

Running Shoes And Super Glue

By Van Yandell

One of my running and bicycling friends and I used our shoes in stages. Stage one, while the soles were factory stable, was for running. Stage two was for bicycling or wearing in public. If we went to Walmart or Winn Dixie or the bike shop, we wore stage two shoes.

Stage three shoes were for garden and yard work and stage four were weed-eater shoes. By what would have been stage five, the shoes were falling apart and that stage would have been trash can shoes.

Yesterday, wife Margie told me, “You’re either going to have to buy a new pair of shoes or a new bottle of glue.” My running shoes have outlasted my bottle of glue and with many miles on their odometer, perhaps it’s time for a new pair of 608’s, my favorite.

It’s not that I’m a tightwad, I can glue my shoes back together easier than I can go buy a new pair. The shirt I wore to church Sunday was a yard sale found complete with tags. It hangs by my FFA jacket from high school.

And believe it or not, I can still zip my blue jacket with the yellow ear of corn, ea-

gle’s wings, plow and owl on the back. With it zipped, I can’t breathe but the pride and discipline of my FFA experiences live on over sixty years later.

A fleece lined suede leather jacket that hangs in my closet was bought my junior year at Murray State University. It is still in excellent condition and has a “Made in U.S.A.” label in the collar.

Gluing my running shoes is not a matter of money management; it is a matter of getting the most from a product. Do we harvest or conserve the available and obvious? Why not make the most of our abilities and opportunities as we do the products we buy?

We set aside the gifts of our Creator for man-made frivolous products and activities. At a time in my life, I placed my physical condition above everything. It was above my career, my insatiable quest for experiences, and my Creator God.

Running was my life. I endured the day to go home and run. I skipped church to go run on Sunday mornings. I subscribed to “Runner’s World” magazine and read it religiously. I dreamed about my next run and became de-

pressed when I couldn’t go for a run. Running was an obsession but considered a positive addiction! Endorphins are real.

I ran when the weather was cold and loved the feel of the cold air in my lungs. I ran when it was raining or even at times when there was snow on the ground. Yes, I slipped and fell a few times on the snow or ice.

To slip on ice and fall is better than slipping and falling away from the God that created us and gave us blessings beyond our ability to comprehend. Romans 3: 23 is about our human proclivities to slip and fall. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

Of course, all sin is against God and one is, in His eyes, no better or worse than another (James 2: 10). However, I’d rather someone would steal from me than kill me, but that’s just my opinion.

Running was not only a physical activity, it was mental as well. At times it is more mental than physical. As Yogi Berra said “Baseball is ninety percent mental, the other half is physical.” The same can be said for running!

Could we possibly become as consumed with

our Jesus and His last commandment to us? Many Christians call His last words before ascending, “The Great Commission.”

Acts 1: 8 KJV “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

The power of the Christian comes from the Holy Spirit (Spirit of God in us). The degree of that power is determined by one’s faith based belief in God.

Nonetheless, we have a degree of God-given power from Him as stated in Acts 1: 8. Might we access that spiritual gift/blessing to fulfill His last commandment to us? By stating “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth” we likely perceive those as geographic locations. With Samaria, this is not necessarily the case.

Samaritans were despised by the Jews in the first century. They were cross-breeds, being only part Jew and part other races. Jesus was surely telling us “If you’re waiting around for someone exactly like you to tell about Me,

you may never tell anyone. Get over it!”

The “uttermost part of the earth” may not be in another country, but in your own neighborhood, where you work or go to school.

That difficult neighbor may very well be “the uttermost.” He or she may be living in your own home.

Whoever and wherever that person may be, it is our solemn responsibility to tell them about our Glorious Savior. I am responsible to tell; it is their responsibility to accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

At some point we have to realize we have fulfilled our obligation to tell and let the Holy Spirit do His job. Con-

viction of sin comes from God, not from people. We are only His voice, His hands and feet on earth. We do not have His power or authority.

