

Within Winslow

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HAPPY EASTER MARCH 23RD

Vandalism Strikes Again

The doors on the lower level of the Old Rock School Building were smashed out in February. The Washington County Sheriff's Department is continuing to investigate this as well as the earlier episodes of vandalism to this building and the other buildings on the old campus.

Anyone on these premises after 7:00 in the evening without official business there will be considered loitering and will be reported to the Washington County Sheriff's Office. If you see anyone on the campus please call the Sheriff's Office and report it. The only way to stop the vandalism is with the complete cooperation of the residents of Winslow.

Come on People, there's not much left in Winslow Let's take pride in what we have and the history of this area. Instead of tearing things down ask yourself and the community leaders what you can do to help Winslow grow and prosper and what can be done to turn these acts of destruction into something constructive.

Easter Sunrise Service



Sky-Vue Upper Room
6:45 am
Sunday, March 23, 2008

Rolls and coffee served
Offering supports Community Relief Fund

Annual Rabies Clinic

The annual Washington County Rabies Vaccine Clinic will take place between April 5 and April 12. Dr. Gregg from the West Fork Vet Clinic will be in Winslow April 5. at Mikey's at 11:15. Other locations and times will be announced. Watch for the flyers and plan on bringing your pet to give them the protection they deserve.

Meetings

Winslow City Council 2nd Mon @ 7:00 pm

WCDC board 2nd Tue @ 7:00 pm @ Winslow City Hall

Ozark Folkways Guild Board 3rd Sat @ 1:00 pm

Winslow Home Ext 3rd Tue @ 1:00 pm

Boston Mountain Quilters Ozark Folkways 10:00 a.m. Mondays Potluck Lunch

BMFD Board Meeting 2nd Thurs @ 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Women 1st Mon. 10 a.m. at the church.

BMFD meets 1st & 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at BMFS

Friends Of The Library 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Winslow Library.

Baptist Women 1st and 3rd Monday at 1pm at FBC.

Wool & Wheel Hand Spinners 3rd Saturday 10am at Ozark Folkways.

4-H Club 4:15 pm @Boston Mountain Fire Station Wed

Community Meals Board 2nd Mon 7:00 pm at the Winslow Community Meals Building.

Goat Keepers 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM. Call Geri Ramsfield for place. 479 409-8230

Winslow Library Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

SPRING FORWARD MARCH 9TH

LOGIC 2000

By Lonnie Trent 3/08
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“Stepping On Big Toes”

I remember writing about the gas prices dropping just before election in 2004. They went right back up after the election was over, and I believe that is the only reason we experienced some relief at the pump during the first part of the primary election. I suspect there will be another drop in prices just prior to the vote in the general election. There are solutions to every problem facing America, but it always involves stepping on some big toes, which politicians are reluctant to do. The prices for health care, for example, could be substantially reduced very easily with simple legislation. Along about the middle of the 20th century, the lawsuit craze was beginning to take America by storm. People were getting slapped with a lawsuit when they stopped and attempted to help victims of automobile accidents, so everyone just started driving on by. People were dying needlessly on the highways because no one would stop and help. The federal government had to step in and pass a law to exempt people from lawsuits when they stopped and tried to help accident victims. That infuriated lawyers of America. They fought the legislation to the end and, in the process, revealed who they are. They can't stand for anyone to be immune from lawsuits for any reason whatsoever, and apparently couldn't have cared less about how many people died on the highways that could have been saved. Such acts as children being pulled away from burning cars, etc., didn't help the lawyers' bank accounts so they fiercely opposed the measure. The lawsuit spotlight eventually came to rest on doctors and hospitals and that is when the American people started feeling the crunch of skyrocketing prices for health care. Those in the medical profession likewise felt the crunch of skyrocketing prices for insurance to protect them from lawsuits because they were amounting to millions, or even hundreds of millions of dollars, making it necessary to charge more for their services. In the last several years, the lawsuits have increased in number and amount until it is almost ridiculous. Doctors and hospital staff are human, and mistakes are inevitable. Hence, there would appear to be no end to the merry-go-round of increasing lawsuits and prices for insurance; yet, there is a way to put an end to it. Set a limit on amounts for which a doctor or hospital can be sued! If the limit were one or two hundred thousand dollars, regardless of the circumstances, the insurance rates doctors and hospitals have to pay would take a nosedive and so would the rates they charge for services. Health care would once again be affordable, but lawyers

of America would freak out! They would fight it to the death! Do we care if lawyers freak out? Not in the least, but show me a president or US Senator who doesn't care if the shyster community is on the rampage. Obama and both Clintons are lawyers; and George W. would have been, but lawyers must have a command of the English language so that leaves him out! Even so, lawyers represent a heavy influence in Washington, and I don't think we will ever have a president that isn't afraid to stand up to them for the good of the people.

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From Lonnie and Millie Runkle

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When it comes to real estate, don't settle for less than the best..



Betsey Jo Smith

Betsey Jo Smith, age 69, of Winslow passed away Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. She was born July 13, 1938 to McKinley and Lucia Nickerson Spear in Limestone, ME. After graduating from Gorham State Teachers College in Maine, she moved to Arizona to teach. In 1962 Betsey married Sumner Smith and moved to Winslow where she taught school for over 25 years and raised her family.



She was a member of the Friends of the Winslow Library and an avid reader of both fiction and non-fiction. Her name was always on the top of the list for any new books coming out.

She loved photography and was great at making photo collages, scrapbooks, and photographic calendars for family and friends.

Even though Betsey was not born in Winslow or even in AR she considered Winslow to be her home. She had many friends and loved to share her talents with them.

Betsey was preceded in death by her parents and grandson, Ethan Sumner Smith.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Sumner Smith and children, Tal Smith of Winslow; Libby Karnes of West Fork; Amy Gaesswitz and husband Guy; and Nickie Smith all of Winslow. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Samantha and Mac Karnes; Lee, Autumn, and Sheldon Gaesswitz; and Dyllan Byrd. Other family members include Elizabeth Westervelt of Freeport, ME; Dr. Gregg and Gretchen Melancon; Tony and Gretchen Cardarelli; and Monroe and Loretta Smith of Winslow; and others in ME, NH, KS, CA, and AZ.

A Memorial service will be 11:00AM, Friday, March 7, 2008 at Winslow Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Friends of the Library; 351 S. Hwy 71; Winslow, AR 72959

Betsey Smith Family

By Ginger Fritch

March started out with still another tragedy for the Smith family and a host of friends. Betsey Smith left this life to be with the Lord in the wee morning hours of March 1 after a lingering illness. Sumner and Betsey were married 46 years and raised a very close knit family. No one could ask for better neighbors. My heart goes out to this fine family who has lost so much these past six months.

Howard L. Rutledge

Howard L. Rutledge, 91, of Winslow died Sunday, March 2, 2008, at his home.

He was born January 17, 1917 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, the son of William O. and Nellie Ninemire Rutledge. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy M. Stewart Rutledge.



Howard was an LPN and retired after 25 years. He then served as bookkeeper for the City of Winslow, retiring after 22 years. He was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in West Fork.

