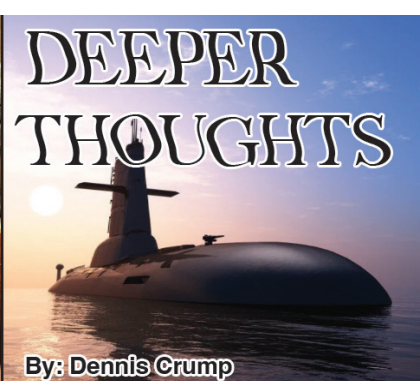


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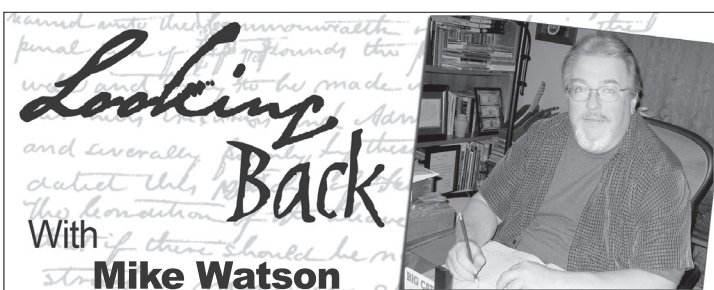
varied areas as the Australia Electoral Commission and Bureau of Meteorology. It is less clear whether it means DeepSeek would be banned from public sector computers in different areas of the economy, such as schools. The ban does not extend to devices of private citizens."

The United States Navy has reportedly banned its members from using DeepSeek's apps altogether, citing "potential security and ethical concerns," according to CNBC. This ban is on all devices whether government-owned or personal.

According to DeepSeek's privacy policy, it collects large amounts of personal information collected from users, which is then stored "in secure servers" in China. This may include:

- Your email address, phone number and date of birth, entered when creating an account
- Any user input including text and audio, as well as chat histories
- So-called "technical information" - ranging from your phone's model and operating system to your IP address and "keystroke patterns." It says it uses this information to improve DeepSeek by enhancing its "safety, security and stability." It will then share this information with others, such as service providers, advertising partners and its corporate group, which will be kept "for as long as necessary."

There are genuine concerns around the technological potential of DeepSeek, specifically around the terms of its privacy policy," said ExpressVPN's digital privacy advocate Lauren Hendry Parsons. Anyone that understands China should know that information stored on any server in China will almost certainly be available to the Chinese Communist Party's government. No wonder the U.S. Navy has decided to "deep six" DeepSeek.



Working Toward A New County, and More—

Two hundred years ago there was a movement in our area to form a new county for the convenience of the local population. The general rule of thumb in Kentucky was that no man should have to ride more than one day horseback to his courthouse to conduct business. Therefore, new counties were formed as the population continued to move into the "wild" areas of the state. Russell County was discussed in late 1824 and formed 1825...

Argus of Western America, Frankfort, KY, 15 December 1824, Wednesday, p1—
[Kentucky Legislature]: In Senate, Saturday, Dec. 4—Mr. Ewing from the committee of P & G reported a bill... for a new county to be formed out of parts of Cumberland, Adair and Wayne, is reasonable. Mr. Bowman moved to reverse the report and reject the petition, and stated his reasons against the formation of this new county. Mr. Beatty also opposed the petition. Mr. Selby [who was representative from Adair] explained the situation of that section of country and of the petitioners, pointed out the inconveniences under which they labor, and advocated the formation of the new county at considerable length... the motion was lost and report concurred in... Passed to a second reading.

Argus of Western America, Frankfort, KY, 22 December 1824, Wednesday, p2—
[Kentucky Legislature]: House of Representatives, Monday, Dec. 20—Mr. W. Patterson reported a bill providing for the appointment of Commissioners to settle the affairs of the Bank of Columbia, which passed.

