



**Doug Dezotell**  
Musings and Memories

## It'll all be okay

I know a lot of people think their mother was the best...the best cook...the best baker...the best comforter...the best Mom.

My mother was the best at all those things.

After all these years I can still taste her banana bread. Those loaves actually tasted like bananas. Real bananas. Amazing!

I can still taste Mom's peanut butter cookies. The Best Ever! Those cookies tasted like real peanut butter. And she always pressed the top of the cookies with a fork to flatten the balls of cookie dough before sticking them in the oven.

And I can still see those big, fluffy dumplings floating on the top of a pot of stew or something similar. Nobody makes dumplings like Mom's.

When I was sick, whether I was at home or in the hospital, I always wanted my mother to be there with me. I was sick a lot as a kid, and my mother was the best comforter ever.

Still, even as an adult, I think it would be mighty nice to have Mom around to check on me, and to tell me everything is going to be okay.

My mother was the best comforter, the best cook, and the best baker.

Over the years I have met those people who said their mothers were not good cooks...not good bakers...not much of a comforter either. But, they still loved their moms.

I will always remember a young mother, addicted to heroin, who came to me for counseling, and she was wanting to get into a drug rehab somewhere.

She told me a sad story about her situation at that time. One night she drove across town to get her heroin from a dealer, and her five year old daughter was in the back seat of the car.

When she arrived at the dealer's house she parked and told her daughter to wait there, and said "Mama will be right back."

The next morning this young mother stumbled out of that man's house and found her daughter in the back seat of her car still waiting for her mama, the mama who said she'd be right back.

The little girl was fine and so excited to finally see her mom. She had been crying, but she smiled when she saw her mama.

The heroin addicted mother started crying, and grabbed her daughter and hugged her sobbing, "I'm so sorry I forgot about you. I'm such a bad mama."

With tears streaming down her face she cried,

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## READY FOR SPOOKS



Photo by Terry Corrigan

The Town of Bell Buckle is all set for a spook-tacular October. Several events are planned for Saturday, Oct. 30, including a Scarecrow Festival. Deadline to enter the scarecrow contest is Oct. 25 or until spots fill. Go to the Town of Bell Buckle's Facebook page for the link to enter. The free event is sponsored by Bell Buckle Parks and Recreation.



**Mark McGee**  
My Take

## Newspaper Week

I love newspapers. If you are reading this column, it probably means you share that love.

As we celebrate the National Newspaper Week, it's an appropriate time for me to reflect on the ever-changing news business.

Without ever realizing it, I was always meant to be involved in the newspaper business. I remember as a child sitting in one of the big, high-backed chairs at old Argie Cooper Public Library, reading, The New York Times.

Our family always had a subscription to the Times-Gazette and my father usually bought a copy of the Sunday edition of The Tennessee.

When I travelled with my family, I would buy the local papers whenever we were visiting. I kept a scrapbook of articles I liked and the "flags," the names of the papers, from the top of the front pages.

I spent my junior year in high school working for the Times-Gazette developing film and taking photos of everything from car wrecks to the aftermath of break-ins and other crimes for the late "Bo" Melson, my first mentor into the world of proper news coverage.

In 1980, I would be back at the T-G, first as a summer intern, and later as the reporter covering the Shelbyville City Council and various features. Sue Allison, like Bo, taught me how to write through the generous use of a red pencil to mark my mistakes. Sue was a great newspaper person with the uncanny knack of being able to localize a national or even international event to make it even more relevant for T-G readers.

I never even remotely expected to one day be the editor of the T-G myself. For more than 20 years, I have college students, learning how to be better communicators as members of the media, another career path I never considered following.

I was around when newspapers switched from hot type, which literally was hot metal formed into letters and lines of type to cold type which is type set by computers. I remember Bill Pilkington and Glen Winchester using hot type to set the pages of the paper. It was a fascinating process.