Howard, an avid reader of Western novels, was a member of the Winslow Friends of the Library and volunteered every Saturday afternoon in the Friends Used Book Store. He will be very missed by all the members of the Friends Group.

He was preceded in death by fifteen brothers and sisters, two grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He is survived by one son: Dan Rutledge, Sr. of West Fork Three daughters: Nellie L. Lowe of Arizona, Pat A. Rutledge and Wendy M. Benish of Winslow, One brother: Jiggs Rutledge of Texas, Fourteen grandchildren Thirty-four great-grandchildren, & Eight great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in West Fork with Brent Oxford officiating.

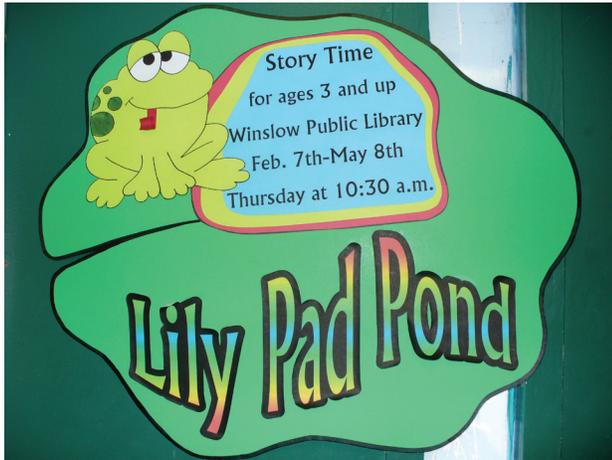
Louis Gaesswitz IV

Louis Gaesswitz IV, 36, passed away February 19, 2008. Louis was a 1989 graduate of Winslow School. He was retired from the U.S. Marine Corp, and was a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America competing in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. He and his wife, the former Deborah Reed, were married 10 years. His mother Starr Gaesswitz, and his four brothers, Guy, Eric, Cael, and Rhys all live in Winslow. Those that knew him described as being a wonderful guy; awesome; would do anything for anyone if he could; loved to laugh; definitely one of a kind. He didn't seem to let anything get him down.

The Memorial Service that was held in the Winslow Gym Feb. 23 was a wonderful celebration of his life.

The family requests that memorials take the form of donations to the Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission, 4058 North College, Suite 150, Fayetteville, AR 72703.

COME TO THE LILY PAD POND



AT THE WINSLOW LIBRARY

Washington County Library System offers story time for children ages 3 and up at the Winslow Library on Thursday morning at 10:30. Families, day care groups, and schools are invited to join us for stories, puppets, songs, art activities and lots of fun. Bring your friends to visit us at the Lily Pad Pond. For more information or other locations call 479 442 6253 or Winslow Library 479 634 5405. The Spring session runs from Feb. 4th to May 8.

Winslow Community Meals

Winslow Community Meals has a gospel-singing program the last Friday of the month. Everyone is invited.

Paul Berman at the keyboard does a fantastic job. Come and join the fun.



Kallie Jayne Henson,

Kallie Jayne Henson 47, wife of Daniel Henson, passed away at her home in Winslow on January 28, 2008. Burial was in the Sunset Cemetery.

Emma Lee Hughes,

Emma Lee Hughes 91, of Winslow died Saturday, March 1, 2008, at North Hills Life Care and Rehabilitation in Fayetteville. She was born Jan. 19, 1917, in Johnson to Alex and Mary Mustain Stout. She was a homemaker and a member of the White House Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oral Hughes; a son, A. J. Hughes; and two daughters, Barbara Caudle and Taffy Hughes.

Survivors include a son, Darrel Hughes of Canehill; four daughters, Oleta Wilson of Oakdale, Ore., Velma Byrum of West Fork, and Thelma Hutchins and Sondra Cuff, both of Winslow; a sister, Wilma Stout of Rogers; 20 grandchildren and 61 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Moore's Chapel in Fayetteville. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Black Oak Church of Christ with Craig Laird officiating. Burial will be in the Black Oak Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Mike Hughes, Tony Hughes, Steven Byrum, Darrin Byrum, Brent Hutchins, Jason Robinson and Layne Caudle. Memorials can be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762. To sign the online guest book go to www.mooresfuneralchapel.com.

St Patrick's Day March 17, 2008

BEWARE THE LEPRECHAUN



WEST FORK NEWS

Rosilee Mugley 839-2534

Hello everyone: Isn't this weather something? I don't know if I should take a jacket or a heavy coat when I leave the house. I have sure enjoyed the warm days though.

I really liked the new quilt block in last month's issue. I've purchased some material to make a quilt for the VA using this pattern. I'm looking forward to collecting all the quilt patterns.

First Presbyterian Church will have their 'Country Store' on March 8th. We have clothes, shoes, toys, household items, etc. and home baked goods to sell. Our clothes sell for \$1.00 a bag. We also serve biscuits and gravy; sloppy Joes, beans and cornbread. The Country Store is opened from 8:00 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.

The West Fork Senior Center invites you to drop by on Monday for exercises; Tuesday they play pinochle at 9:00 a.m.; exercises and Bingo are on the schedule for Wednesdays and the first and third Thursdays of the month, the quilting club meets at the center to work on their quilts; and Fridays is pinochle again. Checkers, dominoes, etc. are available anytime. Meals are \$2.00 each. Call 839-3407 if you wish to have a lunch reserved.

If you love to read and want to have your own books available, drop by the West Fork library "Book Nook" each Wednesday from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and look at all the wonderful books they have for sale at very, very low prices. Our library has ordered new books and DVD's. They have all three CSI shows (among others) available for checking out. The Friends of the Library meet the second Monday of the month at 5:30 at the library. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Congratulations to Richard and Mary Smith who just celebrated their 59th anniversary!

Thirty-two tons of trash has been recycled so far at West Fork. That is really great news! Just think of all the plastic and paper that's being kept out of the landfills.

Brentwood residents have applied for a grant from the State Rural Development Commission for \$23,030 in order to build a walking trail at the Brentwood Rest Area and to replace the old roof over the bathrooms. The local residents keep the park looking very nice and keep the bathrooms clean for visitors. When we were young kids, that area was a bunch of trees with a small trail through it – well, big enough for a car. We used to go swimming there during the hot summer months.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring

on Saturday, March 8th, or else you'll be late for church the next morning. Daylight savings time comes early this year.

First Presbyterian of West Fork invites everyone to attend our Easter Sunrise service on March 23rd at 7:30 a.m. at the church. We will be serving breakfast following the worship service. There will also be an egg hunt for the children and our regular Sunday School and church services at our usual time.

Until next time: A kind word is the oil that takes the friction out of life.



WINSLOW 4-H CLUB NEWS By Sara Hill



Hello from the 4-H club. At our last meeting we finished our scrap book. We worked hard to complete it and submit it to the county office by the deadline. The scrapbook along with the secretary's book will be reviewed by the county and then by the state. If all criteria has been met then we could be named and rewarded as a county and state Honor club. We also applied for the community service award. This is judged by the state for outstanding community service. Only 2 clubs can win this award each year. We will find out about these awards and honors at the County 4-H Achievement Banquet on April 1. Each of us will also receive our awards for our 4-H journals at this time.

