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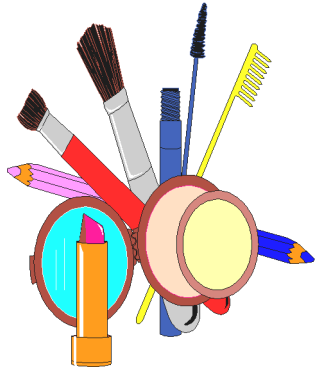


Travis Campbell, vice president of finance and investor relations for Williams, and Mary C. Ogle, CEO of the American Red Cross Tulsa Area Chapter, celebrate the recent \$25,000 contribution Williams made to support the local chapter's disaster-relief work.

The Tulsa Area Chapter of the American Red Cross announced today that Williams has donated \$25,000 to help bolster to local chapter's ability to respond in the event of a disaster, such as the recent flooding. Travis Campbell, vice president of finance and investor relations, presented the check today to Mary C. Ogle, chief executive of the Red Cross.

"Williams is pleased to be in a position to help the Red Cross when disasters occur in our neighborhoods," said Campbell. "We take our role as a corporate neighbor very seriously and see this donation as an opportunity to help our neighbors in the next disaster."

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"It's essential that the local chapter of the Red Cross be armed with the resources they need to respond to future disasters in our area. The ability of the Red Cross to mobilize people to help their neighbors is invaluable," said Campbell . "Williams supports and applauds its work here in Tulsa to do just that."

The Rogers/Mayes County Service Center of the American Red Cross is part of the Tulsa Area Chapter. To contact the Rogers/Mayes County Service Center, please call (918) 343-1803.

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Three men were hiking through a forest when they came upon a large raging violent river. Needing to get on the other side, the first man prayed, "God, please give me the strength to cross the river."

Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across in about 2 hours, having almost drowned twice. After witnessing that, the second man prayed, "God, please give me strength and the tools to cross the river."

Poof! God gave him a rowboat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing once. Seeing what happened to the first two men, the third man prayed, "God, please give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross the river."

Poof! He was turned into a woman. She checked the map, hiked one hundred yards up stream and walked across the bridge.

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Many Thanks to those who sent in information for the Mayes County History. We are proud to be able to deliver our newest editions to Rogers, Mayes, Ottawa, Delaware and Craig & Nowata Counties.

If you have any information for future features or would like to place an ad, please contact us.

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American Red Cross Health and Safety Items for the Month of September

September is National Preparedness Month. In recognition, the Rogers/Mayes County Service Center of the American Red Cross has two featured Health and Safety items throughout September.

"No one wants or expects a disaster such as a tornado or an emergency such as a power outage to occur, but they do happen, unfortunately, too often. Being prepared is the key. The worst time to realize that you need a first aid kit is when the emergency is happening. If you don't have a first aid kit, please consider getting one. If you already have one, please review it to make sure it's stocked and up-to-date," said Savannah Haddock, Community Relations Coordinator at the Rogers/Mayes County Service Center.

The Family First Aid kit has separate compartments organized into severe bleeding, medium cuts and scrapes, small cuts and scrapes, and additional items and supplies. It is in a nylon pouch with convenient carrying straps. This kit is designed for easy use with first aid instructions printed on the kit. This safety preparedness tool should be in every home, car and RV. ...On sale \$20.

The other preparedness product we are featuring this month is our American Red Cross Weather Radios. It is a great advantage to have with our ever-changing Oklahoma weather. The radio has many great features such as:

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In the midst of rushing through everyday life, it's important to take time to prepare for emergencies so that if disasters or emergencies happen, you can minimize the impact to your family.

Finally, those benefits aside, buying products from the American Red Cross will directly benefit your neighbors in Rogers and Mayes County. For more information please stop by your local service center at 400 W. Will Rogers Blvd. (Will Rogers & Cherokee) in Claremore or call us at 918/343-1803. You can also send an email to SHaddock@arctac.org

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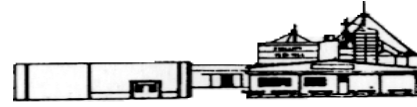
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Shoes in Church

I showered and shaved..... I adjusted my tie. I got there and sat..... In a pew just in time.

Bowing my head in prayer..... As I closed my eyes. I saw the shoe of the man next to me.... Touching my own. I sighed.

With plenty of room on either side..... I thought, "Why must our soles touch?" It bothered me, his shoe touching mine... But it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: "Our Father"..... I thought, "This man with the shoes... has no pride. They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!"

"Thank You for blessings," the prayer went on. The shoe man said..... a quiet "Amen." I tried to focus on the prayer..... But my thoughts were on his shoes again.

Aren't we supposed to look our best when walking through that door? "Well, this certainly isn't it," I thought, glancing toward the floor. Then the prayer was ended.... And the songs of praise began.

The shoe man was certainly loud..... Sounding proud as he sang.

His voice lifted the rafters.. His hands were raised high. The Lord could surely hear.. The shoe man's voice from the sky.

It was time for the offering..... And what I threw in was steep. I watched as the shoe man

reached.... Into his pockets so deep.

I saw what was pulled out..... What the shoe man put in. Then I heard a soft "clink" as when silver hits tin.

The sermon really bored me..... To tears, and that's no lie. It was the same for the shoe man.... For tears fell from his eyes.

At the end of the service.... As is the custom here We must greet new visitors.. And show them all good cheer.

But I felt moved somehow..... And wanted to meet the shoe man. So after the closing prayer..... I reached over and shook his hand.

He was old and his skin was dark.... And his hair was truly a mess. But I thanked him for coming..... For being our guest.

He said, "My names' Charlie..... I'm glad to meet you, my friend." There were tears in his eyes..... But he had a large, wide grin.

"Let me explain," he said..... Wiping tears from his eyes. "I've been coming here for months.... And you're the first to say 'Hi.'"

"I know that my appearance....."Is not like all the rest. "But I really do try....."To always look my best."

"I always clean and polish my shoes. "Before my very long walk. "But by the time I get here. "They're dirty and dusty, like chalk."

My heart filled with pain..... and I swallowed to hide my tears. As he continued to apologize..... For daring to sit so near.

He said, "When I get here....."I know I must look a sight. "But I thought if I could touch you. "Then maybe our souls might unite."

I was silent for a moment..... Knowing whatever was said Would pale in comparison... I spoke from my heart, not my head.

"Oh, you've touched me," I said....."And taught me, in part; "That the best of any man....."Is what is found in his heart."

The rest, I thought,..... This shoe man will never know. Like just how thankful I really am... That his dirty old shoe touched my soul

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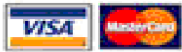
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5 Simple Steps Could Save 100,000 Lives

Preventive Actions Like Cancer Screening Could Prevent Thousands of Deaths

If more Americans followed just five simple preventive health care practices, nearly 100,000 deaths each year could be prevented.

A new study shows that getting adults to follow simple steps like getting help to quit smoking or being screened for cancer could save tens of thousands of lives every year.

According to the study, the top five underutilized health care services with the biggest benefits are:

- Daily aspirin therapy to prevent heart disease.
- Smoking cessation. An additional 42,000 lives would be saved each year by increasing to 90% the portion of smokers who are advised by a health care professional to quit and are offered assistance. Currently, only 28% of smokers receive such services.
- Colorectal cancer screening. Another 14,000 additional lives would be saved each year

by increasing to 90% the portion of adults aged 50 and older who are up to date with any recommended screening for colorectal cancer. Today, fewer than 50% of adults are up to date with screening.

- Flu vaccination. An additional 12,000 additional lives would be saved each year by increasing the portion of adults aged 50 and older who got an annual flu vaccination to 90%. Only 37% of adults currently get an annual flu vaccination.
- Breast cancer screening. An additional 3,700 lives would be saved each year by increasing to 90% the portion of women ages 40 and older who have been screened for breast cancer in the past 2 years. Today, 67% of women have been screened in the past 2 years.

