

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Mr. Rob Irby spent time here and with others in the area during the week.

Sympathy is extended to the family of William Henry Hathcock. He passed away after a long and painful illness. Funeral services will be at First Baptist Church. We will surely miss him and pray for his family.

The congregation of First Baptist Church is very sorry to lose our pastor, Rev. Lyn Nations but look forward to being together often for special occasions. Prayers are for him and his wife as they go. They will be missed.

Mrs. Shirley Higginbotham and Joey of Clinton, along with Bessie Aldy Easterling of Jackson spent time during the weekend with this writer, Joey and Jackie. We enjoyed being

together again.

Sympathy is extended to Henry Cain and family of Sallis because of the death of his daughter. May God give peace to you. She had not been well for several years.

Best wishes and prayers to Katherine Cagle. She spent time during the week in a Jackson hospital. Friends and family look forward to her return home.

Mr. Francis Brantley spent time during the week with Mark Underwood and others here and in Jackson. He attended the funeral of a friend in Jackson before returning home. We enjoyed his stay while here.

Friends of Eddy Johnson are thankful he is home after a stay of several days in the hospital. Glad he's feeling.

Prayers and love are for

Mrs. Cynthia Bratcher after a fall that broke her wrist. We sure miss her at Sunday school. Hope healing is quick and complete.

Since prayers are badly needed for our nation and country, especially from the hand of God for guidance.

Joey Hill made a nice trip by plane last week. Thankful he is back home. While there he had a nice visit with the Dennis Aldy family.

Former Sallis resident Mrs. Leonard (Peggy Greer) Cain died in Corinth two weeks ago. She had lived there several years prior to her death. Leonard passed away several years ago. She remained there to be near her son who is a physician and saw to her care.

It's good to see Mrs. Margie Binegar home after a visit with her dad.

Cold Weather Hermit

I don't know about you but to me this time of year could be the most depressing time of all. I know that for three days last week I lived in my pajamas just taking a bath and putting on a clean pair.

It was raining, it was cold, and it was weather so conducive to sleep. We had a roaring fire going in our fireplace in our little keeping room and I was content to sit in my chair, in my pj's and read and doze. But not my restless husband. He had to have something to do so he kept feeding the flames in our fire place until it would get so hot I would slip into the hallway and turn on the air (just a little). So, it's 40* outside and we are roasting by an open fire with "just a little" air conditioning on. I made sure as soon as I cooled down to run and change the thermostat back to heat before he checked it.

I would not call myself a "slothful" person, but I am not as energetic as some. I love my down time. Some people, my husband in general, is like a caged lion walking his cage looking for a way out. He walks the floors looking for things to

do. He would never think about cleaning the kitchen, maintaining the floors, cleaning the ovens, cleaning out the overstuffed drawers, or anything practical, he wants to do some outside chores and it is RAINING! So, we compromise, he watches golf, football, basketball, or any other sport on the many channels of our many channel carriers. I cannot escape sports! So, I nap!!

It got me to thinking about the differentness in

people, even the close families. I am an early riser, or at least I used to be but with this time of year, as I said, it seems nice to just stay under the covers. My husband wants to roll out at the least by 6 A.M. and have his breakfast, of biscuits, on the table by 6:30. I have another child that thinks this same way, and then my two others would sleep until they got so hungry they had to get out of bed.

I was raised in a family of early birds as my daddy had to be at work by 7 A.M. and my mother always made him biscuits. My grandmother and granddaddy were always up by 5 or 5:30 A.M. Why in the world? Everything would be just the same if they waited a few more

hours. He too, had to have his big biscuits every morning. My grandmother would only make two big biscuits and he would always brag that he only ate two biscuits every morning. He never said they were as big as a dinner plate! If she didn't have the delicious feather light creations on the table by his designated time, he would tap the table and loudly chant - "biscuits, biscuits, biscuits."

I can guarantee you that this behavior would assure my husband of a cold bowl of Special K.

Whether you are a laid-back cold weather hermit or a pent-up energy person here is a great recipe for cold weather eating by the fire. And it is a one pan meal which I love.

CORNBREAD-BEEF SKILLET PIE

I make this in one of my cast iron skillets. 1 pound of ground chuck, 1 can of Bush's Country style beans, 1 can of kernel corn, 2 oz. pepper jack cheese, or more, 1 package of cornbread mix. Heat oven to 400*. Cook beef on stove in a cast iron skillet until done. Stir in the beans and corn and simmer for 2 minutes. Prepare cornbread according to package. Spread the batter over the beef and sprinkle with cheese, I like lots of cheese. Bake 20 minutes. It's good with salsa too.

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THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Wicker Champions

Effort to Protect Life

Taxpayer Funds Should Never Subsidize Abortion

The Supreme Court decision in the case of Roe v. Wade in 1973 represents a dark moment in our nation's history. The decision handed down in that case legalized abortion in all 50 states by overturning state laws prohibiting it.

