

DATE: December 2009

Christmas Activities in Winslow

Winslow Christmas Parade

The City of Winslow will sponsor the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 12, 2009.

Anyone interested in being in the parade should be at the old school at 4:00 PM. Anyone is invited to be in the parade by entering a float, a vehicle (motorized or nonmotorized), a bicycle, horses and buggies or wagons, or iust come and walk along.

The Parade will come through downtown between 4:30 and 5:00 PM.

Christmas Lighting Contest

The Christmas Lighting Contest for houses inside the City limits will be judged on December 10th. Call City Hall to enter your house.

If you have any questions about any of the activities call City Hall Mon - Fri between 9:00 and 3:00 at 634-3901.

Friends of the Winslow Library will serve Chili and Crackers and Drinks beginning about 4:00 downtown to the parade watchers. This will be free to the community as a "Thank You" for your donations and patronage of the Winslow Library.

Christmas Bazaar

Crafters and Artisans are invited to set up and sell their creations at a Christmas Bazaar that will be held the first three Saturdays in December, 5th, 12th, and 19th. There is no charge to set up a table. We look forward to seeing all the new things that you will bring this year. For more information call the Winslow Library Tue, Wed, Thurs, or Sat. at 634-5405 or call Jo Ann at 634-3105.

Santa Claus To Visit the Library

December 12th the children are invited to come to the Winslow Library to participate in crafts beginning at 2:00. Santa will visit about 3:00 and pictures with Santa will be taken. We hope to be able to print the pictures that day so you can take them home with you. There will

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be no charge for the activities or the pictures that day. Everything will finish up in time for you to be downtown before the parade begins. If you have any questions call the Winslow Library 634-5405 or Jo Ann 634-3105. Hope to see you all there!!!

DON'T FORGET TO RECYLE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY **MONTH 9 AM TO 12 NOON**

Friends of the Library **Bake Sale**

The Bake Sale sponsored by Friends of the Library the first Saturday of each month will be held in the Library for the months of December, January, and February. They will return to downtown once the Farmer's Market opens downtown in the Spring. The hours will be from 9:00 to 12:00 or whenever they run out of goodies.

FREE CLOTHING **GIVEAWAY**

PLACE: **BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY**

CHURCH

DATF. **DECEMBER 5, 2009** TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

THERE WILL BE ALL KINDS OF CLOTH-ING, SOME CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, SOME COATS.

EVERYTHING ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

JUST COME INSIDE THE CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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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 Monday 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 4:00 pm at the Winslow Community Meals Building.

Goat Keepers 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM. Fellowship Baptist Church. Call Geri Ramsfield 479 409-8230 for more

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

Greetings Friends,

I would like to remind you that we will be having our annual Holiday Open Studio. Hope to see you then.

Peace and Joy,

Cheryl

Dec 5, 2009 10 am to 6 pm Dec 6, 2009 12 am to 6 pm



From Hwy 71 (just north of Winslow), take Co. 38 east (which is a left on Sunset Rd. the first road south of the Finish Line gas station), go 1/10 mi., cross bridge & turn left onto 2 Gun Rd., go 1/4 mi., turn left onto Barking Fox Rd., go 1/10 mi. Watch for balloons!

Address:

1198 Barking Fox Road Winslow, AR 72959 E-mail: cheryl@buellpottery.com phone: (479) 634-7791

Greenland School District

December Calendar

7th - Financial Aid Night @ 6:00 in the HS Cafeteria

8th - Picture retakes and group pictures

10th - Band Choir Winter Concert @ 5:30

15th - Town meeting @ 4:30

21st - Jan. 1 - Christmas Break - No School

Jan. 4 - Second semester begins



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Some of you may have heard of "Friends of the Library",
Some of you may not.. Just Who or What is "Friends"
"Friends" is the contributing benefactor behind the scenes
For many of our community enhancements. Full details below..
Within Winslow Newspaper- The Internet Café USED Book Store- DVD's & Movies for LibraryLibrary Shelving & needsEquipment & Maintenance at the Internet Café
Building Rent @ old High School

Friends of the library is the non profit group that makes it All happen. "Friends" is run on proceeds from the used book store & contributions from the community. Not to say countless hours Of volunteer service by those in the community. Without these, "friends of the library" would not exist And many of the community features we have become Accustomed to would cease to exist for our community.

Friends is operated by the following volunteer council.

Linda Dysart –President Barbara Ashbaugh-Treasurer

Sandy Parker-Secretary Jo Kyle- Community Advisor

Friends of the Winslow Library meet the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Library. The meeting lasts between one hour and two hours. Everyone is invited to attend and add their input.

WITHIN WINSLOW is published once a month and is distributed FREE to our community.

This paper is made possible by "Friends and a joint effort of many Volunteers, JoAnn Kyle the editor, Printer, Ad Taker, Assembles, etc... Ginger Fritch who Assembles/Delivers/Writes & Collects Articles, and Ads. And countless others who write columns and submit articles for the monthly paper.

USED BOOK STORE-Open Tues-Wed-Thurs-Sat 9-5 Volunteers have been working hard to get New selection of books out on the shelves.. Many new items and books are restocked every week.

Hardback Books \$1.00 Paperbacks .50 cents Children's .25 cents DVD's Movies Books on Tape \$1.00 other misc. items...

