

FOCUS

Animal crackers in my pancakes

UNCLE BILL'S CORNER



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Guest Columnist

Remember when you were five and everything was possible. You lived in a world of dreams and you were full of excitement with many questions about the world in which you lived? There were lions, and tigers, and bears in your back yard. Your bed had to be checked nightly just in case there were monster's under there. Going to the ocean for the first time and looking at all the waves rushing to the shore, wondering what made that do that? Remembering the loving words of your Mom and Dad and Grandparents trying to explain the "why's" of this, and the "why's" of that.

I have lots of fond memories. Stroll with me down memory lane this morning and let's be young again or at least, young at heart!

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys, being like boys, began to argue over which one would get the first pancake. Their mother thought this would be a great opportunity for a moral lesson for each child.

The mother said, "If Jesus were sitting here right now, He would say, 'Let my

brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'"

Kevin, with a big smile on his face, lifted his eyebrows, thought for a minute, turned to his younger brother Ryan, pointing his finger and said, "Ryan my brother, you be Jesus!"

By this time Mom had had enough of Kevin's actions and said, "Kevin, you are going to think Jesus, if you don't behave this morning!"

A father was at the beach with his children when his 4-year-old son Sam ran up to him, grabbed his hand and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, What happened to him?" Sam asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the dad replied. Sam thought for a moment and said, "Did God throw him back down?" Dad had to think fast so he picked the dead bird up and threw it into the ocean.

"Why did you do that?" asked Sam.

Dad replied, "I am sending him to heaven by a big ship."

A mother was teaching her 3-year-old, Sally, The Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, Sally repeated it after the mother. Then one night Sally was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride to the carefully enunciated words, right up to the end.

"And lead us not into temptation, but, but, but, deliver us some mail, for thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever, and forever, Amen. God, even better, we live on a earth with lots of (techno-golly). We have a computer, you could just email us. Amen,

again, and good night."

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Six-year-old Abby and her 4-year-old brother, Jeff, were sitting together in church. Jeff giggled, sang, and talked out loud and was squirming all around. Finally, his big sister Abby had enough. Abby got right in Jeff's face and said "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church. Do you hear me?"

"Why?" replied Jeff? "Who's going to stop me?" And he proceeded to stick his tongue out at his big sister. Abby was furious. I mean really mad.

Abby pointed to the back of the church and said, "You see those big guys back there standing at the door?"

"Yes," replied Jeff.

Abby, looked seriously into Jeff's face and said, "They are Hushers! Now hush or the HUSHERS are coming to get you."

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A father was reading Bible stories to Adam his youngest son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt."

Adam looked seriously at his father and said, "What happened to the flea. And Dad if it rain's on the wife she will melt and go all over the ground." The dad thinking very quickly said, "Well Adam, I guess the flea jumped on a nearby dog or cat, and the wife would look like the wicked witch of the West and melt, like from the movie, "The Wizard of Oz!"

Adam replied, "Got'ch ya dad."

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YARD OF THE WEEK

The Thomasville City Beautification Committee has named the yard of Michael and Shfreda Drake of 307 West Guilford Street in Thomasville as Yard of the Week for the week of May 15-22. To qualify for "Yard of the Week," the nominee can be either a renter or homeowner as long as they are responsible for the planting and maintenance of the yard nominated. Yards being planted and maintained by a professional landscaper are exempt.

May lawn and garden tips

BY SCOTT WELBORN
Master Gardener

Prepare for Dry Weather — Prepare plants now for dry weather. Conserve moisture and control weeds by using a 2-3" layer of pine straw, wood chips or pine bark. Also water deeply and infrequently to encourage a deep root system.

Weeding — Control weeds prior to planting vegetables and flowers. Round Up and Finale are common weed killers that can be used. Keep ahead of weeds during the growing season by simply hoeing frequently in the top inch of soil to prevent new seeds from germinating. Poison Ivy can be eliminated with multiple sprays of Roundup or a product containing 2-4d which is a broad leaf weed killer. Do not apply herbicides on a windy day to prevent injury to desirable plants. Spring Bulbs — Do NOT cut back spring bulb foliage until it turns yellow and brown.

Bedding Plants - Frost-sensitive bedding plants can be safely planted in May. Make sure to tease out the roots of the plants to prevent circling roots. Clumps of Cannas should be divided every three or four years to encourage flowering. Set root sections 5-6" deep, 15" apart. Watch plants carefully for evidence of aphids and spray as needed.

