

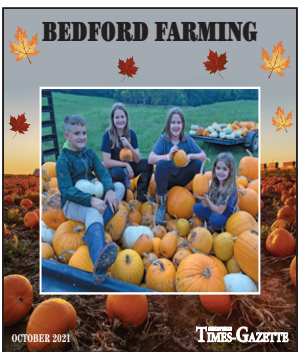
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Rich charged with Warner murder

By **TERENCE CORRIGAN**
Special to the T-G

Three days after he was indicted on seven felony counts in Bedford County, including a charge of attempted first degree murder, 25-year-old Samuel Rich of Shelbyville was indicted in Nashville on six more counts, including first degree murder for the shooting death of 22-year-old James William Warner.

On Wednesday of this week, a Davidson County grand jury returned six indictments against Rich including three counts of first degree murder, espe-

cially aggravated robbery, felon in possession of a firearm, and theft of Warner's 2021 Jeep valued at between \$10,000 and \$60,000. On Thursday, a charge of driving with a revoked license was added to the list of charges against Rich in Davidson County.

On Monday of this week, Rich was indicted by a Bedford County grand jury on charges related to the shooting of Hannah Grace Perryman in the early morning hours of Aug. 13 at Warner's residence. According to the affidavit of com-

plaint, Perryman arrived at the Temple Ford Road residence at 1 a.m. and saw Warner's Jeep parked there. She went inside and was confronted by Rich in the master bedroom. It is alleged that Rich shot Perryman in the head and then fled. Perryman survived the attack and was able to call 911 for help.

Warner's body was found in Nashville on Aug. 13 the same day Rich allegedly shot Perryman in Shelbyville. He had been shot in the head and back several times. Investigators believe Warner was shot

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Signs have gone up all over Bedford County like this one from people seeking justice in the murder of Bedford Countian James William "Will" Warner.

TRUNKS AND LOTS OF TREATS



Submitted Photo

Fair Haven Baptist Church, Highway 231 North, held its annual Trunk or Treat event Wednesday night, with a lot of kids and families attending. Motorists are urged to slow down, especially in residential areas, over the weekend as there are lots of local events planned between now and Halloween night (Sunday.)

Eye on Circuit Court: Cases heard October 25

By **TERENCE CORRIGAN**
Special to the T-G

Robert Lee Woodson Van Stone, 31, of Shelbyville, pled guilty, Oct. 25, to a charge of aggravated rape of a child, a Class A felony. He was sentenced to 40 years and must serve the entire sentence in prison.

According to prosecutor Michael "Mike" Randles, in his summation of the crime, Van Stone "some years prior" lived with the victim, who was 3 years old at the time, and the victim's mother. Van Stone allegedly engaged in oral sex with the 3-year-old on several occasions.

Elijah Isaiah Ray, 21, of Shelbyville, pled guilty to a single count of possession of Meth for resale. He was charged with two counts of Meth-manufacturing, deliver, sale, possession with intent and two counts of possession of marijuana. In his plea deal, Ray was sentenced to 4 years in prison and will be eligible for early release after serving 30 percent of his sentence. The other charges were dis-

missed.

Thomas Gordon Brown, 41, of Shelbyville, pled guilty, Oct. 25, to engaging in sexual activity with a 7-year-old girl, to whom he is related. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison but will be eligible for early release after serving 30 percent of the sentence. According to prosecutor Randles, in his summation of the crime, Brown touched and rubbed the girl on an "intimate part" of her body and showed her pornography. Brown denied showing the girl porn and said he "patted" her once "near" an intimate area, thinking it was his girlfriend.

Arraignments

Cristian Ruiz, 19, of Madison, was arraigned on eight counts for his involvement in a fatal auto accident on March 23, 2021. According to court documents, Ruiz "recklessly did kill Mylah Lakhia Erwin (7 years old) by the operation of an automobile." He is also accused of causing

"serious bodily injury" to Ty' Daetria Green and Kamia Maliah Erwin.

According to the report from the Tennessee Highway Patrol officer, Ruiz was traveling west on Highway 64 driving a 2016 GMC SUV. Ruiz attempted to pass another vehicle and hit the other vehicle head-on. He admitted to a THP officer that he had taken pain medication earlier that day.

Ruiz was arraigned on charges of vehicular homicide, aggravated assault, improper passing, failure to carry a driver's license and financial responsibility law (insurance.)

Jason Eric Burke, 40, of Unionville, was arraigned on charges of sexual registration form violation and theft of property valued at between \$2,500 and \$10,000. Burke was convicted of statutory rape in 2001, according to court documents.

Thomas Wayne Owens, Sr., 42, was arraigned, Oct.

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New minister leads First Presbyterian

By **ZOË HAGGARD**
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The Rev. James "Jim" Moran of the historic First Presbyterian Church, located on North Brittain Street in Shelbyville, says he's been all over the South.

Having been called to seven different churches over 36 years, Rev. Moran has been on the move following God's calling since childhood. He jokes they "wouldn't understand me if I went up North." But he says he's always had a connection to Middle Tennessee through family members.

Born in New Orleans, La., Moran was raised in Dublin, Ga. His siblings were all born in different states: his older brother was born in Houston, Texas; his younger brother in Louisville, Ky.; and his sister in Dublin, Ga.

But through the moving, he says his faith has grown stronger.

"It's the people you meet that direct you and make a difference in your life,"

he said.

"The way I've looked at it...God has purposes—for the place where I'm called and also the pastor and his family."

Often, too, a church needs a certain pastor personality for a certain season they're going through. Moran remembered his first call at a church in Birmingham, Ala., where the church needed someone to lead the younger groups. So he did while also starting an older adult program, making some dear friends along the way.

"I just felt that my faith in Christ was there," Moran said.

From his family and from watching faithful elders throughout his Sunday school years, it was the people that led him. But he, like many other pastors, didn't always have plans to go into the ministry.

He says of his time growing up in Dublin, Ga., "I was always drawn to be

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Rev. Dr. James "Jim" Moran has been at the First Presbyterian Church on North Brittain Street for about a year. This is his seventh church.

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OBITUARIES

Glenda Sue Baker

October 27, 2021

Glenda Sue Baker, 75, of Wartrace died Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Sunday, October 31, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Jeff Collet officiating. Burial will follow at Hollywood Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday evening from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

She was born March 30, 1946 in Coffee County; a homemaker and a member of Fairfield Church of Christ. She was a great baker who loved baking for other people. She was famous for her peanut butter balls and her award winning pecan pie. It made her happy to hear people she gave them to tell her they were good. She also was a collector of Emmett Kelly Jr. Clown figurines. She met him and corresponded with him over the years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dave and Pauline Lynch Harris and a brother, Bobby Harris.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, William R. "Sonny" Baker; daughters, Donna (Ricky) Crosslin, Sheila (Daniel) Brooks; sister, Joyce (Steve) Knight; brother, James (Kathy) Harris; four grandchildren, Kyle Brown, Julia Brown, Brandon (Bailey) Crosslin and Matthew Crosslin.



Minister

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in church. So I went, even when my family wasn't going." He eventually went to a Presbyterian college in South Carolina where he majored in business and psychology.

During his time in college, when he was 21 years old, he became involved in the youth ministry that summer. Having never done that kind of work before, Moran describes it as his "fleece" to see if it was his call into ministry.

"You know the story of Gideon and the fleece? And he laid it out...if it's going to be dry in the morning, then I know this is what I'm going to do. And it was. So, he laid it out again, and in the morning, this is what I'm going to do. That's how he affirmed it," he said.

Working with the youth affirmed Moran's call to be in the church. Afterward, he went to seminary school at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia and eventually earned his doctorate in 2003 after serving for 18 years.

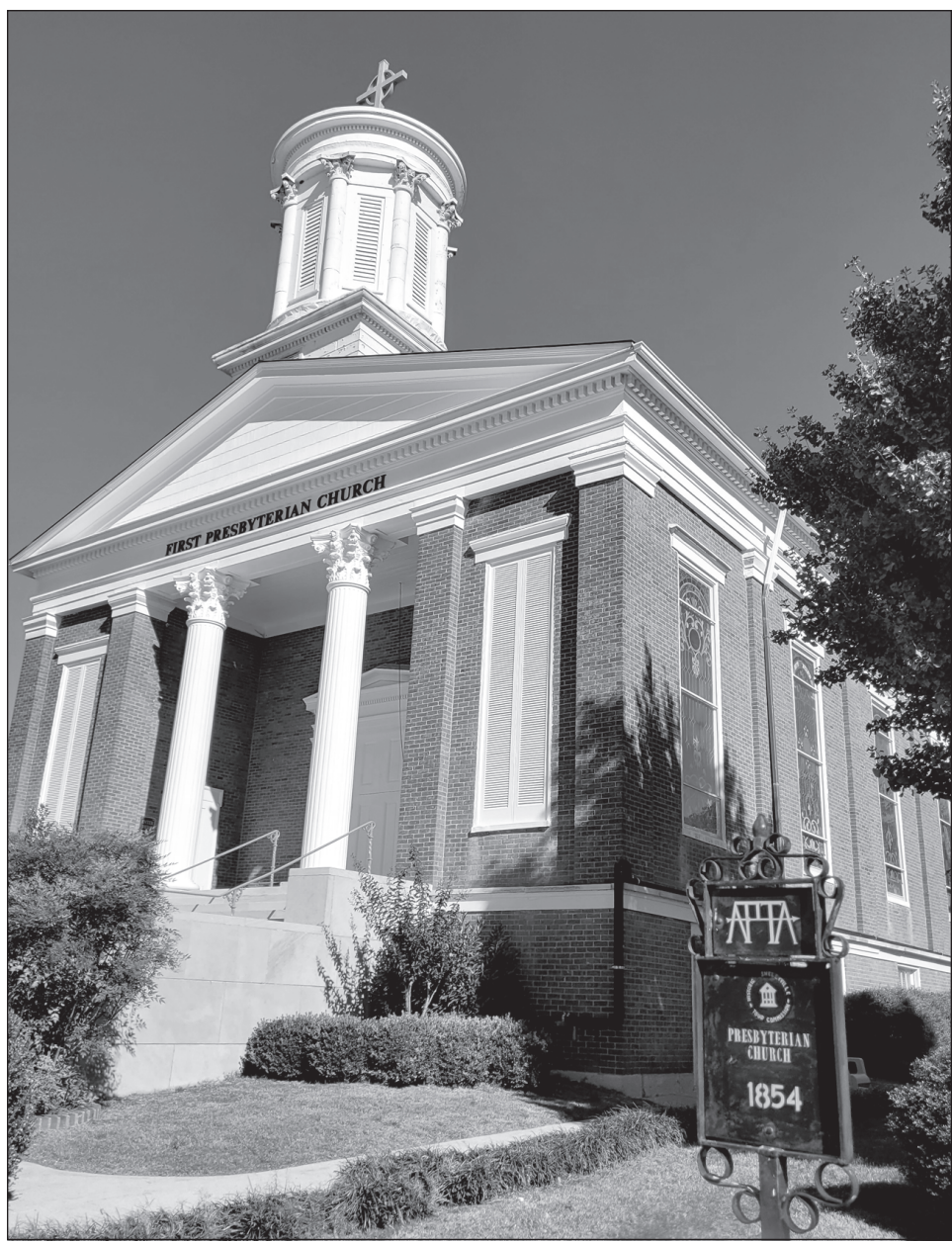
"Cemetery" school, as the joke goes, was another affirming experience for Moran, who with the dozens of books he had to move from Melbourne, Fla. where he was previously, enjoys learning the many facets of Christianity.

Placing scripture in the context of where we live today is important for Moran to do in his sermons. It's also good to look at the history and read the original Greek and Hebrew.

Sounds like a lot of study, and it is. A wall in Moran's office is lined with bookshelves filled with history, theology, and world religion—along with a couple Peanuts, comedy and poetry books to add flavor.

After studying and praying, "a sermon comes out somehow," Moran said.

Being one of the oldest churches in the community, and the oldest he's ever served in, First



T-G Photo by Zoe Haggard

First Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest in the community. The old APTA (Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities) sign out front shows that the church has occupied the current building since 1854.

Presbyterian Church is an established part of the Shelbyville community.

However, Moran is no stranger to older churches, after helping to restore a 1925 Pilcher's pipe organ in a turn-of-the-century church in Andalusia, Ala., where he was several years ago.

Now settling into his new position at First Presbyterian, Moran says his goal is to make the church a safe place for people of all walks of life to come and worship the Lord.

"The last few years have been some of the most divisive years in political view, politics," he said.

"We're all one. We just focus on different things."

He recalled a time, as a kid, when he asked his pastor why he was

Presbyterian and why he shouldn't go to the Episcopal or Baptist churches down the street.

