

OPINION

Steve's Report

If you were to suddenly transform into an animal that is most like you, what kind of animal would you be? There were times when Cindy was breastfeeding our children when she claimed she felt like a milk cow. Others can be described as graceful as a deer, as slippery as an eel, or as curious as a cat. I think I must be a chameleon. I tend to blend into my surroundings.

The first time I noticed this was the summer I spent on the farm with my grandparents. I would get up early and help out with some of the morning chores, like moving irrigation head lines. Then we'd head back to the house for a big breakfast. Before eating, my grandparents would kneel at their chairs and say their morning prayers. Only after the "Amen" would we rise and take a seat at the table. I hadn't been there more than a few days when I caught myself struggling to get to my feet, letting out a soft moan as I tried to stretch my back and my

right? Except I've learned that it doesn't really work in that direction. My body provides me with enough reminders about my age to keep me from fooling myself. When it comes to my age, it's like I'm looking at the world through rose-colored bifocals. "Just how old do you think you are, son?" A couple more weeks with us and we'll have to be blind to get back into the habit of exercising every morning - another chore to add to my younger longer - but didn't really get around to it until the start of this week. Cindy saw me getting ready for a short run and exclaimed, "What's gotten into you?" I stretched out for a couple of minutes and then started out through the crisp morning air, jogging up the hill that leads into the cemetery. By the time the road leveled out, my heart was beating much harder than it should have been. And the only thing that kept me from focusing on the pain in my right knee was the soreness in my left ankle.

When I got back home, Cindy commented, "You

sure weren't gone very long. I told her I just wanted to go long enough to get my second wind and then keep going until I had worked out all the aches and pains in my joints. She asked, "How long did that take?" I looked at my watch and said, "I'm hoping an minute now."

To be honest, though, I really don't mind getting older. As a matter of fact, I spend a good deal of time daydreaming about my future grandchildren and how I'm going to spoil them rotten. But what really takes the worry out of the aging process and transforms it into something to look forward to is having someone like Cindy to share it with. This week Cindy and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Every day, I look at her and ask myself how I ever got so lucky - and what a beautiful woman like Cindy ever saw in a guy like me. As a matter of fact, I think that is part of the reason we have enjoyed such a happy marriage: if you've

met Cindy, it's quite obvious that I married several rungs above my level. My entire married life has been a quest for self-improvement in hopes of someday being worthy of such a wonderful wife. We have been blessed with four of the best children any parent could ask for. I swear I have learned more from my kids than I could ever hope to teach them in return. A kid once more, all I have to do is look at past years' calendars to know how much I was gone. It's pretty plain to see which parent deserves the credit for raising such good kids.

It's also coming up on Veterans Day. I am proud to have served in this great nation's military for 25 years. But my service was only possible because of the sacrifices and support of my dear wife. It's the wives like Cindy that really deserve the medals and the parades. Happy 25th Anniversary, Cindy. How's about we go for another 25, whatya say?

Brutsman joins American Angus Association

James Brutsman, Carlisle, Kentucky, is a new member of the American Angus Association, reports Bryer Schumann, chief executive officer of the national breed registry organization in Saint Joseph, Missouri. The American Angus Association, with more than 36,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry Association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 16 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U.S. consumption.

Mercury Memories

25 years ago Nov. 3, 1983

The home of Ronnie Jones on the Saltwell-Headquarters Road was destroyed by fire on Oct. 28. An outbuilding belonging to Leonard Gilkerson, on Stoney Creek Road was destroyed by fire on Oct. 29. Tracy Woolley was chosen as Nicholas County Homecoming Queen Friday night. Robert Hopkins, number 44, of the Blue Jacket, had 18 carries for 122 yards in a 52-6 blowout win over Frankfort Friday night. Hopkins set a new record in Nicholas County Football for most yards rushed in a single season with 1300 thus far. David McGuffey previously held the record.

50 years ago Nov. 6, 1958

Four youths were ordered by City Police Judge Joe Clay to pay Kentucky Utilities damages for 67 street lights shot out on Halloween night with BB guns. Each boy is expected to pay \$29.27 for the damages. The city schools Parent-Teachers-Association Hal-

loween Carnival held Friday night at the armory closed \$170, according to an announcement made by PTA president Mrs. H.C. Galbraith. The money will be used to finance the annual junior-senior spring trip. Round steak is only 79 cents a pound at Coatsy Bros. IGA.

