

Would you like to drink your face?



“With great fanfare, a book about the Donald Trump presidency was released Friday. Let the debate begin on the book’s place in literary history. Until that debate is resolved, here are some inspirational quotes from other sources:

“No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true.”

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE
“THE SCARLET LETTER”

“Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing.”

OSCAR WILDE
“THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY”



“Nothing is so painful to the human mind as a great and sudden change.”

MARY SHELLEY
“FRANKENSTEIN”

“The only lies for which we are truly punished are those we tell ourselves.”

V.S. NAIPAUL
“IN A FREE STATE”

“It is not down on any map. True places never are.”

HERMAN MELVILLE
“MOBY DICK”

“Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.”

H. JACKSON BROWN JR.
“P.S. I LOVE YOU”

“It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not.”

ANDRÉ GIDE
“AUTUMN LEAVES”

“It sounds plausible enough tonight, but wait until tomorrow. Wait for the common sense of the morning.”

H.G. WELLS
“THE TIME MACHINE”

I may be revealing my age with this comment, but I can remember a day when phones didn’t take pictures. I can remember a day when folks didn’t take pictures of their meal and post it on social media.

It can be a bit numbing to realize kids of today have never lived in a world without this type of technology. They’ve never experienced life without the ever-present and meaningless LOL.

A restaurant in London is looking to capitalize on our fascination with ourselves with a new type of cappuccino. It’s called a selfie-ccino, which is one part beverage and one part selfie.

It works by the restaurant patron sending a selfie to the shop via an online app. That picture is then recreated in about four minutes into a frothy topping for your hot chocolate or coffee.

When you come to pick up your beverage, you can take another selfie with a cup of coffee that looks like you. It’s an idea of brilliance.

If given the choice, who among us would opt for a regular cup of coffee when we could drink a cup of coffee with our face in the foam? This could very well be the beginning of world-wide change. Ten years from now, our pizza may be delivered in the shape of our head. Our sandwiches may be served on bread that looks like our face.

Said restaurant owner Ehad Salem Shouly, “It’s not enough anymore to just deliver great food and great service. It’s got to be Instagram worthy.”

PREPARE TO PAY MORE

Entering the new year, Warren County residents are asking one question: How much are gas prices going to rise?

I’m glad you asked because I’ve found the answer. GasBuddy predicts the national average for a gallon of gasoline will rise 19 cents in 2018. That will put the average price at \$2.57 per gallon, the highest since 2014.

Since we all seem to fixate on that magic \$3 threshold, I have good news. The forecast calls for prices to remain below \$3 a gallon for most of the country, including Tennessee. However, an unexpected disruption



could push the price over the \$3 range.

GasBuddy’s forecast puts the nation’s annual gasoline bill as rising to \$364 billion, some \$25 billion higher than 2017. It’s a combined \$62 billion more than 2016, GasBuddy predicts.

Petroleum analyst Patrick DeHaan says OPEC’s decision to reduce oil production is partly responsible for the rising prices. Oil inventories are 50 million barrels lower at the start of 2018 than they were at the start of 2017.

How accurate are the GasBuddy estimates? Last year’s forecast ended 10 cents too high. In 2016, the forecast was 16 cents too high.

MAIN STREET VACANCY

I reported several weeks ago Mike Neal is closing his Main Street business Highland Rim Music & Firearms. Mike says he is slowing down this month before closing the doors for good no later than Jan. 31.

Since the building is owned by Josh Baker and Matthew Sands, I wondered if they have grand plans for the storefront once Mike has closed. It’s a natural question considering Josh and Matt started on Main Street with Topz Frozen Yogurt, then expanded to Topz Metro Deli. Most recently, they added Cumberland Biscuit Company.

So will they be opening another restaurant to make it four in a row on Main Street? Josh says no. He told me the three businesses are enough to keep them busy and there are no plans for a fourth. He said the retail location will be available to rent once Highland Rim Music is done using it.

I know Rafael’s is a restaurant that’s on the move because the building will be demolished and a dental office put in its place. Rafael’s ownership has told me they are eyeing a spot in another part of town. But I think Rafael’s would be a great addition to downtown



Even though it is branching out to provide other offerings, The Spot still has the gym at the old Morrison School available to rent. Pictured is young Kawl Saine with his eyes on making a basket.



Highland Rim Music & Firearms is on its way to closing on Main Street. Property owner Josh Baker already operates Cumberland Biscuit Company, Topz and Topz Metro Deli. He says he has no plans of opening another business so the storefront will be for rent.

McMinnville, especially with its established following. It’s just a thought.

FLEA MARKET OPENS AT THE SPOT

It’s been just over a year since Monica Saine has purchased every building on the old Morrison School property. She’s had her gym named The Spot located there since late 2015. Now she’s making moves to utilize the rest of the space, which is considerable.

Monica held her first indoor flea market at the former school on Saturday and plans to continue offering flea markets every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Space can be rented for \$20 each day, or you can rent space by the month for \$100.

“You can pay \$20 and set up for the day,” said Monica. “The \$100 is for people who don’t want to haul their stuff back and forth. Pay \$100 and leave it here for the whole month.”

Even though flea market activity doesn’t usually intensify until it gets a little warmer, Monica said she was anxious to get started.

“The one question everyone asks is if the space is heated and yes it’s heated,” said Monica. “We don’t have a lot of vendors signed up right now, but I figure we have to start somewhere. The big thing is to get it going.”

She said the idea of a flea market and farmers market was given to her by the mayor of Morrison, who takes one of her aerobics classes. Monica said she remembers traveling to other counties for flea markets when she was a child so she thinks this can be a draw if it gets filled.

Another project in the works at the old school is a full-time store called Crack Pot. There is already a Crack Pot in Manchester and this will be the second location.

Crack Pot specializes in furniture. This can be handmade furniture, distressed furniture, or



Waffle Top, a new food trailer, is located at Three Star Mall and boasts a 98 on its Health Department score.



A waffle from Waffle Top can be served with powdered sugar, pictured above, or with a variety of fruit, maple syrup and whipped cream.

antique furniture. The goal was for Crack Pot to be open Jan. 1, but it’s slightly behind schedule.

Monica said a hair dresser was going to open a hair salon at the old school and even did extensive work remodeling a room. That hair dresser has backed out, but there’s a room available that’s ready-made for a hair studio, complete with equipment.

Monica said she has toyed with all sorts of ideas about what to do with the immense amount of space available at the old school.

“We’d like to offer more convenience for the residents of Morrison,” said Monica. “We’ve tried to get Piggly Wiggly or Save A Lot to put a grocery store here but they say the town is not big enough. We even thought of opening our own grocery store, but

that’s really out of our comfort zone.”

One aspect of the old school which has been a big hit is its old gym. It’s available to rent for birthday parties, other gatherings, or as a basketball court. If desired, the gym rental can include three inflatables.

For more information about The Spot and its offerings, call (931) 952-0796.

WAFFLE TOP DELICIOUSLY GOOD

With food trucks rolling into town from every direction, Motlow student Harold Jones said he knew it would be tough to stand out in the crowd. That’s when the idea hit him. His food truck would serve waffles.

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The Spot, located at the old Morrison School, has opened an indoor flea market every Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. Pictured by some antiques is The Spot owner Monica Saine.