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sins (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9). Tell someone!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Dixon is accepting sealed bids for the property located at 118 N Stegal St, Dixon KY. The property consists of 0.776 acres with existing connections to water, sewer and electric. Deed may be viewed at Webster County Clerk's office, Book 331, Page 234. Seller has set a reserve amount of \$10,000, but retains the option to accept or reject any bid, whether under or over the reserve amount. Bids will be opened, reviewed, and possible awarding at the regular meeting of the Dixon City Commission October 12, 6pm. Bids may be delivered to Dixon City Hall at 10 US Hwy 41A N, Dixon KY (a drop box is available), or mailed to PO Box 197, Dixon KY 42409, and are due no later than 4pm on October 12, 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

An Ordinance Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for Municipal Purposes for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 01, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and providing for the Collection of same.

WHEREAS KRS Chapter 92 requires the adoption of an ordinance levying and providing for the collection of an ad valorem tax on the assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the city.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Slaughter, Kentucky has heretofore determined that a tax of 0.11.70 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of REAL PROPERTY will be necessary to meet the anticipated expenditures of the City for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has heretofore determined that a tax of 52.93 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of PERSONAL PROPERTY will be necessary to meet the anticipated expenditures of the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SLAUGHTERS (SLAUGHTERSVILLE), WEBSTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: That pursuant of KRS Chapter 92 an ad valorem tax upon all REAL PROPERTIES subject to taxation by the City of Slaughter and assess for taxes for general municipal purposes the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and is hereby levied and fixed at the rate of 11.70 cents on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on property listed and equalized for taxation.

a) Value and ownership of property shall be reckoned as of January 1, 2026.

SECTION TWO: That pursuant to KRS Chapter 92, an ad valorem tax upon PERSONAL PROPERTIES subject to taxation by the City of Slaughter, KY and assessed for taxes for general municipal purposes the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and is hereby levied and fixed at the rate of 52.93 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation on property listed and equalized for taxation.

a) Value and ownership of property shall be reckoned as of January 1, 2026.

SECTION THREE: The foregoing ad valorem taxes are levied for the said fiscal year on each \$100. 00 of assessed value of all lands, improvements, personal property in the city of Slaughter (Slaughter, KY) held or owned by every person, firm, company, or corporation, in his, her, their, or its right, or as fiduciary, guardian, trustee, or agent, subject to municipal taxation under the law of the State of Kentucky, and specifically under Chapter 92 and other applicable chapters of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and under all amendments thereto, including all property, franchises, and privilege, heretofore or hereafter assessed for taxation by the County Property Valuation Administrator, the State Tax Commission, and other assessing bodies, for taxation by the City of Slaughter (Slaughter, KY); in and for said fiscal year as provided by law, but excluding any property exempt by law, from such taxation.

SECTION FOUR: All the taxes hereby levied shall be due and payable on January 1, 2027.

SECTION FIVE: All taxes not paid on or before the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2027 shall be deemed delinquent and shall have added to them a penalty of 5 percent and shall thereafter bear interest at the rate of 5 percent per annum from date, until paid, or until the property of the delinquent has been sold for taxes. All accrued penalties and interest shall be added to all delinquent taxes and be collected from the taxpayer when taxes are paid.

SECTION SIX: All funds and monies due to or received by the City of Slaughter (Slaughter, KY) during said fiscal year shall be paid into the General Fund of the City, and all funds spent or expended by the City which are to specifically directed to be paid of any special fund or assessment, shall be paid out of the General Fund of the City.

SECTION SEVEN: All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict here-with are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION EIGHT: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon the final passage and approval.

INTRODUCED AND PUBLICLY READ ON FIRST READING, THIS THE 11th DAY OF AUGUST 2026. PUBLICLY READ AND APPROVED ON THE SECOND READING THIS THE 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

CHRIS WINSTEAD, Mayor
City of Slaughter

ATTEST:
SHERRI CROWLEY, City Clerk
City of Slaughter
KYNP 115772 Expires 07/06/2030

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GRADD Senior Menu Listed For October

Following is the Green River Area Development District senior nutrition menu for October:

Thursday, October 1-hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, succotash, banana, dinner roll