INTERNET CAFÉ- Open Tues,Wed,Thurs,Sat 9-5 Selection of Computers, Internet Connections, And even an area for Laptop Users... Write Reports, Research, Or stop by for a game of two..Overseen by volunteers from the Community.. Snacks and Drinks are available for purchase..

FITNESS CENTER-Coming Soon- Hopefully January 1st.

Opportunity to come by and work out on equipment, Have a TV & VCR to watch fitness tapes, get together with friends.

COME OUT SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY MAKE A DONATION TODAY

If you have something to donate, used books, tapes, movies, fitness equipment, misc. items..

Donations can be dropped off at the Library, Internet Café, Or Used Book Store..

Or they can be mailed to "Friends of the Library" 351 S Hwy 71, Winslow AR $\,$ 72959

Christmas in Winslow

By Ginger Fritch

At the time of this writing we haven't even sat down to gobble up the turkey and trimmings for Thanksgiving, but we just have to look ahead and work fast because Christmas is fast approaching on a downhill slide.

Houses and yards to be decorated for the big decorating contests, all that shopping to do, trees to be trimmed and don't forget to prepare for the annual Christmas Parade.

Set aside December 12 as a day of fun in Winslow. First there will be local artisans with all kinds of art & crafts and bake good for sale starting at 9:00 AM. At 3:00 Santa is planning to land and have a little chat with all the young ones. Be giving this some serious thought so you can tell him what you really want. We're pretty sure there will be a gift under the tree for each boy or girl under 12 who sits on Santa's lap.

By 4:00 all the entrees for the parade will start lining up and Santa will be on the fire truck in the parade. The first float will leave the parking area, then down Main Street, through town, down to the old grocery store lot to turn around and back to City Hall for judging.

Some may be singing Christmas Carols, Chili and Crackers will be served by Friends of the Library, the drawing will be held for the Pot of Gold, the winning ticket will be drawn for WCM "Puppies" raffle, winners of the parade will be announced, the winning decorated houses will be awarded and a good time will be had by all.

Helping Hands

By Ginger Fritch

One of the nice things about living in our little community is the heart of the people when tragedy strikes.

Joe Thomas, young son of Mikey and Teresa Thomas had to have a heart transplant October 23. Just to get on a waiting list for organ transplant runs about \$200,000 up front and the bottom line is, no money, the heart goes to someone who can pay. That really isn't right but it is SO!

Okay, what to do? Get the word out – This family needs not just our prayers butt financial help also. November 14th was the evening set for a benefit auction, both merchandise and pies and other sweets. The response from calls to businesses and individuals for items to auction off was fantastic.

About 50 people gathered at the fire station here in Winslow even though it was a Saturday night and the Razorbacks were playing. By the end of the evening this little town raised nearly \$4,000 in goods from the auction then with some cash donations the total topped \$5,000, which is fantastic. Thanks to each and everyone.

Special thanks also to Tracy Jones, her sister Tami and their mother Holly who worked so diligently to help collect donations; to Patty Snell who worked so hard getting pies donated and brought a whole carload; to Nancy Hill who got the Winslow 4H Club involved and also helped with the bookwork; to one great auctioneer, Bill Collier, who did his best to make this a lot of fun; to his assistants, Crissy Wilson, Kelly Schulz, Mike Drummond, and Lonnie Runkle who kept the ball rolling; and to Rachelle Jackson on the cash register. All did such a fine job as did Kevin Kendrick and Dwight Pense who also donated their time to play and sing for the crowd before the auction, you are awesome, and to the Boston Mountain Fire Department for the use of the building for such a great cause.

Correction "Sorry, Joe"

In the article and on all the flyers, I stated Joe Thomas was 14 years old. Later, I find he'd actually just turned 16. Although at my age dropping a couple of years or rolling back the clock may seem a blessing, a young teen can barely wait to hit 18 or the ripe old age of 21. Remember??? When apologizing for the error I told him I'd let him have 3 birthdays next year to catch up. His response was, "May I have presents on each one?"

Joe may have serious health issues which he's never felt comfortable talking about, but there's nothing ailing his great sense of humor!

WINSLOW LOVED ONES WE HAVE LOST

MELVA JO LONG (February 1,1956 - October 25, 2009)

Melva Jo Long, 53 of Winslow, AR passed away Sunday, October 25, 2009 near West Fork, AR. She was born February 1, 1956 in Dallas, TX to Melvin Franklin Romine and Jean (Cousins) Romine. She attended Life Harvester Church in Fayetteville.

She is survived by her husband Vaughn Long, her father Melvin Romine of Golden, TX, mother Jean Murr of Scurry, TX, two sons; Jonathan Long of Winslow, AR, Randy Fondren of Andrews, TX two daughters; Kimberly Long and Rebecca Long of Winslow, AR, three brothers; Al Romine of Celebration, FL, Richard Murr of Senora, AR, Harold Keller of Farmington, AR, two sisters; Lynette Austin of Bentonville, AR, Tara Keller of Farmington, AR.

Visitation was held at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville, AR. Memorial services were held October 29, 2009 at Life Harvester Church 682 South Government Ave in Fayetteville with Dr. Dexter Howard officiating.