March thru April is going to be very busy with all of the county events and competitions. Members are encouraged to participate in as many as possible. Each event is really fun and very educational. In March we will have the opportunity to celebrate County Arbor Day, participate in Demonstration Day, and the BBQ, Breads, and Dairy contests.

Our next meeting is on March 12 at the fire station after school.



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Hope to see you often. Brenda



The Rail on West Mountain



Well, now we know! Between noon on 2/10 and 8 am on 2/11 someone really did a number on the rail on West Mountain, taking out not only the rail but also at least a dozen posts to boot. Wonder what the truck looks like? But the rail stayed in place about 3 weeks this time, probably a record!!

WFMS Guitar Club

By Ginger Fritch

How many of you made it down to the Winslow Mercantile on Feb 9th to see Larry Buell present the West Fork Middle School Guitar Club? If you missed this, you failed to hear a lot of great music and fine talent. These kids really did a great job. With Larry coaching them, how could they go wrong? I love watching him play and sing. His music starts about even with his toenails and appears to climb to each hair on his head. What an Artist!! We're so fortunate to have this local talent and West Fork is certainly blessed to have him as a teacher.



A Boon to the Ecology and Economy

By Ginger Fritch

Have you ever seen so much "Junk" going down the road? It seems every car hauler, wrecker, trailer, truck & pickup has been pressed into service and now roll-offs.

Everyone is either "Junkin" or selling to Junkers. The price of all scrap metal has reached way up there making it very profitable to clean up the countryside, yards and every where in between. Just a work of caution, not every one is trustworthy. There are some out there, pleased as punch to get to haul your stuff, but don't come back with your share of the profit. Get paid after each load or run them off. A crook is a crook, is a crook.

Friends of the Winslow Library Annual Yard Sale!

Every year the Friends of the Winslow Library have a yard sale in City Park. This year the sale will be May 3rd the first Saturday of the month. In the past it has been a "make an offer or a donation" and take the item. This year we will have two separate categories. There will be a "Make an offer" section, but there will also be a category of "Priced" items. The Friends have received a donation of collectible items. Judy Jorgenson, who has volunteered her time at her church in her home state of Wisconsin valuing and pricing items like this has offered to help us get these items ready for sale. One of the items is a carved onyx standing Unicorn, another is a collectible metal "Hot Wheels lunch box", minus the Thermos. There will be many sets of collectible Salt and Pepper shakers. Some people may consider one of our collectible items junk but I'm told many collect old bottles and glass jars that have been dug up around the area. I took one look at these and said I'm going to have to clean these before we sell them and was quickly told "Don't you Dare". Apparently there is value in the dirt too. Put the date May 3rd on your calendar and tell your friends about it. There will be lots of wares to check out.

Starting in April the Friends of the Winslow Library will resume the First Saturday of the Month Bake Sale. Please contact Yvonne Fennell at 479 634 3435 or Jo Ann Kyle at 634 3105 or 634 5405 if you can volunteer to work the 9 AM to 11 AM or furnish baked goods for this fund-raiser.

The Friends of the Winslow Library depend on these fund-raisers to finance the Within Winslow Newsletter, the Internet Cafe, provide DVD's for the Winslow Library and help fund other items such as chairs, shelves, and computer desks for the Library that is not in the County Library Budget.

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Socks
By Arlen Davidian
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Socks!

Is there one pair that sticks in your memory above all others? Perhaps it was a pair that brought the most attention, or a pair handed down by a sibling that was so full of holes that they wore blisters on your heels.

My memories of socks go back to my earliest childhood. I was what my uncle called a wiggle worm. He would sit me on his knee and tell me that if I would sit still for just five minutes, he'd give me a nickel. As a future in financial enterprises, this was not. But that was my first recollection of socks. While sprawled on the plush oval, oriental rug that he had brought back from China, I would watch quizzically as he pulled up his pant leg to adjust the garter, an elastic band that cut into the flesh below his knee, and attached to the top of a thin pair of socks, obviously not guaranteed to stay in place.

I remember the silk stockings that my mother bought during World War II. Standing in the heat and humidity of a blistering sun mixed with a drizzling rain, we waited for hours in a line six people wide that stretched for blocks so my mom could enjoy one of the few amenities that made her feel wealthy.

During that war, my dad had four boys to support, and was working his way through dental school in San Francisco. We were always taught that money was not the commodity that defined our wealth. I can vividly remember the clanking of mom's last three pennies dropping on the table from her purse. I will never forget the look of concern as she assured us that all was going to be OK because we were blessed with immense wealth. It was from that moment that I realized the fortitude and the resourcefulness of my father and mother. Dad showed up a few minutes later with a hundred pound sack of broken Shredded Wheat, a quart of milk and five pairs of wool socks. There were dark blues and reds and greens spattered with tiny flecks of brilliant colors. These socks were different. The tops went limp, the colors faded, and they sagged over the tops of our shoes, but they were never shared with a hole in the heel because they never wore out.

When dad graduated from school, we moved to a mountain town in Northern California; along with the socks. They had drifted too far away from vogue to wear to school. They had become shrunken and distorted, and mates were hard to find but for years I wore them with my boots. Why I chose to wear them, I'll never fully understand. At the end of the day, they'd be bunched up in the toe of my boots and saturated with sweat, but these I chose above all others.

Then came "Tube Socks!" One size fit all. When you put them on you didn't have to worry because there was no right way, or wrong way, or inside out, or outside in. Just slip them on and hit the trail. The smaller the foot, the higher up you could pull them, and the bigger the bunch when during a

ball game, or running between class they'd slide down around your ankles.

Now I have "Boot Socks!" These reach above the calf, and they stay. I have dress socks that get thin in the heel, but never break through. I have socks only for work and socks only for dress up. But the classics were the smashing, iridescent chartreuse, eye popping pink, sight blasting yellow, and air splitting blue socks that were made of that new substance, nylon. These were great! Wearing them with a pair of Levis cut free of belt loops clinging low on your hips and worn with a five inch cuff set you apart in any crowd. By day, these decorations for your most distant appendage would draw the attention of even an aged old man sitting on a park bench, or an old woman struggling with a sack of groceries, or the wild glee of a toddler strapped to his mother's hand. But at night! Wow! Put them under the lights and there was nothing to see except the shimmering glow of two globs of blistering color moving erratically two inches above the floor.

Who'd have imagined that a menial piece of cloth that separates us from our shoes could be that interwoven thread that connects us to every corner of the earth. Who'd have imagined that a thin barricade that keeps our feet warm and dry could be the foundation upon which billions of people stand.

A friend who's a singer in a band wears one black and one white sock when he performs. Baseball teams are defined by their socks. Correctly fashion coordinated by designers, they are a mark in trade that tells the world who they really are!

It's amazing to think that a thin barrier that separates us from the earth, can tell the world who WE really are!

Socks!

Angel Food Ministries

We haven't been printing the Angel Food Ministries menus because we can never get the paper out before the orders have to be turned in. It's a great program being sponsored by the Winslow Assembly of God Church. The menus can be found at Mikey's, Winslow City Hall, Winslow Library or you can call Candice Luper at 634 7141 or 634 5581 for more information or to place an order.

