Immunize Your Pets

Two rabid skunks have been discovered in Madison County in the past month. The discovery of a second rabid animal last week would indicate that the earlier incident was not an isolated one. It is absolutely imperative that every pet owner in the county take steps to insure that rabid animals do not become a major threat to health. To do otherwise is to invite a most painful form of human tragedy.

If you have not already done so, let us urge you to have all your house pets vaccinated against rabies. Remember, cats can carry rabies, too.

We are fortunate here in Madison County to have two fine veterinarians, Drs. Bud Allen and Larry Frost, available to perform vaccinations. The vaccinations are inexpensive and only take a few minutes. The possible tragedy such vaccinations prevent makes the investment of money and time well worthwhile.

Madison County doesn't have a dog license fee, but all pet owners are required to have their pets vaccinated. Pet owners have a moral responsibility, both to the animals and to their neighbors, to protect against rabies.

We must also be aware of wild animals and report any suspicious animals immediately. Don't take unnecessary chances near possibly rabid animals, but shoot the animal if possible. Be careful not to shoot suspicious animals in the head. Lab technicians need the animal's skull to test for rabies.

The two incidents of rabid animals do not indicate that an epidemic is imminent, but they should serve as a clear warning that action must be taken now in order to avoid a potentially devastating situation.



By POP STORY



IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING

"Bill" and I enjoyed our first visit to Cherryville Sunday when we attended the wedding of Sherry Minnix to the Rev. Vincent D. Hefner in the First Baptist Church of which the Rev. Mike Minnix, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marshall, is now pastor.

Mike performed the ceremony and Chris Minnix, the bride's brother, gave her in marriage. It was an impressive wedding in the beautiful church which has more than 1400 members.

We had the opportunity to speak with Mike, Jayne, Chris and Sherry, who sent their love to their many friends here in the county.

Also attending the wedding were Eola Haynie, Billie Jean Haynie, Kristen Payne and Edna Faye Nash.

ANOTHER FRIEND PASSES

I have had several close friends pass away in the past year, far too many to comment on in this column, but I would like to mention the recent passing of S.L. Nix. "Sam" as I called him, was one of the friends "Bill' and I will miss

"Bill" and Sam would often meet outside the church after services and "shoot the breeze."

Sam was always a likeable, pleasant person, admired by everyone. Our sympathies are extended to Hattie Ella, Tom and the entire Nix family.

FREE PHOTOGRAPHS OFFERED

A free photograph was offered to donors to the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department last weekend. The project reportedly raised more than \$1,000 for the department.

Fire chief Jackie Davis asked us to thank the many people that made donations.

Proofs will be returned in about two weeks. Anyone wishing to order additional pictures may do so by stopping by the fire house on Main Street.



Know Comment

By JOSEPH GODWIN

Unreconstructed Boyhood Makes Adult Life More Fun

By JOSEPH GODWIN Probably none of us should ever completely grow up.

It is one thing, of course, for an adult to be childish; but it is something else altogether different for one to be somewhat childlike

Some of my close friends who have known me a long time know that I have an about that wide running the full length of my personality. I like that!

That streak of boy within me to be excited by their colors and shapes. What is more, I always have time to slow down and smell them. I had much rather use my nose that way than to store it in other people's business.

would like to tell you about.

I love animals - all kinds of animals - especially young ones. Holding a kitten, puppy, lamb, duckling, or baby chick in my hands is always a new experience with new excitement. It never becomes commonplace pleasure, nor do I intend ever to get too busy to enjoy these latest editions from the hands of Mother Nature.

From the days of the old steam locomotives, puffing their billows of black smoke and seeming to stamp their feet as they started off, I have been completely smitten by trains. I still love them, and I like to get caught at a crossing so that I have to wait for the train to go by.

Why do you ask? Of course. I count the cars as the train rumbles by!

Also, I'm a fool about

jets, my keen interest in speak - clearly; and his voice planes has neither wavered nor flickered.

