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"Showing Kids a Bigger World"

"You need to be a mentor!"



"If I didn't have Abner, I don't know where I'd be right now. The best thing about having a mentor is being able to see somebody I can count on, hang out with, communicate with, and trust! ...You just need to do it!"
- Israel, mentee



TCT Review



****** Recommended With 5 Stars! ******

Between The Buns was started by Melissa Smith and a friend in May 2008 as a part time job for some extra cash. It was a great way to make a couple extra bucks, but it slowly grew and before she knew it she was doing daytime events all around the Tri-Cities. In 2009 Melissa met Tom, her future husband, and they started working the cart together. In June 2011 the two of them lost their minds and decided to open their restaurant. *Between The Buns*, that most people now know was born.

Since the opening of the restaurant they have rapidly grown into the region's best place to get hot dogs and sausages. They now have two hot dog carts available to

book for private or public events year round, and have recently started catering smaller office meetings and get togethers.

In April of 2013 they were ranked as the 3rd best place to get a hot dog in the US by Esquire Magazine. They have been blessed with really great employees and love providing high quality meals in a fun environment. They take great pride in using local products whenever possible, so if you think it's *just* a hot dog, they encourage you to come visit them and try some of their signature creations. Remember, Between The Buns - More Than Just An Average Wiener!

(KAAS) Several years ago Todd Kleppin, a Youth Pastor, had a zany idea. He wondered what would happen if he took some volunteers and just sat them on benches in a park, where local youth gathered. He then challenged the members of his church, and made this experiment happen--the results were amazing. During the course of the day several middle school aged children approached the people and began talking. This got him thinking... Why?

It was because these kids were searching, actively seeking out somebody to share their day with and to reach out to. He saw that kids of all ages are looking for that one person who will be there. In school there are teachers who are paid, at home there are adults who "have to be there". So when they can connect with somebody who is there because the WANT to, well, that's a game changer. Through all this an idea was born.

Ignite Youth Mentoring (IYM) came into being in 2007, and in 2008 their first matches were made. By the end of that same year they were named National Mentoring Program of the Year by the Christian Association of Youth Mentoring. IYM became an official stand alone non profit organization in January 2011, and they are here to stay.

They connect youth and adults by looking at interests, and then once that "mentor/mentee" match is made they meet at least twice a month (with guidelines) on their own terms to do activities.

IYM works with over 35 churches and over 15 denominations in the area, and they are always receiving referrals for new mentees into the program through many local agencies.

The one thing that makes Ignite stand out against other programs is that they are faith based. As Todd states, they don't push faith upon the children, but they do ask that the mentors live their beliefs in a way that shows in their day to day life. This not only opens a ground to help build a strong moral code that can last a lifetime, but it also means that they are given opportunities to be a true example of how to live in the faith--mistakes and all.

One of the best things I learned when speaking with Ignite is that you don't have to know a lot to begin. All you have to do is share your life, and let them experience it with you. "Take them to where your world is," is what Todd says. Share your life with them, and they will share theirs. Programs like Ignite Youth Mentoring create bonds that last a lifetime.

Right now the need for new mentors is great. Now is the time to look inside yourself and ask, "What legacy can I pass on?"

For more information on Ignite Youth Mentoring, please visit their website at: www.igniteyouthmentoring.com or call (509) 948-7888.

We are Looking for Great Businesses

Here at the Tri-Cities Trader we are looking for businesses and organizations who are standing out in our community, and who are making a positive change in the lives of others. If you know of a group, a local business, or an individual who deserves to tell their story, let us know! They could be featured on the front page of our next newsletter! Let us know at connect@tc-trader.com.



Local Teen Heads to State Pageant



Miss Chelsea Stevens, age 17, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Washington Pageant to be held August 8 - 10th at the beautiful Hotel Murano in Tacoma. The National American Miss pageants are held for girls ages 4-18, and have five different age divisions. Chelsea will be participating in the teen age division, along with other outstanding young ladies from across the great state of Washington.

The winner of the Pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the National Pageant in California where she will receive an exciting complimentary Tour of Hollywood and two V.I.P. tickets to Disneyland(r).