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OZARK FOLKWAYS

By Connie Wright

The quiet time of winter is almost over and we'll miss it sorely at Ozark Folkways. Winter is always a time of reckoning, of reflecting on what works and what does not. It's a time to stay by the fire and perform those tasks that cannot be done during the active months. Then along comes springtime with crocus and jonquils blooming among the dead leaves and other detritus of the cold, winter worn landscape; giving us hope that indeed the trees will truly leaf out and the grass will green up again to liven the dreariness of the season.

We've had quite a few changes this year. We've had to say goodbye to our faithful friend and neighbor, Mozelle Morris, as she and her husband have relocated to Bentonville to live near her children. Mozelle has volunteered at Ozark Folkways for many years and she is truly missed. Before leaving, she donated a mirror to the museum that had belonged to Clara Muxen as well as an antique lemon squeezer and a nut cracker; additions that add yet another dimension to our collection.

A special blessing this past year was the participation of Sherron Hays as an Experience Works employee. Sherron had to move on to other employment as a requirement of the program, but she was a real asset during the time she worked for us, and continues to be involved with the organization.

The pressure of family obligations caused Phyllis Neal to leave the board. Her expertise has been a genuine boon to this organization and she left it in much better condition than she found it. Meg Adair has joined the board as representative to the artist's group. Meg comes to us from California, lives in West Fork and is employed at First Security in Fayetteville in the mortgage department. She is a welcome addition to the board. Another new director is Cathy Hughes, also very welcome. Cathy is well known in and around the community; she and her husband, Art, have lived in the area for the past five years and have been actively involved in community projects during that time. Cathy also generously devotes time to assist the gift shop with monthly postings and in many other areas. Credit needs to be given to Art Hughes as well for his advice and assistance.

After repairing storm damage to the gallery this past year, an upstairs classroom was completed with heating, cooling and bathroom facilities just in time for summer art camp.

We continue to have our regular workshops plus new ones from time to time, which will be announced. Velda Brotherton will conduct a writers workshop in April, Freda Miller has a basketry workshop planned for May.

Size of classes is limited so it is wise to register in advance for these kinds of workshops. Other workshops are in the works. Call 479-634-3791 for information on them. In March the gift shop will be back to seasonal hours, open from 10-5. Closed on Wednesdays unless a volunteer is available to work that day.

All Day Workshop by Velda Brotherton Saturday, April 12 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Ozark Folkways, Winslow, AR

Velda will teach you the process of writing stories and books drawing on your experiences, ideas and fantasies. From the Ozark tales you love to stories that reach into other worlds.

Registration is necessary as class is limited to 20. To register call Connie Wright at 479-634-3791 or Velda Brotherton at 479-634-3151 or vebrotherton@gmail.com. Prepayment of \$25 for the class is requested.

You will learn the basics of good story telling and creative writing. This is a hands-on workshop, so come prepared to write a story or plan and plot a book.

Bring your ideas, photographs to kick your creative mind into gear, plenty of paper and pens or a laptop and lunch if you want, or you can plan on eating at Grandma's Café. We'll have coffee and doughnuts, but you'll have to bring your own soft drinks.

Ozark Folkways is located 4 miles south of Winslow, AR, or 1 mile north of Mt. Gayler on Scenic Highway 71.

Velda Brotherton is a published author with many fiction and non fiction books, short stories and articles to her credit. She has taught workshops in a three-state area for 15 years. For more information on her work go to: www.veldabrotherton.com

Proposed Millage Increase for Greenland School District

Information on the proposed millage increase from Ron Brawner, Superintendent of Greenland Schools.

Since 2001, the patrons in the Greenland School District have approved enough millage increases that we should be at 39.5 mills. However, the state has rolled our millage back several times and next year we will be at 36.9 mills. This simply means that as the cost of everything goes up, our income is being lowered. This rollback is based on the state law that says a districts total assessment cannot raise more than 10% in any given year. When it goes above 10% the state will roll the millage back in accordance with the amount the evaluation went above 10%.

The Greenland School District has decided to ask you, the patrons, to replace the mills that the state has taken away from us which amounts to 2.6 mills. We are not asking for any more than you have already approved once. At the same time we are asking you, the patrons, to approve the restructuring of existing bonds. This restructuring of bonds would not create any increase in taxes.

The question that is asked is why do we need this increase? There are several answers that can be addressed. We have an excellent school and we want to keep it that way. As you know the cost of everything is going up and we are trying to keep our school going with less money due to rollbacks of millage. We have implemented spending cut backs and we have reduced our work force. We are trying every way we can to cut cost, but we are running out of ways to cut back and still meet state standards. We need more monetary help to keep strong programs going. We must maintain a strong school for our students so they can be well educated. The better students are educated the better chance they have in life.

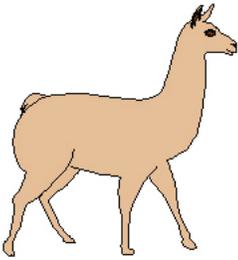
Our school board and our staff are asking you to please support this issue on June 10, 2008. Please help us keep our school running and help us keep it strong.

The following chart will give you an idea of what the increase in taxes would be.

Value of property	assessed evaluation	yearly cost of new taxes	monthly cost	Weekly cost
\$50,000	\$10,000	$10,000 \times .0026 = \$26$	$26/12 = \$2.16$	$26/52 = \$0.50$
\$100,000	\$20,000	$20,000 \times .0026 = \$52$	$52/12 = \$4.33$	$52/52 = \$1.00$
\$150,000	\$30,000	$30,000 \times .0026 = \$78$	$78/12 = \$6.50$	$78/52 = \$1.50$
\$200,000	\$40,000	$40,000 \times .0026 = \$104$	$104/12 = \$8.66$	$104/52 = \$2.00$

HIPPY NEWS

By Debbie Brown



LLAMA DAYS ARE HERE

For Our March Group Meeting we will be having the LLAMA'S come to visit at the library on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 @ 9:30 AM ...

Hope everyone can come and visit with the llamas this year...

Coming up for April.... Train Ride

Coming in May...Graduation field trip to the Gentry Safari.....



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Free Writers Conference

The Northwest Arkansas Writers Workshop will hold its annual free conference Saturday, March 8 from 8:30 to 4 p.m. at the Harvey & Bernice Jones Health & Education Center, Corner of Berry and Emma Streets, Springdale.

Speaking will be Linda Apple & Velda Brotherton on The Long and Short of Creative Non Fiction; Linda Rigsbee will demonstrate Epainting, The New Modern Art; Radine Trees Nehring, Finding Gold in Research & Plotting; Velda Brotherton on Promoting Online & Other Cool Stuff; Dusty Richards Writing 101 & More Cool Stuff. Published authors may bring books to autograph and sell. For more information or to register email Velda at vebrotherton@gmail.com.

**R S V P Annual Awards
Saturday, March 8, 2008 1:00 to 4:00 PM
Fayetteville Senior Center
945 South College Ave
Fayetteville, AR**

Everyone who is a member of this organization should try to come out for this party, awards, and refreshments. You'll meet lots of other volunteers and all enjoys a good time.

