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**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

If you keep up with the politics on Capitol Hill, you may recall that Senator Rand Paul and Doctor Fauci had a heated exchange over the subject of Fauci's support and previous testimony concerning Gain-of-Function research and the lab in Wuhan China.

Dr. Rand Paul has been an increasing critic of Dr. Fauci using terms like, "Dr. Anthony Fauci and the Lockdown Mafia." Recently, Dr. Paul requested that Dr. Fauci be criminally investigated concerning Senate testimony in which Fauci testified that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) never funded Gain-of-Function research at the Wuhan lab with U.S. dollars, which Senator Paul emphatically asserts is a lie.

Dr. Fauci testified in May of this year stating: "There's no way of guaranteeing that," when asked by Republican Sen. John Kennedy if the Wuhan lab may have used U.S. dollars in Gain-of-Function research. The actual exchange by Senator Kennedy and Dr. Fauci is the following:

Kennedy: "Dr. Fauci, I believe you have testified that you didn't give any money to the Wuhan lab to conduct gain-of-function research. Is that right?"

Fauci: "That is correct."

Kennedy: "How do you know they didn't lie to you and use the money for gain-of-function research anyway?"

Fauci: "Well, we've seen the results of the experiments that were done and that were published—and that the viruses that they studied are on public data bases now. So, none of that was gain-of-function, so—" Kennedy: "How do you know that they didn't do the research and not put it on their website?"

Fauci: "There's no way of guaranteeing that, but in our experience with grantees, including Chinese grantees, which we have had interactions with for a very long period of time, they are very competent, trustworthy scientists."

After reading this entire exchange, unlike Dr. Fauci I was more than a little suspicious and decided that Gain-of-Function research was a worthwhile topic of discussion. What is Gain-of-Function research and why do scientist think that this is a worthwhile endeavor? The answer to that question is interesting and in my opinion is fraught with risk and reward.

## Gain of Function Research and U.S. Dollars

"Gain-of-function" is the term in common use for biological research that has as its goal to increase the virulence and lethality of pathogens and viruses. Gain-of-Function research is typically government funded; its focus is on enhancing the pathogens' ability to infect different species and to increase their deadly impact as airborne pathogens and viruses. Allegedly, Gain-of-Function research is conducted for biodefense purposes, or to be prepared if a super virus like Covid-19 creates a pandemic. Conducting experiments associated with Gain-of-Function are a risky endeavor. Pathogens and viruses that have been enhanced during experiments have the potential to escape the lab. Although Gain-of-Function's stated purpose is biodefense, once a virus is enhanced or upgraded by science, it is a weapon that can be used for biological warfare, or line the pockets of any company that is on the leading edge of developing a vaccine.

What are the alleged benefits of Gain-of-Function research? Some of the stated benefits are:

- Identify viral strains that demonstrate evidence of infection and transmission and being the likely source of a future pandemic.
- Develop vaccine seed stocks to have ready and available if pandemics from these strains arise. This could save millions of lives if the scientists already have the roadmap for a vaccine at their fingertips.
- Scientific knowledge resulting from these experiments are huge and could have beneficial impacts on world health.

There are many questions that everyday Americans are asking about this topic, and some of these questions have long-term implications. If the United States was funding Gain-of-Function research and the risks were understood, why would we allow the development of such dangerous super viruses in China? It is well-known that China is both an ideological and economic adversary to the United States. What were our leaders thinking to provide money to develop these potential weapons of mass destruction inside Chinese borders? That is if that really happened, the jury is out, but the circumstantial evidence is piling up.

Here are some interesting assertions from Factcheck .org

- In 2014, the NIH awarded a grant to the U.S.-based company to study the risk of the future emergence of coronavi-

ruses from bats. The project was renewed in 2019, for another five years. In April 2020 the program was cancelled— three months after the first case of the coronavirus was confirmed in the U.S. The grant cancellation occurred during the time when President Donald Trump questioned the U.S. funding to a lab in Wuhan.

The Wuhan lab has studied bat coronaviruses for years, specifically their potential to infect humans. Previous coronaviruses have originated in China, specifically the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). This led to global outbreaks in 2003. The SARS virus is thought to have started in bats, and then transferred into humans through intermediate animals, hence the reason that coronaviruses have been widely studied in China.

Dr. Fauci responded on the many questions about China after his Capitol Hill exchange with Dr. Paul. He responded in a fact-checking conference, which was hosted by PolitiFact.com. Fauci stated: that it would "almost be irresponsible" to not collaborate with Chinese scientists given that the 2003 SARS outbreak originated in China. "So, we really had to learn a lot more about the viruses that were there, about whether or not people were getting infected with bad viruses."

Regardless the cause of the virus, you can be confident that eventually the truth should find its way to the surface in the current pond of misinformation. The debates over the origin are ongoing. In May of this year the Journal of Science published a letter from 18 scientists who indicate that although the virus leaking from a lab is unlikely, "more investigation" is needed and "Theories of accidental release from a lab and zoonotic spillover both remain viable," they also wrote. "Knowing how COVID-19 emerged is critical for informing global strategies to mitigate the risk of future outbreaks."

In any event, I am concerned about Gain-of-Function research being supported by the United States in Wuhan, China. The Chinese government has demonstrated that they are not a friend to the United States. They constantly launch cyber-attacks and often position themselves to oppose the U.S. in foreign policy opportunities. Why would anyone think that we should fund any research inside the borders of China that could be used against us a weapon? Let's hope they all wake up in Washington D.C.!

## MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 17	74°/66°	
Wed 18	83°/66°	
Thu 19	81°/66°	
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## In Loving Memory

### Douglas Clyde Swicegood, 71

Mr. Douglas Clyde Swicegood, age 71 of Lansing, passed away Saturday August 14, 2021 at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. Capt. Swicegood retired from the Tennessee Department of Corrections after 31 years of service, having worked at both Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary and the Morgan County Regional Correctional Facility.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Clyde and Bonnie Mullins Swicegood.

His mother and father-in-law: George and Marjorie Davis.

One nephew: Louie Swicegood. And one sister-in-law: Sharon Swicegood.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years: Patsy Davis Swicegood.

Two daughters and sons-in-law: Emily and Wayne Allison, and Sarah and Joshua Clark.

Five grandchildren: Jimmy Ad-

ams and his wife Carrigan, Michael Allison, Alex Susak, Samantha Susak,, and Carolina Swicegood.

One great grandson: Jace Adams.

Four brothers and three sisters-in-law: David and Ann Swicegood, Alan Swicegood, Darrell and Carol Swicegood, and Denis and Tammy Swicegood.

Brothers and sisters-in-law: Kathy and Russell Brock, Ricky and Robin Davis, Jerry and Amie Davis, Sharon and Todd Thomas, and Steven Davis.

And several treasured nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, is honored to serve the family of Mr. Douglas Clyde Swicegood.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.davisfuneralhomes.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomes.com).

### Lester Paul Mcpherson, 72

Lester Paul Mcpherson, 72 years old of Orlando, FL passed away on August 5, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Kitty (Clark); Children Stephen (Christina) of Clermont, Fl; Jennifer (JC) of Summerfield, FL; Brad Inklebarger (Stacey) of Orlando, Fl; and seven Grandchildren. He is also survived by his family and friends of Tennessee.

The family will receive friends on Friday, August 13, 2021, from 6-8pm at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, TN. Funeral service will be Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg with Bro. Preston Adkins officiating. Interment will follow at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lester McPherson.

### Richard (Ricky) Allen Durham, 62

Richard (Ricky) Allen Durham, age 62, went home to be with the Lord on August 10, 2021. Ricky was born May 9, 1959, to Harold and Polly Durham. He was a member of High Point Freewill Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his father, Harold Durham and infant sister Donna Gail Durham.

He is survived by his mother Polly Durham, brother and sister-in-law; Freddie and Karen Durham, sister and brother-in-law; Marsha and Rex Spurling, brother; Gary Durham and his fiancée Beth Hooper.

Son; Nick and daughter Erica 5 grandchildren, a special step-granddaughter; Brianna De La Torre and Husband Grant De

La Torre Special step-grandson; Briley Stephens

2 special step-great grandchildren; Aubri and Adi De La Torre Also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends on Friday, August 13, 2021, from 12 to 2 pm at the Friends Chapel Baptist Church in the Chestnut Ridge Community. Funeral services will follow at 2 pm with Bro. Tony Huling and Bro. Isaac Huling officiating. Internment will follow funeral services in the Friends Chapel Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ricky Durham.

### Charles LeRoy Rich, 59

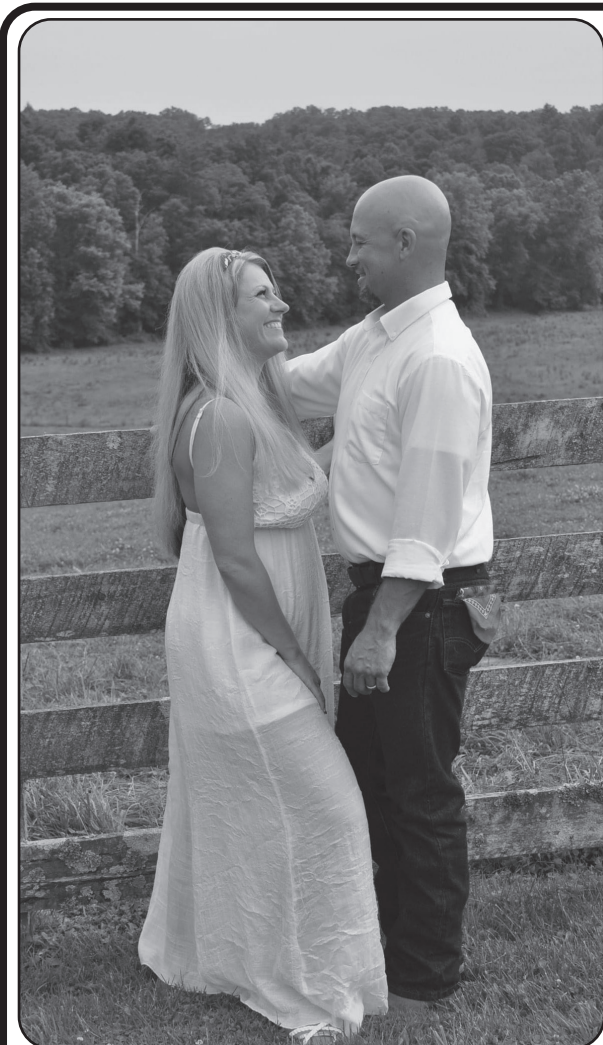
Charles LeRoy Rich, age 59, of Colbert, OK, passed away peacefully, with his family near, on Friday, August 6, 2021 at Texoma Medical Center, Denison, TX. Charles was born on May 5, 1962 in Harriman, TN to Charles Caroll & Marjorie Freytag Rich. He was a graduate of Sunbright, TN and days after his graduation he enlisted into the US Marine Corps and served his country from 1980- 1987. In 1993 he met Mary Manery and a year later, on September 16, 1994, they were united in marriage. He then worked in security as a guard. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife; Mary Rich of Colbert, OK, his children; Charles Leroy Rich JR & Carolynn of Colbert,

OK, Samantha Rich of Colbert, OK, Faith Rich of Calera, OK, Kyle Rich & Harlei of Colbert, OK, his three sisters; Angela Rich of Murfreesboro, TN, April Vincent of Sunbright, TN, Norma Disney of TN, his four grandchildren; Markus, Maekynzi, Lincoln & Parker, other extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Charles & Marjorie Rich and his sister; Twyla Bunch.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, 4:00 p.m. at Coleman Avenue Church of Christ, Colbert, OK with Brother Richard Gage officiating. A family and friends visitation will be held one hour prior, 3:00 p.m., to the service.

Obituaries must come from a funeral home to be in the newspaper.



A year! A whole year without you, yet I never thought I could make it a single day. I know only you, and the strength you have instilled in the kids and I, have allowed us to make it through this year. It has been the hardest year a human could ever imagine. Losing my love, my best friend, my soul mate; our children suffering the loss of their hero, confident and soul protector has all been overwhelming. Yet here we are taking your every word to heart and just making it day by day. If you knew Ron Ford you understand the loss and devastation we are all dealing with right now. He is my Honey and I am trying so hard to make sure that his memory will stand strong, just as he did for his family. With this being said, I have a small request...maybe the most uncommon but definitely the most appreciated and needed.

As husband and wife you often talk about what life will be like when you grow old and have grandchildren. With the birth of our granddaughter Ella Mae Grace, this is exactly where we were when Honey went to be with the Lord. Unfortunately, this means all our grandchildren to come, will miss out on all the words of wisdom and hard talks that he longed to have with them. They will not get to hear all the beautiful stories he loved so much to talk about, and this is where need our community's help.

My Honey, Ron Ford, grew up here and I ask that anyone who has a great story or some kind words to tell his future grandchildren to please send a little card to the address below. I will be compiling a book for each of our grandchildren and a little lovey or blanket of his clothes so that all the things we talked about will be passed on to his future generations. He was so proud to be Ronald James Ford and to be a part of the Ford family he came from, I want to make sure his future generations know how much they were longed for and wanted by the amazing man they will never get to know...Please help me to

do this.

I thank you all and appreciate the love and support Morgan County has provided in making sure this happens.

Thank you all, Kristin D Ford.





Sandra Helton's weekly column  
**Oakdale Area News**  
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Thank You Lord for sending the Rain!

Best wishes for a successful and safe football season for the Oakdale Eagles and all the other Morgan County Football Teams.

BLAST will begin at Pine Orchard Baptist Church this Wednesday, August 18 at 6:45.

If you have Facebook, get ready for the Oakdale Public Library online auction to be held this weekend, August 20-22. Thank you to those who have donated. It isn't too late to donate something. At this time, there are gift certificates, tickets for Sevier County Attractions, homemade goodies and more. All funds raised will be used for upcoming library events and improvements.

At this time, the Annual Pine Orchard Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 11. I will share more details as time draws nearer.

Congratulations to Austin and Solita Davis on the birth of their daughter. Charlotte Rose Davis made her appearance August 9 weighing 6lbs 7 oz. She is welcomed home by her big brother Asher and her big sister Presley. Congratulations!

Lochlan Comer Kirby was born on Sunday, July 18th at 5:49 am. He weighed 4.2lbs and was 19 inches long. Lochlan was welcomed home by his big brother Cian and his big sister Teagan. Their parents are Jon and Amber Kirby.

First Baptist Oakdale will have their 5th Sunday night singing Sunday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Beginning September 5, First Baptist Oakdale will have Children's Church during the 11:00 a.m. service. For anyone without a church home, the First Baptist family would love for you to join them.

Mickey and Jeanie Bingham recently visited with their Ohio family. They enjoyed relaxing and visiting with Jay, Meredith, Anderson, Brendan and Cooper.

Congratulations to Josh and Jaimee Headden Holt who were married Sunday, August 8 at Hidden Mountain Resort in Sevierville. We wish you many, many blessed years.