During my college days of Lipscomb University, I would often buy a copy of the Nashville Banner, the afternoon paper read before dinner. Who knew I would one day work for the Banners as a sportswriter? I sadly remember the day the Banner printed its final edition on Feb. 20, 1998 with a large, bold headline proclaiming, "End of Story,"

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## Sip some wine, help 'fur buddies'



By **DAWN HANKINS**  
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The annual Fall Lights wine tasting and social will be held 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, at Blue Ribbon Circle on the Celebration grounds.

Delicacies from the area's finest restaurants and great wines will be featured.

In addition, 75 items ranging from art to jewelry will be a part of the silent auction.

All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Participants must be 21 years of age or older.

Call 931-684-5463 for ticket information.



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### ROLL 'EM

The 2021 Bet Against Cancer Night is planned for Friday, Nov. 19, at Blue Ribbon Circle. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. and should end around 11 p.m.

For those interested in purchasing a \$50 ticket for the event, they're also available at First Community Bank. Games include craps, poker, blackjack, and more. Proceeds support Bedford County Cancer Foundation.



## Still bringing communities together!



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# This is Fire Prevention Week: Act smart, be safe

Bedford County Fire Department has teamed up with State Farm Insurance and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety."

This year's campaign runs through this weekend and works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

"What do the sounds mean?" Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home or family, according to Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA.

Bedford County Fire Department, Chief Mark Thomas, and local State Farm agent Deb Insell encourage all residents to embrace the 2021 Fire Prevention week theme. Agent Insell recently donated Fire Prevention kits to the fire department which included posters, promotional items, magnets and children's activities.

"It's important to learn the different sounds of

smoke and carbon monoxide alarms," said Insell. "When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or chirping sound—you must take action! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond."

Fire chief Thomas shares the following tips to help everyone learn the sounds of fire safety.

A continuous set of three loud beeps-beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out. Call 9-1-1 and stay out of the building.

A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.

All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.

Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention throughout the year, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).



Mark Thomas, Deb Insell and Brian Cantrell



Halloween is just around the corner. Check the T-G calendar for upcoming events.

## Doug

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"I'm just the worst kind of mama."

Her little girl, with her tear stained cheeks, said, "No...no...no...You're not a bad mama...you're a good mama. You came back for me. You're a good mama."

Years earlier, when I was the director of a Christian drug rehab in Memphis, a young 18 year old man, addicted to crack

cocaine, sat in my office seeking our help.

He told me his story of how he started his addiction.

His mother was a crack addict herself, and when he was young he would have to hide in the closet of their small studio apartment while his mother entertained men so she could get high.

One night the boy moved around in the closet and the man that was there heard the noise, and he yanked open the door and pulled him out.

He threw the boy across the room, beat the boy's mother, and then he raped the boy. @gmail.com or at 931-607-5191.

It wasn't long and that boy was coaxed by his mom to smoke crack cocaine with her.

When I met this young man he had been living on the streets, and he was referred to us by a church in his home town.

He lived with us in our Christian discipleship home in Memphis for over a year. And after he completed the program he

joined our staff.

He would often talk about his mother, and he would tell me that he loved her and was praying for her to find Christ.

His mother hardly ever cooked a meal for him, and she never baked cookies, cakes or banana bread for him. And she was so caught up in herself and her addiction that she was not a comforting mother. But he loved her. To him she was "a good mama."

I have heard so many sad stories from people who came to us for help

in the last 40 plus years of ministry; sad, sad stories.

But, then over the years, I have met hundreds of the World's Best Mothers.

Mothers who were the best comforters, the best bakers, the best cooks, the best at everything a kid could ever want.

My wife is one of those mothers. She was raised by one of those mothers as well.

Although my own mother can't be here to comfort me when I'm sick

and tell me that everything is going to be okay; my precious wife is here. And with her and our God by our side I know that everything is going to be okay.

Maybe there's no banana bread or peanut butter cookies, but everything is going to be okay.

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## Mark

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just one of a number of afternoon papers to close as the century was ending.

While working for the Banner, one of my routines after church on Sunday mornings was to head to the

old Mosko's Muncheonette, a combination newsstand and sandwich shop. I would purchase the Sunday editions of the Atlanta Journal Constitution—if it was available. I would spend much of the day and evening pouring over the pages, much to the dismay

and frustration to some who were close to me.