BERNELL KING

(February 10, 1936 - November 11, 2009)

WINSLOW — Bernell Nelson King, 73, of Winslow died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at his home. He was born Feb. 10, 1936, in Nicholas, W.Va., the son of William D. and Ethel Duncan King. He was retired from the woodworking business.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores Moore King of the home; four sons, James Dean King and Steve B. King of Charleston, W.Va., Richard Bernell King and wife, Jessica, of Winslow and Mark N. King of Fayetteville; one daughter, Laura King Gordon of Rogers; one sister, Goldie Bess of Fenwick, W.Va.; and six grandchildren.

The family held a memorial service celebrating his life Saturday, Nov 14,. at the home, 13235 Oak Grove Road, Winslow, AR 72959; phone 479-530-5460. Arrangements were by Beards Funeral Chapel.

RUBY ELIZABETH JARNAGAN (May 11, 1915 - November 18, 2009)

Ruby Elizabeth Jarnagan passed away November 18, 2009 at Fayetteville City Hospital. Ruby was a faithful member of the Church of Christ at Winslow for many years.

She was born May 11, 1915 to William H. & Lydia Mae Dockery and had one brother and six sisters. Throughout most of her childhood, she lived with her family at Sunset, AR.

Ruby was married to J. D. Jarnagan on December 24, 1935 and they were the parents of five children. They had a small farm and then operated the Winslow Mercantile Store at Winslow. After retiring from the store, she completed her working years as a teacher's aide at the Winslow School, a job that was a real joy to her. She was a wonderful and sweet person who enjoyed many things. Special hobbies were her flowers, reading and cooking delicious food.

She was predeceased by her husband, J. D. Jarnagan of 59 years and two sons, William (Bill) Jarnagan and Larry (Tiny) Jarnagan. She was also predeceased by her parents, a brother, George Dockery, and sisters, Mary Adams, Ruth Dennis, Pauline Mills, Colleen Thomas and Wilma Jamerson and other special family members.

She is survived by two sons: Jerry Jarnagan and his wife, Mary Jarnagan

of Bentonville and Louie Jarnagan of Winslow. One daughter: Elizabeth (Betsy) Martin and her husband, Jim Martin of Durham, AR; a daughter-in-law, Linda Jarnagan of Bixby, OK; nine grandchildren, Randy Jarnagan, Trina Jarnagan Bonaker, Jay Jarnagan, Tammie Jarnagan Thomas, Sam Jarnagan, Rhonda Jarnagan, Jason Martin, Derron Martin and Jennifer Jarnagan Riem; twenty one great-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; her sister, Garnet Terry of Fayetteville; one brother-in-law, Ray Mills of Fayetteville and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Services were Monday, November 23 at Winslow Church of Christ. Officiating was Randall Caselman and J.R. Dockery. Burial was at Sunset Cemetery, under the direction of Moore's Chapel. Pallbearers were grandsons and great-grandsons with nephews as honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Gospel Tracts International, Baldwin Church of Christ, 4377 East Huntsville, Fayetteville, AR 72701; Alzheimer's Association, Oklahoma and Arkansas Chapter, P. O. Box 1442, Fort Smith, AR 72901-1442; Washington Regional Hospice, 34 W. Colt Square, Suite 1, Fayetteville, AR 72703.

JAMES ROBERT BURNETT

(April 8, 1938 - November 22, 2009)

JIM BURNETT

James Robert Burnett, 71, of Winslow died Sunday, November 22, 2009 at his home. He was born April 8, 1938 at Fayetteville, Arkansas, the son of Robert McKinley and Anna Howard Burnett.

He was retired from Standard Register Company and was a farmer. He was a life-long member of the Boston Mountain Fellowship Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy Burnett in 2000; two brothers, Merle Burnett and Bill Burnett.

He is survived by three sons: Destry Burnett and his wife, Shannon of Winslow Darrin Burnett and his wife, Patty of Winslow Eric Burnett and his wife, Diana of Winslow One daughter: Regina Lopez and her husband, Eli of Stockton, Calif. Three sisters: Katherine Burnett of Altus, AR Virginia Harp and her husband, Arlow of Farmington Betty Duffy of Farmington Twelve grandchildren

Services were. Tuesday, November 24, at the Winslow Gymnasium under the direction of Moore's Chapel. Burial will be in the Freedom Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: Boston Mountain Fellowship Church Building Fund P. O. Box 116 Winslow, AR 72959

ERMAL BERRYMAN TRAVIS (February 14, 1917 - November 28, 2009)

Ermal Berryman Travis has gone to be with her Lord and Savior. She died November 28, 2009 at the age of 92 years.

She was born in Faulkner County, Arkansas on February 4, 1917. the eldest daughter of nine Berryman children. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Louis; a son Don and grandson Donnie Travis.

She was a member of North Maple Baptist Church in Stuttgart, AR, Southside Baptist Church, also in Stuttgart and West Fork Baptist Church in West Fork, AR.

She is survived by: Her daughter: Helen England of Derby, KS Her son: Lynn Travis of Winslow, AR Five grandchildren Thirteen great-grandchildren Two great-grandchildren Two sisters: Helen of Hot Springs, AR Mert of W. Memphis, AR

Graveside service were held Monday, November 30, 2009 at Brentwood Cemetery, Brentwood, AR, under the direction of Moore's Chapel.

