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Dickie Sellers lead guitar and Tim Barton on bass.



Kerry Bell keyboard and vocals. Michael Mounce Keyboard and vocals. Not pictured on rhythm guitar Roger Minor.

The first and third Thursdays feature an open mic gospel sing at the LIGHTHOUSE Church, which is located on Hwy 51 a couple of miles west of Stilwell, right across the road from Fourkiller Landscaping. My colleague,

Stephanie Cullinane and I, were invited by a friend. The players in this group, all excellent musicians, sang many songs with which we were not familiar, yet, as with all gospel songs, their selections lifted our spirits, as we enjoyed the evening. The sing starts at 6 pm until it ends. The Lord knows. If you like to sing, listen or play an instrument, come on down. All are welcome to join in.

By John Bankel



FEED MY SHEEP TAKING IT TO THE STREETS This Old Church, built in the '40's, is at First and Ash, in need of much work...

PROVERB POWER

James 3:16 KJV

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work...

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Shelly Terrell seems to be pointing heavenward in her office but in fact is pointing out the stains on the ceiling from a leaking roof...

Street Warrior Woman

There are warriors among up temporary quarters at the us. Most fight with physical weapons. The foe is always knocking on the door so we, in America, depend upon on our military and law enforcement to fight those battles. Still, there are others among us who fight an ongoing spiritual war using spiritual weapons, the chief of which is the Sword Of The Spirit, i.e., God's Word. These warriors put on the "full armor of God," which is described in Ephesians 6: 10-17. Shelly Terrell is such a warrior. Shelly began a ministry just a short 2 years ago called "Feed My Sheep: Taking It To The Streets." The impact that Feed My Sheep has made is nothing short of miraculous. Feed My Sheep has not only fed, clothed and educated those souls who were in such dire need of help but also provided the spritiual food that was even more necessary, the Word Of God that delivers from the bondage of drug and alcohol addiction. There is testimony after testimony of victory claimed by the power of the Holy Spirit. As marvelous as that sounds, this vital ministry finds itself in a predicament. The location of the minstry has recently changed due to the loss of Shelly's lease at the hands of what can only be described as an attack from the foe that Shelly so vigorously battles against. She had to move. Thank God she was able to find a new location on short notice, (God provides).

Feed My Sheep has taken

Commentary by John Bankel old Church, on the corner of First and Ash st. where Paul Edder preached and provided food for the needy until he passed some years ago. The food ministry is still going and run by Rob and Melissa Doba. However, there is a "fly in the ointment." The old building has received a condemnation notice from Stilwell City. At the most recent City Council meeting, at which the condemnation was on the Agenda, the old church got a "stay of execution of judgment." Again, God provides. The battle is not over. The building is in need of extensive repair. The stay was provisional with the caveat being repairs must be made or else the building comes down. The time given for this huge project is limited. The funds to complete are even more limited. Yet Shelly knows that God is not limited and that Romans 8:28 says, "Everything works together for good, for those who love God and are the called according to His purpose." God's purpose for Shelly and Feed My Sheep is to fight the battle of redemption for lost souls. Shelly Terrell is fully equipped to be the Street Warrior Woman who girds up everyday for the battle. And ultimately, the battle belongs to the Lord.

This writer will follow this story and provide future updates as the opportunity arises.

They Risked It All/It's the Truth MEMORIES OF FARM AND FAMILY

Number 28

By Donna Boecher

Does your home have a long history? No, well if you have children who have happy memories of youthful adventures on the "home place", history has been written. Any location can develop a collection of stories (history) as time flies. Reminisce and write it down. Some adventures will be appropriate to share NOW, others LATER from your private diary. Speaking with kin, a brief comment can recapture the past. What does "Eldon Hill" or "city lake" mean

to you? Everyone's answer will be different. I cared for my mother in her later years and had access to her diary, but I refrained from reading her diary until after her passing. Her writings were sweet references to caring relationships with friends and family, especially her younger sister. They called each other Cookie and Pie (not sure why those nicknames). Yesterday, I went in search of mother's diary; it had fallen between the cracks somewhere. I need

to scrutinize my bookshelves. I'm sure to find family history. When I find the diary, I'm going to list its location in my "GRAB IN CASE OF FIRE" book. Life is always more important than possessions, but in some cases, "collections" are okay for collectors according to a close friend of mine. I'm a COLLECTOR of rare books and I'd like to save them for other generations to enjoy. What's your collection?



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PROVERBS 29:2–"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." $\,$

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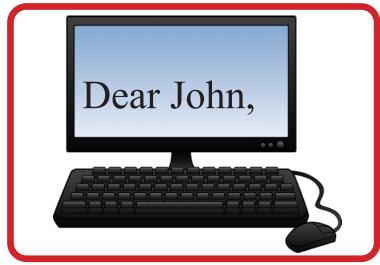
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the end of slavery and
commemorates the reading of
Republican President
Abraham Lincoln's General
Order #3 on June 19, 1865 in
Texas, which announced the
freeing of slaves.