Greenland School District

2007-2008 School Calendar

Month	Dates	Descriptions
February	29	End of Third Grading Period
March	4, 5	Grade 11 Literacy Testing
	6	Regular School Days - Dismiss at 2:00
	17-21	PM for P/T Conferences
		Spring Break (No School)
	24	End of Third Attendance Qtr.
April	7 - 18	Window for K-2, Grade 9 NRT Testing
	14 - 18	Benchmark Testing
	16, 17	End of Course Biology Testing
	22, 23	End of Course Geometry Testing
	24, 25	End of Course Algebra I Testing
May	7	Algebra II Testing
	14	Graduation
	26	Memorial Day (No School)
June	3	End of Fourth Attendance Qtr.
	3	Last Day for Students & Teachers

CALENDAR INCLUDES: Six (6) inclement weather days, Eight (8) staff development days, Two (2) parent/teacher conferences. The teachers will be required to attend two days of inservice on their own during the summer. Two of the inservice days will be swap days for the teachers. Any teacher that attends more than two days in the summer will not be required to attend the designated swap days with proper approval.

If additional days are needed, they will be deducted from vacation time and or the school year may be extended to comply with compulsory attendance laws. Any inclement weather days not used, will be subtracted from the end of the school year.

Winslow Tractor Parade Coming June 7 2008

We are receiving quite a bit of favorable response to the upcoming Tractor Parade. It gets more exciting as time flies by.

For those of you who will be hauling your tractors to Winslow before the parade, we have plenty of room out here on the Carl Fritch Farm to unload, park trucks etc, and we're 1-½ miles out of the city so it won't fill up all the extra space down town.

In line with all the other festivities we are planning on bringing in a large smoker and BBQ 'ing some Beef Brisket, chicken, polish sausage, etc, serving potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw perhaps even home made ice cream if we can find enough volunteers to turn the cranks.

All the proceeds from this will be divided between Winslow Community Meals and Friends of the Library, who pays for getting this little paper out each month and keeps it free to reader.

Watch next month for the proposed route.



Winslow Tractor Parade Saturday, June 7th

We need people who can bring a tractor,
old or new, and have some fun.

Parade route will include a stop-over in the
Winslow downtown area for folks
to visit and "talk tractor".

For more information:
Zack Reagan 634-3400
or Ginger Fritch 634-5332

WIN-FEST

For many years there has been a rumor that each year was going to be the last one for Win-Fest and each year there has been a Win-Fest. The only reason Win-Fest has been able to continue has been through the help of the companies, groups, and individuals that help sponsor the event.

For several years, AirWays Freight has purchased the T-Shirts that are sold to help raise money for the Community. Companies like Ozark Smokehouse and McBride Distributing furnish refreshments for the bands, Bank of Fayetteville has made monetary donations in the past, the Sign Shop provided the new Win-Fest Banner after the original one was stolen, KUAF provides discounted radio advertising. Several local Bands and talented people donate their time and efforts to make this event HAPPEN. Last year the event was free to the public with a request for donations. This was successful to a degree. Win-Fest raised enough money to pay the expenses of putting on the event and still donate \$1500.00 to Winslow Community Meals. This is what Win-Fest is all about. It's meant to be a fund-raising "party" for the extended community.

It's just about time to begin planning the 2008 Win-Fest. If you are interested in donating time, effort, ideas, call or drop a note to Denny Luke or stop by the Library and talk to Jo Ann. We hope to plan our first meeting in April. There will be more in April's newsletter as to a meeting date and location.

WCDC TO EXPIRE?

For some time the Winslow Community Development Council has been in decline. The last few years there have been too few members in attendance at meetings for a quorum. There has not been enough participation for the election of officers. There has not been a secretary to take minutes for some time. Winslow meals now has its own not-for-profit organization so there is little need for WCDC. Frank Burggraf and Millie Runkle, who have been acting as President and Treasurer long after their terms expired have decided that they will not continue if new officers are not elected. The By-laws call for election at the April meeting. This obliges the nomination of candidates at the forthcoming March meeting. Persons interested in keeping the organization going need to turn out and participate. Otherwise WCDC will be dissolved.

Sky-View's Mexican Buffet



Thursday March 13th 5:00 to 8:00

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Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Renae McGuire

Jambalaya

1 lb Raw Shrimp
1 lb Boneless Chicken Breast
1 lb Smoked Sausage
2 T Canola oil
1 c chopped onions
1 stalk celery - sliced
1 green pepper cut in strips
1 32oz can Tomato Juice
2 T minced garlic
1 T parsley flakes
1 t. salt
1/2 t. thyme
1/2 t. cayenne pepper
1/2 t. creole seasoning
1/4 t. black pepper
1 jalapeno pepper- diced

Cook shrimp in boiling water for 5 min. Drain. Let cool. Peel shrimp. Set aside. Fry breast in

oil until brown. Set aside. In same skillet saute bell pepper, onion, celery, and jalapeno pepper until tender. Add Smoked sausage. Cook until brown. In large pot add tomato juice, garlic, parsley, salt, thyme, cayenne pepper, creole seasoning, black pepper. Mix in dry ingredients. Stir until Blended. Add chicken, sausage, shrimp, and vegetables. Let simmer. Serve with rice or penne pasta.

Mexican Cornbread

1 c cornmeal mix
1/2 c. pancake mix
1/2 c grated onions
1 c grated cheese
1/2 c cream style corn
1 t. cayenne pepper
1/2 c evaporated milk
1 jalapeno pepper diced
Mix together. Bake in a well greased 11 x 7 baking dish at 375° for 30 min or until golden brown.

Delicious with the Jambalaya

Fleeta Clark Celebrated

Feb 2nd there was quite a gathering of the clan friends and other well-wishers to help Fleeta Clark celebrate her 90th birthday at the Community Meals Building. There were people coming and going all afternoon enjoying the refreshments lots of visiting with friends from far and wide, making a very special day for a very special lady.

Almost a hundred people signed the guest book.

A week later on February 9th Winslow City Hall hosted a Retirement Party for Fleeta. Many of her friends and co-workers stopped by to wish her a Happy Retirement. She was a very busy lady the first part of Feb.

Get Well Wishes

Fred Hesser has been in Washington Regional Medical Center to have several "bad spots" removed. Carl and Ginger Fritch recently visited him and he seems to be doing well. He's looking forward to coming home in early March. He sure doesn't like his hospital diet! Our prayers go out to Fred and Beth.

We are soooooo glad to hear that Don Brotherton is home from the hospital and Rehab after his recent hip surgery. He threw away the walker and is now using his cane. We hear he has been practicing his dance steps so he can waltz all the way to the Library on his own.

Quilt Pattern

By Ginger Fritch

The quilt pattern for March is Four Winds, and what could be more appropriate? This is actually a lot easier than it looks.

We're so happy with the response to this column by both the novice and the experienced.

In case any of you folks out there need sheeting, either for piecing and/or backing, I have off white in stock in both 80" wide and 90" wide, some pure white in 118" wide but can get these at any time. Samples of each are on the bulletin board at the Library. These each sell for \$6.00 a yard tax included. You can either leave you order at the library or call me at 479 634 5332 and let me know how many yards you want.

