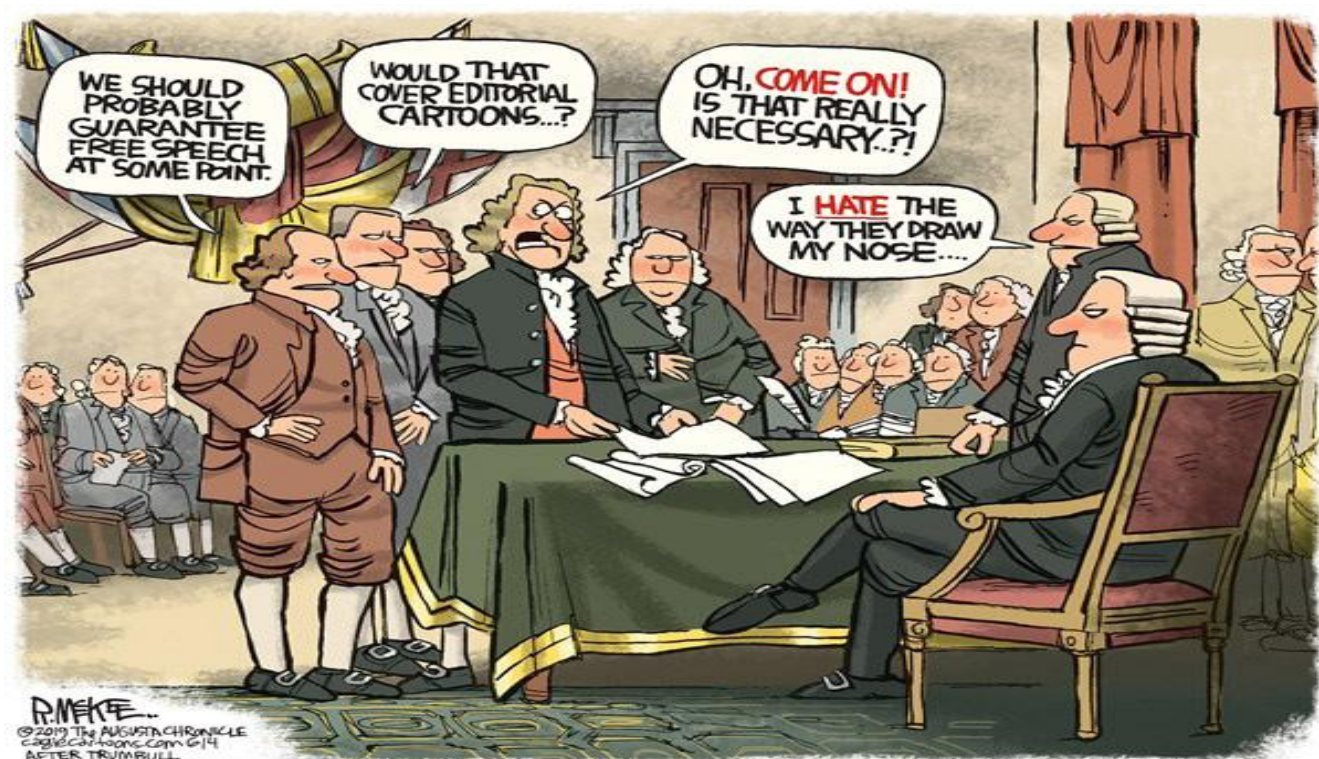


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Russell Springs Council – 2nd Thursday of each month at the municipal room at the City Hall at 6 p.m.

Jamestown Council – 3rd Thursday of each month in the basement of Jamestown City Hall at 6 p.m.

Fiscal Court – 2nd Monday of each month in the Russell County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

School Board – 3rd Monday of each month at various locations at 6 p.m.

Russell County Chamber of Commerce – 3rd Tuesday of each month at various local businesses at 12 noon (CST). Contact the chamber office at (270) 866-4303 for details of this month's meeting location.

Lake Cumberland Area Development District – Board of Directors – 4th Thursday of every odd numbered month at the Area Development District Office at 11 a.m.

Russell County Health Department Board – Local health board meetings are held annually and occur in February. District board meetings are held quarterly.

Russell County Ambulance Board – 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Russell County Library Board – 2nd Tuesday of each month at Jamestown Library at 5 p.m.

County Extension Office Board – 3 meetings a year, one in September; no time set yet for the remaining meetings. Located at the Extension Office.

Partners In Prevention – 4th Thursday of each month at the Russell County Auditorium/Natatorium Complex at 12 noon.

Airport Board – 1st Tuesday of each month at the airport at 5 p.m.

