

Opinions, yours and ours

The Chatter Box

By Deborah Bennett

The Millen News will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26. Our normal deadlines will be observed for next week's edition with the exception of advertisements. All classifieds, legal ads and display ads for the May 27 edition should be turned in by 4 p.m. this Friday, May 22.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

If you have travelled on Winthrop Avenue the past week, you are well aware that the street is in the process of being paved. I had never given much thought as to how conveniently Winthrop Avenue connects with the rest of our city streets—until last week.

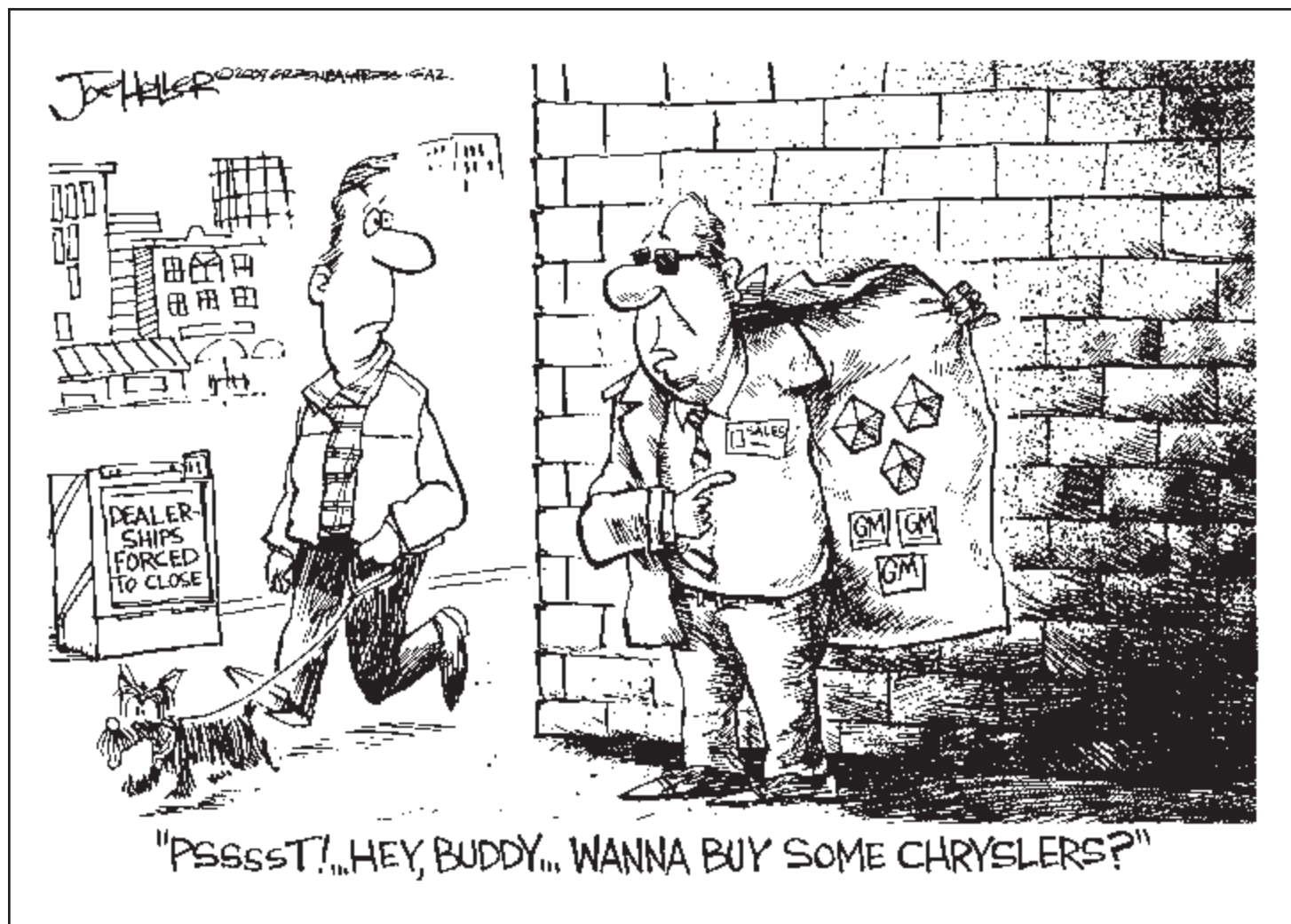
Navigating through the center of town is a little more challenging while this work is in progress. The “back streets” provide good alternative routes, and you can eventually get to where you want to go. It is kind of like driving through a maze though.

So goes the price of progress! We will enjoy the ride on Winthrop when the work is completed.

Happy birthday this week to: Elizabeth Fleming, Joely Mims, Mark Schwonke, Milton Godbee Jr. Velma S. Bragg, Steve Burke, John T. Herrington Jr. and Pat Bolton.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries are: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Burke and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Brinson.