The National American Miss Pageants are dedicated to celebrating American's future leaders and equipping them with life-long skills. Each year the pageant nationally awards more than 1.5 million dollars cash, scholarships and other prizes, which includes a New Ford Mus-

tang Convertible!

The National American Miss Pageants are unlike any other. All activities and competitions are kept age appropriate. Girls under the age of 12 are not allowed to wear make-up, and there is no swimsuit competition. The Pageant program is based on inner-beauty, as well as poise and presentation, and offers an "All-American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is put on the importance of developing self confidence, learning good sportsmanship, as well as setting and achieving personal goals. The Pageant recognizes the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for her future.

Families interested in learning more about this unique and outstanding youth program may visit www.namiss.com.

Miss Chelsea Stevens' activities include orchestra, leadership, involvement in children's programs, and in the past she has also participated in community programs such as teen councils and LINK. She also enjoys playing her violin and cello, design, and reading. Her goal after high school is to use her scholarships to study nursing at Columbia Basin College in Richland.

If you or your business would like to be a sponsor for Chelsea, please contact her family at hkaas79@gmail.com.

Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination. -- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Artist Talk



Sxot Carpenter

You can reach Sxot on his facebook page at: [Facebook.com/bodylanguagedesigns](https://www.facebook.com/bodylanguagedesigns) or his website: sxotsart.wix.com/bodylanguagedesigns. You can also email him at paintxlife@gmail.com.

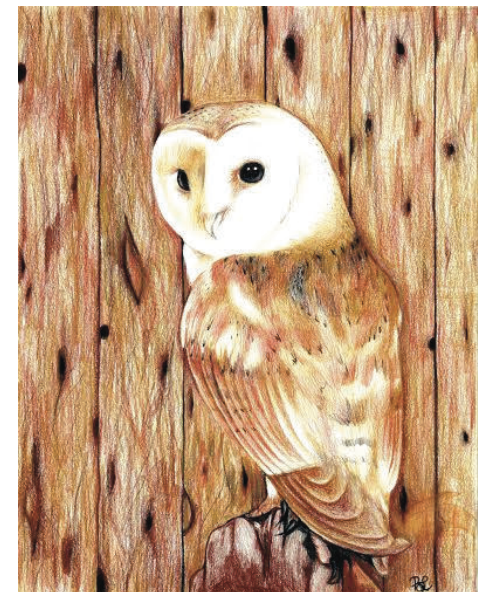
Art by Rachel Lucas

Rachel Lucas is a local artist in the Tri-Cities who is able to do pet portraits, human portraits, commissions, mural art, window art, and graphic design. She is well studied in the fine arts and adores animals. She recently won a poster contest for the Walla Walla Farmers Market and has a booth set up every Saturday to sell her work. She will be starting to attend the Pasco Flea Market on Sundays as well.

To see her art and get into communication with her check out her web site at www.artbyrachellucas.weebly.com.

I began drawing at age eight. I taught myself by drawing things I could see. One of the first things I drew and really enjoyed as a subject was the human figure form. We all relate to this subject no matter what. In patterns and texture, most of us find what appears to resemble faces or figures. I was a portrait artist for over a decade, and also learned caricature art. In time I put life into the portraits, and studied Life Drawing. I found it very meditative and would love to pose also, and to be on the other end of the pencil. However, I felt I captured both life and emotion in my art, but somehow there was more to capture.

In an abstract expressionism style, my paintings now are who people are on the inside and their effect socially. Through use of color, space, line, texture, and composition, I created the liar, the teacher, the work-aholic, the one we love, the turning of a new leaf and more. And now I'm in search of a new depth to add.



Local Author, Gini Bond, Releases New Book

Gini Bond lives in West Richland, Washington with her husband Michael. She is the author of *Jacob's Promise*, *The Reign*, and *The Shadow of the Legend*. She has just released her newest book, *The Flavor of Falling: An Experience in Humility*. Currently, she is also working on a research project with Pastor Paul Begley, who has also written several Christian based books. Gini's books can be found on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and many other popular online bookstores.

You can find her books on her website at: www.ginibond.com. To find out more about Pastor Paul Begley and his ministry, please visit his website at www.paulbegleyprophecy.com.

