined by their friends, Zach, Hadley, Hannah, Crystal, and Heather. The gang shares their stories of the death of a loved one, being bullied, making a move, the loss of a pet, and divorce. Martha, Bubby, and the kids traveling with them want to remind other boys and girls that you can continue to be happy after a loss.

in jails, prisons, and at her local church. She also writes a monthly inspirational post at [www.createdwoman.net](http://www.createdwoman.net) and is a contributing editor for Created Woman Magazine.

In addition, she is a contributor at [www.girlfriendscoffeehour.com](http://www.girlfriendscoffeehour.com) and

a member of The Orange County Christian Writers Guild.

Martha resides in Orange, Texas, with her husband, Glen. They are the parents of two grown daughters who have blessed them with three beautiful grandchildren.

# Great Fishing Tournament and A Boat Load of Fun

The Lake Seminole Lions Club held its 19th Annual Shellcracker Tournament on April 27th and it was a successful day for everyone. The day was perfect, and thanks to the good Lord, there was no rain that day.

First place in the tournament went to Terry Cobb with a catch that weighed in at 23.69 lbs. Second place went to James Cobb with 9.10 lbs., and third place went to Stephen Moss with 8.64 lbs. The largest fish prize, donated by Sinclair Shingler, went to Chris Bush with one that weighed in at 1.82 lbs.

The Kids Rodeo was a success for the boys that fished. They all caught fish, which naturally made them feel like fishermen, especially Jacob Taylor, who won with a nice fish that weighed .44 ozs. The Duck Race first and second prizes, were won by the same lucky person, Ronnie Stewart, who had bought a bunch of tickets. The homemade quilt made and donated by Beverly Crump was won by Terry Cobb and the gas grill ticket belonged to Ms. Wylene Easom. Congratulations to you both and thank you for helping sponsor the Lions and their projects.

The dunking booth was a big hit also; everyone really enjoyed either watching or doing it themselves and seeing Chip Stewart, Amos Sheffield and Lion LuAnne Brackin get dunked.

A club spokesperson commented, "We have super wonderful folks in this area that believe in the Lions and their many good causes and projects and they don't mind giving and helping when asked. And we at the Lake Seminole Lions Club ask that when you see any of these



Jacob Taylor

names listed below, thank them for caring and helping the Lions with the motto of *WE SERVE*."

Many, many thanks go out to every person and group who helped make this year's event a success and to the tournament sponsors which included Donalsonville Hospital, Seminole Building Supply, Cook's Appliances, Riverside Veterinary Clinic, PeoplesSouth Bank, Georgia Power, Action Chevrolet, GMC, Mr. Edward Hall, Ponder Enterprises/Hardee's, Sinclair Shingler, Seminole Grocery & Deli, Alf's Farm & Garden, Tim Bush, Ace Hardware, Amos Sheffield, Kenneth Hornsby, Earlene Bramlett, Glen Heard Farms, Espy Gray Recapping, Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Clarke, Seminole Fitness, Bishop's Jewelers, Ameris Bank, Mr. Neal Rumble, Mr. & Mrs J. E. Earnest, Kingwood Enterprises, Seminole Hartzog Pharmacy, American Peanut, Croom Aviation, Flowers by Will, Speed Track Station, Burke Insurance & Realty, Loyless Donuts, Inland Gas Station, Quik & Handy, Cross Hardware, Terry's Barber Shop, AAA Motorsports, Swanner Insurance, Mr. Bobby Cook,

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The Club also thanks those who helped furnish the

scales, the sound equipment, the dunking booth, and Mr. Eddie Alday for the use of his flatbed trailer.

If anyone has any questions about the Lions Clubs and their projects just call and talk with a Lion. Any one of them will be glad to discuss what you wish to know about. Their job as a club is to raise money to help out the less fortunate in the community with eye exams and surgeries, glasses, hearing aids and providing food baskets to those that are in need.

So call a Lion, or come to one of the meetings on the fourth Monday of each month in the community room at the SCVFD at 7:00 pm, or call 229-861-3258, 861-3553, 416-5515 or 861-3920.



Fishing with Jacob, who was wearing a red T-shirt, were Trey Wilson, Brayden Taylor and Jeremiah Cruz. Pictured with them is Lake Lion President Ed Crump and the Rodeo overseer and judge Lion Pam Sanders.



19th Annual Shellcracker Tournament Winners

## Descendants to Gather for Parker Reunion May

The Parker Reunion is set for Sunday, May 26 at the American Legion Hall on highway 39, south of Donalsonville. This reunion is for the descendants of Joel and Elizabeth Franklin Parker. All extended family is invited to the gathering.

Doors open at 10:30 AM with lunch at 12:30. Bring covered dishes and drinks. Paper goods, utensils and ice will be provided.

Looking forward to a great gathering! For information call Gina Bullock McCracken at (229) 861-3170.

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