Friday, October 2-pinto beans, greens, cornbread, peaches, margarine

Monday, October 5-cheeseburger, cole slaw, baked potato, chips, hot apples, lettuce/tomato, onion/pickle, vanilla pudding

Tuesday, October 6-grilled chicken, sweet potato, broccoli and cheese, diced pears, margarine, dinner roll

Wednesday, October 7-beef goulash, corn, fresh orange, dinner roll

Thursday, October 8-baked potato, soup, sliced turkey, banana, oyster crackers, wheat bread

Friday, October 9-BBQ pork chop, au-

gratin potatoes, green peas, applesauce, margarine, dinner roll

Monday, October 12-pasta with meat sauce, broccoli and cauliflower, red grapes, chocolate chip cookie, breadstick

Tuesday, October 13-roast turkey, baked potato, glazed carrots, berry applesauce, dinner roll, margarine

Wednesday, October 14-herbed pork, scalloped potatoes, lima beans, ambrosia salad, dinner roll

Thursday, October 15-Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, oatmeal cream cookie, dinner roll, margarine

Friday, October 16-chicken cordon bleu, California blend, sweet potatoes, banana, margarine, dinner roll

Monday, October 19-chunky vegetable soup, salad with diced chicken, oatmeal cream cookie, oyster crackers, French dressing

Tuesday, October

20-chicken alfredo, broccoli, pineapple tidbits, breadstick, margarine

Wednesday, October 21-pork chop, baked sweet potato, collard greens, spiced apples, dinner roll

Thursday, October 22-breaded chicken, brusselsprouts, scalloped potatoes, sugar cookie, diced pears, dinner roll

Friday, October 23-turkey and stuffing, casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, dinner roll

Monday, October 26-pizza casserole, broccoli, breadstick, banana, margarine

Tuesday, October 27-meatloaf with ketchup, mashed potatoes, peas, vanilla pudding, dinner roll

Wednesday, October 28-chicken salad, tomatoes and cucumbers, baked chips, fruit cocktail, wheat bread

Thursday, October 29-Nothorn beans, col-

lard greens, tropical fruit, chocolate chip cookie, cornbread, margarine

Friday, October 30-pork chop, green beans, sweet potatoes, apple slices, chocolate pudding, cornbread and margarine

Energy Bills Causing Consumer Crisis

Energy bills vary significantly depending on where a home is located, but data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) and Statistics Canada indicates that energy prices are hitting consumers hard across various locales.

According to the EIA, between March 2025 and March 2026, energy bills increased in 44 of 50 states in America. Statistics Canada notes energy prices rose by 19.2 percent between April 2025 and April 2026.

As winter approaches, consumers may be increasingly concerned, as the EIA notes that energy rates tend to rise in summer and winter, when people are more likely to rely on heating and cooling to keep their homes comfortable. Sealing windows might help cut those costs, as the U.S. Department of Energy notes that heat gain and heat loss through inefficient windows may be responsible for as much as 30 percent of heating- and cooling-related energy consumption.

By checking windows for leaks and fixing leaks before winter, consumers might save themselves a considerable amount of money.

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God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

We're Called To Love God And Love Others

Q: I know we're to love God and love others. I express my love for God through reading His Word (the Bible), worshiping Him and talking to Him in prayer throughout the day. Loving others is considerably harder for me. Why can loving others be such a struggle sometimes?

A: You are right! Expressing love to others isn't easy. It often entails helping to meet their needs. That takes time and our schedules are crammed full of activities that make it difficult to take time for others. Furthermore, we may have deep-rooted prejudices such as skin color, political allegiances, people's smell, age, lifestyle, social status, or spiritual beliefs that cause us to de-

cide not to love someone.

Helping others can be costly. It might cost us some money that we want to use for something else. It will often interrupt our plans. It may mean we get dirty, and checking on someone may interrupt our night's sleep.

Part of living the Christian life is loving others. Jesus taught us "to love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt. 22:39). His loving us first (1 Jn. 4:19) should motivates us to show love to others. That love should transform us from a self-centered person to one who is willing to love those around us. God gives us His Spirit who will enable us to love others unselfishly. We are to conform to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:28). And we are most like Jesus when we love others.