FOUR WINDS

12" Block

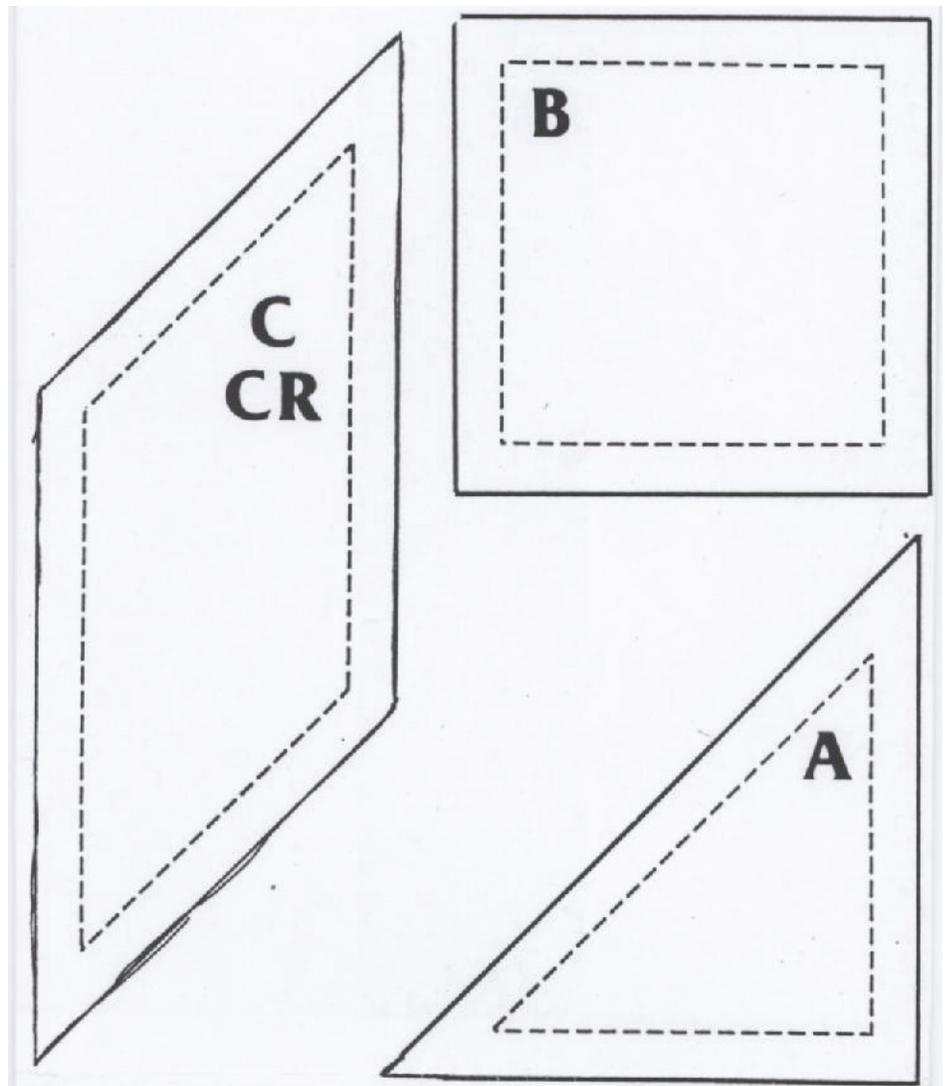
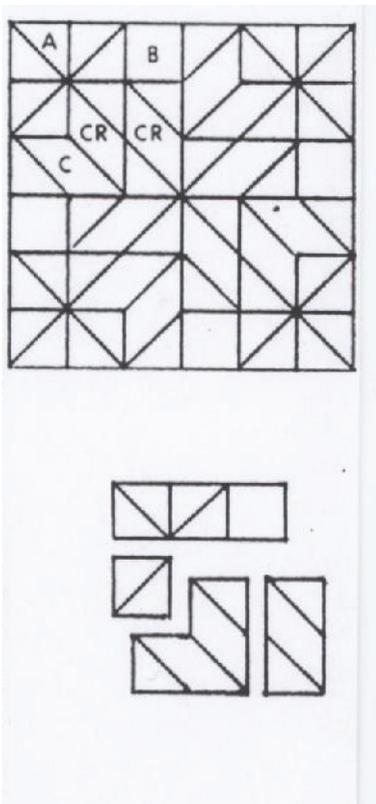
Cut: A - 40
 B - 4
 C - 4
 CR - 8

Piecing Instructions:

Separate this block into 4 quarters and proceed by piecing as shown in diagram.

Piece A - A to A -A to B. A to CR to A. A to C and A to CR, set these together leaving open the inside of the angle on C - CR to allow you to set in A -A.

Piece these units together to form 1/4 of the design and set the four quarters together to complete





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Great Friends A Rare Commodity

By Ginger Fritch

Most people have lots of acquaintances but usually you can count your true friends on one hand with fingers to spare. I've been truly blessed to be able to call Lynn Meade a friend. She is such a multi-talented lady, with many interests and a great sense of humor. We've done so many projects together. She probably knows me better than most and still tolerates me. Every so often, I've found odd rocks I know she'd like to add to the tons of her rock collection. She oft times finds strange or different figurines or pigs, which she knows I'll like, and buys them for me. Instead of thank you cards I usually bake her a chocolate pie or a coconut pie too if I know her dad will be around, perhaps hot rolls or cinnamon rolls which her whole family enjoys.

About 3 weeks ago when I was at the library, someone told me there was a package for me. I had both arms full, headed out the door at the time but had Jo Ann open the top so I could see what it was. That really didn't help! Was it a dinosaur? Lynn has lots of dinosaurs, no; Jo Ann thought it was an elephant. Well, I decided it might even be a pig. Lynn knows I love pigs. We never took it out of the package, just looked in at the top, but decided it could be a "dinopigaphant" as I was in a great rush – my usual speed. When I got home and unloaded everything, I pulled this cute watering can out of the package and set it on the table. Carl asked, "What is that?"



I told him "I really didn't know but you can't look at it with-

out laughing, but Jo Ann and I couldn't decide if it was a dinosaur, a pig, or an elephant, so we decided to dub it a 'dinopigaphant!'. Then my very serious husband says, "No, it's not a dinosaur, its ears are wrong. And it's not an elephant; it's a pig, look at the hoofs. They are split. An elephant has peds and toes." Guess that's settled. Lynn probably doesn't know that although I've had houseplants all my life this is the first watering can I've ever owned. Since shelf space in my house is about null and void, it has its own hook in the ceiling of the breakfast room with the houseplants. Thanks dear Friend, your pies are coming.

SPRING FORWARD

March 9th is the day to spring forward with daylight saving time. Sure hope I don't sleep. I forgot to reset my clocks back in Oct and got to church an hour early. Ginger

The School Buildings

By Ginger Fritch

Since we've lost our local school, we have quite a few empty buildings that beg to be utilized in some way other than an invitation to vandalism.

Winslow desperately needs a grocery store for starters, but some small shops and small industry is desperately needed or this little village will die out with all us old folks and become not even a bedroom community but a ghost town.