Happy Birthday to some Ellis Bingham Road neighbors. Rolland Headrick and Molly Bingham will celebrate their birthdays August 21. Wade Bingham will celebrate his birthday on August 23. Yours truly turns 60 August 18. I

know! Hard to Believe!

Happy Birthday to Julie Comer and Barbara Briggs who celebrate their birthdays August 18 and to Karen Owens who celebrates her birthday August 19. Have a great day ladies!

Brother Ernie Imsand, Missionary to the Korean people, preached at White Oak Baptist Church Sunday evening, August 8. Five of his eight children were with him. They sang 2 verses of "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"....one verse in English and one verse in Korean. We were blessed by their singing and by Brother Ernie's message. Please keep all of our missionaries.....at home and abroad.....in your prayers.

Sympathy is extended to the family of David "Bucket" Norris who passed away Sunday, August 8. He is survived by his daughter, Debra Mitchell and his son, Sean Norris. He is also survived by his brother Donnie (Yvonne) Norris and his sister Patricia (George) Brown and his four grandchildren Savannah, Claudia,

Anthony and Naomi and a host of other family and friends. A graveside service was held Wednesday, August 11 at White Oak Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Barbara Smith Freels who passed away Thursday, August 12. She is survived by her husband, John Freels, sister, Carol Scoggins, children John Michael Freels and Sonia Sidlauakas. She is also survived by four grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members. A graveside service was held Monday, August 16 at Pine Orchard Cemetery.

Many college students will soon begin fall classes. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers, especially those who will be moving away from home. Also, remember their families. As proud as we all are of our young adults, it is hard for everyone when they move away.

*For everyone who is going to college.....*

*"Whatever you are, be a good one."— Abraham Lincoln*

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# Americanisms



"Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job."  
 — Franklin P. Jones



# Morgan County Purchases New Garbage Truck with Volkswagen Grant

Morgan County's Solid Waste department has a new garbage truck. After nearly two years of trying to find funding to purchase a new one that has a price tag of more than a quarter of a million dollars, Morgan County was awarded a \$129,000 grant from Volkswagen and secured an additional \$133,048 through the Governor's Grant.

"This is a big deal for Morgan County. We were able to purchase this \$262,000 garbage truck at no cost to our property taxpayers. We've been patiently waiting to find a way to fund this huge endeavor," said Morgan County Executive Brian Langley, who applied for the VW grant and received the Governor's Grant last year.

The need for a new truck became more obvious during recent months with nearly \$30,000 in repairs to keep the current garbage truck, a 2012 Mack, on the road picking up garbage at the convenience centers, schools and businesses. The new truck will replace a 1992 Mack that currently serves as the backup truck, but is barely fit to make the close pickups around the City of Wartburg.

Langley said the County had thought they had secured a garbage truck through the Tennessee Department of General Services in late 2019, but at the

last minute a federal agency secured the truck away from Morgan County. Finally, in October of 2020 Langley applied for the Volkswagen Grant and got news in the spring that Morgan County had been awarded it. They had to wait until the contract was finalized and signed in August



before they could purchase the new truck.

"We have been looking at different ways to fund a new garbage truck, and found an avenue to get one through a surplus deal with the State, but it fell through at the last minute. It was disappointing at the time, but we stayed the course

and managed to get it through these two grants," said Langley.

The new vehicle purchased is a Mack Terrapro 40 yard front-loading garbage truck. It was put out on the road late last week.

"This is a top of the line truck and we are pleased to have it. One of our main goals for the solid waste department has been to replace these old trucks and outdated and aging equipment without being a burden to the taxpayers," said Morgan County Solid Waste Director Keith Kilby.

Langley praised the effort of several people that helped during the grant application and even after it was submitted to state officials.

"This was a collaborative effort in getting the Volkswagen Grant and I want to thank Senator Ken Yager, Representative John Mark Windle, my assistant Bret Pallotta, Solid Waste Director Keith Kilby, Finance Director Crystal Garrett, and our County Commission for all their help," said Langley. "It means a lot when you have all these different people working together towards one goal."

## Political Decisions and the Future of Afghanistan

By Michael Nance

President Biden recently made the decision to remove U.S. Troops from Afghanistan. According to a NBS News outlet he was quoted as saying: "We did not go to Afghanistan to nation build, It's the right and the responsibility of the Afghan people alone to decide their future and how they want to run their country."

That statement by the President does not resonate with everyone that has a grasp of the long-term dangers of a Taliban dominated nation.

Iowa Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst both agree that the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan could lead to a Taliban controlled Afghanistan. Ernst, who is a combat veteran from the Iraq war, was recently quoted as saying that the "withdrawal of troops was haphazard and an attempt to score a quick political headline."

In an ironic political twist, even former President Trump supports the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan saying that leaving is: "a wonderful and positive thing to do," Trump is also quoted as saying: "I made early withdraw possible by already pulling much of our billions of dollars and equipment out and, more importantly, reducing our military presence to less than 2,000 troops from the 16,000 level that was there,"

It is true and tragic that many U.S. soldiers have been killed or wounded in the U.S. efforts to rid the country of the repressive Taliban regime. However, we all must remember the circumstances that led to the invasion of Afghanistan. It was Afghanistan that offered a safe haven for those terrorists who attacked our country, and we cannot afford to allow that to happen again, regardless the cost.

Although most Americans support former President Trump and current President Biden's position to leave Afghanistan, many do not understand that the U.S. was only maintaining a small force in the country. Over the last decade the military presence of the U.S. has been reduced from a peak of 100,000 in 2011 down to only 2500 at the beginning of 2021. This small force was crucial in deterring the Taliban by training the indigenous forces and having the vast support system of the U.S. at their fingertips.

In mid-July of this year former President George W. Bush made statements concerning the troop withdrawal and predicted that the consequences will be "unbelievably bad," especially for Afghan women

and girls

George Bush's concerns are not without merit, and I can confirm that the life of women will be harsh under the Taliban. I personally spent time with a lady who lived under the Taliban regime a couple of years ago. Born in Afghanistan, she was a true patriot of liberty who risked her own life in the pursuit of the same.

Her name is Angela Niazmand and two years ago she was a co-worker with my wife. We asked her to join our family for our Saturday football party. After being introduced to Angela I learned that she was from Afghanistan. Learning this, I could not pass up an opportunity to interview her and learn about Afghanistan. I was unprepared for what I was to learn about her life and struggles in this far away country.

Angela was born in Kabul Afghanistan, during the Soviet Union's occupation of the country. She was born into a large family of very modest means. According to the customs of the region she was married at a young age and had her first child at seventeen years old. Not long after, she became a widow, her husband dying of leukemia. During this time, the Taliban tyranny dominated the country. Their policies were draconian as women were concerned. Academic books were not allowed in the home under their regime. Angela had a couple of books, which she hid in a closet wall. In the 1990's her passion for education led her to teach school in a cellar under her house in Kabul. It was a dangerous affair to teach school under the Taliban, especially for a woman. She would have the students hide their books in a bag and travel to the house one by one, staggering their arrivals in an effort to avoid the attention of the Taliban authorities.

Angela survived the Taliban regime and her efforts to educate the children were not discovered by the repressive regime. She would later go on to obtain her master's degree, and the last time we spoke she was living in Canada working in the education field.

Despite the humanitarian risk to a Taliban controlled nation, there is serious security risks to the United States. As before, if the Taliban gain de-facto control of the country it will become a safe haven to religious zealots who disagree with the American way of life.

The final reason that the expeditious and hasty departure from Afghanistan appears to be a mistake is American credibility. This move sends a message to future perspective partners in conflict that the U.S. cannot be trusted. Many of our most talented military leaders warned both Trump and Biden about totally leaving Afghanistan to their own devices without a negotiated peace, but both presidents adopted the political expedient solution. Let's hope and pray more soldiers do not have to bear the burden of dislodging extremists from Afghanistan in the not-so-distant future.



# Behind the Veil Ministry Inc. Shows God's Love to Gold Star Children

By John Burns



This week saw the first opportunity for our ministry team to fulfill God's perfect will for our lives.

CJ Porter and Lou Goodman were the most gracious of hosts for our four Gold Star children to experience the best of what Morgan County has to offer our veteran, and their dependent community.

For anyone who does not understand what Gold Star children are, these are the surviving children of men and women who give their lives for the freedoms we enjoy here at home in America. This week was the honor of my life to be able to play a small part in welcoming these brilliant kids to our vibrant community. Morgan County once again showed me why my wife and I settled here to make this our permanent home.

Lou and CJ began the week with introductions at Lou and Carrie Goodman's homestead in Sunbright by welcoming these kids whose fathers gave their lives in the greatest mobile assault helicopter unit on our planet in service to the nation. The 160th Aviation Regiment has a rich and vibrant history of providing heroes to our nation, and these men were no different.

The seeds these men planted in their children's lives was on full display, and if the pundits in America could witness what I did this week, maybe the glass in America would return to once again being half full in all of our lives. Our nation is in good hands with these bright kids still present in our America.

Morgan County provided the backdrop for these kids to experience hiking at Frozen Head, with a trip to the fire tower with Lou and Cj on Wednesday morning. That was followed up with a trip to the MOCO brewing project with Matt and Emily Graber providing these bright kids with a warm Morgan County welcome and some great coffee. Wednesday would end with a barbecue at Eagle Ridge, and cots were the sleeping quarters for the evening. Thursday morning is when I accompanied our ministry team and the kids to Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary for an amazing tour of the prison with the resident historian and former tenant George as our tour guide. That occurred after we were greeted in the parking lot by our most gracious Sheriff, Wayne Potter. He



made all feel a lot more comfortable, and let our gracious guests know that Morgan County will never forget the sacrifices of their fathers for our freedom.

The tour ended with a most amazing meal provided by the wonderful staff of Brushy Mountain. If you have never visited, I suggest a tour and chow as soon as your schedule permits. After leaving Brushy, Lou met with Mike Monroe and his amazing family to accompany these beautiful kids on a side-by-side tour of the Nemo/Obed area of Morgan County. Mike and his family volunteered their time, and their hospitality to ensure these kids understand the family unit is alive and well in our beautiful community. Thank you, Mike and Jennifer, for raising a beautiful daughter, a high school student, and son who graduates Air Force basic training next week. We love you, and the ministry team at Behind the Veil thanks you.

The evening ended with a trip to El Patron and a nice meal before retiring to Eagle Ridge and a good night's rest.

Friday morning afforded me with the opportunity to share my testimony of faith alone in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, to pay the only debt that matters when I die, my sin debt to God as creator. I am happy to report that all four of these kids Love Jesus Christ, the opportunity to share my book and God's word was never easier. What a mighty God we serve!

These kids are the purpose for why I never miss an opportunity to share the reason for all the Joy in my life. Joy has a proper name, it is Jesus Christ. These kids requested my phone number, and Facebook contact information to keep up with the ministry of Behind the Veil inc.

They departed on Friday morning but not before a little fun on the range of Lou Goodman at Eagle Ridge. They all got to shoot a little skeet and an AR15 rifle and Glock handgun. I was making coffee and witnessing of Christ's resurrection as Lou instructed them on the finer things of gun safety and marksmanship.



Behind the Veil was able to provide the kids with a little bit of travel money thanks to the generous donation made by our Ranger brother and friend Jeff Benrud and his wife. We thank you brother for you alone made our first event an amazing success.

Morgan County, we love you. Thank you for hosting these kids and thank you for welcoming my wife and I here with God's grace and mercy.

Behind the Veil inc. is a 501c3 non-profit that caters to the needs of the Special Operations community and their children. We operate completely on donations and from the sales of my book and from Christian Ranger leadership seminars we are offering at churches and businesses across the United States.

If you feel led to support what we are doing, and could afford a tax-deductible donation, our team will spend every dollar to ensure we in Morgan County will never forget the sacrifices made by the 1/10th of 1 percent of Americans who engage our enemies on battlefields most Americans know not exist. Our ministry Facebook listing is Behind the Veil inc. where donations can be made through PayPal or Venmo.

Once again, Lou, CJ Porter, Mike Monroe, Ashley Honeycutt, and myself, thank Morgan County for being such a gracious host.

He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood.





# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



This week we honor Medal of Honor Recipient David "Mad Dog" Dolby as the veteran of the week.

Dolby joined the Army from Philadelphia at age 18, and by May 21, 1966, was serving in the Republic of Vietnam as a specialist four with Company B, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). On that day, his platoon came under heavy fire which

killed six soldiers and wounded a number of others, including the platoon leader. Throughout the ensuing four-hour battle, Dolby led his platoon in its defense, organized the extraction of the wounded, and directed artillery fire despite close-range attacks from enemy snipers and automatic weapons. He single-handedly attacked the hostile positions and silenced three machine guns, allowing a friendly force to execute a flank attack.

Dolby was subsequently promoted to sergeant and awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the battle. The medal was formally presented to him by President Lyndon B. Johnson on September 28, 1967

Dolby's Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty, when his platoon, while advancing tactically, suddenly came under intense fire from the enemy located on a ridge immediately to the front. Six members of the platoon were killed instantly and a number were wounded, including the platoon leader. Sgt. Dolby's every move brought fire from the enemy. However, aware that the platoon leader was critically wounded, and that the platoon was in a precarious situation, Sgt. Dolby moved the wounded men to safety and deployed the remainder of the platoon to engage the enemy. Subsequently, his dying platoon leader ordered Sgt. Dolby to withdraw the forward

elements to rejoin the platoon. Despite the continuing intense enemy fire and with utter disregard for his own safety, Sgt. Dolby positioned able-bodied men to cover the withdrawal of the forward elements, assisted the wounded to the new position, and he, alone, attacked

enemy positions until his ammunition was expended. Replenishing his ammunition, he returned to the area of most intense action, single-handedly killed 3 enemy machine gunners and neutralized the enemy fire, thus enabling friendly elements on the flank to advance on the enemy redoubt. He defied the enemy fire to personally carry a seriously wounded soldier to safety where he could be treated and, returning to the forward area, he crawled through withering fire to within 50 meters of the enemy bunkers and threw smoke grenades to mark them for air strikes. Although repeatedly under fire at close range from enemy snipers and automatic weapons, Sgt. Dolby directed artillery fire on the enemy and succeeded in silencing several enemy weapons. He remained in his exposed location until his comrades had displaced to more secure positions. His actions of unsurpassed valor during 4 hours of intense combat were a source of inspiration to his entire company, contributed significantly to the success of the overall assault on the enemy position, and were directly responsible for saving the lives of a number of his fellow soldiers. Sgt. Dolby's heroism was in the highest tradition of the U.S. Army.



## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Marla Hines, Circuit Court Clerk

This week we honor fallen Chicago Police Department Officer Ella G. French. Officer French was shot and killed on Saturday, August 7, 2021 while she and her partner conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle containing three subjects.

