

Enjoying the sunset of a lifetime

News here in the Dry Creek Valley is the canning of some green beans, a basket of peaches, a few cans of pickled okra, and the farmers cutting their third crop of hay. We are sad to report most of the gardens are only producing okra. The tomato plants have produced



DRY CREEK FLASHES
by LOUISE FRAZIER

all they can and are drying up. In NHC in Smithville is our beloved friend and neighbor, Mrs. Nonnie Tramel, we say hello to her and we love you. Rita Fuson-Frazier, Hermitage, spent the weekend at the Frazier home. A wonderful meal was enjoyed

by all on Sunday. On August 26 while enjoying an evening out on the patio, we witnessed the most brilliant, fiery red sunset in the western sky just over the maple tree. In over 101 years of my life, it was the most brilliant sunset ever observed. A few family members witnessed the beautiful site: grandson, Jordan Cripps, and great-grandson, Christian Cripps.

We still have many humming birds getting nectar from the flowers around the patio and the feeder. They are wonderful creatures to behold. Some of them are so familiar with our presence on the patio, they dart and fly all around us. Thank you to Jimmy Womack for visiting last week. We send prayers and love to Jean Harney in her time of sickness.

Please add Jean to your prayer list. Happy September birthday wishes to the following: Monica Reynolds, Jimmy Kimbrell and Judy Kimbrell. *Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. Psalm 63: 7-8*

My CrossFit journey

We all face hard times; it's just a matter of life. While we would rather not go through the rough roads full of boulders and pot holes of life, we must continue our journey to reach what God has set aside for us. Otherwise, we would stand still and become stagnant and never reach our reward.

Take, for instance, my CrossFit journey. When I began a few months ago, my mind immediately said, 'Well, I can't do any of that. I'm fat and I've just been through knee replacement. Look at me, I'm much older than these kids. I can't do this! What was I thinking?!'

But I kept going to class and kept trying. And each time I looked at the day's workout (WODs as we call them), my mind had already told my body 'there's no way you can do this'. But everybody kept cheering me on, encourage me to be better than I thought I could be. But still, when I see a challenging WOD, my mind defeats me before I even try.

The same is true in our spiritual walk with God.

He asks us to get out of our comfort zone - to do something we've never done before. And we immediately balk. 'Lord, I can't do that. I don't have the education. I don't have the time. Surely there is someone much more able than me that can do it.' And before we've even attempted to do what God has asked, we've given up and never know the blessing we could've had. But He's right there - not only cheering us on but holding our hand. And we hear that still small voice saying, 'I've got you. You can do this. I created you and I know how strong you really are.'

We must stop thinking we can't do something without ever trying. We might not get it right the first time, or even the tenth time; but we must keep trying or we will never live in the fullness of life Christ died to give us. How can we give up so easily when Jesus never gives up on us? For as Romans 8:37 tells us, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

So, bring on the burpees!



THE CRACKED POT
by GINGER EXUM

Enjoying arrival of fall

I am back! Great to be sharing the news again. Who is ready for fall? I know I am. We have had a very hot summer. I think fall has the perfect weather for being outside and enjoying those football games.

I noticed some beautiful mums at Griffin's Fruit Market as I drove to work this morning. Soon everyone will be decorating for fall. I noticed Kimberly Violet has some beautifully cut flowers blooming alongside her garden. I know the gardens have slowly

quit producing those delicious tomatoes, squash and cucumbers. I will miss the fresh vegetables from the garden.

My granddaughter, Charlee Mac and I planted some pansies in a few containers last week and this week they are already sprouting up. I showed them to her. She was so excited to see the little plants

sprout up that she had planted with her little fingers.

New Home Baptist Church will be having homecoming on September 9 with Bro. Bobby Hale preaching the message. If you haven't visited New Home Baptist Church website please do. We have an event calendar. All services are recorded so can watch them

and we also have a daily Bible study.

Get well wishes and prayers to Linda Armour, Sue Arnold, Brenda Bates, Kenneth and Lucy Young, Joe Young, Ms. Faye Adkins, Kimberly Violet, and Patricia McCormick.

If anyone has any news for the column please call 615-597-5485.

Have a blessed week. *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Proverbs 3:5*



NEW HOME NEWS
by BARBARA ANN ERVIN

To die is gain

Our brother, Norman Warren, age 77, passed away August 23, 2018 at NHC in McMinnville. Of course, we didn't want him to leave us, but we knew what the outcome was going to be for him. In less than a year after Harold our brother, my twins, had passed away on November

17, 2017 of last year, we've lost another brother. This could be the worst scenario except for the fact they both accepted Jesus before they passed away. My brothers are better off than they have ever been in their lives being in the presence of Jesus and the good, super good news is we will be

seeing them again.

Our Pastor Chris Moore officiated at Norman's funeral. I knew in my heart I had to write a few lines about Norman. The following was read by Chris: This is a day of jubilation for our brother Norman as he made it to the grandeur of heaven to be with Jesus his Lord. Tuesday morning of this week he accepted Jesus while in the hospital. God, as always, opens a door for us to tell

a loved one how great Jesus, His son, is and He is just waiting for them to ask Him for forgiveness of their sins. I can only imagine the celebration in heaven when Norman asked Jesus to forgive him of his sins. Another soul saved for the Lord's kingdom. He became a child of God. I was

there as Norman spoke those words to Jesus that I had been waiting to hear. Now that he's at home with our other loved ones in heaven that accepted Jesus.

I'm so happy for Norman but will be missing him terribly like the rest of the family. Told my sister Sepal he's still going to have to put up with us in heaven when we get up there. Love, Carol

Please keep the Warren family in your prayers and also Charlie Mai Daniel, Edna Hooper, Bernie Braswell, and John Carpenter. If you have any news for the column, just give me a call at 615-563-4429. Have a great day!

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. Colossians 3:15



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