

Echoes from the Past:

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Bedford area. His parents were Joe and Wanda Waller. His dad was a pastor and Principal Hershey-Bedford ISD. Unfortunately, his father died in 2005. His mother still lives in Bedford

and works for Southwestern Bell Yellow pages.

Jase went to high school at LD Bell High. He was involved in 4-H in junior high and high school and played forward on the basketball team. He down-played

his academic accomplishments saying, "I just enjoyed high school." He graduated in 1986.

His basketball team made the playoffs one round and he was good enough to get a walk-on scholarship to Howard Payne Uni-

versity in Brownwood, a division-2 school at the time. They were in the Lone Star Conference. They always finished second or third in the conference. They won it one year.

The next year the school dropped down to division-3. Division-3 was a non-scholarship conference, but Howard Payne offered to continue his scholarship. After three years he transferred to the University of North Texas at Denton.

Jase didn't participate in sports at North Texas. Instead he took his time and got his BS degree in Recreational Therapy, in 1991.

Jase served in student ministries for many years and felt the call to full time ministry in 1997. He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth where he earned a Master of Arts in Christian Education in 2001.

He started helping out with Lay Witness of Christ in Ft. Worth and did the Right Track Program in elementary schools.

He had an opportunity to do a revival in Paris, France. They were told it was the first revival to be conducted there since a Billy Graham revival twenty years earlier.

The revival was organized by famous track athletes, Carl Lewis and Joe DeLoach and others. Jase wasn't able to be there but sent his speech via television link. Jase got to speak before an audience of 20,000 people.

Tami was born in San Antonio to Roy and Lillian Gipson, but grew up in Johnson City. Her dad works for Pedemales Electric Cooperative. Her mom was a housewife, but unfortunately she is deceased. Her dad lives in Johnson City.

Tami went to LBJ High School and graduated Valedictorian of her class, in 1984. LBJ was a 1-A high school, and most of the kids played in all sports. Tami played basketball, was in the flag

corps in the band and was a cheerleader. The band won the State Marching Contest one year.

After graduating from high school, Tami went to Texas Tech where she received her BS degree in Recreational Therapy in 1988. The year she met Jase.

She then worked in the Hamis Methodist Hospital in Ft. Worth as a Recreational Therapist.

Following their wedding in 1991 they moved to Cleburne and she worked for a hospital there. Jase worked at Camp John Mark, a camp for chronically ill kids. He was Assistant Director.

During this time Tami took courses through the University of North Texas and got her teaching certificate in Special Education. She started teaching Special Ed. at Cleburne Jr. High, and later taught at Grapevine High School.

Three years later they moved to Hurst where Jase worked at several hospitals around the Metroplex. He was Recreational Therapist in Physical Rehab and Mental Health.

While living in Hurst they started their family. They now have three children, two girls and a boy.

Bailey, their oldest daughter, is a senior at Seminole High. She plays basketball, and is in the choir and on the Student Council.

Kendyl is a sophomore. She is a cheerleader, plays basketball and volleyball, is in the choir and on the Student Council, and in theater.

Their son Hayden is in the eighth grade. He is enthusiastically involved in all sports. He is also Vice President of Student Council and is in the One Act Play.

All three of the children are involved in their church activities. They are members of the First Baptist Church where Jase is Associate Pastor of Youth and Missions. Tami teaches Seventh grade girls Bible class on Wednesday nights and she also helps with

Jase's ministry.

Aside from his regular ministry, Jase coaches kids sports in Seminole through Seminole Youth Basketball (SYB) and Youth Football League (YFL) and soccer. Jase was licensed to the ministry by Woodland Heights Baptist Church of Bedford in 1999. He was ordained by the same church in 2000. He served at this church as Interim Youth Minister from 1998-1999. He then served as Associate Pastor of Students at First Baptist Church in DeLeon from 2000-2005.

The Wallers moved to Seminole in 2005. Jase joined the ministry at the First Baptist Church and Tami went to work at the elementary school as Special Ed. Teacher. Then she taught 5th grade and now is Technology Integrator.

