

The Osborne Connection

It's the **SERVICE** that counts

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WE WILL MISS DOSS THRASHER

When we closed our offices September 10 for Doss Thrasher's graveside services, it was one of the few times we've shut down on a work day. But it's fitting to do so for a loyal employee who's been with us for more than 63 years. He started at Osborne as a delivery driver on August 1, 1946.

This quiet man was a fixture here, as significant to Osborne as the sign in front of our building. He knew our vendors. He knew most of the electricians who have been here for any length of time. He befriended almost everyone who has ever worked at Osborne during our 65-year history.

It will be hard to get used to not seeing Doss hard at work in his office. We'll miss him at special events, such as our annual fishing tournament. We'll miss just knowing he's here. Fortunately, his legacy continues with his son, Kirk.

Doss was a testament to the stability of our company and a role model of dedication, reliability and friendship.



Some quotes Doss clipped and kept in his pencil drawer:

"When you have a lot to do, it is always best to get your nap out of the way first."

"My grandpa told me to remember two things in life: Look out for Number One and remember your number." ~Orville Cogswell

"He knows little who will tell his wife all he knows."

"You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you can do while you're down there." ~George Burns

THRASHER

Doss Leroy Thrasher was born in Britton, OK on September 14, 1920 to Albert and Clyde Thrasher. He died at his home in Midwest City on September 4, 2009. Graveside Services will be held for Doss on Thursday, September 10, 2009, at 10:00 am, at Resthaven Memory Gardens in Oklahoma City under the direction of Hibbs Funeral Home. Doss grew up in Oklahoma City and attended Classen High School. During World War II, he served in the US Navy. He married Betty Lou Kirkpatrick on March 20, 1945. After the war they established their home in Midwest City. Doss went to work for Osborne Electric and was employed by the company for over 60 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and attended the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Midwest City. Doss is preceded in death by his wife in 1977, as well as his mother in 1974 and a sister, Audrey Sparks. He is survived by his 3 children: daughter, Kay Vincent of Addison, TX; sons: Brent and his wife, Nancy, of Choctaw; and Kirk of Oklahoma City. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren: Kristi Ozment & husband, Chris; Craig Thrasher; Kyle Thrasher; Conan Thrasher; and Sarah Walker & husband, Cameron; and 6 great-grandchildren: Tyler, Blair, and Charli Ozment, Kelly Toumbs, Sidney Thrasher and Jules Walker. Doss is also survived by his loving companion of 30 years, Buna Cochran. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to Disabled Veterans Association.

Birthdays

September

Danny R. McBeth	3
Cecil R. Gittings	6
Bill James	12
Mark Ruff	16
Jeremy S. Tipton	17
Doug Cousens	20
Keith B. Weidemann	29

October

Chris Collins	1
Ron Morris	4
Darren S. Thomas	5
Brennan J. Hoeggar	8
Larry D. Ball	10
Mike Rowe	10
Justin J. Hamilton	10
Shane Jones	11
Scott G. Hammersberg	11
Donald D. Clark	11
Jeff Elrod	12
Charles A. Palmer	13
Jimmy Hardy	14
Rob Cherry	14
Stephen A. Johnson	16
John G. Bevins	18
Terry B. Condreay	25
Woody Liddell	28
Stan Walton	28
Allen C. Elrod	28
Anthony D. Thompson	29
Richard C. Durham	31

November

Randy Ellis	3
Jeff Revelette	5
William R. Whitaker	9
Danny C. Anderson	15
Rick Scammahorn	20
Tony D. McGinnis	24
Robert D. Ball	30

December

Julie A. Clay	1
Kirk B. Thrasher	7
Brent M. Todd	9
Bryon R. Brandon	19
Bobby L. Tash	22
Stewart A. Hughes	25
Joshua D. Turnipseed	28

Fun for the Family

Bring your lounge chairs and families October 11 to the Rebuilding Together Oklahoma Construction Derby Race. Kirk



Thrasher will fire up the cooker and serve hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. There will be clowns and face painting to entertain the kids.

Vehicles are constructed of materials used in home repairs, such as bathtubs, commodes, doors, hand-held showers and shingles. They cannot have motorized, mechanical or fluid power of any kind, but can have a limited push start. Last year, the Osborne Shockers won an award for most eccentric vehicle.

Rebuilding Together makes repairs that allow low-income, senior homeowners to remain in their homes and safely age in place. There is no cost to the client thanks to volunteers and donors. Osborne Electric is a proud sponsor and participant in the Derby race for the second year.

Where: N.W. 5 between Shartel and Walker

When: Time trials begin at 11 a.m.
Races start at 2 p.m.

Our Race Team

Driver-Michael Alcazar

Pit Crew-Brennan Hoeggar, Blaze Wiggins, Derek Howard, Rita Sexton and Blake Pankey.

Please RSVP to Susan at 525-7622 so Kirk will know how much to cook.

Come for a Flu Shot Stay for a Burger

It's flu shot time. On average, the flu kills 36,000 Americans each year and makes many others very sick. This year, we have the additional threat of the H1N1 flu. To help yourself stay healthy, consider getting a flu shot. It's especially recommended that those with chronic health conditions have one. Such conditions include asthma, kidney disease, diabetes, heart disease and chronic bronchitis.

Medal of Honor Recipient Feted

A life-sized, bronze statue of Second Lt. Ernest Childers, the 45th Infantry Division's first Medal of Honor recipient, can now be seen at the Oklahoma 45th Infantry Division Museum. In 1943, Childers overcame a broken ankle and Nazi gunfire to lead a group of soldiers against numerous enemy positions on an Italian battlefield.

Childers was a member of the Creek Nation. Over the next several years, the Creek Nation intends to donate statues of all nine of the 45th's Medal of Honor winners to the museum.

Admission is free to the museum at 2145 N.E. 36 in Oklahoma City. It is closed on Mondays.

Oklahoma City Defies Recession

We have a lot to be thankful for. The recession has put much of the U.S. on an economic losing streak, but, so far, Oklahoma City has missed most of the pain. Our June unemployment rate of 6 percent was second lowest in the nation for cities of our size, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Also, the median housing price rose 4 percent here over the last year, according to the National Association of Realtors. Nationally, housing prices were down 14 percent during that same time period.

The Visiting Nurses Association will be here Friday, October 9, to administer regular flu shots (not the H1N1 vaccine) to our employees and their family members. We will provide these to employees at no charge. The cost for each family member is \$25.

Where: Osborne Electric Company upstairs break room

When: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact Susan at 525-7622 to reserve your vaccine.