The pastor replied that he could. "We all believe Jesus is Lord. That's the key. So you find a place where you feel at home," Moran recalled him saying.

Such goals of unifying the community have led to a new initiative coming up during this Advent called, "Blue Christmas." The program will be on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

It's a time for those who may "not be on the high notes" of the season but may be grieving and cannot feel the joy they used to. It's for everybody, Moran says, and encourages the community to come out.

So as churches continue meeting in person

after more than a year of pause from the pandemic shutdowns, Moran wants church attendees to do what feels safe for them. In that way, they hope to rebuild the church and sponsor news programs as well as have a presence in the community.

He served 19 years at a church in Hermitage and was familiar with this church in downtown Shelbyville. And with it being a small town, Moran said he has enjoyed just getting to sit and talk with people by going to Coffee Break on the square or attending something as unique as the Celebration.

"We're excited to be here...hoping our church can be a light for Christ here in Shelbyville," he said.

Murder

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after being brought to Nashville. The Jeep belonging to Warner was found that same day on Smith Chapel Road in the Raus area. Rich turned himself into police two days later (Aug. 15) in Murfreesboro.

In Bedford County, Samuel Rich is charged with attempted 1st degree murder, use of a firearm in the commission of a dangerous felony (attempted murder), theft of a 2021 Jeep Cherokee (belonging to Will Warner), aggravated

burglary (entering Will Warners home to commit a felony), a second burglary count (for entering the home of Will Warner with intent to commit a felony that resulted in the "serious bodily injury" to the woman he shot), and tampering with evidence (for knowingly destroying or concealing evidence in a criminal case.)

Rich was being held in Davidson County Jail and was scheduled to appear for a case review hearing on Friday before General Sessions Judge Allegra Walker in Davidson County.

Cases

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25, on nine counts of aggravated statutory rape, involving a 17-year-old girl at his residence in Shelbyville.

Shentonie Devan Jones, 45, of Shelbyville, was arraigned on two counts of not complying with residential and qork restrictions on sex offenders, a sexual registration form violation, and perjury committed on the TBI Sex Offender Registration form. Jones was convicted of aggravated statutory rape in 2011, according to court documents.

Steven Aubrey Leverette, 66, of Chapel Hill, was arraigned on four counts of DUI, a 5th offense; two counts of driving with a revoked license (a subsequent offense), and leaving the scene of an accident (property damage less than \$1,500.)

Paul William Sanford, 37, of Shelbyville, was arraigned on a single count of sexual registration form violation. Sanford is not

listed on the national sex offender website.

Logan Isaiah Simmons, 22, of Shelbyville, was arraigned on charges of aggravated burglary of a residence, and robbery.

John Barclay Holt, 41, of Shelbyville, was arraigned on seven counts related to drugs: Two counts of possession of methamphetamine (more than 300 grams), two counts of possession of Schedule 6 drugs (marijuana), convicted felon in possession of weapon, possession of a firearm with intent to go armed in the commission of a dangerous felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Roderick DeWayne Steward, 59, of Shelbyville, was arraigned on a single count of sexual offender registration form violation. Steward was convicted of rape in 1991 and sexual battery in 2001, according to court documents.

Tyler Jacob Womack, 25, of Shelbyville, was arraigned on two counts of theft of property valued at between \$2,500 and \$10,000.

RAN OFF ROAD



T-G Photo by David Melson

Rescue workers check the area around where a van ran off Normandy Road late Thursday afternoon. The Tennessee Highway Patrol had not responded to a request for information on the wreck by late Friday afternoon.

State sex offender registry relaunched with new look

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation launched an overhauled Tennessee Sex Offender Registry on Monday, rebuilt to modernize the look, feel, and operation of the public safety resource.

"In thinking about updates to the registry, we've worked to listen to feedback from the public and our law enforcement partners," said Shelly Smitherman, TBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge. "We've also looked at surrounding states for ideas we think will make ours easier-to-use and more helpful to the public."

After more than two years of planning and programming, the new Tennessee Sex Offender Registry features clearer navigation, more robust email notifications, a heightened focus on fugitive offenders, and gives the public valuable resources related to personal and digital safety.

While the TBI serves as the repository

for sex offender data, local law enforcement agencies handle responsibilities related to updating offender profiles in accordance to state law. The overhaul of the public-facing registry follows updates, several years ago, to the software systems law enforcement agencies use to update offender data.

To fund the project, TBI secured grant funding totaling more than \$180,000 from the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice and contracted a private vendor, Steeple Technologies, to program a majority of the new registry. TBI also worked with the State of Tennessee's Strategic Technology Solutions group to refresh the mapping portion of the site.

The new Tennessee Sex Offender Registry can be accessed on TBI's website, www.tn.gov/tbi.

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Intoxicated man waves knife at neighbor

By DAVID MELSON
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Multiple assault charges were filed against a man who allegedly challenged a neighbor and police officers late Wednesday.

Kenny Lee Smith, 28, allegedly waved a knife at a man who told him his yells in an East Depot Street around 10:25 p.m. were keeping his family awake. Police were called after Smith allegedly fell due to intoxication while challenging the neighbor to fight.

Officers checked the home where Smith had been staying. The arms of a woman in the home bore bruises and a bite mark allegedly inflicted by Smith, police said.

Smith allegedly left, police said, but returned to his home around two hours later and hid in a closet as police returned. He was arrested at taser point after allegedly resisting handcuffs and shortly afterwards unbuckling his seat belt in a patrol car.

Charges of aggravated domestic assault, domestic assault and two counts of violation of an order of protection were filed against Smith. He was held on \$50,000 bond.

Unwanted guest

A homeless man allegedly living in a car without the owner's permission was arrested Thursday.

Steven Ray Colbert, 57, was asleep in the car at Deals on Wheels, Madison Street, when police arrived.

Colbert told Officer Matt Sharp he didn't think the dealership's owner would

mind. No permission had been sought or given.

A metal rod with large bolts and ball bearings taped to it was confiscated. Colbert told Sharp he kept the rod for defense.

A in-dash screen was smashed and the car's rear view mirror had been broken, the report said.

Colbert was charged with criminal trespassing, vandalism and possession of prohibited weapon. He was held on \$5,000 bond.

Wallet taken

A wallet was stolen Monday from a vehicle at a home on Deer Point Road, according to a Bedford County Sheriff's Office report.

Jail intake

The following were charged since Wednesday by the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Shelbyville Police Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol or 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force. They are only charged; guilt or innocence will be determined by the courts.

- James Robert Burns, 44, Columbia; violation of bond condition; released, \$3,000 bond
- Darrell Wayne Chapman, 56, Jennifer Circle; failure to appear, bench warrant; summons issued
- Fidencio Chubaja, 19, King Arthur Court; drinking age violation; released, \$750 bond
- Steven Ray Colbert, 57, homeless, Shelbyville; criminal trespassing, vandalism, possession of

prohibited weapon; held, \$5,000 bond

•Timothy Lee Conatser, 34, Rabbit Branch Road; public intoxication; held, \$500 bond

•Stacey Marie Cox, 36, Boardwalk Way; failure to appear, two bench warrants; held, \$4,500 bond

•Christopher Keith DeWeese, 56, King Arthur Court; failure to appear; released on recognizance

•Peyton Nicholas Garrett, 24, Winchester; violation of probation; released on recognizance

•Ashley Nicole Harris, 36, Amy Lane, Unionville; violation of probation; held, \$1,500 bond

•Callie Brook Lynch, 29, Deery Street; probation revocation; released on recognizance

•Jimmy Joe Sanders Jr., 36, Hickory Hill Road; criminal trespassing; held, \$1,000 bond

•Dakota Joe Lynn, 24, Bethlehem Church Road; failure to appear, bench warrant, bondsman surrender; held, \$8,000 bond

•John Scott Orr Jr., 31, Neeley Avenue; failure to appear, two bench warrants; released on recognizance

•Alisia Yvette Perry, 26, Myers Street; vandalism; held, \$1,500 bond

•Earice Lee Robert, 46, Memphis; failure to appear; released on recognizance

•Peter Gustaf Rose, 35, North Main Street; domestic assault; held, \$3,000 bond

•Danny Joe Skidmore, 61, Wartrace-Bell Buckle Road; domestic assault; held, \$3,000 bond

•Kenny Lee Smith, 28, East Depot Street; aggravated domestic assault,

CAUTION, PLEASE!



Traffic passes a wrecked Camaro after a crash Thursday afternoon on U.S. 41A near Mullins Mill bridge. The Tennessee Highway Patrol had not released a report as of Friday afternoon. Motorists are reminded to drive carefully this weekend and keep a close watch for trick-and-treaters.

aggravated assault, violation of order of protection (two counts); held, \$50,000 bond

•Joshua Robert Thomas, 44, Manchester; violation of probation; released on recognizance

•Jamie Lynn Wachner, 43, Deery Street; domestic assault; released, \$3,000 bond

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- 10/19/2021—10/25/2021**
- Donette Marlowe, Jacquelynn Donette Marlowe to Jacquelynn Donette Marlowe—0 money, 0 acres, Celebration St.
 - SDH Nashville LLC to Anthony Souksakhone Mynoymany, Kaviphone Mynoymany—\$286,990, 0 acres, Triple Crown Ct.
 - Michesio Nelson, Paige Malone Nelson, Paige Malone to Jessica Refugio Villeda Perez—\$225,000, 0 acres, Horse Mountain Rd.
 - Kerry D. Carpenter, Debra Carpenter to Gabriela Sarahi Garcia Zarate—\$210,000, 0 acres, Sage Lane
 - Curl Properties LLC to Paul T. Johnson—\$184,900, 0 acres, Dogwood Court
 - Mary Jane Gibbs, William J. Gibbs to James Michael Davis, Kelly G. Davis, Mary Jane Gibbs—0 money, 5.01 acres, Anderton Rd.
 - Robert J. Brenner Jr. to Carlos Nunez Solis, Vanity Gema Solis—\$165,000, 0 acres, Jack Pickle Lane
 - Charles F. Leeper to Michael G. Bass, Sue Cicchetti—\$335,500, 0 acres, Pepper Hill Rd.
 - James C. Sutton, Carolyn L. Sutton to Walter Rey LLC—\$103,000, 1.79 acres, Cunningham Lane
 - Keaton Alexander Myers, Kasey Cooper Myers, Keaton A. Meyers to Meredith A. Reach—\$235,000, 0 acres, no address
 - Dean C. Thomas, Beth Thomas to Jacob Dean Thomas, Amber M. Thomas—0 money, 15.01 acres, Knob Creek Rd.
 - Steve Brewer to Robert W. Harris—\$345,000, 0.69 acres, Anthony Lane
 - Michael S. Dill, Roxanna L. Dill to James E. Rhodes Jr., Terise L. Rhodes—\$601,000, 4.69 acres, Hwy 130
 - Northside Professional Center, Samuel P. Sells to Javier A. Ortiz Perez, Gabriela F. Flores Sanchez—0 money, 0.03 acres, no address
 - Ruby L. Horne, James Horne to Troy Harp, Stacey Harp—\$151,250, 0 acres, no address
 - Penny S. Wakeland to 205 Redbud Lane

- Trust—\$216,000, 0 acres, Redbud Lane
- Randy Helton, Diane Helton to Warren H. Wells, Jessica Wells—\$450,000, 0 acres, Riverbend Rd.
- Troy McGee to Michael Kim Oakley, Lynn Martin Oakley—\$47,834.26, 5.39 acres, County Rd.
- Joseph Brown, Lafonda Kay Durham Brown to Joseph Brown—0 money, 0 acres, Mohican Place
- Chad Thompson to Lawrence Laethem, Marie Laethem—\$210,000, 0 acres, Cayenne Rd.
- Jeremy J. Littrell to Brian Toombs, Jaqueline Toombs—\$307,800, 0 acres, S. Brittain St.
- Eric W. Schwartz, Lynne M. Gaida to Eric W. & Gaida Lynne M. Schwartz Income Only Trust, Eric W. Schwartz Income Only Trust, Lynne M. Gaida Income Only Trust—0 money, 7.58 acres, Midland Rd.
- Matthew A. Fanning to Nitasha L. Groves—\$215,000, 0.49 acres, Warner Bridge Rd.
- Anthony Lee Miller, Robin K. Miller to Alan Raulerson, Suzy Raulerson—\$132,500, 4 acres, Wartrace Rd.
- Justin Anthony Smotherman, Mark Anthony Smotherman to Justin Anthony Smotherman—0 money, 24.37 acres, Trott Rd.
- M A Allison 2006 Trust to Mary Ann E. Allison—0 money, 0 acres, Shadow Dr.
- Mary Ann E. Allison to M A Allison 2006 Trust—0 money, 0 acres, Shadow Dr.
- Georgette Steele Henderson, Christopher Markell Henderson to Frances M. Rivera Gonzalez, Jose E. Lopez—\$240,000, 0 acres, no address
- Timothy R. Green Jr., Valerie Green to Yassin Dakkak, Najim Abulzahra Shami—\$285,000, 0 acres, Reese St.
- Clifton W. Spence to Clifton W. Spence, Kimberly R. Spence—0 money, 20 acres, Hickory Hill Rd.
- Donald L. Muller Sr., Loneda T. Muller to Donald L. Muller Sr., Donald L. Muller Sr. Restated Revocable Trust, Loneda T. Muller Restated Revocable Trust, Loneda T. Muller,

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“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”
Ephesians 6:4 NIV



There are a series of books by the author Kevin Leman which purport to tell us how to rapidly change someone. I have been reading “Have a New Teenager by Friday” because I have a teenage stepdaughter who I wish behaved better. Though I was initially skeptical of the idea that we could change her within the week, what I soon realized was that the thrust of the book is about changing how I react to her. Instead of launching into a long-winded lecture which your teenager will tune out after five or ten seconds, why not wait until they want a favor from you and then simply tell them they cannot do or have the requested thing if they are going to treat others disrespectfully. Rather than insist on them being home more often, why not make your home somewhere that your kids

enjoy hanging out at. In short, the advice is about changing you and your response to your children rather than trying to force them to change. Your children will naturally change in response to your change. In my case, I have noticed that when I start out by raising my voice and insisting my stepdaughter change something she is doing, there is firm resistance. On the other hand, if I calmly ask her to please turn down her music or clean up a mess she has made, she usually responds positively. And of course, it helps to have clear rules and to follow them consistently.

