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Editorial

Face the music

There's a song from the 60s most of you would know just by hearing a few notes.

It's the shimmery, "Summer of Love"-era "For What It's Worth" by Buffalo Springfield. (For you music buffs, Buffalo Springfield spawned such artists as Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, Poco, Log-gins and Messina, and various solo acts.)

The song was written in the wake of riots and counterculture clashes between young people and police in California. What began as peaceful protests turned to unrest over a period of months, causing businesses to close, and creating civil disturbances.

Sound familiar?

Let's look at some of the lyrics to this song...

"There's something happening here,

But what it is ain't exactly clear."

(Amen to that! Holds true today.)

"There's battle lines being drawn,

And nobody's right if everybody's wrong."

(Can't argue with that astute ob-servation.)

"Paranoia strikes deep,

Into your life it will creep."

(An important line because it points out the prevalent fear, but fear of what exactly?)

"We better stop.

Hey, what's that sound?

Everybody look what's going down."

(Ah, that famous chorus, and al-though spoken in the language of the day, it cuts like a knife still to-day.)

What IS going down?

Has anyone considered the "goal," the "endgame," or what is hoped to be achieved by the present hap-penings and civil unrest?

The song "For What It's Worth" is brilliant in its ambiguity, and writer Stephen Stills has said it's somewhat of a plea for sanity and for people to acknowledge their differences and do the right thing for the right reason.

For you see, it's impossible for everyone to get along or agree on everything. These days it doesn't seem like anyone wishes to listen to any view but their own, much less reach a compromise.

From politics to social mores, it only seems to be about "winning."

There's a wise, local, political anal-yst who has warned about a "slip-pery slope." We feel we're cascad-ing down that slope at breakneck speed.

How do YOU feel?

Please feel free to share your opin-ions on The Times Journal Face-book page, or write us one of those old-fashioned Letters to the Edi-tor.

The current atmosphere is ripe for discussion and debate. Let your voice be heard!

QUILTS

myself," Skaggs said. "That's the reason I named it what I did."

One of Russell Springs' newest business, The Cotton Mill Shop, opened at 129 Main St. earlier this month.

"We've had a lot people call or come by...even with this pandemic going on," Skaggs said.

"I was surprised at the number of quilters we have in the county," she added. "It's staggering."

She said she hopes The Cotton Mill Shop fills a need.

Obtaining fabric or items needed for quilting once required driving to Somerset, Campbellsville or "all over the place," Skaggs said.

"There was nothing here (in Rus-sell County) at all," she said.

Skaggs retired from the local school system, "and was already piecing quilts."

With much thought and consider-ation, her business plans include "whatever the customers want or need."

"I try to just carry cotton," Skaggs said, "I have some burlap...But if four or five people want flannel, I'll get flannel."

Skaggs brings a wealth of experi-ence to her venture. Both Marcia's mother and mother-in-law, influ-enced and inspired her.

"I've been selling quilts for a while," Skaggs said. "I'm blessed to have some good people teach me along the way."

The majority of her stock is two prices: \$5 and \$5.50 per yard.

"I'm going to try to keep it like that," she said.

Prices during the pandemic have increased. However, Skaggs stat-ed, "but I think God will lead me. He'll show me what I need to do."

Future plans include quilting classes in "Granny's Room."

"She'll be here," Skaggs said.

She also hopes people will find the atmosphere comfortable and con-ducive to social gathering when possible.

Memory quilts and bears are among popular items at The Cot-ton Mill Shop right now. Skaggs will attempt to keep requested pat-terns, colors, and themed material in stock.

"I hope I pick out the things peo-ple like," she said. "I do a lot of re-search on that."

Nevertheless, the pandemic has presented challenges.

"People are looking for camouflage material, and so am I!" Skaggs laughed. "It's hard for me to get thread right now, too."

According to Skaggs, many people are making masks at home and that has affected the supply chain.

The Cotton Mill Shop is open Mon-day from noon until 5 p.m., Tues-day though Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

"But if it's closing time, and we're having a big time, we may just stay open a little longer," Skaggs said.

For more information, call 270-566-1847.

DAIRY

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Other farmers like Dante have partnered up as well to provide for those all over the Midwest.

"I am thankful to Prairie Farms for being able to do the free milk," Dante said. "I am thankful for the community, and seeing the people help out. The line began to backup before the handing out of the dairy products began. The 1200 and some-thing cases we have to hand out will be gone in no time. This is just great."

"Prairie Farms has not had to dump any of their milk," Dante added. "They have been able to uti-lize every gallon."

Darin Copeland, Public Relations Manager for Prairie Farms, explained how this opportunity is greatly helping people in the Midwestern area.

"Prairie Farms is blessed to help with this pro-gram," Copeland said.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been stirring up the nation for several months, and free dairy products from a local farmer could not come at a better time. But to make things just a little more special during the handout, Copeland touched on June being National Dairy Month.

After researching National Dairy Month, some interesting facts came to light that readers may find interesting. According to the National To-day website, milk is the only food that a person can survive on alone. It has every nutrient a per-son needs, and the world's population consumes over 2.1 billion liters each day. This is enough to fill up 813 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

But looking beyond just the "milk" being pro-vided, the free milk day from Prairie Farms and Carpenter would have not been possible if it were not for the cows. A cow turns grass into milk within two to three days. This depends on the breed of the cow. A cow can make between 25 to 40 liters of milk per day.

For more questions regarding the food box pro-gram, visit the Prairie Farms website or www. USDA.gov.

COUNCIL

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St., in Jamestown.

"We're putting more people in businesses than taking them out," Shearer stated.

Jamestown City Clerk/Public Works Director Tyler McGowan also pointed out renovation at June's Beauty Shop, located in the heart of the city.

Play Ball

Mayor Shearer said he is "very excited about the return of 'America's Favorite Pastime'...baseball in the City of Jamestown."

Shearer said youth baseball is scheduled for June 30 at the City Park, and workers have "done an outstanding job" in preparing the facility.

Councilman Coffey s aid s oftball w ill a lso be starting on Thursday nights at the park.

Precautions such as social distancing are sug-gested while attending events, Shearer said.

Lamenting Lakefest

Shearer stated that "It's very sad. We are dis-heartened," that the annual Lakefest celebration for this year had to be canceled due to COVID-19.

"It was out of our control...We didn't make that call," he said. "But we'll be back next year...big-ger and better."

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