

A Loss That's Brought Me New Freedom

By Trish Hayes

No one expects the "curve balls" that life throws. I certainly did not expect mine. In December 1999, I was excited about life... we were finally moving into our home we had spent the last 9 months building, my children were both healthy and happy, I loved my job and all was well. And then, it changed, dramatically, all of sudden-- it changed. I was in a head-on collision. The wreck itself was scary as I remember details of the collision, waiting in the vehicle for emergency personnel to pry open the doors, listening to people tell me Anna was ok. But the news was good. No life threatening injuries for anyone involved. I would need surgery to repair my ankle and then I would be fine. After ankle reconstruction surgery I was released from the hospital with pins and plates, a broken sternum and broken nose. For the first few weeks, crutches were not an option as the upper body injuries made using them too painful. My parents helped care for me as other family members and friends helped Mike finish the house and take care of my then 8th grader and my 18 month old child. I was excited to begin physical therapy but soon realized something was not right. My ankle had not healed. Somehow I took the news calmly. So many people had been praying for me that God indeed was working in my heart, changing me, transforming me to accept the challenges I was facing.

My original doctor sent me for a second opinion. And the second opinion said I needed another surgery to strengthen the repair already attempted. Instead of planning a return to work after 12 weeks away, instead

of moving to my new house to put on all the finishing touches, instead of life getting back to normal, I was still on crutches, in an orthopedic boot, facing another surgery in mid-April. Once again, family and friends surrounded our family to help us face this additional time of separation. I spent the bulk of my recovery at my parents. Jesse was still in school and then busy with a summer sports schedule and stayed at home with Mike and with friends. Anna who celebrated her 2nd birthday 6 weeks after my surgery spent time at both grandparents' homes when she wasn't at home with her daddy, Mike. Recovery was slow as I spent 16 weeks waiting for the ankle to heal. In September, Mike and I faced a new situation with my doctor; the ankle did not heal and probably would not heal. I was fitted for a brace to help relieve the pain and allow me limited mobility. We began discussing surgery number 3. Again, my faith was stretched and grew. I understood more and more that God had a plan for my life because I am His child. I only had to stay faithful to God's call on my life and I would be able to face anything with peace.

Surgery 3 followed in 2001 to fuse the ankle joint as a way to relieve the pain. It was unsuccessful and I remained in a brace so that I could walk. In 2002 my surgeon performed a second fusion surgery. The ankle fused but I still experienced ankle swelling and pain which limited my activity level. In 2003 and 2004 I underwent five minor surgical procedures to remove hardware and strengthen the fusion to resolve the pain. I stayed in a brace which helped to stabilize the joint



and allowed me to walk. And still I felt an every increasing peace, a peace that passes all understanding. I had days when I was sad, but they were rare. God indeed was working in me to transform, to make me a new person. His Spirit allowed me "handle this all so well" (a phrase I heard often). I did not handle anything. God handled it for me.

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In 2005 I made the decision to again have major surgery to fuse the sub-talus joint. Mike, my surgeon and I all hoped this would relieve the pain and allow me better mobility. I hoped I would be able to walk without my brace and cane on which I had become dependent over the last year. The surgery was a success and the bone fused and still the pain persisted. I was discouraged but determined to give this last surgery every opportunity to succeed. I was at the orthotic office, being fitted for shoe inserts, when I told Monnette who was working with me that I was so discouraged that I just wanted to cut it off. I had thought about amputation before and even researched it but this time I was much more serious. Monette encouraged me to continue my research. I talked with an amputee and found resources on-line through the Amputee Coalition of America. I talked with Mike, I prayed, I talked with my surgeon and made my decision. In February 2006 I decided that I would undergo a below the knee amputation. Whew...

That spring I had a C-T scan which showed joint deterioration in the middle of my foot which would likely progress. I went for a second opinion who concurred with my decision, telling me that I would have a much more functional prosthetic limb as compared to my non-functioning ankle/leg that I was living with. My decision was sealed. I spent the next few months getting ready for surgery. I exercised. I read everything I could find. And I prayed. Friends and family offered support, once the shock wore off, and most everyone understood my decision and the process I had taken to get there.

On July 31, 2006 I entered Baptist Hospital and signed the consent form to have my right leg amputated below the knee. I felt some fear; mostly fear of the pain I expected. But mostly I was excited, excited to move forward to a better quality of life. When I woke from the surgery I felt better than I had from any other surgery. I was casted that day so that my new limb could be made. On Tuesday, August 1, Tim put it on me for the first time and I stood on crutches and took a few tentative steps. I didn't cry but I think my mom did.

Physical therapy began and I worked hard in the hospital and then with home therapy once I was released. Once again I spent most of my recovery time at my parents who drove me to countless doctor appointments and therapy sessions when I "graduated" to outpatient rehab at Baptist Hospital. A great team worked with me there and they along with Tim and Dr. Herring gave Mike and I support, encouragement, and sound advice. By

4 weeks I took a few steps with full weight bearing. By 8 weeks I was walking without my walker, with full weight bearing on my new leg. It was amazing. When I saw myself in the mirror the first time I couldn't tell the difference between the two legs. I continued with therapy and began swimming. The first time going from my chair to the pool without my limb was emotionally scary but I was determined not to let this surgery keep me from doing everything I wanted to do. And since then I have continued with that thought. At times those who love me have wanted me to slow down, to not overdo and I appreciate their concern. But I don't want to slow down.

Now, some 6 months post-op, I am in my 3rd prosthetic leg. I love my leg. I only take it off to shower and sleep. When I wear it, it feels like my leg; it feels like my foot; it feels like my toes. I now walk without pain, drive without pain, live without pain. I took Anna trick or treating for the first time this past fall. I walked the neighborhoods with her, something I had not been able to do. During the shopping season, I walked Target, I walked Wal-mart, which I had not been able to do. During the holiday season I decorated my home, I baked, I enjoyed events and parties without pain. I spent a day at the Discovery Center with Anna and friends going from one activity to another.

My prosthetic leg is actually a "foot" that flexes, a pole connected to the flexible foot that is covered with a cosmetic face, and a socket made of plastic. To don or put on my limb, I first put on a gel liner that fits snugly to my stump. I then place my limb in the socket which comes up around my knee. All of the weight bearing is on my knee and tendon below my knee. My stump, with the bone at the end, simply rests in the socket. When my leg shrinks or I have volume change due to activity, I have wool socks that I wear over the gel liner to keep the fit snug. Once the leg is on, I have an elastic sleeve that comes up over the socket, knee, and up around my thigh. That keeps the prosthetic limb on my leg and prevents it from moving. It takes me about 20 seconds to put it on. I can wear a variety of shoes but no heels.

My father says he has never seen anyone so happy to have their leg amputated. For me I am happy to be free of pain and active again. I am sad I had to get to the place where I had to make the decision to amputate but I am not sad about the decision. And as I look back, I know the personal growth that I have experienced, the way the God had grown me has been at times difficult, at times painful, and at times joyful. Even though I "lost" my leg, I have gained so much.

Chelsea's Chatter



By Chelsea Doss

We have all made New Year's resolutions at some point or another, but how many of us actually keep them? Well, I talked to a few people at Eagleville School to find out their new year's resolution and just how dedicated they really are. I talked with Libby Sledge, business teacher; Rachel Frazee, 12th Grade; Amber Underwood, Mrs. Bingham's 5th grade; Lucas Parker, Mrs. Bingham's 5th Grade; and Courtney Sisk, Kindergarten teacher.

What was your New Year's resolution?

- Mrs. Sledge: "I want to lose a little weight and keep my kitchen table clean."
- Rachel: "I'm not eating anymore fatty fast food."
- Amber: "To save money for an ipod."
- Lucas: "To be more organized."
- Ms. Sisk: "To not make a New Year's resolution."

What have you done to accomplish your resolution?



Mrs. Sledge

- Mrs. Sledge: "I've been exercising and keeping things from piling up around the house."
- Rachel: "When I go to a fast food restaurant, I order healthy."
- Amber: "Cleaned and helped around the house to earn money."
- Lucas: "I use folders to keep up with my work."
- Ms. Sisk: "I'm not falling into the dieting trap at this school."



Rachel

Are you still keeping your resolution?

- Mrs. Sledge: "Yes."
- Rachel: "Yes."
- Amber: "Yes."
- Lucas: "Yes."
- Ms. Sisk: "So far so good."

It appears that everyone has kept their New Year's resolution so far, but according to popular study it takes 24 days to form a habit. So good luck to everyone that made a resolution, and congratulations to those of you who have remained dedicated.