—Christopher Simon

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Send church news to tgnews@t-g.com, preferably before noon Wednesday.

Baptist

Interim Pastor Jimmy Gray will lead the Sunday service at **Calvary Baptist**. Services are livestreamed.

Edgemont Baptist's message will be “Being Meek” from 2 Samuel 15:1-6. Services are livestreamed.

“The Lord Is My Shepherd; I Shall Not Want” from Psalm 23: 1-3 will be the second in a series of messages from Psalm 23 at **Grace Baptist**. Services are livestreamed.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church will close its “Joyride” series with a sermon on gratitude from Philippians 4.

Church of Christ

Fairlane Church of Christ's sermon is “Body Parts” from 1 Corinthians 12:14-20, part of “The Body” series. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WZNG (100.9 FM/1400 AM).

Methodist

Blankenship United Methodist Church's 9 a.m. Sunday message will be “It's Harvest Time” from Matthew 9:35-38. A hayride and wiener roast with chili dogs, sides and desserts will be held 4-8 p.m. Sunday; all are invited. The message at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 3 will be “Keeping Our Promises” from Deuteronomy 23:21-23. All services are livestreamed on Facebook.

Rev. Dr. Paul H. Mullikin's message at **First United Methodist Church** will be “Any Questions?” from Mark 12:28-34. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

Nazarene

Rev. Kevin Thomas' sermon at **First Church of the Nazarene** will be “The Night of the Walking Dead” based on Matthew 27:45-54. Services are livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Non-denominational

The Door Church, Unionville-Chapel Hill Road in Unionville, is having a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Experience Community Church-Shelbyville is holding a Fall Festival from 4-6 p.m. Saturday at its 208 Elm St. campus.

Two-time cancer survivor Joe Lee Singleton will speak 2 p.m. Sunday at **Whosoever Will Church**.

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STRONG FINISH

Eagles close regular season with blowout victory



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Shelbyville Central sophomore Theo Washington scored on a fumble return and a 40-yard touchdown run for the Eagles on Wednesday night against Cookeville.

By **GARY JOHNSON**
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It was their best overall performance of the season as Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagles rolled past Cookeville 56-7 in a Region 3-6A contest on Senior Night to close out the regular season at the Eagles Nest on Wednesday night.

With the win, the Eagles (4-6, 3-1) finish runner-up in the region and will host an opening round game on the TSSAA State Playoffs on Friday night at 7.

The Eagle offense found the end zone five times with the defense collecting three touchdowns for good measure.

Senior Laquan Young scored off runs of 20 and 14 yards. Sophomore Theo Washington recovered a fumble and returned it 32 yards for a TDm then added a 40-yard TD run.

Micah Threatt scored off a 43-yard fumble recovery then added a pick-six, covering 20 yards for a score.

Senior quarterback Kade Cunningham scored off a one-yard run, with Will Gallimore hauling in a TD pass.

"It's great to close out the regular season with a win and even better to be hosting an opening round state playoff home game,"



Golden Eagle Jake Preston makes a nice run in the final regular season game against visiting Cookeville on Wednesday night.

Shelbyville Central Coach Josh Puckett said. "Just a great team effort in every phase of the game."

The Eagles' offense

racked up 437 yards of total offense led by Young with 167 yards on 17 carries.

Shelbyville Central's defense was just as impres-

sive, allowing only 139 total yards, including only 48 rushing.

"For the most part, our defense was just as impres-

▶ See **Eagles**, Page 7A

Ray, Cope qualify for state with strong region showing

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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CHAPEL HILL — Two runners from Cascade have qualified for the upcoming

TSSAA Small Class state meet, which will be held next week at Sanders Ferry Park.

Steven Cope was the top

finisher for the Champions, placing 14th overall in 18:05, good enough to make the state championship as an individual qualifier.

As a team, the Champions placed 10th overall.

Ivan Dreine was the next finisher for the Champs, crossing in 19:54.

Chase Sutter, Logan Pulley and Stone Maldonado were the next three finishers for the Champs, taking 75th, 87th and 105th in the final standings.

Austin Perales was the final finisher for Cascade. He turned in a 30:02 final time.

As a team, the Champions totaled 288 points.

Community also competed in the meet and finished with 398 total points.

Jackson Harris finished 75th overall and turned in a 22:29 final time.

Reese Cawthron wasn't far behind, finishing 86th overall in 23:03, while Willie Stokes turned in a 23:14 final time just three spots behind.

Joshua Eslick and Isaiah Lamber finished 94th and 96th, respectively, while Brody Ray and Jonah Beech rounded out the varsity scores for the Vikings.

Sophie Ray qualified for the upcoming state meet, turning in a 14th place overall finish. Her final time of 22:19 was good enough to lead the Lady Champions to a 10th place team finish.

Ellie Chappa was the next finisher for the Lady Champs, crossing 60th overall in 25:48. Ella Thompson finished 76th overall, while Blair Hollins and Madison Wilson rounded out the runners for Cascade.

For Community, it was a 370 final score the Purple and Gold tallied, with Stevie Dickenson's final time of 28:47 being the top mark for the Viqueens.

Alisha Hartsfield finished two minutes later in 30:48, while Chloe Smith turned a 32:25.

Haley Harper and Raegan Haley were the final runners for the Viqueens and finished within three seconds of each other.



Sophie Ray powers her way through a hill as she nears the finish line. See more photos, page 7A.



T-G Photos by Chris Siers

Cascade's Steven Cope passes a runner from Page on the outside just after the second mile marker in Tuesday's region meet at Henry Horton.

- The upcoming state competition will be held at Sanders Ferry Park, located in Hendersonville.
- The park is located on a peninsula next to Old Hickory Lake.
- The Girls' Class A-AA race will begin at 1:20 on Friday, with the boys Class A-AA finals to be held at 2:10.
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| Boys | Community (398) |
| 14. Steven Cope 18:05 | 76. Jackson Harris 22:29 |
| 33. Ivan Dreine 19:54 | 86. Reese Cawthron 23:03 |
| 75. Chase Sutter 22:27 | 89. Willie Stokes 23:14 |
| | 94. Joshua Eslick 23:38 |
| | 96. Isaiah Lambert 23:40 |
| | 100. Brody Ray 24:50 |
| | 114. Jonah Beech 30:22 |
| | Girls |
| | Cascade (271) |
| | 14. Sophie Ray 22:19 |
| | 60. Ellie Chappa 25:48 |
| | 76. Ella Thompson 28:04 |
| | 90. Blair Hollins 31:15 |
| | 95. Madison Wilson 32:31 |
| | Community (370) |
| | 78. Stevie Dickenson 28:47 |
| | 87. Alisha Hartsfield 30:48 |
| | 94. Chloe Smith 32:25 |
| | 106. Haley Harper 37:56 |
| | 107. Raegan Haley 37:59 |

Could vampires be real?

Brian Young Jr.
Science Club



Do you think vampires are real? I'm talking about blood-drinking, forever-young ghouls of the night who shapeshift into bats and are weak to crucifixes and sunlight.

You might see a few this weekend, but none of them will drain you of your blood (I hope). However, the idea that blood can deliver eternal youth may not be so fictional after all.

As you know, when you grow old, your body starts to deteriorate. Muscles are harder to build and easier to lose, metabolism slows, and organs which have accumulated damage over your lifetime stop working as effectively. This is an unavoidable certainty of life—we all grow old and eventually die. In recent decades however, scientists have shown something super interesting—something that calls into question much of what we think we know about aging.

Scientists have used an experimental method known as parabiosis to show that age isn't necessarily the irreversible march we like to think it is. Parabiosis is essentially when two mice are joined at the hip so that they share a circulatory system. In the past, scientists have used this experimental method to study the blood and it certainly taught them a lot, but it was when scientists did this experiment with mice of different ages that they saw something really interesting.

When you join two old mice or two young mice together, nothing remarkable happens to one or the other. But when an old mouse is joined with a young mouse, the old mouse's injuries heal faster, organs function better, blood and immune function is improved, and much more. It essentially reverts in age, all just by sharing blood with a young

mouse.

This set of experiments made it clear that not only are some aspects of aging potentially reversible, but also that these anti-aging or age-reversing factors could be identified in the blood and isolated.

So could someone like Count Dracula live forever by drinking the blood of the young? Well technically, drinking blood isn't the same as having blood in circulation, so that wouldn't work anyways. But more importantly, people have been getting blood transfusions for centuries now and no one has spontaneously grown younger. Also, a number of companies have launched in recent years which are researching if this technology could work in humans (without fusing them together of course) but so far, nothing has been effective. Considering mice only live a few years while humans live upwards of 80, this isn't so surprising—humans and mice are quite different. But there's no telling what the future holds.

All of this raises super interesting questions for me. Imagine that years from now, you could go into the doctor's office and get a shot that made you 20 years younger. Would you do it? Or if there was a way to keep the human body going indefinitely, would it be wrong to pursue it?

These questions are in the realm of science fiction and maybe will be forever. People have been searching for the fountain of youth and immortality since the dawn of time; this might just be another lost cause. But it's possible that with more research, scientists will figure out exactly what aging is and how to slow it, stop it, or even reverse it. So this Halloween, you probably don't need to worry about a vampire draining you to continue it's eternal reign of terror, but there is certainly something to be said about the power of blood.

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Protecting essential workers from vaccine mandates



Marsha Blackburn

Every day I hear from law enforcement officers, first responders, airline personnel, healthcare professionals, and retail workers in the Volunteer State who are facing an impossible choice: either comply with the Biden administration's sweeping vaccine mandate or lose their livelihood.

President Biden's recent wave of vaccine mandates landed amid a dire labor and supply chain crisis. In August 2021, the U.S. economy had a shocking 10.4 million open jobs. The number of unfilled American manufacturing jobs remains more than double pre-pandemic levels, with 870,000 vacant positions. In retail, the 350,000 missing workers are expected to cost companies \$223 billion by the holiday season.

Businesses are desperate for workers, and these open jobs translate directly to empty shelves and rising prices. As families pay more to shop at

picked-over stores, President Biden should be doing everything possible to find a solution. Instead, the administration's plan to implement a COVID-19 vaccine mandate is forcing millions of Americans out of work.

Although several of the vaccines developed to combat COVID-19 have proven to be safe and effective, the federal government has no business mandating vaccinations for individuals or forcing compliance on private companies. Receiving a COVID-19 vaccination is a personal medical decision. Americans must be free to make informed decisions about their health, but Biden's one-size-fits-all order infringes on those freedoms and inserts federal authority where it doesn't belong: between a patient and their doctor.

Throughout the pandemic, our essential workers showed up to keep America running. They stocked grocery store shelves, drove trucks across the country, kept our planes flying, provided lifesaving medical care, and protected our communities, all while facing unknown risks. Now, they are being told their sacrifice wasn't enough. No American — espe-

cially not our nation's essential workers — should face the ultimatum of taking a job or losing their job.

