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Michael Nance Columnist

Georgia, Voting Laws and the 2022 Election

Georgia is the new battleground where the republicans and democrats are engaged in a highly contested battle over the newly adopted Georgia voting law, (GA SB202).

Georgia Governor Kemp signed GA SB202 into law on March 25. The new voting law has drawn national attention and a sharp attack from the Biden Administration. The Department of Justice (DOJ) also filed a lawsuit against the State of Georgia on Friday, June 25th alleging among other things that the new law restricts voting rights.

The DOJ complaint states that one of the many reasons voter rights are impacted is: "the requirement that voters who do not have identification issued by the Georgia Department of Driver Services photocopy another form of identification in order to request an absentee ballot without allowing for use of the last four digits of a social security number for such applications;"

President Biden made several comments concerning the Georgia voting law and the fact checkers are now calling him out concerning some of his mischaracterizations.

On March 31, President Biden was interviewed by ESPN concerning the new

Georgia voting law and was quoted as saying: "You're going to close a polling place at 5 o'clock when working people just get off. This is all about keeping working folks and ordinary folks that I grew up with from being able to vote." To fact check Biden's statement reveals that this is a great example of political misdirection.

According to Fact Check.org, Biden's statement concerning closing a polling place was in reference to early voting. To be clear on this matter, the voting hours during election day have not changed. Concerning early voting, Georgia's old law stated that it "shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays." The new law clarifies the time as 9.00 AM until 5:00 pm on weekdays. But absent from the President's comments is the fact that the new Georgia law adds a mandatory weekend day for early voting, requiring two Saturdays of early voting. The previous law only required one.

The new legislation also addresses voter identification. The voters of Georgia were already required to present a photo ID when casting their ballots at the polls. The new law does expand voter identification requiring mail in voters to provide a copy of a driver's license, state ID card, or other forms of identification. So why all this fuss over the Georgia voting law?

According to an article by Politico, The Georgia voting law could affect mail-in ballots for more than 270,000 Georgians who lack identification. That is an interesting assertion considering that President Biden only carried the state by 12,670 votes. If you do the math, this could indicate that at a minimum of 257,330 people potentially voted without any form of identification. Its not hard to understand why Georgia would pursue changing their voting laws when it cannot be proven for certain who voted in the most important election of our executive branch of government.

How Georgia votes in the upcoming 2022 congressional election could create momentum that leads into the 2024 presidential election. One of the seats republicans hope to secure is that of Democratic Senator Raphael Warnock. Recently, the media is sending signals that former NFL star Hershel Walker may consider running on the republican ticket. Hershel Walker is staunchly advocated by former President Trump, and if he enters the election, he would immediately be the republican front runner. In the author's opinion how Georgia votes in 2022 will be a critical road sign into where our country is headed in 2024. I encourage everyone to join me in paying close attention to the 2022 election cycle.

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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Temperature, and Weather icon. Rows include Tue 03, Wed 04, Thu 05, Fri 06, Sat 07, Sun 08, and Mon 09.

In Loving Memory

Glenna Chaney, 78

Glenna Chaney, born August 15, 1942, moved to her eternal home on Thursday, July 29, 2021. She was the last of her 5 siblings born to Charles and Bertha Williams.

Left to mourn are her husband of 58 years, Allen; her 3 children, Averil & (Lovada) Chaney, Angie & (Rick) Howard, Jeff & (Chrissy) Chaney; 6 grandchildren, Averil Allen & (Stephanie) Chaney, Miles & (Cristiana) Chaney, Tabitha & (Junior) Gunnels, Charles & (Sonya) Newport, Rebecca Chaney and Samuel Chaney; 8 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday, July 31, 2021, at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church in Sunbright with Bro. Russel Jones, Bro. Charles Webb and Bro. David Coffman officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Zion Separate Baptist Cemetery on White Oak.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Psalms 30:5

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Glenna Chaney.

Carol Goddard, 75

Carol Goddard, age 75, of Oliver Springs passed away July 25, 2021, at home and went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She retired from the State of Tennessee Department of Corrections.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Roy and Lula Nadine Gibson; brothers, Ronnie, Roger and Danny Gibson.

She is survived by her brother, David and wife Brenda Gibson; brother Bryan Gibson; she is survived by and was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother to her son, Kevin Goddard and partner Lou Hidu,

her daughter, Karen Foster and husband, Jeff; grandson, Brandon and fiancé' Alisha and her sons, Lincoln and Noah; great grandchildren, Emily and Addison Foster and their mother, Beth.

Carol loved her dogs and companions, Charlie and Bailey.

The family will have a graveside service Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at the Petros Cemetery behind the Church of God in Petros.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Carol Lynn Goddard.

Rossie "Ross" Lee Jones, 87

Rossie "Ross" Lee Jones passed away on July 30th, 2021 at the Life Care Center of Morgan County leaving this earthly life for his eternal life after a hard fought battle with illness.

Ross was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Dalice Jones; 2 sisters, Vera Morrison and Mary Lou Gustafson; and son, Jeff Smith.

He is survived by wife of 54 years, Joan Jones; son, Barry Smith (Laurel); Grandchildren: Jeffrey Smith, Jacob Smith (Kendra), Amanda Crouch (Cale), and Jessica Armes (Isaiah). His most favored jewels, great grandchildren: Garrett and Grayson Bunch; Caleigh, Evan, and Reese Crouch; Hannah, Ava, and Ina Smith; and Parker and Gage Smith. Ross also leaves behind four devoted brothers: Ken Jones, Bill Jones, Junior Jones, and Charlie Jones. Also a host of adoring nieces and nephews.

Ross was born on May 11, 1934 to Hugh and Dalice Jones of the Gobey community. He was the oldest son of 7 children. He had a love and talent for fishing and gardening. He was a devoted member of Mossy Grove Baptist Church, where he could

be seen in his back pew greeting guests and joyfully passing out peppermints to the children, old and young alike. He could be seen swinging on his front porch swing the majority of the day in the warm weather months while cooking for anyone that stopped by.

He served his country for 2 years in the United States Army and served his community as part owner of Jones Brothers Grocery for 13 years. Such a small space to appropriately describe 87 years of life, but it can be summed up that Ross lived a full life centered around family, kindness and generosity, and will be missed by all that knew him.

The family will receive friends Monday, August 2nd from 4-6 pm at Mossy Grove Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow at 6:00 pm with Bro. Jim Disney officiating. Interment will follow in the Jones Cemetery with military honors. American Legion Post 149

A special thank you to Life Care Center of Morgan County for excellent care and support. Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ross Jones.

Darrell Denver "Tater" Peace, 56

Darrell Denver "Tater" Peace, age 56, of Kingston, formerly of Wartburg, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Friday, July 23, 2021. Darrell was a hard worker all of his life. He enjoyed the company of a multitude of family and friends. He was a compassionate man who was always there to lend a helping hand. Darrell enjoyed being on the lake, playing pool, and having fun. He lived life to it's absolute fullest.

Darrell is deeply loved and missed by all of his family and friends. He was a gem to all who knew him. Darrell was preceded in death by his mother, Guylene Peace; father, Otis Peace; brothers, Mike Peace and Fred Peace; grandparents, Denver and Zelma Cooley, Fred and Cleora Peace.

He is survived by his son Sean Peace; step-daughter Amanda Powell and step-son Daniel Powell; significant other Lynne Massengill; Sisters, Joy Peace Plaster and husband Mark Plaster and Pam Hopper of Knoxville; brother, Doug Miller and wife Lauren of Knoxville; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 28 from 4:00-6:00 at Schubert Funeral Home of Wartburg with the funeral to follow at 6:00 p.m. with the graveside to follow in the Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Darrell Peace.