For 46 years, Americans have marked this anniversary during the month of January by participating in the March for Life, which attracts thousands of people to Washington, D.C., and other rallies around the country. These events remind the nation and the world that millions of Americans deeply believe abortion is wrong and needs to end.

This year's March for Life coincides with Senate consideration of my bill, the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act." As the bill's name implies, this legislation would provide a permanent ban on using federal funds for abortions. Taxpayers should never be asked to subsidize a practice so many find morally wrong. Consideration of this bill also makes clear where each Senator stands on the question of whether federal tax dollars should be used to fund abortion.

Pro-Science is Pro-Life

Although my bill received a majority vote of 48-47, it failed to attain the 60 votes needed to advance in the Senate and is unlikely to be considered by the new Democratic majority in the House of Representatives. However, support for the pro-life movement is growing and scientific advancements and

research are helping to win the debate.

Sonograms and ultrasounds were not widely available in 1973 when the Roe case was decided. Today these technologies have advanced and are readily accessible to expecting mothers. Parents-to-be can now have a photo of their child before he or she is born. These images are among the first to be displayed on refrigerators, desks, and social media.

It is harder and harder to deny an unborn child's humanity when the face and hands can be seen, and the heart can be heard beating. This technology makes clear that these are children, worthy of love and protection.

Progress and Challenges Ahead

The Trump Administration continues to be the most pro-life administration in recent history. The administration's "Protect Life Rule" prohibits family planning grants from being awarded to organizations that refer patients for abortions, or that co-locate with abortion providers. The President reinstated the "Mexico City Policy," a pro-life measure that has kept U.S. funds from going to international nongovernmental organizations that perform abortions or promote them.

The Senate has also confirmed a record number of the President's nominees to federal courts, including two justices to the Supreme Court. These conservative appointments will reshape the makeup of the federal judiciary for the next genera-

January 24 - Tyrell Thomas, Jess Gilbert, Ric Byrd, Jimmy Drennan, Trey Pierce, Lanie Nix Ables, Caleb Kellum, Ty Proctor

January 25 - Beth Lawson Jones, Justin Word, Emma Kate Word, Jackie McCain, Donna Hocutt, Dianne Sumrall, Natalie McLellan, David Cain

January 26 - Gladys S. Cox, Mingo Brown, Ramona Cowans, Taylor Adcock, Johnson Williamson, Robert F. Hammett, Becky Jones, Caitlen Barron, Tarrica Friend, Houston Pickett

January 27 - Elysha Richmond Lawson, Billy Hathcock, Addie Stubbs, Kylee Killebrew, Ander Humbles, Tyler Austin, Kathlyn Rainwater, Sherron Beville, Isis Roberson, Kajaunna Sumerall, Robert Rogers, J. W. Garrett, Maria M. Edwards

January 28 - Francis McBride, Chetara Hampton, Joe W. Smart, Chris Rucker, Kristan Carroll, Marianna K. Chapman, Billy May

January 29 - Dink Wilson, Hilliary O'Briant, Lawson Barrett, Michele Holder, Linda Rogers, Linda Moore, Ellis Harris, IV

January 30 - Carter Huddleston, Ashley Gilmore, Doris Kuhn, Janie Buford, Madison Autry

January 25 - Jerry and Nancy Farmer, Louis and Lucy Alexander, William and Angie Clark

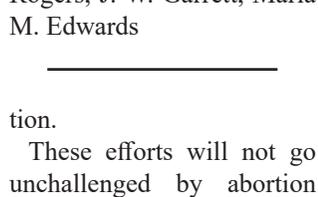
January 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Don McBride, Houston and Judy Pickett

These efforts will not go unchallenged by abortion supporters. In fact, the very first piece of legislation passed by the House of Representatives when Democrats regained the majority earlier this month included a provision that would restore funding to international abortion providers.

This is not the first time the pro-life movement has encountered political obstacles. Through progress and challenges, the convictions and values of pro-life Americans have never wavered. To overcome today's political environment and build on the successes of the past 46 years, I will continue to offer solutions and work to grow our coalition of support.



Peggy's Take



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Soybeans Sidon	Nov 19	2019 Aug-Sep	9.56	-0.45	9.11 0.08
Soybeans G'wood	Mar 19	2019 Jan - Deferred Pricing only	9.17	-0.47	8.70 0.09
Soybeans G'wood	Mar 19	2019 Feb - Deferred Pricing only	9.17	-0.44	8.73 0.09
Soybeans G'wood	Nov 19	2019 Aug-Sep	9.56	-0.32	9.24 0.08
Soybeans Minter City	Nov 19	2019 Aug-Sep	9.56	-0.35	9.21 0.08
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Rice	Mar 19		10.795		0.130
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