President Biden's vaccine mandates treat these heroes like second-class citizens. That is why I am introducing the Keeping our COVID-19 Heroes Employed Act to protect our essential workers from losing their jobs based on their vaccination status. The Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Tennessee Ambulance Service Association joined local sheriffs and mayors to support this critical legislation to fight for Tennessee's essential workers. We cannot count on the White House to advocate for Tennesseans' best interests, but we can stop them from destroying lives and livelihoods with unconstitutional power plays.

Tennesseans know the president's vaccine mandates will do irreparable damage to the supply chain and all but destroy the already failing labor market. It's time for President Biden to listen to the American people and stop punishing our essential workers.

•Sen. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee has served since 2019.

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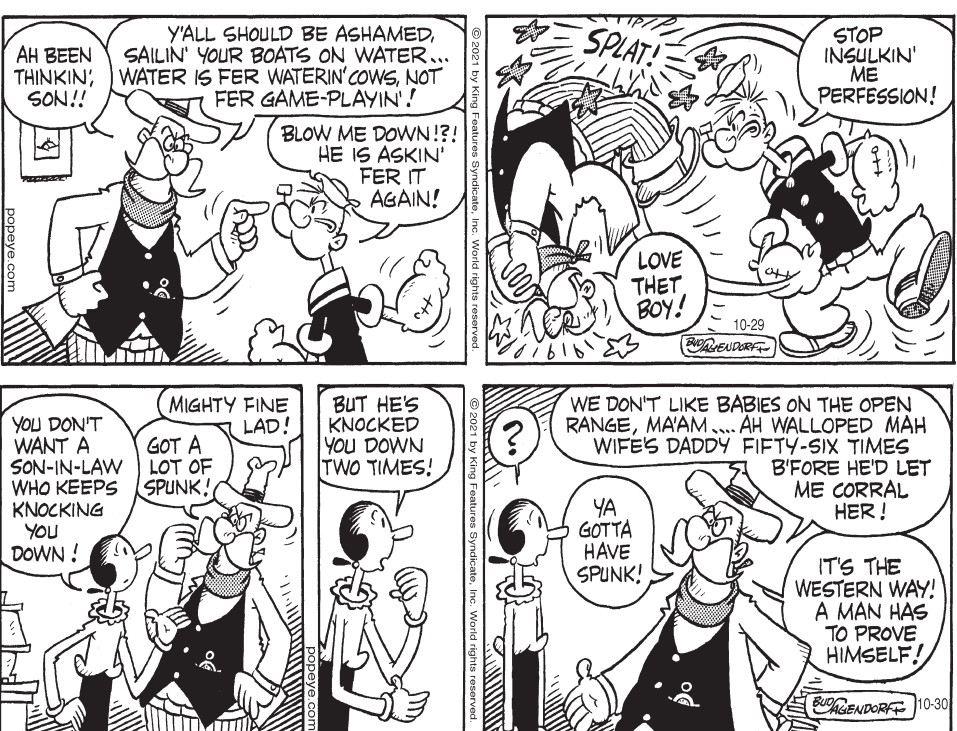
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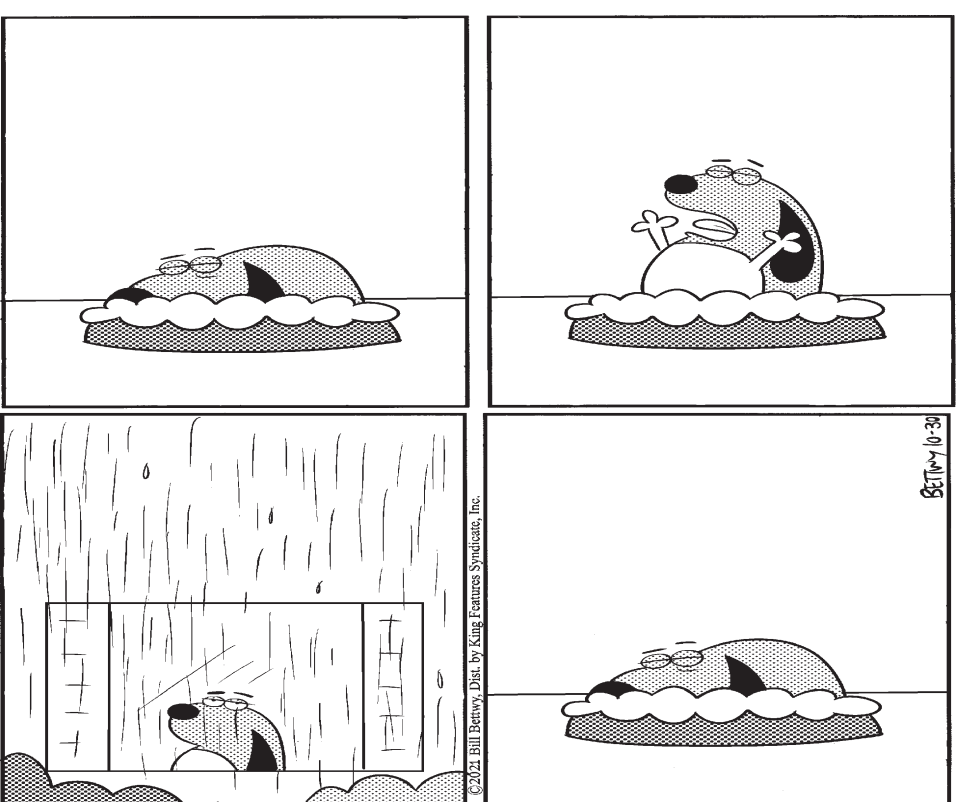
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See answers to the Sudoku on Saturday's page 4A

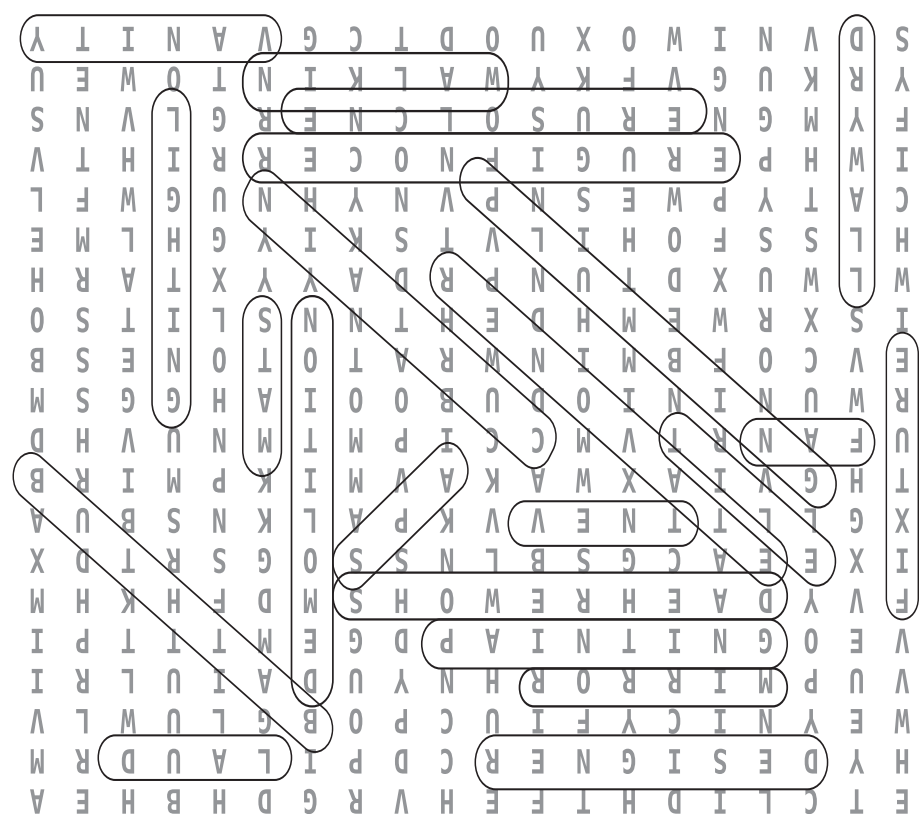
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- RECONFIGURE
- RENOVATE
- SHOWER HEAD
- SPA
- TILE
- VANITY
- VENT
- WALK-IN

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



Guess Who?

I am a singer and ventriloquist born in Oklahoma on October 12, 2004. I once trained to be an elite gymnast and also competed in pageants when I was younger. I have been in a few talent competitions and got my big break on "America's Got Talent."

Answer: Darci Lynne Farmer

PUMPKINS ON PARADE



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Pumpkins make great decorations, as these brightly (or darkly) covered examples at the Times-Gazette office and in the office of County Clerk Donna Thomas show.



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Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

Adams was a Godly president

It is National Candy Corn Day. Yay! (One of my favorite candies.)

It is the 303rd day of the year, and the 44th Saturday of 2021, with just 62 days left in the year.

Our nation's second president, John Adams, was born on October 30, 1735, in Braintree, Massachusetts.

He was one of our country's Founding Fathers, the first vice president of the United States and then succeeded George Washington, serving as the second US president.

John Adams has long been a president that I was fascinated with. He was a deep thinker, a very wise man, and a very religious man, and a man full of questions and concerns and skepticism.

His father, John Adams Sr., was a farmer, a Congregationalist deacon, a town councilman, and he was a direct descendant of Henry Adams, a Puritan who emigrated from England to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1638.

John Sr. wanted his son to enter the ministry, and John Jr. gave a lot of thought to that path for his life, but at age 16, Adams earned a scholarship to attend Harvard University, where he received his undergraduate degree and master's degree. After graduating in 1755, at age 20, Adams studied law in the office of James Putnam, a prominent lawyer, despite his father's wish for him to enter the ministry, and in 1758, he was admitted to the bar.

In 1774, Adams served on the First Continental Congress and helped draft the Declaration of Independence.

Religion was always important to John Adams, even though he was highly skeptical of specific religious beliefs. He was the son of a church deacon and his wife's father was a minister.

Historian Edwin S. Gaustad wrote: "From early entries in his diary to letters written late in life, Adams composed variations on a single theme: God is so great, I am so small. Adams never doubted who was in charge of the universe, never viewed himself as master of his, or anyone's destiny."

Biographer David McCullough wrote, "How close Adams came to becoming a minister he never exactly said, but most likely it was not close at all. His mother, though a

▶ See Doug, Page 3B



Yvonne Moore and David Latimer of Wartrace

T-G Photos by Dawin Hankins

Bidding adios to summer flowers

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Yvonne Moore and David Latimer of Wartrace are celebrating the last of summer/fall flowers at the Blue Victorian—a historic home they've restored into an Airbnb.

David enjoys growing vegetables and flowers in what Yvonne has deemed their "cottage garden." Just recently, David shared how the bees are still feeding on the purple sage.

He believes we should all try to preserve these important bees as they sustain us in many ways.

They also have help with floral arrangements for their home from their neighbor who provides bouquets for them to have for their guests.

This is what makes Wartrace special, they note of the community connection. As for David



and Yvonne, well, they fit right in, though they're transplants to the area.

The area surrounding Wartrace is a great tourism mecca, with its proximity to Shelbyville and Bell Buckle, they've observed.

Their idea behind the Blue Victorian was to provide a local bed and breakfast—one which would give guests the opportunity to leave errands and cares behind. They share what they know about the restored late 19th century home.

This experience can all be accomplished in one weekend visit. The couple advise that they'll be closing up for winter in about a month, but they are busy making reservations for early spring.

For Yvonne, purchasing the Blue Victorian was a dream come true. It brought peace and hope for the future, she explains.

That's despite what it has taken to restore the place. Learn more about Yvonne and David and this big Blue Victorian in the Times-Gazette's Bedford Life magazine coming out November end.

It's a love story of many facets.



Bees are still feeding on the purple sage.



Mark McGee
My Take

Disney and the love of decency

... makes no difference who you are

This world gets weirder every day. What some people think is appropriate in public amazes me.

A couple wearing sexually suggestive T-shirts in the Magic Kingdom at Disney World earlier this week has caused a major outcry online asking for officials of the Walt Disney Company to completely ban such apparel from all of their theme parks.

Disney World's website states, "We reserve the right to deny admission to or remove any person wearing attire that we consider inappropriate or attire that could attract from the experience of other guests."

I know they have adhered to this policy in at least one occasion. I personally saw it happened.

A young woman walked in the Magic Kingdom wearing a black sweatshirt and matching sweatpants adorned with all the obscene words you can imagine, and some you might not be able to imagine, in bright gold lettering. For those familiar with the park, she made it under the train trestle before security guards surrounded her. How she got past the gate I will never understand.

I saw what was happening and the reporter in me kicked in. I had to find out what was going on.

