

An Inspirational Senior’s Story from NC...Hardees Founder. Do You Like Hardee’s Hamburgers?



Burger chain founder Wilber Hardee abandoned his namesake brand soon after launching it, but he never ventured far from the burger business. Hardee was 42 in early 1960 when he heard about a new restaurant: the first McDonald’s in NC opened in Greensboro. Hardee went to check it out, went home and thought he could do it better than McDonald’s. He got a developer to construct a smaller version of the McDonald’s near East Carolina University and rent it to him. The menu: 15 cent hamburgers, 20 cent cheeseburgers, french fries, fried apple pies, milkshakes, & soft drinks. Hardee’s Hamburgers opened on September 3, 1960. The response was immediate: Hardee made a profit of \$9,500 in 4 months.

**The Corporate Venture:** As Hardee ventured to open another restaurant, he met Leonard Rawls, an accountant, and dairy farmer Jim Gardner. Rawls and Gardner thought that Hardee could get rich from selling franchises. In May 1961, the second Hardee’s opened. But, when Hardee’s was incorporated, each of the three men had an equal say. That allowed Hardee to be outvoted 2-1. Soon, Hardee wanted out. “I got out and sold out for \$20,000. Sold my name.” Hardee’s then grew by buying two other chains, Sandy’s and Burger Chef. In 1984, Hardee’s was the 4th largest restaurant chain in America, behind McD’s, Burger King, & Wendy’s.

**The Next Chapter:** Wilber Hardee opened a new stand only a few blocks from the original Hardee’s called Little Mint. Over the next seven years, 50 Little Mints appeared across the Carolinas. Successful, Hardee lived flamboyantly. He bought a large home & threw lavish parties. He traded for a new Lincoln Continental every year. But, in 1971, Little Mint’s profits declined and the board bought out Hardee’s shares for \$90,000. He used that money to start more restaurants: Hot Dog City, the Pilot House, & Wilber’s Family Restaurant. None of these enterprises lasted more than two years, so Hardee sold his house and filed for bankruptcy. Depressed and drinking heavily, he decided to kill himself by crashing his Lincoln at high speed into a big tree. He claimed he made 2 attempts but lost his nerve. But, he stayed in the restaurant business and opened a Biscuit Town and sold franchises in Raleigh & Chapel Hill. New income allowed him to buy a new home for his wife of 35 years, Kathryn, but soon she died suddenly of a cerebral hem

orrhage. Despondent again, Hardee sold his Biscuit Towns to franchise holders. The sale money & his wife’s life insurance would have provided him a comfortable retirement. Instead, he used it to open 3 Burger Castles.

**The Good News:** Hardee’s life, however, was about to change. On a Christmas Eve, he met Helen Galloway, who followed Christ. Within a month, he quit drinking, began reading the Bible and attending church. In May 1985, he gave his life to Jesus and was baptized. He and Helen married in August. Restaurants failed during this period, but Hardee continued in the business, opening and closing five over the next 7 years. He opened his last, American Barbecue, in 1993 at age 75. After it too, failed, he and his wife started a Christian tract ministry. Hardee resourced Christian evangelism!

By the Hardee’s chain’s 50th anniversary, the franchise chain had grown to 3,134 restaurants (1,901 Hardee’s, and 1,233 Carl’s Jr.). In 2008, Wilber Hardee died at home from a heart attack two months shy of his 90th birthday. He probably now has another burger chain in heaven. Source: ourstate.com. Photo by ECU archives.



A Perfect Marriage?

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other, except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about. For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day, the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife’s bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls



and a stack of money totaling \$95,000. He asked her about the contents. “When we were to be married,” she said, “my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll.” The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness. “Honey,” he said, “that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?” “Oh,” she said. “That’s the money I made from selling the dolls.”

How I Got Escorted Out of A Movie

Yes, indeed this truly did happen to your wonderful revered minister howbeit it was before I entered the ministry. I had no prior knowledge to what lead to our being escorted out. You see, a group of my friends would get together and go see movies because most of us were too broke to go out on dates. One evening, I got a phone call



from one of my buddies (Steve) who insisted that all of us go see The Exorcist. He heard it was awesome. Now horror and slasher movies are not my kind of movies. I told him I wasn’t interested this time. But for some reason he was very persistent about me going and reminded me how many stupid movies he had to go to because I wanted him to see them. Before I go on with the story, let me tell you, it’s not worth watching. If you liked it, please don’t tell me. Demonic possession of a little girl and the filth that followed was way over the top for me. Now my friend Steve was a piece of work. He had polio when he was younger and he was now able to get around with two full length leg braces and a pair of specially designed crutches. Without the braces Steve couldn’t walk and he hated the wheel chair, so he would swing those little legs and off he would go. Steve was the type of person when he saw any girl he would shout out for them to call him and then actually gave out his real phone number. Anyway, back to my wayward moment. We all met Steve at the movie and he insisted that we wait as he sought out our seating arrangement. The movie was packed as it was the second night of its showing. He waddled down toward the front of the theatre and found seven seats. He then pointed for three of us to go in first he would follow and then the other three would enter. I was the second one in. He purposely picked these seats which so happen to be a row just in front of about five or six women who were

quite talkative not in a bad way; just trying to communicate to each other. Steve took off his braces which he did most of the time he sat down cause it was more comfortable that way. The movie itself at the time was supposed to be really scary. But I was entertained by the ladies behind me. They began to utter sounds that seemed like soft groans and intensified as the movie got further along. Now you multiply that by five and it was fun to hear them being really spooked. Then my buddy who was sitting next to Steve elbowed me and told me to look over at Steve. When I did, I saw he had his face cupped in his hands as if he was praying. At that precise moment just when the bed in the movie started shaking up and down and the little girl who was lying there yelling out expletives and then...



