

Early voting or squirrely voting?

By **Danny Tyree**

I'm proud of my son Gideon for doing his civic duty and casting a vote for the first time.

(This comes mere months after he did his civic duty and signed up for Selective Service. And, would you believe it, not one of the candidates for dogcatcher was remotely prepared to answer his questions about their position on reinstating the draft! What has become of the true statesmen???)



It was an especially meaningful milestone because local early voting takes place at the multi-use building that formerly housed my first elementary school. I got to regale Gideon with stories of those familiar emergency drills where we had to hide under our desks to practice surviving Redcoat cannonballs.

Oh, and the morning assemblies when we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. ("I pledge allegiance to the...Betsy, would you hurry up sewing that flag???)")

Ah, yes, it was a time when "woke" meant "Mrs. Shelton, Johnny is eating library paste instead of taking his nap."

I'm just sorry that Gideon had to wait until October. His summer classes interfered with voting in the primary election. Odd thing about the primaries: they're supposed to THIN OUT THE HERD, but the amount of bovine excrement is just as plentiful in the general election.

Gideon was conscientious enough to vote for the right reasons. Don't get me started on the people who showed up at the polls only because they misunderstood campaign rhetoric. Someone described the election as being like "Jim Crow 2.0" and they heard "Jim Beam 2.0."

My wife deigns to dabble in politics only on rare occasions (and then only pertaining to the INFRASTRUCTURE considerations of hell freezing over), but Gideon has been paying attention to talk radio since he was six years old.

This has kept him abreast of current events, but it has not exactly helped with his engineering courses. ("Tut tut. No need for equations. The answer to this problem is...invest in gold bullion.")

All three of us had to do some quick thinking when we learned there were multiple amendments to the state constitution on the ballot. Wordy amendments with side effects such as "We no longer have a state tree because we had to chop them all down to print these ballots."

Don't you hate amendments that you just assumed were already state law? You know, like "No male person of good moral character shall be compelled to unionize dodo birds."

Somehow or another, Gideon managed the arduous tasks of pulling his photo ID out of his wallet and signing his name. (If only he weren't so exhausted, he could probably have walked and chewed gum at the same time.)

Gideon looked quite spiffy with his "I Voted" sticker on his t-shirt. I understand that some voters had a less pleasant experience. ("This sticker really clashes with my shroud. Worst fashion mistake since I accepted that stovepipe hat from Honest A--, er, Honest Bill Clinton.")

I hope Gideon never becomes disillusioned with our system (although after having pollsters interrupt supper for the 4,000th time, pulling a sword out of a stone sounds awfully inviting), but I must admit to my own bouts with cynicism.

Again, I ask, what has become of the true statesmen? And what has become of my front yard? Mr. Dogcatcher Elect, you need to worry less about fleeing to Canada and more about stray dogs!

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POLICE BLOTTER

A woman's alleged tirade at her boyfriend last Friday backfired when a nearby Lewisburg police officer intervened — and smelled marijuana.

Ebony Ann Jessica Pettigrew of Bark Street was a passenger in her boyfriend's vehicle at the McDonald's drive-through window when she allegedly began punching him in the head as Sgt. Shaun Crawford, who was also in line, watched.

Crawford detained Pettigrew as Officer Robert Gurley arrived. Both officers smelled marijuana and Crawford found a bag with approximately 5 grams of marijuana, Gurley

said in his report. Pettigrew allegedly admitted the marijuana was hers.

The tirade resumed when Pettigrew was told she was being arrested for domestic assault, the report said. Pettigrew allegedly did \$150 worth of damage to a police cruiser's rear window by attempting to break it with her handcuffs while also kicking and hitting and kicking the center divider.

Pettigrew was also charged with resisting arrest, simple possession of marijuana, and vandalism.

EMPLOYEE THEFT

A Walmart clerk

has been charged with stealing money from cash drawers.

Video surveillance shows Heather J. Stafford, 45, of East Commerce Street taking the money, the store's asset protection supervisor told Cpl. Michael Daniels of the Lewisburg Police Department.

Stafford allegedly took \$50 on Oct. 5, \$20 on Oct. 9, and \$100 on Oct. 18.