Security guards told her she had two choices — she could simply turn around and leave the park, get a refund of her ticket and not return. Or she could go back to her hotel room, home, or car, change her clothes, and get a voucher to re-enter the park. I don't know what her choice was. I just know she had to leave the park.

They also monitor inappropriate clothing and a TikTok "star" posted she had been given a "\$75 T-shirt" by Disney employees because her top was deemed to be too revealing.

The T-shirt incident has gone viral with photos of the couple with their faces covered are posted on social media and in stories printed by news organizations worldwide.

People are upset with the wearing of such offensive apparel. I find that to be more than a little refreshing in this day and time, especially when individual freedom is being touted by so many.

My daughter and I have

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The team of dragon slayers (from left, Chloe Armstrong, Sara Baumbarger, Dylon Coy, Aubrie O'Neal, Tara Harrell and Jayse Monroe) get set for their greatest quest—one in which they'll face and finally kill the monstrous multi-headed dragon, Tiamat.

'Monsters' unleashed at Community High Play opens Nov. 5

"She Kills Monsters: Young Adventurers Edition" is a show that, in many ways, is unlike anything Community High's Smokestack Theatre Group has ever attempted in its 27-year history. The show runs Friday and Saturday evening, Nov. 5 and 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Community High's Auditorium. Admission is \$5 at the door. Some themes may not be appropriate for younger children. A hit show from around the nation (it's currently the 7th most produced play in American high schools), it's a title that few in this area will recognize. Qui Guyen's comedy drama tells the story of Agnes, a teen cheerleader with a nerdy younger sister named Tilly. When tragedy strikes, Agnes finds herself on a quest to discover more about the younger sister she never really knew. In doing so, she finds herself in very unfamiliar territory...the world of Dungeons & Dragons. From there, the story literally takes the audience inside the fantasy world of D & D, where dragons and other creatures roam free, and any who venture had better have a sword ready at hand. As Agnes delves further and further into this, her sister's favorite world, she begins to realize that she may be discovering more than she ever expected or wanted to.



Agnes Evans (Tara Harrell) confronts Chuck (Jaydon Lynch) in his comic book shop. The cheerleader is about to enter a world she's never known...the world of Dungeons & Dragons.



Unique ways to celebrate this Halloween

Halloween celebrations will likely still be a little different in 2021. A global pandemic has made activities like trick-or-treating risky, and many parents could still figure to keep kids home this Halloween.

It may be hard to envision a Halloween without kids getting together as they go from house to house in search of candy. But celebrants should know that there's still fun to be had this Halloween, even if that fun is not in-person with fellow vampires, witches and pirates.

This Halloween can be as unique as celebrants are willing to make it. The following are some fun ways to celebrate a Halloween that may feature little in-person interactions with other costumed ghouls and goblins.

- Get dressed up for video chats. While social distancing measures may discourage large gatherings, such measures aren't discouraging people from wearing costumes this Halloween. Parents can organize a group Zoom call with their children's classmates, encouraging everyone on the call, including other moms and dads, to wear their costumes.
- Create a Halloween candy hunt. Take a cue from Easter celebrations and organize a Halloween candy hunt in the backyard. Kids can get dressed up and search the property for all the usual spoils of Halloween. Parents of school-aged

children can even add a twist by making the Halloween candy search a scavenger hunt, complete with clues and candies hidden in decorative scarecrows and jack-o'-lanterns.

• Throw a hospital hero-themed Halloween party. Traditional Halloween masks don't typically cover up noses or mouths, which renders them ineffective protection against COVID-19. A party that both honors local hospital workers while celebrating the work they do can make for a fun way to get together this Halloween. Organizers can encourage participants to dress up as doctors, nurses, orderlies, and other hospital workers, making sure each attendee wears a mask that covers their nose and mouth and fits snugly onto their face. Each attendee also can provide a small donation that can go toward purchasing meals for local hospital workers.

• Bake your own Halloween treats. If kids won't be going door-to-door this Halloween, parents can organize holiday-themed baking sessions to whip up some homemade treats for youngsters. Encourage participants to decorate baked goods with Halloween colors and imagery, and then drop off the finished products at each other's homes. Treats can then be opened and enjoyed over a Zoom call that includes all participants.

Do you hate intersections too?

When my high school classmates obtained a driver's license, it was not uncommon to hear a teacher opine, "Oh, they must be having a sale at Sears."

Judging by the deplorable examples of road etiquette I've witnessed, maybe the teachers weren't so far off about the low bar set by testers.

I have pontificated about slow drivers, speed demons and motorists who think turn signals are the Mark of the Beast; but this time I'd like to vent about intersections.

Instructions about right-of-way are readily available, but most drivers treat them as if they're as

obscure as silverware protocol for hosting the Duke of Wellington. I suspect that regardless of whether motorists are listening to Adele, Garth Brooks, Dave Brubeck, Led Zeppelin or Jay-Z, they have a dash of Frank Sinatra's "I Did It My Way" careening between their neurons.

When approaching an intersection with no traffic light, I tend to slow down, so there is no question who arrived first. But circumstances are not always so clear-cut.

One website suggested that when multiple vehicles arrive at an intersection simultaneously — and you can't depend on everyone obeying the rules — eye contact can be a useful

indicator of driver intent. Sadly, what I usually see is befuddled drivers reciting, "Lefty loosey, righty tighty...er, leaves of three leave it be...spring forward...um, 'i' before 'e' except after 'c'..."

The same website indicated that it is also okay for one driver to motion another to proceed through the intersection, but I am leery of deference contests. I am reminded of the vintage comic strip "Alphonse and Gaston" (1901-1937). The two Frenchmen were sickeningly polite, and hijinks ensued as the pair invariably got into an infuriating "No, after you" exchange. I fear that if the other driver changes his mind or an unexpected

motorist gets involved, the phrase "See ya in the funny papers" would be replaced with "See ya in the obituaries."

Road rage can overflow when there's an impasse, but tried-and-true gestures don't work with some of these mental giants. ("That fellow needs...a splint. Mildred, I'll leave the car parked in front of this firetruck and take him one...")

It's almost enough to make you ban perpendicular streets and resign yourself to a lifetime of wistfully wondering what's going on with all those unreachable parallel roadways. ("Maybe...maybe those neighborhoods have possums that actually

know how to cross the road.")

Intersections with traffic lights are equally nerve-wracking. I keep getting stuck behind people who are mesmerized with their cellphone long after the light turns green. Cellphone lost its charge? No problem! Get out the Ouija Board and have a long chat with Alexander Graham Bell!

If I have rolled to a complete stop at a red light, with aspirations of making a left turn, the oncoming driver waits me out like I'm going to snap and go demolition derby on him. I've tried my best to appear less intimidating. I've spent a fortune on moisturizer and Fred



Danny Tyree
Tyrades

Rogers sweaters. Maybe I should switch my "I brake for flying insects" bumper sticker to the front of the car.

Yes, I can think of worse things than more frequent re-certification of drivers.

"I got my license renewed and they threw in a Kenmore washer! Dang! I forgot to strap it into the back of the pickup truck! See ya in the State Farm 'Hall of Shame.'"

• Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."

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Halloween Safety for Kids & Pets

In all the excitement surrounding Halloween, it can be easy to overlook potential dangers faced by kids and pets each year. Take a moment to review these safety tips to help ensure a fun-filled holiday and prevent any real scares!



Trick-or-Treat Tips to Keep Li'l Ghouls & Goblins Safe

- Never let kids trick-or-treat alone. Older groups trick-or-treating without adult supervision should make sure a parent knows the planned trick-or-treat route.
- Remind kids to walk, not run, when trick-or-treating. Instruct trick-or-treaters to use crosswalks and caution when crossing streets or driveways, and stay aware of their surroundings at all times.
- Make sure costumes and masks fit well to avoid tripping hazards or difficulty seeing or breathing.
- Use only non-toxic makeup and cosmetic-grade, eye-safe glitter on the skin and face.
- Make sure kids carry a flashlight, and attach reflective tape to costumes and treat bags to enhance visibility.
- Eat only factory-wrapped candy that has not been opened.
- Wearing a cloth mask over the face and nose when trick-or-treating in a group this Halloween can help keep kids healthy.



HalloWag Safety for Dogs & Cats

- Keep candy out of reach from pets. Xylitol sweeteners and chocolate in particular can be toxic to dogs and cats.
- Keep pets inside and away from the front door for their security and the safety of trick-or-treaters.
- Costume carefully if you're dressing up your pet, taking care not to restrict their movement, vision, hearing or ability to breathe. If your pet is distressed by wearing a costume, remove it immediately.
- Make sure your pet is microchipped and wearing a collar with identification tags to help ensure his or her safe return in the event of a Halloween escape.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o-lanterns and other candles a safe distance from pets who may knock them over or burn themselves.



Burn permits required Oct. 15-May 15

NASHVILLE — It is state law to debris burn per-burn piles from May 15.

"Fire prevention responsibility," David Arnold said. rainfall, our wild-low so far this fall. always necessary debris burning and state permits are next week in areas governments do not outdoor burning Debris burn and brush piles are charge via the MyTN mobile app or online at www.BurnSafeTN.org. Online permits can be obtained daily from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Central Time for any size leaf and brush burn pile.

Each burn pile should be completely out by the permit expiration. For larger, broadcast burning, such as forestry, agricultural, and land clearing, call the Division of Forestry burn permit phone number at 877-350-BURN (2876) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

If you have limited access to internet, this number can also be used for a debris burn permit, but callers can expect lengthy wait times when call volume is high. Permits are issued only when conditions are conducive to safe burning. If you live inside city limits, check with your municipality for additional restrictions before you burn.

A list of materials that are not allowed to be burned can be found from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation at www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/apc-air-pollution-control-home/apc/open-burning.html.

Burning without a permit is a class C misdemeanor and punishable by up to 30 days in jail and/or a fine. Wildfires caused by arson are a class C felony punishable by three to 15 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines. Anyone with information about suspected arson activity should call the state Fire Marshal's Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. The hotline is answered 24-hours-a-day, and callers may remain anonymous.



obtain a free permit for leaf and Oct. 15 until

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pious woman, thought him unsuited for the life, for all that Deacon John wished it for him."

He did believe that religion was what protected and preserved his family. "I believe it is religion, without which they would have been rakes, fops, sots, gamblers, starved with hunger, frozen with cold, scalped by Indians, etc., etc., and etc., been melted away and disappeared."

There was a strong Puritan strain to Adams' morality even when he strayed from the Puritans religious precepts.

At the age of 21, Adams wrote that "this World was not designed for a lasting and a happy State, but rather for a State of moral Discipline, that we might have a fair Opportunity and continual Excitement to labour after a cheerful Resignation to all the Events of Providence, after Habits of Virtue, Self-Government, and Piety. And this Temper of mind is in our Power to acquire, and this alone can secure us against all the Adversities of Fortune, against all the Malice of men, against all the Operations of Nature."

As argumentative as John Adams could be, he found the clergy too 'disputatious for his taste.'

Adams himself recalled the conditions under which he decided to switch his intended profession from the ministry to the law: "Between the years 1751, when I entered, and 1754, when I left college, a controversy was carried on between Mr. Bryant, the minister of our parish, and some of his people, partly on account of his principles, which were called Arminian, and partly on account of his conduct, which was too gay and light, if not immoral. Ecclesiastical councils were called, and sat at my father's house. Parties and their acrimonies arose in the church and congregation, and controversies from the press between Mr. Bryant, Mr. Niles, Mr. Porter, Mr. Bass, concerning the five points."

Adams wrote: "I read all these pamphlets and many other writings on many subjects, and found myself involved in difficulties beyond my powers of decision. At the same time, I saw such a spirit of dogmatism and bigotry in clergy and laity, that, if I should be a priest, I must take my side, and pronounce as positively as any of them, or never get a parish, or getting it must soon leave it. Very strong doubts arose in my mind, whether I was made for the pulpit in such times,

and I began to think of other professions. I perceived very clearly, as I thought, that the study of theology, and the pursuit of it as a profession, would involve me in endless altercations, and make my life miserable, without any prospect of doing any good to my fellow men."

Steven Waldman wrote: "Adams believed that since God created the laws of the universe, the scientific study of nature would help us understand His mind and conform to His wishes. He became convinced that while God loved a good argument, Christian leaders didn't, preferring to rule through intimidation rather than persuasion."

A large portion of Adam's religious beliefs had to do with a heart of gratitude toward God.

He wrote to a friend, "Shall I censure the conduct of that Being who has poured around me a great profusion of those good things that I really want, because He has kept from me other things that might be improper and fatal to me if I had them? But all of the provision He has made for the gratification of my sense, though very engaging instances of kindness, are much inferior to the provision for the gratification of my nobler powers of intelligence and reason.

