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Checklist Charlie : Goals for 21Year-olds

"Do you think good kids are hereditary?" asked my friend as we walked along in my neighborhood. She was experiencing a rough patch with one of her kids and she was wondering why my children seemed so easy.

I laughed. "I can't wait to tell my parents you asked me that question!"

I was not only naughty as a youngster, but oh-so creative with my mischief. So, I don't know, maybe that gave me an edge when it came to being hard to trick as a parent.

The more people get to know me, the more surprised they are that our kiddoes have

turned out so well. How is it that an incredibly dysfunctional mom like me has such well-rounded, mature, respectful children?

Good question.

Anyway, I think setting goals helped focus my parenting. Before your kids have finished high school and are attending college or working in their first real job, they should be able to:

-Successfully initiate relationships with and interact with people of all backgrounds and ages.

-Discern unhealthy friendships or motives in others and in themselves.

-Ask thoughtful, probing

questions in order to respectfully understand other people's perspective.

-Have a "Savings Account" of stored knowledge to draw on when handling Life's big issues.

-Have a personal faith that continues to ask questions and sort information.

-Intentionally turn to wise people for advice.

-Speak and write clearly.

-Make clear, modern analogies in order to communicate about deeply held beliefs.

-Set personal goals based on the ambitions they have chosen for their life.

-Prioritize according to their life ambitions and current

goals.

-Relax and enjoy the process of living, based on their priorities.

-Be grateful for life's blessings and be able to express thankfulness.

-Recognize true authority and respect those who have it.

-Practice servant leadership, exercising authority by inspiring others.

-Recognize that they have intrinsic value and that they are loved unconditionally.

I saved the best for last. If you have time to do only one thing on this list before your child leaves home, make your focus unconditional love, even if that means tough love.

I make goals for myself, not just my kids.

It's a good thing, too, because by age 21 kids have reached a point where the only goals that count are the ones they make for themselves.

Now, one of the goals on my personal list is to butt-out and let the grown kids live the lives they choose.

By the way, when I mentioned the question of hereditarily good kids to my parents, they just laughed.

Cathy Primer Krafve, aka Checklist Charlie, lives and writes with a Texas twang. Comments are invited at http://checklistcharlie.blogspot.com or cathykrafve@gmail.com.

Genealogical society meeting

Understanding Legal Terms in Documents Subject for ETGS

The East Texas Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, January 10, at 2:00 p.m. at the Tyler Public Library in the Taylor Auditorium. The featured speaker will be Michael J. Vaughn, a retired attorney, who has been engaged in genealogical research for 53 years. The title of his program will be "Legal Arcana for Genealogists (Who Said That Latin is a Dead Language.)."

Genealogists face the problem of encountering words in original records that are dated or obsolete, including legal terms in both English and Latin - French in some places, and even words not obsolete that are not used in everyday conversation. A researcher cannot really understand a document without understanding what the author of the docu-

ment was trying to accomplish by the use of the terms in the document. The program is intended as a primer of legal terms that genealogists encounter in their research. Attendees will be given a hand-out of eleven pages of legal term descriptions to use in their research.

Approximately thirty minutes following the conclusion of the regular program and refreshments, the Computer Interest Group of the East Texas Genealogical Society will meet. Tyler Jr. College Director of Distance Education Ken Craver will present a program titled "Understanding Adobe Acrobat Documents."

ETGS meetings are free and open to the public. For more information about ETGS go to our web-site: www.etgs.org or contact June Everheart, Publicity Director at 1stvp@etgs.org or (903)877-4501.

Texas Historical Commission marks 1-year anniversary of aquisition of historical sites

AUSTIN, Texas -- January marks the one-year anniversary of the transition of 18 historic sites from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to the Texas Historical Commission (THC). These sites, which tell the real stories of Texas, join the THC's two other historic properties, the National Museum of the Pacific War and the Sam Rayburn House Museum.

