

Family

Club News

THOMAS COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION Members of the Thomas County Ministerial Association elected new officers Thursday, May 10, at the Citizen's Medical Center board room. The group met to elect officers and to express appreciation to members who will be leaving the area. Among those leaving are Kendal Aldrich, who will be serving as co-director of Shepherd of the Ozarks Retreat Center near Harriet, Ark. Aldrich has worked with the local Teens for Christ for the past 19 years. The Rev. Terry Turner and Suze Talbot of the United Methodist Church will also be leaving at the end of May.

The association sponsors events such as Baccalaureate, and the Community Good Friday and Thanksgiving services. Membership of the association consists of pastors from Thomas



G. Taylor L. Burgess



D. Johnson F. Schroeder

county and other local Christian service organizations. Members conduct services for the nursing homes, provide a weekly devotional for the religious page, and serve as hospital chaplains. The Thomas County Ministerial Association also raises funds for transients which are dispersed through the sheriff's department.

Outgoing president Mike Meserve

said, "The recent Jerry Johnston Family Event serves as a good example of how well the ministers of Thomas County work together. There has been a great spirit of cooperation among the membership." Newly elected officers are Gary Taylor, president, Leonard Burgess, vice-president, Dale Johnson, secretary, and Franklyn Schroeder, treasurer.

Everyone needs some encouragement

Recently two Christian publications devoted almost their entire content to the topic of "encouragement". One statement that deserves attention said, "A pat on the back is only a few vertebrae removed from a kick in the pants, but it is miles ahead in results." That reminds one of the quote that encourages us to "Sandwich every bit of criticism between two layers of praise." In the New Testament, Joseph was such an encourager that he earned the nickname Barnabas, or "Son of Encouragement", from the Jerusalem Christians. Some people seem especially Barnabas-like, for their cheerful disposition can brighten a room and lift other's spirits.

Any group needs an "encourager," because everyone needs encouragement at one time or another. In fact, people most need encouragement when they feel most alone. However, the value of encouragement is often missed because it tends to be given in private rather than in public. But even if encouragement is not your "gift," we



Mental Health

• Plain Sense

can't escape the responsibility of encouraging others. The areas where we can lend encouragement are almost unlimited. We may be an encourager to a fellow worker, a spouse, or a child. It doesn't take much time but the results can be almost not measurable.

In an editorial in *The Lookout*, (February 18, 2001) David Faust writes that encouragement is a perishable commodity and, like a vitamin, needs to be given and received "daily." For most of us, this reservoir of encouragement needs to be refilled every 24 hours. Mr. Faust closes that thought with this statement: "Have you received your daily dose of Vitamin E (encouragement) today? Have you given a dose to someone else?"

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The views expressed here are those of the individual writer and should not be considered a replacement for seeking professional help. Mail questions to: PLAIN SENSE, Consultation and Education Department High Plains Mental Health Center, 208 East 7th, Hays, KS 67601 Questions will be formatted and answered in a manner that insures confidentiality.

Advice for veterans

Q. VA recently said it would give benefits to the children of Vietnam veterans with leukemia. What kind of benefits? How do I apply?

exposure to Agent Orange and other toxins in the combat zone.

A. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is in the early stages of putting together a package of benefits for victims of a rare form of leukemia whose parents served in Vietnam. No one knows what those benefits will be. It will take several months before veterans can begin applying for the new benefits.

But two things are clear: First, the parent must have been physically present in Vietnam during the war. Second, the child must have a certain kind of leukemia, acute myelogenous leukemia (ANIL). This is not the most common form of leukemia.

The Institute of Medicine reported April 19 it has evidence that AML is more common in the families of Vietnam veterans than among their peers who served elsewhere during the war years. Researchers believe the disease in children was caused by a parent's

Gardening together brings many rewards

DEAR ABBY: Mother's Day is approaching, and I'm feeling sentimental. I'd like to tell you what our family used to do on Mother's Day. Mom didn't need any more clothes or jewelry. So, for years, all the adult children, grandchildren and in-laws put on our work clothes and showed up at Mom's home on Mother's Day.

We brought the makings for a potluck dinner and plenty of beverages. We would then proceed to till and plant my mother's garden. Mom loved to garden and did so into her 80s, but getting it planted became too much for her. This was not only the perfect time to get the job done for her, but she loved seeing the family working together.

