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Collectors Find Vintage Clothing, Other Items In Upland



ENTER INTO ANOTHER ERA - Melanie Niswander pauses between taking care of customers in front of the herbal teas and hot chocolate mixes at her store Somewhere In Time located at 111 North Main Street in Upland.

Step Back In Time At Somewhere In Time

By Sheri Ann Richerson

A visit to Melanie Niswander's shop Somewhere In Time is like stepping back in time. Just pick an era, anywhere from the 1800's to the 1960's and you are sure to find something that you like.

Somewhere In Time located at 111 North Main Street in Upland will have been open for just a year this coming September, but the variety of items might make one think that the shop has been there for quite some time.

Niswander started out selling items at craft shows. Then she began to rent space at flea markets to peddle her wares finally she decided to open her own store.

Niswander who works at Blackford County Hospital said that although her shop is only open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. On

Sunday and Monday that people can call her at home at (765) 958-7525 to make arrangements with her to view items on other days. She said she would encourage people to leave a message on her answering machine so that she could get back with them.

While the majority of items in the shop range from the 1930's through the 1960's there are many new items as well as many older items. There is a corner with Victorian gift items which includes cards, dolls, lace umbrellas, mobiles and more.

The center room of the shop has a wide variety of glassware and miscellaneous items including a discount shelf where those looking for a good bargain are sure to find one.

In addition in the back room where the clothing is there are some authentic Victorian clothes in addition to many other clothing items from other eras. Many of

these items are a rare find in today's world, making this a great shop for a collector to visit.

Somewhere In Time also has used glassware and other trinkets such as stationary, flavored tea and cocoa, pictures and candles. Niswander also offers gift wrapping services.

Niswander closed stating that some may have noticed that her shop was closed for about two weeks. This was because she went on a medical mission trip with Doctor Sull from Hartford City to Haiti. While she was there she gave the local women bags of jewelry from her shop in addition to helping them out in other ways.

Somewhere In Time is a gift shop that should not be missed by those who love other eras, by those who simply want to reminisce or by those who are simply curious about what life was like in other eras.

Spring Spiritual Renewal Week Comes To A Close

By Sheri Ann Richerson

Taylor University's Spring Spiritual Renewal Week began on February 7 and ran through February 9, 2005. This year's featured speaker was Dr. Neil Anderson president of Freedom in Christ Ministries in Knoxville, Tennessee.

"We're getting some of the best topics on which Neil Anderson can speak," Taylor University's Campus Pastor Randy Gruendyk said. "He will be dealing with matters from intimacy with God to

overcoming mental strongholds."

Anderson is not only a well-integrated speaker according to Gruendyk but he also does a great job taking the scriptures and showing their practical outworking in life. Anderson is an author of several books including Victory Over Darkness and The Bondage Breaker. He is also a popular seminar speaker who deals with topics such as spiritual conflict. Anderson has a daily devotional series online that is available at <http://www.crosswalk.com>



Eastbrook School Board President John Pierce stands on the right side of NEA President Weaver. On Weaver's left side is Milford Adams with his great-grandson and Upland Elementary School student Derek Kinzie.



Avoid Problems Later; Service Garage Doors Now

By Sheri Ann Richerson

Servicing garage doors is something many people do not think about until something happens. Garry Monroe and George Helms co-owners of the Door Doctors have been selling, servicing and repairing both commercial and residential garage doors for over twenty years. They see many emergency calls that could have been avoided provided proper maintenance was done.

"We don't see people doing any general service to their garage doors," Monroe said. Simple tasks such as checking the hinges, lubricating rollers, watching cables and tightening nuts and bolts on a regular basis can often stop many of the reasons why garage doors suddenly break.

"One thing no one can prepare for or check is the springs," Monroe said. "There is simply no way to know if a spring is going to break. However, we can perform general maintenance on doors if the owners choose not to. We are known for selling, servicing and installing residential garage doors and openers."

Monroe said his dad was in the overhead door business long before he was born. "In 1972 he tried to get me in the business but I turned him down. Six months later my job was coming to an end and so I thought what the heck. I went to work for a local door company and

was employed there for ten years. After that I went to work for a door company in Marion for fourteen years. I got tired of working there and so I talked to George who was working at the same company and we decided to start our own business."

Door Doctors have been in business for seven years and according to Monroe, they continue to grow.

"We work in a fifty mile radius. We do new construction, factories and replacement doors quite often. We are a two man operation. We offer twenty-four hour emergency service with no extra charges for it and work directly from cell phones. This cuts expenses as we do not employ a secretary and personally answer the phone when it rings. This often means we can be at a job site within minutes."

"We try to be there for the public," Monroe said. "We are not an eight to five operation. We work nights and weekends. When you are working with overhead doors, things break at unusual times."

Although Helms states that they do not have a fixed building at this point, both Monroe and Helms are doing extensive renovations to a building they purchased three years ago. The goal is to offer a showroom for the public as well as provide much needed office space.

To reach Monroe or Helms to work on your overhead door, call 765-348-4963.

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