Ralph Honeycutt, 64

Ralph Honeycutt of Deer Lodge, age 64, passed away July 25, 2021 at his home.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ralph Honeycutt; brothers James Ronald Honeycutt and Rickey Honeycutt; sisters, Kathy Copeland and Joerita Honeycutt; son, James Honeycutt and daughter, Amanda Honeycutt.

He is survived by his son, Ralph Honeycutt, Jr.; mother, Lovada Honeycutt; grandchildren, Char-

ity, Savannah & Jared; sister, Sandra Conaster; brother, Rusty Honeycutt and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

The family will receive friends, Thursday, July 29, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Union Grove Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ralph Honeycutt.

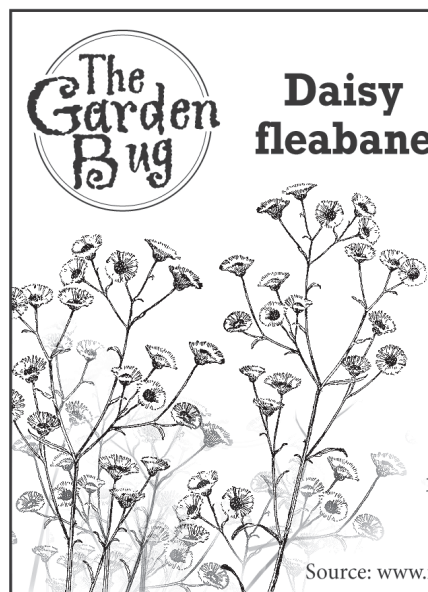
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Daisy fleabane

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Source: www.illinoiswildflowers.info

Sandra Helton's weekly column
Oakdale Area News
 email: kvhelton@highland.net



Open house for all Morgan County Schools will be this afternoon, Tuesday, August 3 from 4:30 – 7:30. The 1st day of school for Morgan County students will be tomorrow, Wednesday, August 4 from 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Pine Orchard Baptist Church Clothes Closet will be open Tuesday, August 10 from 10:00 – 12:00.

The Pine Orchard Baptist Church family was happy to have Brother Ronnie Jones with them Sunday, July 25. They enjoyed his messages.

Ruth Headrick recently enjoyed a visit from James and Glenda Ruppe. They brought her some goodies. She was also happy to see Jill Tapp who brought her a sunflower bouquet from her sunflower field. Ruth was also gifted with a sunflower bouquet from her friend Susan Brewer. She would like to thank her friends for thinking of her.

Oakdale Public Library will have an online auction August 20 -22. Donations are now being accepted for the auction. All funds raised through the auction will be used for future family events.

Condolences to the family and friends of Alice Clark who passed away Sunday, July 25. She is survived by her daughter and son in law, Jennifer and Chad Collins and her granddaughters Kristin Hobbs and Taylor Cochran and her great grandsons Tucker and Dallas Hobbs. She is also survived by her step daughters and

their families, Missy Mathis, Chrissy Massengill and Leslie Clark and her sister, Jane Morgan and her brother, Buddy Blanton. Services were held Wednesday, July 28 at Evans Mortuary. The graveside and interment was Thursday at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Scotty Isham who passed away Monday, July 26. He is survived by his sister Donna Colyer and her husband Rusty, his niece, Torie Pickle and her husband Marcus and his nephew, Holden Winton. He is also survived by a host of family and friends. The receiving of friends and funeral was Saturday, July 31 at Piney Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Ailene Goldberg Tidwell Ferguson who passed away July 27. She is survived by her daughter Karen Lane and her sons, Terry Tidwell and Tony Tidwell and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Wilma Jean Reed and Willadeen Brooks, her brother Bob Goldberg and many more friends and loved ones. Services were held Friday, July 30 at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston. Burial was Saturday in Roane Memorial Gardens.

“When you arise in the morning think of what a privilege it is to be alive, to think, to enjoy, to love...then make that day count!”— Marcus Aurelius



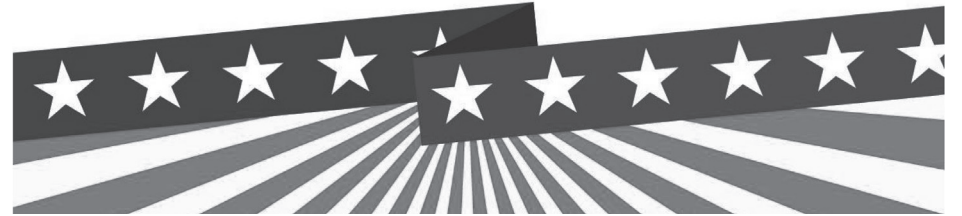
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

WHAT? Bubba J'S Thrift Store in Oliver Springs is celebrating their one-year anniversary. All ages are welcome.

Where? 544 E. Tri County Blvd Oliver Springs, TN 37840

Time/Day: August 7th 2021, 12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Come join us as we celebrate our one-year anniversary party. There will be games, Bounce house, food, drinks, pie eating contest, Paparazzi and live music. Also, we will be having a fill up the truck event with food for Dust Of Hope Mission. Prizes will be given away including a 32gb iPad. All winners will be announced at 1:30 P.M. and must be present to win.



**Morgan County, Tennessee
 Proposed Budget
 For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

	Actual 2019-2020	Estimated 2020-2021	Estimated 2021-2022
General Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 6,137,177	\$ 6,124,011	\$ 5,927,337
State of Tennessee	810,732	801,041	772,306
Federal Government	66,465	441,629	53,000
Other Sources	2,326,851	2,716,911	2,571,404
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 9,341,224	\$ 10,083,592	\$ 9,324,047
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 6,494,541	\$ 6,651,376	\$ 6,817,274
Other Cost	2,454,022	2,889,014	2,506,773
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 8,948,563	\$ 9,540,390	\$ 9,324,047
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 1,460,176	\$ 1,852,837	\$ 2,396,039
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	1,852,837	2,396,039	2,396,039
Employee Positions (full time)	112	108	110
Highway/Public Works Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 106,207	\$ 97,478	\$ 118,849
State of Tennessee	3,053,621	3,106,407	2,865,000
Federal Government	41,568	0	0
Other Sources	88,308	73,840	6,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 3,289,706	\$ 3,277,724	\$ 2,989,849
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 770,036	\$ 777,852	\$ 1,048,454
Other Cost	2,631,254	2,030,553	3,161,469
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 3,401,290	\$ 2,808,405	\$ 4,209,923
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 3,676,367	\$ 3,564,783	\$ 4,034,102
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	3,564,783	4,034,102	2,814,028
Employee Positions (full time)	14	14	14
General Purpose School Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 2,905,609	\$ 2,943,330	\$ 2,870,806
State of Tennessee	20,488,452	20,091,672	20,238,651
Federal Government	17,721	131,577	0
Other Sources	1,033,891	1,083,475	834,166
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 24,445,673	\$ 24,250,054	\$ 23,943,623
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 20,049,454	\$ 20,181,317	\$ 20,712,149
Other Cost	4,348,557	4,265,620	3,674,764
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 24,398,011	\$ 24,446,938	\$ 24,386,913
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 5,127,074	\$ 5,174,736	\$ 4,977,852
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	5,174,736	4,977,852	4,534,562
Employee Positions (full time)	423	511	505
Debt Service Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 1,265,084	\$ 1,647,262	\$ 1,085,718
State of Tennessee	73,615	71,745	70,000
Federal Government	0	0	0
Other Sources	5,222,855	482,388	477,612
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 6,561,553	\$ 2,201,395	\$ 1,633,330
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Cost	6,851,856	1,684,156	1,688,330
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 6,851,856	\$ 1,684,156	\$ 1,688,330
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 2,653,279	\$ 2,362,976	\$ 2,880,216
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	2,362,976	2,880,216	2,825,216
Employee Positions (full time)	0	0	0

Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the main courtroom of the Morgan County Courthouse in Wartburg, Tennessee. The hearing is being conducted to review and discuss the Proposed Budget for Morgan County, Tennessee for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Tax Rate to be set at \$2.719

Morgan County will have the lowest property tax rate in history once the budget for the fiscal year of 2021-22 is approved at the County Commission meeting on Monday, August 9. Morgan County Budget Committee is recommending the tax rate be set at \$2.719, which is even lower than the state recommended \$2.7217 rate. If approved, this tax rate would be nearly \$.56 less than the current \$3.27 rate.