During the traffic stop, one of the subjects opened fire, striking Officer French and her partner. Despite their wounds, the officers were able to return fire and wounded one of the subjects. Both officers were taken to the University of Chicago Medical Center where Officer French was pronounced dead. Her partner was admitted in critical condition.

All three subjects in the vehicle fled



the scene. Two of the subjects were

arrested shortly after the incident,

and the third subject was taken into custody the following day.

Officer French had served with the Chicago Police Department for almost three and a half years and was assigned to the Community Safety Team. Officer French was only twenty-nine-years-old and is survived by her mother and brother Andrew French.

Andrew French said, "their mother, who adopted the two of them, gave them everything she could growing up while instilling in them the important values of being kind and helping others in need. She raised us to be of service. To care. To have integrity."



## The Mud Creek Boys - Part 2



Tom Redmon  
Columnist

The Mud Creek Boys spent a lot of time at the coal pits or the pastures up until they were fifteen-years-old or until they got involved in sports at Central High. We

fished, rode our boats and played football in the pasture field. The only time you couldn't find some of us there was on real cold winter days.

Sometimes when it looked like rain we would venture over to the barn and play games there. At other times in the fall when there were plenty of corn cobs available, we ended up at my house or up at Allen's house on Highway 62. Corn cob fighting was fun until you got hit by a water and mud-soaked cob. I'll tell you more about that later.

One day I was on the coal pits just killing some time when Kelly showed up and went directly to his boat that was tied up near where I was sitting. Someone had put mud in his boat and I think he felt that I had something to do with it so he started questioning me. He said, "Tommy, do you know anything about who put mud in my boat?" I said, "No Kelly I don't" and nonchalantly I was throwing small mud balls up in the air. I didn't really know who put the mud in Kelly's boat and it wasn't me. I was as relaxed and unconcerned as I could be. I kept throwing mud balls up into the air until one came down and hit Kelly on top of his head. I'll never forget the look on his face when this happened and he probably will never forget the look on my face.

He didn't say a word; just came over, picked me up, and threw me into the coal pit. In a way I was proud of Kelly because he usually stayed very calm when we got together and wouldn't fight. I should have been more careful and maybe I was too nonchalant. I don't think either one of us stayed mad at each other longer than a day or two. Kelly began to trap muskrats around the coal pits to make a little extra money. He would check his traps every morning before going to school; skin the animals and put them on a board to dry. One time he really got lucky and trapped a mink. He was so excited he brought the mink over to our house to show it off. I don't know how much money he made but I know he worked hard at it.

One day when all four Mud Creek Boys were together, we decided to go on the hillside by Kelly's house. The corn had been gathered and when you pulled the corn stalks up a lot of dirt came up

with them. We liked to fight with these stalks. On this day another boy from the neighborhood joined us and usually when he came down, we had to run him off because of his cursing. We warned him before we started playing.

One of the Redmon boys hit the Heidel boy in the side of the head with the dirt-filled corn stalk. The boy started cursing and called the Redmon boy every bad thing he could think of. The



Redmon boy who was as strong as Charles Atlas told him to apologize but that only made it worse.

The Redmon boy came at the Heidel boy and knocked him down and the boy kept calling him S.O.B. or worse. It had rained that morning and made a lot of mud holes around Kelly's house and the barn. The Redmon boy cleaned every mud hole with the Heidel boy but every time he came up, he was still cursing. Kelly's family was standing on the porch enjoying the show as they passed on their horses, mud and water flying and curse words still coming out of the Heidel boy's mouth.

I'd like to tell you about another group of Mud Creek Boys who had some good times at the coal pits. Two were my younger brothers and the other were Allen's nephews. They even went out to the prison farm pond; caught some bass there and transplanted them into the coal pits because the coal pits were a good place to fish. One day I was called by a man who asked me to come up and take a picture of a

big bass he had caught at the mouth of Obed. I was working for the Morgan County News at the time so I went up to Bullen's Store and took a picture of a 7-8 pound bass. I asked the man again where he caught the fish. He said, "Mouth of Obed." But the next day I was back at the store and Raymond told me he caught that bass in the coal pits. His picture never did make it in the paper. I don't like a liar.

The Mud Creek Boys #2 did have some problems on the coal pits. The problems came from a big boy who liked to bully the smaller kids. When it got too bad the boys would invite their big brother Glen over to take care of the bully. Well, he really took care of Mr. Bully. He picked him up by the seat of the pants and threw him into the pits. When he came out, he would pick him up and throw him in again. I guess the bully soon learned not to bully when Glen was around. You know at one time I hated to see grandpa's pasture tore up by coal strippers but on the other hand a group of

young boys sure did have a great time there. When I think about those days, I often think of what my mother said one time after I had killed a whole day at the coal pits. She said, "Tommy, I wish you had a fish sideways in you." I said, "Mom, that wouldn't feel too good." I often wonder what she said to my younger brother Herbert when he would spend an entire night over there. We'll never know. He won't talk.



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## Disappeared: Chapter 6

### Maggie-Day 2, cont.



**Carol Hall**  
Author

Rain poured down on them as they fought their way through the heavy underbrush and fallen trees. Water was running down Maggie's back into her hair and down her face. She struggled to push herself up off of Brutus's back, but each time, her hands would slip on his wet fur and she would bounce back down face first into his back.

The rain only made the smell of him that much worse. He smelled of wet dog and body odor. She tried not to gag, but there was no help for it.

She was jostled and jolted around each time he leaped over a log or made a quick turn in direction. She was starting to feel sick to her stomach and she was beginning to get a headache.

She tried again to push herself away from his body, but once again, her hands slid down his wet fur.

Finally, she just relaxed and went limp. It was easier than trying to fight him.

She knew Rose was following close behind, but couldn't actually see or hear her from her position on Brutus's shoulder. She was amazed at how stealthily these animals could negotiate through the thick foliage and rocky terrain. They hardly made any noise at all and they rarely broke branches or disturbed anything as they went.

They even seemed aware of every little sound around them and stopped frequently to listen to noises she, herself, could not hear. They traveled for close to an hour and the storm wasn't letting up any. They entered a thick grove of trees which offered a little shelter from the rain, but the thunder and lightning still shook the forest.

Maggie's stomach was aching and she thumped Brutus on the back. "Can we stop for a minute, please?" she asked.

She thumped on his back again, but he seemed oblivious to her.

She started kicking her legs and struggling against his hold, but he only squeezed her legs tighter.

"STOP!" she yelled. "Put me down!"

Brutus stopped abruptly. He grabbed her off his shoulder and let her drop to the ground. She landed on her backside with a thud. Though it hurt like the dickens, she didn't make a sound. She could tell he was unhappy with her and she didn't want to anger him anymore. So she just sat there glaring at him, rubbing her rear end with her hand. He stood looking down at her with a snarl on his lips. He let out a low growl and walked a couple feet away and sat down. She looked around for Rose.

Rose had lagged behind a bit, but was making her way over to Maggie. She sat down on the ground next to her and put her arm around her, pulling her tight up against her body. Maggie's face was forced into Rose's armpit. The smell was overwhelming. It was all Maggie could do to keep from vomiting. She pushed against Rose just enough to pull her face free. Though Rose didn't relinquish her hold on Maggie, she loosened her grip enough to allow her to settle into a seated position next to her. With her big, hairy arm draped possessively over Maggie, she began petting her hair.

Maggie was starting to think that maybe she was a plaything for Rose. Rose was certainly making no bones about the fact that Maggie belonged to her. This didn't bode well for Maggie.

Is that why she was kidnapped? Is that why Rose suddenly started being nice to her? She supposed to be Rose's pet? Lovely...

As Maggie sat there next to Rose, she started to think back over the interactions she had witnessed between Rose and Brutus. She had assumed that they were mates, but the more she thought about it, it seemed more like a father/daughter relationship.

Whenever Brutus got angry or he scolded her, Rose would back down and show submission. This could easily be the trait of a mate too, but she hadn't seen anything between them to suggest a sexual relationship. They didn't sit next to each other. They never touched each other. Was it possible that Rose was Brutus's daughter and not his mate? It seemed likely.

It wasn't easy to tell how old these guys were just by looking at them. They were completely covered in fur except for their eyes, hands and the bottom of their feet. Neither one of them had gray hair, but maybe Bigfoot didn't get gray hair. Was it possible that Rose was a young Bigfoot? Maybe a teenager?

Pondering these thoughts, Maggie asked Rose, "Is Brutus your dad?" She pointed over to Brutus then at Rose. "Dad? Is he your dad?" Rose just looked down at her and smiled. Her eyes were a soft brown and

they were looking tenderly at Maggie. She gently squeezed Maggie in a hug and patted her head.

We need to find a way to communicate with each other, Maggie thought. Obviously, Rose doesn't speak English. She just shook her head and let Rose pet her hair.

As they sat there, the rain continued to pour down on them. The mud on the ground was starting to soak through Maggie's pants. Her hair clung to her head as trails of rain water ran down her face.

She was soaking wet and miserable, but at least it wasn't cold. The temperatures were probably in the low 70s right now, but with the rain and nightfall coming, it would get colder, especially this high up in the mountains.

Maggie didn't relish the idea of being so wet when the temperatures dropped. She was wondering where they were headed when a loud clap of thunder rumbled across the sky.

Brutus grunted sharply at Rose and motioned his head towards Maggie.

Rose scrambled to her feet, pulling Maggie up with her. She lifted Maggie up into her arms and cradled her like a baby.

Oh great, thought Maggie. This is wonderful. I'm now a human Bigfoot doll.

Well, at least it was better than being flung over Brutus's shoulder. Brutus began making his way through the forest again with Rose following closely behind, carrying Maggie.

The rain seemed to have slowed down for the moment. By the looks of the sky though, it wasn't done with its fury yet, but this reprieve from the downpour was a welcome blessing.

Before long they came to a huge vertical cliff face. To her utter horror, the Bigfoot began to climb up the side of it. Brutus first, then Rose. Using their hands and feet, they scaled the sheer cliff. Large handholds and footholds seemed to have been notched out in the rock several feet apart. Placing their hand and foot in a hole, they propelled themselves upward. Maggie closed her eyes tightly. This climb would be impossible for a human without rock climbing equipment, but these guys were making it seem almost easy.

She wasn't necessarily afraid of heights, but this was almost a sheer vertical climb. If they fell, it would be "game over".

At one point, Rose stopped on a small ledge. She put Maggie down and turned her back to her. She grunted and motioned toward her back. Maggie surveyed the small ledge they were standing on and saw that she barely had any foot room before it dropped off into nothingness.

"What, you want me to climb up on your back? Are you crazy? There's no room for me to move around. I'll fall!" she said, panicked. Rose grunted at her and gestured more insistently this time.

"Oh, FINE!" Maggie ground out between clenched teeth. She reached up to grab Rose's shoulders to pull herself up, but Rose was just too tall.

She jumped up trying to reach them, but lost her footing. She frantically clawed at Rose's back to keep from falling, but couldn't get a hold due to the fur being wet and slippery. Her hands slid through the fur like it was butter.

In what felt like slow motion, she was sliding down the side of the cliff. The jagged rocks were cutting into her hands and knees as she went. She was too panicked to feel the pain.

She let out a horrified yell, just as Brutus's arm reached out and caught her. He grabbed her just as she went sliding past him. He jerked her forcefully back up and set her down on the small ledge he was standing on.

Maggie's heart was pounding so hard she could hear it in her ears. She had never been so scared in her life. Tears were running down her cheeks and she was sucking in great gulps of air.

The pain in her hands and knees drew her attention just then. Her palms were badly skinned up and both her knees were bleeding. They started throbbing.

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*Carol's love of writing has spread across several different genres including, action/adventure, mysteries, horror, and drama.*



# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

\* Rubbing alcohol can be used to remove ballpoint-pen ink from most upholstery.

\* "Polish wall tiles in the bathroom using car wax. They will repel water really well. Just be sure that you cover the floor before you apply any wax. You do not want to polish your tub, as that is a safety hazard for sure!" -- M.W. in Missouri

\* If you have wood floors, you might already know about felt furniture pads -- the little self-stick felt circles you put on furniture legs to reduce scratches on your floors. You might not know that these same pads can reduce scuff marks that appliances make on countertops. It also makes it easier to scoot around a heavy mixer or other appliances.

\* "Check your mower to see if you're cutting your lawn to the optimum height. Generally, cutting grass to 2 1/2 inches will allow it to retain more moisture, requiring less watering, and help shade out weeds, too." -- O.F. in Alabama

\* Here's a workout tip: Rotate among a few pairs of running shoes to get the best life out of them. Rotating gives them a chance to dry out between wearings, and runners who practice this routine have a 39% lower chance of injury, according to a Luxembourg research firm.

\* "If you're looking to save money, don't ignore the dollar store. You can find a lot of personal-care and home-care items there for, well, a dollar. I save quite a bit of money this way." -- R.L. in Texas

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# STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* The opposite of paranoia is pronoia. A person suffering from pronoia feels that people or entities around them are plotting to do them good!

\* American flags left on the moon will eventually get bleached white by the sun.

\* Only two animals have the ability to see behind themselves without turning around: the rabbit and the parrot. Their eyes are on the sides of their head, allowing them to swivel 360 degrees.

\* Not that we ever gave any real thought to the matter, but "snowbones" are the lines of snow or ice left at the sides of roads after the rest of the snow has melted.

\* David Babcock broke a Guinness World Record for his time in the Kansas City marathon, at 5 hours, 48 minutes and 27 seconds. But not for running -- he managed to complete the race while knitting a scarf that measured just over 12 feet long. As he said later, "Knitting the whole way really did help distract me from the hard parts of the marathon."

\* At the planet Neptune's highest altitudes, winds blow at more than 1,100 mph.

\* Mozart sold the most CDs in 2016, beating out Adele, Drake and Beyonce, even though those artists all had Grammy-winning hits that year.

\* In the 16th century, Parliament

passed a law declaring the use of makeup "to deceive an Englishman into marriage" punishable as witchcraft.

\* A survey of 2,000 U.S. adults by the skincare brand StriVectin found 63% admitted to spending at least half their time on video calls staring at their own face, while 58% admitted to getting so distracted by their own appearance that they sometimes stopped listening.