"He has given me reason, to find out the truth and the real design of my existence here, and, has made all endeavors to promote that design agreeable to my mind and attended with a conscious pleasure and complacency.

"On the contrary, He has made a different course of life, a course of impiety and injustice, of malevolence and intemperance, appear shocking and deformed to my first reflection.

"He has made my mind capable of receiving an infinite variety of ideas, from those numerous material objects with which we are environed; and of retaining, compounding, and arranging the

vigorous impressions which we received from these into all the varieties of picture and of figure."

Like Benjamin Franklin, John Adams believed in the utility of religion even when he had doubts about religious beliefs themselves: "Without religion this world would be something not fit to be mentioned in polite society, I mean hell."

Adams biographer James Grant wrote: "Adams had no patience with the institutionalized structure of religion—synods, councils, convocations, oaths, and confessions—or with the doctrinal controversies that had flared up in the Awakening."

But despite his criticisms of the organized church, John Adams was also a conventional church-goer. He was a life-long member of Braintree's First Parish Church, which had switched from conservative Congregationalist doctrine to a Unitarian one in the mid-1750s.

Religion scholar Gary Kowalski noted that "however far Adams ventured, spiritually or physically, he always came back to Braintree and to the meetinghouse where his family had worshiped for generations; and where he would eventually be laid to rest."

His wife Abigail was the daughter of a Congregationalist minister who shared her husband's Unitarian bent.

His lifestyle was quite conventional for a man of his position in life, a true public servant.

He remained in the church in which he was raised, faithfully attending worship services each week. Adams was a longtime friend of Pastor Anthony Wibird of First Parish Church. His loyalty and friendship was not because of the quality of Wibird's preaching.

His son, John Quincy Adams, once said of Wibird's sermons, "Parson Wibird preached in his usual dull, unanimated strain."

But both John and Abigail, John Q's parents, valued good preaching, and always enjoyed Wibird's messages. As he aged, Adams retained his religious piety while still embracing skepticism.

By the end of his life, noted biographer James Grant, said Adams "had rejected the divinity of Jesus, the Trinity, and the infallibility of Scripture, as did many a Boston Unitarian. But he believed in God and in God's governance of the world. He prayed, attended Congregational meetings on Sunday (morning and afternoon), discussed theological questions with fluency and earnestness, and read the Bible."

Adams died on July 4, 1826, the same day as Thomas Jefferson. His last words to his grand-daughter were: "Help me, child! Help me!"

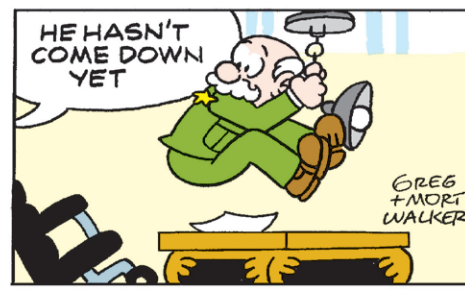
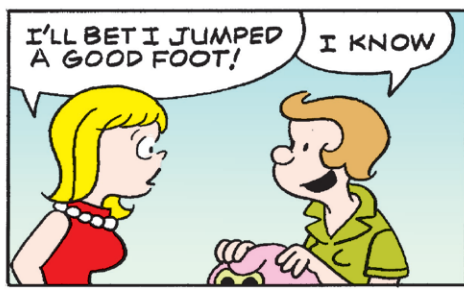
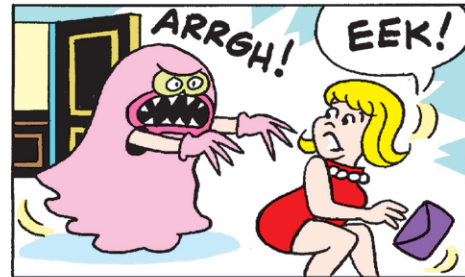
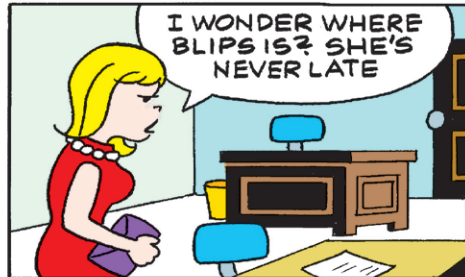
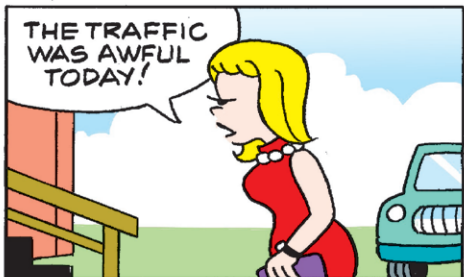
Our second president, born on this day, October 30th in the year 1735, was a man of action, a man who was destined to make a difference in his world, and a man who was humbled to be a vessel used by a God he didn't ever claim to fully understand.

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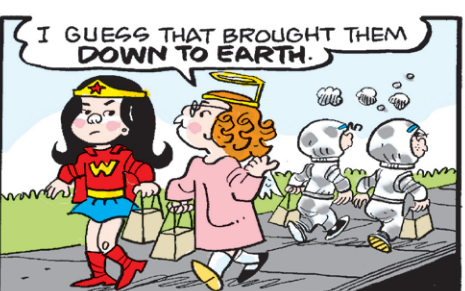
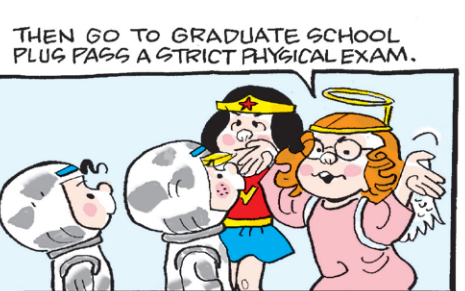
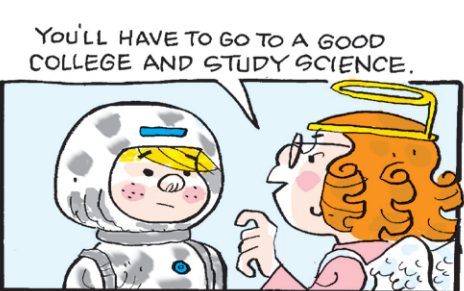
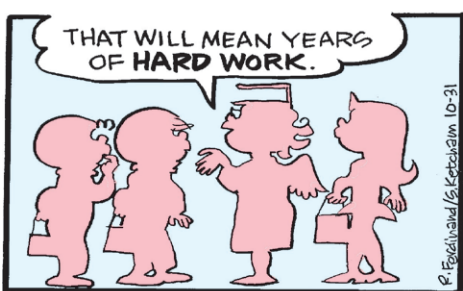
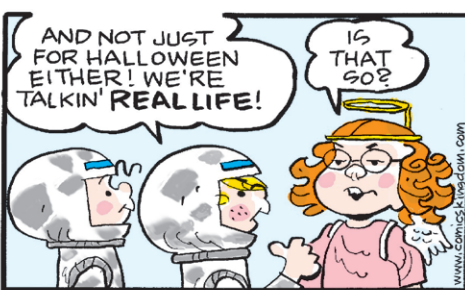
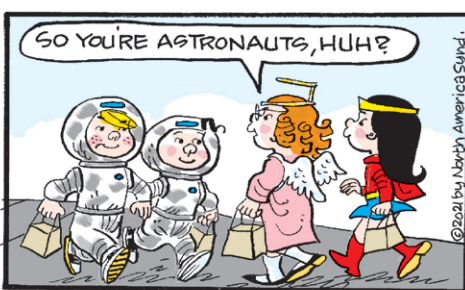
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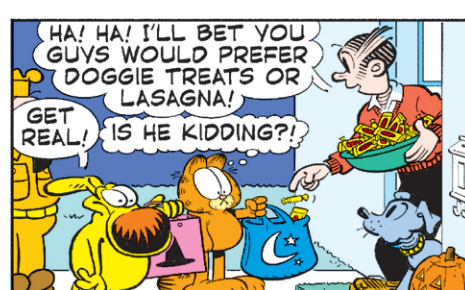
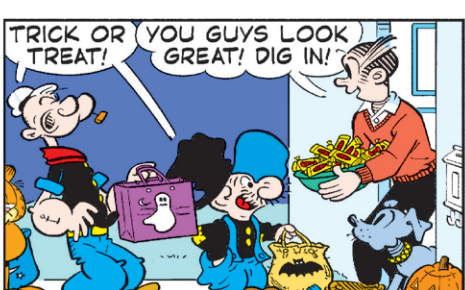
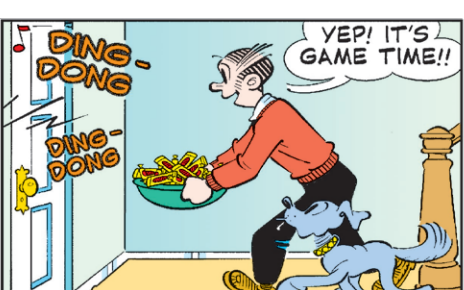
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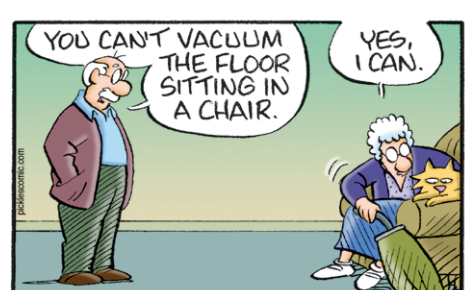
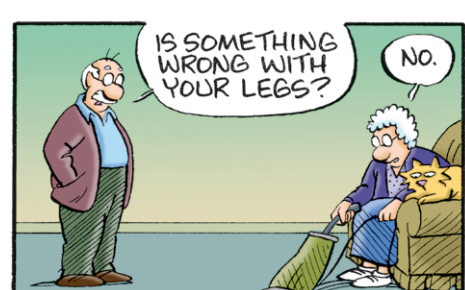
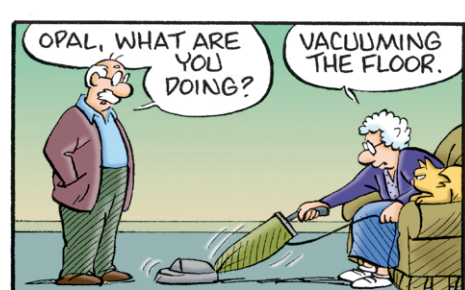
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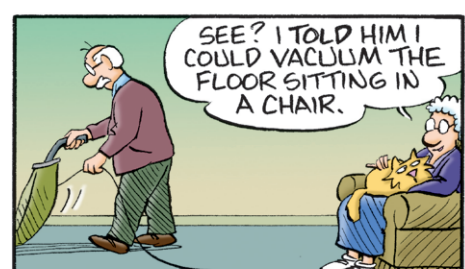
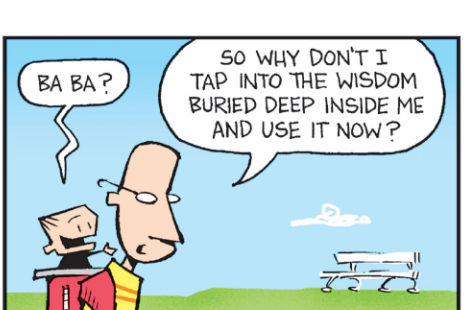
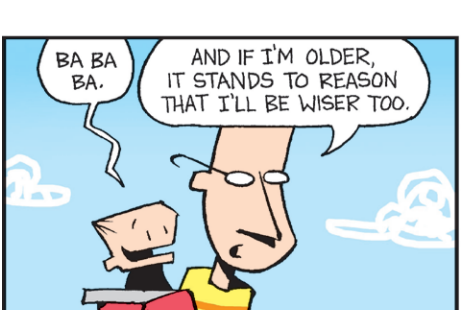
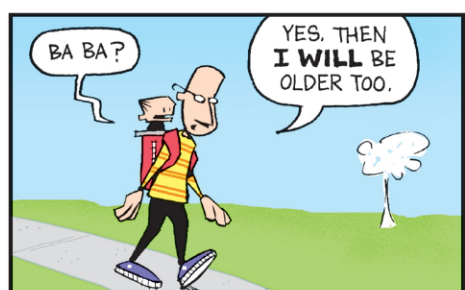
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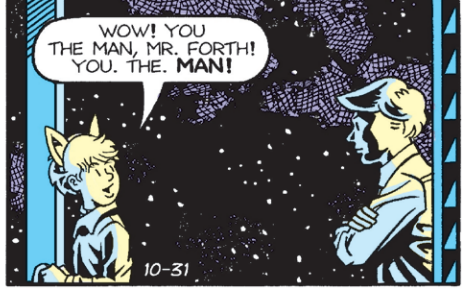
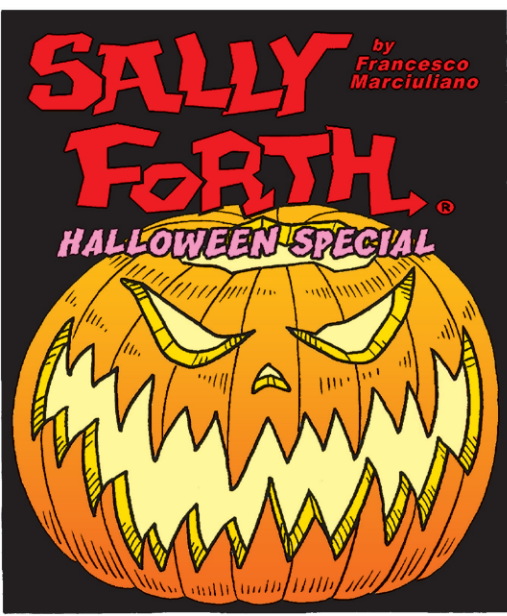
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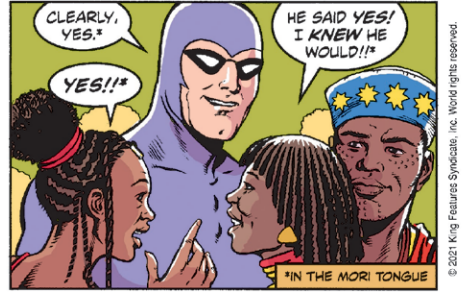
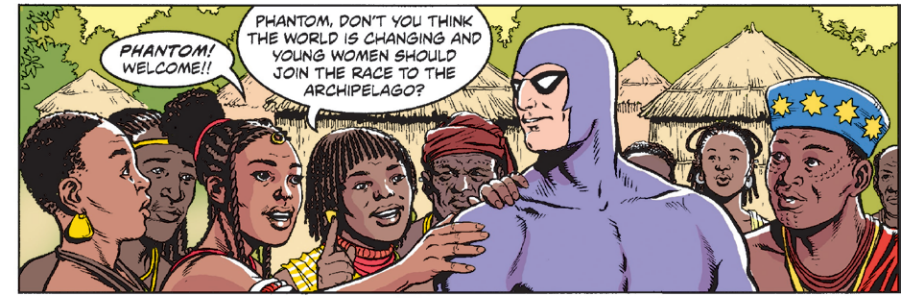
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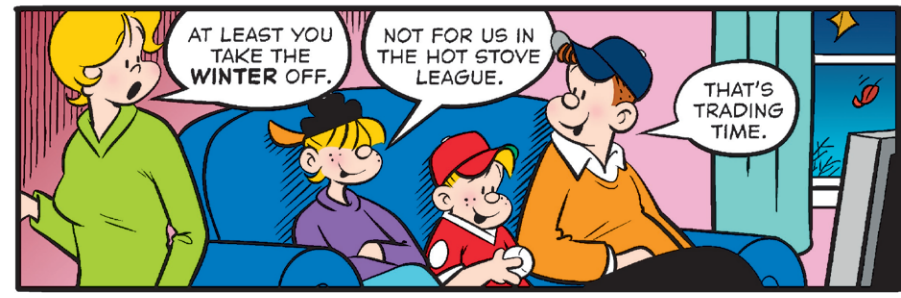
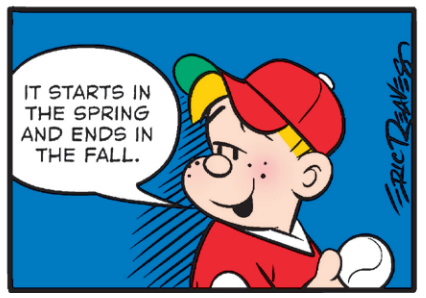
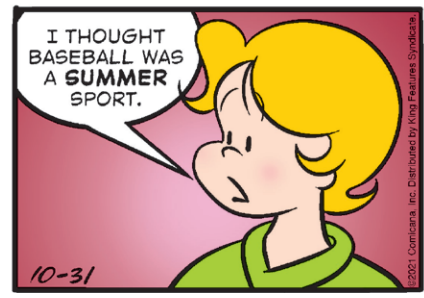
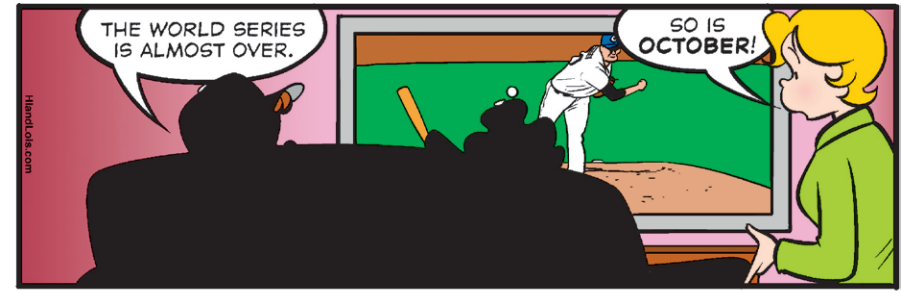
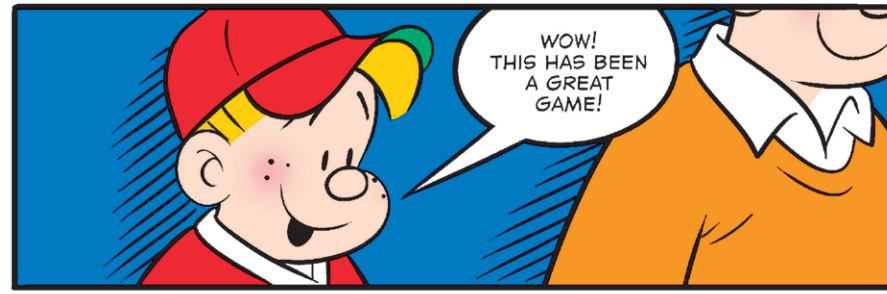