I know newspapers are available online. I usually read the New York Post on the internet. But a web page isn't a newspaper page. I like the feel of the paper. It doesn't happen much anymore due to changes in ink,

but I loved getting newsprint on my hands.

Support the Times-Gazette and newspapers in general. Thomas Jefferson, former president of the United States, was not a fan of newspapers. But even he knew the importance of a free press to

keep checks and balances on government. He wrote the following statement to a delegate of the Continental Congress. "If he had to choose between 'a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer

the latter."

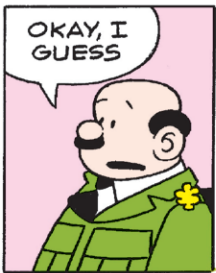
I have a newspaper, no matter how it is delivered. But I prefer a printed one. I hope I will always be able to exercise that preference.

• *Mark McGee is executive director of United Way of Bedford County and a former editor of the Times-Gazette.*

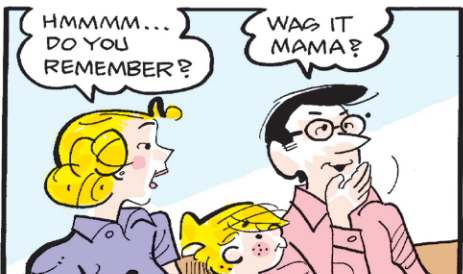
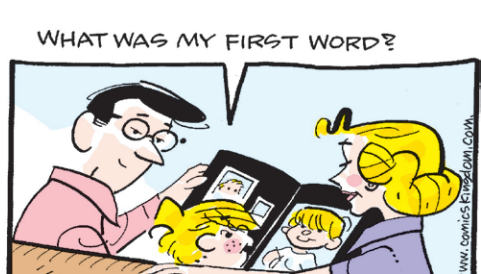
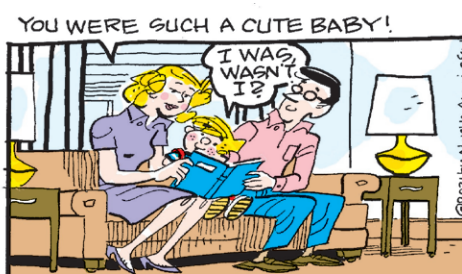


