

Lee's Summit CARES

Community of Character



Dates to CARE about to read:

Look forward to:

- Lee's Summit's Got Talent Tryouts April 23 at MCC-Longview Cultural Arts Center. Fill out audition forms at www.lstalent.com.

Lee's Summit's Got Talent

- June 13, starting 7 p.m. at Lee's Summit High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets available online May 1, and available at Lee's Summit Hy-Vee's and Price Chopper on Hwy 150.



Hawthorn Bank believes in honesty

The Honest Teller

Abram Shay-Zapien

Growing up, honesty was just another character trait that was preached to me by parents and teachers. Now honesty makes me a living. As a part time teller at Hawthorn Bank in Lee's Summit I get a daily look into how honesty and banking go hand in hand. It is possible that honesty may not be the first thing that comes



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to mind when you think about banking, but I'm here to tell you that honesty plays an integral part in the business of banking. A bank is an institution not only where people keep their monthly paychecks, but also a place of business where people trust that their money is being watched carefully as well as invested and loaned out responsibly. No one would trust their finances and earnings with someone who is dishonest, that is why I am the honest teller.

Honesty isn't a trait that I was born with. I have had my fair share of lies and moments of less than honest activity. However, as the days go by, I see more and more that honesty is a trait that I not only want to see in others, but also in myself. Everyone wants to have an honest lawyer, an honest doctor, an honest mechanic, an honest used car salesman, and an honest friend. If honesty is something you want to see in others, then that begins with holding yourself accountable for your own honesty. Lies beget lies and honesty begets honesty.

Honesty article - Hawthorne Bank

Cindy James

If once you forfeit the confidence of your fellow-citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. Abe Lincoln

When we think of the word "HONESTY" the person that comes to my mind is Honest Abe Lincoln. We were taught at a very early age in school about Abe Lincoln, but how many of us really remember how he became known by that name?

The roots of this nickname started in his early working life. As a young man, Abraham Lincoln worked as a general store clerk. One evening he was counting the money in the drawers after closing and found that he was a few cents over what should have been in the drawer. When he realized that he had accidentally short-changed a customer earlier that day, Lincoln walked a long distance to return the money to the customer. On another occasion Lincoln discovered that he had given a woman too little tea for her money. He put what he owed her in a package and personally delivered it to the woman—who never realized that she

was not given the proper amount of tea until Lincoln showed up at her doorstep!

Children are watching adults around them closely. We've all heard the phrase "Walk the Walk" It is thought that if we lead honest

lives our children are learning to be trustworthy citizens. Create a culture of trust and honesty in your family. Mean what you say. Do what you say. Expect the same of your kids.

In your own lives at home and in the community honesty is, in fact, primarily a moral choice. Most of us choose virtue because we want to believe in ourselves and have others respect and believe in us too. The one thing over which we all have control is our reputation.

If you define honesty it is known as fair, sincere, trustworthy, reputable and someone with integrity. As a parent, business person, or community leader HONESTY is definitely a great character trait to be known by.



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2016 Reflections of Character Nomination Form

is on the Lee's Summit Community of Character webpage at www.lscharacter.org on the Download webpage. Nominations must be submitted by October 31, 2015. These recipients will be honored at the 12th annual Mayor's Character Breakfast, which will be held at the Pavilion at John Knox in January 2016.

The Character traits are: Courage, Cooperation, Honesty, Perseverance, Appreciation, Sportsmanship, Citizenship, Family, Respect, Responsibility, Self-Control and Kindness

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