Amber



Lucus



Ms. Sisk

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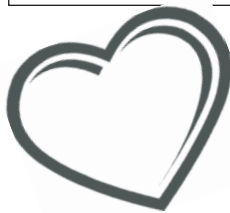
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Judson Paul Jennette

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A Step Back in Time



Eagleville High School, Freshman Class of 1940-41 - Front row: James Garrett, Sarah Maxwell, Granville Underwood, Susie Alcorn, Junior Bellanfent, Mary Maxwell, Billy Shelton, Margaret Mangrum, Ada Mai Lamb. Back row: Tom Ralston, Marjorie Sanders, Sammie Lee Burns, Wren Macin, Jordan Cook, Lorene Hendrix, Pint Gillespie, Jean Buchanan, J.W. Johns, Pauline Heaton, Teacher Mrs. Floyd. *Photo submitted by Pauline Arnold.*

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College Grove Elementary Every School Every Day

By Wendy Jones, Library Assistant

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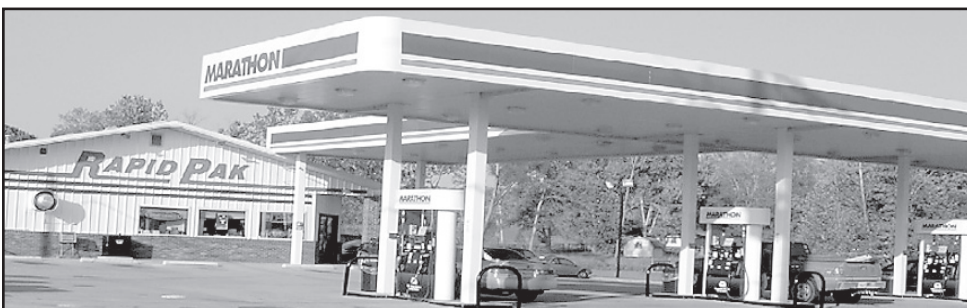
Tuesday, January 16 - The fourth grade science classes were so excited about their animal adoptions last semester. They took home dwarf African frogs, fiddler crabs, and millipedes. They enjoyed their study of animals, and they have learned so much while having fun. Also, the fourth grade participated in 4-H speeches before the winter break. The winners included: Duncan Krump, Helena Dempsey, Rachel Noli, Zach Rice, Keegan Hildner, Bryce Whitman, Brant Allen, Zachary Porter, and Joey Lynch.



Wednesday, January 17 - The fourth grade reading group "Master Treasure Seekers" recently reflected on their progress for the first semester. Then they set a goal to help them continue to increase their reading skills. Each student is determined to reach their annual reading goals. Keep seeking the treasures!

Thursday, January 18 - We are halfway through the school year and the kids are really working hard. We just finished our hockey unit which included scooter hockey. Recently, we started our jump ropes unit to begin the new year. Thanks for all of your support and keep the box tops coming!

Friday, January 19 - Fifth graders are excited to be back in school after a relaxing break. They are now working full force getting ready for the writing assessment in February. We are very proud of the progress we have made since August and cannot wait to show the state what great writers we have become.



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“Congratulations To The Following Eagleville Band Members For Their Placement In The Rutherford All-County Honor Bands

By Kelly Medford

For the Senior High 10th through 12th grade Honor Band: Krista Felts placed 14th on Clarinet

For the Junior High 7th through 9th grade Honor Band: Rhianna Williams placed 19th on Clarinet

The following band members ranked as alternates for the All-County Junior High Honor Band:

Tabitha Atchley placed 16th on Flute

Cheyenne Harris placed 27th on Flute

Tara Maxwell placed 8th on Base Clarinet

Nathan Cron placed 22nd on Trumpet

Results were based upon these students' auditions for the TN Mid State Honor Band held this past December at McGavock High School in Nashville. Krista and Rhianna will perform in the All County Honor Bands Concert next month. Congratulations again to all the students that auditioned.”

“2007” The Year of Manifestation for the Eagle Battalion

By Cadet 2LT Amber Barrett

The Eagleville JROTC program is looking forward to a busy new year. Since it is a new year, most of the cadets will be wearing new ranks that they earned from successfully appearing before a promotion board on December 7, 2006. The younger cadets are truly excited about this possibility. At the first battalion meeting (formation) scheduled for January 18, 2007, the winners of the Third Annual Cadet Essay Contest will be recognized. The top three winners will be presented savings bonds in the following amounts: First place (\$150) - PFC Scott Bolzman, Second place (\$100) - SSG Stephen D. King, and third place (\$50) - 2LT Amber Barrett. Also, this month the Rifle team had a postal rifle match on January 9, 2007. So far this has been Eagleville's most promising year in this team sport. Staff Sergeant Taylor Helton led his team by being the highest scorer for that particular competition.

The Eagle Battalion's goal for the New Year is to once again earn the title of “The Best JROTC Program in Rutherford County”. Eagleville scored the highest in the Annual Formal Inspection last year, out of all high schools in Rutherford County, with a score of 596 out for 600. The instructors, MAJ Charles Griffith and MSG James Faurie will be teaching the cadets drill and ceremony, briefing techniques and everything necessary for the cadets to demonstrate their best skills and abilities for the inspection that will be held on March 13, 2007.

From the annual Military Ball, canoe trips, team competitions, classroom instructions, rappelling and many other fun and adventurous activities, the Eagle Battalion personnel are looking forward to having a busy and productive year in this the year of manifestation. Keep reading this fine newspaper for our next update coming from these patriotic Eagles. HOOAH!!!



Eagleville JROTC cadets pause for the camera after getting promoted.



Eagleville Varsity Basketball Schedule

Jan. 16	Van Buren	6:00	Away	District
Jan. 19	Community	6:00	Home	District
Jan. 23	MTCS	6:00	Away	District
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- reduced instances of depression
- more positive self-esteem
- better sleeping patterns
- more energy & stamina

Some of the highlights of why working out is so important and beneficial to everyone!

Strength Training helps increase your metabolism because muscle uses more calories to maintain itself than fat. So the more muscle you have, the more calories you'll burn every day, not just when you are exercising. training.

Your metabolism slows as you get older. This is primarily due to a decrease in muscle tissue. After the age of 30, your body gradually begins to lose it's muscle. If your activity level stays the same and the amount of calories you eat stay the same, you will still gain weight because your metabolism has slowed down. However, if you exercise with weights and do some type of aerobic activity on a regular basis, you probably won't notice much of a change in your metabolism as you age.

Strength Training helps your bones. Research has found that weight training can increase spinal bone mineral density by 13 percent in six months. So strength training is a powerful tool against osteoporosis.

You can lose 1 pound simply by cutting out 300 calories a day for one week and exercising for just 30 minutes just four times? And cutting out 300 calories a day is as simple as not buttering your roll/bread (just 3 Tbsp. of butter = 300 calories) or drinking two glasses of water instead of two cans of cola.

Exercise provides benefits not only for you physically but also for your mental

well-being. Regular exercise has been linked to helping reduce depression.

Regardless of your body appearance, regular fitness helps improve your self-esteem.

Exercise can help you sleep better.

People who exercise tend to fall asleep quicker and stay asleep longer.

Working out increases your anaerobic threshold. This allows you to work or exercise longer at a higher level.

Strength training prevents muscle loss.

Dieting (reducing calories) tends to cause a loss in muscle. You can help avoid this by lifting weights while reducing your calorie intake. Strength training will help you preserve muscle, while also losing fat.

Exercise helps reduce some symptoms of menopause (like hot flashes, irregular sleep and irritability) and it helps lower the long-term risks of cardiovascular disease.

Regular exercise helps improve cholesterol levels. It helps decrease total cholesterol levels and increase "good" cholesterol levels.

Working out can provide caridopulmonary improvements. It helps decrease blood pressure and lower resting heart rate.

Leaner total body. Physical fitness increases your lean (fat-free) body percentage (and of course decrease your body fat percentage). So, the more muscles you build from strength training, the more calories you will burn (even at rest). Plus, building muscles will also help keep your metabolic rate constant. Without strength training, typically a person gradually loses about 5% of their metabolic rate every decade.

Reduced Risk Of Injury. All forms of exercise (but especially flexibility training exercises) help reduce the risk of injuries.

About the author: Lynn Bode is a certified personal trainer specializing in Internet-based fitness programs. She founded Workouts For You, which provides affordable online exercise programs that are custom designed for each individual. Visit: www.workoutsforyou.com for a free sample workout.



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Biggest Losers To Get A Visit From A Biggest Loser

MURFREESBORO — Ten Rutherford County employees began a journey on Nov. 1, 2006 to see who could lose the most weight over a 12-week period. Modeled after the national television program, "The Biggest Loser," the county contest will end on Jan. 24, 2007.

As part of the program, the participants will be paid a visit by Smyrna's Bobby Moore, who was a recent contestant and representative from Tennessee on the television program. Moore will speak to the Rutherford County employees at one of their last meetings on Jan. 17.

This is the first time Rutherford County has hosted a Biggest Loser program. It was sponsored by the county's Get RutherFit wellness program as a way to bring attention to the importance of healthy weight loss and fitness for employees. It is open to everyone who works for the county government, not just the school system. Of the 10 participants, six work for county schools and the remaining four participants work for various other county departments. Throughout the program the progress of each participant has been followed and posted on the Web site, www.rutherfordcounty.org/getrutherfit/BiggestLoser/Biggest-LoserHome.htm

This program has been carefully designed to provide the participants with the proper tools and motivation to lose weight in a healthy manner. Participants have been attending weekly weigh-in meetings and every two weeks there is a weight loss challenge. The participant who has the largest overall percentage of weight loss will be the Biggest Loser and win the \$1,000 grand prize.

In addition, all participants in the contest receive: Free 12-week membership to the Murfreesboro Athletic Club (MAC), free assistance from a Registered Dietician and Nutritionist, free supervision from a CareHere physician, free gym bag, 12 health & fitness educational meetings, miscellaneous parting prizes for all contestants.

For additional information pertaining to the Rutherford County Biggest Loser Contest, please contact Rutherford County Human Resources Director Jeff Craig at 494-4480.



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PHOTOGRAPHS OF MARY ELLEN STEVENS ON DISPLAY AT THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mary Ellen Stevens, who in her 70's and now 80's is a world wide traveler to places not on the regular tourist route, is displaying some of her very interesting photographs of these travels at the Main Library at Franklin during January.