Sandy's Snippets: Ohio Adventures

By Sandra Trent

Hello again, friends. I've returned from a visit to Cleveland, Ohio, where I, with my sister, Charlotte, spent three weeks visiting my niece, Crystal. We welcomed baby Alivia to a family that also includes her big sister, Rosslyn, now 17 months.

Crystal attends medical school in a suburb of Cleveland, and with two babies under the age of two, she certainly welcomed the help of her mother and aunt.

Initially, I felt reluctant to leave the incipient autumn beauty of Northwest Arkansas. Lonnie didn't help; he explained that Cleveland only possesses a single town tree, which may or may not display autumn hues.

Imagine my surprise at the frisky fall foliage that awaited exploration. Within walking distance of the apartment nestled a jewel, Big Creek Park, which is part of the area's extensive parks and trails system.

I explored the park beneath a vaulting canopy of gold. In addition to sugar maples, the trails contained immense sycamores and other ancient trees. You could almost envision moccasin-clad feet silently treading upon the colorful shag-leaf carpeting.

I also had to mediate many a drake dispute on these excursions, as they came to recognize me as a ready dispenser of bread crumbs.

Squabbling ducks aside, I was pleasantly surprised at the friendliness of these alien northern peoples. In fact, I couldn't resist gushing during one gathering:

"I really love it here and didn't expect you Yankees to be so nice!"

When some attendees recoiled, I realized the social gaffe. They don't actually consider themselves Yankees. They do, however, consider me southern. More than one person asked if I were from Georgia. Charlotte, too, was assigned a Georgia heritage.

Interesting people intersected my autumnal ramblings. During one midafternoon walk, a school bus disgorged a group of children at a busy crosswalk. A crossing guard stopped traffic; then the schoolchildren were left to their own devices.

A long blonde ponytail bobbed ahead, and I overtook a slightly built child who almost seemed to bow under the weight of an unwieldy backpack.

The rather somber 10-year-old with large, disconcertingly self-possessed gray eyes faced more than a mile walk to her home. Her parents usually try to pick her up but cannot always make it. She explained that unless a levy passes, the school district cannot afford to take her home.

She, too, was interested in my accent. Upon learning I'm Arkansan, she asked if I spoke a different language. I told her, no - that it only seemed that way at times. She proudly informed me she spoke Ukrainian. Both of her parents emigrated from the Ukraine. At my request, she spoke the Ukrainian words for, "It is a joyous day."

The next day, I loitered at the same intersection, but no children were let off. That night, Charlotte spoke of a child in another state - about the same age - who had been abducted and killed while walking home from school. Perhaps this school district decided it COULD find the money to safely transport children to their homes after all.

People warned me the streets could be dangerous, but I do not generally stress about such things. When I see a large, strange dog bounding my way I tend to think it is more eager to make a new friend than to rip out my jugular, and I usually feel that way about strangers, too.

Still, walking upon the same twilight-dimmed street one day, I felt a sense of unease upon spying a trio of black-hoodie clad, baggie-short wearing youths casually advancing upon an elderly lady laboriously pushing a shopping cart. Despite my fears, the thugee-doppelgangers strolled past the cart, and I hastened to catch up with the poor dear - lest she felt alone and fearful. After all, she was probably carrying her day's food ration in the cart - barely making it.

Upon heroically arriving at her side I was somewhat abashed to discover that the old dear was puffing on a cigarette while pushing a cart containing two 12-packs of beer and a (friendly) long-eared black and white dog.'

I'll miss Cleveland.

Youth Hunt

By Ginger Fritch

Every year lots of the youngsters look forward to the weekend they can flock to the woods with mom, dad or grandpa to hunt without having to compete with all the adult hunters.

This year there was an added attraction. Anyone from the youth hunt who took their deer to the Mountaintop

Gun Shop was photographed with their deer and also got to select a gift from a table full of items. That's just for getting their deer. All three young boys hunting on our place, our great grandson, Hunter Schulze and two of his cousins, Cody and Dakota Gulledge, choose really nice pocket knives

Then they all filled out tickets for a drawing held Sunday PM at 7:00. You should have seen the table full of prizes. About everything any hunter





could possibly want, from a camo backpack on up to a 270 rifle.

There were actually more prizes than young boys and girls to win them. Not to worry, once all the ticket had been drawn, Bill put them all back in the tumbler and started drawing names again until all the prizes were

given away. Not only did each and everyone win a prize, most won 2 and all went home happy.

All the pictures are posted on a wall at Mountain Top Gun Shop. All those smiling faces are worth the trip but Bill and Tracy have a full inventory of guns and ammo. If you don't find what you want they will be happy to order it for you.



Incidentally, the winner of the 270 was Clay Sherrill from Springdale.



A big thank you to Bill and Tracy Barnett and to all the businesses who donated prizes for making such an unforgettable weekend for so many happy young boys and girls.

Don't forget this, the Mountain Top Gun Shop not only promises to do this again next year but will add even more prizes.