Disparities in Preventive Health Care

"A lot of Americans are not getting lifesaving preventive services, particularly racial and ethnic minorities. As a result, too many people are dying prematurely or

living with diseases that could have been prevented," says Eduardo Sanchez, MD, MPH, in a news release. Sanchez is chair of the National Commission on Prevention Priorities, which conducted the study. "We could get much better value for our health care dollar by focusing upstream on prevention."

The study shows minorities consistently use preventive health care services less often than whites. For example, Hispanic smokers are 55% less likely to get assistance in quitting smoking than whites.

Overall, among the top 12 preventive health care services examined by the report, seven are used by about half or less of the people who should be using them.

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In Rogers and Mayes County, people can start getting prepared by taking a CPR certification classes for only \$5.

Classes will be held at the Rogers/Mayes County Service Center, 400 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore.

Adult CPR: 8:00 a.m.-noon, Friday, September 7th and 21st

Infant/Child CPR: 12:30 p.m.-5:00p.m., Friday, September 7th and 21st

Call (918) 343-1803 to register for a class.

"We don't want anyone to witness an emergency and not know what to do," said Mark Ogle, director of the Rogers/Mayes County Service Center. "The American Red Cross wants people to feel confident that they know how to step in and help their family members, neighbors or even total strangers during an emergency."

Learning CPR is an important first step in becoming prepared, but there are several other ways, as well.

The American Red Cross also encourages residents to:

- Develop a fire and disaster plan with their families and practice it at least twice a year.
- Collect a disaster supplies kit, including water, canned food, medications, important documents, flashlight and battery-powered radio.
- Give blood so that an adequate supply will be available in case of a large-scale disaster.
- Volunteer with the American Red Cross so that plenty of people will be trained and ready to help during a local or national disaster.

In addition, the public is invited to visit a free online education module available at www.redcross.org/BeRedCrossReady that walks visitors through three simple ac-

tions to "Be Red Cross Ready" for a disaster: 1) get a kit, 2) make a plan, and 3) be informed. The "Be Red Cross Ready" actions, also available in podcast format, offer a basic preparedness strategy everyone can follow to respond to a variety of disasters and emergencies.

For more information about preparing for a disaster, call the American Red Cross, Rogers/Mayes County Service Center at (918) 343-1803.

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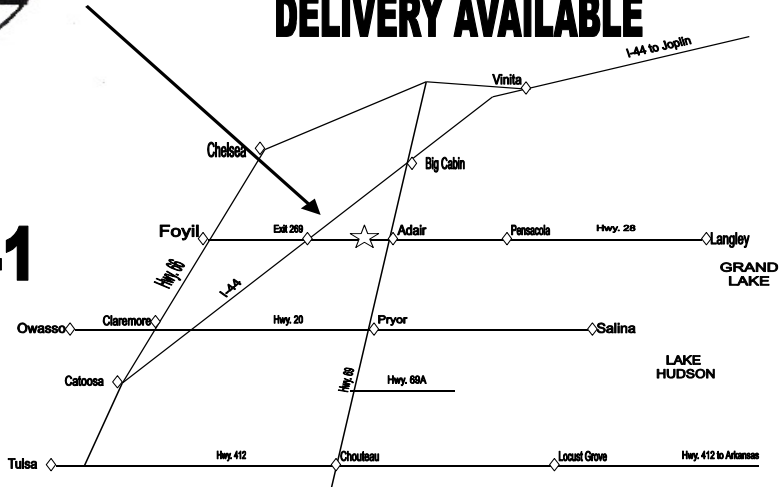




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Ottawa County Volunteer of the Month.



Vicky Williams of Picher has been chosen for the Senior Companion Volunteer of the Month. Vicky retired from her cafe in Picher and is well known for her cooking. She has been a Senior Companion for 18 years. She volunteers because she loves people and doing something meaningful to help. Vicky also enjoys the monthly meetings where volunteers learn about the different services available to Seniors. We would like to thank Vicky for her long time commitment to the Senior Companion program.

The Senior Companion Program is now taking applications for Senior Companion Volunteers. Senior Companion Volunteers receive a tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement, and other benefits, if you are interested in helping the frail elderly remain independent at home and you are over age 60 contact Ramie Tirres at the Ottawa County Health Dept. 540-2481

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Craig County Volunteer of the Month



Ric Chafin has been chosen as the Senior Companion Volunteer of the Month for August 2007. Ric has a natural ability to entertain others with his witty and outgoing personality. He has many hobbies that he likes to share with his clients. One being his ongoing obsession with yard sales and collecting antiques. He always knows a good joke. Ric has a hearing loss that some say he fakes on occasion to avoid unpleasant news.....We would like to thank Ric for keeping us all laughing!

The Senior Companion Program is now taking applications for Senior Companion Volunteers. Senior Companion Volunteers receive a tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement, and other benefits, if you are interested in helping the frail elderly remain independent at home and you are over age 60 contact Janea Hogan at the Craig County Health Dept. 256-7531

Rogers County Volunteer of the Month



The Senior Companion of the Month Award this month is in memory to Ray Freeman. Ray was a dedicated volunteer for over 7 years. Despite his own health problems, Ray would stay faithful to his clients and visit even when he didn't feel well. Ray was soft spoken, witty, smart and had an incredible smile that would warm any heart. Ray and his wife Millie, often helped in fundraising efforts for the program and Ray served as president of the Advisory board for many years. We will miss him and never forget how he touched many lives.

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◇◇◇ **AUCTION – 9:30** ◇◇◇

Jon Mullen Auction Service

- Featured Quilt:** “Light in the Valley” (Queen Size)
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(*54” x 77” plus Pillowcase*)
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Pink Fleece Blanket (40” x 36”) Embroidered
(*“Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep”*)
Pair of Embroidered Tulip Pillowcases
Blue Crib Quilt (Animals)
Quilted Table Runner w/matching oven mitts/towels

<><> *More items added by day of auction* <><>

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- Cinnamon Rolls
- Homemade Noodles
- Cookies
- Cakes – Angel Food

◇◇◇ **ETHNIC FOODS** ◇◇◇

- Zwieback
- New Year’s Cookies
- Peppernuts
- Borscht Soup
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- German Sausage
- Brats & Sauerkraut
- Bierocks

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◇◇◇ **CONCESSIONS** ◇◇◇

- Kettle Corn
- Barbeque Pork Loin Sandwiches
- Homemade Ice Cream
- Pie – By the Slice
- Nachos

◇◇◇ **COUNTRY FAIR FUN** ◇◇◇

- 9:00 – Kiddy Tractor Pull
- 10:30 – Tug of War
- 11:00 – Free Throw Shoot
- 12:00 – 3 on 3 Basketball
- 1:00 – Fly-Knock Contest
- 1:30 – 3-legged Sack Race

◇◇◇ **FREE KID’S PLACE** ◇◇◇

- Petting Zoo
- Spin Art
- Jupiter Jump
- Miniature Train Rides

◇◇◇ **HOMEMADE JAMS & JELLIES** ◇◇◇

- Blackberry – Peach – Apple Butter

◇◇◇ **ENTERTAINMENT** ◇◇◇

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- Dinner for 8 – “Night on the Town” (& More)

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◇◇◇ **DEMONSTRATIONS** ◇◇◇

- Making Apple Butter
- Quilting
- Antique Tractor & Working Saw

◇◇◇ **ANTIQUE CAR SHOW** ◇◇◇

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- Amish Buggy Rides – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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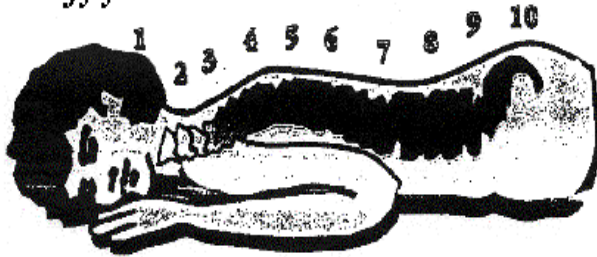
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The Friends of Langley Public Library (FOLPL) are sponsoring a Logo Contest. The winning Logo will be used by the Friends of Langley Public Library and should be suitable for use on letterheads, name tags, T-shirts, signage, etc. Entries should reflect the purpose, focus, or activities of the Friends of Langley Public Library's organization and its place in the greater Grand Lake Community. The creator of the winning artwork will be presented with the a prize of \$100.00.

