

Straight from The Horse's Mouth



Laura St. John

dancing or even building a barn or tying a fence. Art's creative inner territory is prayerful. It is life and is always inspired. This inspiration comes to us in whispers and 2X4s.

Last Sunday Carol came to teach my second pottery lesson. She is an amazing creative who wears many hats. She paints, sculpts, pots, plays piano, teaches and counsels (she recently graduated from seminary).

We talked as we worked, getting to know one another better, sharing our stories. As is typical with her we spoke more about life than of clay. In hearing her philosophies I was reminded that it is when

actively listening for divine wisdom, in hearing the 'small still voice within' that we are successful. This is when life clicks. When we try to control an outcome or when some big scheme is 'our idea' is when things get out of whack. It's the whispers we must listen for. The whacks painfully announce themselves.

Some call it inspiration, providence, or insight. It is the thought hanging around in the back of our minds that we just can't shake. Sometimes it is so obvious, when heeded the task at hand takes on a life of its own, as happened to us when the bookstore came to Buffalo.

Hard times, whether eco-

nomie or personal, often offer the most creative solutions; we'll hear them if we're listening. While actively making art of any kind we are in that space where we're most open to whispers of inspiration. It's when we aren't paying attention or are trying to interject our own agendas that the 2X4 swings and whacks us between the eyes.

Join us for the Writer's Group this Thursday and the Artist's Group next Thursday. Perhaps now you feel inspired to create a dish for the Pot Luck Dinner/Trivial Pursuit game Night on the 24th! Call for more information: 903-322-2180.



Meredith Shaw and UIL State Speech Director Jana Riggins.

UIL celebrates 100 years with Elite 100 program

To celebrate its 100th Anniversary, the University Interscholastic League chose 100 students from across the state to participate in its Elite 100 program, designed to bring the top students in Texas together to discuss the UIL programs and plan out changes that could be beneficial to the program over the next 100 years.

BHS student Meredith Shaw was chosen from the hundreds of applicants to be a part of the Elite 100. Meredith's selection was based on her successful participation in UIL academics, where she has been a part of the state qualifying One Act Play for two years and has competed in debate, journalism, literary criticism, prose interpretation. Meredith is also active in UIL sports.

Students worked in groups to discuss every aspect of UIL competition from the aspect of the student competitor. At the end of the camp, groups met with the UIL Legislative Board to present their ideas.

"I was proud of Meredith for being chosen to be a part of this group and for giving up three days of her summer to do so," UIL coordinator Melonie Menefee said. "She is an excellent example of a well-rounded, hard-working student. We are lucky to have her as a part of BHS."

Fish Fry Benefit for Karen Jones

By Sherry Matney

A few weeks ago Karen Jones was like you and me in many ways. She went to her job at Bald Prairie Café, kissed her husband when she came in from work, cooked for her family and played with her grandkids. But that all had to be put on hold for the time being because she had an aneurism in the right side of her brain and after surgery she had one on the left side.

Karen's roots run deep in Leon County, growing up

in Marquez. She attended school at Leon. Sons Keith Johnson, 33, and Curtis Johnson, 30, both also graduated from Leon. Younger sons Steven and Drake Jones are senior and freshman, respectively.

Karen's mother is Sue Brown who is a Marquez native.

Friends of Karen are having a Fish Fry Benefit on July 18th at the Marquez VFD. All proceeds will go to Karen and her family to help with medical expenses.

Fish will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will include the trimmings and a drink for \$7.00.

To add to the fun and to bring in more funds the friends are planning a baked goods auction. If you are interested in donating a baked

good please contact: Sissy Jarvis at 979-777-5085; Robbie Ginsel at 903-208-0036; Cassandra Noey at 903-208-3118.

Community Calendar

THE HERZOG FAMILY from Bremond and **A TOUCH OF GRASS** featuring **DUSTY AND TRISH BREWER** from Fairfield will entertain at the **SHILOH COMMUNITY CENTER** on Saturday, July 18 beginning at 6 p.m. Assorted salads, dessert and tea will be served at 7 p.m. Cost of the supper is \$5.00 per person. At this

time we will also have a cake auction and **DOOR PRIZES**. Proceeds from the evening will go toward upkeep and renovations to the building. Please make plans for the 18th of July for a most enjoyable program and meal for the entire family at the Shiloh Community Center (South of Mexia off Hwy. 39 at Shiloh Cemetery Cut-off).

Little Flock Baptist Church Revival
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Can you spell AARP?
The next meeting of the Buffalo Chapter of AARP will be held Tuesday, July 21 at noon in the Buffalo Civic Center. Come early for fellowship, food and fun.
Roberta Delius is in charge of the July program and a Spelling Bee is planned. (You might want to be practicing on words like Waxahachie, Tehuacana, Kovacevich, Nacogdoches, Flo, etc!) We will also be celebrating July birthdays and anniversaries.

Help local cancer patients
On Thursday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m., Trixy Roy with the American Cancer Society will share information on volunteer opportunities in Leon County. The need is great and you could be the one to help save someone's life.

If you have any questions or want to get involved but can't attend this initial Leon County volunteer meeting, please contact Kristy Vandegriff at (903) 626-6613 or (903) 388-0270.

Sudoku Puzzle #1500-M Answers on page 12A

			1	2	3			
1			4		5	6		
5	7			6		8		
9			2					5
	5		6	7		4		
4			8					3
	3		8		4			2
	8	5		9				6
	1		3	5				

"Out With It!" Answers on page 12A

ACROSS

- Joy of "The View"
- Sporty Mazda
- Slap on
- Dateless, say
- Name on a dogtag
- Aussie boulder
- Petitioned the Lord
- Broadway's "Les"
- Sci-fi visitors
- Many August births
- Cause to expand
- Holds for questioning, say
- Kid- (children's shows)
- Expressed relief, in a way
- Like a rabbit's foot, supposedly
- Demon's doing
- With 68-Across, "A Natural Man" Grammy winner
- JFK guessimate
- Cat's nine
- Slip behind
- Royal flush part
- Tilt-A-Whirl, e.g.
- Vegas array
- Was significant
- Prankster's spheroid
- Galena, for one
- Dumpster emanation
- Sing like Ella
- Poker payoff
- Zero-star review
- Hurled insults on the court
- Fire truck tool
- Studio sign
- Alison, who won a Pulitzer for "Foreign Affairs"
- Title for Mick Jagger
- See 37-Across
- Maze word

DOWN

- ... on a true story
- Make rhapsodic
- Jack up
- "Go on..."
- "The Osbournes" genre
- Wearing a long face
- "As... saying..."
- "... takers?"
- ... off (sore)
- The "A" in 38-Across
- Mammal that rolls into a ball
- 2/3 of DIY
- Catch some Z's
- ... up (confined)
- Fleur-de-
- Puffin's cousin
- Party hearty
- Time to party hearty, maybe
- Insult, slangily
- Navy mascot
- OOO, on cards
- "Why don't we?"
- Lone Star State sch.
- Appliance with a magnet
- Tyler of "The Lord of the Rings" movies
- Altar assent
- Nuclear power apparatus
- Grunge rock hub
- Leary's hallucinogen
- Baseball's Griffey Jr.
- Cases for gastroenterologists
- Drink in "Beowulf"
- Dizzying display
- Wartime "riveter"
- Old-time anesthetic
- Healthful retreats
- Curbside cry
- Mandikova of tennis
- Name in power tools
- Perry Mason's field
- Do a 10K

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