Caught by a blend of childlike excitement and contentment, I have spent waiting time on the observation decks in the airports in New Orleans, Charlotte, Atlanta, and Athens, Greece, thrilled by the unreconstructed streak of boy thunder of the mighty planes as they took off and landed. I shall never tire of them.

Even when I feel no pain, and when I have no personal causes me to love flowers and reason to be sad, I cry. When somebody else is hurt or mistreated, when he or she is in sorrow or trouble, I cry. The emotional transference from an adult to a child transfers to the boy within me.

This boy within keeps me This boy within does other from taking myself too things to and for me that I seriously. You see, I really do believe that the world would keep on operating without me. This perspective also helps me enjoy a healthy irreverence toward other adults whose self-concept and self-worth have been inflated beyond possible comparison with reality. The world will go on without them also.

The boy within fills me with wonder and awe. I know spring is here to stay when I see a bumblebee in front of me, parked in space. There he is full throttle in neutral, motionless as if suspended in time - and I'm going to watch him as long as he stays with me. Then I'll keep on watching him while he loads down both hind legs in the squash blossoms.

Sitting in the papa chair in my den, I am thrilled no end to see the President of the United airplanes. From the old Ford States walking on the Great

Trimotor to the modern jumbo Wall in China. I hear him is still the same.

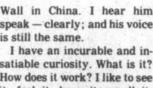
> satiable curiosity. What is it? How does it work? I like to see it, feel it, hear it, smell it, taste it, test it. After all, how else can the still growing boy

of mischief in me. I won't hurt you nor vandalize your belongings. Not at all! However, I'm not beyond causing you a mite of embarrassment, a bit of confusion, or a trace of temporary inconvenience - all in the name of clean fun. That is just some of the spice of life. When you turn the tables, I do not object.

in clothes.

And cars? My old Voldswagen has 185,000 miles on it. What I demand of it now is all I have ever demanded of it - that it get me from where I am to where I had rather be. Very simple.

This boy within me adds spice and color to my whole existence. I hope I never lose runoff over Attorney General him. He may also be my rope to my strongest anchor to not to make any endorsement. reality....



There is an indelible streak

I delight in simple things:

food, clothes, cars. Really, now, has anybody ever improved on pinto beans, cornbread, and iced tea? And my two primary reasons for wearing clothes are to keep warm and to keep from being arrested for indecent exposure. Comfort and cleanliness are my only significant concerns

When I really was a boy, my little children to come to me - was present. and don't stop them; for they



NCAE Nixes Endorsement In 2nd Primary

and the state AFL-CIO.

assistance. Some observers

organization to Edmisten, who

Thad Beyle, a political

scientist at the Unversity of

North Carolina at Chapel Hill,

said Saturday that the impact

of an endorsement would pro-

bably be marginal on the Knox

"They cannot deliver the

teachers' organization as a

bloc," he said of the NCAE

leadership. "I think that's

Gilmore announced his

backing of Knox after third-

place finisher D.M. 'Lauch'

Faircloth endorsed Edmisten.

In a statement, Gilmore

said that Knox has a clearer

concept of the issues facing

"I am now fully convinced that Eddie Knox stands head

and shoulders above his runoff

opponent," he siad. Gilmore met with Knox to

discuss implementing some of his key proposals if Knox wins the runoff and the November

ening meetings of the Ad-

campaign.

been obvious."

the state.

to Knox's 18 on Tuesday.

By DANIEL C. HOOVER The News and Observer

The N.C. Association of Educators rejected a recommendation from iuts political action committee in Raleigh Saturday that it endorse H. Edward Knox for governor in the Democratic primary Rufus L. Edmisten and voted

The action came during a closed meeting of the NCAE's 148-member Ratification mother read to me, "Permit Council. Neither candidate

Glenn Keever, communicaare what the Kingdom of God tions director for the teachers' organization, said that the

ferences between the candidates on education and concern that an endorsement might prove divisive.

