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Equipment Check

If you've noticed that the last couple of columns were repeats from two years ago, it's because the family had to be out of town with Junior after he received some bad burns.

Junior had some questions about the range of a shock collar he had for his big shaggy dog. So he put the collar on himself and got into Pa's pickup and left Ma with instructions to push the button according to how long he blew the truck horn.

He hadn't gone far until he met Uncle Slim coming up the hollow. Uncle Slim waved and set on his horn, and Ma, not knowing whose horn it was, set on the button. She burned the fire out of Junior and he lost control of Pa's pickup and rolled down the road into the ditch where he was thrown out on the ground. Every time a car passed, he waved his arms and tried to get up. But folks thought he'd been drinking and was being friendly so they just blew their horn and kept on going, and Ma kept on pushing that button. She even gave it a squeeze when the train whistled down at the crossing.

Eventually, Pa went to check on Junior and found him with a badly burned neck. They took him to an out of town hospital. He's going to be alright, but he's been wearing a turtle neck sweater that makes him look like that Ha'vad lawyer that

used to be in town.

### Cold Case Pig

Farmer Green kills a pig and hangs it up for the night intending to butcher it in the morning; but the next day it is gone.

He doesn't tell a soul about it, and nothing

happens for more than two months. Then a neighbor who lives down the road,

comes by and says, "By the way, Mr. Green, did you ever figure out who stole your pig?" "Yep," replies Green. "Just did."

**Hack Golfer** 

A hack golfer spends a day at the plush country club . . . knocking balls around the course and enjoying the luxury of a complimentary caddy.

Being a hack golfer, he plays poorly all day. About the 18th hole, he spots a lake left of the fairway.

He looks at the caddy and says, "I've played so poorly all day; I think I'm going to go drown myself in that lake."

The caddy looks back at him and says, "I don't think you could keep your head down that long."

### Marriage

On his way out of church, Frank stops at the door to speak to the minister.

"Would it be right," he asks, "For a person to profit from the mistakes of another?"

"Absolutely not!" replies the pastor.

"In that case," says the young man, "I wonder if you'd consider returning the hundred dollars I paid you to marry my wife and me last July."

### **More Bang For Your Buck**

The patient enquires of the dentist, "How much do you charge for pulling out a tooth?"

"Twenty-five dollars is the usual fee," the dentist replies.

"Twenty-five dollars for such a quick operation?" complains the patient.

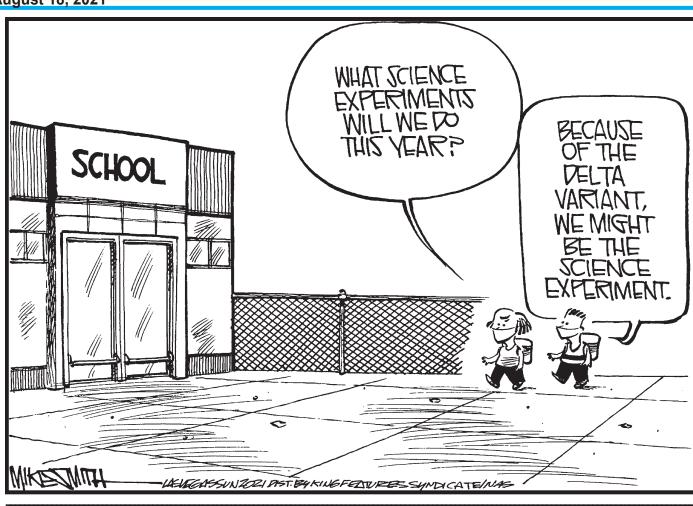
"Well, I'll do it very slowly for you so you get your money's worth," counsels the helpful den-

### **Competitive Couple**

A husband and wife play golf together every day. She always wins. Tired of the humiliation, he decides to break her concentration. As she readies to tee off, he goes up to her and whispers into her ear, "I've had a mistress for the whole 15 years we've been married."

Needless to say, the wife loses the round.

Next day, the wife decides it's time to punish her husband. As he readies to tee off she says, "Before we met, I was a man."



### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE from Representative Bill Wesley

# Repairs are scheduled for Irvine bridge on KY 52

that our district will not be neglected as long as I can Now it's finally happening! I would like to express my make a difference. As promised, the project to paint the Irvine Bridge (KY-52 / Main Street) over the Kentucky River will begin in fall 2021. The contract for the project was awarded to Spartan Contracting on July 2, 2021, for \$2.47 million.

While Spartan Contracting works on the structural bridge repair this fall, only one lane of the bridge will be shut down. In spring 2022, the company will start sand blasting and painting the bridge. At that time, the bridge will be closed to traffic.

Many people in our community have waited for







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As your state representative, I live by the creed well over a decade to see the Irvine Bridge repaired. gratitude to all of those who helped get this project off the ground. Collaboration with my colleagues in Frankfort, specifically Speaker David Osborne, played a necessary role in the project.

As promised, I am looking at adding a pedestrian walkway on the outside of the bridge. Our community has elderly folks and people walking with their children on the edge of the bridge in its current state. I met with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's legislative director to voice your concerns. In the coming weeks, there will be an evaluation of costs, planning, and more discussion on this project.

I want to serve our community well and that means working with the local residents and the elected officials to improve our community. As always, it is an honor for me to serve as your state representative and to make your views known in Frankfort. Please feel free reach out to me with questions, comments, or concerns about issues our community is facing.

"Our district will not be neglected."

State Representative Bill Wesley represents the 91st House District, which includes Breathitt, Estill, Lee, and Owsley Counties, as well as part of Madison County. Contact him with any questions, concerns, or advice. He can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, or via e-mail at Bill.Weslev@ lrc.ky.gov.

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