All entries must be received by 5:00 pm, October 12, 2007 at the Library. Entry forms and the rules for the contest are available at the Langley Public Library at 325 West Osage. Please contact the Library at 918-782-4461 for more information regarding the contest.

The Friends of Langley Public Library is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to stimulate public interest in the library, provide funds to purchase library materials, and support other functions of the library. Volunteers conduct semiannual book sales, sponsor an annual bridge tournament, and carry out several other activities to raise funds for the Library. FOLPL members also teach computer classes, conduct the Youth Poetry Contest, work on legislative committees, assist with Summer Reading Program, sponsor book signings featuring various Oklahoma authors, and many, many other activities.

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26 members enjoyed the morning summer breezes on Grand Lake on Saturday, 11 August by boating over to the home of Brian and Velda Hunt. Where as the squadron has held monthly Dock Nights in the past, the weather had dictated that something cooler was indicated. A few members came by car but most boated over for a great membership gathering.



Besides social gatherings the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron provides educational offerings to both members and the public at large and participates in civic activities such as shore line cleanup, water quality and safe boating. Interested in learning more about the squadron ? Contact Terry Chastain at 918-786-4830, or tlc45@lrec.org , for information on these activities as well as membership in the GLSPS.



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14th annual Hook-n-Cookoff

LANGLEY, OKLAHOMA: The aroma of competition cooking will fill the air around Grand Lake O'the Cherokees on Saturday, September 22, as the 14th Annual-6th National Hook-N-Cookoff gets under way at Pelican Landing Resort, located 4-1/2 miles East of Ketchum. The event will be open from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Tasting Kits go on sale at 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The event features cooks and their teams vying to be recognized as the "Best Cooks" in different categories. Winners will be chosen from those competing as Cooking Teams in the categories of: Best Catfish, Best Hushpuppies, Best Coleslaw, Best Team Spirit, Best Presentation and the coveted People's Choice Award.

The competition is open to teams consisting of 4 or more people and each team is required to fry a minimum of 45 pounds

of catfish, plus they may also choose to fry the best hushpuppies and create a coleslaw dish that won't be forgotten.

A panel of judges will decide the winners in most of the categories; however team members will also compete for additional points toward the People's Choice Award by pre-selling Tasting Kit tickets.

Tasting Kit tickets are now on sale for \$5 per adult/\$3 per child, children under 6 eat for free. Tickets at the door will increase to \$6 per adult/\$4 per child. Where else can you buy a wonderful meal of catfish, hushpuppies and coleslaw for \$5? Only at the 14th Annual Hook-N-Cookoff!

Live entertainment by Lickety Split, Oklahoma All-Star Cheer Team, Kids Zone and an Art & Craft Show will also be part of the day's activities. It is definitely a day of fun for the whole family! Bring your lawn chair, children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors for a great day of fun and food---Grand Lake Style!

Tasting Kit tickets are now on sale at the Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce office, 959 N. 3rd, Ste. A, Langley, Oklahoma, or from one of the Cookoff Team members. For more information about competing as a Cookoff Team in the 14th Annual Hook-N-Cookoff or purchasing advance Tasting Kit tickets, contact the Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce via phone, 918-782-3214 or email at info@grandlakechamber.org.

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Letter to the Editor

Watson says accept descendents of non-Indians as members of your Indian tribe or she will move to cut funding to thousands of Indian people.

U.S. Congresswoman Diane Watson says accept descendents of non-Indians as members of your Indian tribe that were living in your tribes jurisdictional territory in 1866 or we will cut your funding and terminate recognition. Put aside all the rhetoric surrounding Watson's proposed house bill and This is what her bill delivers. This action is nothing more or less then the practice of imperialistic colonialism of years past that decimated indigenous people's rights and survival in this country.

The truth of the matter is that if U.S. Congresswoman Diane Watson can do this to one tribe it will open the door to a resurgence of anti-Indian advocates wooing congress to end recognition of all federally recognized tribes in America.

Watson's pending house bill seeks to stop funding to thousands of our Native American elders, our children and our families who depend on those funds daily so that non-Indians can be members of our Indian tribe. These non-Indians do not meet citizenship criteria and cannot acquire a certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card from the BIA to prove they are Indian peoples. It may be of interest that you know that our tribal membership has always and will continue to include descendents of Freedmen as well as many other ethnicities because they have met membership requirements which require at least (1) Cherokee Indian ancestor listed on the Cherokee Indian Dawes Commission Roll from 1904 - 1906. This has been the membership criteria practiced for the last (3) decades.

Most good people would agree that any individual who would use their power to recklessly endanger thousands of peoples jobs, livelihoods, needed vital services, health care and survival in general cannot be of a good mind and heart. What kind of people could even possibly consider such an action? Yet this same action has been proposed by Congressman Watson? The action says that if we don't allow non-Indians to be members of our Indian tribe Congresswoman Watson will carelessly and thoughtlessly put into harms way thousands of Native American Indian children, elders, families and our infirmed who are members of the Cherokee Nation. Where is the reasoning here? How can this be justified?

I am saddened by even the thought of this inhumanity to mankind. The indigenous people of this country have been used and abused for more than 500 years, and it appears it will continue anytime a tribe has something of perceived value that outsiders want. Our lands in the east were taken, then those wanting the gold on our land in Georgia forced the Trail of Tears, then it was the Curtis Act of 1898 after oil was discovered on our lands in Oklahoma and today, just as we have began to recover from the adversity of a hundred years of abject poverty to realize a little prosperity, finally getting on our feet and sending our children to college, providing housing and thousands of needed jobs, we are yet again subjected to outsiders wanting what little prosperity we now have, coveting our tribal identity and our culture. There was no one suing our tribe for membership when we were all living in abject poverty.

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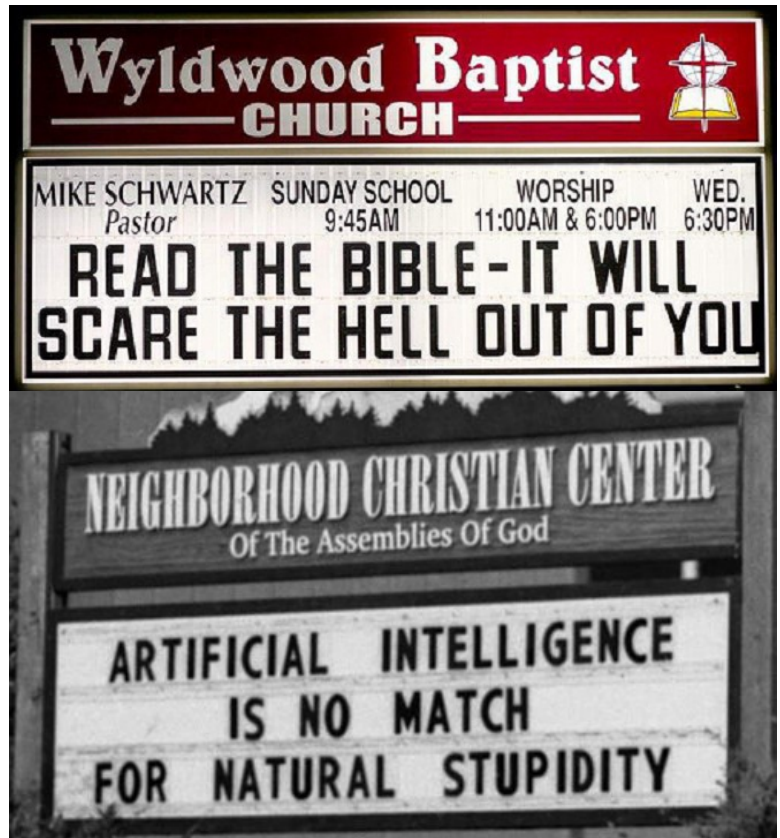
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I pray the creator above puts his hand on the Cherokee people lifts them up and protects them. I pray the creator speaks to the hearts of those who seek to put our people in harms way for no other reason then to once again take what they apparently see is of value to them. People are proposing a bill in Congress despite the fact it violates a long history of U.S. legal precedence and treaties and promises as well as recent United Nations articles and laws, but more importantly it violates mankind's higher spiritual laws.