Stevens has visited and captured on film her travels to Mongolia, Tanzania, Timbuktu, Nepal, Namibia and many other places. She has a knack for capturing subtle expressions and interesting situations in her photographs.

In addition to her traveling and drama hobbies (she acts with Franklin's Pull-Tight Players), Stevens is an interesting character with much to share. She runs her own farm and cares for interesting animals such as llamas, and on her 80th birthday she celebrated by jumping solo from an airplane!

An excellent public speaker, she enjoys telling people about her travels, and encourages travelers to seek out the people and talk to them, learn about their cultures. "We can all be better citizens of the world," she says.

Nothing would make her happier than for library patrons to admire and appreciate her photographs. They are also for sale. Anyone interested in buying one should contact Peggy Macpherson, Library Secretary, at 595-1250.

The Williamson County Public Library is located at 1314 Columbia Avenue in Franklin. The photographs are displayed in the meeting room hallway, to the right after entering the library.

TEENS WANTED FOR TEEN ADVISORY GROUP AT THE LIBRARY

The first meeting of a Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is forming at the Main Library in Franklin, and Young Adult Librarian Phillip McAndrew is looking for teens who love to read and have an interest in what the library does.

This first meeting will take place on Saturday, January 20, at 10 a.m. in the Young Adult room.

Interested teens should stop by the Young Adult room on the second floor of the Main Library, 1314 Columbia Avenue, Franklin, and fill out an application.

Collection development and book reviews, as well as program development for teens, will be the focus of this group.

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CUSTOM BUILT TO YOUR NEEDS

Jennifer Taylor Jones, age 43, of Rockvale passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2007, at Middle Tennessee Medical Center. She was a native of Jackson, Tennessee and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald Eugene Taylor, and her stepfather Henry W. Bland. She is survived by her husband, Johnny Harold Jones Jr. of Rockvale; daughters Kristen Borgen, Laura Lee Brady and Cheyenne Harris, all of Murfreesboro; son Ian Borgen; grandsons Blake Borgen, Kenneth Tate, Brendan Tate and Devyn Brady; mother Frances Jetton Bland; grandmother Nell Jetton, all of Murfreesboro; stepmother Janie Taylor of Jackson; brother Steve (Kim) Taylor of Thompson's Station; sisters Julie Chambless (Wade Plunkett) of Woodbury, Kimberly Morgan (Rich Dody) of Crystal River, Florida and Karen (Duane) White of Atlanta, Georgia. She is also survived by dear friends Joe Creel and Melissa Brown and many other devoted friends and family.

Jennings & Ayers

Calvin Marvin Jones, age 71, of Murfreesboro passed away Thursday, January 11, 2007, at Boulevard Terrace Nursing Center. A native and lifelong resident of Rutherford County, he was a retired farmer.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Frances Bivens Jones; and his parents, Clayton A. and Mamie L. Pitts Jones. He is survived by sons Randy (Jean) Jones of Murfreesboro, Mike Jones of Smyrna, Larry (Debbie) Jones of Murfreesboro and Hugh (Brenda) Jones of Eagleville; daughter, Sara Frances (Robert) Richardson of Fayetteville; brothers Carlton Jones of La Vergne and Cecil Jones of Ohio; sister Dorothy Pomeroy of Nolensville; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Jennings & Ayers Chapel

Dudley Merritt, passed away Monday, January 8, 2007. He was a native of Rutherford County, but had lived in Chattanooga for the past 70 years. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth Spitler Merritt and the son of the late Joshua and Polly Merritt.

He retired from TVA as a supervisor of power transmission line design after 40 years' service. He was a graduate of the University of Chattanooga, was elected captain of the football team and was selected on an All-South team. He served in World War II in the Navy Seabees.

Survivors include two brothers, Johnny Merritt, of Eagleville, and Jimmy Merritt, of Franklin; one sister, Azilee Dewey, of Laverne; and special friend Thelma Gilreath, of Chattanooga.

Murfreesboro Funeral Home

Raymond LaDwain Billings, age 75, of Murfreesboro died January 4, 2007 after an extended illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar

Lee and Eulit Pike Billings; brother Roy Billings; and sister Marie Anglemeyer.

He is survived by his wife, Nina Groom Billings; sons Randall (Patsy) Billings, Lannie "Shorty" (Annette) Billings and Donnie (Lori) Billings, all of Rutherford County; daughters Vickie Billings Crawford of Smyrna, Connie Billings Ghee of Murfreesboro and Scarlett Davis of Murfreesboro; brother William (Pearl) Billings of Sacramento, Calif.; sisters Lena Billings Judd, Becky Billings (Mark) Arnold of Mt. Juliet and Mary Billings (Larry) Vaughn of Hendersonville; grandchildren Christie Rigney, Shannon Brewer, Kim Davenport, Kara Crawford, Nicholas Davenport, Matthew Ghee, Michael Ghee, Melissa Horn, Dylan Billings, Noah Billings, Steven Weathers, Rodney Weathers, Brandy Williamson, Devlin Mullins, Cheyenne Bennett and Jody Brummett; sister-in-law Betty Melton; several nieces and nephews; nine great-grandchildren; and special family Jimmy, Gale and Kristin McKnight.

Mr. Billings was a graduate of Rockvale High School and Knox Business College. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and a retired roofing contractor. He was a Christian, a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Jennings & Ayers

Melvin Newcomb, age 68, of Chapel Hill,

died Thursday, January 4, 2007 in Columbia. Mr. Newcomb was a native of Marshall County and was a son of the late William Aurther and Willie Kate Ragsdale Newcomb. He was retired from Heil Quaker Corporation of Lewisburg after 20 years of service. Mr. Newcomb was a member of the Church of God. He is preceded in death by a sister, Nannie Griggs and two brothers Bud Newcomb and Audie Newcomb.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Newcomb of Chapel Hill; daughters, Kimberly Newcomb, Chapel Hill, Shree Newcomb, Shelbyville; sons, Keith Newcomb, Chapel Hill, Kenneth Newcomb, Unionville, Kerry Newcomb, Chapel Hill; sisters, Maggie Rainey and Judy

Norwood, both of Lewisburg; brother, Paul Newcomb, Farmington Community; nine grandchildren, Jessica Blackwell, Bridget Whitson, Brandon, Brian, Brent, Tyler, Madison, Layne and Kaley Newcomb; great grandson Jemaric Armstrong.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Marquerite Johnson Smiley, age 95, of Chapel Hill died Monday January 1, 2007 in Lewisburg. Mrs. Smiley was a native of Earlington, Kentucky, and was a daughter of the late William Mark and Jessie Taylor Johnson. She was a homemaker and a member of the Main Street Church of Christ in Chapel Hill. Mrs. Smiley was preceded in death by her husband, John Lowry Smiley, who died in 1983, by a daughter, Dorothy Louise Austin and two sons, Gordon Smiley and Joseph Daniel Smiley.

Mrs. Smiley is survived by daughters, Helen Marie Verven of College Grove, Kay Horton of Thompson Station; sons, Joe N. Smiley of North Carolina, John D. Smiley of Lewisburg, and Mike E. Smiley of Franklin; special friend and caregiver, B.J. Wallace of Belfast; sister, Evelyn Vanek of Avon, Ohio; 20 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; several great-great grandchildren.

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Please bring gloves and wear boots and clothes that will allow you get wet (that's the fun part!). Lunch provided.

Contact HRWA at (615) 790-9767 or hrwa@harpethriver.org to volunteer or to find out more.

The Rotary Club of Brentwood is organizing this stream cleanup and they could use some more volunteers. Call (615) 319-4955 to volunteer.

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James Rigsby being pinned by wife Hazel with his 50 year pin.



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OWEN HILL MASONIC LODGE No. 172 ST. JOHNS DINNER

By Bobbie Sue Shelton

Another year, another dinner! For 158 years this tradition of a St. Johns Day Dinner held by the Owen Hill Masonic Lodge No.172 is still going strong. On December 30th, 2006 the traditional dinner of country ham, roast turkey, corn bread dressing, green beans, giblet gravy and cranberry sauce was prepared by lodge treasurer Ennis Wallace and wife Allean and served to a large number of members and guest.

Franklin D. Wilson, secretary, welcomed the members and guest. Guest speaker Dickie Johnson, Jr. Grand Warden of Grand Masons of Tennessee spoke on the life and times of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, the two St. Johns to whom modern day masons dedicate their lodges.

The Owen Hill Lodge No. 172 was granted a charter by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in October 1849. The lodge membership organized in 1848 was mostly from the College Grove, Allisona, Eagleville, Arno and Flat Creek areas. The first known lodge building was a 2-story brick structure on Owen Hill. The Owen Hill masons used the upper floor as their meeting place and the ground floor served as the female academy. This meeting place served the membership until 1885 when the Owen Hill Lodge membership bought a 2-story building known as the Jordan-Swaim Store in Allisona located next to the Allisona Mill Co. This building was destroyed by fire and in 1955 meetings were

held in Chapel Hill for a short time. After a new site was selected and a block building was constructed, College Grove became the home of the Owen Hill Lodge No. 172, where it continues as an active lodge today.