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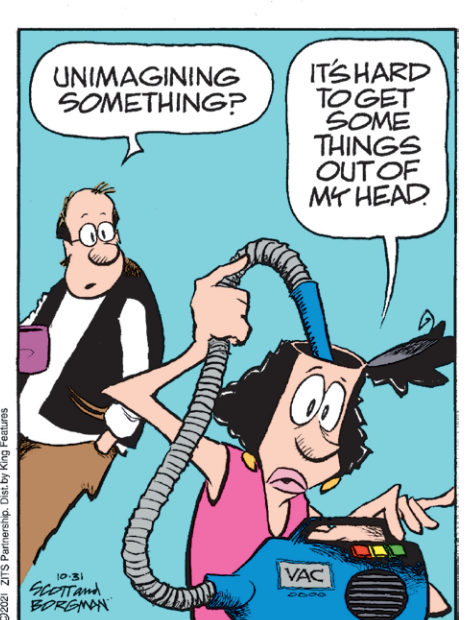
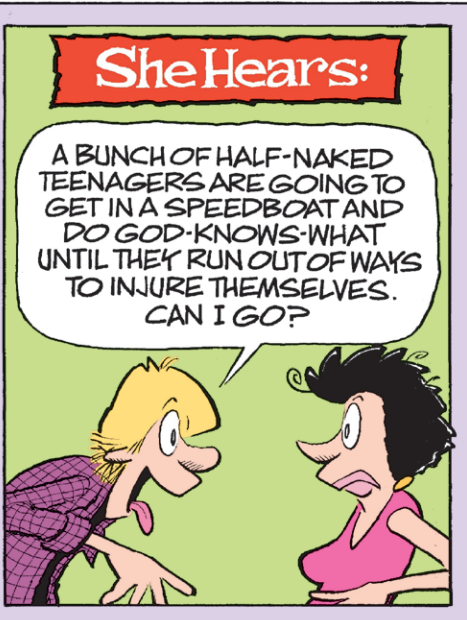
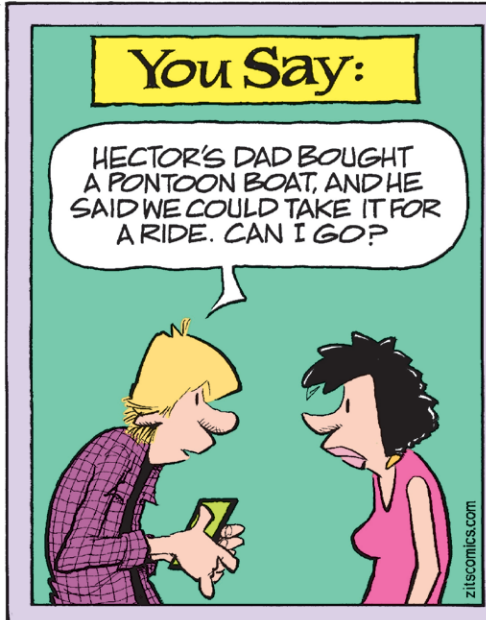


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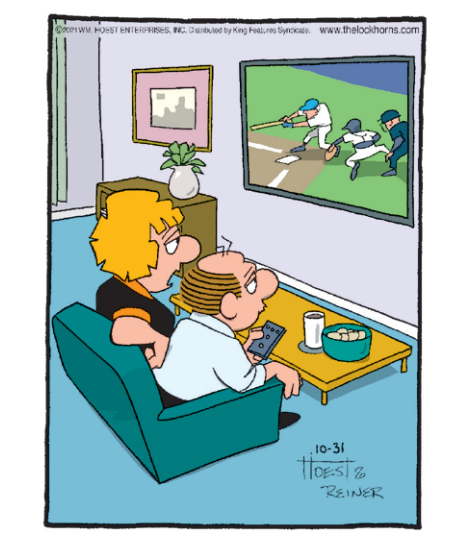
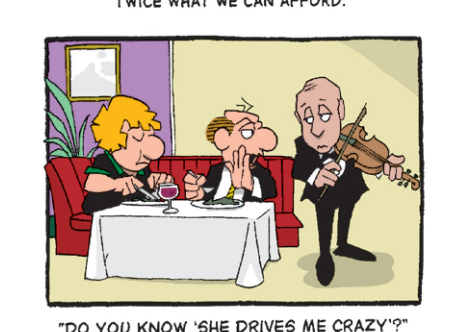


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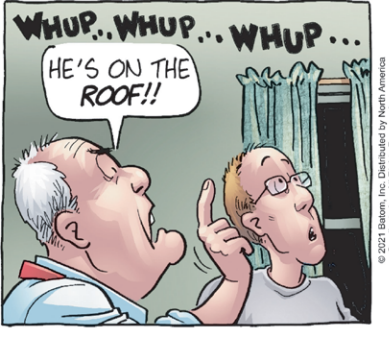
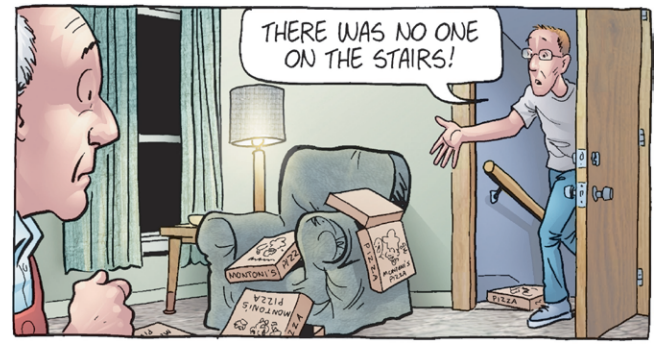
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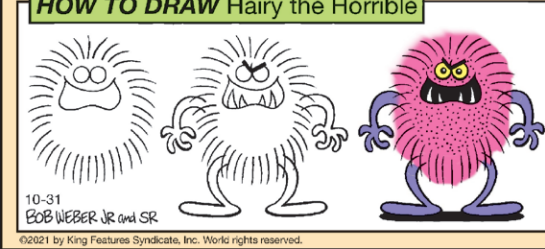
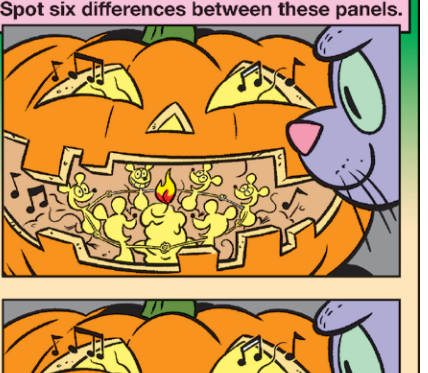
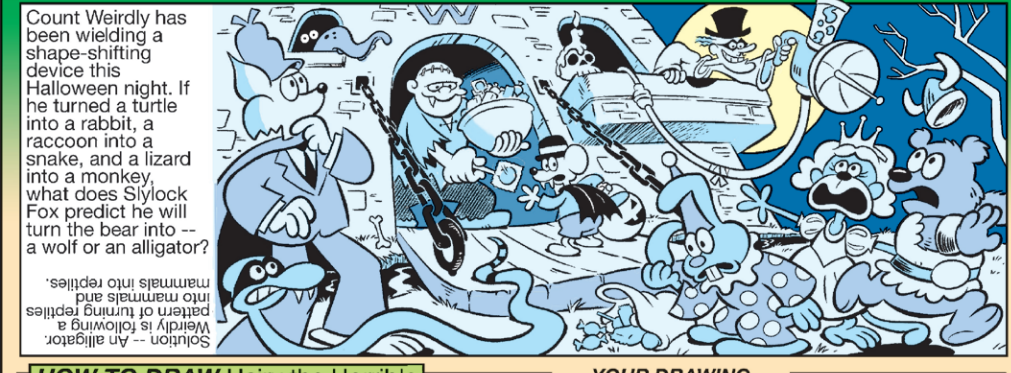


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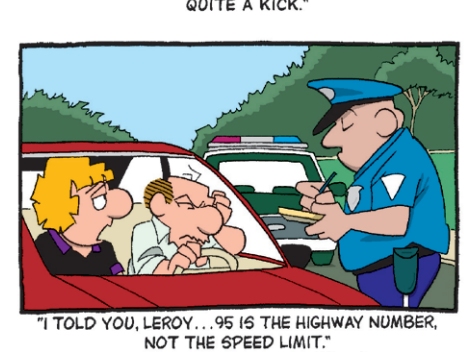


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BY BOB WEBER JR.