"I applaud the work of our Budget Committee and our Finance Director Crystal Garrett for all their hard work on putting this fiscally sound budget together. I believe this committee has done an outstanding job of trying to balance the needs of our county government while to taking care of the property owners in Morgan County," said Morgan County Executive Brian Langley. "I do know that due to the reappraisal of property in Morgan County by the State of Tennessee, many citizens will see their tax bill increase from previous years. That is why we felt it was so important to keep the tax rate as absolutely low as possible. This was the first time this century that the tax rate in Morgan County was dropped lower than the state recommended rate, possibly the first time in history", said

Langley.

Prior to the proposed \$2.719 tax rate, \$2.99 was the lowest tax rate in history. That rate was set in 2006. The proposed budget would beat the previous lowest rate by nearly \$.28.

"If passed, this will be the lowest property tax rate in Morgan County's history. I am very proud that we have folks working together to do their best for all of Morgan County," said Langley.

One sticking point during the budget process was discussing possible raises for county employees. Langley said, "The pay rate for our Morgan County employees needs to be more competitive. Our hardworking employees deserve it and need it, but also, to retain and it is imperative to hire the quality staff needed to serve the citizens of Morgan County." But, giving a raise this year would have resulted in a higher tax rate than what the state had proposed. Executive Langley presented the Budget Committee with an alternate proposal during last Monday night's meeting. Instead of increasing taxes by giving raises out of the county budget, he recommended paying a premium pay bonus for county employees through American Rescue Funding that would allow them to get paid

without adding a heavier burden to the property taxpayers. The American Rescue Funding is money allotted by the federal government in 2021 to every county in the nation.

"At the end of the day, we want to make sure that we are balancing the need of Morgan County Government and at the same time, being responsible to the taxpayers of Morgan County. We want to take care of our employees and make sure that we are doing everything we can to take care of them. The cost of living is going up and we need to take steps on addressing that problem while trying to keep the burden on Morgan County taxpayers as low as we possibly can," said Langley. "I am pleased that the Budget Committee took my proposal into account and I believe this is best possible solution for everyone involved in a very difficult economic environment this year."

Budget Committee Chairman Randy Roberts along with budget committee members Fred Snow, Vern Justes, Robert Byrd, Melissa Bryant and Eli Anderson voted unanimously to present this proposed budget to the full commission.

Seiber Inducted Into Martial Arts Hall of Fame



The International Martial Arts Council of America and the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame gathered together to put on a three day training camp for martial artist and three day defensive tactics training course. The DT course was 3 - 8 hr says of training.

The Hall of Fame recognizes Martial Artists that have reach a high level of skill in their chosen discipline, made a name for themselves on a national and world level and passed on their knowledge to others.

Doyle Seiber was inducted into the United States Hall of Fame and was presented an award from the Hall as "Grand Master of the Year". Seiber has almost 40 years in the Martial Arts and has won multiple champion ships in black belt competitions doing Forms, Weapons and Point fighting tournaments and full contact fighting during the 1980's, 1990's and retired in the Late 90's only to come out of retirement a few times to compete in the 2000, 2010 seasons. His last competition was winning the Kentucky State Championships in 2019. He is looking at competition once again now that we are in the 2020 decade. If he can be successful in his competition,



he will have won martial arts events in 5 different decades of competition.

The trip was sponsored my Dwayne Bells and Blue line Security. Seiber would like to thank Dwayne for his support. Seiber works as an occasional member of Blue line team as head of stage security for the Brushy Mt. Prison Concert series and as defensive tactics instructor for Blue line . "It is such an honor to work with Dwayne and each member of the Blue line family" said Seiber. He is a very big supporter of Morgan County and hopes for a bright future for all of Morgan County residents. Growing up in Petros and graduating Wartburg Central High just like the first original Morgan County Martial Artist, Harold G.Long 10th degree black belt, he knows that he has a big shadow to stand in that has made his path in the martial arts much easier. He hopes to be half the role model Mr. Long was to him for up and coming young people of Morgan County. Showing them and letting them know they can accomplish anything they set their Hearts and minds to do.

MoCo Today Business Spotlight

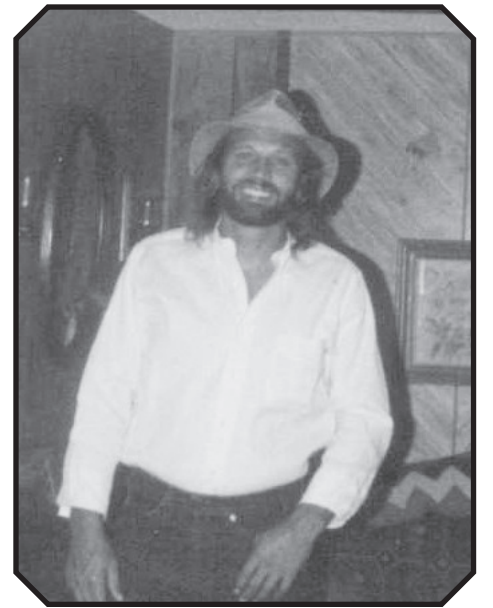
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Stephania Sexton owns and operates the Junk Life at Daddy's Place store located in the heart of Wartburg. The store earned its name in honor and memory of her "Daddy" Ralph Sexton who passed away in June 2019.

The Sexton family has a long history in the junk store business realm. Their business history began when Stephania's Grandfather Bart Sexton owned Sexton's Trading Post in Lancing, TN.

Her Father Ralph Sexton owned Edna Mae's Junk Store at the exact same location as Stephania's current store. He named his store after Edna Mae's Bar and Grill which he owned for nine years. Ralph greatly enjoyed seeing old friends come by and talking with them about old times and politics.

Stephania greatly enjoys operating her store today because she's able to help members of our community by having many items available including appliances at an affordable price. She understands people's financial needs and is thankful to do her part to make a positive difference for Morgan County.



Bo Bunch "Finally" wins Morgan County Fair's Poker Championship

The 9th annual Morgan County Fair Texas Hold'em Poker Championship took place Wednesday evening in the pageant hall of the fairgrounds. Nearly 3 dozen players competed in the largest tournament held thus far at the fair. Folks came as far away as Jellico to play for the top prize and trophy.

The action started quickly as regular player Donovan Daniels won the first hand dealt after hitting a straight on the river while holding J9. After the hand Daniels received a phone call from his life partner and was forced to leave the tournament thus being first eliminated. Other early eliminations included Lelen Griffith and Gary Jones. Defending champion and tournament organizer Justan Spurling could not catch any decent cards and was eventually eliminated just prior to the final table by Bo Bunch.