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Local Events

Mid-Columbia Libraries

- Summer Reading Program, June 1 - August 17
- West Richland, STARTER PARTY!!! Explode into Summer Reading, June 12 1-2pm - Open for all Ages!
- Pasco, Donuts & Dad, June 15 1-5pm - Kids 0-5

For a complete list of all activities and events hosted by Mid-Columbia Libraries, please visit their website at www.midcolumbialibraries.org

VBS

- June 16 - 20, 9 am - noon, 4 years to 5th Grade, Calvary Chapel - 10611 W. Clearwater Kennewick, WA 99336, Phone: (509) 736-2086 www.calvary-tricities.org
- June 23 - 26, 4 years to 5th Grade, Columbia Community Church, 150 Gage Boulevard Richland, Washington 99352 Phone: (509) 627-2055
- June 23 -27, K-5th Grade, First

Baptist Church - 1107 Wright Ave. Richland, WA 99354, Phone: (509) 943-8421 www.thefirstfamily.net

Farmers Markets

- June - October, Wednesdays 4 - 7 pm - West Richland "Lucky Turtle" 331 S. 41st Ave. West Richland, WA 99353 Phone: (509) 967-0521
- June - October, Thursdays 4 - 8 pm - Southridge Farmers' Market Hwy 395 & Hildebrand Kennewick, WA 99336 Phone: (509) 585-2301 happyil-homestead@gmail.com
- May - October, Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 am - Noon, 4th Ave. & Lewis St. Pasco, WA Phone: (509) 531-7274 <http://downtownpasco.com>

To find out more about the Tri-Cities and local events please visit www.visittri-cities.com

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Learning about Your Family History is Important

(StatePoint) It's no wonder that genealogy is one of the most popular topics on the Internet -- family history can be fascinating, and learning more about it is an excellent vehicle for generating conversation and fostering inter-generational bonds.

Beyond creating a family tree, consider generating a more thorough narrative by conducting an oral history interview with your loved ones.

"Through an oral history, you can capture key life moments and connect the past and future," says Nancy Rogers, senior vice president of Corporate Responsibility at Lincoln Financial Group. The company is honoring the legacy of Abraham Lincoln and the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation through its Lincoln's Legacy initiative, which includes a call for recorded oral histories conducted by Americans nationwide.

With so much technology now available in the palm of your hand, discovering and capturing your family's history is easier than ever. From conducting research online to recording and sharing oral histories, take advantage of available tools. Here are some guidelines to make the most of the experience:

- Prepare questions, don't just wing it. You'll have a much more interesting conversation if you have a series of open-ended questions ready in advance. For example, "What historical event left the most lasting impression on your life?" Avoid yes or no questions.

- Consider your relatives' ages and what life might have been like for them during their childhood. Were their schools or neighborhoods racially diverse? Ask your grandparent or older relative to compare life today to that time.

"You may not think about it often, but Americans have not always enjoyed the freedom and opportunities they do today. Talking to older relatives about their lives and the lives of their parents and grandparents can shed light on the struggles and challenges of the past," says Allison Green, chief diversity officer at Lincoln Financial.

- Use a prop to get the conversation started, such as an old photo or a trinket. These keepsakes can inspire both questions and answers.

- Preserve your interview by recording it forever. Choose a well-lit, quiet area. Use a camcorder or a smartphone -- whatever works for you.

- Don't keep your interview to yourself. There are ways you can share it with the world. For example, Lincoln Financial Group is calling for recordings to be incorporated into an anthology of voices. To upload your conversation or learn more about the initiative, visit www.LincolnsLegacyOralHistories.com.

Everyone has an interesting story to tell and a legacy to leave. Don't let the fascinating fabric of your family history fade away undiscovered.

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To a teller at Hapo Community Credit Union... I must say that recently the days of my life have been filled with stressful moments. Many of them I'm sure shared by thousand of others, dealing with the stresses of life. From marriage to kids, to finances and health. We all have our daily deals, and we must wake each morning and continue on. But on this day, when I came into the bank on Williams Street in Richland I was met with your cheerful greeting. You asked how my day was and I simply muttered off the usual "busy." When I did this you looked at me and smiled and said something to the tune of "Let's say it was productive... not busy. I'm a half glass full kind of guy." Those few moments, and those few words, made me realize something I had forgotten--that everything we do in life takes us a step further. It's up to us to make sure that we use this time wisely, and be productive. In truth, we never really know what is around the corner, but as long as we keep moving and strive to make a better life for us and those we love, that's what counts. Since that day I have tried to lay to bed the "busy" and open the door to "productive." Also I wanted to say thank you for passing the positive around. ~ Anonymous



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Worried about data breach risks? What you can do to help protect yourself.