Jase says he is an outdoors person. He likes being outside for sports, hiking and deer and bird hunting. He says he expects he will keep on coaching kids.

Tami says one thing she enjoys is chasing after her kids, (keeping up with their school and church activities). She also said she loves to cook. Jase inserted she is a good cook! She also likes to camp out and play in the water. When they lived in DeLeon there was plenty of water around to play in. They would often go to the lake on weekends and they along with many of their church members would hunt home and get ready for church on Sundays. She didn't mention liking to play in mud.

Jase and Tami both like living in Seminole and feel they are blessed to have been able to work with kids. They also work with missionaries in Copan, Honduras.

As to what the future holds for them, they say they are seeking the Lord's guidance. They have no plans to leave Seminole, but if they should feel the Lord is calling them elsewhere they would go.

November Recognized as Diabetic Awareness Month

CHICAGO – The diabetes epidemic in the United States continues to have a serious impact on health, especially on vision. Today, it is estimated that more than 25 million Americans have diabetes and 79 million adults aged 20 and older have prediabetes.

According to the 2012 Vision Problems in the U.S. report from Prevent Blindness America and the National Eye Institute, more than 7.6 million people ages 40 and older have diabetic retinopathy, an 89 percent increase from 10 years ago. Additionally, people with diabetes are at greater risk for other eye diseases such as glaucoma and cataract.

Prevent Blindness America has declared November as Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month in order to help educate the public on diabetes prevention strategies, potential risk factors, treatment options and Medicare coverage policies.

Diabetic retinopathy is an eye disease that weakens the small blood vessels in the retina. Retinal blood vessels can break down, leak, or become blocked - affecting and impairing vision over time. In some people with diabetic retinopathy, damage to the eye can occur when abnormal new blood vessels grow on the surface of the retina. Diabetic macular edema is a result of diabetic retinopathy and can lead to loss of central vision.

"The time to address the national crisis of diabetes is now," said Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness America. "The public, our lawmakers and the public health community must be made aware of strategies that can help prevent diabetes before vision loss or other effects of the disease begin to take a toll on the body."

Prevent Blindness America offers several free programs to provide the tools and information needed to protect vision from diabetes:

Live Right, Save Sight! – An online program designed to educate the public on diabetes and its potential effect on vision, as well as healthy choices that can be made today to protect vision in the future. Live Right, Save Sight! offers free materials including a risk assessment quiz, basic diabetes facts and a detailed explanation of diabetic retinopathy at preventblindness.org/diabetes.

The Diabetic Eye Disease Educator Course – Offered in both English and Spanish, this program was developed to equip health educators with important

patient and client education messages about diabetic eye disease and strategies for maintaining healthy vision that can be delivered through health outreach programs of community health centers, health departments, medical practices, and civic and faith-based organizations to those who are diabetic as well as populations at highest risk for developing diabetes, including African-Americans, Hispanics and Latinos. The online course can be found at <http://diabetes.preventblindness.org/>.

Healthy Eyes Educational Series, Adult Vision Problems Module – Community health educators and outreach workers, public health personnel, community and senior center program directors, employers seeking "lunch-and-learn" topics, and safety directors can utilize the Healthy Eyes Educational Series to conduct formal presentations or informal one-on-one sessions that can be customized utilizing modules most appropriate to the audience or clients. The Adult Vision Problems module covers signs and symptoms, risk factors, and treatment options for diabetic retinopathy, cataract and glaucoma. It can easily be downloaded for any presentation purposes at preventblindness.org/healthy-eyes-educational-series.

For more information on the diabetic eye disease, Live Right, Save Sight!, The Diabetic Eye Disease Educator Series, or the Healthy Eyes Educational Series, please call Prevent Blindness America at (800) 331-2020 or visit preventblindness.org/diabetes.