Professional poker player "Evil" Ed Duncan played well but finished fourth. The hand of the night came late in the action as the final three players were all in the same hand. Chris Snider raised the big blind to 16,000. Lenny Delius called as did Bo Bunch. The flop came out Q-Q-4. Bunch, the slight chip leader went all in. Chris Snider immediately called. Lenny Delius folded.

Chris turned his cards over, "Pocket Aces" he showed, Bo said "Well, I've got a full house." Showing 4-4. Neither the turn or river helped Snider and he was eliminated in 3rd place. The hand gave Bunch a commanding lead and in just two hands heads up, he was able to capture the title with a simple King high hand. 1st time tournament player Lenny Delius placed 2nd and was thrilled to win the \$50 2nd place prize and looks to come back again next year.

After the cards were dealt, Bo Bunch pumped his fist, "FINALLY! Finally, after 9 years I got this trophy." As he was awarded the Morgan County Poker Championship and the \$250 top prize. Bunch has competed every year of the event and has finished in the top five multiple times, but Wednesday was his night and he was not going to be defeated.

The tournament was sponsored by the Morgan County Fair Association and SpurMoments DJ. Next year is the ten year anniversary of the event and organizer Justan Spurling is seeking sponsors and prizes to make the 2022 Morgan County Poker Championship the biggest ever. "We want 100 players next year." Spurling said.





Fog of War

By: MSG. Fred Mize

Satan attacks us in ways that we don't even notice. Even now as I write this Satan has done his best to

MSG Fred Mize bombard me with distractions from phone calls, emails, television, and random people starting conversations after conversations. He does not want me to write this but write it I will.

Veterans from all eras of service to our country who have served in combat know the meaning of the fog of war. Though the experiences may be different the outcome is the same. When a soldier experiences the fog of war their mind becomes filled, consumed, and wonders. The soldier may become so disoriented and confused that they are no longer combat effective.

To all of my fellow believers in Jesus Christ who are born-again by His

easy, we will endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Our lives weren't easy prior to accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and they certainly will not be afterwards. We will face hardships, pain, and loss. We will continue to struggle against sin and the outcome of sinful choices.

What makes a Christian different from a non-Christian is that when we face hardships, pain, and loss we don't have to endure it alone, for Jesus Christ is always with us. Jesus Christ does not want us to fight alone. He fights the enemy from the front and always has our 6 (backs). He doesn't just watch the battle rage on from his throne but He is literally on the battlefield with us. He has endured more pain, heartache, suffering, and isolation than anyone, Christian or not, will ever endure. In order to face the enemy head-on we must know how he prefers to fight and his

This Bible verse sounds scary and it should be. It's a warning of Satan's desire for us. Again, my brothers and sisters-in-Christ we are at war. Satan like a hungry lion is seeking out the weak, the sick, and the lonely who he can kill. He wants to destroy lives, destroy families, and still souls.

Ask yourselves if you've ever seen or heard of a lion running from its prey. Overwhelmingly, I'm sure readers of this are saying, "No." In fact the only time I know of a lion running away from a fight is when two male lions face off in a fight for territory. Only then does the victor remain and the defeated lion runs off humiliated in defeat.

Now, although 1 Peter 5:8 may cast fear into people, Revelation 5:5 brings such peace of mind to me.

Revelation 5:5 reads, "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: be-



mighty blood, we are at war. I say again, we are at war and Satan's untiring attacks have caused many veteran Christians and newly born-again Christians to be affected by the fog of war. Satan's desire is to affect our minds so strongly that we are no longer combat effective to win souls for Jesus Christ.

The best way for soldiers to prepare to face the effects of the fog of war is to prepare themselves for battle. For a soldier to become battle ready they must prepare their minds. To do so they must accept that they will face hardships, pain, and loss.

2 Timothy 2:3-4, 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

We as Christians must face the fact that our lives on earth aren't going to be

strengths and weaknesses.

Satan's attacks can come in so subtle that we don't see them coming. He creeps into our homes and churches by attacking our minds. He does this by causing us to fill our minds with thoughts of worry, shame, and fear.

Satan has won countless battles against Christians but he knows he has already lost the war. When an enemy comes to the realization that they are without a doubt going to lose a battle or even greater a war they will do one of two things. One, they will run in fear or two, they will release all of their arsenal and fight to the end.

I'm here to tell you at this time Satan is releasing his arsenal against us. He is fighting us head on with all he's got. 1 Peter 5:8 tells us to, "be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

hold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."

You see, Satan is described as a lion but Jesus Christ is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He is far superior to Satan. In the end of it all. At the end of the last battle of the war, Jesus Christ will reign. He will overtake Satan and will send him running in humiliation like a defeated lion who lost a battle against another. Weep not when enduring hardship. Weep not even if you lose a battle. Weep not for in the end Jesus Christ will be victorious. Weep not for your name is written in the Lamb's book of life and Jesus Christ is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and is worthy to open the Lamb's book of life.

Satan has lost the war and some sweet day we will walk into God's kingdom victoriously and our minds will be forever free from the fog of war.

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The Road to Happiness



Tom Redmon
Columnist

When I moved back to Tennessee on June 11, 2010 my plans were to spend the spring and summer here in Morgan County and the winters in Florida. I had no plans to get married again. I would

spend my days taking care of my large yard and raising a big vegetable garden. Maybe my brother Herbert would invite me to go down to his house on Watts Bar Lake and we would catch us a mess of crappie. I also planned on visiting the nursing home every other week and the sick and shut-ins of our church community. There were some good musicians around so we could do a little picking and singing.

Still, I love to eat out and walk but not by myself. I asked Rose and Herbert if they knew of a single lady that maybe I could entice into going out to eat with me and maybe go to the track and walk.

Neither one of them had many recommendations so I asked them what about Margaret Gibson? Herbert said, "you know I don't know if she would or not. I know she goes to see her daughter a lot. I believe she lives in Maryville." Rose said, "I know she hasn't dated since Jimmy died."

I thought it would be worth a try. I knew Margaret had a lot of land so I would use that so I could get to talk with her.

I called Margaret up and asked her if she had some land for sale. She said she did but it was pretty high. Then she said, "Oh, Tommy your neighbor Brenda Shadden came by and gave me one of your CDs. I like your singing." I asked what CD it was and when she told me I said, "I have a better one that I could bring you if you want me to."

We set up a time the next day and that opened the door to our friendship. I took her the CD and the subject of buying some land from her faded away pretty fast.

I know Margaret and her family and she knew me. The only problem was that I was in high school when she was in the 7th or 8th grade. I use to kid her about passing her house some years ago and she would be in her front yard doing cart wheels. She sure was a cute little girl.

Many years had passed since I had seen her. In the meantime, she had met a boy who was enrolled at Carson Newman and still had one more year of college football to play. Margaret graduated from high school in 1959 and they were married in December 1959. I was on the Island of Guam. Margaret and Jimmy would have two children; Wanda and I would have three children.

In life we never know what is in our future. If Jimmy had lived, Margaret would still be with him. If Wanda had lived, I'd still be with her. We both had a good life with our spouses and if not for cancer we would still be married to them.