Let our people live in peace.

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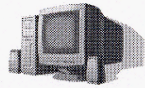


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3rd Friday of each month. Gospel Singing at 6:45pm at the Full Gospel Lighthouse located 828 A street N.W., Miami, OK. Bring your songs and music and join in the singing. Covered Dish dinner after singing. Everyone welcome Phone: (918) 542-1531.

Mayes County Pioneer Celebration

A celebrating honoring Pre-statehood pioneers and their descendants will take place Saturday, September 15, in the Pryor Community Building. This event is sponsored by the Mayes County Genealogical Society.

There were over 3000 of these men, women and children living

and working in Mayes County prior to November 1907. Descendants of these pioneers who might like to attend this celebration or who would like more information should send their request to Mayes County Pioneer Celebration, PO Box 765, Pryor, OK. 74362

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SEPTEMBER

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6th-8th: GFWC Chelsea Delphian Review Club. For information please call Donna McSpadden at 918-789-3237 or 918-789-2408.

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September 8th - Cowboy Games This annual event features four man teams of cowboys heading and heeling, doctoring, bulldogging, cutting and penning, etc. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. and will be over by noon, in time for the Calf Fry. Free Admission to the public.

September 8th- Discovery Tour Bull Riding Event This is a PBR sanctioned event at the American Legion Rodeo Arena where professional bull riders face off with top bulls. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and up.

Sept 8 SECOND SATURDAYS AT SIX Come to Downtown Grove for Second Saturdays at Six for Shopping, Art, Food and Fun from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on the Second Saturday of each month Oct 13. For further information please call (918) 787-2481. Website: grovesecondsaturdays.com

9/8/07 Donna Jackson 's Most Recent Works The Brown Design Group 21 W. Third Street Grove, OK 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Donna Jackson was awarded "Best of Show" at the prestigious Bartlesville Art Association's 54th Annual Spring Show. The Critic's Choice Exhibition was held in the Price Tower Arts Center in downtown Bartlesville. Her painting, "Streets of Barcelona," won the top

award of 189 entries. A 25 year resident of the Grand Lake/Grove area, Donna visited Barcelona, Spain and a number of surrounding coastal villages in October 2006. While there, she painted extensively on location, and has since been working on a collection of studio paintings based on her travels. The Brown Design Group Art Gallery will be hosting a solo show of her most recent works on Saturday, September 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., 21 W. 3rd St. in Downtown Grove. The public is invited.

9/8/2007 14th Edition of the Heartland Classic Boat, Car and Plane Show Arrowhead Yacht Club and Marina On Grand Lake Langley Arrowhead Yacht Club and Marina on Grand Lake Langley, OK (918) 782-1855 14th Edition of the Heartland Classic Boat, Car and Plane Show that will held at the Arrowhead Yacht Club and Marina on Grand Lake on September 8th. Admission to the show is Free. For further information contact Steve Kennedy at 918-488-1333.

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9/10/2007 to 9/14/07 Cedar Oaks RV Park Music Festival Cedar Oaks RV Park 1550 83rd St. NW Grove, OK 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Admission is free. Cedar Oaks RV Park Music Festival - September 10th - 14th - Starting at 2:00 p.m. and Ending at 10:00 p.m. Bring your chairs or blanket and enjoy Country, Western and Gospel Music. For further information on this event contact Star at (918)786-4303.

9/13 Rogers County Fair on the grounds of Claremore Expo Center. For more information call Andrea at 918-341-2736.

September 13, 2007 Sertoma Banquet Location Graham Community Building South side of City Hall Pryor OK 74361 For More Information Phone: 918-825-2572

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9/15/2007 REC Day Grove Civic Center Grove, OK For more info please call 918-256-6405

