

## TOMBOYS AND TAXES

I made my mom wait for 2 weeks past her due date in January of 1955. John and Alice already had two girls and John was, I'm sure, hoping for a boy. So, I tried my best to be his little boy and since he was a basketball, football and track coach, that meant practicing a lot of ball in the back yard. Since girls didn't play basketball back then, I concentrated on track and softball. He set up high jumping standards (homemade of course), and I threw the softball in the alley for practice. I remember playing hours of catch. I did get to attend his basketball practices after school and always felt left out when he and the team headed into the locker room after practice. Man, I wanted to be in there. I did my best to be his boy till my little brother took over the job when I was about 12. I really think if I was born today, people would be telling my parents I was born in the wrong body. I tried to be as much of a boy as possible, from my walk to my clothes. But, then the girl in me clicked in and in about 7<sup>th</sup> grade I was a long way off from my tomboy years. Yes, I was a tomboy. I think there are many just like me out there today. They're not confused, they are just growing up, just like I was.

There seems to be a lot of confusion in the world today. Politics is definitely confusing and so is the state of the environment. What to believe and how to know what will happen is part of the "great unknown." There are a few things though we can count on. Death, taxes and changes in the weather (not the climate, just the weather!).

Death is assured. How you go is not, nor do you know when it will happen. If you read and believe in the Bible, you know there are two choices of where your soul spends eternity.

Changes in weather are certain and in Kansas we get surprised often. I lived in Arizona as a teenager and I really missed the change of seasons. Yesterday was gloomy and rainy, but today is sunny and just right. Who knows what will happen this winter??

Taxes have been around for centuries and there is no chance of that changing. Tax laws, however, do change and one is the new tax law for the standard deduction for giving. But, there ARE ways to give and be generous without including Uncle Sam. If you would like to know more about these tax tips, please be the guest of the Greater Sabetha Community Foundation to listen to Brent Kellenberger share his expertise on this topic. Brunch begins at 9:15 on September 10 followed by his presentation called, "Smart Ways to be Generous," at 10:30. There is absolutely no obligation involved other than enjoying good food by Dar Stoller and that is not an obligation but an absolute opportunity! RSVP's are appreciated so call or text 785-285-1765.