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AT THE WINSLOW LIBRARY



The Annual Halloween Carnival At The Library Sponsored In Part By Friends Of The Library Complete With Your Favorite Cast Of Ghost Ghouls Vampires Witches Grim Reapers Spooks Demons Spiders Mummies



We had several booths this year



Spin & Win –Winslow 4H Club
Duck Pond-Winslow 4H Club
Pumpkin Toss-Friends of the Library
Soda Bottle Ring Toss-Friends Of The Library
Witches Castle-db & company
Freaky Fish tank-db & company
And The Tomb Of DoomDracula, Mummy, Reaper
Cake Walk & Bingo







Thanks Go Out To All Those Who Volunteered And Came Out To Make This A Fun Day For The Kids...







Our Contest Winners Were....
Ages 0-3 Barbara McCain-Tiger
Ages 4-8 Alyssa Carney-Vampire Princess
Ages 9-12 Marcus Johnson-Grim Reaper
Ages 12 & Up- Matthew Turley-the Devil
Adult Nancy Hill- Marionette







Winslow Community Meals

By Ginger Fritch

Board Elections

October 29, 2009 the annual board election was held at Winslow Community Meals. The results of the election: Laura Barker, Fleeta Clark, and Annie McCormick were all re-elected to serve another 3 year term. Tracy Barnett resigned, Shirley Nesbitt was appointed to complete her term ending October 15, 2010. Mary Smith resigned, Rita Wuttke was appointed to complete her term ending October 15, 2011. For the next year, Annie McCormick will serve as President, Laura Barker will continue to serve as Secretary, and Ginger Fritch will serve as Treasurer. Construction is under way on a covered patio/carport on the north end of the building to provide a cover for loading/unloading in inclement weather, extra shade and cooling in the hot months, but most important to divert more water during heavy rains since the kitchen floor is several inches lower than the concrete slab outside. A huge thank you to Richard Price for all his help in every way.

Gift Certificates Available

Gift Certificates for lunch at the Winslow Community Meals will be available new. You may purchase them at the door between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM Monday thru Friday. These make such nice gifts, especially when it's hard to decide what to buy for someone. Everyone has to eat and these are always appreciated.

Raffle Fundraiser

Every year about this time when all of us are usually stretched pretty thin because of higher utility bills, Thanksgiving, creating higher grocery bills, then Christmas speeding down the calendar and all the extra costs of food, parties, and gifts, the van and property insurance comes due at WCM, also bad timing no doubt? To help raise money to pay these bills, WCM will be raffling off two cute little dachshund puppies. Tickets are \$2.00 each (since there are two pups to win) or \$5.00 for 3 tickets.

Two tickets will be drawn, one for each puppy. If you do not want a puppy but would like to buy tickets as a donation to Meals please write RECYLE on your ticket stub and another ticket will be drawn in its place! For tickets contact Annie McCormick or Meals. Annie 634-5600 or Meals 634-2800

The winning tickets will be drawn at City Hall after the Christmas Parade on December 12th about 5:30 PM

The puppies are two AKC registered black/tan male dachshund puppies with a full one year health contract. They were donated by Rita M. Wuttke, owner of Hazel Valley Hounds. She home raises AKC registered Miniature Dachshunds and Pugs. The Puppies were born 8/28/09 and have had three shots.

The puppies were vet inspected by STANTON ANIMAL HOSPITAL in Fayetteville as a donation to Meals. Also, Stanton's office is giving a 10% discount to the new owners on their first visit there!

HALBERT'S PET SUPPLY and FARMER'S COOP both of Fayetteville each donated a bag of puppy food to come with pup.

HARPO...CHICO...and GROUCHO....three brothers. Two will be raffled and the third is available for sale, if you weren't lucky on the raffle. A small donation from the sale of the third pup will go to Meals if he is purchased before Christmas.

The new owners must be 18 years old.

Life on Mars

By Ginger Fritch

A while back we read science has proved Mars can sustain life. What an interesting development. We're all aware the earth is way overpopulated. Of course, it costs a bundle to put a rocket up there, but I'd love to see America fill the first Mars-bound rocket with building materials and garden seed, then start emptying our prisons with hardened criminals, especially sex offenders, murderers and people convicted of crimes against children. Survival of the fittest would rule and perhaps our streets would be safe and it wouldn't cost more to keep each one in prison than most of us make. They could either work to support themselves or be killed by one of their own, no big loss there. What a savings!!

The Lottery

By Ginger Fritch

Arkansas has joined most other states and now has its own lottery and has just joined the Powerball. Winning the big one has always ruined more lives than it's ever made happy for more than three years. Most are broke by then.

Being human we'd all like to get something for a little of nothing. Most would just love to win the Powerball or some other big prize. Okay but what would you do with it? Besides run and hide because all the cockroach's coming out of the woodwork would be on your doorstep to spend it for you

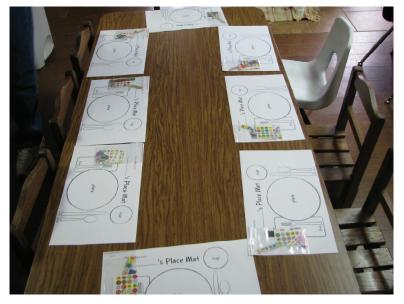
To date, I've never won a dime on lottery tickets, probably in part because I've never bought my first ticket, but it's always fun to speculate. Should I ever win, the first thing I'd do is pave the parking lot at church. More shoes have been ruined on all that gravel.

Please send your ideas to the Library or email to gingerfritch@yahoo.com

It should be interesting and we'll try to print a few.