Luckily Margaret and I went to Liberty Baptist Church so after we had gone out to eat together and walked at the track we started sitting together in church. Margaret went to our music get-to-gathers and I felt a lot better eating out with her. The only trouble I could feel like things were getting a little serious. One Sunday, a cousin of mine approached me and asked me when we were going to get married. I said, "Why, do you

think she's the one for me?" He said, "well she's a Heidel and you're not getting any younger." I guess to many that was two good reasons for us to get together.

Margaret's family met me, and although her daughter Debbie thought her mother would not get married again, none the less she and all the other Ladds and Gibsons have accepted me with open arms. This is a great family of Ladds and Gibsons. Debbie and Chip have five children. They had two boys and they wanted to try to have a girl. So, what did they get? They got triplets, two girls and a boy. All five children



Tom & Margaret Redmon (Photo Submitted)

are college educated and have good jobs. Now they have five grandchildren who are the joy of their lives. Those children have been raised in the church and they have high standards. I just love this family. America needs more like them. Margaret's son and grandson have also accepted me in the Gibson family and my family although they are in Florida most of the time, they have accepted them into their family. I like both of the boys and we get along fine.

Before we got married, I took Margaret down to Florida to meet my children. My children are somewhat like Debbie and Chip's family. They have been raised in the church and they are a really close. Family is so important in their lives.

I'll never forget when we walked into Robin's, my daughter's house in Bradenton, Florida. She was ready to go to the Goodwill and after getting acquainted with Margaret, she asked her if she wanted to go with her to the Goodwill. Margaret loved to shop and she said, "yes." This was a good way for them to get acquainted and I could see that Margaret would be loved by my family.

It is important that both families like and approve of the other party.

Although most of my immediate family lives in Florida, I want them to know and respect my wife's family, and they do. The same is true for Margaret's family and I'm sure they do.

We got busy on the legal things you need to do on a second marriage. We both had accumulated things and Margaret has a lot of land and she didn't need my money. She has a will and I have a will. Our children will benefit from their parent's holding. There will be no legal problems.

We thought about getting married in our back yard but because it looked like rain, we decided to go to the new sanctuary at Liberty Baptist Church. We became the first couple to get married there. We just invited both families which turned out to be over seventy-five people. To Margaret and me it was a pretty ceremony on August 6, 2011.

If you think you cannot find happiness with a new spouse when you are in your seventies then think again. Margaret and I fell in love on the walking track in Wartburg and at Shoney's and Cracker Barrell in 2010 and we are more in love with each other today.

Both of us had to make a few adjustments but we have been very happy doing things together. These last ten years of my life have been special. We have traveled some but most of our time is spent at home. At first, I considered having a house here and another one in Florida, but we talked it over and then agreed it would be better for us to make our permanent dwelling place here in Morgan County. Our children would come up to see us and we could travel some to see them.

Neither Margaret nor myself planned to marry but we believe that God got us together. We do everything together. We take care of each other and we plan on living here together until God calls us home.

Thank you, Lord, for a wonderful wife. Thanks to Margaret I have a wonderful life.



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Disappeared: Chapter 5



Carol Hall
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Maggie-Day 2, cont.

As Brutus came closer, Maggie realized he kept glancing up at the sky. She focused her own attention there and noticed that clouds were quickly forming. Big, black storm clouds. Where did they come from? She had been so busy looking for her camera, she hadn't noticed the change in weather. But no rain had been predicted for this weekend.

However, by the looks of those clouds, it was going to be a bad storm.

The forest was suddenly rocked with loud booms of thunder. The sky suddenly turned an ominous gray. The wind picked up, bringing with it the sweet earthy smell of the impending rain.

Brutus grunted roughly at Rose who jumped up with amazing agility for something so big. She grabbed an unsuspecting Maggie firmly by the arm and jerked her to her feet.

"What's going on?" she asked Rose, panic settling over her. "What are you doing?"

Rose, still holding onto her arm, began dragging her toward the woods. Sticks and rocks jabbed into Maggie's feet causing her to stumble and cry out in pain. Without her boots, she felt every rock and stick she stepped on. She tried to pull away from Rose, but she had a firm grip on her and no amount of pulling and tugging could get Rose to release her. "Stop!" she yelled. "You're hurting my arm, Rose!" She tried yanking her arm back, but Rose would not let go. She continued to drag her deeper into the woods despite Maggie's protests.

Maggie started slapping at Rose's hand and trying to pry her fingers loose as she was dragged through thick underbrush and along rocky, tree branch laden terrain.

Her arm was going numb from Rose's vice like grip and pain was shooting up through her feet. Thorns and bushes were snagging her clothes and tearing at her skin.

She was just getting ready to yell at Rose again when Brutus came stomping up behind them.

Rose released her arm just as Maggie was grabbed from behind and suddenly swung through the air and up over Brutus's massive shoulder. She landed with a thud as her stomach connected with his body, knocking the wind out of her for the second time that day.

Rick & Chris-Day 2, cont.

A torrential downpour swept over the area. Thunder crashed overhead and lightning streaked across the darkening sky.

Everyone in the search party was drenched and muddy. Negotiating the trails was difficult due to the mud and poor visibility, but they pressed on up the trail.

Ranger Williams, who was familiar with the trail, led the group. The going was tough, but he knew the searchers were tough too. He had worked with many of them before on previous searches and knew a little rain wouldn't stop them. These people knew the risks and were familiar with hiking in the back country. They were a real asset on these kinds of searches and he was thankful for each and every one of them. He had a feeling they were going to need all the help they could get.

It was going to be a difficult search. The rain would wash away any footprints there might have been, as well as possibly destroying any scent the dogs might have picked up. A light rain wouldn't have done so, but this heavy rain was a game changer.

They wouldn't be able to begin the search until morning and that gave the rain more of a chance to erase any clues. Well, he thought, there was no help for that. It would take them longer to get to the two campsites in this storm and setting up would be much harder as well. The campsites would be nothing but muddy messes.

He had helped on many searches over the years, but this one was already starting off as a hum-dinger. He sure hoped this wasn't a sign of how the whole search would go. But his gut told him they were in for a rough time.

Nick and Chris followed closely behind Ranger Williams. Nick wanted to be in the front of the pack so if anything came over the walkie talkie Ranger Williams was carrying, he would be one of the first ones to hear what it was.

As they lumbered along the trail through the storm, Nick noticed that the group had slowed down quite a bit. The heavy rain was making the trek difficult, causing the path to be slippery and muddy. Visibility was limited to just a few feet in front of them.

Although mud caked his boots and water ran down his back, soaking him, Nick didn't slow down. He had to get up there to help Maggie. He didn't care how wet or muddy he got. He just had to get up there as

quickly as possible.

At least it wasn't cold though. The rain and mud were bad enough, but being cold on top of it would have made things even worse. He couldn't help but worry about Maggie. Did she find shelter somewhere? Was she traipsing through the forest in all this rain? His concern for her grew as the day progressed.

He scanned the woods all along the trail hoping that maybe she would magically appear and come out and apologize, telling him that she had accidentally wandered off the trail and got lost, but she found her way back, everything was ok and could they just go home now. He knew it was just wishful thinking, but still he kept watching the woods.

The muddy, soaked and exhausted group of searchers plodded their way along the trail for several more hours. Darkness had settled over the mountains as they fought their way through the sludge, heavy rain and fog, until they finally reached the campsite that was to be used as base camp. The site was a mess. Rivulets of water ran throughout the site creating little ditches and water puddles everywhere.

The group immediately got to work setting up their tents and hanging food stuffs up in the trees to keep the bears away from it. It was to be two people per tent. The dogs would bunk with their handlers. Within an hour, there were about twenty tents set up around the site. It was a bit cramped, but no one cared. Everyone was just glad to be able to crawl into their tents and out of the rain for the night.

