

**Fort Smith Noon Exchange Club**

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**STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2007:**

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Bill Pitts
Guest Slips	Dean Kruithof
50/50 Tickets	Gene Rapley
50/50 Winner	Bill Anderson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

--- The annual Steak Fry will be held on October 5, 2007 at Columbus Acres.  
--- Girls Inc needs volunteers to help with setting up their Haunted House on Sept 22 from 9 until Noon.  
--- The Oklahoma City Exchange Club will host a Healing Field beginning on Thursday, September 20 through Sunday, September 23. This is a very moving display and well worth a visit. It will be held at the Capitol Building grounds.

**PROGRAM:**

Finally, after several postponements, our guest speaker was Benny Westphal. While many people have heard of Benny with regard to Riverfront Development and a casino; he has many other development projects around town. First, without preaching the advantages of casino gaming, Benny explained the current status of the riverfront project. It is now "on hold" since the Governor is against it. The Target project is progressing well; with earthwork being accomplished at a speedy rate. The "super trackhoe" has a 19 cubic yard scoop and requires those mammoth dump trucks to support it. That project is on track for a store opening sometime in 2008. More shopping is planned for our area...at the corner of Massard and Zero. The last topic Benny reported on was gas drilling. The shale oil industry has descended upon our area; drilling from McAlester to Morrilton. Fort Smith will be seeing the financial benefits of the royalties any time now. All in all, it was a very good program and best of all; Benny is considering becoming a member of our fine club.

**HUMOR:**

A redneck was arrested for selling home-stilled whiskey. His lawyer put him on the stand and asked the jurors to look carefully at his client.  
"Now, Ladies and Gentleman of the jury," concluded the lawyer, "you've looked carefully at the defendant. Can you sit there in the jury box and honestly believe that if my client had ANY whiskey he would sell it?"

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

Sept 21 --- Jane Owens, Center for Art and Education  
Sept 28 --- Robyn Fowler, East Germany trip  
Oct 5 --- Steak Fry  
Oct 12 --- Bernie Blizzard, National Cemetery at Fort Smith  
Oct 26 --- Scott James, Fort Smith Flying Club

America is like a healthy body and its resistance is threefold: its patriotism, its morality and its spiritual life. If we can undermine these three areas, America will collapse from within. Josef Stalin