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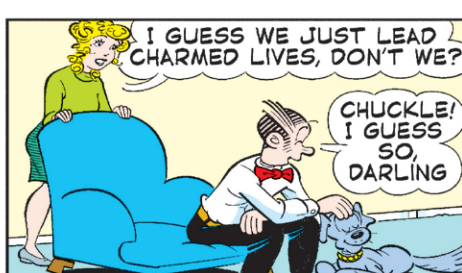
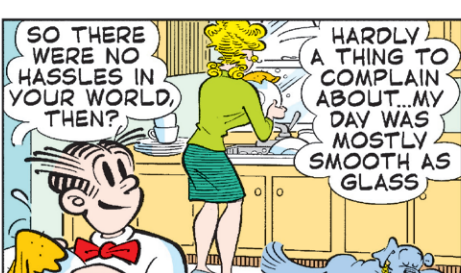
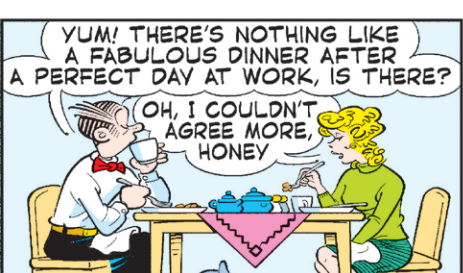
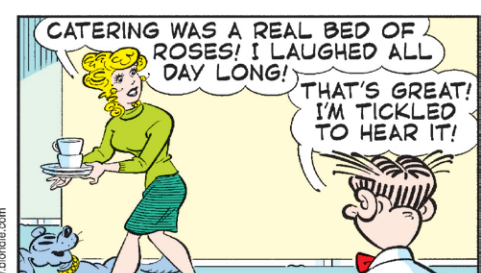
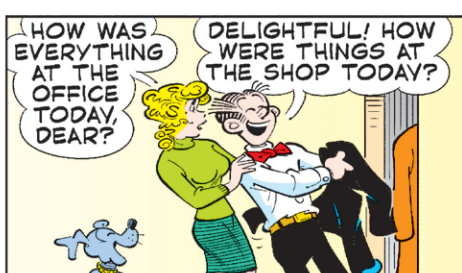
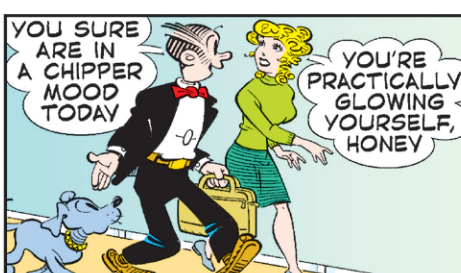
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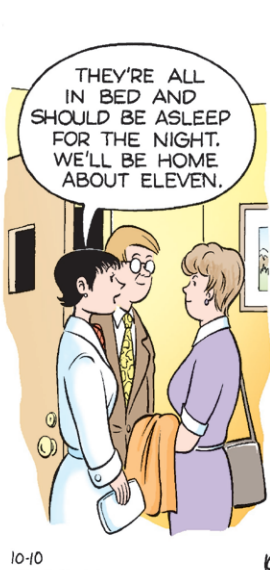
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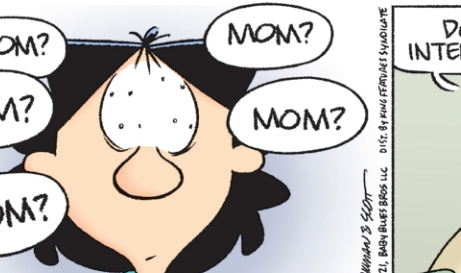
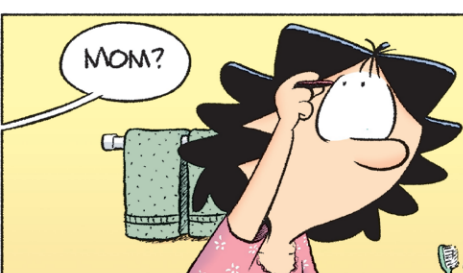


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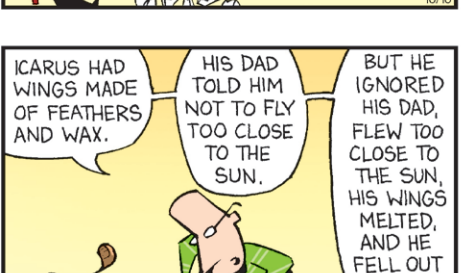
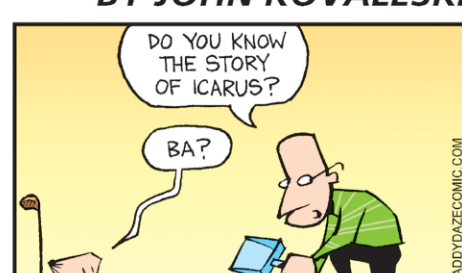
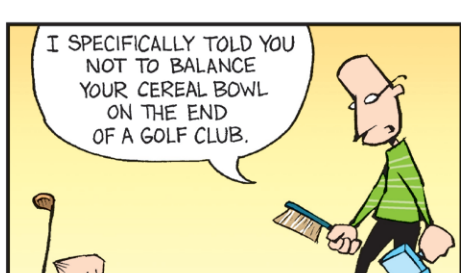
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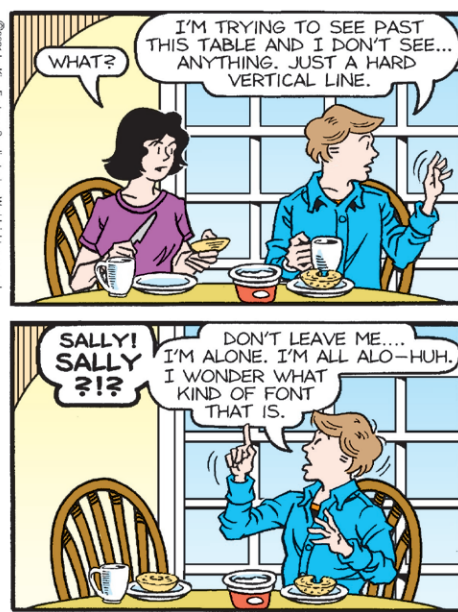
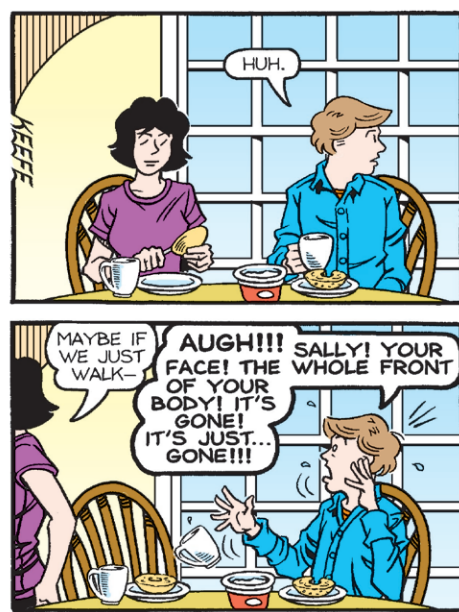