After setting up base camp, Group "A", which was about half the searchers, stayed at the site, while Group "B" moved on to the campsite further up the trail.

Base camp simply wasn't big enough to hold all the searchers, so Ranger Williams stayed with Group "A" at base camp, while another Senior Ranger, Ranger Abbott, went with Group "B".

Nick and Chris stayed at base camp. Since this was the camp they had stayed at the night before, it only made sense they would stay here now. It was the starting point of the search in the morning and Nick wanted to be the first one out of the gate, so to speak.

Once Nick and Chris got their shared tent set up, they removed as much of their wet and muddy clothing as possible, then collapsed on top of their sleeping bags.

"I am so exhausted, I could sleep for a month," Chris groaned. He was laying on his back looking up at the roof of the tent. "Do you think the rain will let up by morning?"

Nick just lay there silently for a moment listening to the rain falling. He was wondering the same thing. "I don't know. I hope so. All this rain is going to make the search difficult."

"Well, we have the dogs. That will help a lot."

"Maybe."

"Maybe? I thought you said Mr. Peterson said they were the best dogs in the state." Chris said, rolling over to look at Nick.

"He did, but I don't know how they will pick up a scent with all this rain. It's an outright mess out there. Any footprints will be gone for sure, let alone any scents."

"Well, with all these people, we're sure to find something to lead us in the right direction, don't you think?"

"I sure hope so, Chris." Nick said.

He really just wished Chris would stop talking and go to sleep. He appreciated the fact that he was there, but right now he was worried about Maggie and tired from the long day. He didn't want to have to keep up a conversation. He knew he wouldn't be getting any sleep tonight either, so he just wanted to lay in the dark and pray. Pray that the rain would stop. Pray that they found Maggie. Pray that they found her safe and alive. Yeah, he definitely wouldn't be getting any sleep tonight.

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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

- * Coffee filters make wonderful glass cleaners. They leave behind no streaks and no residual lint.
- * Berries are in season, and there's no greater time to stock up. But don't feel like you have to make jam out of all the berries. Freeze in a single layer and transfer to a freezer-safe bag or container. Later they can be popped into muffins and quick breads, as well as eaten straight out of the bag for a delicious treat.
- * "Do you love burgers? Here's a great thing our family does that saves money and is very handy: When ground beef goes on sale, we buy a large quantity and premake many burger patties, seasoned and shaped just as we like them. Then we separate them with butcher's paper cut into squares. We put them in stacks,

and then into empty bread bags to store in the freezer. When we are getting ready to cook out, the patties don't have to be all the way defrosted, just put on the grill and cooked up!" -- A.J. in Florida

* Okra, which is at its peak July through September, makes an excellent stew thickener. But it's quite yummy on the grill as well, brushed with olive oil and lightly seasoned. Just be sure you don't wash it until you are ready to use it. There's a natural protective coating on it, and if you wash it off, it'll get slimy.

* Old socks can be fitted around the head of an old mop or Swiffer base. Spray with cleaner and clean away. When you are done, remove the sock and launder.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * The oleander is the official flower of the city of Hiroshima. It was the first to bloom again after the explosion of the atomic bomb in 1945.
- * The Greek name for the mosquito is "anopheles," which means "good for nothing."
- * The earliest written record that mentions the practice of medicine is Hammurabi's Code from the 18th century BC in Mesopotamia, which includes information for physicians about payments for successful treatments and punishments for medical failures. For example, payment was better for curing the wealthy, but failing to do so could result in the loss of a hand.
- * Live next door to a lottery winner? You might want to use caution while shopping: A 2016 study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia found that you're more likely to go bankrupt thanks to trying to keep up with your neighbor's new spending habits.
- * Charlton Heston was cast as Moses in the 1956 blockbuster movie "The Ten Commandments" partly because he resembled Michelangelo's famous statue of Moses.
- * Calvin Graham was just 12 years old when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy following the attack on Pearl Harbor. He won a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart before the Navy found out how old he was (courtesy of his

mother) and discharged him two days before his 13th birthday.

* Rocky Road ice cream was originally marketed during the Great Depression as a metaphor for coping with the economic crash.

* The term "coccyx" (more familiarly known as your tailbone) is derived from the Greek word kokkux, or "cuckoo," because its curved shape resembles the bird's beak.

* Benjamin Franklin introduced tofu to America in 1770.

Thought for the Day: "The life given us, by nature, is short, but the memory of a well-spent life is eternal." -- Marcus Tullius Cicero

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- ◆◆ Challenging
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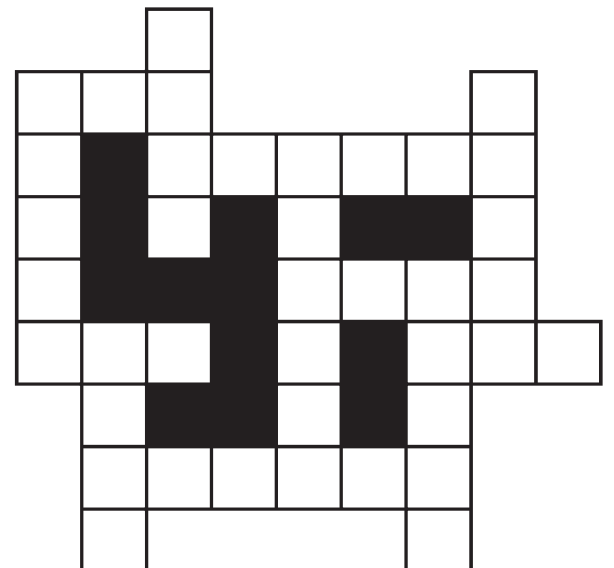
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- 15 Former Cubs slugger
- 17 Tolkien creature
- 18 Porgy's love
- 19 Witherspoon of "Wild"
- 21 Inventor Nikola
- 24 Pugilist's weapon
- 25 Yard tool
- 26 "CSI" procedures
- 30 Egg (Pref.)
- 31 Topped with froth
- 32 Picnic dessert
- 33 Like ghost towns
- 35 Dog's treasure
- 36 Cambodia neighbor
- 37 "What the Butler Saw" playwright
- 38 Ink stains
- 40 Onetime "This Old House" host Bob
- 42 Back talk
- 43 "Georgia on one
- 7 Fleur-de- —
- 8 Gem's feature
- 9 Ideal place on a tennis racket
- 10 Charged bits
- 11 Seeger or Sampras
- 16 Verily
- 20 Jargon suffix
- 21 Walked (on)
- 22 Roof overhang
- 23 Aspen attractions
- 24 Notoriety
- 26 "— you're told!"
- 27 Rebel Turner
- Martinez
- 29 Beheld
- 31 Heeded dental advice
- 34 Feedbag morsel
- 35 Obstreperous
- 37 Flamenco cheer
- 38 Online journal
- 39 Turkish money
- 40 Expansive
- 41 — -bitty
- 44 Greek cross
- 45 Discoverer's call
- 46 Pester
- 47 "Today" rival,

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- 1 Family docs
- 2 Grazing land
- 3 Branch
- 4 Speak unclearly
- 5 Dick Tracy's love
- 6 Hebrew



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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.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who used the excuse, "My family is poor, and I am the least in my father's house"? Aaron, David, Gideon, Jeroboam
3. With what kind of leaves did Adam and Eve attempt to cover their nakedness? Sycamore, Fig, Palm, Grape
4. From Judges 7, with how many men did Gideon defeat the Midianites? 3, 30, 300, 3000
5. Who was the mother of Ishmael? Tabitha, Hagar, Ruth, Mary
6. What was the homeland of Job? Thyatira, Ur, Corinth, Uz

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Gideon; 3) Fig; 4) 300; 5) Hagar; 6) Uz

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Southwestern Pasta Salad

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- 1 1/2 cups cold, cooked rotini pasta, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup fat-free Ranch dressing
- 2 cups finely shredded lettuce
- 1 cup chopped fresh tomato
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 3/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup chunky salsa
- 3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese

1. In a medium bowl, combine rotini pasta and Ranch dressing. In an 8-by-8-inch dish, layer lettuce, rotini pasta, tomato, onion and green pepper.
2. In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise and salsa; evenly spread dressing mixture over vegetables. Sprinkle Cheddar cheese evenly over top.
3. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Divide into 6 servings.
 - Each serving equals: 143 calories, 3g fat, 7g protein, 22g carb., 465mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Vegetable, 1/2 Meat.