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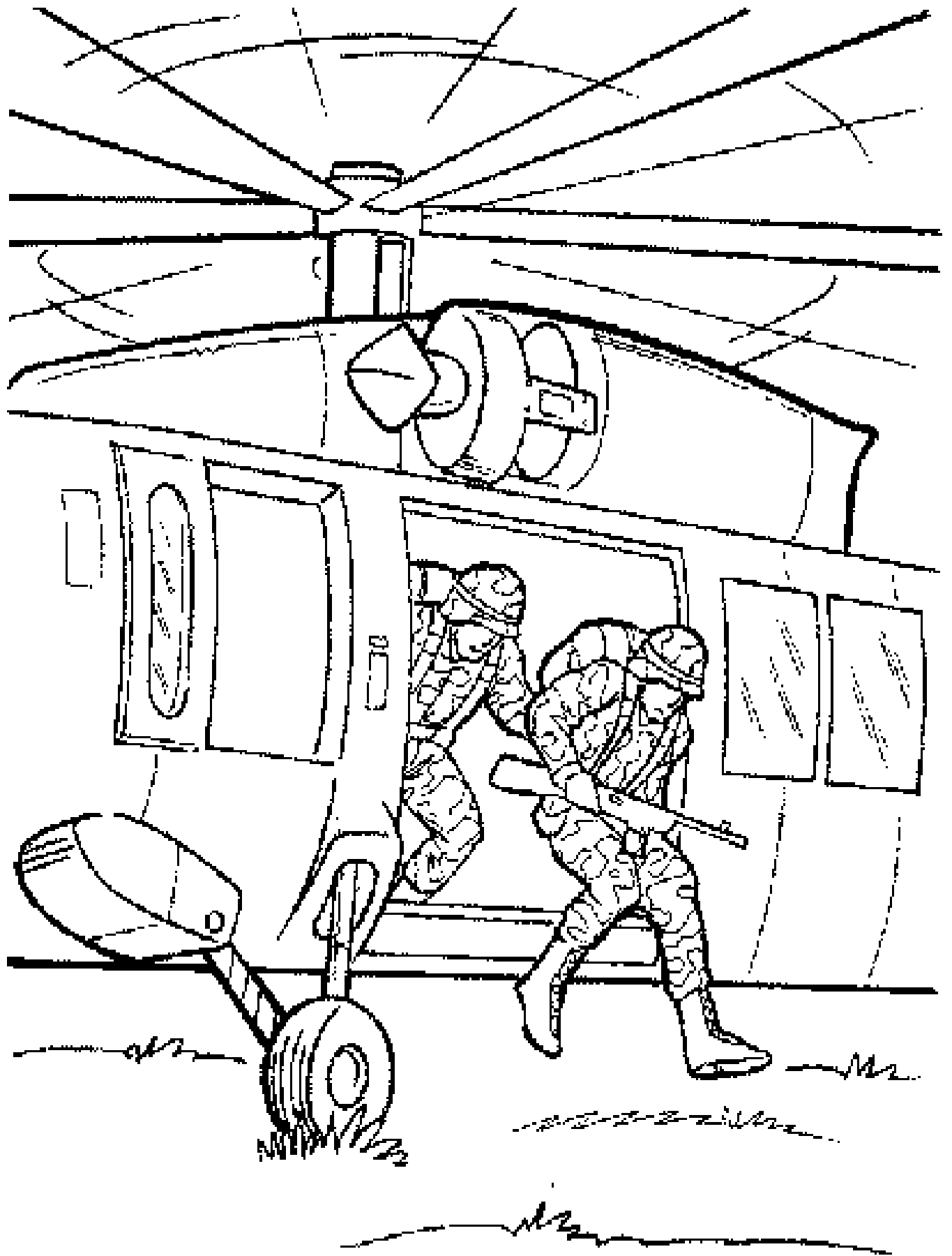
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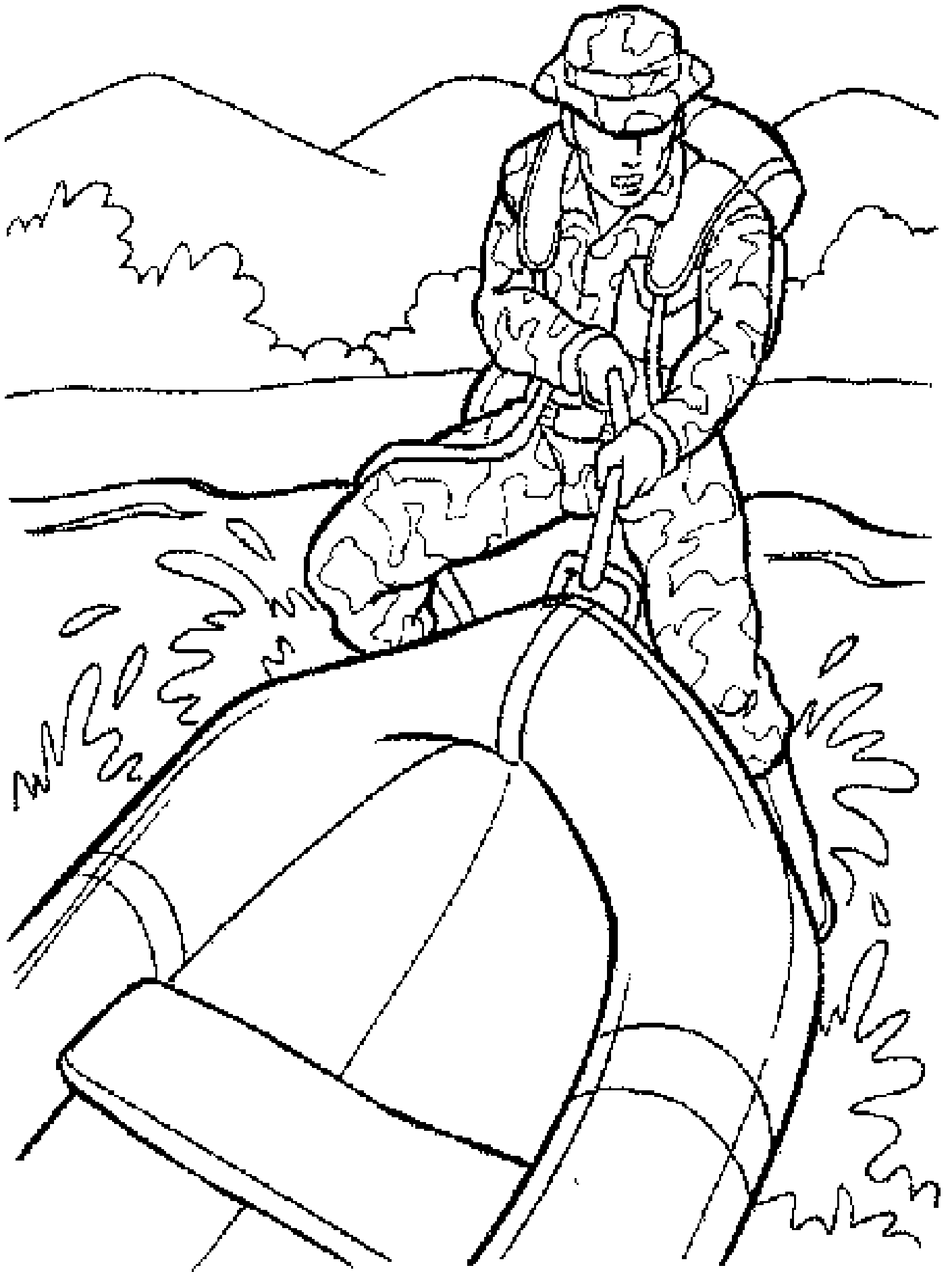
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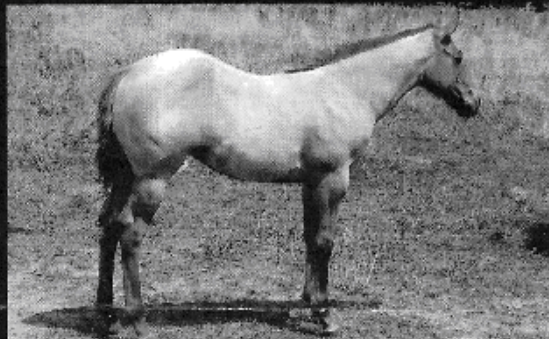
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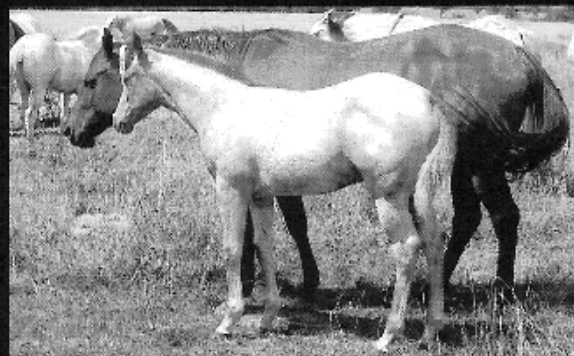
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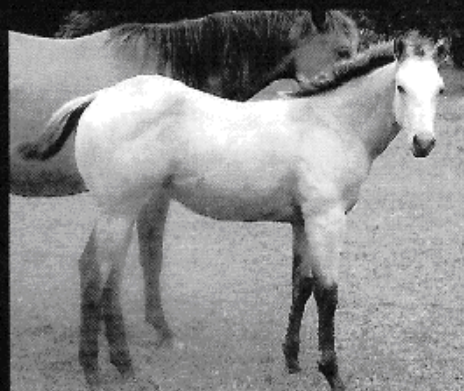
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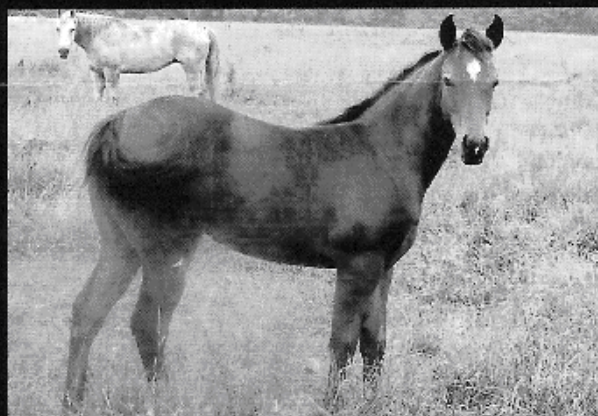
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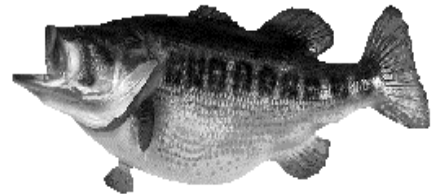
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Tampons to the rescue in Iraq!! Don't worry, it's a good story, and worth reading. It's even humorous in parts. It's from the mother of a Marine in Iraq.

My son told me how wonderful the care packages we had sent them were and wanted me to tell everyone thank you. He said that one guy we'll call Marine X, got a girl care package and everyone was giving him a hard time. My son said, "Marine X got some really nice smelling lotion and everyone really likes it, so every time he goes to sleep they steal it from him." I told my son I was really sorry about the mistake, and if he wanted I would send Marine X another package. He told me not to worry about Marine X because every time I send something to him, Marine X thinks it's for him too.

He said when my husband and I sent the last care package, Marine X came over to his cot picked up the box, started fishing through it, and said, "What'd we get this time?"

My son said they had the most fun with Marine X's package. He said he wasn't sure who we were sending the pack to, but the panties were size 20, and he said one of the guys got on top of the Humvee and jumped off with the panties over his head and yelled, "Look at me, I'm an Airborne Ranger!!!!" One of the guys attached the panties to an antenna and it blew in the wind like a windsock. He said it entertained them for quite awhile. Then of course.....they had those tampons.