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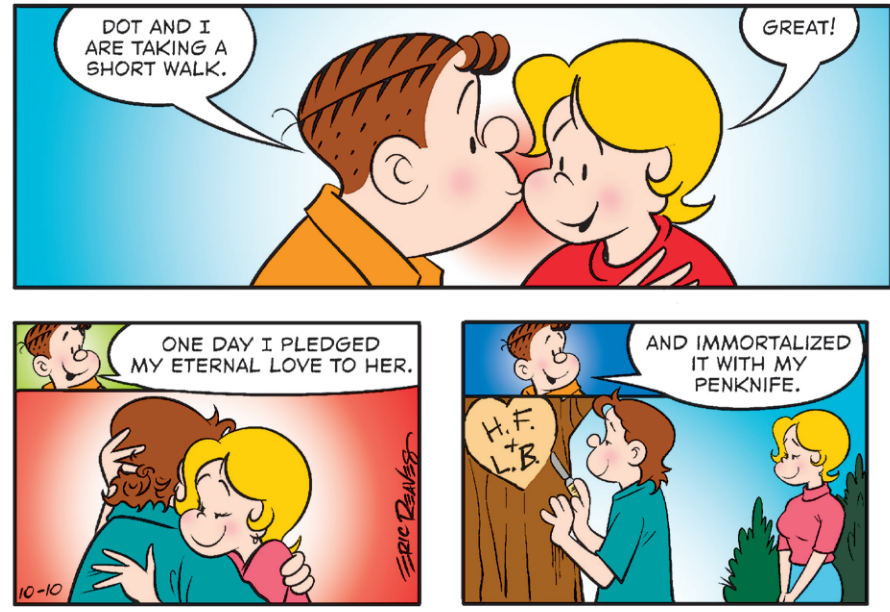




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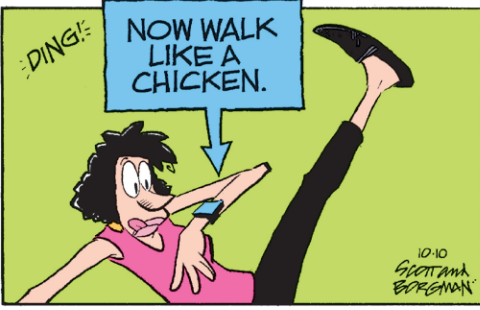
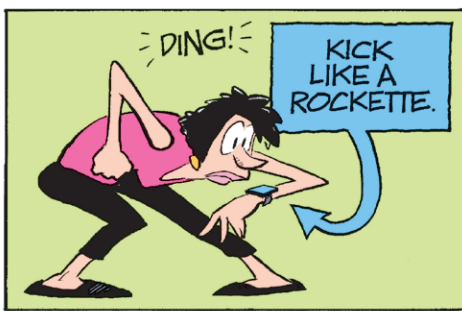
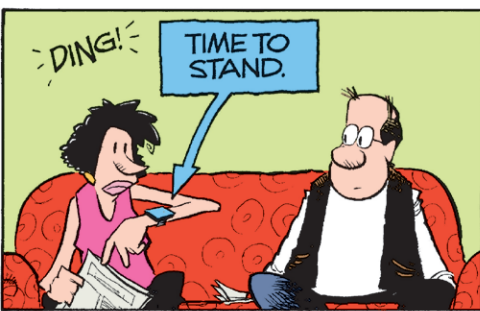