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Thought for the Day: "Of all the liars in the world, sometimes the worst are our own fears." -- Rudyard Kipling

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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# King Crossword

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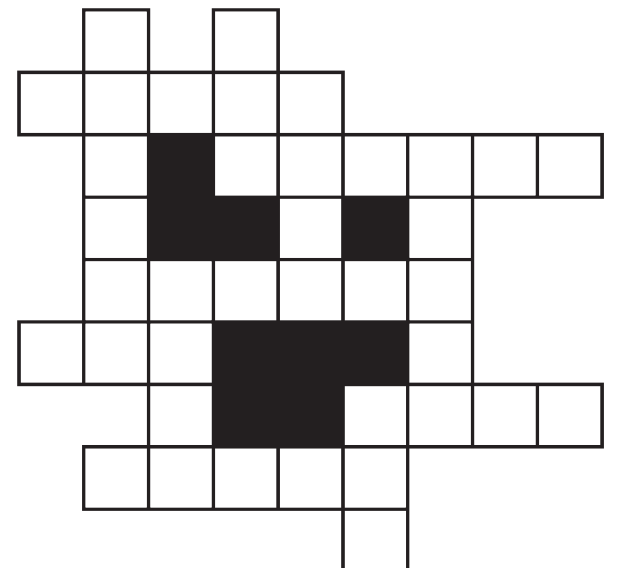
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| 37 Cleaning agent               | 57 Always         | 8 Haifa native         | 35 Extinct bird           |
| 39 Fawn's mom                   | 58 Notable time   | 9 Bridge coup          | 38 VII doubled            |
| 41 Junior                       | 59 "I did it!"    | 10 Olympic sled        | 40 Asylum seeker, perhaps |
| 42 Carried out                  | 60 Faction        | 11 On in years         | 43 Titled women           |
| 44 French cathedral city        | 61 Cowboy moniker | 16 Misery              | 45 — jiffy                |
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Micah in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. After his servants covered him with clothes, what did King David's servants bring to keep him warm? *Hot bricks, Young virgin, Canopy skins, Wool from finest sheep*
3. Whose last words were, "Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded"? *Paul, John the Baptist, Ahab, Job*
4. From Proverbs 31, which king was taught sayings by his mother? *Lemuel, Neco, Ben-Hadad, Jehu*
5. In Genesis 27, who said, "Come near now, and kiss me, my son"? *Adam, Isaac, Seth, Moses*
6. Who was the father of Gideon? *Job, Jeremiah, Josiah, Joash*

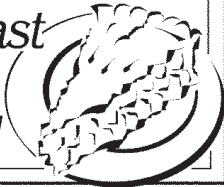
ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Young virgin; 3) Ahab; 4) Lemuel; 5) Isaac; 6) Joash

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## Comfort foods

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### Cute Zucchini Meatloaf Muffins

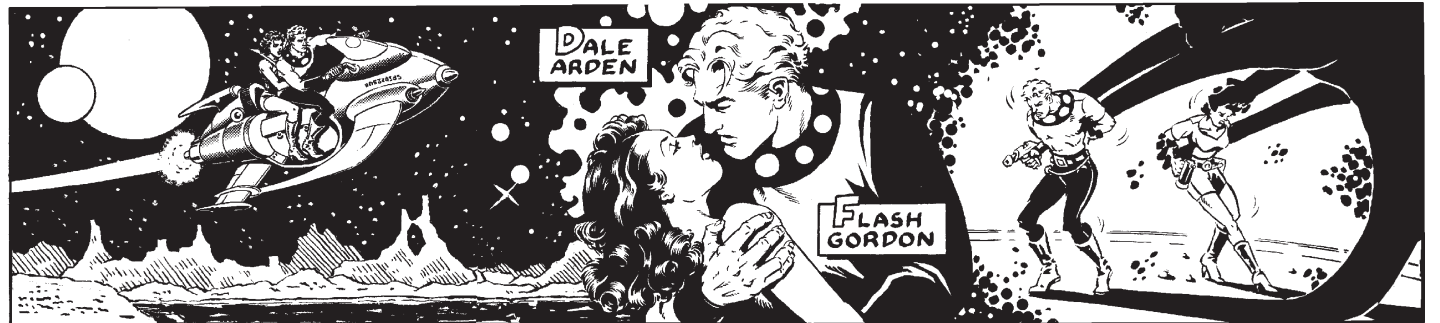
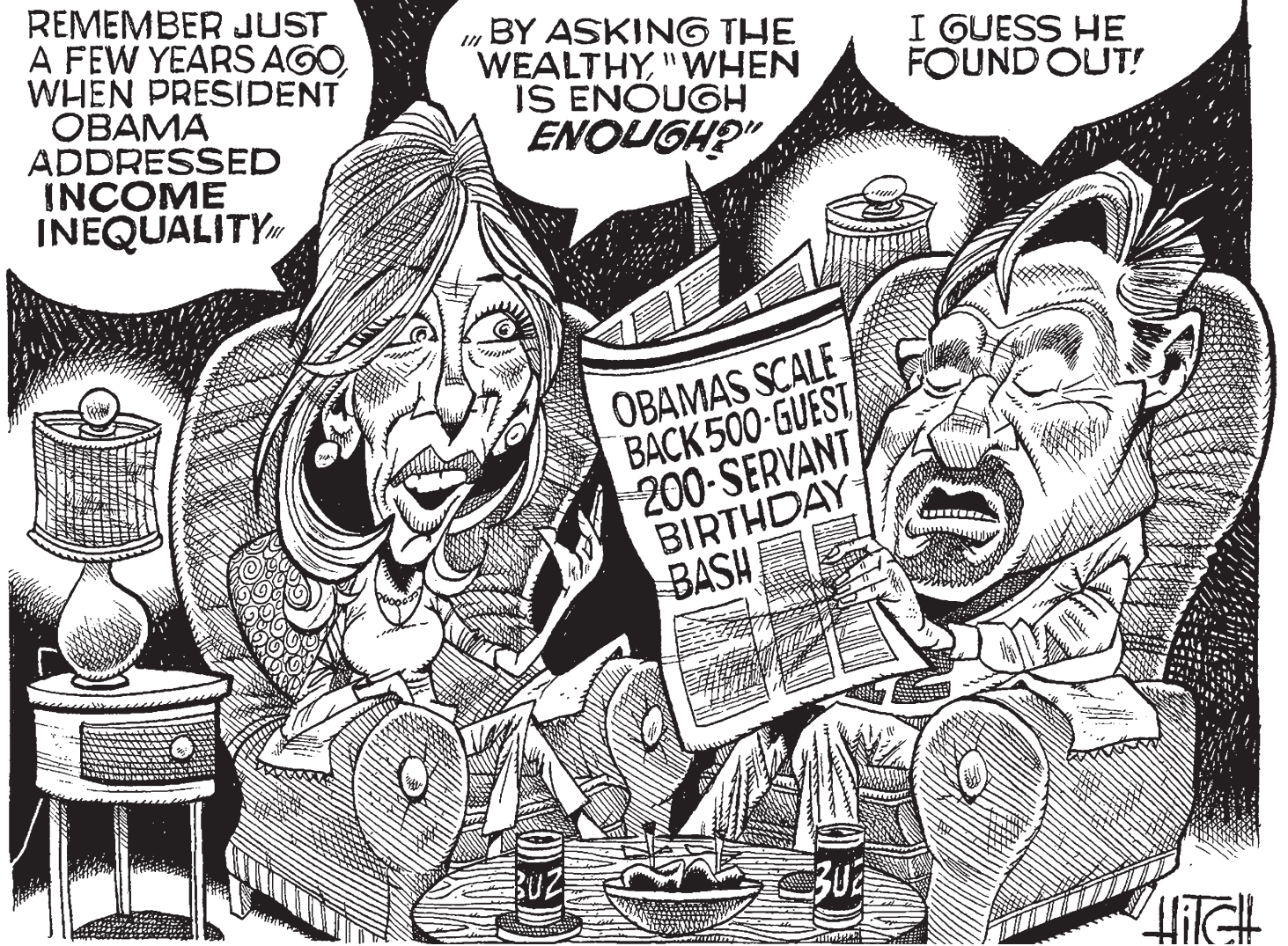
Even if the men in your family aren't wild about zucchini, they'll go wild over these cute muffin meatloaves.

- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon dried fine breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 3/4 cup shredded unpeeled zucchini
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 cup (one 8-ounce can) tomato sauce
- Sugar substitute suitable for baking to equal 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/3 cup shredded reduced-fat mozzarella cheese

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray a six-well muffin pan with olive oil-flavored cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine meat, breadcrumbs, onion, zucchini, 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning and 1/2 cup tomato sauce. Mix well to combine. Evenly divide meat mixture between prepared muffin cups and make indentation in the center of each.
3. In a small bowl, combine remaining 1/2 cup tomato sauce, sugar substitute and remaining 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning. Stir in mozzarella cheese. Evenly spoon about 1 tablespoon sauce mixture over top of each "muffin."
4. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes. Place muffin pan on wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Remove "muffins" from pan and serve at once. Freezes well. Serves 6.

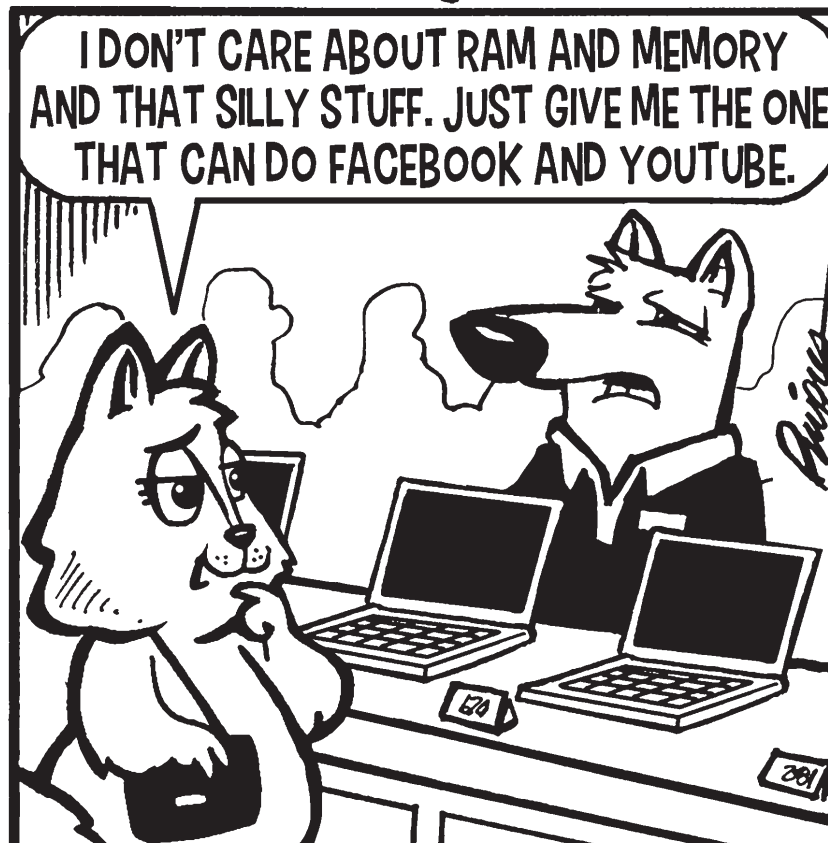
• Each serving equals: 188 calories, 8g fat, 17g protein, 12g carb., 457mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 Vegetable, 1/2 Starch.