When he brought this up, my imagination just went running, but he continued. My son said they had to go on a mission and Marine X wanted the Chap-Stick and lotion for the trip. He grabbed a bunch of the items from his care package and got in the Humvee. As luck would have it he grabbed the tampons too, and my son said everyone was teasing him about "not forgetting his feminine hygiene products."

He said things went well for a while, then the convoy was ambushed and a Marine was shot. He said the wound was pretty clean, but it was deep. He said they were administering first aid but couldn't get the bleeding to slow down, and someone said, "Hey! Use Marine X's tampons!" My son said they put the tampon in the wound. At this point my son profoundly told Me, "Mom, did you know that tampons expand?" ("Well....yeah!")

They successfully slowed the bleeding until the guy got better medical attention. When they went to check on him later The surgeon told them, "You guys saved his life. If you hadn't stopped that bleeding he would have bled to death." My Son said, "Mom, the tampons sent by the Marine Moms by mistake saved a Marine's life."

At this point I asked him, "Well, what did you do with the rest of the tampons?" He said, "Oh, we divided them up and we all have them in our flak jackets, and I kept two for our first aid kit."

I am absolutely amazed by the ingenuity of our Marines. I can't believe that something that started out as a mistake then turned into a joke, ended up saving someone's life. My sister said she doesn't believe in mistakes. She believes God had a plan all along. She believes that "female care package" was sent to Marine X to save our Marine.

Either way, our efforts have boosted the morale of many Marines, provided much needed items for our troops, AND saved the life of a Marine! God bless every one of you for your efforts and hard work, and God bless our Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force and all our military service personnel.
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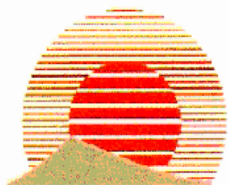
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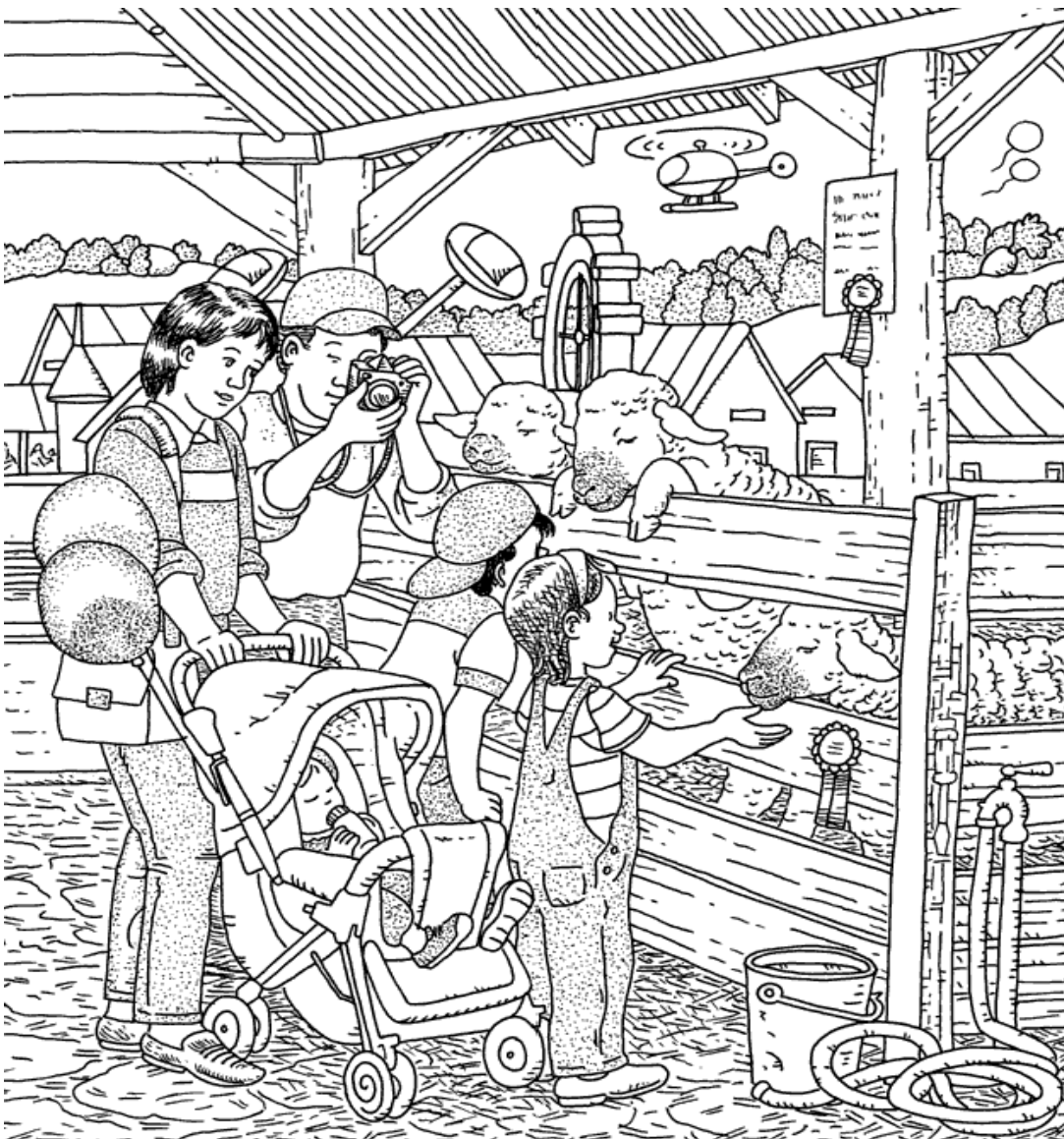
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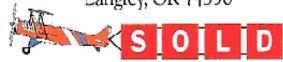


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And we learned that it takes about two seconds for heavily amplified sound to travel a quarter of a mile. We conducted this experiment ourselves, using Dave's stereo, four speakers facing out of our dorm window and the long scream from "Won't Get Fooled Again" by the Who. Two seconds after we cranked it up, heads started turning on campus. We even made the university newspaper the next day under the headline: "Mystery Sound Baffles Security."

Unfortunately, I didn't take physics that semester so I didn't get any credit for all of that exhaustive research. This is consistent because I didn't get much credit in any of the classes I actually took, either. Not that I tried to fail. I studied – when there wasn't anything else to do.

When I showed Dad my first collegiate grade report I expected a flash of anger and frustration. He was, after all, footing the bill for what appeared to be a fairly bogus educational adventure. He was entitled to a little righteous indignation.

"Dad, let me explain . . ." I said, opening a speech I had been practicing for days.

He held up a hand to stop me. "You don't need to explain anything," he said, calmly. "I know that the first semester of college can be tough." He glanced at the report again. "I just wasn't expecting it to be THIS tough."

I could see the disappointment in his eyes – eyes that had always been filled with pride at every high school accomplishment and success.

"The thing that concerns me," he continued, "is that you didn't even try. These grades don't tell me that you're not smart enough for college. They tell me that you didn't put forth any effort. And if you don't learn anything else from your first semester, you're going to learn that if a thing is worth doing at

all, it's worth giving it your best effort. Anything less than that is a waste of time, money and talent."

With that he tore my grade report in half and tossed it in the garbage. He started to leave, then he stopped and turned to face me once more. "You've got one semester to see what you can do when you try," he said. "Aren't you curious to know how far your best effort can take you?"

As it turned out, I was. I didn't become a Rhodes Scholar or anything, but I tried harder and my grades improved. And every once in a while I attacked a project with my whole heart and soul and I found out that my best effort was . . . well . . . pretty good, if I do say so myself.

Of course, I'm no different than most folks that way. Many of us are content to cruise through life, expending only as much energy as required to keep ourselves afloat. Only occasionally, when circumstances thrust themselves upon us, do we achieve the level of excellence of which we are capable. At such times we often amaze ourselves with what we are able to accomplish when we really, really try.

And then we slip back into calm waters and resume floating.

Life saves its greatest rewards for those who have the strength and courage to escape their comfort zone. These people aren't necessarily more talented or more capable than anyone else. They've just learned how to harness the best that is within them. They refuse to settle for "adequate" when they are capable of "superb." And they understand that the only thing that's good half-done is a steak.

