

In the Weeds with Kay McCullough

Lunch offered to 'guardian angel'

My plan was to go to the post office and then get chicken for Jim's lunch, because he had been working hard on the tractor, clearing downed trees from our homestead.

Later, I would attend Abe Whitfield's memorial service at Turkey Roost Nursery.



By Kay McCullough

"The best-laid plans of mice and men" often lead to unforeseen events.

I pulled into a familiar parking lot and decided to put the car in a different space. This turned out to be a bad idea.

"Why aren't they open? It's 11 a.m. The sign says 11 a.m.!" a gray-bearded gentleman called out to me. He proceeded to walk around the building and look into the windows as I approached the door... from a different angle than usual.

I was looking at the sign. Maybe the hours are different on Saturday.

In an instant, I heard and

felt a PONK -- like a melon busting open on the ground.

My forehead had hit the concrete curb on the other side of the concrete curb I had tripped over, and my expensive glasses flew off.

Dumb girl. You forgot where you parked, and you've fallen over the ramp to the door!

The man rushed over and tried to comfort me. I think he called me darlin', but it might have been another term of endearment.

"You are hurt and really bleeding!" he said.

I believe he touched my forehead and tried to close the wound, but I am not sure.

I like to think he was an angel.

He gave me his hand and helped me up. The Lord knows I couldn't have gotten up by myself because of my bad knees.

I had blood all over my hands and some had dripped on my good shirt and old pants.

Sometimes I concurrently dress for errands and yardwork. This, too, became a bad idea.

"Do you need me to get help?" he asked.

"I think I am OK. I don't hurt at all," I replied, truthfully. Head and face wounds bleed a lot, I remembered. "I have some clean napkins in the car."

I walked over, opened the door, and dabbed my head and face. Lots of red. I kinda panicked and decided not to call Jim because he couldn't hear me on the tractor, and I would just go

to the ER and get checked.

The medical guy in our family is James, so I called him in Orlando.

"I am getting ahold of Dad somehow," he lectured.

At this point in the story I will pause for a message of praise and positive words about our hospital and its staff.

Jim and I can't say enough about Doctors' Memorial. The people there are professional and caring. It is always clean. In our opinion, they helped save his life earlier this year.

Long story short: Jim had taken a break and received messages from Junior. He arrived in his work clothes, fearing the worst.

After being evaluated and having a CT scan on my neck and head, the radiologist determined that I may have a brain bleed, and further diagnostics were needed in Tallahassee.

Since my wound was considered "traumatic," I needed to be transported sooner rather than later. So that meant a helicopter ride.

I am not a fan of flying, but I realized there was no alternative, so I decided to treasure the experience.

The EMTs are seasoned Army veterans, who make their living transporting patients around the region, and they are wonderful young men.

They wear Shands and Gator logos, so we had some fun talking football.

I am not a UF fan, but in this case, I transferred allegiance for the trip. I

did apologize for my attire, which made the guys laugh and add, "You wouldn't believe what we've seen."

The views from the window were breathtaking. Taylor County and the Big Bend are beautiful and green -- so many trees! I am grateful Idalia didn't ruin everything.

I kept praying and sight-seeing. In about 20 minutes, we landed on the roof of Tallahassee Memorial.

Listening and watching the constant movement of EMTs, law enforcement and medical staff in the ER continues to amaze me.

Jim arrived in about an hour in clean clothes. I still had on my blood-stained shirt and old blood-stained jeans.

Longer story shorter (not): After about five hours and another CT scan, the verdict was returned: Calcium deposit, rather than a brain bleed. Relief and some embarrassment, but that's par for the course of my life.

It's always been said I'm hard-headed!

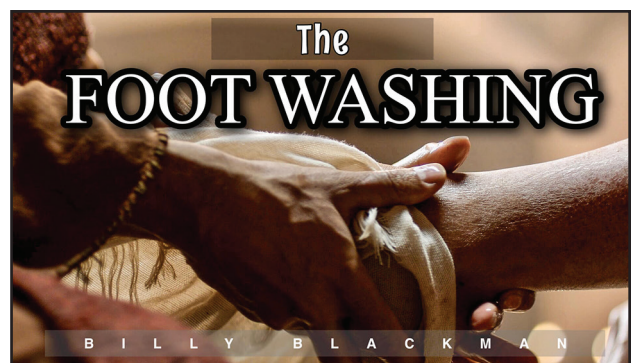
Jim repeated that the DMH staff was concerned enough to get a second opinion and that's what counted. And, after I was discharged, we had supper at one of our favorite places in the Capital City.

Just not chicken.

HOWEVER, if I ever learn the identity of my "guardian angel" who helped me at KFC on July 13 at 11:15 a.m., I will take him to lunch anywhere he wants in Perry.

Overall Common'tater

By Billy Blackman



My feet were clean enough to suit me, so I didn't go up front to get them washed like other people at church did that night.

I was just fine where I was on the back pew, stuck somewhere between preaching and picking, sinning and snoring, with no plans to take off my shoes.

The back pew was as far away from the pulpit as I could get and still be inside a building where women's purses smelled like Juicy Fruit -- a cinder block tabernacle where the song service was loud and the sermons long.

