

GOLDEN ALERT

It all began one morning when Scott and Judy decided it was high time to buy a new car. So off to the dealership they went to “test drive” a new Toyota. Since they were well known and respected in the community and at the dealership, there was no problem in allowing them to take off with the car for a few hours.

“Just bring it back before we close so we can sign the papers on it,” the salesman told them before filling up the gas tank.

They drove around town for a few minutes before heading over to the Bluegrass Parkway to try out this new beauty. “I wonder how quickly I can get her up to 90 miles an hour?” asked Scott.

“Go for it. I’m game!” answered Judy.

Before long they were cruising along at 100 miles per hour. They zipped past the Bloomfield exit, then the Springfield exit, when they were nearing the Frankfort exit it dawned upon them they hadn’t had breakfast or lunch. Deciding to add to their adventure, George and Alma headed to Rick’s White Light Diner next to the “singing bridge” in downtown Frankfort for a few of the best beignets this side of New Orleans coupled with Rick’s Famous Crawfish Pie which is reputed to contain a bit of the “wild weed” that Kentucky is famous for.

Finishing off their brunch they got back in the new Toyota to continue this test drive heading on to I64 toward Louisville. “Might as well stop off at that new outlet mall in Simpsonville”, stated Scott. “I could use some new underwear and jeans.”

“I need some makeup and a new nighty”, Judy chimes in.

After their shopping expedition, they noticed the clock in the car and realized it was already six o’clock.

“You know, Judy, we’ve been wanting to drive over that new east-end bridge in Louisville. It’s now or never. You game?”

“Scott, you’re in the driver’s seat. Let’s go!”

They head toward the Gene Synder and over the Ohio River on the bridge then made their way back to I64 heading west toward St. Louis and then circled around onto I264 to the Sherman Bridge back toward Louisville until they hit I65.

“It’s been a long day and I’m getting tired. Think we need to stop for the night, Judy?” Scott asks as he pulls into the Hampton Inn parking in Bardstown.

As they check in, their attention is turned to the TV and the 11:00 PM newscast which begins:

GOLDEN ALERT: two senior citizens have been missing since early Tuesday morning when they left their nursing home together. They were last seen driving a 2018 black Toyota Camry bearing a Kentucky dealer’s license tag heading north over the Ohio River on Interstate 265.