

# Opinion

## We need order and the police are the best for that

I grew up in the 1960s and I have, from a distance, watched as protests evolve into civil disobedience and then quickly into riots that destroyed entire neighborhoods. Nothing about that is right. There also have been many times when there have been lawful and respectful protests by people committed to rightful change. Unfortunately, our history has proven that real change often is not bloodless.

On March 5, 1770 a group of people in Boston were very upset at how they were being treated by the occupying British forces. Crispus Attucks was a 47-year-old imposing black man of African and native American descent. He was a sailor, whaler and



**Northwest Passage**  
By Loyd Ford

stevedore.

Attucks and a group of people confronted British Army in Boston. Certainly, the British would have regarded this affront to their authority as a riot. Confronted by the angry mob, the red coats did what soldiers are trained to do, they shot them. The first to fall dead in what American history calls the

Boston Massacre was Crispus Attucks. Attucks is generally regarded as the first person to die in what would become the American Revolution.

When the Colonies, now the United States, won their freedom and set to work putting down on paper the things they never want to happen again, one of them was not having the military come to town and shoot people who may or may not be causing a ruckus. The framers of the constitution fully understood that soldiers are trained to kill people while police forces are trained to maintain order.

On May 4, 1970 at Kent State, we saw the result of putting young, National Guard troops armed with high pow-

ered rifles in charge of law and order. Four college students were shot dead. They were Jeffrey Miller, A 20-year-old sophomore studying psychology; Sandra Scheuer, a 20-year-old junior in speech and hearing therapy; William Schroeder, a 19-year-old sophomore also studying psychology; and Allison Krause, a 19-year-old freshman in the Honors College. The guards fired 67 rounds over a period of 13 seconds. Lives were changed forever in those 13 seconds, there wasn't any arrests, hearings or trials for those four young people, just a bullet.

Former President Richard Nixon called the four dead students bums. Some of the

students who were wounded, there were nine others shot, weren't involved in the protest they were just walking by.

I graduated from high school just a few days after the shooting at Kent State. Those days and those events have shaped my views on who can be relied on to best maintain order. Those who are trained best to do it are the police.

The best situation we can hope for is for people to sit down and formulate good solutions to difficult problems. Unfortunately, the America of today is choosing knee jerk answers to some really difficult situations. We aren't taking some good advice from people who had a lot of experience with a

military force dispensing justice, the framers of our US Constitution. They had felt the heel of Britain and they did not want anything like that to happen here again.

What we need is better understanding, fair treatment of people regardless if they are illegals or not, and a commitment to build good meaningful relationships. We don't need young military troops making the call on when to shoot and when not to shoot. It is important to remember they are trained to be "war fighters". The last thing America needs is a war being fought on her streets. The last thing our country needs is the constant turmoil it has been subjected too.



## Our View

### Safety on city streets needs a look

Calvert City does need to give safety on city streets an extended look. We have been mixing golf carts and cars and trucks for years. We have been lucky not to have deaths or serious injuries. Golf carts go places they shouldn't, at times they shouldn't, and are often operated by people who shouldn't be behind the steering wheel. We need to stop the winking.

Calvert City Council is set to adopt the recently passed state law that allows for higher speed off road special purpose vehicles. These vehicles, make no doubt about it, are fast movers. If enforcement of speed limits and lowering speed limits in some places doesn't happen there will vastly be increased opportunities for people to get hurt. It is an absolute necessity that unlicensed drivers are not allowed to operate these vehicles even during the Fourth of July festivities.

Being a relaxed and more family friendly community is a goal all of us should want to reach. But to do this we need to slow down and work to be a safer place.

To make this work we must be safe and play by the rules, that means obeying the speed limits, not going places they aren't allowed, having all the safety equipment, regular motor vehicle insurance and the inspections that go along with it.

Some speed limits probably need to be lowered and certainly we need to watch out for each other.