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FLASH GORDON By JIM KEEFE

7-25

AS THE STORM BUILDS IN FEROCITY, A LONE FIGURE SLOWLY SUCUMB'S TO THE ELEMENTS, THE WORDS CRACKLING THROUGH HER COMMUNICATOR ONLY SERVING TO HELP WEAKEN HER RESOLVE.

THE LIZARD-MEN ARE HER TRIBE'S MOST FEARED NATURAL ENEMIES, MISS ARDEN.

SHE MUST HAVE GOTTEN SPOOKED.

HER BABY SISTER HAD CALLED THEM SLITHERS.

AND AS THE WIND HOWLS ABOUT HER, TENGSI CAN HEAR HER SISTER SCREAMING JUST AS SHE DID THAT HORRIBLE NIGHT... SCREAMING AS SHE WAS TAKEN AWAY.

FLASH IS GONE. KRACKLE! TENGSI HAD SAID SHE'D FOLLOW HIM ANYWHERE, CAPTAIN.

WHY DID TENGSI DESERT THE SEARCH PARTY, CAPTAIN?

"SPOOKED."

NOT A WORD YOU'D USE TO DESCRIBE A LIFETIME TORTURED BY MEMORIES OF THE PAST.

ONLY A CHILD HERSELF, TENGSI HAD FLED... A MOMENT THAT HAS TORN AWAY AT HER SOUL EVER SINCE.

HOW COULD SHE HAVE JUST... CHOKE? RUN AWAY?

TO BE CONT'D

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN & BEAR IT



"Everyone's a critic!"

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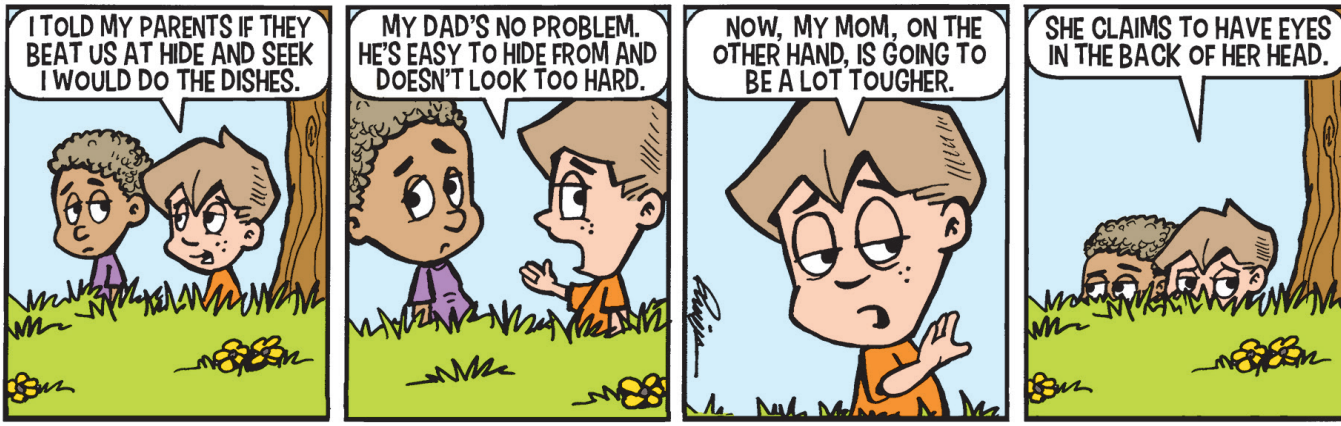
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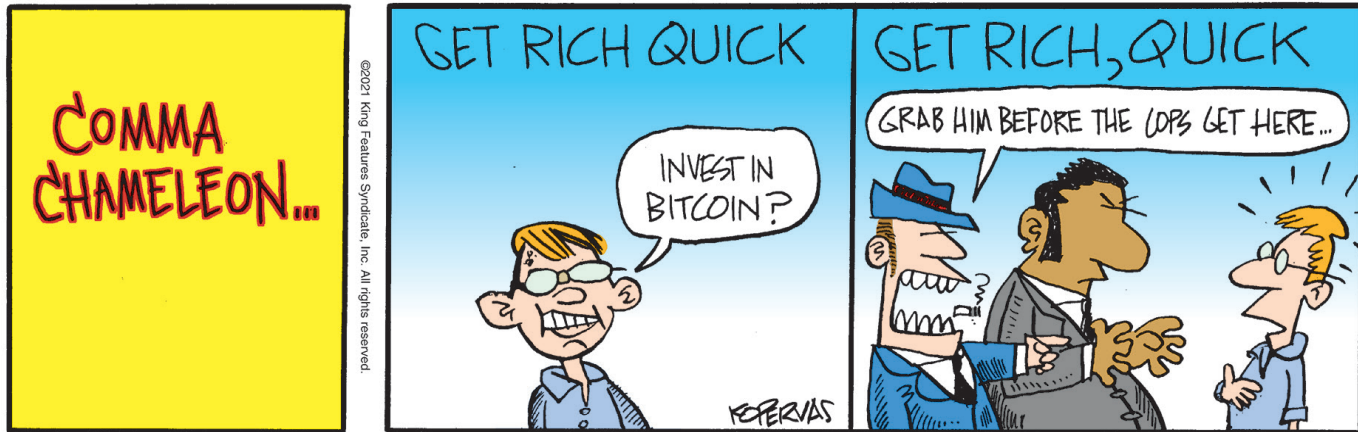
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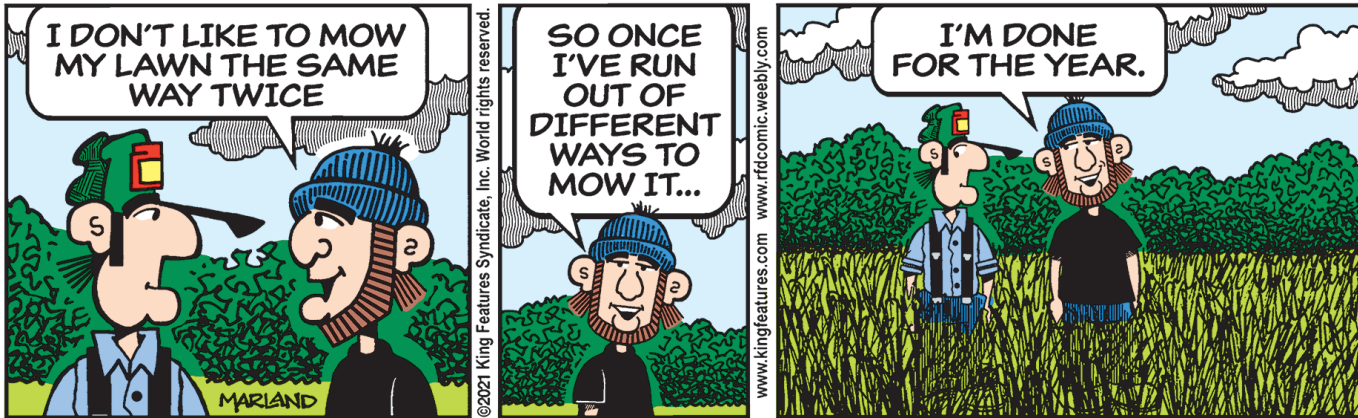