The Owen Hill Masonic Lodge No. 172 has a membership of 55 and the officers are:

Worshipful Master – Joseph Riley
Senior Warden – Tom Ghee
Junior Warden – Ed Wittenburg
Treasury – Ennis C. Wallace Sr.
Secretary – Frank D. Wilson
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Junior Deacon – Mike Freeman
Senior Stewart – Richard Davenport
Junior Stewart – Dave Wittenburg
Tiler – Richard Oechel

The longest membership record of the lodge, 78 years, belongs to the late Will C. Lanier, who died at the age of 99. At the present there are four members who have attained a 50-year membership, Buddy Cromer, Pollard Crick, Aubrey Ghee and James Rigsby of Eagleville who was presented his 50-year membership pin and certificate by Mr. Dickie Johnson and Owen Hill's Worshipful Master, Joseph Riley at this year's dinner event. The newest lodge member, Dustin Miller, joined the membership in December 2006.



James Rigsby with Joseph Riley, the Owen Hill Lodge Worshipful Master.



Allean & Ennis Wallace



Seated at left, Marjorie and Aubrey Ghee, a 50-year lodge member and on the right, the newest member, Dustin Miller and wife Sharron.



Lodge Secretary Franklin D. Wilson and Dickie Johnson, Junior Grand Warden of Grand Masons of Tennessee



Laura On Life

By Laura Snyder

My husband and I have been saving money to go on a trip to the Caribbean in a year or two. But I don't think that will be happening now.

The trouble started because I needed to get a new sofa. The old one was fine for a while, but as time and body weigh overburdened the cushions, they sagged like an eighty-year old woman. When I sat on this sofa, my butt would sink down about a foot, my back would bow back into it, and the headrest would push my head forward so that the only possible way to watch television was to look out the top of my eyes as if I was wearing bifocals...which, I'm not.

I knew it was time for a new one and so did my husband. However, he wanted a new television first. We've had our current television for only ten years and in my mind, it was just fine. I don't have a lot of time to watch television, so as long as it didn't spit fire or turn off randomly, I was a happy camper. My husband, however, imagines himself as some sort of TV connoisseur and he dubbed our TV "old technology" and as such it was just not watch-able any longer.

I knew that if I didn't want to look like that saggy eighty-year old woman, I needed a new sofa. After visiting dozens of furniture outlets, I finally found one that I could live with. In fact, was so comfortable that the salesman had to wake me up because the store was closing.

The only color you could get this sofa in was "cream". I imagined my children with their colored

markers, dirty fingers, dirty feet, and dirty...well, everything, and I thought, "Well, I could always rent an apartment and keep the sofa there." However, the salesman assured me that the sofa was made of a washable material and that you could even get pen marks out of it. I believed him because I wanted to. I wanted that sofa.

I told my husband about it, but, of course, he wanted a new TV. I asked, "What good is a new TV when I can't watch it comfortably?"

Just as illogically, he responded, "What good is a new sofa when I can't watch a decent TV while sitting on it?"

We both knew that in order to get what we each wanted, we would have to get them both. So after discussing a strategy for paying for these hugely expensive items, realizing that we'll have to be on a macaroni and cheese diet for at least two years (my children were jumping for joy) we went shopping for a new TV.

I can't believe how many stores we had to schlep through to find "the one". My husband is so picky. (I know what you're thinking, but you have to be picky about sofas.) For me, it would have been easy to pick a TV: Pick the size we want and buy the cheapest one. Done! But no, we had to look at resolution, projection, LCD, plasma, high definition, blue ray, and a bunch of other strange sounding words that I can't even spell. He finally decided on a high definition model, but when we got it home, we found that it didn't fit in the

entertainment unit we had. Did he return it and buy a different one? No! He relegated the entertainment unit to the basement and decided to mount his technological wonder on the wall; high enough that there would be no miniature fingers messing with it.

There it was, hanging like some kind of teleporting black hole in the middle of the living room wall. Indeed, it was so big that there were some scenes that you felt like you could just leap right into. It looked stupid, but my husband was only annoyed because there was nowhere to put the speakers for the home theatre system he was already trying to talk me into getting.

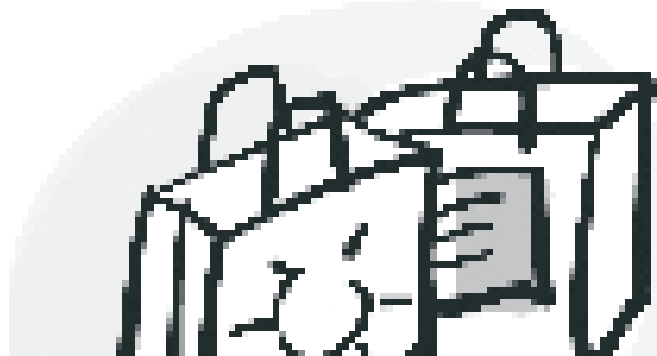
I figured that the only thing that would make it look good up there is to put one of those portable fireplaces below it. My husband thought it was a brilliant idea, but to be honest, I saw a picture of that set-up on one of the hundreds of TVs I was forced to look at.

So basically, our trip to the Caribbean will be spent sitting comfortably on our new sofa, in front of a fireplace that we can't use because it sets off the smoke alarms, watching other people cavorting in high definition on white sand beaches seen in exacting detail getting the beautiful tan that should've been mine. If only that TV was a teleporter.

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What Really Burns Me Up!

- What really burns me up is "When I come in from a long day on the job, set down with the remote and a good program on the tube, then everyone in the house thinks that I want to talk about their day. It's not that I'm not concerned but I really hate to lose track of a good TV show." ~ Joe
- What really burns me up is.... "When I go to the restroom and find that the last person in the house to use the facilities left just one single square on the toilet paper roll in order not to replace it." ~ Karen
- What really burns me up is.... "When I'm on my way to Nashville to work, I've left in plenty of time and I get on Hwy 41-N or Hwy 96 and an old rattle trap gets in front of me going 20 mph and, of course, there's no where to pass." ~ Jennifer
- "I know this is a repeat, but it really burns me up is when someone smacks their food or talks while chewing their food." ~ Martha
- What really burns me up is.... "When I've been working on a document on my computer for a couple of hours, put lots of thought into the work and then suddenly the computer freezes up and I've forgotten to save the file." ~ Kathy
- What really burns me up is.... "When I see someone driving down the road reading the newspaper or putting on make-up." ~ Angela
- What really burns me up is.... "When someone gets in the Express Line (10 items or less) at the store with a cart full of stuff!" ~ Andrea

Want to blow some steam or just get some irritating annoyance off your chest. Here's your chance! In 50 words or less, share with us one of those things that just *really burns you up*. Just email to news@eaglevilletimes.com, fax to 274-2750, or drop in the Eagleville Times drop box on the front door of Ralston Antiques. It is required that you include your first name in order to be published.



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ACT Test Prep: This course helps students prepare for the ACT college exam. Meets Friday, 5-8pm; Saturday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Sunday, 1-5pm, on the MTSU campus, February 2, 3, 4, 2007. Cost is \$209. To register go to www.mtsu.edu/pdpe or call the College of Continuing Education, 615-898-2462

LSAT Test Prep: This course provides an overview of law school entrance procedures, careers in law, and law school survival techniques. Course meets Saturday and Sunday, on the MTSU campus, February 3 & 4, 2007, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Cost is \$250. To register go to www.mtsu.edu/pdpe or call the College of Continuing Education, 615-898-2462

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Affiliate Broker Pre-License Course: February 12 - April 18, 2007. \$449.00. To register: www.mtsu.edu/pdpe or for more information call the College of Continuing Education, 615-898-2462.

Six Sigma Green Belt Certification: January 22 - April 30, 2007 at MTSU. \$1800. To register: www.mtsu.edu/pdpe or call 615-898-2462.

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FEATURED PROGRAM: The Writer's Loft

MTSU Offers Unique Creative Writing Experience in The Writer's Loft

Are you writing a novel or family history, researching and writing about the Civil War, or working to free the poet inside of you? If so, The Writer's Loft, MTSU's low-residence certificate program in creative writing is perfect for you. Published mentors pair with aspiring writers to develop their work at their own pace in the convenience of their home or office. Applications are now being accepted for the spring 2007 session which begins on Saturday, January 27.

Part of the University's College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning, the 12-month certificate in creative writing program allows a huge range of students, spanning many different generations, lifestyles, geographic locations, and schedules, the opportunity to pursue their craft on a customized, individual basis. Aspiring authors from Memphis to Mountain City now have a chance to study writing with the help of a dedicated group of mentors.

"Our mentors are essential to The Writer's Loft's success," says Lance Ikard, Director of Professional Development and Personal Enrichment with MTSU and coordinator of the program. "Mentors and students meet for a day of orientation where the students decide whether to write fiction, memoir, non-fiction, or poetry, and then everyone returns home. . . wherever home may be."

"Studying creative writing in a low-residency format is the ideal situation because writers should be home writing, not sitting in class," says Charlotte Rains Dixon, one of the certificate's mentors, and an award winning writer from Portland, Oregon. "A mentor in a low residency program respects the student's writ-

ing on its own terms and exists to guide that writing to excellence." Roy Burkhead, the originator of the program and an integral part of its success agrees, adding, "The Writer's Loft is a supportive, open, creative environment."

"Almost every good writer has a mentor at some point in his or her career," says Jason Hunt, a full-time teacher of English and Latin at Brentwood's Montessori Academy and a former mentor with The Writer's Loft. "Take Hemingway, for example; where would he have been without Sherwood Anderson, Gertrude Stein, and F. Scott Fitzgerald?"