105 years ago Nov. 12, 1902

J.H. Stewart is opening turkey pens and is paying 11 cents a pound. William Gore sold his 100-acre farm on Moorefield Road near Carlisle to Dr. W.W. Howe and Sam Morris for \$80 per acre. Several hundred people attended the opening of the Moorefield Deposit Bank Thursday, W.H. Howe is the bank's president.

128 years ago Nov. 11, 1880

M.V. Boston bought some Mendon County property at public auction Monday for one dollar. Rev. C.C. Newton, pastor of the Methodist Church returned from West Liberty where he conducted a very successful revival. The citizens of East End have erected a new tubular lamp at the corner of Walnut and Front Streets, and the citizens of that part of town will no longer have excuses for going home disgruntled and telling their wives that they "fell off of Archdeacon's plank walk."



Art on display. Pictured are the 4th period Nicholas County High School art students with Regina Barnes, a member of the Courthouse Square Arts Guild. Many displayed art pieces during Saturday in Carlisle. From left to right they are: Kayle Hammond, Jim Coyner, Audrienne Wilson, Todd Turey, Allison Brown, Regina Barnes (center), Amy Smith, Janice Wells, Jarrod Pence, and Courtney Browning. The students and instructor Elizabeth Johnson would like to express heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation to members of the Courthouse Square Arts Guild for donating money to go toward art supplies. Their generosity was completely unexpected and was a wonderful surprise.

4-H Horse Show Results

- First Place, Class 8 Egg & Spoon, number 41, Rufe Taubee of Carlisle, Boone. First Place, Class 10, Catalog Race, 17 & under, Aaron Capps, of Carlisle, Rooster. First Place Class 11, Spotted Saddle Horse 18 & over, Keg Shod, No. 67, John Stacy/ Nyria Stacy of Carlisle, Dubstys Gold Storm. First Place, Class 10, Catalog Race, 17 & under, Aaron Capps, of Carlisle, Rooster. First Place Class 11, Spotted Saddle Horse 18 & over, Keg Shod, No. 67, John Stacy/ Nyria Stacy of Carlisle, Hank. First Place, Class 12 Speed Racking, No. 88, Larry Ross of Carlisle, Tunka. First Place Catalog Race 18 & over, No. 31 Brad Cox, of Carlisle, Toby. First Place Class 14 Spotted Mountain Pleasure, No. 473, Kandice Zornes of Carlisle, Midnight. First Place, Buggy Class, No. 37, Rick & Tina of Carlisle, Jake. First Place, Class 16, Nicholas Co. Pleasure, 18 & over, No. 67, John Stacy/ Nyria Stacy of Carlisle, Dustys Gold Storm. First Place, Class 17, Passenger Pickup, No. 21 Aaron Capps & Brad Cox of Carlisle, Toby. First Place, Country Pleasure, Class 18, No. 291 Vincent Price of Paris, Buster. First Place, Class 19, Suitcase Race, No. 7, Alyssa Hahn of Paris, Sugar & Spice. First Place, Class 20 Rocky KY Mountain Pleasure Stallions, No. 750, David Williams of Mt. Sterling, Cream of Crop. First Place, Class 21, Open Show, No. 67, John Stacy of Carlisle, Hank. First Place, Class 22 Costume Class, No. 18, Alex Linville of Carlisle, Sut-

Nicholas County Opinion Poll. This week's question: How low will the price of gasoline go per gallon before it starts to climb again? Photos of Mary Lou Alexander, Carolyn Scott, Thelma Moore, and Hope Pope with their responses.

Breathing new life into pulmonary disease treatment. Photos of James McCormick, M.D. and a patient, with text describing the treatment and its benefits.

More income at retirement? 6.75%\* Single Premium Deferred Annuity. Advertisement for State Farm insurance, including contact information for Brian Clark, Agent.

Breathing new life into pulmonary disease treatment. Advertisement for UK HealthCare and Harrison Memorial Hospital, featuring photos of the medical center and text about lung cancer treatment.

Cookie Lee Show/Sale. Saturday, November 8, 2008. 1:00pm-3:00pm. Downstairs in The Carlisle Mercury Building. Lots of Christmas gift ideas. Come by to see how you can earn lots of free jewelry. Cookie Lee fine fashion jewelry.

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