

Family, Faith and Favorite Things

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Favorite thing Spring days in Kentucky. We are having a beautiful spring this year. Every morning when I get up, I look out the windows. Everyday I'm outside doing something in the yard. Almost every evening I walk around the yard looking at the trees, bushes and plants. Cleveland pear trees bloomed first, then red tulips came up, and now beautiful lavender irises are blooming. I can't wait till the large oak leaf hydrangea bush blooms!

Progressive. The word "progressive" sounds positive. Progress sounds positive. Organizations, schools, and agencies annually make a "progress" reports. Progress can be made in positive directions or in detrimental directions. For example, in the last five years, there's been a lot of "progress" in making and using meth. Numbers of people using and making meth have increased dramatically. That's progress but obviously not the kind of progress that benefits families and communities.

Liberals hijacked the word "progressive" many years ago, so their agenda would sound positive. Their agenda is anything but positive unless you call abortion on demand,

LGBTQ rights, illegal immigration, legalized marijuana, gambling and lotteries, climate change, gun control, etc. positive and helpful for individuals and communities.

"Conservatives and Progressives. The three big differences between conservatives and progressives. What's the difference between a conservative and a progressive? Conservatives say that people should have choices. Progressives say that one political solution fits all."

"Here are three examples. No. 1: Conservatives and progressives have different views about individuals and communities. Conservatives ask: "What can I do for myself, my family, my community, and my fellow citizens?"

"Progressives ask: "What is unfair?" "What am I owed?" "What has offended me today?" "What must my country do for me?" The traditional American ethic of achievement gives way to the progressive ethic of grievement (discontentment, resentment, anger)."

"As opposed to a variety of individuals making up one American community, progressives seek to place individuals in a variety of competing communities. The first creates unity.

The second, identity politics."

No. 2: Conservatives and progressives have different views about diversity and choice. For progressives, different ethnicities and gender identities are welcomed but a variety of opinions and ideas are not.

Just look at two areas of public life dominated by the left. On college campuses free speech is under attack. If you're a conservative working at a social media company or using one of their platforms to share your views, you may find your job eliminated or your account deleted.

And when it comes to choice, progressives love the word, but they don't want it to apply to our decisions on education, health care, and even how and where we live out our religious faith.

Conservatives take a different approach. Parents, not the zip code they live in, should choose the school that is best for their child.

We all need health care, but we don't all need the same kind or same amount. And while people should be free to live as they choose, no one should be forced to endorse or celebrate those choices if it violates their religious beliefs.

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No. 3: Conservatives and progressives have a different view of "We the People." Whether it's the Second Amendment, immigration, or putting limits on abortion, if we the people don't pass laws progressives approve, they turn to judges, executive orders, and government bureaucrats behind closed doors to overturn the will of voters.

Whatever one may think about the wisdom of hiking the minimum wage, banning plastic straws, or removing controversial historical monuments, conservatives believe voters closest to the issues should be the ones making such decisions for their communities—not lawmakers in Washington or a panel of judges fives states away.

To sum it up, conservatives believe in individual rights, not special rights. Conservatives believe in allowing Texas to be Texas and Vermont to be Vermont. And conservatives believe we the people can vote with our feet about where we want to live and what laws we want to live under.

One more thing ... "How to Weed-Out

Worry. Some plants do not grow well together, such as potatoes and cucumbers. Cucumbers choke when planted near potatoes, which is why those two vegetables should never be planted next to each other."

"Like potatoes and cucumbers, worry and faith cannot co-exist in the same heart. When worry is planted in the heart it chokes out faith."

"In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus tells us not to worry about what to eat or what to drink. He tells us not to be anxious about our health or our clothing. God knows we need these things. If we seek God first, everything we need will follow."

"Jesus wants to uproot worry from the garden of your heart. In order for this to be possible, He must pull out the weeds of worry, doubt, fear and anxiety so faith can bloom."

"The same way a plant needs sunlight, water and air to grow, we need to trust the Gardener of our faith with all the worries that come our way, knowing that He will provide the Son of Righteousness, the Word of God and the friendship of the Holy Spirit to nurture our growth. "

"Today, if you feel overwhelmed, turn your

worries over to Jesus because He cares and specializes in spiritual growth. Pray: "God, I cast all my worries and burdens on You. Let me grow fully with your constant care. In Jesus Name, I pray. Amen."

In closing, Barney Cat says, "To look around is to be distressed. To look within is to be depressed. To look up is to be blessed." We hope all our readers look up this week and are blessed. Thank you for reading our column. Till next week.