That's what Dad used to say. And he was right. "Do Your Best" is a powerful philosophy for living. If you're going to do it – whatever "it" is – do your best. That doesn't mean you have to be the best there is – just the best you can be.

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"Sure! No problem." I said.

"I know you had a long day, but I really need you to go to the store." I used our only car to commute to work.

"Hun, it's OK. What do you need?"

The shelf at the grocery store was filled with various brands of the item I searched for. Ginny said it had a picture of a red flower on it. I saw several with red flowers. A lady walked up, selected what she wanted and moved on. I continued to search.

I finally gave up and called Ginny, "Hun, what brand did you say it was?"

"It's the brand with a red flower on it."

"Maxi with wings?"

"Yes."

"Hang on." I replied and searched the shelf.

"Hun, I see one with a red flower, but it's not maxi and it doesn't have wings." A woman standing nearby smiled and pretended not to hear my conversation. "Gin, here's one with wings. It's not maxi though? Is that OK?"

"No! Keep looking please. It has a red flower on the label. The one I want is maxi, long and has wings."

I sighed. "Hun, I'm trying." I lowered my voice. A man stopped to get toothpaste from a shelf behind me. "Hun, I think I found them. Long, maxi, and with wings -- right?"

"That's them!" Ginny replied. "Thanks, Darlin'!"

I closed my phone, slipped it into my pocket and walked to the self-checkout. Three people were ahead of me, waiting for their turn at one of the four machines. I held my only purchase in my hand.

The gentleman ahead of me turned and said, "Hi! Hot day, isn't it?" He saw what I carried and turned away. Men don't want to know. I just wanted to get out of there.

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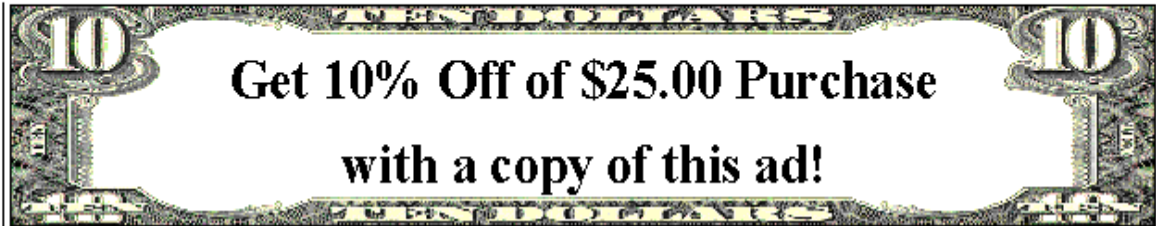
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"I know." I replied. "I know what it's like." She saw what I carried and turned away.

Everyone knew why I was there. My wife had no privacy. I tucked my article under my arm. The man ahead of me stepped to a machine. A woman at the machine next to him swiped her bank card, punched in her password and made her purchase.

It was finally my turn.

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"Beep! Please place your purchase in the bag." the robot voice said.

"Thank you." I said. My face turned a light shade of red.

"Jason! How many times do I have to tell you? Get your finger out of your nose! And stop hitting your brother!" I heard as I grabbed my purchase, now hidden inside a bag.

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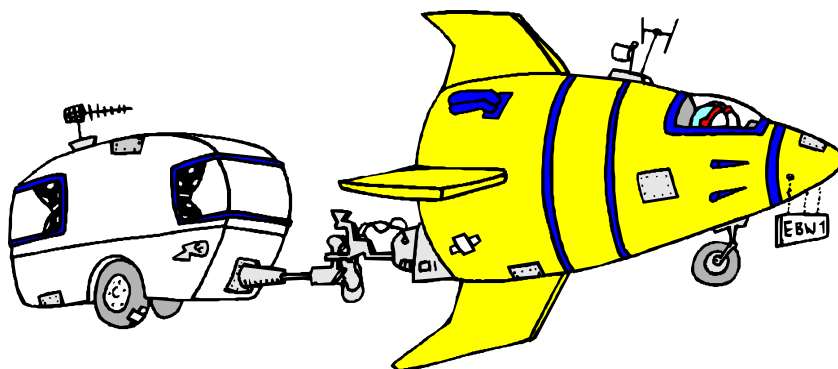
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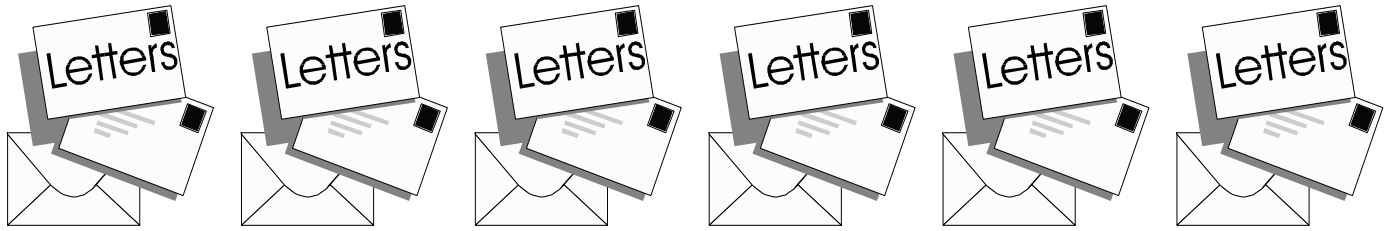
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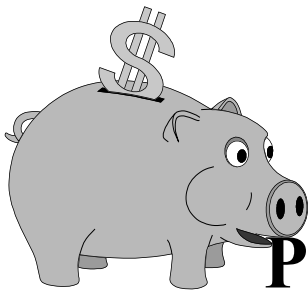
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"Don't what?" Adam replied. "Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said. "Forbidden fruit? We got forbidden fruit? Hey, Eve...we got forbidden fruit!" "No way!" "Yes, way!" "Don't eat that fruit!" said God. "Why?" "Because I am your Father and I said so!" said God, wondering why he hadn't stopped after making the elephants.

A few minutes later God saw his kids having an apple break and was angry. "Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" the First Parent asked. Uh huh, "Adam replied. "Then why did you?" "I dunno" Eve answered. "She started it!" Adam said. "Did not!" "Did too!" "DID NOT!!"

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own.

Thus, the pattern was set and it has never changed. But there is reassurance in this story. If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give them wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself.

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Amid the chaos and horrific screams,
As towers fell and fires burned that day,
An ending to so many hopes and dreams.

This angel's sorrow knew no earthly bounds,
As carefully he picked through rubble's mounds,
Not wanting to leave any soul behind
Amid the fire of hatred's battlegrounds.

He cradled each one close beneath his wings,
Each mangled body tearing at heartstrings;
He knew that angels weren't supposed to cry,
But unprepared was he for hatred's stings.

Hour after hour, for many days, he flew
From Earth to Heaven and back, because he knew
That more souls would be waiting for him there
Each morning as the day would dawn anew.

Not one soul would he chance to leave behind
For Satan's evil denizens to find,
Though weary to a point beyond belief,
He did it for His love of humankind.

And finally his tireless task was done
And he was satisfied that every one
Was now delivered safe to Heaven's gates;
Yet he knew that the war had just begun.

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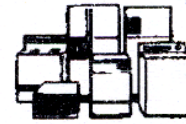


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- 3 Tbs. Soy Sauce, divided
- 1 Scallion or Green Onion
- 2 to 3 Hot Peppers, your choice
- 1/4 cup Olive Oil
- 2 Tbs. Rice Wine Vinegar
- 2 tsp. Anise Pepper
- 1 Tbs. Granulated Sugar
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/2 cup Chicken Broth
- 1 Tbs. Cornstarch

Marinate the prepared and cut chicken for 15 to 20 minutes in a mixture of fresh ginger, sherry, and two tablespoons of the soy sauce.

Meanwhile, cut the scallion and hot peppers diagonally into 1-inch pieces.