Since my only church experience was in the holy-roller ways, I knew what a "foot washin'" involved. I witnessed one up close once when I was young and curious.

Back then, I didn't realize how important that ritual was. I figured the adults just didn't want to wash their own feet.

"Been walkin' in the chicken yard barefooted," I surmised.

Now I know that foot washing, among other things, is an act of humility.

In life, humility is important. It is a component of wisdom.

During that first experience, I sat on the front pew to get a better view as two lines of shoeless shouters stood at the front of the sanctuary.

One line was for men (the Old Spicers), the other for women (the Avoners). Back then, there was no unisex foot washing lines, because in a small town, rumors can get out of hand in a hurry.

In one line stood pulpwooders and house painters. In the other line stood homemakers wearing no ear bling and hands covered in okra stings.

But both lines had one thing in common: the promise of a bus ticket to Glory.

From my inexperienced perspective, all they had to do to hang onto that ticket was live right, occasionally wash somebody's feet and not talk bad about sister so-in-so when she sang flat or dipped a little snuff.

At the front of each line was a wash pan half-full of water and a chair. The first person in line would sit in the chair, put his or her bare feet in the bucket and the next person in line would wash the sitting sinner's feet.

Then they'd exchange places and repeat until everyone in line had a turn.

Somebody always brought an extra bucket of water in case someone got happy and stomped the water out of his or her bucket.

Back then, I sat up close to get a good look.

This time I stayed on the

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LEGALS

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has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number 980
Year of Issuance 2020
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R06562-312

Described as: LEG 0001.00 ACRES - ADAMS BEACH OAKS - LOT 45 BLK B - OR 280-193 SECTION 04 TOWNSHIP 07 RANGE 07

Name in which assessed: Pedro Cavazos Jr. & Maria S. Cavazos
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 12th day of August, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

** To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. **
Dated this 8th day of July, 2024
Signature:
Gary Knowles
Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Shirley R. Pickford, Trustee of the Shirley R. Pickford Rev. Trust, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number 1404
Year of Issuance 2020

Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R09486-752
Described as: LEG 0000.17 ACRES - STEINHATCHEE SUB - LOT 9 BLK 108 - (CHANGED # FROM 9486-800) - OR 125-451 SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP 09 RANGE 09
Name in which assessed: Stella Jones Estate
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
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Certificate Number 1445
Year of Issuance 2020
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R09618-010
Described as: LEG 0000.14 ACRES - STEINHATCHEE SUB - E 1/2 LOT 3 BLK 26 - OR 162-292 SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 09 RANGE 09
Name in which assessed: Stella Jones Estate
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
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Certificate Number 1465
Year of Issuance 2019
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R09325-000
Described as: LEG 0001.36 ACRES - COM SE COR NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 RUN N - 533 FT S79D50MW 595 FT FOR POB TH N - 210 FT S79D50MW 75 FT N 70 FT - S79D50MW 143 FT S 280 FT N79D50ME - 275 FT TO POB SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 07 RANGE 09
Name in which assessed: David A. Brown Estate
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
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Certificate Number 1022
Year of Issuance 2019
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R06553-601
Described as: LEG 0001.04 ACRES - ADAMS BEACH COVE SUB - LOT 32 - OR 269-790 SECTION 02 TOWNSHIP 07 RANGE 07
Name in which assessed: Henry W. & Pauline G. Antonius
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
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Described as: LEG 0004.34 ACRES - COM SW COR OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 RUN - E 387.36 FT N 498.3 FT W 381.5 FT - S TO POB OR 753-77 SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 08
Name in which assessed: Melvin M. Bowden Jr. & Joey Bowden
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
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Certificate Number 1332
Year of Issuance 2020
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R09042-200
Described as: LEG 0020.01 ACRES - TRACT 20 - COM NW COR SECT 6 THN N89D 20M 39SE 5336.51 FT THN S00D 00M 00SE 856.28 FT TO CL THN ALG CL S57D 49M 235W 533.07 FT THN S70D 50M 215W 126.51 FT THN S85D 27M 175W 55.21 FT THN S01D 05M 06SW 1651.5 FT THN S01D 32M 36SW 1492.54 FT TO CL THN N89D 00M 51SE ALG CL 255.45 FT TO INT THN ALG CL S16D 54M 19SE 379.99 FT THN S00D 05M 46SE 137.58 FT THN S09D 28M 25SW 260.28 FT S29D 10M 44SW 209.75 FT THN S40D44M 235W 190.31 FT THN N86D 40M 01SE 1813.88 FT THN S08D 53M 16SE 476.39 FT THN S15D 18M 32SE 466.29 FT FOR POB THN S85D 16M 26SE 1153.12 FT TO CL THN ALG CL S05D 16M 13SW 414.48 FT THN S07D 20M 16SE 212.09 FT THN S80D 36M 22SW 1169.01 FT THN N00D 57M 12SE - 909.02 FT TO POB TOGETHER WITH ESMT - OR 556-615 SECTION 08 TOWNSHIP 03 RANGE 09
Name in which assessed: Promene M. Pierre & Cheryl Jeune
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.
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Certificate Number 1164
Year of Issuance 2020
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R07720-000

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