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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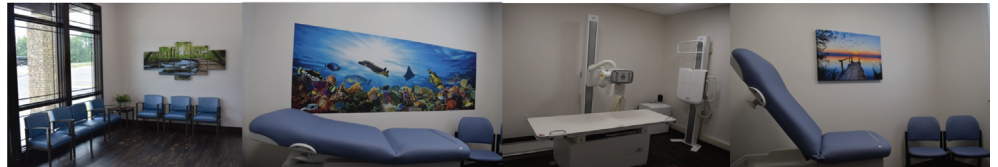
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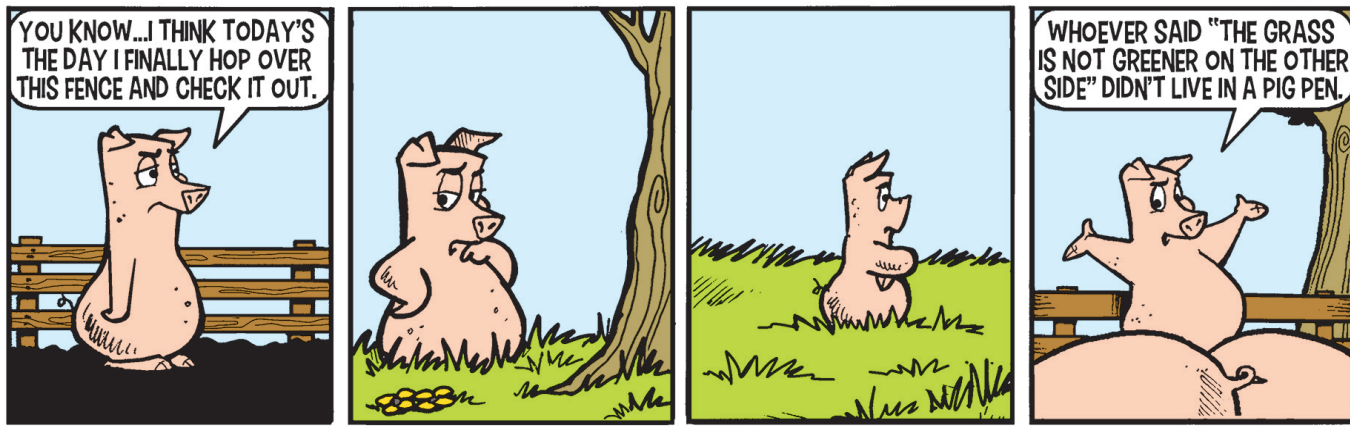
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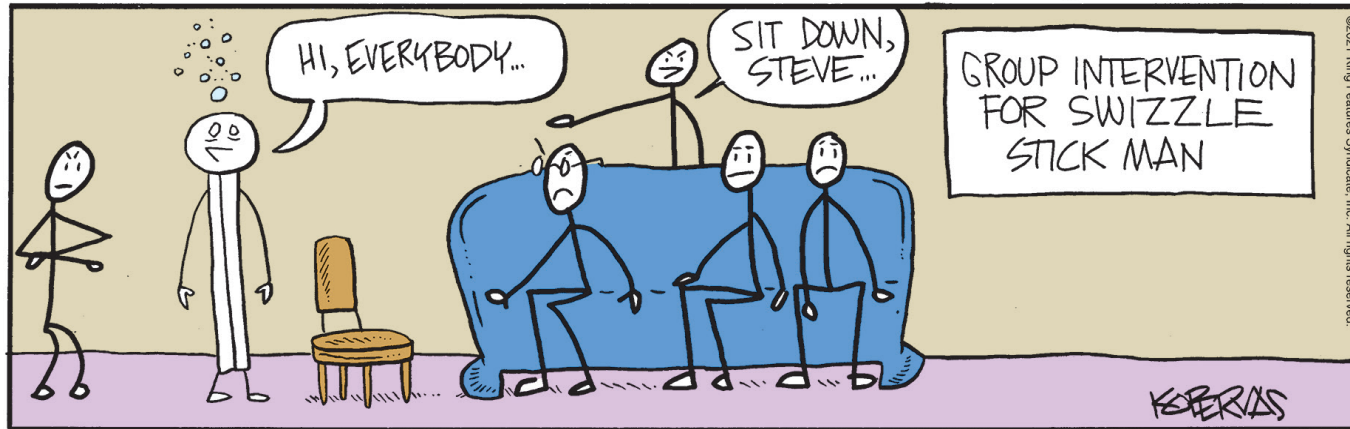
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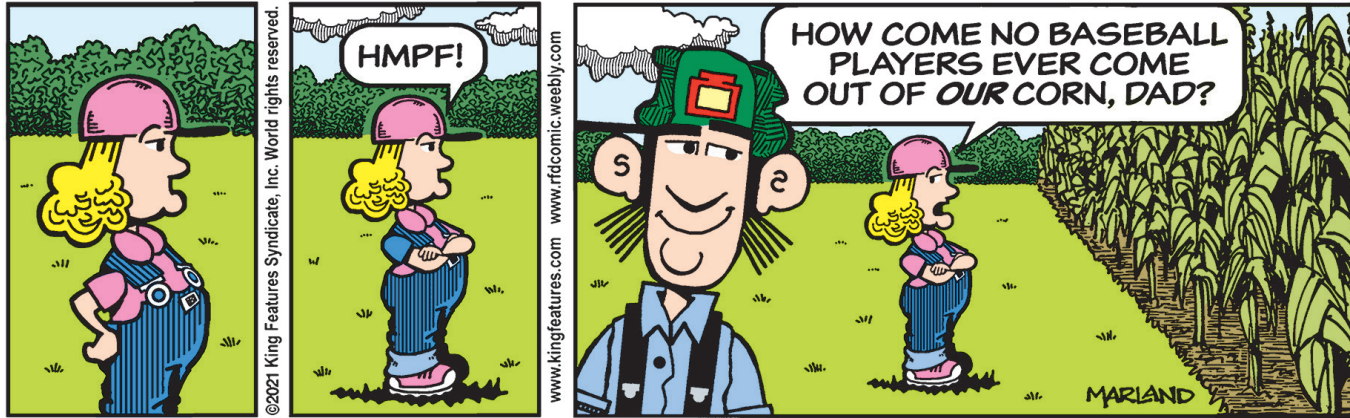
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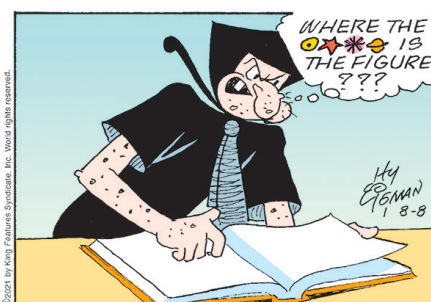
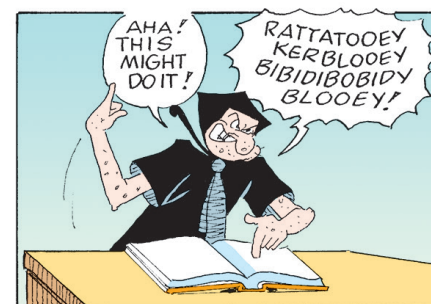
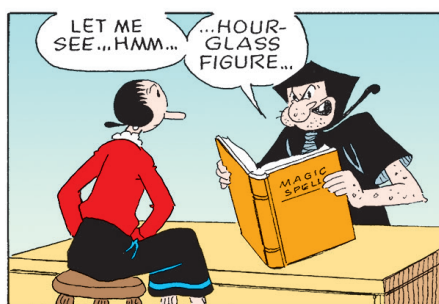
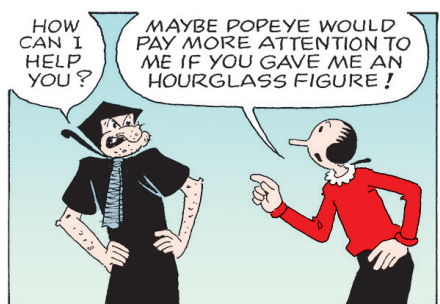
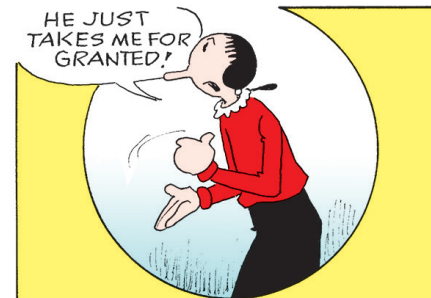
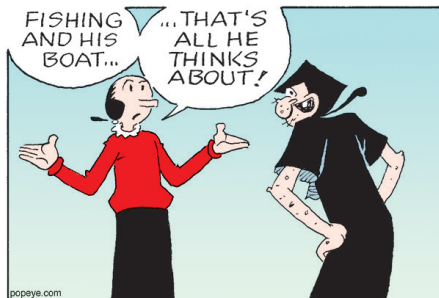
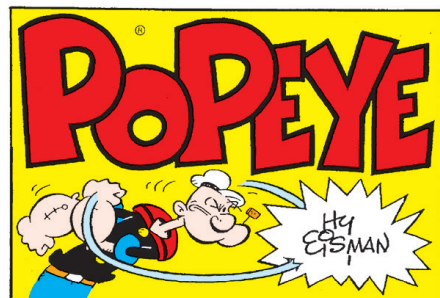
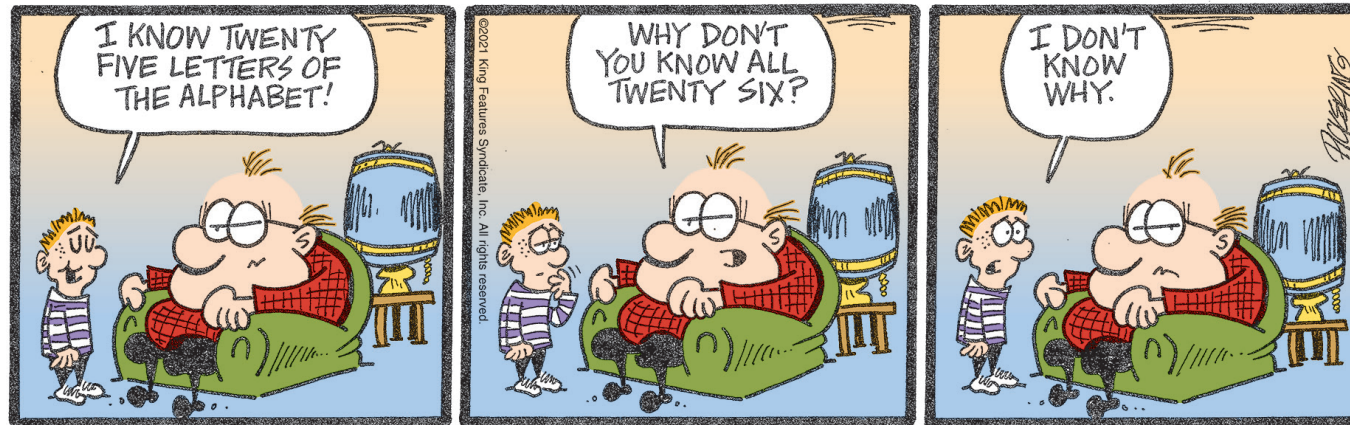
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# MOMENTS IN TIME

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\* On Sept. 2, 31 B.C., at the Battle of Actium, Roman leader Octavian wins a decisive victory against the forces of Mark Antony and Cleopatra, queen of Egypt. Antony and Cleopatra broke through the enemy lines and fled to Egypt, where they would later commit suicide.

\* On Sept. 5, 1666, firefighters in London begin blowing up homes in a desperate attempt to halt the spread of a great fire in the city. By the time the fire was finally extinguished, more than 100,000 people had been left homeless.

\* On Sept. 3, 1935, a new land-speed record is set by Britain's Sir Malcolm Campbell on the Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah. Campbell and his 2,500-horsepower Bluebird motor car made two runs over a 1-mile course at speeds averaging over 301 mph.

\* On Aug. 31, 1959, Brooklyn Dodgers left-hander Sandy Koufax strikes out 18 batters, setting a new National League record for most strikeouts in a single game.

\* On Aug. 30, 1963, a "hot line" between Moscow and Washington goes into effect to speed communication between U.S. and the Soviet Union and help prevent the possibility of an accidental war. Although never used, it did provide a useful prop for movies about nuclear disaster, such as "Fail Safe" and "Dr. Strangelove."

\* On Sept. 4, 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz wins his seventh gold medal at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich in the 400-meter medley relay. He set world records in every event. Spitz's record would stand until Michael Phelps took home eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Games.

\* On Sept. 1, 1983, Soviet jet fighters shoot down a Korean Airlines passenger flight in Russian airspace, killing all 269 passengers and crew. The KAL flight had veered into a course that was close to one being simultaneously flown by a U.S. spy plane.



# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## The Biden Blowout is Just Beginning

A trillion dollars used to be a lot of money, even in Washington. Now, a trillion-dollar spending bill is a trifle barely worth arguing over and the stuff of bipartisan consensus.

Oscar Wilde famously said that nothing succeeds like excess, but even he might blanch at the shameless profligacy that is America's new normal.

In their wisdom, Senate Republicans decided to help President Joe Biden pass a portion of his blow-out fiscal agenda, a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill that is a prelude to an even bigger, vastly more consequential \$3.5 trillion reconciliation bill.

The infrastructure bill itself is, as fiscal analyst Brian Riedl of the Manhattan Institute notes, "one of the largest non-emergency spending bills of the past 50 years."

Republicans told themselves that only about half, \$550 billion, is new spending, and that by going along they can take the heat off of Democratic moderates Kyrsten Sinema and Joe Manchin, who are being constantly pressured to ditch the filibuster.

Perhaps, but there's no doubt that the GOP has blessed, and lent a bipartisan imprimatur, to a portion of the president's hoped-for historic spending spree. In so doing, they have taken at least a little ownership of an agenda they should want no part of.

Republicans will have much less influence, and perhaps none, on the next spate of spending, which is the so-called "soft" infrastructure (aka, a wish list of progressive social programs) after the "hard" infrastructure in the bipartisan bill (roads, bridges, rail).

Under the reconciliation process, tax and spending bills evade the filibuster in the Senate, so Democrats can pass whatever they want so long as they hold all 50 of their senators.

The sheer numbers here are jaw dropping. Including the \$1.9 trillion so-called COVID-19 relief bill from earlier this year, Biden wants to spend nearly \$6 trillion in three measures passed within months of each other. In 2019, by point of comparison, the entire federal budget was \$4.4 trillion (and at the time, President Trump wasn't exactly tightening the country's fiscal belt).

The tide of new spending will add to already extraordinary levels of red ink.

The White House projects that the U.S. debt will reach 109.7% of GDP this year, higher than at the end of World War II when we had abandoned all fiscal restraint to win an existential struggle against two expansionistic totalitarian empires.

The Senate instructions for the reconciliation bill say that only half of it has to be paid for. Democrats will claim a dog's breakfast of purported savings and painless revenue increases, but the bulk of the new dollars will have to come from a tax increase that easily could rank as one of the biggest ever.

The parameters of the reconciliation bill were crafted by the socialist chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, Bernie Sanders, and it shows.

The priorities read like crib notes from his old presidential campaigns. The bill would add new government programs for the young and the old, from universal pre-K to tuition-free community college, to family and medical leave, to expansions of Obamacare and Medicare.

It would make a big nod to the Green New Deal with a slew of new clean energy initiatives, including "smart agriculture" and "environmental justice," and the creation of a Civilian Climate Corps, a climate-alarmist homage to FDR.

It is a sign of the insane ambition of Biden's Democrats that they hope as well to include a sweeping amnesty for illegal immigrants in the bill, a measure that is sure to be struck by the Senate parliamentarian on procedural grounds.

Relatively moderate Democrats in the Senate and the House, where the party also has little margin for error, have grumbled about the size of the reconciliation bill. It will be up to them to decide whether the party steps back from the precipice or goes all-in on Biden-Sanders fiscal radicalism.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Fabric Blooms Brighten Back-to-School Wardrobe

There's flower power in kids' and their moms' imaginations. Just ask Robyn Anderson, busy mom of three active daughters.

"I love fabric and can't get enough of prints, stripes and dots," she said as she unveiled before me piles of trendy cotton yardage she has collected here and there. "If I see clothing and accessories in the store that look simple and cute, I say to myself, 'Now I can make that!'"

Her latest inspiration blossomed when she and her 6-year-old daughter, Ocean, noticed flower-shaped fabric hair clips and embellishments in fall's back-to-school fashion. Layered petal-shaped fabric pinched together with buttons and an added clasp or pin on the back looked easy enough for them to make themselves, so they gave it a try. And yes, the blooms were a snap to make.

Get started creating adorable one-of-a-kind flower accessories too, using these simple steps. You'll soon discover that like flowers in nature, each one is unique. Once you make a few, share the creativity with other moms and their daughters for a get-together of creative and fashionable fun.

Here's what you'll need for one flower hair clip or clothing accessory:

- Paper, pencil and scissors
- Four 5-inch-by-5-inch pieces of cotton fabric or felt pieces in contrasting colors
- Fabric glue
- Button
- Hair clasp or brooch pin, available in craft stores
- Needle and thread

1. Make patterns. First, draw a

## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### Exposure Presumptives for Particulate Matter

The Department of Veterans Affairs has created a list of three presumptive conditions related to particulate matter exposure. Specifically, it will now cover asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis, but only if you served in a covered area and had one of those conditions within 10 years of leaving the military.

Locations and dates of service are specific: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War, from Sept. 19, 2001 to the present; or the Southwest Asia theater of operations, from Aug. 2, 1990 to the present. It covers Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, Red Sea and the airspace above these locations. With particulate matter exposure, they're talking about the

3-1/2-inch-wide shape on paper that resembles a three-leaf clover without the stem. (Pick clover from your yard for inspiration, or look for a perfect clover shape in a book or online. Notice that each leaf is heart-shaped as you begin drawing.) Draw two more shapes that are 2 1/2 inches and 2 inches in width.



Robyn Anderson guides her daughter, Ocean, as she cuts out a pattern for back-to-school fabric hair clips.

2. Set patterns on fabric, outline with a pencil and cut out. You'll want two 3-1/2-inch shapes.

3. Stack and arrange cut-out shapes from the two largest 3-1/2-inch shapes to the smallest to resemble a flower, gluing each layer in place at the center point. Let glue dry, then pinch the center a bit and sew a button on top through all slightly pinched layers.

4. Sew hair clasp or glue brooch pin to the center of the back of the base.

TIP: Creating and crafting with school-age kids provides ideal opportunities for teaching and practicing new skills such as using sharp scissors or threading a needle.

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Find more family fun at [www.donnaerickson.com](http://www.donnaerickson.com). Write to Donna at [Info@donnaerickson.com](mailto:Info@donnaerickson.com)

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open burn pits, in which there might have been petroleum, munitions, plastics, metal, chemicals, medical and human waste and more. In some cases, however, the exposure was sand, sand and more sand, or smoke from oil-well fires, aircraft exhaust, dust, fuel ... the list goes on. Your exposure, of course, depends on the amount of time you spent there, wind direction and the types of waste.