Argus of Western America, Frankfort, KY, 5 January 1825, Wednesday, p2—
[Kentucky Legislature]: In Senate, Tuesday, Dec. 28—The bill to establish a new county, out of parts of Cumberland, Adair and Wayne, was taken up. The blank for the name of the new county was to be filled. Mr. Selby was indifferent as to the name. Mr. O'Bannon proposed "Hancock" in favor of John Hancock. Mr. Muldrow proposed "Russell" in honor of Gen. Wm. Russell. Mr. Jas. Allen proposed "Marion" in honor of the Revolutionary hero of Carolina, when Mr. O'Bannon withdrew the name "Hancock." Mr. Dudley proposed "McMillan" in honor of Col. McMillan, late of Montgomery. The latter was withdrawn, and the vote taken between "Russell" and "Marion", for the former 21, the latter 9. So it was determined the county should be called "Russell." The other blanks in the bill being filled, after a few observations against the bill by Messrs. Beatty and Crutcher, and in favor of it by Messrs. Selby and Beauchamp, the vote was taken upon its passage and stood 14 in favor, and 14 against, and the Speaker voting in the affirmative, the bill passed.

Argus of Western America, Frankfort, KY, 20 April 1825, Wednesday, p2—
[On the raging issue of the time in Kentucky, the Old Court vs New Court]: ...A letter from Columbia, Adair County, says, "we have two candidates for the new Judges, viz, Dr. Nathan Gaither and Maj. John Woolford, and two in favor of reinstating the old Judges with all their abominable decisions, viz, lawyer Cyrus Walker and magistrate Zachariah Taylor." The writer is of opinion that the two former will be elected...

Argus of Western America, Frankfort, KY, 27 April 1825, Wednesday, p2—
[Long letter on politics at the county and state level. Addressed to Amos Kendall, Editor of the Argus, from Joseph Burton, Columbia, KY, dated March [no specific day], 1825, and in reference to Green County's Samuel Brents, member of the Kentucky House of Representatives—includes a letter from Brents to Burton, written [no month given] 19th, 1824, and printed in full.]
The Nashville Gazette, Nashville, TN, 23 September 1825, Friday, p2—

Jackson in Kentucky—The "Columbia (KY.) Reporter" informs us that "Agreeable to public notice, a large collection of the citizens of Adair and several adjacent counties, convened at the Court House in Columbia on Monday the 4th inst. for the purpose of expressing their desire that Gen. Andrew Jackson be invited to pass through the county of Adair, and partake, with the citizens thereof, and with those of the adjoining counties of a public dinner in the town of Columbia, whilst on his journey to Washington City this ensuing fall." The resolutions passed and are highly complimentary to the general.

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Deep Six DeepSeek!

The Chinese have stunned the rest of the world with the release of it DeepSeek artificial intelligence (AI) model. DeepSeek appears to match the performance of established AI models is the United States. The Chinese claim that it had a training cost of only five or six million dollars (which seems questionable) and uses "less technologically advanced" chips. But some companies and many governments are discovering that this low cost AI may not be desirable. For instance, the Australian government, the United States Navy and many companies have already banned DeepSeek over security concerns.

Technology reporter Tom Gerken writes, "Australia's move specifically requires any government entities to prevent the use or installation of DeepSeek products, applications and web services" as well as remove any previously installed, on any government system or device. That means a wide range of workers will not be able to use the tools in the country, including those working in such



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Color It!

February, six more weeks of winter no matter what the ground hog saw. So far, it has been about normal with ice, snow and a January thaw.

From November till March one thing we can count on are "Fifty Shades of Gray," which has nothing to do with the book. Skies are coated with dark, light and medium tones of gray and woods sport light and dark visions. It's an "ugh" kind of world with few breaks of bright clear sunshine.

So how do we get relief from a dismay outlook. Back during the back-to-back snow and ice storms, I stumbled across some old coloring books and entertained myself with crayons or colored pencils.

Barbara Appleby, local illustrator/author, has over a dozen hand-drawn coloring books available on Amazon. Books for every member of the family. I've not seen them all but a new little book is a jewel. Color My Love is perfect for the month of February — the month when we rediscover

the meaning of love.

There are all kinds of love. Her creative pen brings them to life for our pleasure to add color to our day. This is not a book just for children but for adults to remember all the facets of love.

Do you remember the love you had for a special pet? What about a teacher that didn't scold you for handing in grubby homework? Who tucked you in bed at night and assured you there were no gremlins hiding under the bed?

What is your relationship with the Savior? Did you get crick in your neck from trying to look over your shoulder to see if he was sitting there watching everything you did?

