Turkey, rolls, halftime shows

From Turkey Bowls to Turkey Trots, my Thanksgiving mornings have been full of rituals and traditions over the years.

This year, with an early dinner in a county over, I'm doing neither, but that doesn't mean the rest of the day won't be filled with usual Turkey Day activities — you know, like snoozing on the couch after stuffing myself silly.



AARON SNYDER

Between naps, though, plenty of football will be watched.

The Lions were lovable losers for so many years, but I always loved watching them growing up because of Barry Sanders.

Detroit has played every Thanksgiving since 1934 — with the only exception being 1939-44 due to World War II. The Lions will host the Bears in what should be a really good 1 p.m. matchup.

The Dallas Cowboys have played on Thanksgiving every year since 1966, aside from only 1975 and 1977. They'll host the Eagles at 4:25 p.m.

The third game of the tripleheader — which was tacked onto the Turkey Day ticket in 2006 — is a titanic AFC clash between the Chiefs and Bills at 8:20 p.m.

If you're not into football, maybe you'll at least check out each game's halftime show — at least part of the shows will be aired on TV.

Wu-Tang Clan performs in Detroit (on CBS). Miranda Lambert will hit the stage in Dallas (on FOX). In Buffalo, the Goo Goo Dolls will entertain at halftime (on NBC).

In case you were wondering or hadn't seen yet, the Super Bowl LXI Halftime Show performer will be Jay-Z.

Where can you check out local live music this weekend?

• Murphy's Pub, Ironton: Legacy, Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

• Murphy's Pub, Ironton: Hot Rod DeVille '80s party, Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

• Jerk Riley's Irish Pub, Ashland: 3X, Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight

• Jerk Riley's Irish Pub, Ashland: Wayne Neal & Friends, Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight

• Sandy's Gaming, Cannonsburg: Robot Charlie, Saturday, 8-11 p.m.

• Bobby G's Past Times, Huntington: Bobby Maynard Family Band (Christmas songs), Friday, 8-11 p.m.

• Bobby G's Past Times, Huntington: Appalachian Brothers, Saturday, 8-11 p.m. ($10 cover)

• Remedies Tavern, Huntington: Bill Jones, 8-11 p.m.

• Kentucky Bluebird Grill and Pub, Summit: Jason Mays and Tri-State Rock All-Stars, Friday, 7-11 p.m. ($10 ticket)

• Jerk's-Pullman Square, Huntington: Oray Band and Salty Monkey, Thursday, 7-10 p.m.

• Jerk's-Pullman Square, Huntington: Use Your Illusion and Oray Band, Saturday, doors open at 6 p.m. (ticketed event)

• Patties & Pints, Portsmouth: Briar Williams, Friday, 8-11 p.m.

Please let us know who's playing where each week by emailing me (email address below). We love to highlight the local talent in our area.

Rock on, readers.

Reach **AARON SNYDER** at asnyder@dailyindependent.com or (606) 326-2664.

Adult feels judged for youthful outlook

Dear Abby: When major tragedies shake our world, my immediate instinct isn't to harden my heart or get cynical. Instead, I feel a profound need to protect my inner peace by holding on to a childlike state of mind. To me, retaining pure imagination, intense curiosity and joy in small things is a radical act of self-preservation. It's the emotional fuel that gives me the energy to keep going.

Unfortunately, many adults around me view this perspective as a lack of awareness or a refusal to grow up. They mistake my intentional wonder for immaturity. How can I effectively communicate to others that keeping my childlike innocence alive is not a flight from reality, but rather my shield against the darkness of the world? - Wondering in the world



JEANNE PHILLIPS

Dear Wondering: For some, being an adult involves an acceptance that the world can be a dark and scary place. Your words alone are not going to convince those people that your state of mind is anything but Peter Pan syndrome. However, you can show them with your actions.

Even as you hold on to that youthful energy, always strive to be punctual, thoughtful and kind. Follow through on your promises and make wise decisions. If you consistently act like a responsible grown-up, your critics may begin to view your whimsy and exuberance as positive traits, not signs of true immaturity.

Dear Abby: When I asked "Janice" to marry me last spring, she was a pack-a-day smoker. I asked her to quit, and she promised she'd try. A few weeks before the wedding, she said she wouldn't be able to quit because of wedding stress. The week of our wedding, she was still puffing away, but I asked her to be smoke-free at least on our wedding day. Again, she said she would try.

Janice smoked heavily on our wedding day. She bummed a cigarette from a bridesmaid just a few minutes before the ceremony started. I could taste the tobacco when we kissed to seal our vows. Janice looked beautiful at the reception but smelled like an ashtray. There are even several pictures of her with a cigarette in her hand in our wedding album.

I haven't told my wife how disappointed I was that she smoked at our wedding. Should I? And why was she not able to put down her cigarettes for just that one day? - Disappointed in Alabama

Dear Disappointed: I see no reason for you to keep your feelings to yourself. While sharing them, however, please recognize that Janice appears to be severely addicted to tobacco. That's why she was unable to put her cigarettes down even for one special day.

Unless Janice is willing to enter a smoking cessation program of some kind, I seriously doubt she will ever be able to kick the habit. If children are to be a part of your future together, I recommend that she enroll in one before she becomes pregnant, because nicotine and tobacco smoke aren't healthy for babies or small children.

To My Readers: I hope Thanksgiving brings you and your families together in love and gratitude for our blessings. I'm thankful for each and every one of you and the wonderful conversations we've had over the years. Because I love hearing from you, and because I still see a number of letters being forwarded from the old Los Angeles address, I want to remind everyone of my new physical mailing address: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 270135, Kansas City, MO 64127. - Love, Abby

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren. For nearly four decades, Jeanne Phillips penned this column, which was founded in 1956 by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 270135, Kansas City, MO 64127.

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• JSF Bookstore holiday shopping hours are Monday through Friday, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm from November 30 through December 23. In-store shopping at other times is available by appointment; call 606-326-1667 or e-mail jsf@jsfbooks.com to make an appointment. Curbside pick-up is available from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday – Friday.

• The Regional Readers book discussion group meets the last Tuesday of the month from March through November. Coffee and conversation at 2:00 pm; book discussion at 2:30 pm. The book group is open to all and new members are always welcome.

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• The JSF will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 in observance of Christmas.

• The JSF will be closed Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1 in observance of New Year's.

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