The THC has made major strides in improvements including the addition of 46 new positions, opening all sites six or seven days a week, purchasing 21 new vehicles and staff is currently in the process of creating new four-color visitors guides for all the sites. The THC web site has been updated to include a page for each historic site and they are also featured on the agency's homepage. Project plans are being developed to fund a number of restoration and infrastructure improvements at the sites starting in 2009.

In August 2008, approximately 228 acres of land adjacent to Varner-Hogg Plantation was acquired, reclaiming land that was previously part of the plantation and also protecting the area from encroaching development. Two small city lots were also obtained adjacent to the Fulton Mansion, which will be utilized for a future visitor and education center. A complete list of the acquired sites includes Acton Historic Site, Caddoan Mounds, Confederate Reunion Grounds, Eisenhower Birthplace, Fannin Battleground, Fort Griffin, Fort Lancaster, Fort McKavett, Fulton Mansion, Landmark Inn, Levi Jordan Plantation, Magoffin Home, Sabine Pass Battleground, San Felipe, Starr Family Home, Sam Bell Maxey House and Varner-Hogg Plantation.

To learn more about the THC's historic sites contact the Historic Sites Division at 512.463.7948 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

Obituaries

W. Donald McElroy



W. Donald McElroy went to live with Jesus Friday, December 26, 2008, in Tyler, after a long battle with dementia surrounded by his loving wife, children, relatives and friends.

Services for Mr. McElroy, 83, of Bullard are scheduled for Tuesday, December 30th at 11:00 AM at County Line Baptist Church, Bullard with Rev. David Langen and Rev. Tom Pesnell officiating.

Burial will follow in the Bullard City Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. McElroy was a faith-

ful member of County Line Baptist Church and served as a deacon. The church honored him with a special service to retire him as Deacon Emeritus.

Mr. McElroy was born May 27,

1925 to the late Willard and Emma McElroy in Jacksonville, Texas. He was a veteran of World War II where he served in the U.S. Army. He graduated from Jacksonville High School. Mr. McElroy was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Madge Holden.

Mr. McElroy is survived by his loving family including his wife of 57 years, Valeria

Gour McElroy of Bullard, daughters, Yvonne Johnson and husband, Ben, Donna McMurray, Darla Frazier and husband, Talmadge, son Robin McElroy and wife Lisa, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandsons of Mr. McElroy.

Honorary pallbearers will consist of Deacons of County Line Baptist Church and Mr. McElroy's nephews.

Memorials in honor of W. Donald McElroy may be made to County Line Baptist Church, 13181 FM 344 West, Bullard, Texas 75757.

For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Margaret Akerlund

Services for Margaret Akerlund, 70 of Bullard will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church of Bullard with Dr. Gary Fitzgerald and Dr. Randy Fitzgerald officiating. Burial will follow at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Akerlund passed away Saturday, January 3, 2009 at Hospice of East Texas following an illness.

She was born on May 17, 1938 in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee to the late John and Lela Beard Freeman. She moved to Texas when she married her husband, Eric Akerlund and they were married for 49 years. She resided

in Kingwood, Texas for 28 years where she worked as a school secretary for 25 years at Bear Branch Elementary School. Upon retirement she moved to Bullard, Texas with her family. During this time Margaret enjoyed spending time on the lake with her grandchildren.

The Akerlunds have many friends and were active in their church, the First United Methodist Church of Bullard where she was a member of the Seekers Sunday School Class.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Eric Akerlund of Bullard, daughters Erica Miller and husband Paul of Tyler, Nicole Bungler and husband Michael of McKinney and son Mark Akerlund of Houston.

Sisters Oralee Schoeman of Denver, Colorado and Carolyn Gallaher of Slidell, Louisiana and four grandchildren Travis and Campbell Miller, Emma Rac and Ruby Bungler.

Visitation is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2009 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy. in Tyler.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to either Hospice of East Texas 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Texas 75701, Alzheimer's Alliance of East Texas 3613 S. Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701 or American Cancer Society 1301 S. Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701.

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