

Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

I just returned from Texas. It was 3 days of hanging around a neat bunch of guys, bookended by turkey hunts on each day. It's true. While hunting was part of our trip, the real enjoyment came before, during, and after, meal times. We ate so good I thought I might have to book two seats on my flight back home. It was a trip I will never forget. I missed a hog, missed a tom, and then

shot a tom, all in those same few days. And not just any tom, but my first Rio turkey. The men who had gathered there were from different walks of life. There were business owners, computer gurus, foremen, and even a judge. All these men not only brought something different to our conversations, they did so within an environment that made that activity more comfortable. Whether

we were on the back patio or at the kitchen table, we were able to huddle around and talk, listen, and learn. And I think this way is best for men.

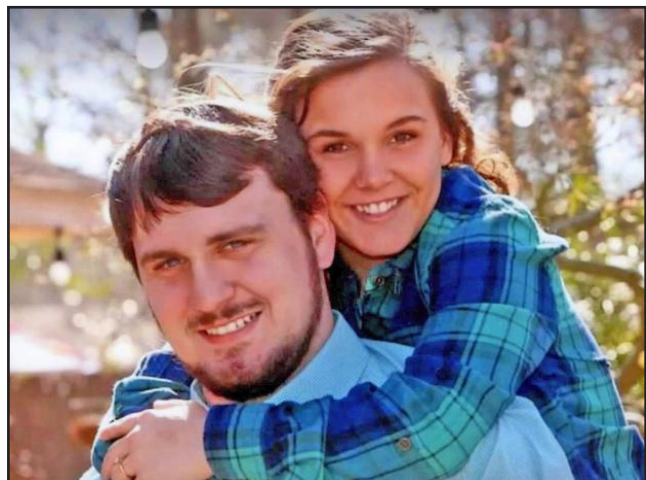
I read one time that relationships are not made in rows but in circles. What a great truth! I think this not only goes for men, but for women as well. While there may be a certain teacher or leader in that circle, it seems we all do better when there is an equality of position. This means that while I may be teaching, I am not putting myself in a position of

authority over another. I am simply facilitating a conversation. I may or may not know more about a subject, but neither makes place in the circle more or less important as any other. I have also read when men sit in rows, the first thought that goes through their head, is "How long am I going to be here." Rows are about monologs. Circles are about dialogs. And while I think we need both, circles go deeper into all our lives.

Are you finding a circle to get in? Men especially need them not only to help us grow but to hold us accountable. If you are a follower of Christ, these circles will not only prompt you to continue growing in your faith, they will also allow you to aid someone else's growth as well. Just like we did in Texas.

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Myers - Killebrew to exchange vows in beach ceremony



ALEX KILLEBREW AND KASEY MYERS

Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Hughes are pleased to announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Kasey Myers, to Alex Killebrew. Kasey is the daughter of Scotty Myers of McCall Creek, MS and Astra Rushing High of Union, MS. Grandparents of the bride are James Allen and Jean Hughes of Tchula, MS, and Gene Myers and Lynne Huguley of McCall Creek, MS. Alex is the son of the late Kevin Killebrew and Christy and Keith May of Holcomb, MS. Grandparents

of the groom are Larry and Mary Killebrew of Lexington, MS, the late Jimmy Tindall, and Carolyn Tindall of Carrollton, MS, Joey May of Batesville, MS, and Marilyn Elliott of Greenwood, MS. The couple along with family and close friends will celebrate their union with a beach wedding in Biloxi, MS on June 30, 2018. A small reception will follow at Mary Mahoney's Old French House. Kasey and Alex plan to make their home in Holcomb, MS.

Grads Get Pinned



Holmes County residents Keyonna Redmond, Gerrica Adams and Lashonda Hayes received their Associate Degree Nursing pins during the annual pinning ceremony on Thursday, May 10 in the Corey Forum on the Grenada Campus of Holmes Community College. (Photo submitted)

Durant church celebrates 13 years of open doors



Immanuel Church of God in Durant celebrated its 13th anniversary on May 20. The informally named "church at the four-way stop" is located at the corner of Jackson and Mulberry Streets, and is housed at the former Presbyterian Church building. Local members wanted to spotlight the church's organization, history and relevance to its community. The church was organized in 2005 with the then members of the Presbyterian church closing its doors but still wanted the building to spread God's word. The Presbyterian church members agreed to deed the church to Immanuel with Durant native Daniel Blaylock serving as pastor. Founding members include William and Patsy Blaylock, Freddie and Brenda Gilbert, James King and Hugh Carl and Mildred McLellan. Daniel Blaylock served at Immanuel for eight years and also brought the message at the May 20 service. Blaylock now serves at Forest Hill Church of God in Mobile, Alabama. Immanuel is currently served by Rev. John Lumbley. Services are on Sundays at 11 a.m. with Sunday school at 9 a.m. (Photo by David Irby)

Happy Anniversary

May 25 - Timmy and Glynda Boatner, Mark and Angelia Langford, Daniel and Laura Gottschalck, Buddy and Julie Hathcock, Roger and Linda Dishroom

May 26 - Billy and Sheila Russell, Tri and Brittany Nason, Bryan and Jamie Ware, Chris and Stacie Allen

May 27 - Vendell and Ella Benson, Justin and Allison Langford, David and Anissa McGinnis

May 28 - Joe W. and Carolyn C. Smart

May 29 - Rufus and Belinda Waddell

May 30 - Robbie and Reba Robertson, Derek and Elizabeth Walker

Bridal Registry

Meri Stewart Arrington
Jake Killebrew
May 19

Hallie Murtagh
Bailey Rutledge
May 25

Anna Weems
Reid Sumrall
June 2

Joy Hayes
Brooks Ables
June 30

Kasey Myers
Alex Killebrew
June 30

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Dancers of the renowned Joffrey Ballet perform at Thalia Mara Hall in Jackson June 10 as the 11th USA International Ballet Competition opens. A colorful Parade of Nations introduces top dancers from 18 nations who will compete for gold June 11-23. For tickets, visit usaibc.tix.com or call 601.973.9249. See the full competition schedule at usaibc.com/attend.

Opening Ceremony sponsored by the Gertrude C. Ford Foundation.

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