Check the Burn Pits page ([www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits)) and the Exposures page: ([www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures)).

It's said that if you already have a claim in for one of those illnesses, you don't have to do a thing. You'll hear back about a decision. I vote for not waiting. Don't take a chance that somebody will misplace your claim, especially if you have a claim for other conditions as well. Make a call. Or use VA Form 21-526EZ for first claims.

If you ever signed up on the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR), check to see that you're still on the list. Print out a copy and use that to submit with your claim.

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## Historically Speaking Oak Ridge's professional baseball teams – The Oak Ridge Bombers - Part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

The last Historically Speaking column concluded amid Ted Yakimchick's column, SPEAKING of SPORTS. He had just chided a Knoxville sportswriter for his article covering the professional baseball team, the Oak Ridge Bombers. Now the Oak Ridge sportswriter turns his attention to the local fans and in no uncertain terms gives them much the same raking over the coals.

"Yak" concludes with, "Let this be said here and now: This column is standing behind the Bombers, lock, stock and barrel, come you-know-what and high water. The town needs a pro ball club it's to take its place with other communities in the vicinity. Towns smaller than Oak Ridge have flourished with both professional and amateur ball."

"And while we're on our thoughts on the pro ball club, here's a suggestion to those self-interested individuals who think Oak Ridge should stick to amateur baseball only. Get off the dime, fellows. This town is bigger than you think it is. Stop riding and belittling the pro club. They deserve the same chance you've had for the past four years."

Obviously, there was tension between amateurs and professionals in Oak Ridge, huh.

In reading the research collected by Jack Bailey to help me prepare this story on Oak Ridge's professional baseball team, I also happened upon documentation of Oak Ridge's earliest ball team. It was a softball team.

The 1943 team sponsored by the USED Sunshine Fund was the first Oak Ridge team fielded and played in the Knoxville league. The abbreviation of the sponsor "USED" was used as if the author assumed this abbreviation needed no explanation. Unless it is the Special Engineer Detachment, I don't have a clue. Even then, what does the "U" stand for? Readers, do you have any idea?

Ted Yakimchick said the team was formed BEFORE the town was named Oak Ridge! He named the following players on that original USED softball team, "Members of the old team still at Oak ridge can be counted on one hand... Bill (Clem) Hatfield, now with AIT (I am sure that acronym meant something at the time), Benedict (Nature Boy) Rowland, now a Carbidier, Frank Blakely, John Cardwell, and the writer..."

"Yak" went on to say, "That 1943 softball season definitely took its toll among the aforementioned Oak Ridgers. Hatfield hasn't played softball since then, having retired in favor of poker; Rowland has since taken to coaching girls' basketball teams; and Blakely, Cardwell and the author are barely holding up in slow pitch ball... time marches on!"

Now back to the first professional baseball team in Oak Ridge. The Bombers continued to struggle to gain acceptance and fan support. A telling indicator of the typical Oak Ridge attitude that may even remain today is found in the following observation from a newspaper column, "Just out of curiosity we asked several dyed-in-the-wool baseball fans why Oak Ridgers weren't giving more support to the Bombers.

The answers all seemed to have the same ring, which indicated there might be more truth than fiction in 'em. Oak Ridgers, says the man in the bleacher, have had nearly everything they've wanted for practically nothing all these years, and when it comes time to pay for something for a change, they pull the zipper on the pocketbook." Insightful, huh!

On June 6, 1948, the Oak Ridge Times (having replaced the Oak Ridge Journal), reported on an unusual home run, "The fence surrounding Oakwood Park will now provide a yardstick for measuring the prodigiousness of home run clouts. To the best of our knowledge and memory, the most distant blow ever witnessed at the Oakwood lot came off the bat of Ron Northey, chunky ex-Philadelphia Phillie now with the St. Louis Cards, when he appeared with the Moore General Hospital team several years ago. There used to be a

scoreboard in deep right field, and the last time the Northey smash was seen it was beyond the board and still gaining altitude. Someone said the ball landed in the Clinch (river) just below the Elza railroad bridge" (Now, Jack Bailey observed that this little exaggeration amounted to a stretch of the home run distance of about two miles!)

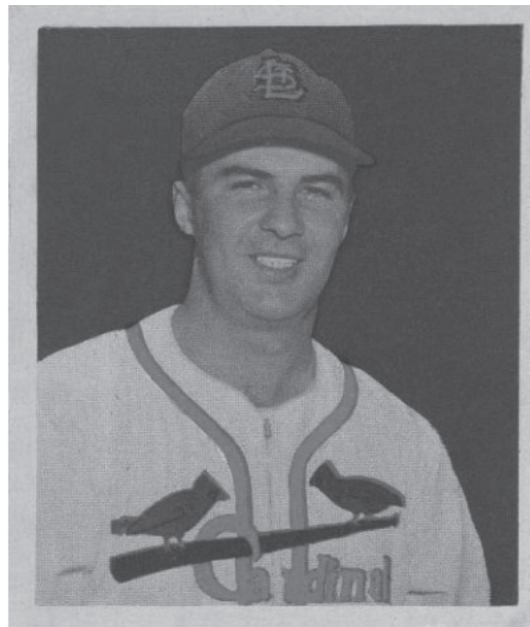
There was another renowned home run hitter that Jack Bailey told me about when we were discussing Ron Northey. Like Ron Northey, this hitter was also a left-handed power hitter. However, he had a most unusual name, Bill "Swish" Nicholson. He was called "Swish" because of his habit of quickly swinging his bat just before the pitch.



An Ed Westcott image in *The Oak Ridge Times* of March 11, 1948, records the decision to take the Oak Ridge Bombers to Hazard, Kentucky. The original caption read: "They don't work here anymore. Bill Luttrell, treasurer, Eddie friar, vice president, and Bob Broome, president, with the pen, are shown making final arrangements to move their Bombers, pro baseball team, from Oak Ridge to Hazard, Kentucky. The reason for leaving was given as lack of support from the fans. The team will not play in Oak Ridge again. (Times photo by Westcott)." (Photo Submitted)



Hobe Brummitt as pictured in the *Oak Ridge Times* of June 6, 1948 (Photo Submitted)



Baseball card featuring Ron Northey, power hitter who played an exhibition game in Oak Ridge and knocked the longest home run in memory at Oakland Park, later Yearwood Park. (Photo Submitted)

Another interesting note about the Bombers was the manager, Hobe Brummitt. He sparked the ire of fans and often seemed to be into it with the umpires. In Newport, fans threw pop bottles at him. It was said that none of the other teams' players or the other Mountain States League cities had any love for ole Hobe. He had been active in baseball for 25 years when he came to manage the Bombers.

An example of Hobe getting thrown out of the game, and then even out of the ballpark happened when Umpire "Red Russell was said to have "added color to the game" when in the seventh inning he ejected Bomber manager Hobe Brummitt from the ball game. The trouble all started when catcher Fernandez caught a pop foul and when relaying the ball to Pinky Doyle, dropped it. Umpire Russell made the decision that Fernandez dropped the ball, and the batter was not out. Russell tossed Brummitt off the playing field and later out of the park.

By June 9, 1948, barely three months after the team officially came to Oak Ridge, news had it that the Bombers, even while leading the league, might pull out of Oak Ridge because of "financial difficulties." Read that "low gate!" The largest audience to see them play was 800. Oak Ridge then had a population of 35,000 and was the largest city in the Mountain State League.

By June 10, 1948, while not yet officially revealed, the scuttlebutt on the street had it that the Bombers would be leaving Oak Ridge even before another home game. They were rumored to be transferring to Hazard, Kentucky, a town with a population of only 15,000.

When officially announced, Bombers President bob Broome explained, "Our gate receipts have been far below the minimum required to support a professional baseball team... and we felt justified in making this move."

Broome further commented that he knew the team would have a tough time in Oak Ridge as the amateur clique had tried hard to keep them out of Oak Ridge and also Oak Ridgers had a background of four years of free, or dirt cheap, at most, admissions to athletic events at Oak Ridge. So, he was not surprised that the effort to bring a professional baseball team to Oak Ridge had not succeeded in the long run.

Old "Yak" laid into Oak Ridgers in his column of June 18, 1948, when he said, "The plight of the Oak Ridge Bombers is a good example of what governmental subsidy leads to. The Bombers, as a free enterprise movement, can't compete with the Santa Claus parties the Government is sponsoring at Oak Ridge to keep the A-bomb makers contented. Perhaps if the baseball team remained at Oak Ridge, there would have come a government plan to pay the Oak Ridge 'fans' regular wages for nine innings and time and a half for all extra innings, and double time for Sunday games. Oak Ridgers then would fill the park."

Thus ended the first attempt to bring a professional baseball team to Oak Ridge, but it was tried again a few years later with a team named the Oak Ridge Pioneers... Ah, but that is yet another Historically Speaking story!

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# Coal Dust: Caught in the Act!



**Terry Futrell**  
Author

*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*

Colossians 3:20 ESV

We were taught in Sunday School to always obey our parents. Being the good boy that I was, I was always obedient to my parents. Well – not quite! There were times that parental instruction just seemed to get in the way of

something that I really wanted to do at the time. No matter how hard I tried to be obedient, it was sometimes counter to my desire to have fun. However, I learned at an early age that my misdeeds could not long stay hidden.

Soon after my dad began working at the K-25 Plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, my mother bought me a new suit. It was blue and white and made me look quite spiffy as a four-year-old. After church one Sunday, my mother very directly told me to change out of my suit before going out to play. Perhaps I intended to be obedient and just forgot. Perhaps the temptation to immediately go out and play was just too great. Whatever the reason, I immediately went outside to play wearing my new suit.

Another benefit of my dad’s new job was replacement of the old ice box with a new electric refrigerator. Remnants of the discarded ice box still lay just beyond the yard – there was no garbage pickup in our community, nor was there even a dump to take garbage to – it typically just piled up somewhere on the property.

Well, the old ice box laying just beyond the yard was great to hide behind when playing hide and seek, or “whoopy hide” as we called it. But, that old ice box had some sharp edges, just the right kind to really mess up a new suit. Sure enough, my playtime soon ended with a rather significant snag in my new suit. I had been caught in my act of disobedience.

My mother was not pleased at all! In retrospect, I think she was hurt more by the loss of the suit than she was by my



*Terry’s greatest act of disobedience resulted in a serious bicycle wreck with injuries.*

disobedience. She was a woman whose husband and children were her basis for existence and she had taken so much pride in how good her son looked in the new suit.

My next great misadventure growing out of disobedience came when I was about thirteen years old. My parents left us kids at home to go somewhere. Their final instruction to me was “Don’t go out on the road on that bicycle after dark!” Well, I reasoned that it wasn’t quite dark when I headed down the road in front of our house on my bicycle. After all, other kids in the neighborhood were there riding their bicycles, so it couldn’t be too dark or dangerous.

I soon found out that it was just dark enough for me not to see the piece of brick laying in the roadway. I didn’t see it, but I sure did find it as I went flying over the bicycle handlebars to land face-first on the hard gravel roadway. There I was, hurt and in much pain, but with no parents at home. I suffered a deep gash in my upper lip, but thanks to the obvious hardness of my head, it didn’t seem to be busted open – not even cracked!

So, there I sat on our front porch in pain and bloodied until my parents came home, my sense of dread increasing by the moment as I wondered how I would face them in the light of my disobedience.

My parents eventually arrived home to find they had an injured son that had to be dealt with. In those days, Dr. Fred Stone ran a small clinic in Oliver Springs, and he was available to see emergency patients during the evenings. So, my parents took me to Oliver Springs to see Dr. Stone, who cleaned the gash on my lip and attempted to remove all the fine particles of gravel. I’m not sure that he was completely successful because it felt for years afterward that I still had a small piece of gravel within my upper lip. I certainly had a scar as a vivid reminder of my disobedience, and still have it to this day.

Looking back on the times that I ignored the instructions of my parents and was caught in an act of disobedience, I can only conclude that there really are no secrets in life, only truth not yet discovered!

## Community Calendar

Freels 55TH Reunion

Will be held August, 21st at 10:30 a.m. at Frozen Head State Park. There will be shelter, live music, games, and history of the Freels family. Bring a covered dish, please. There will be grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. This will be the 55th family reunion so bring old pictures. Prizes will be given to the youngest and the oldest and the one who traveled the furthest.

The Morgan County Highway Department will have a portion of Camp Austin Rd. in Oakdale closed for a small bridge replacement approximately 1 mile North to North West from the intersection of Johnson Rd. (also known as Imogene Johnson Rd.) and Camp Austin Rd. Construction on this bridge replacement project will begin on August 23, 2021. A completion date hasn’t been determined yet. For any questions please give our office a call at (423) 346-6661.

Notice of Change in Citizens Gas Board Meeting  
Notice is hereby made to the Public that the Board of Commissioners’ Meeting of Citizens Gas Utility District, regularly scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. is changed to Monday, August 30, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Helenwood Office in Scott County, TN.

### NOTICE

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
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Pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of its Bylaws, the Board of Directors for Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. would like to invite its membership and the news media to attend a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Headquarters Building in Sunbright, Tennessee. You are cordially invited to attend and share with the Board your comments or concerns.

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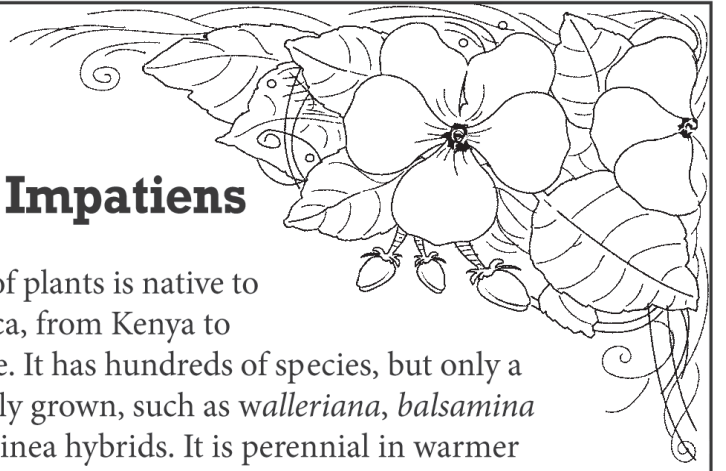
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This family of plants is native to eastern Africa, from Kenya to Mozambique. It has hundreds of species, but only a few are widely grown, such as *walleriana*, *balsamina* and New Guinea hybrids. It is perennial in warmer climates, but treated as an annual where winters are cold. Its dazzling array of sizes, shapes and colors keep it popular.

- Brenda Weaver

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## Whip Up a Fluffy Cloud of Happiness

Look at this dessert! It's a Pavlova, named after legendary Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova after touring Australia and New Zealand in the 1920s. It's a texture lover's dream, with meringue that's crispy outside and marshmallow-soft inside, blanketed with lightly sweetened whipped cream and topped with luscious ripe berries.

