

Round Up Spotlight: Partners for Healing

Partners for Healing was organized by community leaders in 2001 to improve access to healthcare for the working uninsured in Coffee, Franklin and Moore County. Partners for Healing operates a free primary healthcare clinic at 109 W. Blackwell St. The nonprofit has also begun offering services in Manchester once a week.

To qualify for free medical care, someone in the household must work 20 hours per week or be dependent on someone who does—and the entire household income must be 250% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. Full-time students and those who earn disability income without insurance benefits also qualify. Qualified patients may call 455-5014 or fill out an application online at www.partnersforhealing.org.

Emilie Martin Sisk, Executive Director



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The TUA Round Up Program was established in 2020 as a Community Assistance Fund to be used to help those less fortunate in the community. Through the program, TUA customers donate an average of 50 cents per month by allowing their bills to be rounded to the nearest dollar. The extra change collected is placed into the Round Up Program Fund, administered by the TUA Board of Directors.

With funds collected in 2023, the TUA board presented \$5,000 to Partners for Healing in January.

Rural Route 4

A Dog By Any Other Name

“What’s in a name?” William Shakespeare asked in his classic “Romeo and Juliet” play several centuries ago. He didn’t think names mattered very much. I beg to differ.

My wife and I are the proud parents of a new puppy. Prior to bringing him home, we began thinking about naming him. I made a few suggestions but none of them passed the wife’s test (whatever that is). And the names she suggested didn’t impress me very much either.

Thus began a back and forth between us that ended with either a sneer, an eyeroll, or a verbal groan. Thankfully, we didn’t come to blows. An estimated 69 million American households have a dog, so our



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pooch-naming kerfuffle isn't unique. I'm not sure how many of those households needed counseling while naming their dog, but it's probably a big number.

Rather than seeking counseling, we agreed to consult the internet for help. I didn't realize how popular dog-naming was until I started scrolling through article after article offering advice. One suggestion was to use the names of favorite television or book characters. I made a list using that advice. It included John Wayne, Matt Dillon, Rowdy Yates, Barney Fife, Huck Finn, Tom Sawyer, Hoss Cartwright, Little Joe, and Festus.

After sharing it with Catherine, a frown and an inaudible comment convinced me those wouldn't work. I reviewed her list and was equally dismayed. She included several characters from those awful Hallmark Christmas movies, Brad Pitt, Elvis, Gregory Peck, Jimmy Stewart, Cary Grant, and Paul Newman.

This is our second Corgi. Our first died too soon from cancer, and we've been hesitant to get another one. We had named her Harper Lee. You might not recognize that name. Harper Lee was the author of "To Kill a Mockingbird," our favorite book that later became a famous movie. In fact, every pet we've owned has been named after a character from that work, including Atticus Finch, Jean Louise, and Boo Radley. There aren't any suitable names left.

So we picked up our nameless puppy and brought him home in early January. We decided to let him name himself by observing his personality and appearance.

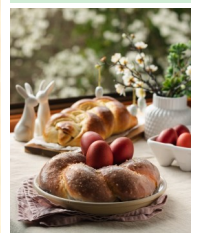
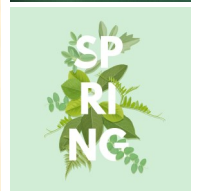
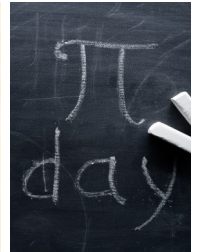
Corgis are a breed that looks like they have been assembled from spare dog parts. Short legs on a long body, rather large ears, no tail, and a mentality suited for herding cattle. We agreed our puppy resembled a Who from Whoville, that fictional town created by Dr. Seuss in his book "Horton Hears a Who." This wasn't going to be easy, and we finally gave up.

We reviewed the most popular dog names. Bear, Max, Charlie, Buddy, Milo, and Bailey. Nope. None of them. And then magic struck. Why not consider a biblical name? My name, Phillip, is a biblical name. Our son, Matthew, is a biblical name. Our grandson, James Sawyer has a biblical name.

We quickly ruled out Judas, Demas, and Cain. But we liked Simon. He was impetuous, impulsive, and enthusiastic. That described our puppy! Finally, success!

Our little puppy has learned his name. He comes when called (sometimes) and greets each day with an enthusiastic attitude. We're both pleased. Now if we can only teach him to recite scripture!

Philip Burgess' book, "Rural Route 4, The Good 'Ol Days Were Never Better," is available on Amazon.





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Save the date!

TUA will host its National Drinking Water Week celebration on **Thursday, May 9.**

Join us for free food, drinks and fun from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and take a spin on the prize wheel!