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## Finding happiness in the simple things

I am a homebody. I like to be in my space with my things. I value be-ing cozy and comfortable. Home is my happy place. I do get a case of the wanderlust ever so often, but it is quickly satisfied with a small outing.

I don't need much, just a small jaunt down the road to see a sight or experience something to gain a little variety or perspective. It doesn't even have to require purchases or peopling. Really a good Sunday drive will usually do



By Emily Morrison

just the trick. Although, the inclusion of a small hike or leisurely stroll is always welcome.

Summer is the time I feel the need to get out and about. Not being

at school among the folk everyday increases my interest in mingling about in the wider world.

Friday my family obliged my need for adventuring. Granted my threshold for adventuring is very low. We set out between raindrops for one of the newer state parks an easy distance from our house. After a short drive, a luncheon of gas station fast-food and a small 1-mile hike we were overlooking the seventh largest waterfall in the

state of Tennessee. It was lovely. It was nice. It was easy. It was free. We even watched a heron fish for its dinner. Our trip to Cummings Falls was a success.

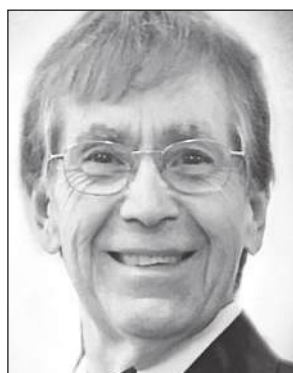
I am pretty easily pleased. I may have even passed this trait on to my children, if my son's latest fortune cookie is to be believed. "You find pleasure in simplicity." I hope this is the case. While grandeur and greatness are alluring, it will always be the small things that count the most.

## It's pleasing to see various wildlife near home

Weather wise this week has been, well, interesting to say the least. Cooler for some, warmer for others, sun to get the grass mowed and lots of rain to help it grow again. I know later on we will be wanting rain. Can't we just save some of it for then?

Exciting sports news... Murray State baseball team is going to the Men's College World Series for the first time in program history after beating Duke 5-4 Monday night. MSU will play UCLA this Saturday at 1 PM CST. Louisville also won their regional and will play Oregon State Friday night at 6 PM CST. Both will be on ESPN.

A little while back I had written about the amazing area we live in. The wildlife abounds all around us. I've said several times about the Bald Eagle that visited my oak tree many times



**My Side of the Fence**  
By Mike Harrell

one spring, not to mention the herd of deer under said oak in the fall eating the acorns.

Saturday night about 9:10 I strolled out on the patio. I was just leaning on the railing looking out into the darkness and listening to all the various night sounds. When I saw this fairly large dog loping up the middle of Aspen Street. As it passed under the street light I knew then it was not a dog. It was a coyote. The creature turned up my drive

way coming straight for me. Just as it got to the entrance to the carport, it turned and went up my neighbor's drive. It stopped under my mulberry tree that hangs over their driveway. It was about 10 feet from me. I didn't figure it was eating the mulberries (but hey, who knows?) I figured it was looking for mice or moles or any stackable food. When I turned my solar light in its direction for a better view, it just turned and loped off down the field. Like I said, wildlife abounds here (all kinds).

A little PSA...If you want to see more wildlife up close, June 14th is Visitor's Appreciation Day at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area - U.S. Forest Service! Admission is free at the Nature Station and the Homeplace 1850s Working Farm.

Father's Day is Sun-

day. Dads don't usually get the treatment moms do. Take him out to dinner (you pay for it) give him a call, the least you can do is give him a big hug. This would probably be the most appreciated.

Happy Father's Day! Oh yes, as mentioned last week, today is King Kamehameha Day. Think of palms, white sand beaches and anything Hawaiian.

Happy Birthday greetings to Lori Emerson, Rita Cook, Jeff Hafner, Bryan Sanders, Charlene Smith, Matt Lambert, Joe Smith and Logan Davis. Celebrate your day and eat the cake.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Joe Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Noles, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Colburn, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Harrell. Celebrate your day.

Stay safe, stay well and as always, stay in touch.

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