Each mentor is given no more than three students to work with throughout the session, and the students mail packets of writing to their mentors approximately every four weeks. In turn, the mentors evaluate the work and send the writing back to the students with detailed comments.

Some mentors come from MTSU's English Department, while others work from their homes in Oregon, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, and Kentucky. Some mentors possess M.A. degrees in English, some have PhDs. and one an LLD. Burkhead earned his MFA in Writing at Spalding College in Louisville, KY where he just finished his first novel. "Our mentors work out beautifully," Burkhead says, "because they know how it feels to be creative writing students who work with mentors."

In order to create a sense of community among the students and mentors throughout the session, the program uses e-mail communications, as well as the Internet; The Writer's Loft has a special Web site at www.mtsu.edu/theloft which serves as an information hub.

"Anyone serious about the craft of writing can submit an application," Ikard says. "Our goal is to help people improve, whether you're 85-years-old or just getting out of high school."

In fact, Burkhead indicated that some high school seniors could be eligible to participate. "Everyone here in The Writer's Loft knows that many high schools have wonderful school newspapers, and if there is a high school senior with some writing experience and a drive to work, we'll take a serious look at his or her application package."

Ikard adds that there is no competitive component to the application process, but space is limited. The program has a limited number of mentors and a very low mentor-to-writer ratio. Entering classes are limited in size. "Those who respond the fastest will have the best chance at getting in," Ikard says. "And the rest could end up on a waiting list for the next session."

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“Tractor Club” News

Buddy Woodson

While our official name is Tennessee Valley Pioneer Association, everyone in the community knows us by “The Tractor Club”. What started as a one day event some 20 years ago behind the old high school has grown into one of the largest antique tractor and gas engine shows in the Southeastern United States. We want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who helped us grow and continue to support our club. We are truly humbled to have had visitors from all across the United States attend our show and enjoy the community that we call home.

Recognizing all the changes that were coming to the Eagleville School campus, we set out in 1999 to try to find a new location. Even though our membership is regional we wanted to stay in Eagleville, the community that had welcomed us and supported us for all those years. We wanted to locate on a main road for easy access and visibility, but like all non-profit organizations, money was also a limiting factor of what we could afford.

We looked at several properties and finally found our new home on Chapel Hill Pike just outside of Eagleville. The property was heavily overgrown from years of neglect but with the help and support of the community we were able to develop the property into a beautiful 34 acre facility (with shade!) and host our first show at the new location in September of 2003.

We are very proud of the new facility and will continue to improve it as time and money allows. All the money we make goes right back into the property for upkeep and improvements. We have graveled driveways, built a pavilion and modern restrooms. Our next major project is a concession building to better serve our supporters and visitors.

Our facility is also home to the annual Eagleville Lions Club Walking Horse Show, the Eagleville Community Center's Country Horse Show and other community events and fundraisers.

With the help (and I should say patience!!) of Debbie Ryan, we are excited about our new website to showcase our club, community and upcoming events. Please visit us on the world wide web at www.eaglevilletvppa.com for the latest news.

On June 9th at 6 P.M. we will host a “MTPA Super Truck and Tractor Pull” to help raise money to improve our property and start building a modern concession building. Please make plans to join us on June 9th for a night of family entertainment, great fellowship and of course great Eagleville food!

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My Favorite Photo



This is a very favorite photo of mine, of me and my mother, Mary Rigsby. It's a favorite for several reasons. First of all, it was recently sent to me and I'd never seen before. My Aunt Betty Rigsby found it when searching for photos to use at last October's 50th Anniversary of Rigsby Brothers Garage. Since we lost Mama in 2005 it was especially nice to find this picture of her. I love the picture because I remember on Sunday afternoons, Mama, Daddy, Jr. and I would go to Nashville to visit Aunt Betty and Uncle Merkle (this was before Rigsby Brothers Garage was started). It seems we usually ended up at Centennial Park in Nashville to feed the ducks which I loved, as all children do. I'm sure it was just a quick snapshot, but I love the unplanned composition of the photo...the old car in the background, the ducks lined up like soldiers, the lake, and the look of glee on my face. I'm sure the sun outfit I had on was made by Mama, as she made many lovely things like that for me – a real mini-skirt before they were even popular – and oh, those thighs of mine! One of the nicest items in the photo is her small purse and always essential white gloves....who would think of going to the park today to feed ducks dressed like that! I especially love how absolutely beautiful Mama looks. And lastly I love it because when Daddy looks at it, he always talks about how beautiful she was. Submitted by *Karan (Rigsby) Wabby*

NOTE: Names for photo from the previous favorite photo submitted by Debbie Ryan in issue Vol 5, Issue 1. L-R: Edgar ?, George Ryan, Roscoe Perrell, Roscoe Brown, Jet Toombs.

I hope you have a favorite picture that you would like to share and tell us a little about. If you do, just email it to news@eaglevilletimes.com or leave in the drop box on the front porch of Ralston Antiques.

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Hobbies & Collectibles

by Angela Woodall

Coca-Cola® Collectibles

Where did it all begin? - Many of you, like myself, have probably been enjoying Coca Cola® products since you were a little child. Maybe you found a colorful old Coca-Cola® memento at a garage sale or flea market wondered how much it's worth. Perhaps it's an old bottle you are convinced is worth a small fortune. Before you rush out to spend the profit, you might want to get an idea of the tray's value. There are popular reference books on the market that you can purchase that help with this dilemma. You might be shocked to learn that the item could range in value from \$1,000 in mint condition all the way down to \$1 in poor condition. You might also be surprised to discover that you've just found a hobby that can last a lifetime.

For more than 115 years, The Coca-Cola® Company and has issued an enormous amount of colorful advertising and promotional items. These pieces caught on during the craze of the 1970s. In 1974, a group of Coke fans came together and even started a collector's club, not affiliated with the Coca-Cola® Company, called The Coca-Cola Collectors Club. The club now has more than 5,000 members all over the world, who hold a number of conventions and meetings each year. The club has a Web site (www.cocacolaclub.org) and publishes a monthly newsletter. Its local chapters hold meetings, swap meets and other social opportunities to get together with friends who share a fascinating and enjoyable interest.

It has been suggested, by club members, that Coke enthusiasts buy mint or good quality, instead of quantity. Again, you can fine out how much your "treasure" is worth by reading the collectors books and getting to know other collectors. Today's collectors generally fall into two distinct groups: vintage collectors who are willing to invest large sums of money for the rare old items, and hobbyists who collect for the sheer fun of it. If you are just getting started as a Coca-Cola® collector, joining the Club is a good first step.

You Never Know - The earliest promotional pieces are the toughest to find. For example, there are only a handful of samples of 1890s calendars. Anything from that decade is considered rare and the prices on the open market reflect it, with some of the older items selling in the \$20,000+ range, depending on their condition. Competition for these valuable 19th century items is intense, but there are still many collecting niches that are affordable, depending on your personal interests. If you collect or purchase items that are packaged in boxes then SAVE the original box. The items purchased today may not be worth that much but many years from now they could be

a lot more by being in the original packaging.

Don't Get Too Excited - I also caution collectors who have found an item from the 1920s and think they've won the lottery. Many of these pieces were produced in such large quantities that the prices reflect their widespread availability, even 80 years later. People who've

Garden Thyme With Tee

By Tee Billingsley

Gardening in the first two weeks of February

General plans

- Cover your early-crop ground with clear plastic. The plastic raises the temperature 10 to 15 degrees.
- Punch holes in paper cups near the outside edges of the bottoms rather than at the centers for starting seeds.
- Place seed starting trays on top of refrigerator.

Flower Plans:

- Plant sweet peas by middle of month.
- Put out seeds for candytuff, forget me knot, and lobelia petunia.
- Add compost or leaf mold to your flowers.
- Sow pansy seeds directly on your garden.
- Start snapdragons, impatient and delphiniums in the last week of this month.
- Carnations and pinks are easy to grow from seed started indoors. Fertilize seedlings every week with a weak solution of fish emulsion or compost tea. For strong blooms and fragrance, plant them in slightly shaded spots. Try Fragrance; Rose De Mai; Aga; Rainbow Loveliness for carnations and Try Inchmerry; Lady Granville for pinks.
- Start impatient now. Don't cover the seeds and use "shop lights". Keep moist and around 70 to 75 degrees. The Pride series has very large blooms. Plant in shade.
- Wait until March to fertilize azaleas, Rhododendron, and Viburnum after they finish blooming.

Vegetable Plans:

- Add dolomitic lime to peppers, eggplants, and tomatoes to prevent blossom-end rot.
- Put canning or epsom salt around asparagus.
- Plant asparagus.
- Plant Cocarde and Red Sails lettuce in the cold frame.
- Plant spinach in cold frame.