With the price of gasoline going higher all the time with no relief in sight, there are quite a few of us who would rather work and shop here than to drive even to West Fork, much less to Fayetteville or Ft Smith to work or buy our goods.

Lake Ft Smith opening up should also give us more prospects. Think of all the possibilities and lets see about turning this whole situation around, bring more tax dollars to Winslow.

If you come up with a viable plan, the Greenland school board will be glad to work with you on a purchase or lease plan.

Let's turn White Elephants to Green Cash

Winslow Community Meals Help Wanted Taking Applications Now

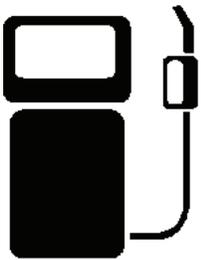
Winslow Community Meals is seeking someone for janitorial duties for one to three hours a day, once or twice a week. Duties include but are not limited to: sweeping and mopping, cleaning windows and when weather permits vacuuming and washing the van. Absolutely MUST be dependable. See Thelma Jordan at Community Meals for application.

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In the Louis Animal Foundation "Paws Across the Ozarks" Mobile Animal Surgical Hospital you can get all your adult dogs and cats, puppies, and kittens as young as 6 weeks and 2 pounds, spayed and neutered at a reasonable price! (Prices listed below)

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Additional clinics will be held regularly throughout the area. In event of snow, clinics may be rescheduled. Call for updates, info or for appointments.

Volunteers are needed to help at the clinics!!

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- \$50 (50 lbs to 80 lbs)
- \$60 (Over 80 lbs)
- MALE DOGS:
- \$30 (under 50 lbs)
- \$40 (50 lbs to 85 lbs)
- \$50 (Over 85 lbs)



FEMALE CATS:

- \$45
- In heat & early Pregnancy (\$10-20 extra)
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MALE CATS:

- \$30
- Crypt orchid males (\$10-20 extra)

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Brentwood Community Church



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Sunday School 10:00
Sunday Service 11:00
Sunday Evening 5:00

I put in the last paper that the evening service was at six, but the congregation decided that 5:00 would be better. It is actually working well. We are very casual and relaxed on Sunday nights. We are studying a series on the fruits of the spirit. Come and join us. We think you would enjoy it.

The Holy Spirit has really been moving on Sunday Mornings, come and get a touch.

EASTER DINNER AND EGG HUNT:

We will be having Easter dinner on Easter Sunday March 23, 2008 immediately after dinner service then we will have an Easter egg hunt for the kids. Please bring your family and join us.

HELPING HANDS FOOD MINISTRY:

If you or someone you know, needs food, please call me at 479-466-8491. If I don't answer please leave your name and number and I will call you back.

SHOUT OUT PRISON MINISTRY:

If you know of someone that is incarcerated in Arkansas and if you think they would like to get one of our newsletters, please send their information to Brentwood Community Church Attn: Shout Out Prison Ministry 17044 S. Hwy 71 Winslow AR 72959.

If you like a church that gets involved you would like us. We are community and mission minded. We are a Spirit filled church that Loves Jesus with all of our hearts. We love this community and are here to help and do God's work.

TIME CHANGE:

Remember **SPRING FORWARD** on March 9th!!!

Pastor Jim Kugel

PANORAMA OF PROPHECY

“Behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.” Isaiah 26:21

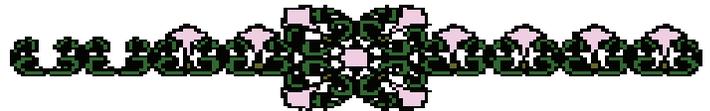
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Place: Brentwood Hilltop Chapel

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BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH By Joy Stone

This is a reprint of an article that appeared in the December 2007 issue



Blackburn Community Church welcomes Marsha Cooley as their Pastor. Marsha is well-known throughout Northwest Arkansas. She toured many years with her husband, James and Sunny Twombley known as the Son Lighter Gospel Singers. Marsha has served as a Chaplain at Washington Regional Hospital for over ten years, as a Youth Pastor at Winslow Assembly of God Church for over twenty years, participated in the Prison Ministry for Arkansas. She is currently the Minister of Visitation at Unity Covenant Church and serves as Chaplain for Brookstone Assisted Living in Fayetteville at their Wednesday morning Service. For those who know Marsha, she lives what she believes. The Bible is the source, the beginning, the substance and the finisher of her faith. God has placed her as a lady shepherd to tend His flock and she is consistently aware of those who are searching for Him. She is a testimony of His joy, she's quick to laugh and it is so obvious she really gets a kick out of living her life for GOD! Being feisty, sincere and direct is what makes her so uniquely fitted for this ministry.

Marsha has been there for us in our darkest hours, showing His compassion through her and encouraging us with His Words.

Blackburn Community Church is a precious country church that has such a sweet Spirit. The people are very loving and make you feel so welcome. If you are looking for a church "home" you will find it at Blackburn. The Church is located on Devil's Den Road, one mile west of the 540 Overpass at the Winslow Exit.

Sunday School at 10:00 AM, Church Service at 11:00 AM
Pastor Marsha Cooley phone 634-2271



The Last Supper



March 16, 2008



March 23, 2008



The Pastor's Pen

JOHN 3:16

Sent by an Internet Friend

A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner. The people were in and out of the cold. The little boy was so cold that he wasn't trying to sell many papers.

He walked up to a policeman and said, "Mister, you wouldn't happen to know where a poor boy could find a warm place to sleep tonight would you? You see, I sleep in a box up around the corner there and down the alley and it's awful cold in there for tonight. Sure would be nice to have a warm place to stay." The policeman looked down at the little boy and said, "You go down the street to that big white house and you knock on the door. When they come out the door you just say *John 3:16*, and they will let you in."

So he did. He walked up the steps and knocked on the door, and a lady answered. He looked up and said, "*John 3:16*." The lady said, "Come on in, son." She took him in and she sat him down in a split bottom rocker in front of a great big old fireplace, and she went off. The boy sat there for a while and thought to himself, "*John 3:16*. I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm."

Later she came back and asked him, "Are you hungry?" He said, "Well, just a little.. I haven't eaten in a couple of days, and I guess I could stand a little bit of food."

The lady took him in the kitchen and sat him down to a table full of wonderful food. He ate and ate until he couldn't eat any more. Then he thought to himself: "*John 3:16*, boy, I sure don't understand it but it sure makes a hungry boy full."

She took him upstairs to a bathroom to a huge bathtub filled with warm water, and he sat there and soaked for a while. As he soaked, he thought to himself: "*John 3:16*, I sure don't understand it, but it sure makes a dirty boy clean. You know, I've not had a bath, a real bath, in my whole life. The only bath I ever had was when I stood in front of that big old fire hydrant as they flushed it out."

The lady came in and got him. She took him to a room, tucked him into a big old feather bed, pulled the covers up around his neck, kissed him good night and turned out

the lights. As he lay in the darkness and looked out the window at the snow coming down on that cold night, He thought to himself: "*John 3:16* ... I don't understand it but it sure makes a tired boy rested."

