

# Just-a swingin'



A new handicap swing was recently installed at Greenbrook Park by the Smithville Business and Professional Women's Club. Funding was made possible from donations of park visitors and a grant from the TN Department of Health. Plans are under way for more additions and improvements in the near future. BPW members shown, from left, are Melissa Yarbrough, Holly Key, Loyce Holcomb, Veronica Johnson, Royce Odom, Angie Meadows, Denise Page and Christian Underhill.

# Starting summer

May is moving right along. Thankfully the gardens are planted and seem to be growing nicely with these warmer days and nights. We hope it is a good yielding crop this year. Many of the farmers have started cutting their spring hay fields. It is exciting to see the hay cut and baled outside our back door.

The children are all excited about summer. We wish Elizabeth Miller a restful summer before starting college in the fall. Her class was so large the graduation had to be held at the MTSU gymnasium. Those attending were Michele and Todd Kent, and son Brandon, Olivia Miller, Ronnie and Sarah Kent, Jimmy and Judy Kimbrell, Lisa Cripps, Monica Reynolds, Naomi Miller, Nathan and Sandra Miller, Alex and Cody. Elizabeth's principal will become the new director of schools in Murfreesboro this fall. We wish him much success.

Levi Reynolds, son of David and Monica Reynolds, Dry Creek, was excited to

receive a perfect attendance award at the DeKalb West School Awards Day. He won \$10 and a bike. Great job Levi! Thank you DeKalb West for all you do to motivate children.

It is almost Vacation Bible School time. We hope children around DeKalb County will seek out some of the many Bible Schools offered at various times throughout the summer. Some will be at night, but a few will be in the day time. Keep a watchful eye out for these events in our local newspaper and radio.

The Justin Potter Summer Reading Program is ready to get started at the end of this month. Reading is such an important subject for all children to learn. We are thankful for this program that helps promote the love of reading and helps to bridge the summer gap from school.

According to your word....teach me knowledge and good judgement.

Psalm 119:65-66 NIV



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# Get to know Average Joe

Are you acquainted with Average Joe? Not sure? Well let me tell you about him. He is not upper class nor is he low class. He is not rich class nor is he poor class. If he had to choose a class for himself he would say middle class. He is certainly not among the criminal class, nor would he best be described as preacher class. He is not of the professor class at university, nor is he part of the lawmaker class in government. It's not that he is not wise enough to serve in that class but he simply doesn't have the money to get elected to anything like that. In school he was not at the top of his class but neither was he at the bottom either. Joe finished somewhere in between. Joe isn't the guy driving the fancy sports car. Look for him in his pickup truck. He may be driving a big rig on the interstate or the heavy stuff at the construction site or the farm tractor on the farm.

Joe will be somewhere on the assembly line or perhaps at a smaller desk in the office. He may teach sixth grade at school or he may be the plumber who does the dirty jobs when your lines are stopped up. Look across the floor at the stands on the other side while the National Anthem is being played and Joe will be the guy standing up straight with his cap in his hand and square over his heart. He is the guy who kneels when he prays at church. Joe tries to

always maintain his composure but Joe will be the tough looking guy with the tear creeping down his face when he visits the funeral home or sees a child who is sick.

Joe is the man in the thick of the battle when the bullets fly on the battlefield. Joe is the guy who shows up when you need a friend the worst. It is hard for Joe to say the words I love you. But somehow you always know that Joe does. Joe is not politically correct and may not even be sure what it means. Joe is seldom included in the phone polls to see who is ahead in the run for office because he is too busy to fool with answering all the questions. But Joe's vote will show up when the votes are counted because Joe voted.

Joe is the guy at the front of the line when someone needs blood or after a storm has blown your roof away. Joe is the muscle that swings the hammer. Joe is the guy who always seems to know what to do next. Joe tends to run a little on the conservative side of things but Joe knows where to draw the line.

How do I know these things to be true? It is because it is Average Joe and his kind that I have chosen for my friends all my life. And, truth be known, I love of Joe, even if I have never told him. So perhaps it is time I say it. I love you Average Joe. You are my kind of people.

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