Rita M. Wuttke www.hazelvalleyhounds.com A.K.C. Home Raised Miniature Dachshunds & Pugs









HIPPY NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

Our Theme for November was Table Settings and Manners.. We met at Kiddie Kampus @10:30 on the 17th

We made table setting placemats Complete with stickers....

After we finished our placemats
We had a wonderful Pot Luck DinnerOf Ham, Corn on the Cob, Salad, Rolls,
Homemade Jelly..
Oatmeal Chocolate Cookies..
It was tasty.
Thank everyone so much for coming..

Our December Meeting will be **Saturday December the 12TH..**At the Winslow Library..
There will be crafts from 2 to 3:30
And pictures with Santa from 2:30-3:45.
We hope to have a printer this year so We can print the pictures for you
To take home on that day...
The Community Parade begins at 4



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A Week

From local bee keepers

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> **Homemade Fudge and Peanut Clusters!** Local Jewelry, Polished Rocks and Minerals

> > Now offering ARKANSAS DIAMONDS

Take a nice hike to see the waterfalls.

479-369-2226

We have on a large selection of locally made soy candles and gift boxes.

We have an exciting collection of locally made jams, jellies and butters!

We offer Raw Honey







Tutoring in Winslow A Reality

Winslow students attending Greenland Elementary grades 1 through 4 are eligible for tutoring in reading after school in Winslow. The original plan was to use the Gym/Cafeteria Building, but a water leak prevented that plan from materializing and they moved the classes into the Conference Room in the Winslow Library. There are nine students from Winslow participating in the program. They meet from 4:30 to 5:30 every Tuesday afternoon. They are bussed from Greenland to Winslow and their parents pick them up afterwards.

The program is funded by some of the Stimulus Program money received by Greenland School District.

Welcome Back, Lonnie

By Ginger Fritch

Wasn't it great to see Lonnie Trent's column back last month. He always gives such a common sense view of some very difficult issues. We always look forward to it.

While Lonnie has been busy writing another book, his wife, Sandy, has been writing "Sandy's Snippets" for us.

Last month we missed her column while she took off to help with a new baby. Who could blame her?

We're hoping both will continue to add interest to our little paper. Thanks to both of you!!

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Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

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Looking Forward

By Ginger Fritch

Winter is trying to raise its head whether we are ready or not.

One thing I'm really looking forward to is all that tall brush dying around



the Winslow Rock. The Rock is such a beautiful piece of art – in the winter-time -when it can be seen, but someone worked long and hard to make sure it's nearly buried in brush the rest of the year. What a shame.







This Xmas. I would Like to put Up a tree in my Heart, and instead Of hanging presents, I would like to put the Names of all my friends. Close friends and not so close Friends. The old friends, the new Friends. Those that I see every day And the ones that I rarely see. The ones That I always remember and the ones that I sometimes forget. The ones that are always There and the ones that seldom are. The friends of Difficult times and the ones of happy times. Friends Who, without meaning to, I have hurt, or without meaning To have hurt me. Those that I know well and those I only know By name. Those that owe me little and those that I owe so much. My humble friends and my important friends. The names of all those That have passed through my life no matter how fleetingly. A tree with

Very deep roots and very long And strong branches so that Their names may never be Plucked from my heart. So That new names from all

Over may join the existing ones. A tree with a very Pleasant shade so that our friendship may take a Moment of rest from the battles of life. "May the Happy moments of Xmas brighten every day of The new year". These are my sincere wishes.

Life With My Four-Legged-Friends

By Patty Davis

BUDDY ARRIVES

He ran with a purpose straight to the house where I lived at the end of a cul 'd sac. He was not deterred by anything...never looked from side to side... just came barreling to the front door. He looked like a Rottie. Someone must have thought he was since his tail was docked, but the ears told the story. He was a Hound...definitely a Hound. I gathered him into my arms. He didn't squirm to get down. He knew where he was.

As was my custom with any "foundling," I loaded him into the truck and took him to the vet. I won't forget that visit. The vet told me that the dog had distemper and would probably need to be "put down" (euthanized). At that moment, the puppy looked up at me with those knowing eyes and begged "No." I knew then that killing him was out of the question and he needed a chance. So after receiving instructions of what to do, Buddy and I went home. I named him Buddy after my Dad...his sister always called him that.

I was living next door to a house that my son and I had purchased but had for sale. That was a perfect place for Buddy and I know now it was meant to be empty just for him to recover. I kept him in the garage where the concrete floor would be easy to keep clean. There was room for him to play, a cozy bed and place to eat. I would go there to clean the messes and bleach the floor. Then he and I would play. Of course he was on medications but didn't enjoy the "pill-thing" much. Each day, he got better and I knew he would be fine.

In back of the house was a small fenced yard with two Corkscrew Willow trees. On nice days, I would take him to the yard to play in the grass and sit under the trees. He would rest there and chew on the small branches from the trees. Later I learned that aspirin comes from willows and I think that chewing on the twigs may have aided his recovery. Was it fate that sent him to me, to that cleaned out garage, to that yard with willows? Aside from all these, he was blessed with something else...a friend named Ginger.

