

School supplies given away



Good News Christian Center based out of Florence, Mississippi held a school supply giveaway on Saturday, August 3 on the Holmes County courthouse lawn. Over 360 children received school supplies, plus free haircuts, with food and fun for all in attendance. Good News is a church based in Florence, Mississippi, where Carl J. Ross is the pastor. Good News has provided school supplies, food and ministry to the elderly and disabled for over 15 years. Pictured at top, kids along with their parents queue up for back to school essentials. Pictured above left (from left), Linda Noel and Pastor Ross dish out hot dogs to the hungry crowd. Pictured above right (at left), Barber Joe Noel offered free haircuts to children in attendance. (Photos submitted)

Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

It seems, years ago, I simply reacted when hunting season came. The preparation phase lasted only about a month. The reason was because I hunted area farms. Unlike many hardwoods areas, farm-land hunting is fairly predictable. The deer are basically going to be there from year to year. I know this cuts out the need for a lot of scouting articles, but the truth is the truth. For instance, I have heard all my life that oak trees only produce acorns every three years or so. Now, I've not studied this, so don't send me mean emails.

What I have discovered, however, is this. If there is an oak tree on the side of a field, and that field is fertilized by the farmer every year, that

tree will have acorns every year. I have also noticed this, if this same farmer has several cows and those cows fertilize around that oak tree every year (if you know what I mean), that tree will have acorns every year as well. Things just are a little different on the farm. And what about that wonderful spring gobbler. I've hunted them in the deep woods and on the farm and I can tell you, once again, if that farmer has cows and he feeds those cows a little sweet feed, he is creating one of the best management areas for turkeys.

What each hunter needs to realize is that each cow pie is a natural bait pile a turkey will eventually find. Somehow, I just can't see this technique being given print

space in *Field and Stream*; but again, that's life on the farm; a little different and, in my opinion, a lot better.

The farmer has learned nothing is wasted – even waste. He has learned what the rest of the world sees as worthless and even unmentionable, are the catalyst for growth and the medium for consistency. He has learned that waste is not waste, it is “fertilizer!”

What all of us need to remember is there is nothing that happens in our life that is useless or worthless. God never looks at something we have done and says, “I can't use that.” He uses everything and has promised that even the things we consider of no use, He will use to grow our life into one that is consistent in bearing spiritual fruit year after year.

What looks like cow pies to you, is fertilizer to God. gary@outdoortruths.org

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

I read about the break-ins twice at the courthouse and the other buildings. It's like someone or someones could be staying in the courthouse. That could be dangerous for someone who opens up or leaves the courthouse late. In my opinion, there should be cameras around the courthouse, inside the courthouse from the basement to the clock tower. There should be cameras no one knows is there. Also cameras on the streets and around the square. Businesses should have their own cameras. The cameras could link up to the police station where they are monitored. In Kosciusko I never read about any break-ins. It should be that way on the square in Lexington. It is a shame to see how the shrubs have overgrown, vines running up the side of the courthouse. Whoever is the grounds keeper needs to do a better job. Overgrown shrubs can be dangerous. Someone could get robbed in the daytime.

On the Fred's sore closing, I have not heard any comments from our Holmes County leaders, our town leaders in Durant or Lexington. If these stores were closing in Kosciusko, the leaders would have another business coming in as soon as the store closed. There are businesses that have moved onto the square. The businesses support Kosciusko. There are other towns where the businesses support that town, like the Toyota plant supports Blue Springs, MS. Toyota has donated nearly \$4 million and more than 7,000 hours to build up the community. They are raising their families in the local community. Here in Holmes County the businesses make their money or don't make their money, hop up and leave the county “hi and dri.” Our new game changers out a stop to that. My understanding is that the Industrial Park has been empty for 27 years. There should have been businesses out there already for years at Highway 55. I am hoping our new game changers will get some businesses out in the Industrial Park and not take years to do so.

Here in Durant we need another grocery store uptown and a fruit stand. I remember when we had two supermarkets and the fruit stand in Durant.

On the flooding, I was standing at Highway 51 on Friday, July 19 in front of Double Quick when it rained for 27 minutes and the highway was getting flooded. The drainage pipe was stopped up on Madison Street. They just put some new pipes down, I read on the Durant newspaper. They're suppose to pave

the streets but should clean out the drainage pipes before that. It has been doing lots or raining. They city also needs to keep the grass cut more now because of the flooding could bring out snakes and other critters in the tall grass.

I'd walk to Dr. Shrock's office if the city would keep the old railroad trail cut. I took it when Dr. Derrick was around, a shortcut to his office when you could walk that trail.

Oh yes, I got my property appraisal card. I can't read all the information that is on the card because of the postage stamp. I think the postage stamp should be on the back of the card not the front.

Frances Patterson
Durant

CLASSIFIED ADS

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and Susan Jolly Ables (1802-1870). Last known home location was in the Richland Beat. If you have any info email Robert Wright at rw56344@gmail.com 7-25tfn

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