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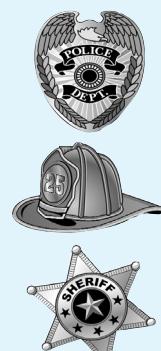
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Opinion & Viewpoint

The most dreaded day of the week

When every Monday arrives most of us try to wrap our minds around the beginning of a new week. If we are professionals in the work force Monday is often the most dreaded day of the week especially if you are in the newspaper business.

Most of our employees who work fulltime know that Monday is the worst day of the week in terms of the work to be done. No matter what your plans are to make things go better most Mondays will be a twelve or fourteen hour days.

The work that a newspaper person does is not of a physical nature however it can drain you mentally by the time the long day is over and you get home very late. Many times when I was working at the local newspaper office several years ago if I got home by midnight my Tuesday work day would start by eight that morning.

When fall finally arrived being able to attend a high school football game, make pictures and later write the story it was my reward for making it through another week. Most of the time when I walked on the field to do my job it was difficult to

enjoy the game because of all the other work done at the newspaper that week. However, high school football is and always will be a time honored tradition for me.

Our people who work hard each week to bring you your newspaper no doubt understand what I am talking about. Similar to any profession, those who do not work in the newspaper business do not understand the amount of work that it takes to produce the paper. Hopefully the reader that receive a copy of the newspaper that they subscribed to will appreciate the amount of work and time spent in order to make that edition possible.

It is for sure that I do not work the number of hours on a Monday and the rest of the week that the dedicated employees that work for us do, but I have been there and done that many years ago when it had to be done a much harder and more difficult way.

Most of my weeks at our Corporate Office are forty hours plus however I still like what I do and will continue to do it until the Good Lord calls me



From Where I Sit

By Robert E. Tribble

home.

To be honest however, Mondays are the beginning of a new week that always brings many phone calls which most are a pleasure to take. Some are more difficult because some of our newspapers do have problems and they know that someone at the Corporate Office is the only person that can give them the correct answer.

Many of our employees do not enjoy or look forward to a Monday but they know that Friday will come soon and they will be able to spend the weekend with their family and friends and enjoy themselves.

Seasons of the Heart

James H. Cagle

There are seasons of the heart
Which we live through time and again;
And, with every season, a span of time
Remembered for its growth, rest or pain.
Winter comes and brings its chill
With arms that coldly embrace the soul,
Then pruning back is done by God
That we may bear fruit to a hundredfold.
The sun doesn't shine and the trials mount
Like the snow piled high at the door.
The light is dim, the darkness long,
'Til we think we can't endure anymore.
But spring then comes; and our soul revives
Through the warmth of the Savior's love.
The seed of faith held through winter's cold
Opens to bear fruit for the Father above.
Summer then comes, and brings the drought,
And the heart sends its roots down deep;
Tapping into God's reservoir of grace,
That the fruit He gave, the soul may keep.
Fall then comes, when the harvest is done
And the fruits of God's grace are laid in;
Maturing our soul and changing its face
To reflect more the image of our Friend.
We circle again, through the Savior's plan,
To the quiet stillness of wintertime,
And learn by experience, the seasons of the heart,
Are measured out in God's will and time.
We must submit to every season of the heart,
Never choosing just the warmth nor the cold;
Allowing the elements of every season
To mold our character 'til His glory He beholds.

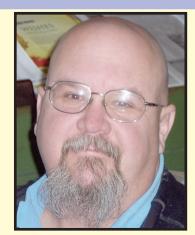


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Snakin'

Baker's Dozen

By Ben Baker



fanged my finger. I told Louie.

"Benji! You better get to a hospital!" he said.

Nah, I said. S'all right. Indeed it was. A small spot on a finger went numb.

The snake was delicious.

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Years ago I got a call to go to a tire shop. Deputies had a man in custody, but he had a rattlesnake in his truck.

I pulled up at the shop. One man was in the back of a patrol car. Another man was cussing up a storm about the arrested gent. The man in cuffs was DUI and nicked the vehicle of the swearing driver. The deputy directed me to the truck, which had to be towed but could not be towed until the snake was dealt with.

On the front seat in a fish tank with a screen over the top was a pygmy rattler. I chuckled as I reached inside to remove the snake. No way it could harm anyone.

Tank in hand, I turned around.

If you ever want to rob a bank, do not take a gun. Take a live rattlesnake. Where moments ago people were close by, I now had a 50-foot circle around me. I had all the room I needed and then some to walk over to my truck with the snake.

The rattler was turned loose at Hat Creek.

Listen to an interview about my book *A Dog Named Nekkid* on Thursday at www.TheAuthorsShow.com. The interview airs for 24 hours straight so you can listen any time starting at midnight.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Roads need to be fixed

Dear Editor,

This broken under road drainage pipe is progressing in size. It has been in this main thoroughfare for several years. It is in the main tire path for every vehicle on Register Road. Found close to the corner of Harp and Register Road. In February 2015 my husband had open heart surgery. He convalesced at home for several months; at that same time period every road to gain access to our house was washed

out. A four wheel drive ambulance with raised suspension might have navigated the free running water, muddy clay filled ruts and trenched washouts. This situation is not caused by beaver dams as a bounty was proposed. Blessings abound as he healed well. I for one would welcome Mr Gene Pridgen's approach to improve Lanier County Dirt Roads.

Respectfully
Kathy Evans



Register Road

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