Coca-Cola® Collectibles *continued*

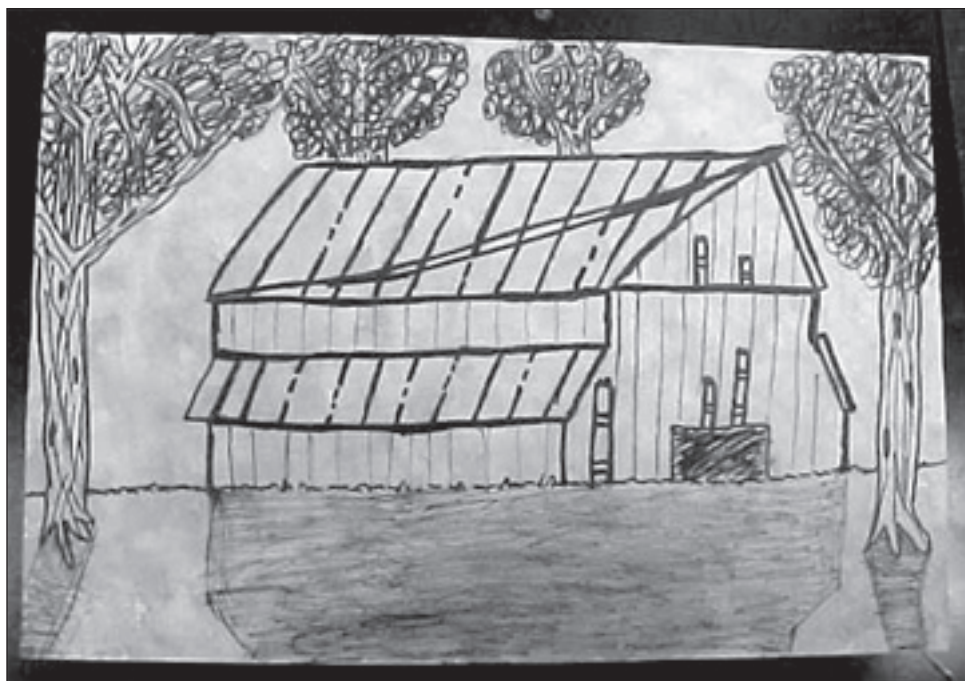
found a 1920 bottle are often disappointed to learn that the contour bottles the Company began making in 1915 were produced in such large quantities that the dollar value as a collectible may remain relatively low today.

Words to the Wise - You need to be aware that there are many counterfeit items you can expect to run across. Use caution when purchasing items where large sums of money could be involved. For example, if you were to find an item that depicted a Coke bottle on it and it was believed to be from the 1890s then you know that it is counterfeit. The bottle was not used until the turn of the century. That is where education and research can be helpful. Another helpful tip is that during most of our early history, up until the 1940s, the trademark registration notice was placed in the tail of the C in the word "Coca." That's a clear indication that something predates 1940.

So grab yourself an ice cold Coca-Cola and start rummaging through your attic. You may never know what you'll find! Happy Collecting!



STUDENT ARTWORK



Artwork of Brooklyn Snell, 5th grader, at Eagleville School was one of the drawings chosen by art instructor Melinda Dickson, to be framed and displayed at the Central Office for one year.

The next issue of the Eagleville Times will display another students art work.

MONKEY BUSINESS

- ▶ **Cojo**, the first gorilla born in captivity, was born at the Columbus Zoo, in Ohio, in 1956 and weighed 3 1/4 pounds.
- ▶ **Howler monkeys** are the noisiest land animals. Their calls can be heard over 2 miles away.
- ▶ **A cluster of bananas** is called a hand and consists of 10 to 20 bananas, which are known as fingers.
- ▶ The average American consumes over 28 pounds of bananas each year.

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24 Vanilla Wafers, divided
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3/4 cup thawed Whipped Topping
1 medium banana, cut into 20 slices



Crush 20 of the wafers to form coarse crumbs; set aside. Pour milk into medium bowl. Add dry pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 2 min. Gently stir in whipped topping.

Layer half of the wafers crumbs and 8 of the banana slices evenly in four individual parfait glasses or individual dessert dishes; cover with half of the pudding mixture. Repeat layers, reserving 4 of the banana slices for garnish. Cover and refrigerate parfaits at least 15 min. or up to 4 hours before serving. Wrap reserved banana slices tightly in plastic wrap; refrigerate until ready to use.

Top each parfait with 1 each of the reserved wafers and banana slices just before serving.

KIDDIE CORRAL

BY ANGELA WOODALL



Gorilla Bread

1/2 cup granulated sugar
3 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1 cup packed brown sugar
One 8-ounce package cream cheese
Two 12-ounce cans refrigerated biscuits (10 count)
1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped walnuts

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a bundt pan with nonstick cooking spray. Mix the granulated sugar and cinnamon. In a saucepan, melt the butter and brown sugar over low heat, stirring well; set aside. Cut the cream cheese into 20 equal cubes. Press the biscuits out with your fingers and sprinkle each with 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon sugar. Place a cube of cream cheese in the center of each biscuit, wrapping and sealing the dough around the cream cheese. Sprinkle 1/2 cup of the nuts into the bottom of the bundt pan. Place half of the prepared biscuits in the pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar, pour half of the melted butter mixture over the biscuits, and sprinkle on 1/2 cup of nuts. Layer the remaining biscuits on top, sprinkle with the remaining cinnamon sugar, pour the remaining butter mixture over the biscuits, and sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup of nuts. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool for 5 minutes. Place a plate on top and invert.

Yield: 12 to 14 servings

FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS

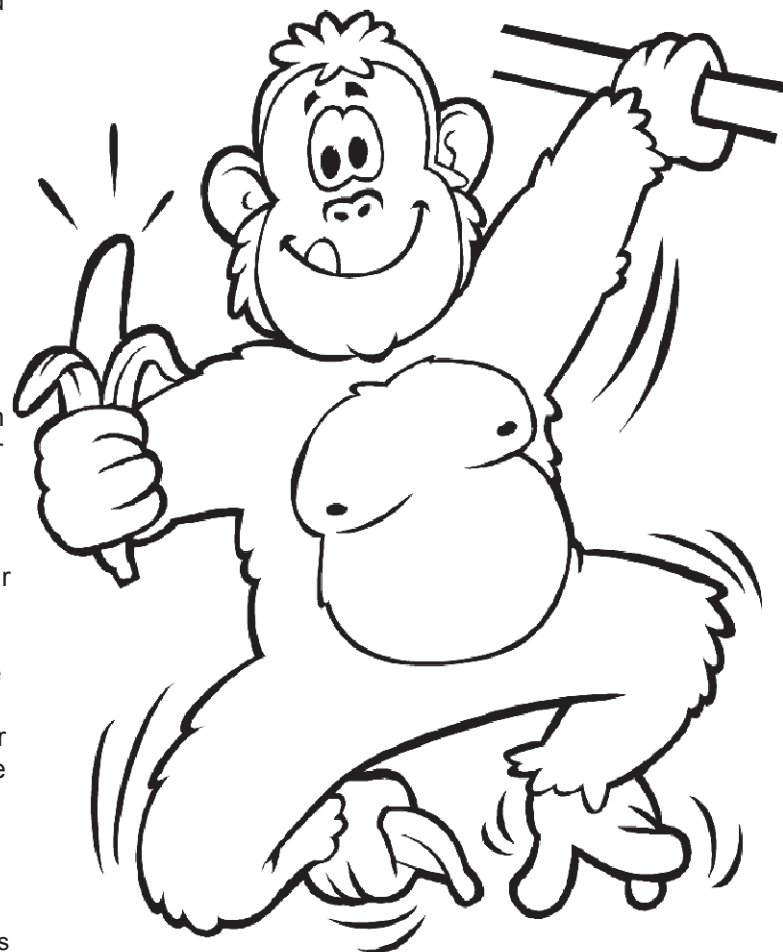
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One fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Four little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped her head.
Papa called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Three little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

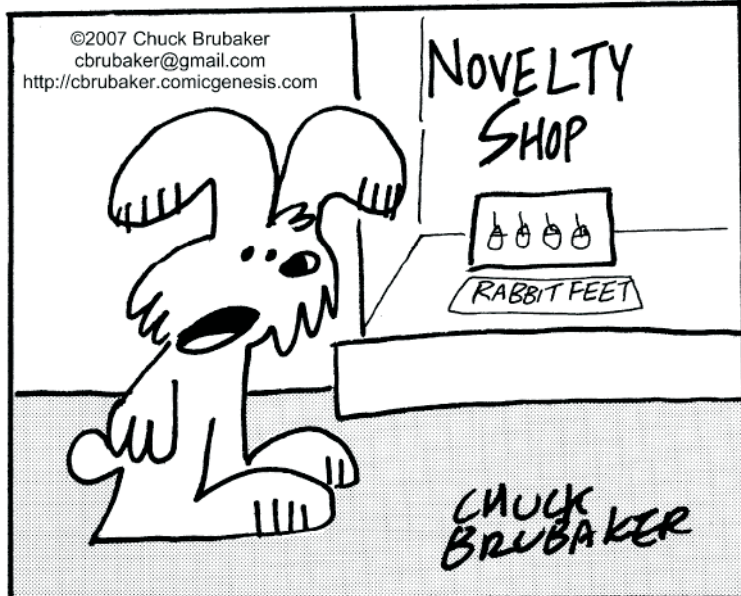
Two little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped her head.
Papa called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

One little monkey jumping on the bed,
He fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"Put those monkeys straight to bed!"



CHUCK

by Chuck Brubaker



"One thing's for sure - previous owners of these feet were NOT lucky."