(BPT) - For many Americans, recent high-profile retail data breaches have been a wake-up call. Even those who never did business with the breached retailers might have found themselves wondering what they can or should do about data breach risks. While you can't prevent a breach from occurring or even ensure you're never caught in one, you can still do a number of things to help better protect yourself from one of the most serious potential consequences of a breach - identity theft.

"Awareness and vigilance are the best protections against identity theft," says Scott Mitic, Senior Vice President, Equifax Personal Solutions. "Recognizing the potential signs of identity theft and monitoring credit on an on-going basis can help consumers minimize the impact of identity theft if their personal information is ever compromised in a data breach."

Data breach incidents increased approximately 30 percent in 2013, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center. In all, 619 reported breaches exposed more than 57.8 million records, putting the personal information of millions of Americans potentially at risk. Identity theft is one of the most damaging threats to data breach victims.

A data breach occurs when criminals intentionally attack a company's data systems with the intent to steal information. A breach can also occur through mistakes - for example, if an employee has company data containing personal information regarding its customers and/or employees on a laptop that is lost or stolen. When a breach occurs, various consumer protection laws may require the breached company to notify anyone whose information was actually or potentially compromised.

"Even with data breach laws and regulations in place, consumers should take proactive steps to help better protect themselves," Mitic says.

Equifax suggests:

- * Always secure your personal information - both hard copies and digital.
- * Never carry your Social Security card or number in your purse or wallet unless absolutely necessary.
- * Use strong, unique passwords for your online activities, especially for banking, medical and financial accounts.
- * Check your credit report regularly. If fraud occurs, your credit report could be one of the first places where evidence of identity theft or compromise appears. You can request a free credit report annually from each of the three national credit reporting agencies (CRAs) at www.AnnualCreditReport.com, or you can purchase your credit report directly from a CRA.
- * File your tax return promptly. Federal income tax fraud is a growing problem and the longer you wait to file, the more time a criminal has to file a fraudulent return in your name.
- * Learn more about identity theft through sources offering helpful information at no cost, including the Federal Trade Commission's Identity Theft website and the Identity Theft Resource Center website.
- * Consider signing up for a credit monitoring and identity protection product, offered by companies like Equifax.

If a company notifies you that your information has been or may have been compromised in a data breach, act quickly. If the company offers you free credit monitoring, accept it. If it is not



offered, ask for it. Consider signing up for credit monitoring on your own if the breached company won't provide it for you. Consider closing any accounts associated with the breached company.

Additional steps should include:

- * Obtain a copy of your credit report via www.AnnualCreditReport.com and review all information to make sure it's accurate. Look for new accounts you don't recognize or applications for new credit you didn't make. Dispute incorrect information with the credit agency reporting the questionable information. Ask for a fraud alert to be placed on your credit file; this will alert lenders they need to verify your identity for any new credit request made in your name.
- * Carefully review all your credit, bank account and medical billing statements and keep an eye out for suspicious activity. Contact the service provider immediately if you find unauthorized charges.
- * Stay vigilant. Identity theft can occur up to a year - or longer - following a data breach. Continue to monitor your credit report and bank statements, and watch for common identity theft signs, such as failure to receive monthly bills or other mail, being denied credit or offered credit at a high interest rate, and calls or letters from debt collectors for accounts you didn't open.

"If you think you're a victim of identity theft, immediately contact the police, and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission," says Mitic. "Acting quickly after a data breach may help ensure you catch any resulting fraud or identity theft sooner, and help to mitigate any potential damage."

"I owe \$17,000 on my credit cards, my condo's in foreclosure and I turn 7 on Friday."

Over 3.5 million minor children have already become victims of identity theft! Protect your family today!

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