GINGER

Buddy was not the first to "zero in" on my house at the end of the cul'd sac. Before he came, there was a Carin Terrier I named Ginger who joined our group deciding it was worth a stay for awhile. After this AND Buddy's "race for the cure," I accused my vet of finding strays to drop off at the end of the street with instructions of which house was IT!

Ginger was a sweetheart from the beginning and even helped in Buddy's recovery from Distemper. When Buddy was well



enough to spend time in the backyard with the willow trees, I decided that he was also well enough to have a visitor. Ginger was perfect since she encouraged him to play. Chewing on that willow branch and playing with Ginger helped him recover and people are amazed that he lived to a ripe old age of fifteen years! Thank you, Ginger.

Our neighbors were interested in adopting her. I was hesitant whether she should go or not. Granted, I would be able to visit with her, but I just didn't think that would be a good idea...and I wasn't ready to part with her yet. This may have been God helping with my decision since later, someone who would really need her did adopt her. An older couple asked and I somehow knew they were right. They babied her and, when her "Mommy" became ill and was wheelchair-bound, Ginger helped with the transition. When Ginger and her "Daddy" were left alone, she helped in his grieving and transition to a full life. You might consider her a therapy dog, but I think of her more as a gift from God.

It's Gone

By Ginger Fritch

Have you noticed the old elementary building is gone and the lot cleared so neat it doesn't appear anything was ever there? They really did a great clean up job.

Thanks to all who took part.

Hold your Breath

By Ginger Fritch

At long last Friends of the Library have acquired a much needed printer reputed to be large enough to put out our entire paper without a smear, wrinkle or faded spots, do the entire in one day or less, staple it together and the whole nine yards. We've needed this for years. Jo Ann and I may not know how to act without all the frustration. We truly strive to bring you the best with what we have to work with.

I say "Hold your Breath" because the ones purchased in the past have not lived up to promises.

Thanksgiving Program

By Ginger Fritch

November 18, 2009 the Community wide Thanksgiving Program was held at First Baptist Church in Winslow.

Nine area churches were represented, each with their own musical presentations, singing & playing to a full house. It was absolutely wonderful to see all these blessings under one roof. Why don't we do this more often?

This original cot quilt with colourful patchwork blocks and binding would make a beautiful gift for a new-born baby. You could add a label embroidered with the baby's name and date of birth.

YOU WILL NEED

 $1.5 \text{ m} \times 115 \text{ cm} (1\frac{1}{2} \text{ yd} \times 45 \text{ in})$ spotted fabric

25 cm (1/4 yd) each of 4 contrasting fabrics

 $70 \text{ cm} \times 90 \text{ cm} (\sqrt[3]{4} \text{ yd} \times 36 \text{ in})$ wadding (batting)

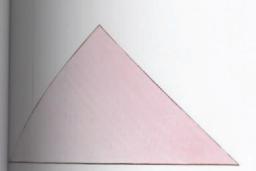
70 cm × 115 cm (3/4 yd × 45 in) backing fabric

Ruler

Rotary mat and cutter or scissors

Pins

Needle and thread Iron



Cut out two lengths 90 cm × 14 cm (36 in × 51/2 in), four lengths 40 cm × 14 cm $(15\frac{1}{2} \text{ in} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \text{ in})$ and three squares 14 cm (51/2 in) of the spotted fabric. Using the template, cut out six triangles from each of the contrasting fabrics and 24 from the spotted fabric. The template and

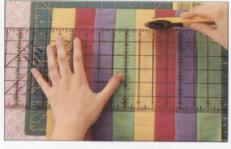
measurements include a 6 mm (1/4 in) seam allowance. Join the contrasting fabric triangles together to form squares, first pinning then sewing, checking and pressing before each stage. Add a spotted triangle on each side of these squares to form diamond shapes.



the three spotted squares. Join them together and press. Join the two remaining medium spotted strips to the top and bottom of the quilt centre. Finally join the two long spotted strips on either side of the quilt. The quilt should now measure 90 cm × 65 cm (36 in × 25½ in).



3 Tack together the top, wadding (batting) and backing fabric. Machine or hand quilt, making sure that the quilting lines are no further than 10 cm (4 in) apart. Trim the edges neatly.



To make the binding, cut two 45 cm × 5 cm (18 in × 2 in) strips of each contrasting colour fabric, and join them together to make a piece 45

cm × 32 cm (18 in × 12 in). Cut across these strips as shown, then join to make the binding, about 300 cm (120 in) long.



5 Pin the binding in place at the top and bottom with the right sides together, and sew. Attach the binding

to the sides in the same way. Fold over to the back and slip stitch in place.

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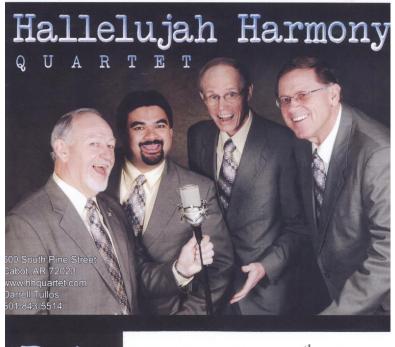
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When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it."

Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a gift from God and keep quiet."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver, with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town? I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change.

I'll see you at church on Sunday."

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter."

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read.

This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians and will put us to the test!

Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself "Christian."

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not PROTECT you...