About Prevent Blindness America

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness America is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, Prevent Blindness America touches the lives of millions of people each year through public and professional education, advocacy, certified vision screening and training, community and patient service programs and research. These services are made possible through the generous support of the American public. Together with a network of affiliates and regional offices, Prevent Blindness America is committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America. For more information, or to make a contribution to the sight-saving fund, call 1-800-331-2020. Or, visit us on the Web at preventblindness.org or [facebook.com/preventblindness](https://www.facebook.com/preventblindness).

Social Security Q&A

Question:

I applied for a Social Security card for my baby at the hospital, but the card came back with a misspelled name. What should I do?

Answer:

Find at least two original documents proving your child's U.S. citizenship and identity, as well as one proof of your identity as the parent. Then go to your local Social Security office or card center to ask for a corrected card.

The documents you show us must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. To find out more, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Question:

What are some of the documents Social Security will accept as proof of identity for a child?

Answer:

While you can use a birth certificate to prove age or citizenship, you cannot use it as proof of identity. For identity, we prefer to see the child's U.S. passport. If you don't have a passport, we may accept the child's:

- Adoption decree;
- Doctor, clinic, or hospital record;
- Religious record (e.g., baptismal record);
- Daycare center or school record; or
- School identification card.

We generally can accept a non-photo identity document if it has enough information to identify the child (such as the child's name and age, date of birth and parents' names). All documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. To find out more, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Question:

My only income is Supplemental Security Income (SSI). My sister recently died and left me a little money. Will this extra money affect my SSI benefits?

Answer:

It depends on the amount. You must report the inheritance to Social Security by calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). SSI is a needs-based program for people 65

or older, blind, or disabled who have limited income and resources. We consider your inheritance as income for the month you received it. Accordingly, you may have to adjust your benefit for that month. If you keep the money into the next month, the money then becomes a part of your resources. A person with more than \$2,000 or a couple with more than \$3,000 in total resources cannot receive SSI, although there are exceptions. For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question:

My mom receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI). She soon will be coming to live with me. Do we have to report the move to Social Security?

Answer:

Yes. She must report a change in living arrangements within 10 days of moving. The change may affect her benefit amount, and she could be penalized if she does not report the change on time. Also, we need her correct address so we can send correspondence, even if she receives her payments electronically. Please have your mom call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Visit our website for more information at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question:

I'm trying to decide when to retire. Can Social Security help?

Answer:

The best place to start is with a visit to the online Social Security Statement. The Statement provides you with estimates of benefits for you and your family as well as your earnings record and information you should consider about retirement and retirement planning. Find out more about the Statement — and get yours — at www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement.

There "right" time to retire is different for everyone and depends on your individual situation. To help you make your own decision, we offer an online fact sheet with some of the factors to consider at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html.

Question:

I've decided I want to retire. Now what do I do?

Answer:

The fastest and easiest way to apply for retirement benefits is to go to www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices. Use our online application to apply for Social Security retirement or spouses benefits. To do so, you must:

- Be at least 61 years and 9 months old;
- Want to start your benefits in the next four months; and
- Live in the United States or one of its commonwealths or territories.

Question:

I'm doing more things online, including shopping and paying bills. What are some things I can do at www.socialsecurity.gov?

Answer:

Perhaps the most important thing you can do is to take a look at your Social Security Statement, which allows you to check your earnings record and get an estimate of your future benefits. Revisit your Statement annually, around your birthday for example. If you're ready to apply for benefits, you can do that online as well. Applying for Social Security retirement benefits online can take as little as 15 minutes. Once you've submitted your electronic applications, in most cases, you're done! Also online, you can find more than 100 publications with information about Social Security and its programs. Most of these publications are in Spanish, and some of the most popular are available in 14 other languages. You also can estimate your future retirement benefit using our Retirement Estimator, which allows you to get personalized estimates based on different retirement ages and scenarios. The possibilities are endless at www.socialsecurity.gov.

(Editor's Note: The following information has been provided by the Hobbs, N.M. branch of the United States Social Security Office. If you need additional information about Social Security, you may call our toll-free number at (800) 772-1213 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Hobbs Social Security office is located at 501 E Bender Blvd. and we serve Lea County in New Mexico and Yoakum and Gaines Counties in Texas.)



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