Dear John,

My husband and I are newlyweds. We have both been married before and have shared our most intimate stories as to who we are. He and I are both born again and trust in the Lord. He is a very attractive older man and has a great sense of humor. He has many friends, most of them are women of all ages. The Lord has given him many spiritual gifts including helps. He fixes things, comforts when loss is experienced, helps with homework, and is a good friend. I tend to get jealous when the person being helped is a woman and I know this is wrong for me to feel this way. I just think sometimes he gets too involved and then he doesn't have time to finish our projects. How can I approach this subject with him about my feelings and concerns without making him upset with me?

Uneasy With His Gifts

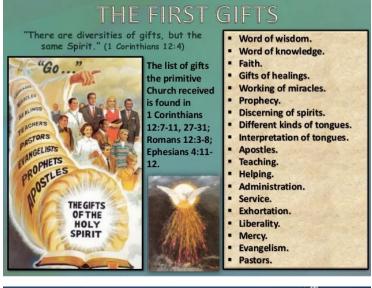
Dear Uneasy...it sounds like you have landed yourself a "good catch." Your concerns are legitimate. The main thing is that you do not let those concerns rule your relationship and ruin the intimacy that you share. Your man is very sensitive to mood. If you let doubts creep in, it will show ever so subtly. Perhaps now is the time to have that eye-to-eye talk about your uneasiness. It will help in keeping your relationship on firm footing. You say that you trust in the Lord. Now is a good time to put that into practice. Perhaps Proverbs 3:5,6 will serve as a good reminder and put your uneasiness to rest.

Sincerely,

Dear John

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ESTVILLE ON THE MOVE

Westville is a small town about 17 miles north of Stilwell. For many years, the city has languished in a state of stagnation and dilapidation. However, there is evidence that a new era of growth is emerging. Change comes slowly and often in fits and spurts. There are always factions of oppostion that stand in the way, most often from

the "old guard," which is inclined to hang on to the status quo. Westville has recently undergone a change from that "old guard" by electing a dynamic group of "movers and shakers" to the city council, who not only have the energy to produce the necessary dynamic for change but also have a vision for Westville's future. There are new businesses

Commentary by John Bankel

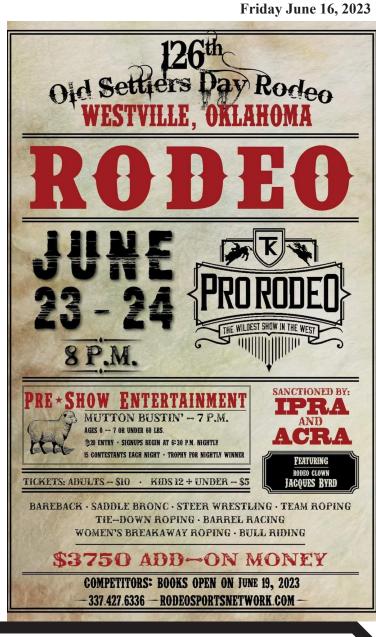
coming into town; there is effort being made to rennovate the downtown. The festivals are drawing record crowds. Enthusiasm is building. The future of any city depends upon the young folks who desire to stay in the place where many were born and raised. Look out for Westville. Westville is on the move.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

WE THE PEOPLE

In the Preamble to our Constitution, the words "we the people" are proclaimed to all peoples that our nation was founded upon the belief that we are a free people that govern ourselves, unlike other nations where the government is the master and the citizens are merely subjects. No other nation or government has boldly proclaimed those principles as our Founding Fathers did. Today in America many people have forgotten that simple principle, or never learned it in the first place. Over the past couple of weeks, Oversight House Committee has requested an unclassified document from the FBI and has been stonewalled in their request for the document.

According to the media, the document alludes to an investigation that then Vice President Biden was taking money from a foreign government in a pay-to-play scheme. I do understand that there are sensitive classified documents on ongoing investigations that must be confidential until the investigation is complete, but that is not the commissions, they have

case of the document in question. When a document is declassified, it is available for all to look at and that definitely applies to members of Congress. One fact is not being reported by the media, people in Congress are elected by the voters to do our business. The FBI are not elected, they are appointed and are supposed to be held accountable by the elected officials in our government. We, the citizens of this country, do not have the authority to appoint or fire the bureaucrats that populate our government. However, we do have the authority to hire or fire our elected officials with our vote.

In our country today politicians come and go regardless of political affiliation, but often times bureaucrats remain through multiple administrations; this trend has emboldened that class into thinking they are invulnerable. I see this problem from the lowest levels of government to the highest. I have noticed in state government that too many lawmakers are too busy creating all kinds of boards and

become reliant on the bureaucrats who manage and run them. Many of these boards and commissions are run fairly and efficiently, but there are always some that are abused, usually it is the concerned citizens who have to correct the problem by pressuring their elected leaders to get those rogue organizations under control.