(Insecticidal soap, horticultural oil, or chemicals are available). These aphids are responsible for the black sooty mold often seen on Crapemyrtles later in the season. If powdery mildew occurs, apply sulfur based fungicides. You can prune your rhododendron/azaleas after they finish flowering. Be sure to spray your azaleas with Malathion to kill lace bugs which will turn the leaves a grey color.

Aphids — Aphids vary in color from green, black, brown, red, pink, etc. They are soft bodied insects. They suck sap from their needle-like mouthparts from buds, leaves, twigs and developing fruit. Leaves may be stunted and distorted and fruit may become misshapen. They can be found along stems or on the underside of a leaf. One of the Aphid's natural predators is the lady bug. Non chemical removal of these pests includes washing them off the plant with a steady stream of water or spraying soapy water on the leaves. Repeat again in 3-4 days to catch any survivors. Chemical removal includes spraying insecticidal soap, pyrethrins or Malathion.

Hummingbirds — It's time to hang up hummingbird feeders. Any feeder can attract hummingbirds, so the most important design feature to look for is ease of disassembly and cleaning. Hummingbirds get the energy they need to maintain their astonishing metabolism primarily from flower nectar and the sugar water they find at feeders. For protein and other nutrients, they also eat soft-bodied insects and spiders. The sugar water we use to fill hummingbird feeders is only a supplement to the birds' natural diet. It's not necessary to buy a commercial "nectar" mix that includes additional vitamins, protein, or other substances, because the birds get all they need from the flower nectar and insects they consume. Do not put honey, Jell-O, brown sugar, fruit, or red food coloring in your feeder!

You can plant wing seeds now: beans, cantaloupe, corn (sweet), cucumbers, lima beans, okra, southern peas, pumpkins, squash, Swiss chard, watermelons. (basically all frost sensitive crops need to go in the ground now) You can set out the following vegetable plants this month: eggplant, pepper, and tomato. May is a great month to enjoy the garden. Harvest those spring crops and plant the summer ones.

SCHOOL MENUS

Thomasville City Schools

Monday, May 24 — Breakfast: Chicken biscuit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Fish nuggets, BBQ pork, chef salad, oven fried potatoes, cole slaw, cherry cobbler, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 26 — Breakfast: Biscuit, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Oven fried chicken, turkey roll up, chef salad, creamed potatoes, green peas, stewed apples, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, May 27 — Breakfast: Cereal w/graham crackers, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, chef salad, seasoned green beans, chilled pineapple, chilled peaches, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 28 — Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fillet, chef salad, potato tots, seasoned corn, fruit sherbet, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, May 29 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Chef salad, spaghetti, tossed salad, California blend vegetables, chilled pears, fresh fruit, milk.

Davidson County Schools

Monday, May 24 — Breakfast: Cinnamon bun, fresh assorted fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, beef tetrazzini, turkey and lettuce wrap, green beans, steamed carrots, tossed salad, applesauce, whole wheat roll.

Tuesday, May 26 — Breakfast: Chicken fillet biscuit, assorted fresh fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Mini corn dog, beef teriyaki nuggets, taco stick, tater tots, broccoli and cheese casserole, lettuce and tomato, mixed fruit, whole wheat roll.

Wednesday, May 27 — Breakfast: Super donut, assorted fresh fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Chick-

en nuggets, twisted pizza sticks w/sauce, manager's choice, mashed potatoes, oven fried okra, tossed salad, peaches, whole wheat roll.

Thursday, May 28 — Breakfast: Breakfast Breaks, assorted fresh fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Nachos, spaghetti w/Texas toast, pepperoni or cheese sub, corn, green peas, tossed salad, pears, cherry crisp.

Friday, May 29 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted fresh fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fillet, rib-b-que sandwich, hot dog w/chili, baked beans, onion rings, coleslaw, lettuce and tomato, pineapple.

*Cereal and toast offered daily with breakfast.

*Chef salad meal with crackers, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, boxed raisins and dried cherries available daily with lunch.

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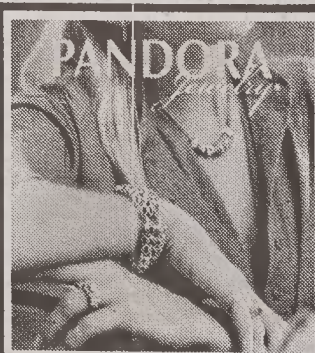
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