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‘LEGALLY BLONDE’ Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, August 1, 2012

We will be entertained by several scenes from “Legally Blonde: The Musical,” a summer musical production currently being performed at McMurry University’s Ryan Little Theatre.

The cast and crew come from Abilene Christian, McMurry, Hardin-Simmons, Abilene High, Cooper High, Wylie High and the Abilene community in general.

This will be a truly entertaining program for our club this week. Come and enjoy.



Photo by Joy Lewis/Reporter-News

Jess Nicolls (center) performs as “Elle Woods” during a rehearsal for “Legally Blonde: The Musical” at McMurry University.

Walking the Talk

Thanks from the Kiwanis International Foundation. We recently received a thank you letter from the KI Foundation for our \$520 annual club gift. The letter said in part:

“Each year, the Kiwanis International foundation helps Kiwanians serve children. We provide grants that fund service projects and initiatives. We also help ensure that young Kiwanis-family members -- as well as university students and adults with disabilities --- develop their service and leadership skills.

“Thanks to club gifts like yours, more children will be fed, clothed and kept healthy. More young people will become part of the Kiwanis family and achieve their higher-education goals. And more lives will be

saved!

Our club traditionally gives to the International Foundation and the Texas-Oklahoma District Foundation.

One the nicest things about Kiwanis is how we serve others. Not only do we put our money where our mouths are, but we also put our time and energy there, too.

In his speech last week, Dr. Heath Burns bragged on the academic progress Reagan Elementary School has made. We play an active part on that campus, helping with the reading program for so many children who are behind.

It’s great to be a Kiwanian.



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**A global organization of
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changing the world one child
and one community at a time**

Walk the Talk!

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting July 25, 2012

Abilene Country Club

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| Led Meeting..... | Charles Kirkpatrick |
| Prayer..... | Will Smith |
| Music | Bobbie Wolfe |
| Piano | Lora Lynn Christensen |
| Pledge | Dick Kincaid |
| Guests | Curtis Blackburn |
| Photographer..... | David Jones |
| Brag Basket (Dennis Laster)..... | \$8.99 |
| Cup Money | \$36.86 |

In our prayers

- Janice, wife of Guinn Smith
- Linda, wife of Jud Powell
- Joan, wife of George Knight
- Henry McGinty
- Kirby Leeson and his wife, Delores
- Van Boozer

Guests

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| Guests..... | Guest of Member |
| Melba Boozer..... | Van Boozer |
| Rodney Williams..... | Earl Williams |
| Jill Coleman | Pam McGrew |
| Gene Linder | Key City North |
| Richard Melton | Greater Abilene |
| Lydia Long | Greater Abilene |

The program

Russell Berry introduced Abilene Independent School District Superintendent, Dr. Heath Burns who gave an update of the AISD system.

Dr. Burns shared that 3 years ago Reagan Elementary was the 16th most impoverished school in the district and ranked 16th academically. Today, Reagan is the 15th most impoverished school (one school closed) but ranked 6th highest academically!

The school system is moving faster and better than ever before.

He discussed standardized testing including the negative and positive aspects of this testing format. The positive for standardized testing is that it prohibits



Dr. Heath Burns

us from leaving minorities behind. He also provided a couple of handouts to highlight the “points of pride” for AISD. A few of those points highlighted were:

- Nine campuses received Recognized rating from the Texas Education Agency in 2011
 - Dyess Elementary School received an Exemplary rating for the 6th year in a row
 - One Hundred Percent of AISD’s 24 campuses are rated Acceptable or higher
 - 9 AISD students were recognized in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program
- And the list goes on..

Dr. Burns communicated that the best part of Abilene was our acceptance with kindness and friendliness. He stated that was something one could not appreciate unless they had experienced it. All communities are not the same and do not embrace newcomers as Abilene does. This was an informative and timely program to be certain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk for Graduates 2012

President Charles Kirkpatrick introduced Billy Stone with Abilene Independent School District. Billy spoke to us last year about the Walk for Graduates program and reported the walk brought in 35 students.

He also shared a success story of a student whose dad didn’t want his son to attend school because he needed the son to work. After communicating the importance of a good education the dad changed his mind and allowed his son to return to school. The young man did very well.

The 2012 walk is scheduled for Saturday September 15th from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed and will meet at AISD Administration Bldg, 241 Pine Street.

This is a door-to-door program that recovers students who have not returned to school.

When students do not show up for class at the beginning of the school year, trained volunteers go to the homes of these students, provide encouragement, and offer available resources so they will return and finish school.

You can help. Deadline for registration is Monday

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Billy Stone

A look at last week's meeting participants



Dennis Laster passed the Brag Basket and made a brag too.