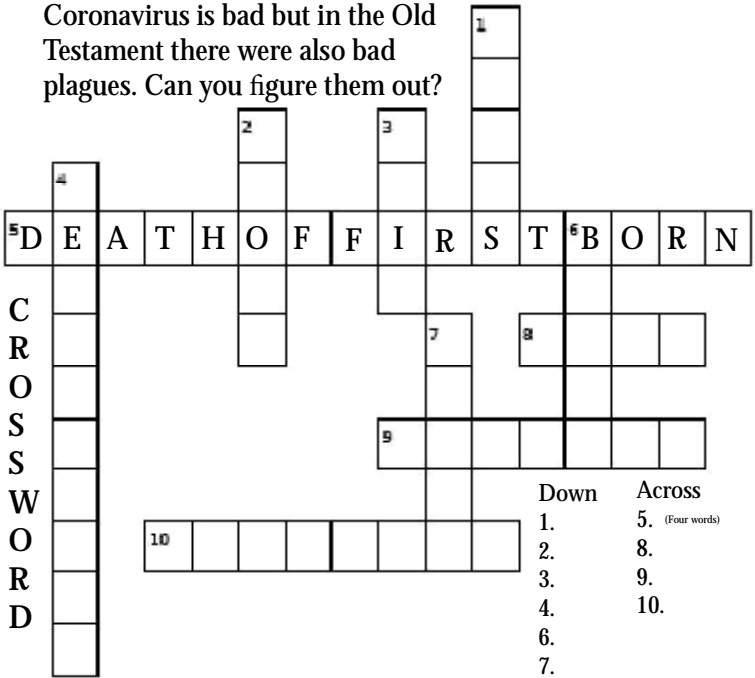
and THEN...her head starting to spin around was when those girls behind me began to cry out “Oh Jesus, Lord Jesus help us!” and “Oh, my Lord! My Lord! My Lord! You got to help us.” Steve spun around and pounced up on the back of his seat leaning forward just inches away from those women’s faces who had been embracing themselves and locking arms in hopes of comfort. Steve meticulously cut out the mouth portion of the most horrific demon mask I had ever seen and started to scream at the top of his lungs, “YES I’m here to HELP YOU!!” in the most demonic tone ever uttered out of a human body while sticking out his tongue. Well, what happened next caused the movie to stop and the lights to come on. All five of those women leapt out of their seats and over the back of their own seats into the laps of the people behind them scattering drinks, popcorn and candy everywhere causing others to do the same. Those women didn’t stop at just one row. I saw one of the ladies about five or six rows back. Remember the movie was packed. The movie stopped and the lights came on and the ushers ran down the aisle to the women screaming who were pointing in the direction of Steve shouting, “he had a demon mask on”. Steve was in a state of calm as if nothing happened. He acted as if he was an angel. People were now covered in soda and popcorn. It didn’t take long for those ushers to usher us out through the curtains and then out to the parking lot. Since it took me a little longer to be escorted out with those circling flash lights, I heard the usher telling the rest of the theatre patrons they could get a guest pass to come back and see the movie. I asked him if I could get one and he said we were lucky they didn’t call the police. To this day, I have yet to see all of the Exorcist. At the time, I don’t think Steve would have done it had he known



what kind of discord his action caused. But it was in the parking lot we found out he had gone to the opening night. It was all premeditated!



Coronavirus is bad but in the Old Testament there were also bad plagues. Can you figure them out?



Death of first born, pestilence, flies, lice, boils, darkness, blood, locusts, frogs, hail

Coronavirus

You can leisurely do this search or try to beat my time of 4:31



SOCIALDISTANCE  
DOCTORS  
SANITIZERS  
VIRUS  
CLINICS  
ZOOM  
MASKS  
QUARANTINE  
TESTING  
VENTILATORS  
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SUPER DULS

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S.A.L.T. Senior Adults Learning Together



During COVID-19 Distancing, many have been schooling from home. We wanted our Seniors to keep up too, so here are your school-at-home updates:

Math:

What is 2 and 2?  
2+2=4  
22  
2x2=4  
2 squared  
All of the above

Biology: This is a Quakka from Australia.



Language Arts:

- Word of the day: Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia: the fear of long words.
- Latin: Non torsii subligarium: Don't get your knickers in a twist.
- Southern Vocabulary: Ya'll say "Commode." Non-southerners say "toilet."
- German: Say: "Kummerspeck" Def. gaining weight from eating comfort foods.

History:



In 1665, Sir Isaac Newton had to work from home when the University of Cambridge closed due to the Bubonic Plague. It was the most productive period in his life. He used the time to develop his theories of calculus, optics, and gravity.



Music:

Sing the 1st Verse of "Amazing Grace" to the tune of the "Gilligan's Island Theme"



P.E/Health: Wall Angels Exercise

Ease back pain and improve your posture with these simple against-the-wall moves. Instructions: Stand with your back flat against a wall and your feet about 3 to 6 inches from the wall. The back of your head touches the wall and arms are straight down by your sides. Then, turn your palms out and slowly raise your arms, maintaining contact with the floor or wall. Raise your arms as high as you can. Pause, then lower your arms to return to start. Repeat. Wipe sweat off your wall.

Theology:



On Oct. 31, 1517, Priest and scholar Martin Luther went to the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, and nailed a piece of paper to the door containing the 95 revolutionary opinions launching the Protestant

Reformation. In his thesis, Luther condemned the excesses and corruption of the Catholic Church; such as the papal practice of asking payment, called "indulgences" for the forgiveness of sins. In the Bible, 1 John 1:9 states that if we confess our sins, God will forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. No other act or payment is mentioned Biblically. Luther was fixing theology with his hammer. And he nailed it.

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