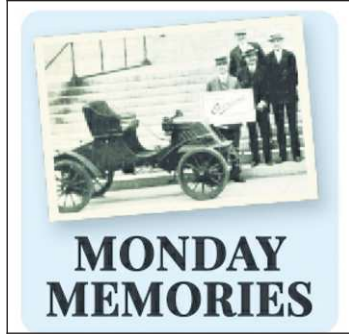




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Byrnedale Elementary sixth grader Maxwell McCain published his book 'Choose Your Words, Keep Your Friends' about the adventures of two friends, Anthony and Joshua, who learn a lesson on words.

Reluctant writer now author

Student, 11, releases book on power of words, friendship

By MELISSA BURDEN
BLADE STAFF WRITER

Maxwell McCain used to hate writing so much that his teachers enlisted his parents to make sure he finished his essays.

Now the 11-year-old Byrnedale Elementary School sixth grader is a published author.

"I used to hate writing, but now I like to write," Maxwell said. "It took me three weeks to write the book. It is a great feeling being published. I think it gave me confidence."

His book, *Choose your Words, Keep your Friends*, was released on Amazon at a.co/d/085ZHwo9 in August and has sold 97 copies.

"My husband Tyrone and I would get messages from Ms. Ericka Stone, his



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Eleven-year-old Maxwell McCain hated writing but now enjoys it after creating his book at a Young Empowered Authors summer program.

teacher, asking us to get Maxwell to finish his essays," his mother, Monica McCain, said. "Now he has a book out. It is just crazy."

Mrs. McCain, a special education parent liaison for Toledo Public Schools, said Maxwell took part in the Young Empowered

Authors summer program at the Anthem Welcome Center. LeSean Shaw, vice president of programs for EmpoweredAI, a Toledo nonprofit, ran the program.

The students learned how to write a book and use software to create illustrations, Mrs. McCain said.

"They went through the elements of how to write a story with the kids," Mrs. McCain said. "The authors program helped give him a boost of confidence. It showed him what he could do now. He did not have to wait until he was an adult to write it. We are just so proud of him."

Maxwell said the book is

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Ohio A.G. candidates talk issues

Stances on Flock use, death penalty shared

By DANNY ELDRIDGE
BLADE COLUMBUS BUREAU CHIEF

COLUMBUS — Ohio's next attorney general will be someone with decades of relevant experience regardless of which candidate voters choose in November.

Republican Keith Faber is serving the final year of his second term as state auditor. He previously served 18 years as a state legislator in both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly — including four years as Ohio Senate president. He is also a senior partner at



Faber



Kulewicz

Celina, Ohio-based law firm Faber & Associates. He earned his law degree from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

Democrat John Kulewicz, an Upper Arlington city councilman, worked as an attorney for Columbus-based law firm Vorys, Sater, Seymour, and Pease for 44 years where he argued cases in the U.S. Supreme Court and courts across Ohio. He earned his law degree from Yale Law School, where he served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal.

The candidates discussed their views on a range of issues during separate interviews.

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UKRAINE REPORTS MORE RUSSIAN STRIKES

Trump: Sides OK energy cease-fire

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WASHINGTON — President Trump said Sunday that Russia and Ukraine had agreed to an "energy cease-fire" in the 4½-year-old war, but he offered no details on it and Kyiv reported attacks by Moscow on energy sites after his statement.

Trump's brief social media post said only that the cease-fire took effect immediately, adding: "Do not break it!"

Moscow did not immediately comment. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said that while his country "welcomed" the announcement by Trump as "good news for everyone," Russia was still hitting energy infrastructure in Kyiv and in the city of Kharkiv.

"Unfortunately, Ukrainian skies have been infested

with Russian 'shaheds' all day today," he said in an evening address, referring to drones launched by Moscow. "There have been glide bomb strikes and strikes on our energy infrastructure too. A power plant in Kharkiv was attacked this evening."

The presidential office confirmed the Kharkiv attack came after Trump's cease-fire post.

Mr. Zelensky said Ukraine was "ready to refrain from striking Russian energy infrastructure — and we count on the same readiness from Russia."

Russia has sought to deny Ukrainian civilians power, heat, and running water during the war, hoping to wear down public resistance to Moscow's full-scale

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Saudi, Yemeni airports hit by strikes

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CAIRO — A projectile struck a passenger terminal at the international airport in Riyadh on Sunday, a day after a missile hit the same terminal and killed 12 people, the Saudi-led coalition fighting Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen said.

Injuries reported in Riyadh

The Houthis claimed responsibility for those attacks and others.

Saudi authorities said there were injuries in the latest attack on the King Khalid International Airport complex for terminals

3 and 4, serving domestic flights.

The airport, struck four times in the past five days, has been closed since Saturday's missile attack, which was the deadliest in a Gulf Arab nation since

the Iran war began. Over 300 other people were wounded, some critically.

The sharp escalation in the war's new front threatens to draw in greater U.S. military involvement. President Trump has said he is weighing joining the fight

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Pope Leo announces he will undergo a surgery to remove a nodule on his lung.

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Halle Berry's daughter supports her mother amid a contentious custody case.

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Isaias brings rainfall, winds north

S. California faces waves from Rachel

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PENSACOLA, Fla. — People in the Florida Panhandle and southern Alabama cleaned up after Hurricane Isaias swept through as the storm's remnants caused flooding in North Carolina on Sunday, while powerful Pacific Ocean waves stirred up by Rachel, a former tropical storm, battered the coast of Southern California.

In western North Carolina, rivers overflowed as heavy rainfall raised the



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risk of flash and urban flooding, according to the National Weather Service. It said tornadoes were possible in parts of Virginia

and North Carolina as well as dangerous surf and rip current conditions along the Gulf and southeastern Atlantic coasts.

At least four deaths were linked to Isaias, the first hurricane of the Atlantic

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Onlookers watch as storm driven surf from remnants of former tropical storm Rachel batters the bluffs in the La Jolla area of San Diego on Sunday.



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