Often what older people enjoy the most is the gift of time and family. They want their independence, but some things can be done much more easily by the children. (Just don't forget to do it the way THEY want it done, and you'll see the joy in their eyes.)

REMEMBERING IN WISCONSIN

DEAR REMEMBERING: How sweet of you to want to share your family's tradition. I'm sure your efforts pleased your mother mightily, and that every time she looked out her window, she was reminded of the happy memories of Mother's Day.

There are usually any number of chores to be done around a house, from painting to washing windows, fixing a fence, clearing out a garage,



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

and miscellaneous household repairs too numerous to list. All it takes to get them done is a willing heart and some elbow grease. Of course, it also takes time — and time is the most precious gift of all.

DEAR ABBY: I'm about to be married and am looking forward to my wedding with one exception: the family part.

I was severely abused as a child by my oldest sister. She is seven years older than me. My parents both worked outside the home, and they left her in charge.

When I was 5, I returned from Asia where I had been living with my grandparents. That's when the abuse started. She made up lies about things I supposedly did during the day, and since my parents were very traditional and stressed work, they beat me almost nightly.

I'm an adult now and have gone through therapy, where I learned the best way to deal with my family is to see as little of them as possible.

Although I have forgiven them and moved on, I do not want my sister at my wedding. The rest of the family has faced the truth and tried to make amends; my sister has not, and I want nothing to do with her. My mother, however, wants us to be "one big,

happy family" with my sister in attendance. (Our family has never been "one big, happy family.") What should I do?

ABOUT TO BE MARRIED IN L.A.

DEAR ABOUT TO BE MARRIED: I see no reason to invite your abuser to your wedding in order to satisfy your mother's fantasy of a perfect family. Omit your sister from the guest list, and don't allow anyone to browbeat you into changing your mind. Your reasons for excluding her are legitimate.

Please accept my best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "DESPERATE IN SOUTH FLORIDA": Even though your name doesn't appear on your husband's credit cards, you MUST consult an attorney to determine whether or not you will be held responsible for his irrational spending sprees. Please don't wait. Your future may depend on it.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
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Community Calendar

TUESDAY, MAY 15

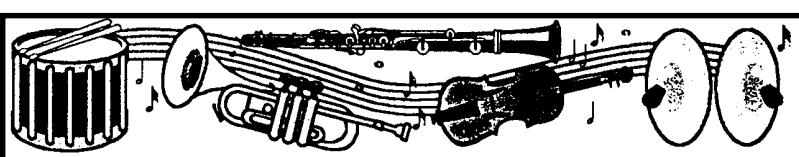
- Brewster Nursing Clinic, Senior Center, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Rotary, Student Union, noon
- Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon
- Ladies cards and golf, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.; Best Ball, Pat Criss & Sidney Strait
- Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Fibromyalgia Support Group, Logan County Hospital Activity Room, 7 p.m.
- CHS Band Concert, Fike Park, 7 p.m.
- Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860
- Sweet Adelines International, United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Rebekahs, (2nd & 4th Tuesday) 7:30 p.m.
- New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

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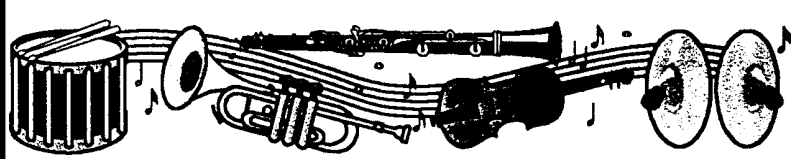
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•• USED CARS ••