Did I mention it's stunningly beautiful? It's like a fluffy cloud of happiness, and I kinda want to face-plant into one right now.

This is one of those wonderful "secret weapon" dessert recipes to have in your repertoire. It looks amazingly elegant, complicated and totally fancy pants. But, it's surprisingly easy and quite inexpensive. Shhh ... don't tell anyone!

**MIXED BERRY PAVLOVA**

**Yield:** 8 servings **Active Time:** 15 minutes **Total Time:** 2¼ hours

**What You'll Need:****For Meringue:**

- 4 egg whites, at room temperature
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

**For Whipped Cream:**

- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

**To Assemble:**

1 pint berries, sliced

**Here's How:**

1. Preheat oven to 300 F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. (To make sure your finished meringue will fit on your serving dish, use your plate as a template, and draw a circle on the paper with a pencil.)

2. In the bowl of a stand mixer (or a bowl and hand mixer), beat room-temperature egg whites and cream of tartar until soft peaks form. Gradually add 1 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating continuously at medium-high speed until sugar is dissolved and stiff peaks form. (This will take about five minutes. At stiff peaks, the



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Pavlova is a show-stopping summer dessert.

meringue will look gorgeously glossy and hold sharp, distinct points if lifted with a spoon.) Add the vanilla and blend once more.

3. Spoon meringue onto the prepared cookie sheet, using the circle as your guide. Build up sides with the back of the spoon leaving a depression in the middle. Place in 300 F degree oven, and immediately reduce heat to 250 F. Bake for 60 minutes, then *without opening the oven*, turn the heat OFF and let it sit in the closed oven for another hour. Let cool. Carefully remove the meringue from the paper and place on a serving plate.

**To serve** — Whip the cream to soft peaks, adding 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Fill the center of the meringue with whipped cream and top with berries. Serve immediately, to great accolades.

**For individual pavlovas** — Follow the directions above but divide the meringue into 6 or 8 portions. Use a spoon to shape small circles with a dip in the center to hold toppings.

**MERINGUE TIPS**

— Make absolutely certain that no egg yolk gets into the whites, because any trace of fat prevents them from whipping up. Use metal or glass bowls, not plastic. Fresh eggs make better meringue. Choose a dry day to make your meringues, otherwise they'll suck up whatever moisture is in the air and never quite set up properly.

— You know those pasteurized egg whites sold in cartons? You can't make meringue with them. The heat of the pasteurization process damages the proteins of the egg, so they can't create the volume needed to make a stable meringue. Want to guess how I learned that?

— No cream of tartar? No problem. Substitute an equal amount of lemon juice. Lemon juice is an acid and cream of tartar is an acidic byproduct from the process of making wine. Adding acid to the egg whites strengthens the egg foam and helps prevent collapsing.

While pavlova is guaranteed to impress, it's easy enough to make just because. And you deserve it.

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# The Stumbling Block



**John Burns**  
*Opinion Columnist*

The church of modern Pergamos is alive and well. You will know them by their theosophy. They are identified as the seat of Satan on earth. They separate the Old Testament from the New Testament, and they separate God's children Israel from their inheritance. They cast a stumbling block before the people known as Jews, and they are devoutly antisemitic.

Replacement theology was the Roman answer to Christian persecution. After John the apostle had died of natural causes in Ephesus, Romanized gentile clergy began a gnostic heresy. Augustine, Clement of Rome, and many more Romanized men, began teaching that God had replaced Israel and the Jewish people with Christianity gleaned only from the pages of the New Testament. They began the cult of the Nicolaitans. These men have done the most damage to the modern denominational church experience.

At the heart of this heresy is eugenics. This is an ancient philosophy begun by Greek stoic writers claiming they were the well born stock. All other people are inferior in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. They sought to control thought as it pertained to all things about God. What is the foundation for this unforgivable heresy?

In Revelation 3 we have Christ, using the model of Baalim to teach us where it began. Numbers 22 introduces the world to the Mesopotamian prophet Baalim. Jesus Christ uses him to establish the fact that socio-political-racist elite men were separating Jewish believers from their inheritance in Christ. Salvation is of the Jew first and then the Greek. Salvation has never been earned, it is imputed. The Jews have the same way back to God as Gentile unbelievers. The cross of Christ.

Baalim was hired for money to curse the fledgling nation of Israel as they wandered in the Midian desert after God delivered them from Egyptian bondage. Baalim has a name that is a duality. He was a Gentile prophet who was asked to curse God's people. He was offered incredible wealth and power if he would cast a curse on God's children. Preachers today, are the modern seat of Satan on earth if their teachings continue what Baalim started in Midian. God has not changed on how he views the nation of Israel.

The name Israel is God's way of saying how he views every person in history. Israel was the name God gave Jacob the deceiver once God had justified him according to faith. Israel translates as one who wrestles with God and wrestles with men. That is my struggle. I wrestle with the thought of both, and I discern how God sees me through the eyes of the entire two-edged sword of the word of God. I cannot understand the grace of God offered on Calvary until I understand the mercy God continually offered Israel in the Old Testament. Mercy will always be the mechanism in our lives by which God will reward you with grace. Western Greek seminaries are complicit in this heresy. I have applied to 19 of them. When I visit their president of the seminary, I always ask for their organized systemized theology. I ask them if they teach Israelology? I have yet to receive God's answer. Israel makes up 87% of the Bible's content. Why do they not teach a potential minister of God's plan about his people? The answer is simple. Eugenic racism.

Money from government subsidies and tax breaks has kept them in a state of bondage. It was silent denominational pulpits that allowed the Holocaust and the same preachers are silent again. They are scared to stand up for the nation of Israel and the remnant of Jewish believers God has protected here in America. Their days are numbered.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. These men and women fear the government more than righteous judgement. They fear losing monetary market share more than they fear God for not leading people away from eugenics. They create doctrines that are not based in Hebrew hermeneutics. Their theories of interpretation are all Western. The Bible is an Eastern book. Not one writer of the Bible was not Jewish. The Old Testament is the New Testament revealed, and the New Testament is the Old Testament concealed. It is one book. Whoever adds to or takes away from the words of the prophecy of this book, God will add to him the plagues contained there-in.

God knew what Baalim was up to. Baalim left Mesopotamia after being offered money to curse Israel. Modern preachers accept wages for their message. Their Churches follow an American business model that God did not establish.

The only person to earn a wage from Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection was Judas! God will get the last laugh.

Baalim was intercepted by an angelic messenger on his way to cursing Israel. His donkey could see the angel, why could he not? He was blinded by greed. A man who once heard from God and prophesied to those living in the Pagan world, was now willing to accept a wage for the message God had given him. Baalim was a tough nut to crack. What was God's response to Baalim's unbelief?

God sent a Jackass to warn Baalim. He is using me as a modern donkey to the pastors, preachers, and teachers as to their ignorance to all things Israel. I believe their antisemitism and ancestor worship keeps them from believing the entire message of God's word. 1 Chronicles 12:32 reminds us that the children of Issachar knew the times and the seasons as it pertained to Israel. Prophecy is a pattern and these men will ignore the times to keep their income as pastors and preachers, just like the Pharisees and Sadducees.

We are living in the times the Bible says more about than even the times Jesus Christ walked the earth. Israel is back in the land and prospering. Our current President is antisemitic. He has advanced policies that will condemn America to the abandonment wrath of God. I suspect the American economy will collapse on Elul 29 in the year 2022 just like the Bible says. We have gone the way of Baalim and repentance is required or all your church services will amount to nothing. The seven year tribulation awaits all those who curse Israel as a nation and all those who deny anyone salvation alone in Yeshua ha Messiah.

Racism and Eugenics are an ancient paradigm. They are present in modern Christian churches and the most dangerous doctrine for anyone claiming faith in Jesus Christ is replacement theology. It makes God a liar and it nullifies every covenant that God says were eternal. Genesis 12 is the nucleus for receiving blessing in this life or the next. He who blesses the children of Abraham will be blessed and he who curses the children of Abraham would be cursed. Forever. God cannot learn and God cannot Lie. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He will soon be instructed to go retrieve me, his bride, at the sound of the trumpet. I will fulfill God's will for my life calling Christians out of these heretical churches to help them receive all the precious promises God offered to every person ever born of a woman if they would believe his entire WORD!

That word became flesh and dwelt among us. He is the subject of every scripture ever written. He is Jewish and he desires to redeem all who would believe to the Jew first and then the Greek. Become a Berean Christian and study scripture every day to find out if what I am saying is true. God warned the Hebrews that he does not dwell in houses made with human hands. He Loves you so much he wrote you a book that is your warranty deed over your entire life. The anointing you receive from him is real, not counterfeit, you do not need anyone to teach you. Get out of antisemitic heretical churches and get into your bible. Your life will never be the same and your salvation will become one where God's power manifests in the lives of your loved ones.

He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood.

Even so come Lord Jesus Christ 7-25-2021

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## Romans 15

Romans (15:1-13) unity and Christ's example: after discussing the potential conflict between the weak and strong, it is only natural that Paul should emphasize the need for unity within the body of Christ. Clearly, the greater degree of responsibility will rest upon the stronger. They must divest themselves of any vestige of self-centeredness and help bear the infirmities of themselves of any vestige of self-centeredness and help bear the infirmities of the weak. The infirmities result from their lack of perception of the difference between essentials and nonessentials. Those who seek to put others first contribute to the building up of the church. Christ is the supreme example of subordinating himself to others, as reflected in Psalm 69:9; he suffered the consequences of humanity's hostility toward God. Can we not, to a far lesser degree, suffer inconveniences for other (v. 3).

While the Old Testament law was cancelled by the death of Christ, there still are hundreds of valuable lessons to be learned from that library of sacred literature. In fact, those things were written for our learning that through those examples we might develop endurance. Additionally; through the comfort of the Scriptures, we embrace a greater sense of hope (v. 4). God himself is most patient with us, and from that we ought to gain comfort, thus being patient with one another according to the will and example of Christ (v. 5). It is tremendously important that Christians operate with a united front, speaking the same thing, that God may be glorified. Therefore, receive each other just as Christ received you (v. 6-7).

Jesus did not come for one segment of the human family to the exclusion of the other. He came to serve the Jews, thus fulfilling God's promise to the fathers, and likewise to the Gentiles, that they might glorify God for his mercy (v. 8-9). Four citations from the Old Testament---two from Psalms, one from Deuteronomy, one from Isaiah---are cited to show that this unity was to find its fruition in the church of Jesus Christ (v. 9-12). The absurd notion that these texts must await their fulfillment in the so-called "millennial reign" of Christ is utterly without support and would have had no compelling force in Paul's plea. "May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace by your faith (which comes by listening to his word) (10:17) as you, by this means, are empowered by the Holy Spirit."

(Romans 15:14-21) Paul's reason for writing: as emphasized earlier (1:8), the Christians in Rome had a wonderful, widely acclaimed reputation throughout the empire. Paul, therefore, had confidence in them as godly people. He believes they are "good" (prone to kindness) and "knowledgeable" (skilled in Christian graces), and therefore are qualified to admonish one another---likely toward unity in the Lord. Paul writes with the authority of an apostle but with the heart of a brother in Christ, a partaker of the same grace both shared. He reminds them of their common bond and of his divinely appointed ministry of bringing the gospel of God to the Gentiles. He draws the picture of a priest offering sacrifice to God (v. 16). He hopes his work among the Gentiles is accepted since they have been "sanctified" by the Holy Spirit, by means of the gospel and their response to the same (Eph. 5:26). Paul gives glory to God for his role in this matter (v.17). There is no direct operation of the Spirit in the sanctification process.

While others are worthy of praise for their work on behalf of Christ, for his present purpose he will discuss only matters pertaining to himself. Note again that the Gentiles' acceptance by God depended upon their obedience, as motivated by Paul's

ministry in word and work (v. 18), both of which were empowered by the Holy Spirit by means of signs and wonders (v. 19), His ministry had spanned from Jerusalem in the east to Illyricum (formerly Yugoslavia) in the west---some fourteen hundred miles. In this region he had "fully" proclaimed the gospel, attempting to focus his efforts where others had not preached. He was a trail-blazer, not a trail-follower (v.20).

Paul quoted from a messianic portion of Isaiah (52:15). It speaks of the Gentiles who had not been exposed to a direct preparation for the coming Messiah, as the Jews had. Later, however, through his ministry in particular, they were able to "see" and to "understand." Two important points: (a) Understanding is necessary for the reception of the gospel (Jn. 6:44-45; Mk. 16:15-16). (b) Isaiah's prophecy points to the Gentiles' acceptance of the gospel in the Christian age, not to the Lord's Second Coming (as some speculate).

Romans 15:22-29) travel plans: Paul had wanted to visit the Roman saints many times but had been hindered. Since he had so thoroughly evangelized the region mentioned above, he proposed a journey to Spain. En route he would plan to stop in Rome. These saints would refresh his soul by their zeal, and perhaps even help him financially on his further missionary travels (v.24; Tit. 3:1-3). But before he could come, he must complete his trip to Jerusalem from where he was in Greece (Acts 20:2). He was conveying a contribution from churches in Macedonia and Achaia to the poor among the Jerusalem saints (v. 25-26). Little did he realize that from the time of this letter until his arrival in Rome, it would be some four years, and the trip would not be without great difficulty. He would visit them bound with a "chain" (Acts 28:20).

The mostly Gentile saints in Achaia and Macedonia had taken pleasure in sending this gift, for they felt under obligation to their Jewish brothers for the gospel. They had been spiritually blessed; it was but a small matter to return the favor with material support (v.27). When this task was accomplished, he would travel on to Spain and likewise visit with them. He was confident that in so doing he would be richly blessed by Jesus (v. 28-29). The trip from Corinth, eastward to Jerusalem, and then from Jerusalem back westward, and finally on to Spain, would involve about three thousand miles. The tough apostle was a tireless traveler. We complain about four or five-hour jet flight!

(Romans 15:30-33) a request for prayers: Paul believed in the power of prayer---his own and those of his brothers in Christ---for he urged his fellow saints to "agonize" with him in prayer, be motivated by their faith in Christ and love of the Spirit. Surely these words cannot be read without thinking of the Holy Spirit as a personality! The apostle's prayer had a three-fold thrust: (a) that he might be delivered from the "disobedient" Jews in Judaea; (b) that this contribution he was bringing from Gentile Christians would be graciously received by the Jewish saints in Jerusalem---a potentially stressful situation; (c) that his desire to come to Rome would be granted by the will of God, and that together they would have time for "rest."

In the apostle's case: (a) He was delivered from the disobedient in Judaea (Acts 21:30). (b) The Jewish brethren did receive him and the gift from the Gentiles "gladly" (Acts 21:17). (c) Paul was permitted to go to Rome (Acts 25:11), but unable to enjoy the rest for which he longed; he remained under house arrest (28:20) for the following two years (28:30).