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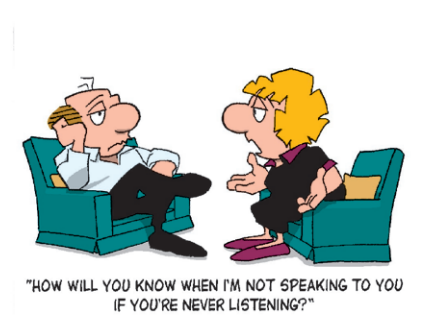


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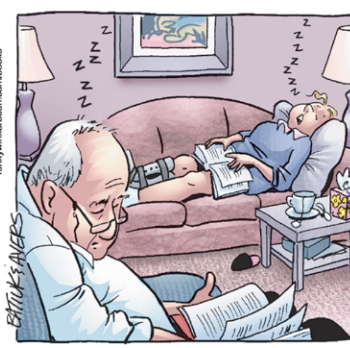
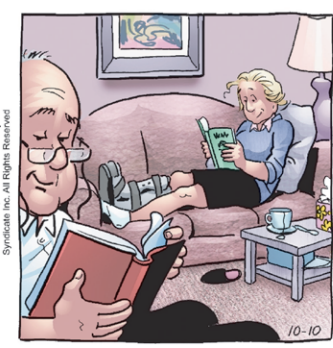
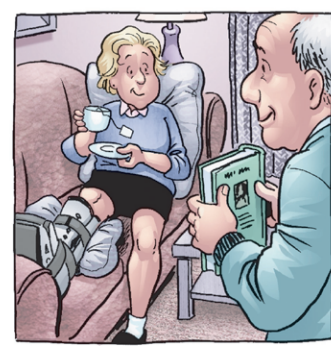
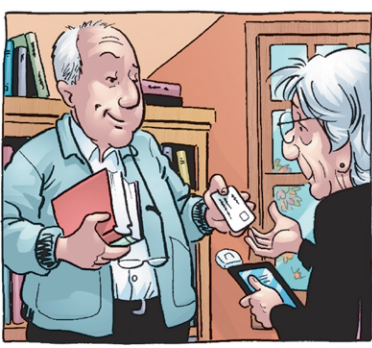
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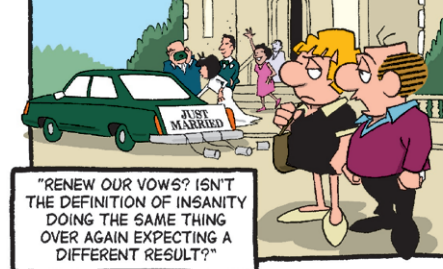
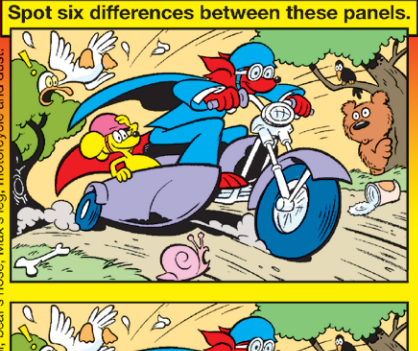