2000 Pontiac Grand Am SE	4 dr., gray, 27,151, CD, PW, PL, TW
2000 Chevy Malibu LS	4 door, silver, 24,853, CT, PS, PW, PL
2000 Dodge Intrepid	4 door, white, 19,914, PS, CD, PW, PL
2000 Dodge Intrepid	4 door, silver, 27,054, CD, PW, PL, TW
2000 Plymouth Grand Voyager SE	Silver, 24,598, PW, PL, TW
1999 Chrysler Town & Country LX	Red, 56,011, RAC, PS, PW, PL
1999 Dodge Intrepid	4 door, white, 50,486, CT, PS, PW, PL
1999 Chrysler 300M	4 door, cinnamon, 45,558, CD, CT, PS, SR
1999 Dodge Intrepid ES	4-door, maroon, 17,498, CT, PS, PW, PL, TW
1998 Buick LeSabre	4 door, LTD, gray, 70,866, PS, CD, CT, PW
1998 Lincoln Town Car	4 door, white, 28,400, PS, PW, PL, TW
1998 Dodge Grand Caravan Sport	Red, 82,805, PW, PL, TW, CR
1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue	White, 4 door, 36,412, CT, PW, PL, TW
1998 Chevy Monte Carlo LS	2 door, white, 44,047, CT, PW, PL, TW, CR, PS
1997 Ford Aspire	2 door, blue, 39,979, 5M
1997 Oldsmobile 88	4 door, red, 56,101, PS, PW, PL, TW
1997 Dodge Avenger ES	2 door, green, 63,607, CD, TW, CR
1997 Chrysler LHS	4 door, red, 86,420, PS, CR, TW, PW
1997 Dodge Grand Caravan ES	Green, 80,127, PS, PW, PL, CT
1997 Chrysler Town & Country AWD LX	Green, 89,666, PW, PL, CT, TW
1996 Chrysler Concorde	4 door, green, 110,445, CT, PW, PL, TW
1995 Pontiac Grand AM	4 door, teal, 81,450, CT, PW, PL, TW
1995 Buick Regal	2 door, silver, 80,594, CT, PW, PL, TW
1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme	Red, 78,040, CT, PW, PL, TW
1995 Oldsmobile 88 LS	4-door, gold, 88,207, PS, PW, PL, TW
1994 Oldsmobile Achieva	2 door, red, 63,037, CT, TW, CR
1994 Mercury Cougar XR7	2 door, green, 119,884, CT, PS, PW, PL
1994 Plymouth Grand Voyager	7 passenger, blue, 135,856
1994 Pontiac Bonneville	4 door, silver, 164,862, CT, PS, PW, PL
1994 Chrysler LHS	4 door, driftwood, 114,926, PW, PL, PS, TW
1993 Chevy Cavalier Z-24	Black, 123,481, CD, TW, CR, PL
1993 Dodge Grand Caravan LE	White, 80,698, CT, PS, PW, PL
1992 Lincoln Town Car	4 door, maroon, 68,524, PS, PM, PW, PL
1992 Dodge Stealth	2 door ES, red, 98,321, CD, CT
1991 Ford Aerostar Minivan	Red, 61,000, CT, PW, PL, TW
1991 Chevy Lumina APV Minivan	White, 142,657, PS, CT, PW, PL
1991 Ford Taurus GL	4 door, white, 119,543, PW, PL, CT, TW, CR
1990 Buick Park Avenue	4 door, gold, 156,224, CT, PS, PW, PL
1990 Chrysler Town & Country Minivan	Blk, 127,341, CT, PW, PL, TW
1989 Cadillac Seville	4 door, white, 109,720, SR, CT, PS, PW
1989 Dodge Caravan LE	Red, 160,033, PW, PL, TW, CR
1988 Cadillac	4 door, blue, 130,924, PW, PL, TW, CR
1988 Ford Taurus	4 door, brown, 158,017, CT, PW, PL, TW
1987 Buick Century	4 dr., red, 119,213, PS, PW, PL, TW
1987 Olds Calais	4 door, blue, 112,515, PW, PL, TW, CR
1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera	4 door, black, 165,468
1986 Oldsmobile 88	4 door, tan, 158,377, CT, PW, PL, TW
1983 Cadillac Fleetwood	4 door, red, 188,741, PW, PL, TW, CR