Keever said that the vote on the NCAE's Political Action Committee on Education recommendation of Knox was "fairly close."

Edmisten led the 10-man field in Tuesday's Democratic gubernatorial primary. Knox, who came in second, called for a runoff, set for June 5.

Edmisten said that he expected Knox, former mayor of Charlotte, to receive the NCAE endorsement. When told in an interview that the group had decided not to endorse either, he said, "That's great. Apparently, my folks in there got busy.'

Knox and his top campaign aides could not be reached for

"I would have liked to have had the endorsement," Edmisten said, "but I'm glad they didn't endorse anyone. I have consistently said education is my top priority. They showed great wisdom."

Since last week's primary, Knox has picked up a number

two-phase vote came on views of endorsements. Initially, he visory Budget Commission ding on public education. that there were few dif- was endorsed by Lt. Gov. Jim- and the Council of State; They have indicated support my Green, who finished fifth limiting political contributions for an NCAE plan to create a and expenditures in state-wide "career ladder" as an instruin the governor's race. Late Friday, Knox won the recom- campaigns; and studying ment to keep teachers in the mendation of Thomas O. changes in the requirements classroom rather than lose Gilmore, the fourth-place for runoff elections. finisher, who had received en-Differences between Knox the private sector

dorsements from the NCAE Although the teachers' group's ability to deliver its votes is open to dispute, the endorsement could have proved a boon to Knox's campaign through organizational

was able to carry 68 counties necessary to increase spen- divisive."

and Edmisten on education The NCAE's Keever said were subtle because the pair Saturday's decision "tended generally agreed on major to say that the two men are so close on issues that there real-Knox and Edmisten have ly is no difference. Education advocated higher teacher is getting enough attention salaries and have said that from both.

they would initially focus on He said most council the pay issue before tackling a members felt that there was have attributed superior reduction in class size. Both no overriding reason to choose also said that they did not feel between Edmisten and Knox a state tax increase would be and to do so "would be terribly

Dear Editor: So Many People Helped...

Dear Editor: past two years. As a single a better life. rent with two children to

of a lot of people in hungry. ty and many dif-

tions, I have

LuAnn Roberts, Billy Lynn It is hard to personally Roberts, Cathy and Johnny hank all the people who have Littrell and many, many ned my family and I over others, my children will have

Thank you for the hours of the idea of returning to child care, for the symfor two years was a pathetic ears, the words of support, the extra touch of ed to get my degree, I kindness at Christmas, the d to make a better life fuel when it was cold, the fren and make a neighbors who mow the lawn true. With the and the food when we were

> Thank you all so very much. I was not born in Madison County, but moved here 12 of the Madison years ago. My roots are here nt of Social now. So are my childrens', and Neighbors-In- we will stay here. We are Day Care home in Madison County, I my family just hope that someday I can support repay all the kindness I've I attended known by passing it on to

day, I will be receiving it ing at Madison H.S. on Sunbecause of the wonderful peo- day. ple in Madison County.

Madison County should donations and proceeds from never be known by any other concessions will be used to pay nickname except, "Beautiful for uniforms that have been Madison County.

Once again, thank you so grams at the school. very much. I'm proud to be A special thanks goes to here in Madison County.

Esther Franks A new nurse.

Boosters Club Says Thanks

Places of When I receive my each and everyone who at-

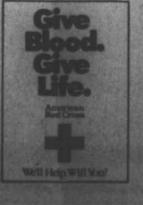
The \$614.04 collected in

purchased for the athletic pro-

radio station WMMH for sponsoring the singing and to everyone who worked and gave freely of their time to make the event a success.

A very special thank you also goes to the Primitive Quartet and the Redeemed Quartet for giving of their time and talents to provide us with an afternoon of excellent gospel singing.

Ernest Burnette, president



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