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Thousands of years ago, Jesus left His home in heaven and travelled far away. He received no awards, no prestigious trophies. He pressed on through good and bad days, suffering greatly before His death.

The True Number One came to the real biggest losers-mankind-to give us hope and a victorious future. His Father said as much in a Jeremiah 29:11 press release many years before: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

The Cincinnati Bengals put their hope in Joe Burrow (plus their other players) for victory? Who are you putting your hope in?

SAVE YOUR RUSSELL COUNTY PARK LAKE CUMBERLAND

There is a proposal to expand Lake Cumberland Marina (Alligator II) to include the Russell County Park (Old Alligator I site). This proposal includes:

- 1.26- mile walkway connecting to the Park. Walkway **will be lined** with new boat slips.
- Utilization of the existing free fishing and recreational parking at the Park by dock patrons.
- New fishing pier/courtesy dock connected to the Park for dock patrons.
- **An unexplainable endorsement by the Russell Co Fiscal Court**

This proposal was previously denied by the Corps (May 2019) and found to be a **burden to recreation and not in the public interest**. It would occupy a narrow channel in the Wolf Creek arm and compromise use of the Park. Russell County Park is a destination point for many locals and tourists since there are only four large public access points on the lake-not associated with a marina. This proposal:

- Unprecedented in scope for Lake Cumberland marina development.
- Creates a cumulative 1 hour 20-minute (round trip) no wake zone in the creek.
- Impedes launching at low water by blocking the low-water ramp built during drawdown.
- Creates boat hazards in this narrow channel at low-pool levels.
- Parking for fishing and recreational users will be used by dock patrons.
- Creates a fishing pier/courtesy dock laying on the ground during low water conditions.
- Had **no support** at Summer 2019 public hearing held at Salem school
- Jeopardizes your free launching in the future

The Corps of Engineers has now prepared an Environmental Assessment addressing this proposal and they have included an **Alternative #3** in this report to allow the same level of dock expansion on the lake side of the marina. It is a **very reasonable compromise** and allows:

- Same number of boat slips and floating boat houses-despite 60+ slips currently empty.
- Minimizes the no-wake zone expansion.
- **Provides the same economic/tourism benefits for Russell County.**
- Full utilization of the Russell Co Park for its intended purpose and ensures free launching.

To prevent the proposed development from impacting the enjoyment of our lake we need your involvement. Please send your comment by May 12, 2020 in support of Alternative 3 to:

Email: CorpsLRNPlanningPublicCom@usace.army.mil

Mail: Corps of Engineers
ATTN:CELRN-PMP (T.Wiley)
110 9th Ave South, Room A-405, Nashville, TN 37203

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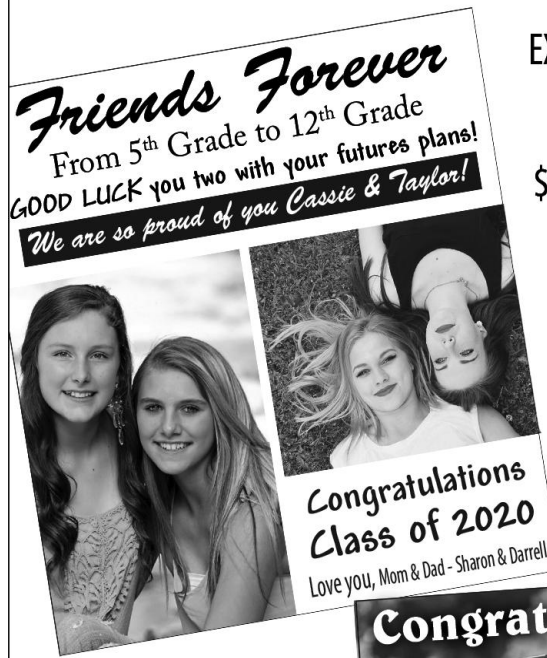
GRADUATION EDITION IS COMING SOON

ATTENTION FAMILIES & CLASSMATES

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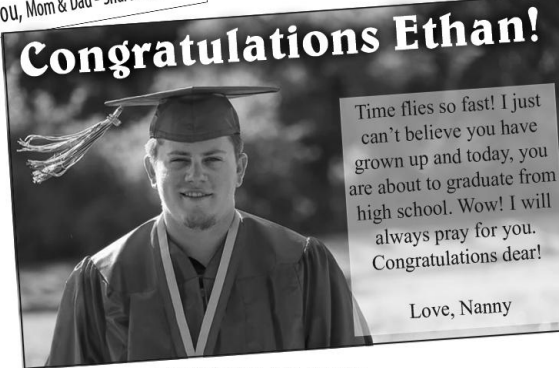
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