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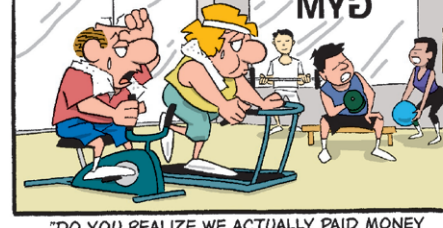
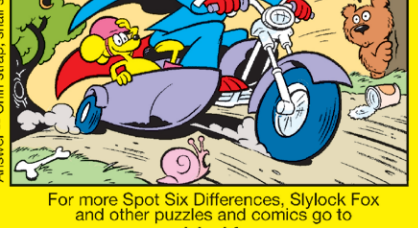
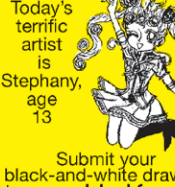
**HOW TO DRAW a monkey**

BOB WEBER JR. and SR 10-10

**YOUR DRAWING**

Today's terrific artist is Stephany, age 13

The bowhead whale is the longest-lived marine mammal, with a life span of over ...  
a) 75 years  
b) 100 years  
c) 150 years  
d) 200 years  
e) 600 years





# For adults only: late night Halloween treats

By **DAWN HANKINS**  
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It seems we rarely tire of Halloween. So we're sharing some snacks that likely adults will prefer on Sunday, Oct. 31.

After feeding those little trick-or-treaters, have an adult gathering with the following dishes—those we think bring out the best of fall.

## Horseradish Crab Dip

- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 2 to 3 Tbsp. picante sauce
- 1 to 2 Tbsp. prepared horseradish
- 1 (6 oz.) crabmeat, drained, flaked and cartilage removed

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, picante sauce and horseradish; mix well. Stir in crabmeat. Serve with celery.

## Country Sausage Canapes

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 lb. Velveeta cheese
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 2 loaves party rye bread
- 1 lb. hot sausage
- 1 Tbsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Fry sausage well and drain grease. Add ground beef and cook until pink. Add spices and cheese and cook over low heat until cheese melts. Spread 1 teaspoon on sliced party rye bread. (Can be frozen at this point.) Bake at 400 degrees for 7 to 8 minutes. Yield 75.

## Octoberfest Sausage

- 1 lb. kielbasa sausage cut unto 2-inch length
- 1 tsp. butter
- 1 medium onion, cut into wedges
- 1 can Bavarian sauerkraut
- 1 C. apple juice
- 2 medium apples, cut into wedges
- 4 to 6 medium potatoes, cut in half
- salt and pepper

Brown sausage in butter in a large Dutch oven or large electric skillet. Arrange onion, sauerkraut,

apples and potatoes around sausage. Top with apple juice, salt and pepper to taste. Cover tightly and simmer over low heat, stirring once, for 30 to 40 minutes or until potatoes are done. Garnish with parsley,

as desired.

## Peanut Butter Pie

- Cream together:
- 1 C. powdered sugar
- 1 (3 oz.) pkg. softened cream cheese
- 1/2 C. peanut butter

Fold in:  
1 small container of whipped topping

For a decorative touch for Halloween, and a double dip of peanut butter goodness, cut Reese's Peanut Butter cups in half

and decorate the perimeter of pie.

## Beverage bar:

We suggest for a tasty beverage one of the many specialty pumpkin spice or cinnamon liquors on the

market right now—if you're having a party at home. (Please drink responsibly.) Or, simply serve different coffees and make available a variety of autumn flavorings, such as maple or cinnamon.



