

Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

Last week I celebrated 38 years with my wife. With this memory, I bring back an old favorite.

It was the funniest sight the other day. At daybreak a tom strolled down the path to a small field just in front of me. There he strutted and gobbled and listened for any hen that might be close and interested in watching him flex his muscles as if he were in a pose-down at an Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic. He paraded in one direction and then the other as if he were practicing in front of a mirror in anticipation for the real thing. It was not too long until some movement

to my left caught my eye. It was 5 young jakes who had heard his call and decided to team up and try to run him off. That's what they do. The younger males are not fit enough to take on a full grown gobbler by themselves so they form a gang and team up to push him away from any hen that might be around. The problem however, was there were no hens in sight..... yet. As I watched I was impressed how the older tom stood his ground. While the jakes looked formidable, their tactics mostly amounted to nothing but a good bluff. So, there they were; 5 jakes and

a tom bickering among one another in the middle of my little field. And then it happened. She showed up. Yes she did. And she must have looked really good because every one of the boys suddenly stopped and looked, and never flinched one tail feather. They froze for what seemed like eternity, just watching her saunter across their dance floor. It was as if each one had so practiced this moment but now that it was here, they were totally unsure of what to do. Do I go over to her? Do I flex again? Do I punch one of my friends in the face? I sure hope I don't have anything hanging out of my nose. And while she moved gracefully to the center, they were afraid to budge, fearing a monumental stumble.

I laughed at how my feathered male friends were so like me and my non-feathered male friends. I was reminded of my own pursuit of my wife years ago, and how my rehearsals were so much more suave than the actual performance. The deep and handsome gobble

I had practiced was hard to replicate with sweat running down my forehead and a big apple stuck in my throat. To say anything at that moment would give away the fact my voice was still changing. So, like my turkey brothers, I simply stood still, and made sure my knees were slightly

bent because I had heard this would keep me from passing out. As she passed by I gathered up all the testosterone that had been slowly leaking out and finally posited the question; "Do you want fries with that?" And we have been together ever since. gary@outdoortruths.org



To celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, March 2, 1904, Jennette Moore, librarian for the Goodman and Pickens Public Libraries, read and spoke about Dr. Seuss's books to Ms. Coleman's Kindergarten Class, KB, at Goodman-Pickens Elementary School, on Thursday, March 1. Theodor Seuss Geisel, who died in 1991, was an American author, political cartoonist, poet, animator, book publisher, and artist, best known for authoring more than 60 children's books under the pen name Dr. Seuss. His work includes several of the most popular children's books of all time. (Photo submitted)

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

The many friends of Mrs. Katherine Cagle are very thankful she is improved after being a hospital patient for several days in Jackson. She is now recovering at the hospital in Kosciusko. Love and prayers are that she will be home with her family and friends, most who have been at her side during her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Broyles have enjoyed being with family members during the week. Those visiting with the Broyles were Ann Robinson of Pineville, Arkansas, Darrell Robinson of Woodworth, Louisiana, Minnie Robinson of Biloxi and Barbara Stafford and brother-in-law of Pensacola, Florida. From here they went to Parris Island, South Carolina for the graduation of Tembo Robinson from Boot Camp for the Marines. They were glad to get to spend time with him. He is to report to Camp LeJuene in North Carolina for about a week's training. Tembo is also the grandson of the late Netherlena and O.

B. Byrd, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Hill spent Friday night and Saturday with the children of Jamie and Warren Conner while they were away for a few days. They enjoy their grandchildren a lot.

Remember all our sick and/or homebound residents/former residents.

Prayers and concern continue for Lewis and Lucy Alexander. They haven't been well for some time. May God bless and give heakling to them and others in our area.

A note for Buck and Nell Burrell is that we miss seeing and being with them. She is almost bed ridden. Buck is very attentive but not too well himself. Pat and wife are there to help out and help with cooking and whatever. He also isn't too well. They are not forgotten and remain in the hearts and minds of those who know, care and are concerned about them and their needs.

The Ladies Night Out met Saturday evening at Kaffay

Mile O Way with a large number in attendance. All enjoyed a good program.

Prayers and concern continue for Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Martin and others who aren't well and may be facing surgery. May God bless each and every one of you.

Mark Underwood celebrated a birthday Sunday and received calls from several friends including former resident Francis Brantley from Conway, Arkansas.

Prayers and best wishes to Mrs. Eddie Ruth Boatman. She hasn't been feeling well for some time. We miss her in church and Sunday School.