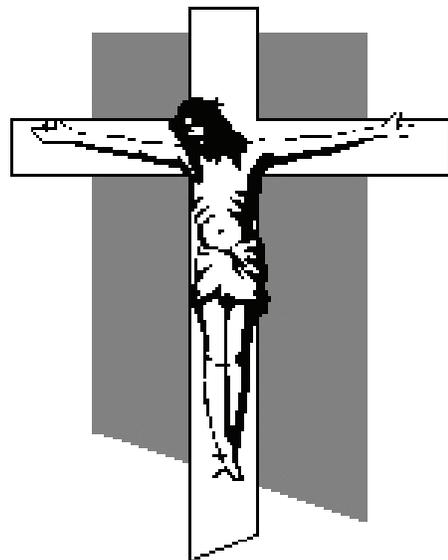
The next morning the lady came back up and took him down again to that same big table full of food. After he ate, she took him back to that same big old split bottom rocker in front of the if replace and picked up a big old Bible.

She sat down in front of him and looked into his young face. "Do you understand *John 3:16*?" She asked gently. He replied, "No, ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard it was last night when the policeman told me to use it,"

She opened the Bible to *John 3:16* and **began to explain to him about Jesus. Right** there, in front of that big old fireplace, he gave his heart and life to Jesus. He sat there And thought: *John 3:16* -- I don't understand it, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe."

You know, I have to confess I don't understand it either, How god was willing to send his son to die for me, and how Jesus would agree to do such a thing. I don't understand the agony of the father and every angel in heaven as They watched Jesus suffer and die. I don't understand the intense Love for me that kept Jesus on the cross till the end. I don't understand it, but it sure does make life worth living.

John 3:16 For God So Loved The World, That He Gave His Only Begotten Son, That Whosoever Believeth In Him Should Not Perish, But Have Everlasting Life.



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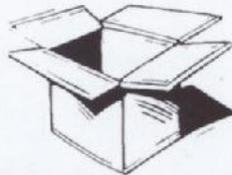
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How Should We Use Our Tithes?

By Ben Maxson*



He came up to me after a camp meeting seminar. We had been talking about stewardship and Jesus as Lord of our lives. As an extension of that Lordship I had presented the concept that tithes was not ours to control. I stated that the tithe belonged to God and it was up to Him to decide how He wanted to use it. This gentleman took exception to my statement.

"Should we give our tithe to a church where we think the pastor is teaching the wrong thing?" he asked. "Should we give our tithe to a conference when we don't trust its leadership? After all, I am responsible to make sure that my tithe supports the right things."

Abraham

Going back to Scripture can help us. The story of Abraham is the first time the concept of tithe appears in the Bible (Genesis 14:1-20). Enemy kings had conquered Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot and his family were taken captive. When Abraham heard the news he called together a personal army of 318 men from his own household

and went to war to rescue Lot and his neighbors.

As Abraham returned from his victory, Melchizedek (the king and priest of Salem) met him with food and a blessing and gave God the credit for the victory. In response, Abraham gave a tenth of what he had to Melchizedek.

There was no command from God at that point. Tithing simply seemed to be his habit. But the question comes, what did Abraham do with his tithe during the rest of his life?

Jacob

The next time we see the concept of tithe is in the story of Jacob (Genesis 27 & 28). He

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primary purpose of tithe is to support the gospel ministry. Yet when we go back to the biblical beginnings of tithe, we discover that it really is about worship.

A worship approach states that we will be faithful to God regardless of what He chooses to do with it. This approach declares that we trust God to supply everything we need and to be in control of His Church. After all, He knows what is best for us, and He is able to control and guide our lives as He knows best.

Stop and think about it. Everything belongs to God. We

are only managers of His

resources. When we tithe we are returning to Him something that already belongs to Him. When we recognize that it all belongs to Him and we return our tithe to Him, we worship Him as Lord and Owner of all, including His Church.

In the end, as we choose to worship God our tithe becomes a continued blessing. It blesses us to give for it helps us integrate God into the material side of life, and it blesses others as God uses His tithe to advance His kingdom in His way. Let's give Him the freedom to manage His tithe His way.

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Stewardship is a total lifestyle. It involves our health, time, talents, environment, relationships, spirituality and finances.



deceived his father and tricked his brother with his mother's help. He received the birth-right blessing through deception. In response his brother threatened to kill him as soon as his father died. His mother Rebekah sent him back to her brother Laban in Haran.

On the way to Haran, Jacob had a dream of a stairway between heaven and earth with angels ascending and descending. The Lord stood at the top of the stairway and repeated the covenant promise He had made to Abraham. Their descendants would become a great nation. Through him all people would be blessed. Then God promised to be with Jacob and bring him back to Canaan. In response to this blessing, Jacob promised to give God a tenth of all God would give him.

Again there was no command.

Jacob promised to tithe because that was the family habit. Tithing appears to have been a well-known custom. It was also a response to the blessings as they were received from God — not a means for gaining greater blessings.

Questions

The questions grow. What did Jacob do with his tithe? To whom did he give it? What church did Jacob and Abraham support with their tithe? There was no church. There was no priesthood to support. So what did they do with their tithe?

Scripture does not answer these questions directly. We can only deduce what happened to the tithe as we look at the sacrificial system. Anything given to God was offered as a sacrifice and burned on the altar. The patriarch of the large extended family functioned as priest. He made morning and evening sacrifices. We can

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only conclude that tithe was given to God in worship through a sacrifice. Tithe was consumed by fire.

Later, God established Israel as His people as He called them out of Egypt. He chose the Levites to serve the sanctuary and named the family of Aaron as priests. Then He chose to use the

tithe system of worship to support the sanctuary ministry of the priests and Levites. But even then, the tithe was given to and belonged to the Lord (Leviticus 27:30). He gave His tithe to the Levites (Numbers 18:26).

Tithe Houses

This reminds me of the *tithe houses* I saw on the South Pacific Islands I visited. A *tithe house* is a simple structure about four feet square and four feet off the ground. People bring their tithe and place it in the *tithe house* whenever they harvest anything. It might be sweet potatoes or yams, coconuts or bananas. They place their "tithe" in the *tithe house*. Then if someone has a little cash, they can pay for some of the "tithe" and leave the money there for the treasurer to collect. One of the duties of the deacons is to take the tithe that is left in the *tithe house* to the market and sell it. The money is then turned over to the treasurer to send

to the conference.

However, there are some remote islands and villages where there is no market and the members have little or no cash. What do you do with "tithe" that spoils in the *tithe house*? After all, if no one buys it and there is no market, it will just rot. So the deacons have the responsibility of taking care of this tithe by burying or burning it. The issue is not what happens to the "tithe". What is important is that the members have the opportunity to worship God from the material blessings they receive from God.



Give unto the Lord

A Sacred Responsibility

Church leaders who manage the tithes and offerings have a sacred responsibility to manage it with great care and prudence. It is God's money and it deserves the greatest care possible. God has trusted them with the responsibility of managing His tithe. But tithe is not ours to manage as givers. It belongs to God.

Sometimes we think the tithe is ours and that we support the church and thus have the right to control the tithe or the church. We have commonly stated that the