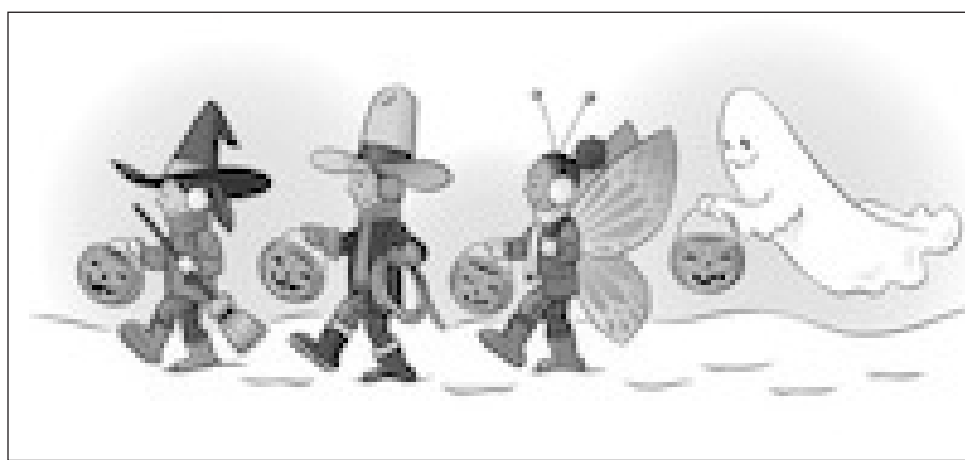
# Library's 'Trunk or Treat' is Oct. 30

By **DAWN HANKINS**  
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Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library, 220 South Jefferson St., will host its 5th annual Trunk or Treat Saturday, Oct. 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sign-ups must be turned in by 10/23 to participate.

Trunks will be set up and ready to go by 12:30 p.m. Only pre-packaged treats are approved.

The library staff said



they anticipate over 1,500 children, so trunk folks are asked to please come equipped with enough treats.

This is a kid-friendly event, so the library is requesting no spooky or gory displays.

All trunks must be registered with the library to participate. All Trunk or Treat participants will receive confirmation prior to the event. Please pick

up an application at the library.

No electricity will be provided.

At least one adult must be with their vehicle at all times during the event for safety reasons.

Library officials said there will be no political, religious or personal advertising on candy wrappers permitted. Businesses may hand out items with their logo.

# Why do we say 'trick or treat'?

Homeowners think nothing of having goblins, nurses, vampires, or astronauts showing up at their doors each October asking for candy. Any other time of the year and these visitors might be turned away. But Halloween is all about the magical and the macabre, and trick-or-treating is a major component of the festivities.

Kids and adults alike cry out "trick or treat" at each house they visit. Many utter this familiar phrase without a second thought and may have no idea how this familiar custom came to be.

During the Middle Ages, less fortunate individuals

would go "souling," which was a process of going door-to-door asking for food on November 1 in return for saying prayers for the deceased on All Souls Day on November 2. Many centuries later, the tradition of "guising" began in Scotland around the same time of year. People began wearing masks and costumes to disguise themselves and prevent evil spirits from harming them. Spirits were thought to cross over more readily around Halloween. The custom also was called "mumming" and was celebrated in nearby England and Ireland as well.

Costumes were eventually accompanied by hijinks.

Mischief makers would sing a rhyme, do a card trick or tell a story in exchange for a treat. If that treat wasn't presented, a "trick" could be played. For 19th century children, tricks included jamming hot cabbage into a keyhole to stink up a house or frightening passersby.

History.com indicates that when European immigrants arrived in America, they didn't give up their annual mischief or requests for treats, and the custom spread throughout the early 20th century in the United States.

While the practice of begging for treats in some shape or form went by many names, Merriam-Webster

reports that a newspaper in Saskatchewan, Canada first mentioned the words "treat" and "trick" together in print. A 1923 article indicated, "Hallowe'en passed off very quietly here. 'Treats' not 'tricks' were the order of the evening." By 1927, more and more children were uttering "tricks or treats" to solicit candy from their neighbors.

Trick-or-treating gained steam throughout the 1950s, with endorsements by major candy companies. The custom also was showcased in popular comic strips.

Even though there are tricks to be made on Halloween, treats are the real draw of the day.







**LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST**

**Children attending Saturday's Sorghum Festival in Hall's Mill enjoying dancing to the music of the Double Shot Band from Lynchburg.**

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins



**Early DETECTION IS THE Key**

*The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.*

Eleanor Roosevelt

**WORSHIP ON SQUARE DRAWS CROWD**

Submitted Photo

**The Experience Church of Shelbyville, Elm Street, had quite a crowd last Friday during its worship event on the public square. See a story about the church's mission in this community in November's Bedford Life.**





WORSHIP WITHIN BEAUTY



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This time of the year, country churches are quite picturesque like these in the Raus community.

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