FLO & FRIENDS

by Jenny Campbell



INTRODUCING IN THIS ISSUE - "JIM"

A TIP: FOR THE MOST FUN, GLUE THE DOLL ONTO STIFF PAPER AND CUT AROUND IT. THEN YOU HAVE A STURDY PAPER DOLL TO DRESS AND PLAY WITH. PAPER DOLLS ARE READY FOR YOU TO COLOR

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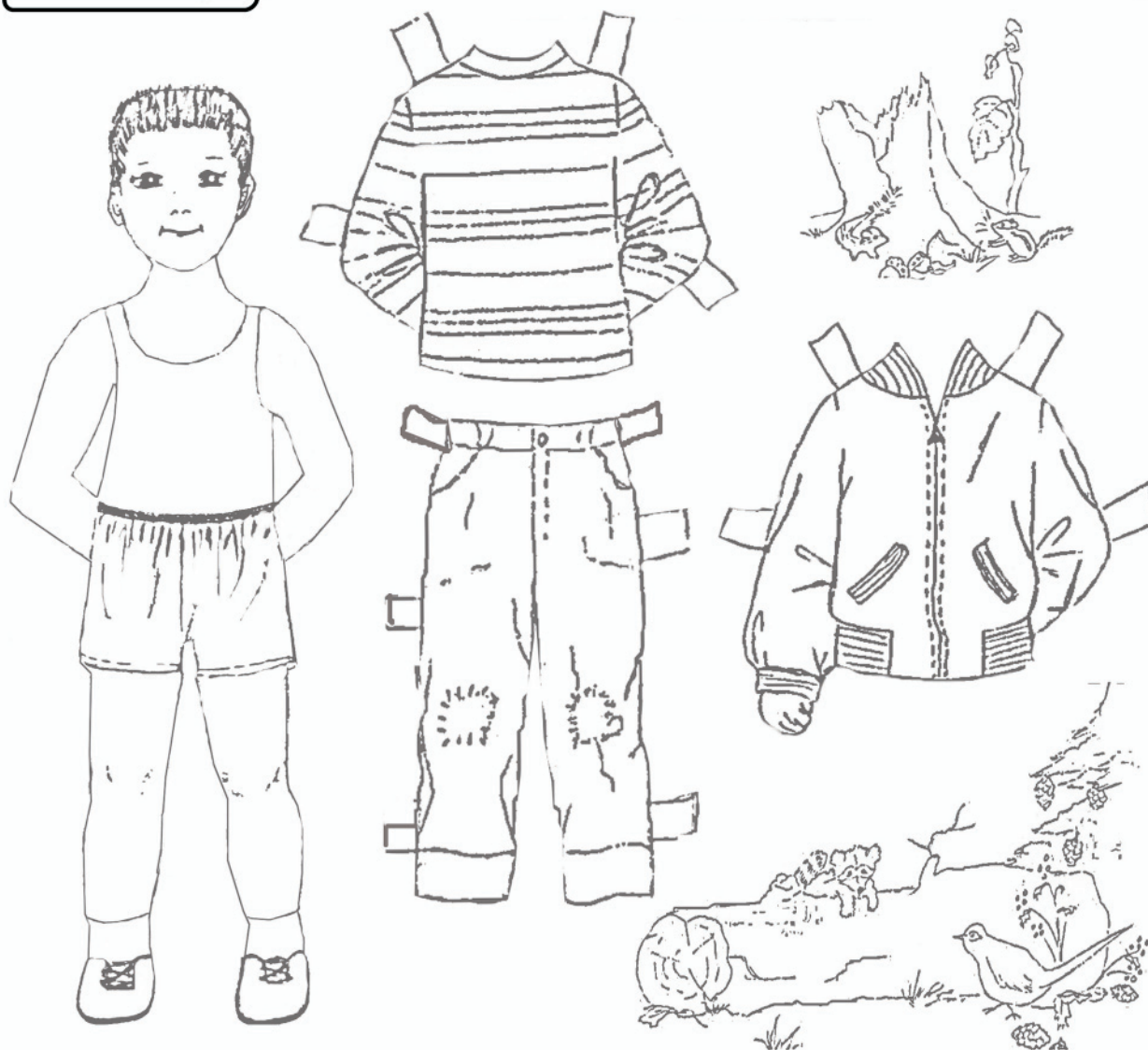
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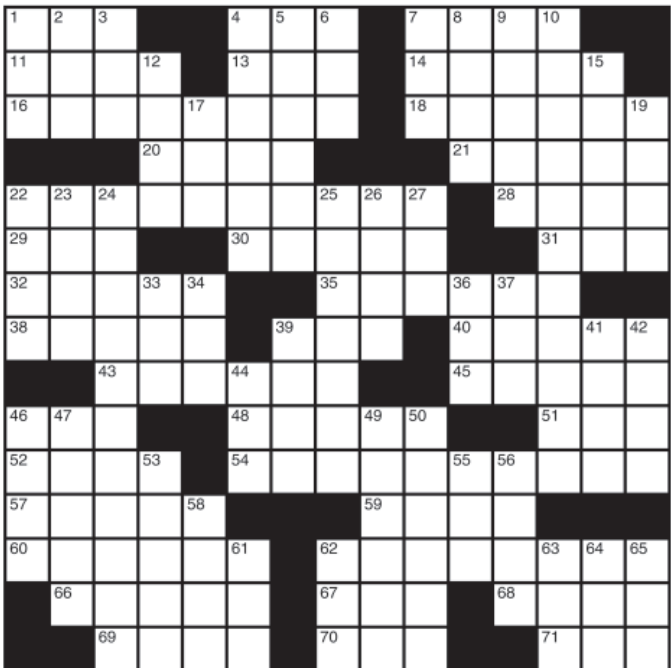
Lizzie

Owners, Wes & Bridget Fitzgerald

Lizzie is 3 years old. When visitors pull into the drive, Lizzie starts hee-hawing to welcome them. She loves to eat sweets and will eat just about anything.

Across

- 1 Motorcoach
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- 7 Young salmon
- 11 At the apex
- 13 Gehrig, for one
- 14 Spoken
- 16 Losing weight
- 18 Healthy steam baths
- 20 Call off (Abbr.)
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- 28 Ailing
- 29 Meadowland
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- 51 Asian holiday
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- 54 Stationary bikes
- 57 Tower of ____
- 59 Rave
- 60 Stays fit on ice
- 62 Aerobics
- 66 Change
- 67 Bend
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- 70 Compass pt.
- 71 Negative



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- 19 Japanese beverage
- 22 Execute
- 23 Indian buzzard
- 24 Indoor fitness activity
- 25 Fitness aim, to stay ____
- 26 Wine country
- 27 Wildebeest
- 33 ____ Miss Brooks
- 34 Poetic contraction
- 36 Variety
- 37 Fabray, informally
- 39 Plant fiber
- 41 Swear
- 42 Tennis units
- 44 One (Fr.)
- 46 Lies
- 47 Honshu port city
- 49 Mistakes
- 50 Rare
- 53 Fight
- 55 Pen need
- 56 Discontinue
- 58 Suggestive look
- 61 Sp. girl (Abbr.)
- 62 Existed
- 63 Vase
- 64 Beverage
- 65 Double agent

Margaret's Helpful Hints



When you go to buy bread in the grocery store, have you ever wondered which is the freshest, so you "squeeze" for freshness or softness? Did you know that bread is delivered fresh to the stores five days a week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each day has a different color twist tie. They are: Monday = Blue, Tuesday = Green, Thursday = Red, Friday = White and Saturday = Yellow. So if today was Thursday, you would want red twist tie; not white which is Fridays (almost a week old)! The colors go alphabetically by color Blue- Green - Red - White - Yellow, Monday through Saturday. Very easy to remember.



From Page 4.....It's Jesse Lorange Smotherman

A Favorite Recipe

Slow Cooker BBQ Short Ribs

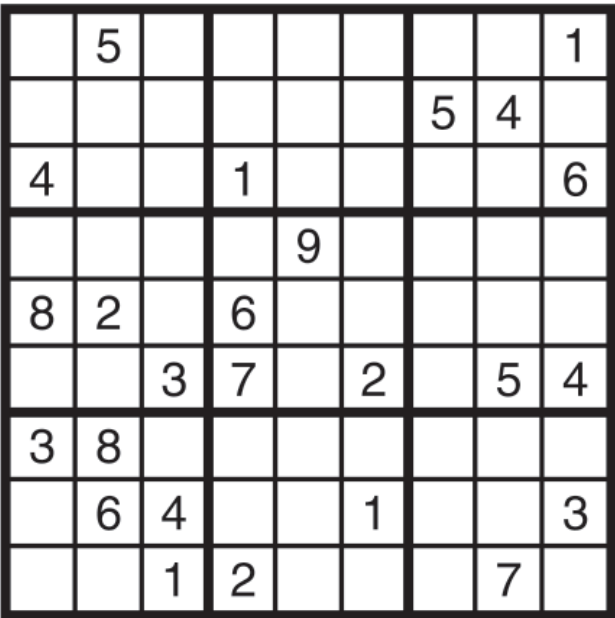
- 4 lb. beef short ribs
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup barbecue sauce, any flavor
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 Tbsp. yellow mustard

Place ribs and onions in slow cooker. Mix barbecue sauce, honey, flour and mustard; pour over ingredients in slow cooker. Cover with lid. Cook on low for 6 to 8 hours (or on HIGH for 5 hours) or until ribs are tender. Remove ribs from slow cooker; cover to keep warm. Skim excess fat from sauce; return ribs to sauce. Stir gently until evenly coated.