GUN STOLEN

A Florence Street resident told police a man supposedly helping "fix up" the house grabbed his .357 revolver, ran from the room they were in Friday night,

and drove away.

The suspect left behind a woman who left on foot when told police were being called.

Their names were allegedly unknown to the victim. The gun's value was estimated at \$400-500.

STOLEN CHECKS

Alleged drug user drove a Lewisburg woman to steal checks from a relative, according to a police report.

Cynthia M. Nation, 61, of Franklin Avenue, admitted writing more than \$1,500 worth of checks since August.

Nation was arrested Friday.

How to prepare for your next mammogram

If it's time to make an appointment for a mammogram, here are some tips before you go.

Mammograms are the premier tool for detecting breast cancer as early as possible. But some women avoid getting mammograms because they're afraid of how the test will feel. When you know what to expect and how to prepare, you'll find that getting a mammogram is an easy way to take care of your health.

"There usually is a slight discomfort during a mammogram, but mammography technologists at Maury Regional Health do a great job of making patients as comfortable as possible," said Dana Salters, administrative director of oncology at Maury Regional Health (MRH). "The exam only takes a few minutes, so don't let the slight discomfort keep you from scheduling your annual mammogram if you're 40 years of age or older."

Here's how to prepare for your next mammogram:

- Know the screening guidelines. Although different organizations offer different recommendations about when women should begin breast cancer screenings and how often they should get them, MRH recommends that all women 40 years of age or older receive a mammogram annually. It's best to talk to your doctor about what's right for you.

- Schedule your appointment. Once you've decided where to go, it's time to make an appointment. Select a date and time that's convenient for you, but try to avoid the week before your period, when your breasts are more likely to be tender or swollen.

- Follow instructions. Most facilities will give you instructions for what to do when you come for your mammogram. In case they don't, or you forget, the only thing you need to do on the day of the exam is to not use any deodorant, antiperspirant, perfume, lotion, cream or powder on

your breasts or under your arms. Also, remember to wear comfortable clothes, and separates work best with mammograms.

- Inform the technician. Let the person doing the test know about any areas of concern and any breast changes you've noticed. Let them know if you have breast implants, are breastfeeding or think you might be pregnant. Ask any questions you may have before the test begins.

- Relax. Some people dread getting mammograms because they feel they are uncomfortable, but remind yourself that it's only a few minutes of discomfort that can potentially save your life (breast compressions only last 10 to 15 seconds per image). The more you relax and think positive thoughts, the less bothered you will be by the test.

- Congratulate yourself. Getting routine mammograms is an important step in maintaining your breast health. Be proud of yourself for taking that

step.

"Mammograms are the single best tool to discover early signs of breast cancer," Salters said. "Early detection is vital, so be sure to schedule your annual exam if you're 40 years of age or older."

MRH provides mammography services at Maury Regional Women's Center in Columbia, Lewis Health Center in Hohenwald, Marshall Medical Center in Lewisburg, Wayne Medical Center in Waynesboro and Spring Hill Imaging Center in Spring Hill. Maury Regional Medical Center has been designated a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology.

To schedule a mammogram at any Maury Regional Health facility, call 931.380.4044. Learn more about other common cancers and screening options at [MauryRegional.com/Cancer-Types](https://www.MauryRegional.com/Cancer-Types).

University of Mississippi celebrates August 2022 graduate Annie Haynes

Annie Haynes, of Lewisburg, TN, is among the more than 1,000 students who graduated from the University of Mississippi in August 2022.

Haynes, who is a dietetics and nutrition major, received a Bachelor of Science degree in the School of Applied Sciences.

"Congratulations to our August 2022 class of graduates who are distinguished by outstanding achieve-

ments," said Chancellor Glenn Boyce. "They accomplished so much during their years at Ole Miss, and we can't wait to see all the ways they will pursue their passions and reach their fullest potential."

August 2022 graduates were invited to walk across the stage at the University of Mississippi 2022 Commencement exercises, which were held May 4-8. Morning convocation was held on Sat-

urday, May 7 in the Grove.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics and business. Its 16 academic divisions include

a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an Honors College acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action. Recognized among the nation's most beautiful, Ole Miss' main campus is in Oxford, which is routinely acknowledged as one of the country's best college towns.

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