Stay FAITHFUL and Be GRATEFUL!

That Little Penny In The Parking Lot

Remember this every time you pass that little penny in the parking lot.

I always thought that it was for good luck, but I love this version better.

I found a penny today

Laying on the ground.

But it's not just a penny,

This little coin I've found.

Found pennies come from heaven,

that's what my Grandpa told me.

He said Angels toss them down.

Oh, how I loved that story.

He said when an Angel misses you,

They toss a penny down;

Sometimes just to cheer you up,

To make a smile out of your frown.

So, don't pass by that penny

When you're feeling blue.

It may be a penny from heaven

That an Angel's tossed to you.

An Angel is now watching over you.

Have A Great Day!

Lord.

Give us a sense of humor.
Give us the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.
The irony of life is that, by the time
you're old enough to know your way
around, you're not going anywhere.

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SHOPPER'S SECRETS

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Sticker shock!! It seems that every time you walk a supermarket or a retail store, you see that the prices of everyday items are not going up a few cents every year, but a few cents every week. It has been reported that over the last two years, while home prices have plummeted, the cost of food items has increased 30 percent.

What is one to do with inflation at the supermarket? To gain an edge this holiday season and throughout next year, try these strategies:

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE

Buy one, get one free comeons tend to make you believe you are getting two items for the price of one. Remember, it is no bargain if you don't want or need more than one of those particular items.

Best self-defense: Ask the clerk or store manager if you

can purchase just one at the special price. You'll be surprised that they will often grant your request.

LIMIT SIX TO A PERSON

The idea that this item is scarce seems to exert a powerful effect on shoppers. By restricting your buying power, the

store effectively kicks in your needto-hoard mentality. Don't be tempted to buy more than you need—excessive cans and boxes often end up being thrown out after sitting for years in your pantry.

Best self-defense:

Purchase only what you need, no matter how good the price.

PRE-PACKAGED

PRODUCE

Pre-packaged and presliced fruits and vegetables in plastic containers very often will cost twice as much. Best self-defense: Use packaged, pre-sliced fruit if you are unsure of the ripeness of a

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whole item. Prepackaged combination salads can save both time and money, especially when you could do without buying and

stocking your refrigerator with the several varieties of lettuce and vegetables you want in your salad.

ALLURING END DISPLAYS

The displays at the end of each isle are there because 30 percent of shoppers tend to purchase them. However, while they may have great signs that say "Stock-up today", "Bargain, Bargain!" or "Same great price you have always expected!", they often are not the fabulous deals they

Best self-defense:

Buy those end-gap deals only if you know they are something you need, not just because it looks like a terrific bargain. Remem-

ber, if you get it for half off but you don't need that item, it is not a bargain. Also, beware of expensive items that are placed together like a recipe. Often one item that is in season, such as strawberries, will be placed with two other more expensive items, such as shortcake and whipped cream, to make the customer think, "Why not have strawberry shortcake for dessert this evening?" Manufacturers will sometimes pay for those prime display locations. Always compare the prices in the main isles where

products have to compete against each other.

ber of the family add the items that they need or that they empty. And

refrigerator and have every mem-

SHOP LESS OFTEN

Customers who routinely make quick trips every day or so to their local supermarket tend to spend more than those who go once a week. Let's say that each time you shop you impulsively spend an extra \$10 on unnecessary items. This impulsive spending could add up to \$120 per month if you shop three times a week, compared to \$40 a month if you shop only once a

Best self-defense: Keep a shopping necessity sheet on your Concepts taken from "Steaky Supermarket Come-cons", Phil Lemport, Bostom Line/ Personal, September 15, 2008, page 7. "Underground Shappers Secrets", Sue Goldstein, Bostom Line/Personal, November 1,

2007, page 7.

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While you and I cannot change the prices on the goods we purchase, we can change our buying habits. With a strategic plan and a little creativity, together we can keep the lid on

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can keep the lid on out-of-control price tags and become savy shoppers in the process.

YEAR-END SAVVY SHOPPING

Before you get caught up in the annual holiday spending frenzy, here are a

Shop smart — If at all possible, shop alone. If you take a friend, you will tend to spend more, whether consciously or unconsciously. Take your children and guess what, you will spend even more. Add a spouse to the trip and you may spend even more yet.

Save time — Bring local newspaper or magazine, ads of items you intend to purchase to save you time and headaches plus ask store clerks for what you are looking for. Unless the ad says "supplies are

limited," shop for the most promoted items last—retailers usually carry large inventories of their most prominent advertised holiday specials.²

Post holiday sales — The majority of retail stores open at the crack of dawn for their post-holiday sales. To avoid standing in line in the wee

hours of the morning, stay home and order the items you want at the sale price on the store's website after midnight. You can frequently also avoid paying shipping costs by arranging to pick up those items in the store on the day of the sale.²



Last minute ideas — Dollar stores are great for last minute shopping. Choose a theme and pick out a variety of items that focus on that theme. An example would be if the individual you are thinking of loves to cook—simply choose a potholder, a couple of utensils, an assortment of spices and a favorite cookbook.

Finish Well — Once you have finished shopping, GO HOME. Do not be tempted to stop and rest with a hot drink at a local café—it may energize you to do more shopping! Remember, the longer you're out buying, the more impulse shopping you are likely to do.

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