Grind the anise pepper to a powder with a mortar and pestle; reserve.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, sauté the prepared scallion and peppers in the olive oil for a few minutes to soften.

Add the chicken with its marinade to the skillet and begin to brown it with the vegetables, stir-fry style. When partially cooked, add the rice wine vinegar, sugar, salt, and anise pepper. Continue to stir-fry a few minutes more.

Add the chicken broth and mix well. Cover the skillet and continue to cook over a low heat setting until the chicken is tender, about 20 to 30 minutes.

Blend the cornstarch with a bit of water and the rest of the soy sauce, and add to the skillet. Stir gently until thickened, about 10 minutes more. Serve warm. Great with plain rice or oriental noodles.

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Each sheet has been checked by seven different clerks, and I have just had them lithographed for distribution to the agents." Baldwin checked the figures with his calculator.

He found dozens of errors and made the sale. The head of the freight division wrote him: "It does the work of at least three men with a certainty of correctness and greater rapidity.

For Railroad Companies, calculating mileages and tonnages, it is, I consider, invaluable." Railroads, like other business firms, came to depend on mechanical calculators in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Businesses used them to figure everything from freight costs to insurance rates to accounting, to determine what they were earning or losing. Scientists and engineers used similar machines to process data and to test theories, as well as for practical applications such as calculating tides or preparing astronomical charts or analyzing structures. But mechanical aids to computation were only a small part of the information processing revolution in the century or so before the invention of the computer. More important were new ways to organizing business so that information could be gathered and put to use.

Information processing machines were designed to fit into the way businesses were run. When computers came along after World War II, they slipped easily into the standards and styles of business and science.

Mechanical Calculators

The first calculators were tools for keeping track of numbers. The earliest may have been in ancient Babylon, where piles of stones that represented numbers evolved first into a system that had place values (ones, tens, and hundreds),

And then into the abacus, a calculating device with movable counters, which saw wide use throughout the throughout the ancient world. Other early civilizations made use of knotted strings, such as the Inca *quipu*, the biblical "line of flax," or Chinese knotted cords, to keep track of numbers. The Hindu-Arabic system of arithmetic, with its zero and its place-value system, was introduced to Europe in the ninth century.

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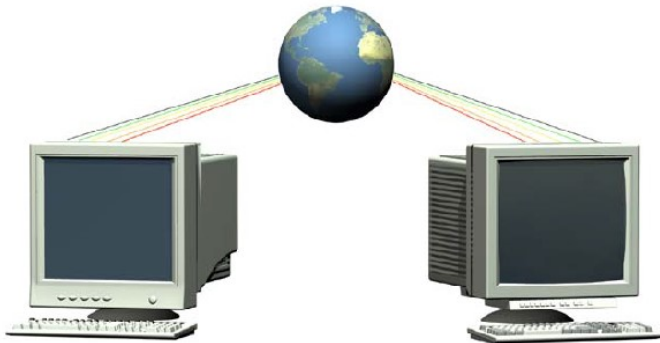
The earliest known geared calculator is the Antikythera mechanism, a Greek calendrical device from the first century B.C. It's complex gearing showed (or predicted) the phases of the moon and the sun's passage through the zodiac.

Similar geared calendar/astronomical clocks were made by Arabic scientists starting in the tenth century. Medieval Europe saw the invention and spread of clocks, including astronomical clocks that used complicated systems of gearing to show calendrical events. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries scientists and instrument makers invented a variety of tools to make calculation easier. These included charts and instruments for navigation—what was called “arithmetical sailing”—as well as general-purpose devices. Perhaps the first “adding machine” was John Napier's 1617 “rods,” a device that allowed rapid multiplication and division. The slide rule, a mechanical system that used Napier's 1614 invention of logarithms to allow rapid division and multiplication, was invented by William Oughtred in 1621. Mechanical devices using gears and levers followed.

The first, known only from a picture, was a calculating clock” invented by Wilhelm Schickard, a German mathematician and linguist, in 1623, to make astronomical calculation easier. This combined a mechanized version of Napier's rods with a mechanical adder. (The machine was lost, and became known only when Schickard's note to the astronomer Johannes Kepler about the machine was discovered in the 1930s.)

In 1642 Blaise Pascal invented an adding machine to help his father, a tax collector, with his work. Charles Vion Dalibray, a friend of Pascal's, composed a sonnet celebrating the machine: One reason why Babbage lost interest in the difference engine was that he had an even more extravagant idea, a device he called the analytical engine. He first conceived of the new machine in 1833, and worked on it until his death in 1871, producing thousands of pages of notes and hundreds of drawings and charts outlining its operation. The analytical engine, Babbage wrote, wouldn't just add and subtract; it would be “a machine of the most general nature,” able to calculate any formula given it. It would be programmable using punch cards, and would have the ability to compare number and decide what operation to do next, depending on the result.

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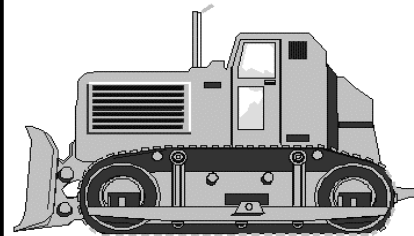
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Rosalie Holt, Manager

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Bingo - 1st and 3rd Mondays,
10:00 a.m.

Line Dance - Every Monday and
1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursday and every
3rd Friday - 7-9 p.m.

Exercise - Every Tuesday and
Thursday - 12:15 p.m.

Blood Pressure Test, Free - 4th
Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Birthday Party (monthly) - 4th
Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Viet Nam Vets Wives Meeting -
2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Alzheimer's Disease Support
Group - 3rd Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Viet Nam Vets Support Group -
3rd Thursday, 7-9 p.m.

Fibromyalgia Chronic Pain Syn-
drome Support Group - 3rd Thursday, 7:00
p.m.

Pool (Billiards) - M-F, 8:00 a.m.-
3:00 p.m.

Pool Tournaments (Billiards) -
When they come up (announced).

Crafts, puzzles, games, conversa-
tion, and free use of game computer - M-F,
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Newsletter, meal calendar
(shows which meals will be served), and
events calendar - 1st of every month.

Linda J. McAhren, Manager

LANGLEY SENIOR CITIZEN'S

Cancer Support Meeting Every Monday
Night at 6:30 pm at the St Francis of Rome
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Announcements:

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Vinita, OK 74301

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Announcements:

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2:00 PM.

Free Hearing Tests-1st and 3rd Wednesday
each month.

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essary, \$1.50 donation.

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etc.

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JEWELS FROM THE WORD

BACK TO SCHOOL

School supplies are back in the stores. I walked the aisles yesterday looking for some new item that I could buy, but my adult side overcame my inner child and I left with groceries only.

I love new crayons, never-used erasers, notebooks with clean pages. I can't wait to open the supplies and smell the wooden pencils. I buy new styles of ink pens to carry in my purse, trying them out to find my new favorite ink pen. I buy printer paper, resume paper, envelopes, letter-writing paper with pansies on the top. Stickers that say "Good job!" Organizers and calendars. Folders and clear sheet protectors. Printer ink, so I won't run out.

I have often wondered how I ended up this way. I think it started when my mother handed me a little book for children to hold and "read." My older sister was such a good student that when I got in school, the teachers would say, "Oh, so you are Eddene's sister! I know you will make straight A's just like her." Everyone held me to a high standard and expected great things out of me.

My family members are my best fans. Our family formed our own "admiration society." We admired each other but we also required much from each other. No, things weren't perfect, but we loved each other, as we were growing up. We were taught to always look for the good in everyone.

Mother gave me my first Bible when I was 7 years old, a white Bible I still own. We were taught to treasure the Word of God. Studying the Word of God was important to our family. My high school graduation gifts included a new Bible and a used Singer sewing machine.

Studying is important to God. Words are valuable in the kingdom of God. Paul told Timothy to "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that doesn't need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15 NKJV.

This fall as the children go back to school, let's get back to studying the Bible for ourselves. Put your notebook on

the table right by your Bible and make notes.

Study to show yourself approved unto God.

Lavon Hightower Lewis

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