Curtis Blackburn welcomed our guests.



Will Smith led the opening prayer.

Let's all thank David Jones for shooting our weekly pictures

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September 3rd. Contact Billy Stone at billy.stone@abileneisd.org for more information.

No reining us in

Participation in 4-H Show was absolutely terrific. Back to school is just around the corner and the Kiwanis year is winding down. Keep up the good work, let's finish strong.

Choate Award nominations sought

Nominations for the Bailey Choate Award must be in writing and submitted to President Charles Kirkpatrick. This award is presented to a Kiwanian for long-term service, and honors former Governor Bailey Choate.

T-O convention coming up soon

The Texas-Oklahoma District Kiwanis Convention is just around the corner. Note that attendees must register online for this event. For details and to register go to <http://kiwanisconvention.com/>

Calendar

- Aug. 4: Division 35 Club Leadership Training (incoming officers), 9 a.m.-noon @ University Church of Christ
- Aug. 7: Club satellite @ 6 p.m. @ Monks Coffee Shop
- Aug. 10-12: Kiwanis District Convention – Killeen

- Aug. 14: Division 35 Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. @ Cotton Patch Restaurant
- Aug. 16: Club Board Meeting @ Bogie's @ noon
- Sept. 15: AISD Walk for Graduates 2012
- Sept. 26: Celebration meeting, during our regular club meeting

BIRTHDAYS

August

- Aug 3 Dennis R. Laster
- Aug 5 Faye Dodson
- Aug 5 Bill R. Hoogstra
- Aug 13 Twyla Young
- Aug 14 Tom M. Aguilar
- Aug 20 Price Brock
- Aug 20 Margaret A. Hoogstra
- Aug 21 Ricki Brown
- Aug 23 Leonard Brock
- Aug 25 Henry McGinty
- Aug 28 Dick Kincaid

September

- Sep 4 Tim Adcock
- Sep 13 Doug Williamson
- Sep 15 George W. Knight
- Sep 17 Jamie Breed
- Sep 19 Lynda Fogerson
- Sep 21 Pete Oldham
- Sep 22 Pamela McGrew
- Sep 28 Roy Cloud

Sep 28 Jayson Holcombe

October

- Oct 13 Bobbie Wolfe
- Oct 22 Rosanna T. Herndon
- Oct 23 Manuel Longoria
- Oct 30 Brandon Carr

November

- Nov 1 Ken A. Poynor
- Nov 2 Jack Harkins
- Nov 3 Brice West
- Nov 4 LuGene Lewis
- Nov 10 James L. Shields
- Nov 17 Jerry C. Carter
- Nov 22 John Ruiz
- Nov 25 Jud Powell
- Nov 26 Raymond McDaniel
- Nov 27 Christine Curtis-Carr

December

- Dec 9 Curtis Blackburn

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

Well-known Southern Baptist evangelist and producer of the Christian radio program, "The Radio Bible Hour," once said, "More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them."

In today's atmosphere of political speak, it is rare to hear someone simply say that they messed up. I remember the story of a well-known professional baseball umpire, faced with a furious coach yelling and screaming about a bad call, and the umpire simply said, "that was really a bad call." The coach just looked at him and walked away.

I recently told my wife that I was becoming very good at apologizing. I'm often called to make judgments on matters in which I have little to know expertise. That is a setup for making mistakes, so, when I do

make a mistake, I "eat it." I want people to know that they can trust me and I wouldn't want to take credit for something good I didn't do just as I must take credit for things I mess up.

This is the character that I want to see in those with whom I associate. I believe this is what God calls us to.

I am always encouraged by Romans 8:1: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Let's face it. We are all fallen and defeated in our flesh, but it is Jesus Christ who lifts us up and makes us clean and gives us victory.

Do you want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time"? Get over yourself. Be real! Every great man and woman used of God messed up. The key is to admit it, learn from it, and move on. What a great life lesson you will teach if you will live this way.

The Eliminate Project

Kiwanis is once again joining forces with UNICEF to confront another threat to the world's children. In June 2010, Kiwanis International announced The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus, which aims to save 129 million mothers and their future babies from the disease by the year 2015.

Worldwide Service Project

Members and clubs contributed more than US\$100 million toward the global elimination of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD), the leading preventable cause of mental retardation.

Kiwanis Service footprint

Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis International club, no matter where in the world it's located. Kiwanis members stage nearly 150,000 service projects, devote more than 6 million hours of service and raise nearly US\$107 million every year for communities, families and projects. Key Club members pitch in 12 million hours of service each year, and CKI members another 500,000 hours of service! Aktion club members donate another 92,000 hours of service every year. Add it all up, and that's more than 18 million hours of service every year!

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