Anyone with half of a brain can see that the FBI and the DOJ are left leaning and are openly running interference for the liberal Democrats that can do no wrong, while throwing the book at conservatives and conservative organizations. In the case of the FBI, they were totally out of line refusing to provide the documents to the members of Congress. If they are not doing anything wrong, they should be willing to provide any unclassified document to the members of Congress. We the people of the United States need to remember that the government at all levels is supposed to work for us, and not the other way around.

WHAT'S SO PUNNY? **PUN FUN**

More pun fun than you can shake a stick at or to be grammatically correct: more pun fun than at which you can shake a stick. But who quibbles about grammar? She was a good old gal! Here we go again. It seems like it was just last week when we had our last "PUN FUNNERY"! There is no end to puns yet we have to come to the end of this session since we don't have enough room for all the puns that there are. I sometimes wonder if the world doesn't need a puncounter? We have a smidgen of 5 to get the giggles for or to be grammatically correct: we have a smidgen of 5 for which to get the giggles!

1. Got Your Number: What did 0 say to 8? Nice belt.

2. Beat This: What did

the drummer name his two daughters? Anna 1, Anna 2...

- 3. Party Time: Why do mushrooms get invited to all the parties? Because they are such fungis!
- 4. See See Senor: Why couldn't the bad sailor learn the alphaabet? Because he always got lost at "C"!
- 5. Bitter Butter: Did you hear the rumor about the butter?

Well, I am not going to go spreading it!

That, my friends, is all she wrote. Go ahead and spread these rib ticklers with as many folks as you can. Laughter, after all, doeth good like a medicine. Til the next time around, let your mirth abound! More PUN FUN to come!

1 ¶ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalms 91:1, 2

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Psalms 91:1, 2

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day morning. High winds,

heavy rain and apple sized

hail pummeled many areas

of the County, leaving many

without power. One of the

hardest hit areas was Watts.

Bridgette Beavers, who has

faithfully served Watts as

Town Clerk for many

years, tells of waking up to a scene at her house where all her porch furniture was strewn about, as well as finding her son's trampoline wedged into a tree, as the photo shows. Not only that, but one of her trees hung precarioulsy over her power line. She said, "If that tree falls, it will land smack dab on my house and take the power line

with it." As shown in the photo, her daughter's shop was left with a peeled-back roof. The hail had caused many a broken window in cars and buildings. Ozarks electric had their hands full in getting people their power back. There were no reports of anyone being injured. Thank God for that.

By John Bankel

Searching for a Word: -memorandum,

from the Latin meaning 'that which is to be remembered' or a briefing note designed to be easily and quickly understood.

Ex. The memorandum, slipped under our room, stated that we had two hours to pack our bags and check out of the hotel.

<u>THE KIPLING KORNER</u>

"They. . . talked together as never till then had they found time to talk—these things contented her soul, and her body throve."





Bridgette Beavers found her son's trampoline wedged in a tree on Wednesday morning...



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Vocabulary Word: note – a brief record, especially one written down to aid the memory.

Ex. Mother always made note of what to purchase at the grocery store."

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

Today's Trail Treks To.....

Bench Sitting

In the arena of school or youth sports, someone who tries out for a team does so with the desire to play. Yet, so often, a youngster's hopes are dashed when they find themselves sitting on the bench collecting fanny splinters. When that happens, it is clearly the fault of the coach. During my growing up years, I loved playing all kinds of sports, with baseball being the dominant one. I went out for my high school baseball team. I sat on the bench for 3 years while donning my high school uniform. When my senior year rolled around, I was no longer excited about playing baseball. I had a girlfriend by then and I could not see myself sacrificing my time and energy for a coach who had ignored me for 3 seasons, especially since I had found someone who actually adored me. I had absorbed enough splinters for one lifetime. So, I mustered up some gumption to go see Coach Postl (who has long ago passed). I told him I was quitting. He said, "Oh, I was planning to use you this year." "Yeah, right", I thought to myself. I said, "I got a job." Which, by the way, was true and that is what having a girlfriend will do. However, I did not quit playing baseball. I just quit playing for a coach who was not a coach. I went on to play a couple of seasons in the Midwest Semi-Pro League in Chicago. I also played football at the University of Illinois-Chicago. When people ask me what position I played in football, I would tell them, "I played center, guard and tackle. And then I added, " I sat in the center of the bench, guarded the water bucket, and tackled." And then I added, " I sat in the center of the bench, guarded the water bucket and tackled anyone that came near."

In baseball, I was a pitcher. I perfected the "in and out" pitch. It was the one I threw "in" and the one they hit "out." All kidding aside, I did end up getting to play after all the splinter absorbing I had done. Playing sports, for me, was all about having fun. Yet, bench sitting was not. To all the youth coaches out there, let the kids play in every game. After all, it is just a game.

Today's Trail has come to an end. Perhaps we will meet again around the bend my friend. May your Trail end up on the right side of the fence. Vaya con Dios!

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