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# Column IRS Error In Recent Notice



David Zubler  
Columnist

The IRS has sent about 5 million “math error notices” that neglected to inform people of their full legal rights, according to an update from the Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS). The letters were sent to inform people of corrections the IRS made to their tax returns. However, the IRS did not inform taxpayers that they only have 60 days to dispute the error in question.

“Omission of this critical piece of information was beyond just bad customer service; it was a clear infringement of a taxpayer’s right to be informed and right to a fair and just tax system,” the TAS wrote in a blog post.

According to the TAS, the faulty letters were issued to people who claimed the Recovery Rebate Credit on their tax returns. The credit was for people who didn’t get their first or second stimulus checks, or the full amount they were allowed. The credit enabled them to claim missed amounts of stimulus on their returns and receive them as part of a tax refund. Many people were mistaken about the amount of stimulus they had previously received. Consequently, there were many returns with math errors.

If you received a math error notice from the IRS, you have a right to dispute it within 60 days. An automatic abatement can be requested, during which time the IRS must reassess its correction. It’s extremely important that people are made aware of the 60-day window.

The notices sent regarding the math errors are either a CP11 Notice or a CP12 Notice. These notices do not even include the

term “math error” on them. Consequently, they are confusing to many taxpayers.

Fortunately, the IRS is giving people who received a faulty letter more time to respond. According to the TAS, the IRS will send supplemental notices to affected taxpayers and start the 60-day window over again with the new notices.

Keep in mind that even though the IRS should have informed people of the 60-day window, you will still need to resolve issues on the math error notices. If the IRS made an error with the credit, you will still need to provide documentation to prove your eligibility.

The IRS makes mistakes. If you are eligible to receive the credit with your refund, and it was denied by the IRS, you should consider your options. The options are too complex for this article. However, more information can be found about resolving your issue at the Taxpayer Advocate Service website, or you can contact a qualified tax professional.

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## SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

### We’ve Gotten Careless

If you read the news, you know there are serious questions about how well the vaccines we’re been taking actually protect against COVID. Especially worrisome is the protection they offer against the Delta variant that’s sweeping the world. Those in authority seem to be flipping a coin each day, depending on who you listen to. Some days we can throw caution to the wind and go about our business, and other days we need to continue to beware.

There’s talk of going back to the indoor mask mandates, and that’s likely one step away from again limiting the number of people allowed in

stores at one time, or so I imagine. If those things happen, it won’t be like it was in March 2020. Back then we were all scared to death. We’d spread out in the grocery aisles, staying far away from other people. We wore that mask at all times when out and about, and we respected all those 6-foot markers on the floor. We certainly didn’t sit down at a restaurant table for four and take off our masks, or head to the gym.

Now, having lived through that whole horrible year, people are tired of it all, and we’re eager for a normal life. We think that because so many people have had the vaccination, that surely we’ll be safe. I fear that this time, however, if the mask mandates come again, it will be even more dangerous than it was last year, because we’ve gotten too casual, careless and passive about our safety.

My short to-do list involves buying new masks and more hand sanitizer, renewing my grocery curbside pickup account ... and saying no to an invitation to join a dance group. How about you? Are you ready for what’s likely coming?

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## FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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1. Name the first single Lesley Gore ever released.
2. What was the name of the little boy in “Puff, the Magic Dragon”?
3. Which one-hit-wonder girl group released “Sally Go ‘Round the Roses”?
4. Who released “The Angels Listened In”?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Love can touch us one time and last for a lifetime, And never let go till we’re one.”

### Answers

1. “It’s My Party,” in 1963. The song went to No. 1, the only chart topper Gore ever had. She released five singles that year.
2. Little Jackie Paper. The lyrics were originally a poem written by a 19-year-old student. Years later his roommate, Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul & Mary, put the words to music.
3. The Jaynetts, 1963. The single’s B-side track was the instrumental version of the song.
4. The Crests, in 1959.
5. “My Heart Will Go On,” by Celine Dion in 1997. It was on the soundtrack of the movie “Titanic.” The film-score composer wanted it as an instrumental, but lyrics were written anyway. Then Celine Dion didn’t want to sing it. The song ended up as one of the best-selling singles of all time.

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## Wartburg Vs Coalfield Game Preview

By Greg Addington

Coalfield hosts Wartburg on Friday night and will begin their 91st season of football, a season that will usher in great change for a program that has had tremendous stability. The school and community are mourning the passing of brothers Keith and Jared Henry after the conclusion of what was one of the program's most successful years. The 2020 Jackets equaled the school record of 12 victories before falling to South Pittsburg in last year's Class A Semifinals.

The Bulldogs are looking to improve in 2021. Coach Kevin Human lost talented quarterback Tyler Davis to graduation but has All-State defensive lineman Perrion Cruz returning along with running backs Ethan Stedam and Konner Carpenter, wide receivers Taner Branstetter and Peyton Hooks and defensive standouts Nick Newport, Samuel McCarty, and Jubal Campbell. Damon Duncan is poised to take over the quarterback role from Davis for 2021 but has a stable of capable athletes at wide out and in the backfield supporting him.

The Yellow Jackets lost six to graduation last year including Seth Lowe, Isaac McKinney, and Dawson Nitzschke who all garnered All-State consideration. Coalfield alumni Benson Napier

and Matt Jones have returned to their alma mater and are excited at the returning talent for 2021. Cole Hines, Bryson Ridge and Landon Lowe all return and All-Region First Team honorees Hank Trail, Isaiah Sheldon, Brayden Burgess, Eyan McQueen, Nick Cagley, Hayden Hicks and Canaan Bowling all return. Expect to see Levi Mullins, Coalton Henry and AJ Henry make an impact this year.

This is the first year of the new reclassification period and while Region 2A saw no changes, there is considerable change in Region 2AA which will affect the Bulldogs. The positive move for Wartburg, Rockwood and Oneida is that the four-time defending region champions in Meigs County will now be playing in Region 3AA in 2021. On the minus side, Cumberland Gap has also moved out of the region and both teams were replaced by strong programs in York Institute and Monterey.

The team that minimizes mistakes and penalties and maximizes opportunities to reach the end zone will prevail on Friday night, and expect a typical Coalfield/Wartburg showdown in anything but a typical year for both programs. The Bulldogs are wanting to show progress and improvement in what will be Head Coach Kevin Human's fifth season in the driver's seat at Wartburg. Meanwhile Coalfield is wanting to pick up on the football field where the success of 2020 left off and show the state that Coalfield football will continue to be a force to reckon with in the Class A landscape.

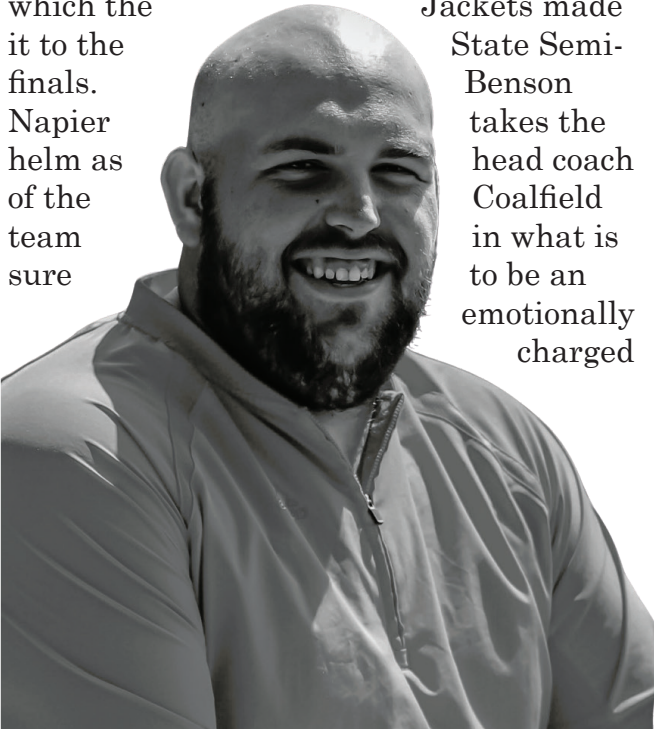


# Passing The Torch

By Terry Futrell

A new era begins for Coalfield High School football on August 20 as the Yellow Jackets take on the Wartburg Central Bulldogs at home. For the first time in 14 years, the Jackets will take the field without Head Coach Keith Henry and Defensive Coordinator Jared Henry. Both Keith and Jared passed away from complications of Covid-19 shortly after the end of their highly successful 2020 season in which the Jackets made it to the finals.

Napier takes the helm as head coach of the Coalfield team in what is sure to be an emotionally charged



game. Keith Henry led the Coalfield football program for thirteen years, with his brother Jared serving as offensive coordinator for a couple of years before becoming defensive coordinator. During that time, the Jackets achieved 115 wins with only 48 losses for a .706 winning percentage. This is second only to the .778 record of Coach Pat Cotter, who coached only one season in 1962.

Napier is a product of the Coalfield program, where he was honored as 2013 defensive lineman of the year for District 4A and named to the 2013 All-State Team for Class A. Napier's Coalfield teams won three District 4A championships and were three-time State Semifinalists. As a testimony to his toughness, Benson started in all 51 of his career games at Coalfield. After being red-shirted during his freshman year at the University of Tennessee by Coach Butch Jones, Napier transferred to Tusculum University where he had a highly successful career as an offensive lineman. Benson started in every game for the Tusculum Pioneers for four years – a

*Former Coalfield All-State performer Benson Napier begins his tenure as Head Coach of the Jackets as they face Wartburg on August 20. [Photo: Cathy Bird]*

total of 42 games. Napier's performance on the field was matched by his performance in the classroom – he maintained a 3.35 cumulative GPA while majoring in math and was named to the National Football Federation's Hampshire Honor Society.

Napier will celebrate his 26th birthday just five days before the season opener with Wartburg. Coupled with the loss of some key players to graduation, being one the youngest and least experienced head coaches in the entire area presents Napier with a tough challenge as he strives to keep the Yellow Jacket program on track. But he is not accustomed to losing, as demonstrated by the best four-year win-loss record in school history when Napier played at Coalfield. If the highly talented young Jacket team follows Napier's example, they are sure to have a successful season. A victory over the Bulldogs on opening night would be a great birthday present for the Jackets' new head coach.

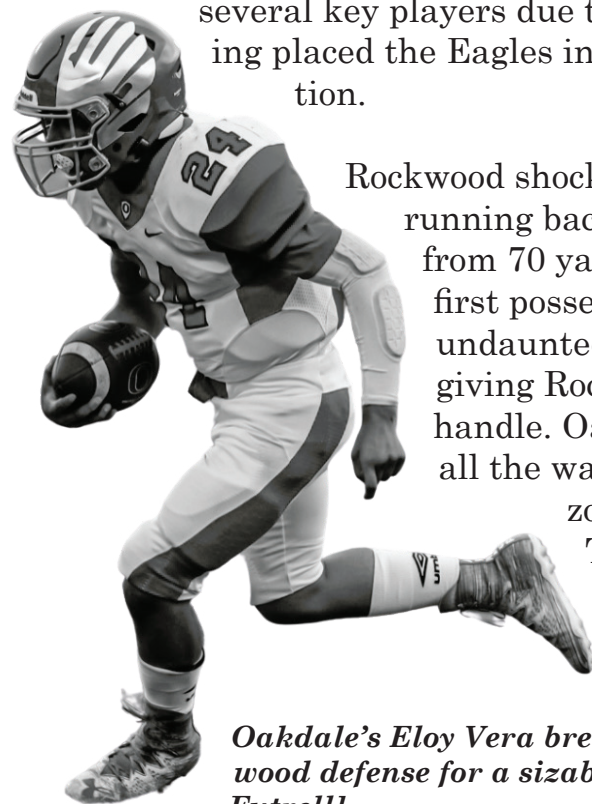
The Henry brothers will be remembered with a special memorial tribute and moment of silence during the Wartburg game, which is sure to add to the emotional impact of the game. The memorial tribute will be made even more special because both Keith's son Coalton and Jared's son Austin Jared (AJ) are members of the Jacket team.

# Oakdale Falls to Rockwood 14-0 in Jamboree

By Terry Futrell

The Oakdale Eagles showed their mettle Friday evening as they took on Class 2A Rockwood in the Roane County Jamboree at Kingston. Missing several key players who were quarantined by COVID contact tracing, the Eagles fought Rockwood head-to-head for 20 minutes, giving up scores only on two big plays by Rockwood – a 70-yard run and a 102-yard pass interception.

The Jamboree gave Eagles Coach J.R. Voyles an opportunity to assess his 2021 team against real competition under actual game conditions. It also allowed new players, such as transfer Quarterback Eli Davis, to gain valuable game experience with the team. Playing against a good 2A Rockwood team made the test even more challenging. Playing without



several key players due to COVID contact tracing placed the Eagles in an even tougher position.

Rockwood shocked the Eagles when running back Esaias Chrisco scored from 70 yards out on the Tigers first possession. The Eagles were undaunted and fought back, giving Rockwood all they could handle. Oakdale worked the ball all the way to the Rockwood red zone as Eloy Vera and Timmy Holder continued their offensive performance of the past season. The Eagles

*Oakdale's Eloy Vera breaks through the Rockwood defense for a sizable gain. [Photo: Terry Futrell]*



were threatening to score when Rockwood picked off an errant pass in the end zone and ran it back 102 yards for their second score nine minutes into the quarter. Other than these two big plays, Oakdale stood toe-to-toe with the Tigers throughout the game, giving fans an exciting 20 minutes of play that was far better than indicated by the final score.

Author Dean Koontz once said "Adversity breeds toughness, and the tough succeed. And survive." The 2021 Oakdale Eagles faced adversity against Rockwood. They demonstrated toughness in spite of that adversity. As the Eagles make a few corrections and return to full strength, they will survive and are sure to find some future success.

*Oakdale's Timmy Holder wraps up Rockwood's Brodie Webb for a loss. [Photo: Terry Futrell]*



# 2021 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

## COALFIELD

FRI AUG. 20 7:30 PM WARTBURG  
 FRI AUG. 27 7:30 PM SCOTT  
 FRI SEP. 3 7:30 PM AT HARRIMAN R  
 FRI SEP. 10 7:00 PM SUNBRIGHT R  
 FRI SEP. 17 7:30 PM AT OAKDALE R  
 FRI SEP. 24 7:30 PM GORDONSVILLE  
 FRI OCT. 1 7:30 PM AT MIDWAY R  
 FRI OCT. 8 7:30 PM GREENBACK R  
 FRI OCT. 22 7:30 PM AT OLIVER SPRINGS R  
 FRI OCT. 29 7:00 PM ONEIDA

## SUNBRIGHT

FRI AUG. 20 7:30 PM COSBY  
 FRI SEP. 3 7:30 PM GREENBACK R  
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 FRI OCT. 15 7:30 PM MIDWAY R  
 FRI OCT. 22 7:30 PM AT WARTBURG  
 FRI OCT. 29 7:30 PM RED BOILING SPRINGS

## WARTBURG

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