Military Active Duty List: **Ronnie Perryman**, Charlie Troop, 108th Cavalry Division, 4th Platoon, Afghanistan; **Lance Cpl. Adam Lanier**, U.S. Marines, 8th & I Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.; **E-4 Sr. Airman Roy Davis**, U.S. Air Force, RAF Molesworth, United Kingdom; **Lance Cpl. Patrick Barnette**, U.S. Marines, Twenty Nine Palms, CA; **Sgt. Adam Demshar**, 44th Signal Battalion, Baghdad, Iraq; **Cpl. Lee Ogden**, U.S. Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA; **E5 Petty Officer 2nd Class Eric B. Kelsey**, U.S. Navy, NSA Naples, Italy; **Senior Airman Charles F. Woods**, Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, GA; **Stuart Burrus**, U.S. Air Force, Barksdale AFB, Bossier, LA; **SPC 4 Travis D. Motes**, 1st Cavalry Division, T. Hood, Texas; **Capt. Donald Slade Burke**, 735th Air Mobility Squadron Detachment 1 Commander, Richmond Royal Australian AFB, Richmond, Australia; **Staff Sgt. Gilbert C. Sheppard III**, 48th Brigade, 118th Field Artillery, Iraq; **Petty Officer 3rd Class Jamie A. Yager**, U.S. Navy, Marine Corps Base Hawaii; **Petty Chief Officer Andy D. Crosby**, U.S. Navy, Elroy Destroyer, Norfolk, Va.; **Stephanie Crosby**, R.N., U.S. Navy, Lafayette Destroyer; **Jimmy Cooper**, U.S. Army National Guard, 878th Engineering Battalion-Augusta, Persian Gulf ; **1st Lt. J.R. Taylor**, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Iraq; **SPC. Daniel Stuart**, 18th MEDCOM, 121 General Hospital, Seoul, Korea; **Jeffrey Sweat**, U.S. Navy, USS Kauffman, MM3 59/E-Division, A-Gang, Norfolk, Va.; **Cpl. Larry Lamont Clark**, U.S. Marine Corp, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Bagdad, Iraq; **Khan Young**, U.S. Navy, U.S.S. Kitty Hawk, Persian Gulf; **Robert Milton Jr.**, E-3, U.S. Army, Ft. Stewart, Hinesville, Ga., Mission Kuwait; **Arnold R. Mosley**, 2nd Lt., U.S. Air Force, Randolph AFB, Texas; and **Debra A. Mosley**, Tech. Sgt., U.S. Air Force, Randolph AFB, Texas; and **SPC Charles “C.J.” Amerson**, U.S. Army, Camp Adder, Iraq.



Students display artwork

Kenton Jenkins, volunteer art instructor, teaches Jenkins County Elementary School (JCES) students to work with clay. February through March approximately 70 students at JCES worked with different forms of visual media in clay, pastels, drawing, painting and collages during an after school art program. Instructors were volunteers from the Ogeechee River Arts Association. The program was funded through a Grassroots Arts Grant of the Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly and in partnership with the Statesboro Arts Council. Student work will be on display in the JCES media center from May 21 through May 29. The media center will be open to the public from 8:15 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Millen News cruises

The Millen News recently cruised on the Royal Caribbean to Keywest, Fla. and Belize City, Belize with a group of local residents. Shown are, from left, first row: Vivian Johnson, LaShandra Milton and Lula Burton; and second row: cruise waiter, Arthur Milton and Cruise waitress. (Photo contributed)

Letters policy

Letters to the editor of The Millen News are welcomed and encouraged. These are pages of opinions, yours and ours.

The unsigned editorials generally appearing on the left side of the editorial page represent the opinion of the newspaper and not that of any one person on our staff. Personal columns represent the opinions of the writers whose names appear on them and are not to be considered the opinion of this newspaper, its management or owners. Letters to the editor voice the opinions of the newspaper's readers.

The Millen News reserves the right to edit any and all portions of a letter. Unsigned letters will not be published. Letters must include the signature, address and phone number of the writer to allow our staff to authenticate its origin. Letters should be limited to 400 words.

The deadline for letters is Friday at noon. You can email letters to themillennews@yahoo.com.



Who's the toughest? Defense vs. Offense

Where can you get into a first-class, rough and tumble, sporting event with only the donation of a clean towel or container of laundry detergent? Jenkins County High School 5:30 p.m. this Friday night, May 22. The varsity Eagles football team will play a blue/white scrimmage game that is sure to keep spectators on the edge of their seats. Fans are invited to come out, donate a clean towel or a container of laundry detergent and watch the Eagles soar on the school football field. (Photo contributed)



Celebrating National Nursing Home Week

Bethany Nursing Center celebrated National Nursing Home Week May 10-16. Henry Young, Jenkins County Emergency Medical Services director, was at the facility to sign a proclamation during the balloon-lift-off. A full week of activities was planned and enjoyed by residents and staff. Shown are, from left, Regina Bell, Bethany administrator; Lisa Frawley, Bethany activities/social assistant; Young; and Jennifer Wiggins, Bethany social services director. (Photo contributed)

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