

COLUMN: The unexpecteds of Christmas

A few days before Christmas in 1981, my beloved came home with a great big present just for me. We were newlyweds, living on love and Tator Tots. I didn't know what it was or how he had paid for it. He laid it gingerly under our sparsely decorated tree. Not one time in my entire life had I ever sneaked to open a gift early, but this present was irresistible. The paper was pretty and called to me. I

very carefully opened one end and found fur. I was over the moon. It was the era of those fabulous rabbit fur coats. All the cool girls wore them; I had only dreamed of having one. I was quite positive this precious, wonderful gift was a fabulous rabbit fur coat. Each time I passed the Christmas tree, I beamed, picturing myself in the fabulous rabbit fur coat. Finally, on Christmas morning, it was time to

exchange gifts. I graciously encouraged my new beloved to open all his gifts first, thinking of the glorious moment when I unwrapped my big gift with mock surprise. He said, "I bet you don't know what it is." I innocently smiled as if I didn't have a clue. And boy oh, I didn't. I slowly opened one edge at a time, savoring the thought of the fabulous rabbit coat. One edge, another edge. And finally, there it was ... A TEDDY BEAR! It was not what I had expected at all. A teddy

bear was not even on the radar. Truth be told, it was a better gift for me than a rabbit coat. I kept it for years and years. The Christmas story is full of "unexpecteds." Mary had an unexpected visitor and calling. Joseph had an unexpected turn of events. The shepherds had an unexpected journey. In each one, God was working. He was putting special, important puzzle pieces together. We often find "unexpecteds" in our lives today — when our plan isn't coming together as we

had hoped. Going into the Christmas season, let's keep our eyes open to how God is working, how He is pushing and directing, even when we are dragging our feet. Perhaps our "unexpecteds" are actually divine interruptions. In every season, we can trust that the God of the Universe can work our unexpecteds into immeasurably more than we ask or dream (Ephesians 3:20). When the LORD declared in Isaiah 55:8-9, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," He wasn't

kidding. Still, He can be trusted. If life has taken an unexpected detour, hang on. Commit to the LORD, talk to Him, spend time with Him, be encouraged by reading His Word. Trust Him. Dig with me into the true story of Christmas. You will find most of it in Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 1:18-25. I pray you will be swept away by the love of our Heavenly Father and be drawn to the Baby in the manger. Email religion columnist Dawn Reed at preacher-swife7@yahoo.com.



DAWN REED

Cowboys Edge Chiefs 31–28 on Thanksgiving

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
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ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys still face long odds in trying to rally for a spot in the playoffs. They won't be short on confidence with a win over last season's Super Bowl runner-up just four days after beating the defending champs. Prescott threw for two touchdowns, Malik Davis sprinted 43 yards for a score and the Cowboys overcame two fourth down TD throws from Patrick Mahomes in a 31-28 Thanksgiving Day victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on Thursday. CeeDee Lamb scored the first Dallas touchdown and finished with 112 yards on seven catches after drops plagued the star receiver in a 24-21 victory over reigning Super Bowl champion

Philadelphia. The Cowboys have won three straight and dropped the defending AFC champion Chiefs (6-6) back to .500 in a matchup of playoff-chasing teams.

Dallas is 3-0 since 24-year-old defensive end Marshawn Kneeland was found dead of an apparent suicide during the club's open week. The Cowboys came back from the emo-

tion-filled break with a 33-16 victory over the Las Vegas Raiders.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. B2025-16 CHAPTER 55: COMBINED UTILITIES SYSTEM
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING AS AMENDED "CHAPTER 55: COMBINED UTILITIES SYSTEM" OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City of Bardstown performed a rate study to revise its rates to appropriately cover costs associated with providing service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bardstown wishes to consolidate account and penalty fees for all utility operations under one section of the ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY THAT:

Amendments be made to CHAPTER 55: COMBINED UTILITIES SYSTEM, subsection 55.05 Billing; When Due; Penalty;

§ 55.05 BILLING; WHEN DUE; PENALTY; DEPOSITS; ACCOUNT FEES

This section shall be amended to reflect that the CAO instead of the CFO shall be responsible for certain responsibilities related to billing and application of payments to accounts, and adding subsections (E) and (F), which read as follows:

(E) Each single residential unit or multiple-residential unit shall tender to the city, with the application for any utility connection, a deposit as set forth in the rate table below. These rates apply to residential customers only. Deposits for commercial establishments will be determined at the time of application for utilities which shall be in the sum equivalent to six weeks' billing for all connected utility services. The deposit shall be retained by the city and, if necessary, upon termination of service, applied towards payment of any delinquent balances or refunded to the user (residential or commercial) after two years, provided all balances have been kept current during the two years and no checks were returned for any reason during that period.

Deposits	Owner Fee	Renter Fee
Electric	\$100	\$140
Water	\$50	\$65
Sewer	\$60	\$70

(F) Other account fees that may be charged include:

- (1) A return check charge of \$50.00 shall be applied to all returned check payments.
- (2) An after-hours service fee of \$75.00 for any and all service calls made after hours may be charged to the account of the consumer provided that it is not the fault of the City. This will include after-hour service turn ons.
- (3) A disconnect fee of \$25.00 will apply to all customer accounts within the Bardstown City limits. A disconnect fee of \$40.00 will apply to all customer accounts outside of Bardstown City limits.
- (4) A truck roll fee of \$30 will apply to customer requested services during normal business hours, such as meter re-reads, lock/unlock meter service, and turn-on/turn-off meter service.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed to the extent of that conflict. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following publication as required by law.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN: /s/ J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

This summary was certified by Audrey Haydon-Blackmon, City Attorney. A copy of the complete ordinance is available for inspection in the office of the City Clerk, 220 N. 5th Street, Bardstown, KY 40004 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This advertisement was paid for by the City of Bardstown using taxpayer dollars in the amount of \$118.41

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