- The first printed mention of the term "trick or treat" was in a Canadian newspaper in ...
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SCHS honor students help homeless

Fleece on the Duck Fiber Guild had a little help from Shelbyville Central High School National Honor Society students recently in making mats out of plastic grocery bags—a project which creatively turns into a dry, sleep area for the homeless.

The SCHS students learned how to make “plarn.” (That’s they call the plastic bags cut into strips and looped together to make the material to be crocheted into sleeping mats.)

Guild members assisting at SCHS with this project included: Cindi Lindsey, Ellen Treadway, Susie Henderson and Stanette Neese.

Making the “plarn” is perhaps one of the more difficult areas in the process of making the sleep mats. But these honor students took on the challenge, creating some very bright sleeping comforts for those in need.



Submitted Photos
SCHS National Honor Society students had a real challenge recently, when they made “plarn” for homeless sleep mats.



The work on a homeless mat using grocery bags as “plarn” can be tedious.



Duck Fiber Guild member Cindi Lindsey recently demonstrated the proper way to make a sleep mat using plastic grocery bags.



Local homeless will be a little drier when they sleep outdoors, thanks to the work of SCHS’ honor society members.

HAPPY HAUNTING TRICK-OR-TREATER’S GUIDE

SAFETY FIRST IN KIDS’ HALLOWEEN COSTUMES



Dressing up and engaging in role play is an important component of childhood learning and having fun. Although costumes are regularly used in day care centers, schools and at home, they become the center of attention when Halloween arrives.

The practice of wearing costumes dates back at least 2,000 years to ancient Europeans and Celts. These cultures celebrated a holiday called Samhain, which represented their new year. Samhain fell on November 1 and marked the first day of winter after the summer harvest. These ancient people associated the winter with coldness, darkness and death and believed the day before Samhain — October 31 — established a distorted boundary between the living and the dead. Therefore, individuals wore costumes and masks to avoid being

recognized by the ghosts that came out on the night of Samhain. They would also place bowls of food outside of their homes to satisfy the ghosts and keep them from entering the home.

Although Halloween has transformed more into a commercial holiday than one associated with death and the afterworld in the literal sense, many adults and children continue to participate in the rituals that were set forth many years ago, most notably wearing costumes. Parents may want to ensure that the costumes their children wear are safe to help make Halloween a day without injury.

Create a cape that doesn’t choke. A long cape can be stepped on and then tug at a child’s neck. Instead, make a cape that has arm loops to keep it in place instead of a tie around the neck. This way there never will be a choking hazard.

Check makeup labeling. There are many safe Halloween cosmetics on the market, but some should not be used around the eyes or mouth because allergic reactions could occur. Double-check all ingredients lists and package warnings before using makeup on children, who tend to have more sensitive skin than adults. Also, it is a good idea to do a test patch of the product. Put a small dab of the makeup in the crook of the inside of the child’s elbow. Wait 24 hours and see if any itching or a rash forms. This could indicate an allergy to the product.

Keep eyes open. Masks are popular components of Halloween costumes, but some designs can obstruct vision or even impair breathing. Masks always should be comfortable to wear and offer good forward and peripheral views.

Choose natural materials for costumes. Buying a pre-made costume at the store may save you time and money, but there may be safer options if you construct a costume yourself. Many costumes are made overseas and may contain materials that are toxic or off-gas volatile organic chemicals (VOCs), particularly plastic and vinyl products. Breathing in the fumes can be dangerous to young children. By making the costume yourself, you can control what fabrics and other materials are used.

Go organic. There are a number of companies that are now making Halloween costumes from organic fabrics and recycled materials. A simple online search can give you a host of prospects for purchasing these costumes.

Make it visible. Trick-or-treating at night can be, well, tricky. Darkness can make it hard for drivers and other pedestrians to see costume-clad children. If going door-to-door will be happening at night, consider giving children glow sticks or flashlights to carry. There also are reflective tapes that can be attached to costumes that make them light up when lights shine on the tape.

Avoid choking hazards. Many costumes come with small detailing or accessories that may be hazardous to young children. Youngsters who do not yet know what items should and should not be put in their mouths should not wear costumes with removable or small detailing. Also, avoid the use of fake teeth (such as vampire fangs) and fake blood or goo capsules that are meant to be bitten, so they won’t be swallowed. Halloween is meant to be a time of fun and adventure. Ensuring costumes are safe for children can help make the day even more enjoyable for all involved.





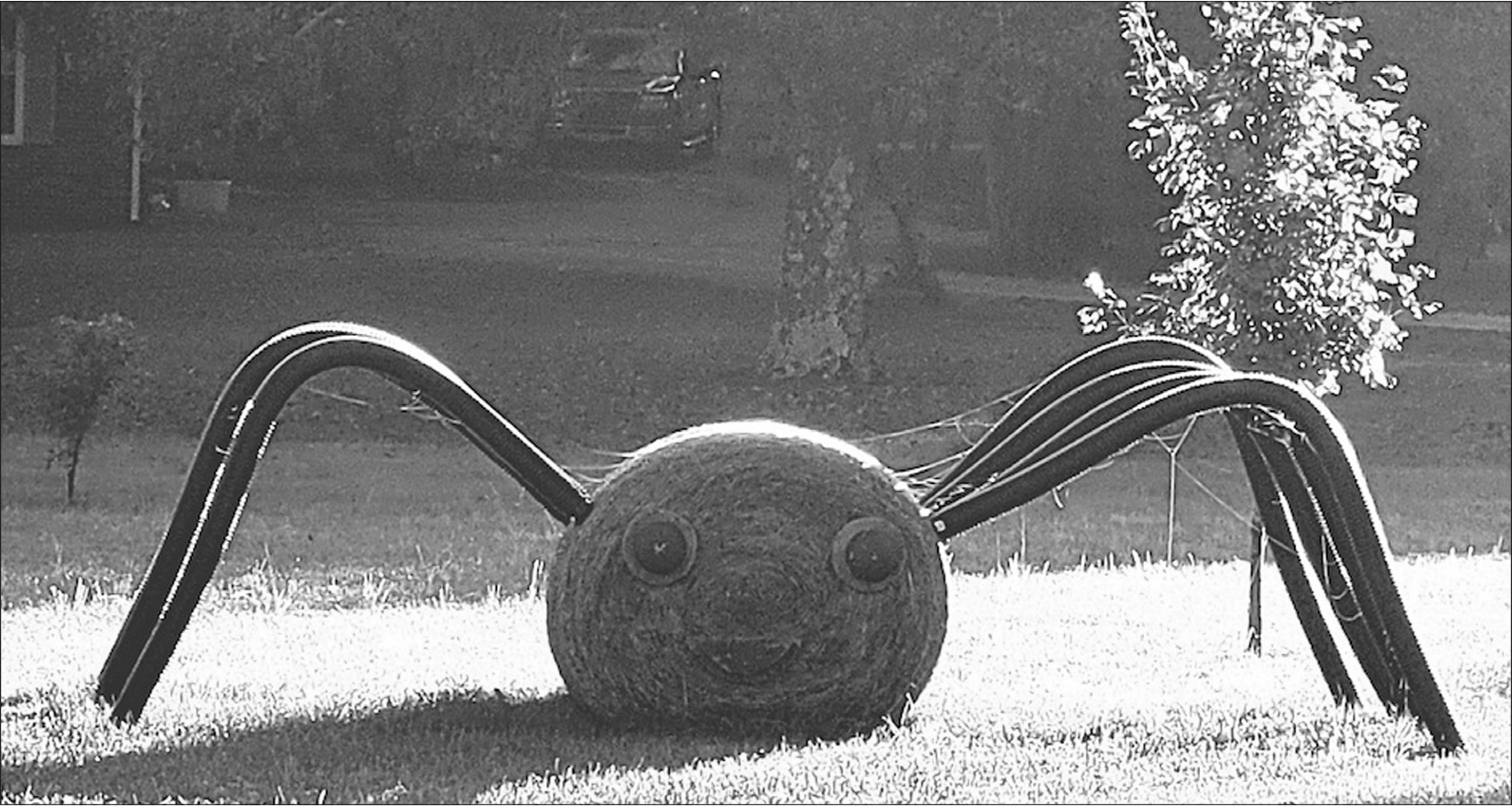
TRIP TO WOLF MEADOWS



Photo by Zoe Haggard

About two miles outside Shelbyville is a dark, fishing area—one filled with a lot of folklore and also being even a possible crime scene at least once. The place is locally known as “Wolf Meadows.” There’s some spooky stories that have circulated about the area for decades. But, there are other less scary events which take place around this area these days. It’s actually kind of fun, but yes, admittedly a little “scary,” according to a T-G reporter. See today’s agriculture/hunting tab today for a special hunting story.

HAY DAYS



T-G Photo by Zoe Haggard

A rather large creepy-crawly sits smiling on the front lawn of Ron Adcock’s home in Unionville. In the morning sun, you can even see some real spider webs stuck between the eight legs, or pipes.

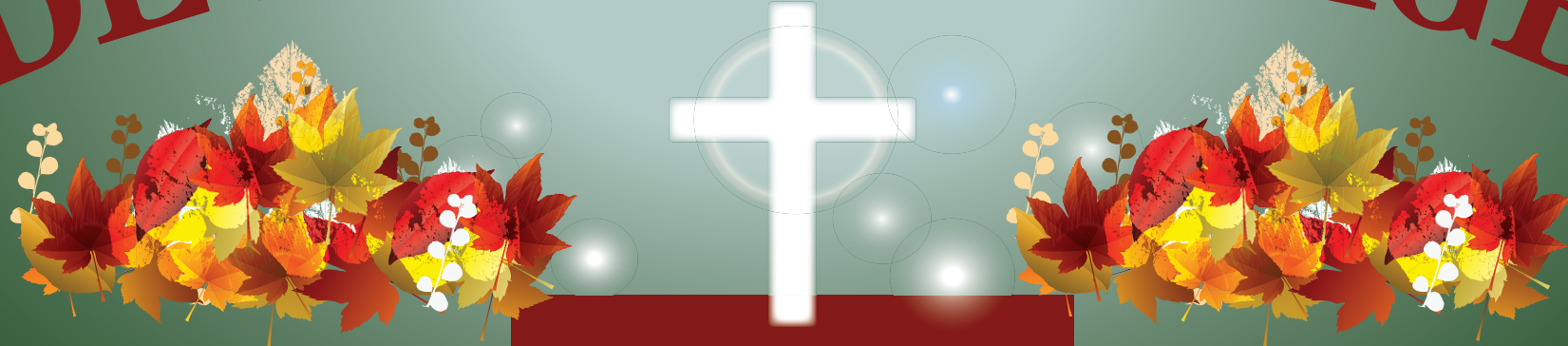


FUR BUDDIES RULE

Dogs and farms; they just sort of go together like peanut butter and jelly.

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