

OH doctor's family stays busy with archery, bluegrass music

Horses, farming and hunting also fills time

BY KEITH LAWRENCE
MESSENGER-INQUIRER

When you talk to the Fletcher family of Boonville, you wonder when

they have time to sleep. Dr. Greg Fletcher is an emergency room doctor at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. Billie Fletcher home schools the children. And the children have won 10 national archery tournaments. They farm, they fish,

they hunt. They breed, raise and train Arabian and half-Arabian horses. Oh, and they have a bluegrass band —The Fletcher Family. The Fletchers just returned from Las Vegas where Gracen Fletcher, 18, won the Champion-

ship Compound Female world championship. She also has six national titles. Casson, 21, has one national title and Georgia, 16, has two. Billie Fletcher was the NCAA woman of the year in 1996, a year after her University of Nebraska

volleyball team won the national title. And Greg Fletcher was an outside linebacker on the Nebraska football team that finished second in the national championship Orange Bowl in 1994.

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when she was away, I got an apple fritter. When she came home and went to Publix to buy groceries, everybody told her I had bought an apple fritter. By the time my wife got home from shopping, she knew I had bought an apple fritter behind her back. How can you buy something behind her back when everybody knows her? I had to put a plan together, which was to go across town to a Publix that she had never been to. I got in my vehicle to drive across town to acquire several apple fritters for the week. As I began my journey, I just couldn't help but chuckle and smile. I can't remember the last time I had an apple fritter, and I was surely looking forward to this one. As I was driving, I was

listening to some preacher on a radio station. I was listening as I was driving, still very happy inside. Unfortunately for me, his sermon that day was on lying. I enjoyed his sermon, and as I was driving into the Publix parking lot, I began to think about it. What is a lie? I knew I could go into that store, buy as many apple fritters as I wanted, and then take them home. I knew I could put this together so that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would never know about it. Then, a thought burned into my head. Am I cheating on The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage? Halfway from my vehicle to the store, I stopped. Is it worth lying? I'm unsure what was happening in my heart, but I stopped, turned around, returned to my vehicle,

and went home. Not all the apple fritters in the world are worth lying to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Driving home, I remembered a hymn that had the phrase, "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin." I can't stop the temptation, but I can refuse to yield to it. I also thought of a Bible verse. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Temptations will come, but I do not have to yield. Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala, FL with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage; 352-216-3025, jamesnsnyder51@gmail.com, www.jamesnsnyderministries.com.

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