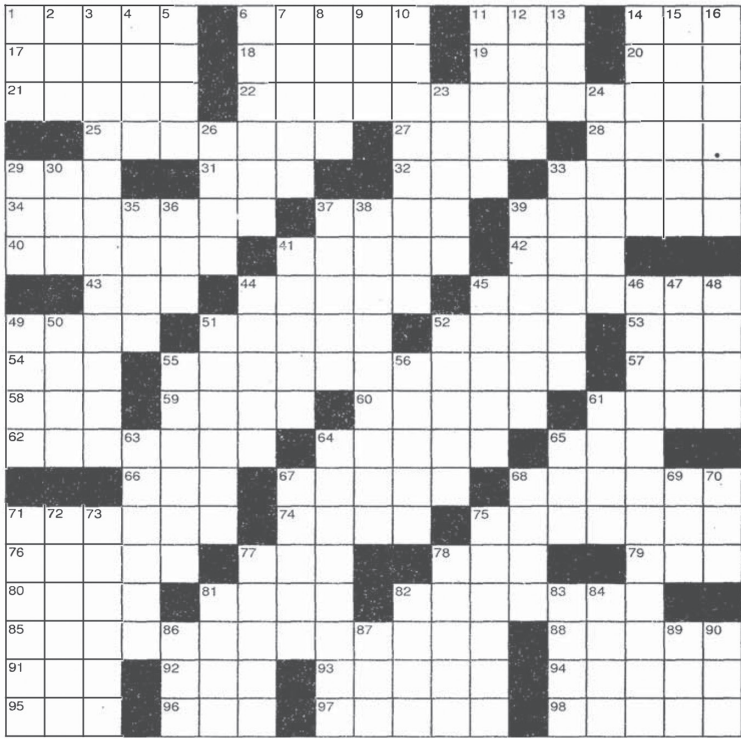
All at First Baptist Church are thankful former resident Sara Jo Kealhofer Guion has played for the services several times lately while our pianist Mrs. Stanley Ellis has been with her sick mother and during the loss of her mother. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Mrs. Beth Blanton Mo mand of Fort Smith, Arkansas visited with her mother Mrs. Dot Blanton during the week. All like to hear from Beth. She is a blessing with her singing and talents..

17th February

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ancient people of Scotland
6 Coup
11 Spanish Mrs.
14 Luftwaffe foes
17 Waxy
18 Thalia's sister
19 "The Jungle Book" python
20 Pasta suffix?
21 Eighth Greek letter
22 Flavor inspired by a sovereign state
25 Backslide
27 Paddles
28 Pyle's branch: abbr.
29 Walter Raleigh's title
31 Deux halved
32 Prime meridian hour: abbr.
33 "I Cried" (LaVern Baker hit)
34 Remuneration
37 Nicolas Copola's stage name
39 Sour, as milk
40 Broadway's "City of"
41 '80s animated hero
42 Batter's stat
43 Saddler's tool
44 Host Barry of "Hard Copy"
45 Orange liqueur
49 Timetable abbrs.
51 Subdued
52 "Some Running" (1958 Sinatra film)
53 Chop down
54 Finishing ingredient
55 Vanilla malt swirled with fudge and peanut butter
57 Action: suffix
58 Tire stat
59 Chaney and son
60 Enjoys a hammock
61 ___ about (approximately)
62 Cosmetic counter offerings
64 Clearing in the woods
65 Pump, in a way
66 Simple sugar

- 67 Make: Fr.
68 Put trust in
71 Missile type
74 Scottish tongue
75 Transforms into
76 Lease again
77 Centimeter-gram-second unit
78 Wit's wordplay
79 British singer Rita
80 Bald ___ egg
81 Genoa greeting
82 Snob's characteristic
85 Chocolate with almonds, pecans, and raisins
88 Makes muffins
91 Moose's kin
92 Perky actress Sandra
93 Austrian cabaret singer Lenya
94 Expel
95 Stephen of "Breakfast on Pluto"
96 ___ Lingus



- 97 New Ford in '58
98 Trifled
- DOWN**
- 1 Phillies slugger Burrell
2 Resembling: suffix
3 Flavor named for a musician
4 Beret bearer
5 Angler's annoyance
6 Like a good egg
7 Notched, as leaves
8 New Mexico art colony
9 Water that borders Eur.
10 Long sled
11 Part of some suits
12 Double-crossers
13 Drivers' gp.
14 Washed lightly
15 Brute
16 Horse-drawn carriage
23 Starving student's soup
24 Coypu
26 Hose woes

- 29 Workout place
30 Australian swim champ Thorpe
33 Illustrator Beardsley
35 Small gulls
36 Building extension
37 Movie star, for short
38 Daffodil's family
39 Bits of bread
41 City of New Mexico
44 Parts of speech
45 Author George Washington
46 Banana flavor with fudge and walnuts
47 Of flying: prefix
48 Debtor
49 Dolomites and Pennines
50 Measles symptom
51 Bath alternative
52 ___ sac
55 Place for mothballs
56 Author of "Nine Troubled Years"
61 Frogner Park locale

- 63 University lecturer
64 Downspout decoration
65 NRC's predecessor
67 Wild
68 Rupture
69 Poet's preposition
70 Intelligence org.
71 ___ Joe's (grocery chain)
72 Secondhand transaction
73 "Big Miracle" locale
75 Four pecks
77 Downy bird
78 Skier's trail
81 Hudson Bay tribe
82 Recording studio media: abbr.
83 Provide a hideout, e.g.
84 Malevolent "Othello" character
86 Nabokov heroine
87 Carnaby Street dandy of the '60s
89 Compass dir.
90 Normal: abbr.

Bridal Registry

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Reid Sumrall
June 2

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