•• USED TRUCKS ••

2001 Dodge 3/4 t. 4x4 Quad Cab	White, 15,321, CD, CT, PS, PW
2000 GMC Sierra 1/2 t. Z71 Quad 4x4	Red, 65,412, CD, CT, KE, PS
2000 Chevy Silverado 1/2 t. Reg. Cab 4x4	White, 48,445, KE, PL, PU, CR
1999 Chevy 1/2 t. 4x4 Ext. Cab	Gold, 55,643, AW, CT, PW, PL
1999 Dodge 3/4 t. 4x4 Quad Cab	Red/silver, 27,821, PW, PL, TW, CR
1999 GMC Yukon	4 door, pewter, 63,275, PS, PW, KE, PL
1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee	4 door, maroon, 24,994, CT, PS, PW, PL, CT
1999 Chevy 1/2 t. 4x4 Ext. Cab	Blue/gray, 72,508, CD, CT, PW, PL
1999 Chevy 1/2 t. 2 WD Ext. Cab	Blue, 52,376, CT, PW, PL, TW
1998 Chevy Crew Cab 1 T.	White, 119,211, CT, KE, PW, PL
1998 Dodge 3/4 t. Flatbed Reg. Cab 4x4	Purple, 29,842, 5M, PW, PL, TW
1998 Dodge 3/4 t. 4x4 Reg. Cab	Red/drift, 65,079, PW, PL, TW, CR
1998 Dodge 1/2 t. SWB Reg. Cab	Black, 137,646, TW, CR, 5M
1998 Dodge 1/2 t. Quad Cab 4x4	Green, 47,450, CD, PW, PL, TW
1998 Dodge 1/2 t. SWB 4x4	White, 80,279, CT, PW, PL, TW
1998 Dodge 3/4 t. 4x4 Ext. Cab	White, 80,356, CT, TW, CR
1998 Ford Explorer 4x4 XLT	4 door, beige, 72,861, PW, PL, PS, CR, TW, AW, CT
1997 Chevy 1/2 t. 4x4 Ext. Cab	White, 119,211, CT, KE, PW, PL
1997 Chevy Tahoe 4x4	4 door, blue, 84,661, CD, CT, PW, PL
1997 Dodge 3/4 t. Ext. Cab	Blue/silver, 35,631, CT, TW, CR
1997 Chevy Tahoe 4x4	4 dr., black, 103,276, CD, PS, KE, PM
1997 Chevy Suburban 4x4	Green, 89,313, CD, PW, PL, TW
1996 Ford Explorer	4 door, blue, 76,604, AW, PS, CT, PW
1996 Dodge 3/4 t. Ext. Cab 4x4	Red, 120,871, CT, PW, PL, TW
1996 Chevy 1/2 Ton 4X4 Ext. Cab	white, 88,653, CT, PW, PL, TW
1996 GMC Yukon 4x4	4 dr., blue/silver, 86,946, CD, CT, PW, PL
1995 Chevy S-10 Ext. Cab	White, 104,252, CT, PW, PL, TW
1995 Chevy 1 t. 4x4 Dually diesel	White, 128,407, CR, TW
1994 Chevy Suburban 4x4 Conversion	White, 148,383, PW, PL, PS, CT
1994 Chevy 1/2 t. 2 WD Reg. Cab	Blue, 83,889, CT, PW, PL, TW
1994 Dodge 1/2 t. 2WD SLT	Blue/silver, 115,780, PW, PL, TW, CR
1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee LTD 4X4	Black, 90,309, CT, PW, PL, TW
1993 Chevy 1/2 t. 2WD Reg. Cab	Blue/silver, 165,315, CT, TW, CR
1993 Chevy 1/2 t. 4x4 Ext. Cab	Teal, 139,421, CT, PW, PL, TW
1993 Chevy 3/4 t. 4x4 Ext. Cab	Red/silver, 136,739, CT, PW, PL, TW
1992 GMC 1/2 t. Ext. Cab 4x4	Blue/silver, 141,812, CD, PW, PL, TW
1992 Chevy 1/2 t. Reg. Cab 4x4	Blue, 170,768, 4M
1991 Chevy Cheyenne K-1500 Flatbed 4x4	Blue, 119,282, CT, RAC, PW, PL
1990 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4x4	2 door, tan, 117,535, AFR, TW, CR
1990 Ford 1/2 t. 4x4 Ext. Cab	Green, 197,497
1990 Chevy Suburban 4x4 1/2 t	Blue/silver, 183,491, RB, RAC, PW, PL
1989 Ford 1/2 t. 2 WD Reg. Cab	Silver, 152,877, CT, TW, CR
1988 Chevy Suburban 3/4 t. 4x4 Conver.	White, 90,597, PW, PL, TW, CR
1986 Ford 1/2 t. Reg. Cab	Black, 123,485, PL, TW, CR, CD
1986 Chevy 1/2 t. Reg. Cab 4x4	Red, 159,073, AFR, TW, CR
1986 Chevy 2t. Cargo Box	White, 302,505