Lake Cumberland Tourist Commission Board – 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Tourist Commission, located at 650 S. Hwy. 127 between Arby's and Long John Silver's restaurants, at 12:30 p.m.

County Conservation District – 1st Monday of each month at the district conference room, located at 159 Ferco Way, Jamestown, at 12 noon.

Russell County Industrial Development Authority – 4th Monday of each month at Duo County Telephone, at 8:30 a.m.

Russell County Hospital Board of Directors meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Hospital conference room. No meetings are held in December due to the holidays.

What is the place of weekly newspapers in the age of technology?



By **JENNIFER MOONSONG**
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We live in interesting times. Technology only dreamt up in science fiction movies are now a reality. When I think back over the course of my own life, things have changed so much in the world of technology. It's no secret to people who know me well that I resisted those changes for a long time. (I refused to have a cell phone until 2005, and even then I refused the notion that smart phone technology could have a positive place in people's lives.) I now use a smart phone every day of my life, and rely on it for all of my jobs, but I still miss my clunky, black rotary dial from the 1980s. Of course, a phone like that is as obsolete as the Edsel.

Last week a friend told me they no longer take the paper because "if there's any real news I will read about it on Facebook first anyways". In a way, it's true. With the internet at everyone's fingertips and social media use so prevalent across generations and demographics "real news" travels fast. That's not to say they get the facts right or that the majority of news spread in such a manner is not mostly conjecture, but still, it does get the word out to more people faster than the printed page can.

What then, is the place of weekly papers? For starters, it's the paper's job to get the facts straight.

Secondly, it is the job of the paper to create a record of events for the community. Not just the passing of ordinances, murders, car crashes and house fires, but the town's history as it unfolds: A new restaurant opens its doors, a centenarian turns 101, a 5th grader wins a poetry contest, a beloved member of the community is laid to rest.

I am a minimalist who doesn't keep a lot of things, but of the few things I have kept a box of newspaper clippings from my youth is amongst them.

You might see your child's picture hitting the home run on a computer screen, but does it feel the same? It doesn't to me. I doubt it does to you either. I think that feeling of opening up the newspaper and seeing smiles on children's faces playing at the new merry-go-round or splashing in a puddle is something timeless. Sure, it isn't "real news" but it captures the lives of real people. Ordinary or extraordinary, young or small, the hero or the villain, it captures it for future generations if they'll take the time to look.

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Admire those you love



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On Sunday afternoon, I sat at a baby shower for one of my cousins and her husband. We were all there to celebrate the upcoming arrival of their son, their first child.

While the occasion was certainly about them, I couldn't help but to look with admiration at the three women I was sitting with: my mom, Becky, and my two sisters, Melinda and Tina.

I realize that some women can't say that they grew up with such a great mother or siblings, but I thank God that I can certainly say that without hesitation.

My mom: the hardest working woman I will ever know. She sacrificed so much for my sisters and I as we were children and still does so today as adults. Mom is a woman who knows what it's like to dedicate her life to raising three daughters while also taking care of a husband, a home, and working from sunrise to sunset in the tobacco fields (which she still does today). As if this isn't enough, she has always sacrificed to help others - donating to causes and devoting her energy to help my grandma. If there was an award in which I could nominate my mom for self-sacrifice, she would win it without a doubt. She has taught me what it means to truly have a Proverbs 31 heart. If I could be half the woman she is, I will be grateful.

Melinda, my oldest sister: a woman who I see as fearless. If she wanted to do something, she always did it. Same goes for today, and I have always admired that. I see her making choices not only for the happiness of her family, but also doing things that makes herself happy as well. I see Melinda walk into a crowded room and never meet a stranger. Those are just a couple of attributes I wish I could say that I have. And I will always remember going to her for advice, especially during my time in college. She'll never know how often those talks were a life line for me.

Tina, my middle sister: a God-fearing prayer warrior. She has been my rock more times than I could count, whether she realized it at those moments or not. Tina is much like our mom. She sacrifices her time to help others. She dedicates her time to teaching Sunday school and makes every child that walks into her classroom feel appreciated. She, like my mother, is always there for our grandma. Sometimes I would call her my second mom, because Tina would often pick me up from volleyball practices or take me out to the movies when we were younger. If anyone is praying for you, you can rest assure it will be Tina. I appreciate her more than she'll ever know.

It is often women that sacrifice the most in life. So if you have a good mother, a good sister, a good aunt, grandma, friend or whoever, make it known. Let them know they are admired and appreciated.

I hope I can spend the rest of my time on this earth letting the three important women in my life know just that.

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