Then there's the day, say about the third grade, when you drew a name out of a box. You had to give a Valentine to someone you didn't like. You couldn't make a trade because you didn't want anyone to know the name you'd gotten. You hemmed-and-hawed until it was no longer possible to put it off and searched for the ugliest card on the rack. A footnote: Later in life when time improved the individual they may have become your spouse. Life is funny that way.

People have been adding sparkle to their lives for centuries with colored threads to create tapestries, needlepoint, counted cross-stitch and embroidery. Does anyone remember paint-by-numbers?

Take a look at Barbara Appleby's Color My Love, it's great to kill the time during the commercials on TV. It keeps your hands busy and out of the refrigerator.

P.S. — There is a rumor going around we're in for a spell of good weather but remember winter isn't over so color it to suit your fancy.

Weekend, when our wedding took place amongst family and friends. It was a wonderful ceremony, he sang, "I Can't Stop Falling in Love with You", we spoke our interactive wedding vows, and his daughter officiated our ceremony. Our first dance was to a song he had written for me. It was a dream come true.

In February, we celebrate love, which grows when shared. Showing love to others creates a ripple effect. On Valentine's Day, February 14th, we express affection to loved ones by giving cards, flowers, or chocolates — just anything to show someone how much you care for them.

Most people don't show their love because they are afraid of being seen as vulnerable, and regard love and emotions as a weakness not a strength.

First, Listen! It is true: love does make you vulnerable and showing your love is, indeed, a risky action because you never know what will happen in the future. Do it anyway!

Take a bit of a risk, allow yourself to be vulnerable sometimes, and show your love because most times you win!

Remember and embrace: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 "Love is always patient and kind. It is never jealous. Love is never boastful or conceited. It is never rude or selfish. It does not take offense and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth. It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes".

Love People and Love God- as God loves you! Amen.



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"I wanted to talk about it. I wanted to scream. I wanted to yell. I wanted to shout about it. But all I could do was whisper, 'I'm fine.'" -Unknown

February is the Month of Love

February is traditionally recognized as the month of Love. February 1 is my birthday, which I recently celebrated. Following this, Valentine's Day is observed. I love February!

On Valentine's Day last year, during dinner my best friend proposed. The proposal was unexpected, and the response was affirmative with the understanding that work and family matters needed attention and we would marry in summer 2025.

The engagement didn't last long - lasted until Labor Day

JUDGE'S CORNER

By: Judge Executive Larry Russell Bryant



Fellow Adair Countians,
Due to scheduling conflicts and miscommunication on my part, last week's Judge's Corner didn't make the paper. So, here is last week's edition, and a smaller section at the end of this week. As always, thanks to the Adair Progress for this space each week.

Well, the Fiscal Court meeting was certainly embarrassing, wasn't it? I truly regret being part of the combative atmosphere our meetings have come to be known for. But when those guys come at me with guns blazing, it's hard to sit back and not get defensive. After all, this is a fiscal court—by definition, it deals with the financial matters of the county.

Whether they like it or not, I am the Chief Executive Officer of Adair County, and ultimately, I'm the one held accountable for the county's financial well-being. That's why I take concerns like exorbitant bids seriously. For a court made up of all conservative Republicans, you'd think that a conversation about saving \$32,000 and stretching our dollars would not only be allowed but actively encouraged.

Let me remind everyone that this is the same court that rejected Gaddie Shamrock's sole bid for rock, simply because they wanted to give another quarry the chance to submit a bid. Yet when I asked for the same courtesy

regarding the bathrooms at the Jim Blair Center, the answer was "no." I can't recall a single time this court has reached across the table to offer me the same grace I've extended to them. It's a one-way street.

My suggestion about better tracking the occupational tax is something that many people have raised with me. What is this tax being used for? I recommended creating a separate line item to track these payments, so we can see where the money is coming from and where it's going. But Magistrate Humphress seems to think it would create too much work for the treasurer. Honestly, I don't think that's a significant burden for any bookkeeper. I believe Adair Countians deserve transparency on how this new tax is being spent.

After the meeting, I extended my hand to Magistrate Denton, offering an apology and hoping we could separate our disagreements about the use of county funds from personal animosity. But he

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