Sudoku

To solve the Sudoku puzzle: Each row, column and box must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Puzzle Solutions on page 26



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January Birthday Wishes

UT/TSU Extension Presents: Master Beef Producer Training in Rutherford County

Participants will hear the latest information on marketing their cattle, herd health, reproduction, farm management, herd genetics, forage production for beef cattle producers, and much more. The 12 topic course will be held on Thursday nights beginning January 25. The course fee is \$150 (includes instruction, textbook, 3 ring binder with notes, farm sign and cap). \$100 scholarships are available to all producers with Beef Quality Assurance certification and Premise Identification Numbers.

Please contact Rebekah Norman in the Rutherford County Extension Office (615) 898-7710 to receive more information.



**Happy 6th Birthday
Stephanie Merchant**

January 30th
Love, Nanny



**Happy 15th Birthday
Erik Merchant**

January 31st
Love, Nanny



**Happy Birthday
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*Happy Birthday
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st Saturday of Each Month: Country Music and Dance is held at 7:00 at the Eagleville Community Center. Food is available starting at 5:30.

Month of January: Black History Month - Exhibit at the Sam Davis Home & Museum, 1399 Sam Davis Road, Smyrna. For more information, call: (615) 459-2341 or on the web at www.samdavishome.org.

January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Held at Discovery Center at Murfree Spring, 502 SE Broad Street, Murfreesboro. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Free admission. For more information go online to www.discoverycenteronline.org or call (615) 890-2300.

January 21-22: BMX Motocross held in Murfreesboro at Tennessee Miller Coliseum. Contact Shana Risinger at (615) 494-8879.

MEETING SCHEDULES

Eagleville City Council.....4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

Eagleville Planning Commission.....1st Monday each of month at 7:00 pm

Eagleville Lions Club.....1st & 3rd Monday of each month at the
..... Eagleville Community Center at 7:00 pm

Horton Hwy Utility District Board.....2nd Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm

Rutherford County Farm Service

Agency Committee.....1st Tuesday of each month

The Rutherford COC meeting is a public meeting open to all as per the Sunshine Law.

Birthdays



Wedding Anniversaries



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Betsy Ross (1752)	2 Jeff Owens Delora Brown Rigsby <i>Kayre & Anthony Driver</i>	3 Chad George Mel Gibson (1956) J.R.R. Tolkien (1892)	4	5 Diane Keaton (1956) Robert Duvall (1931)	6 Barbara Smotherman Danny Thomas (1912)
7 Ema Gloria Ralston Jay Merchant Dustin Lamb Joanna Davis Nicholas Cage (1964) Katie Couric (1957)	8 Alex Hutto Randall Lamb Jimmy Gilmore Elvis Presley (1935)	9 Bob Denver (1935)	10 Don Lamb Rod Stewart (1945)	11	12 Hazel Rigsby Louis Rideout Janice Marshall Cassidy Crawford Kirstie Alley	13 Luke Hicks Julia Louis-Dreyfus (1961)
14 Greg Buchanan Matthew Johnson Andy Rooney (1920)	15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929) Aristotle Onassis (1906)	16 Matthew Ghee Jakob Smithson Kate Moss (1974) Dizzy Dean (1911)	17 Jane Jackson Carolyn Barham Betty White (1922) Al Capone (1899) Ben Franklin (1706)	18 Kevin Costner (1955) Cary Grant (1904)	19 Dolly Parton (1946) Shelley Fabares (1944)	20 George Burns (1896) <i>Fred & Sherry Hobbs</i>
21 Kim Smithson Geena Davis (1957) Wolfman Jack (1939) <i>Kevin & Jessica Johnson</i>	22 Sam Cooke (1935) John Hurt (1940)	23 Derrell Billingsley	24 Mary Ann Ryan John Belushi (1949) Neil Diamond (1941)	25	26 McKinley Warner Ellen DeGeneres (1958) Paul Newman (1925)	27 Tom Ralston Donna Reed (1921) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756)
28 Kathy Shelton John Mullins Elijah Wood (1981) Alan Alda (1936)	29 Jo Ann Shelton Johnny Merritt Yvonne Lowe Sandy Kersey Oprah Winfrey (1954) Tom Selleck (1945)	30 Stephanie Merchant Julie Morales Michelle Rigsby Davis Phil Collins (1951)	31 Erik Merchant <i>Jr. & Marie Underwood</i>	<i>If you would like for your birthday or anniversary to appear on the calendar, send names and dates in by the 20th of the prior month to: news@eaglevilletimes.com or call (615) 274-2749.</i>		

College Grove Senior Enrichment Center

Trash and Treasure, Book and Bake Sale

Saturday, February 24

It’s almost that time of the year again. What you consider trash could be someone’s treasure! The center will accept donations for the sale the last week in January between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. If you enjoy baking, please contribute to the bake sale.

QUOTE

“While pursuing our endeavors for tomorrow,
we dare not forget the prospects of today.”
~ Unknown

This Month In History

- Jan 16, 1868 Refrigerator car patented by William Davis, a fish dealer in Detroit
- Jan 17, 1775 9 old women burnt as witches for causing bad harvests, Kalisk, Poland
- Jan 18, 1964 Plans for the World Trade Center announced (New York City NY)
- Jan 19, 1938 GM began mass production of diesel engines
- Jan 20, 1887 US Senate approves the naval base lease of Pearl Harbor
- Jan 21, 1677 1st medical publication in America (pamphlet on smallpox), Boston
- Jan 22, 1985 Cold wave damages 90% of Florida's citrus crop
- Jan 23, 1556 Most deadly earthquake kills 830,000 in Shansi Province, China
- Jan 24, 1935 1st canned beer, “Krueger Cream Ale”, is sold by Kruger Brewing Co.
- Jan 25, 1945 Grand Rapids MI becomes 1st US city to fluoridate its water
- Jan 26, 1875 Electric dental drill is patented by George F Green
- Jan 27, 1973 US & Vietnam sign cease-fire, ending longest US war & military draft
- Jan 29, 1886 1st successful gasoline-driven car patented, Karl Benz, Karlsruhe
- Jan 30, 1917 1st jazz record recorded (Dark Town Strutters Ball)
- Jan 31, 1964 US report “Smoking & Health” connects smoking to lung cancer

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Dear Trudy,

Dear Trudy,

I am in desperate need of advice. We just got married recently and have finally moved into our new home (two months ago). Now we have a lot of family and friends who are offended because they haven't seen our new place, but no one has asked to come over. Are we to invite them over? Formally? It just seems a little ridiculous since we are just trying to adjust to our new life. Please help so we can relieve this tension and move forward. Thank you, Jennifer P.

Dear Jennifer,

No, you don't have to issue a formal invitation -- but you're going to have to at least communicate with your aspiring guests somehow, if only to let them know when you'll be at home. For most people, the unannounced "pop-by" visit is reserved for very close relationships. If you don't mind pop-by guests, you'll have to let your family and friends know that your door is always open (and then it will have to always be open), or perhaps set up "visiting hours." Otherwise, it's quite common practice to talk to one's friends and relations and plan visits. New homes aren't always ready to receive guests (neither are newlyweds, for that matter). For this reason and many others, inviting oneself to someone's home is widely considered impolite. In short, your telepathic invitations aren't working; you might just have to pick up the phone. I hope this is helpful. Best regards, Trudy

Dear Trudy,

I have become close to my friend's daughter, Beth, who calls me for advice. My friend has become jealous and is afraid that her daughter discusses details with me that she would otherwise discuss with her mother. I do not want to be in the middle. How can I handle this while maintaining a friendship with both of them? Concerned, Melissa B.

If you would like to write Trudy and get advice, just send an email to deartrudy@eaglevilletimes.com. Or, you can drop off your inquiry at the Eagleville Times drop box on the front porch of Ralston Antiques. Note: This advice is based only on research and should not be used as professional counselling.

Dear Melissa,

Believe me, I can understand that you're in a tough spot. If I were you I would reassure both Beth and her mom that you care about both of them and don't want to be caught in the middle. You can tell Beth that you want to be someone that she can come to when she needs someone, but that if you feel something she's doing will bring her harm, you will have to tell her mom about it. Or better yet, you can help HER to tell her mom about it. Another way you can be a big help to Beth is to listen with an open mind as well as to help her to evaluate her choices. If she comes to you about wanting to defy her mother, instead of jumping in with a solution, ask questions instead. You can say something like, "How do you think your mom would feel about that?" or "What do you think will happen if you make that choice? Have you thought all your options through?" And to be kind to your friend, remind Beth that it is normal for moms to worry and occasionally argue with their kids. And you know what? Sometimes kids want to approach their parents with difficult topics but they have no idea how to go about it or they're afraid of an angry reaction. Some of the things Beth is telling you may be things she longs to discuss with her mom. You can help to facilitate that process by encouraging them to talk more or even providing moral support to Beth if she is reluctant to initiate a discussion. As for your friend, she should be glad her daughter has a responsible adult to turn to for advice. I have yet to meet a girl who tells her mother everything -- I wasn't exactly a rebellious teen but I can think of a few things my mother doesn't know to this day. And I have no intention of telling her, either! Just the fact that you had the question tells me that you have the best of intentions. I think both Beth and her mom are very fortunate to have you as a friend.

Best wishes, Trudy

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FROM THE WORLD WIDE WEB - WWW

For those of you that don't have internet email, you tend to miss out on some pretty good statistics or jokes that get passed around the internet. For you, I decided to share some of this interesting fun.

**Intended for fun only. No guarantees to authenticity.*

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb"

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only... Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David, Hearts - Charlemagne, Clubs - Alexander, the Great, Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested? A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"? A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? A. All were invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A. Honey

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year? A. Father's Day

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

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