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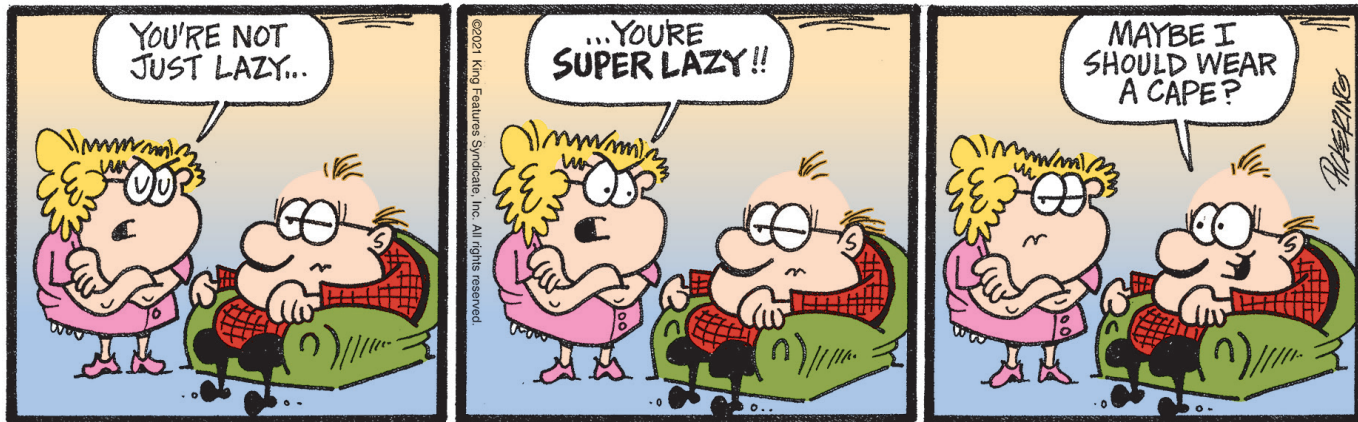
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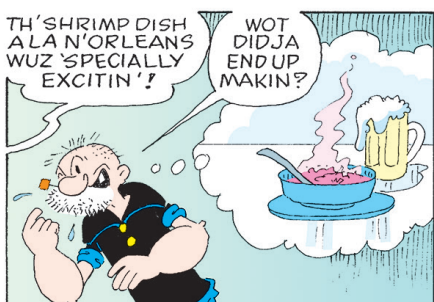
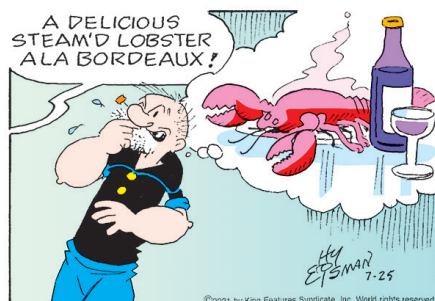
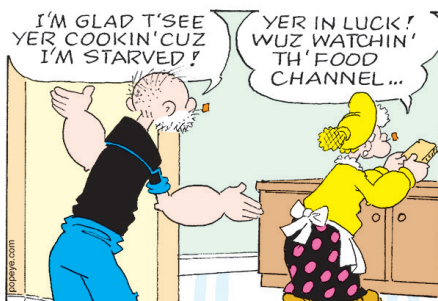
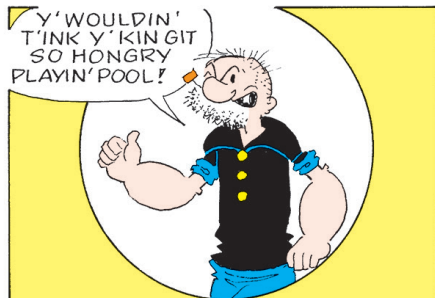
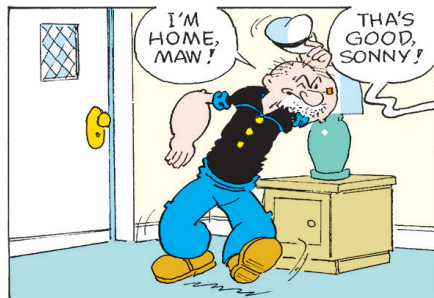
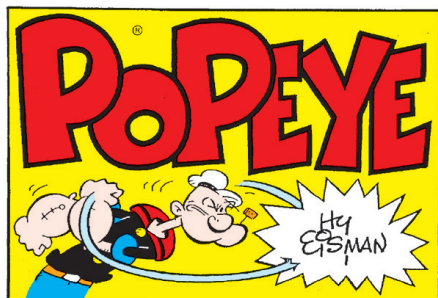
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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

 * On Aug. 22, 1776, the British arrive at Long Island, between Gravesend and New Utrecht, with 24,000 men. They captured New York City on Sept. 15. It would remain in British hands until the end of the war.

* On Aug. 20, 1804, Sgt. Charles Floyd, quartermaster of the Lewis and Clark expedition, dies near present-day Sioux City, Iowa, becoming the first U.S. soldier to die west of the Mississippi. Floyd likely died from acute appendicitis.

* On Aug. 16, 1841, President John Tyler vetoes a second attempt by Congress to re-establish the Bank of the United States. In response, angry supporters of the bank, many from his own party, the Whigs, burned an effigy of Tyler outside the White House.

* On Aug. 18, 1920, a dramatic battle in the Tennessee House of Representatives ends with ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote. The decisive vote was cast by a 24-year-old representative, who changed his vote after receiving a note from his mother.

* On Aug. 17, 1969, the Woodstock Music & Art Fair ends after three days of peace, love and rock 'n' roll in rural New York. Promoters expected no more than 200,000 people, but almost half a million showed up, with most getting in free when the gates had to be opened.

* On Aug. 19, 1953, the Iranian military, with U.S. assistance, overthrows the government of Premier Mohammed Mosaddeq and reinstates the Shah of Iran. As thanks, the Shah signed over 40% of Iran's oil fields to U.S. companies. The Shah was toppled from power in 1979.

* On Aug. 21, 2004, American swimmer Michael Phelps wins his eighth medal of the Athens Olympics, six gold and two bronze, tying him with Soviet gymnast Aleksandr Dityatin for the most individual medals won at a single Olympic Games.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

We Don't Need Women to Register for the Draft

If you wonder what Republicans are accomplishing in Washington, look no further than the Senate Armed Services committee, where a majority of them voted to create the predicate for drafting women into the military.

Astonishingly, only five of the committee's 13 GOP members voted against an amendment requiring women to begin to register for the Selective Service.

It's unclear why this is a pressing national need, or why anyone believes that it would help during a major war. Perversely, though, it's considered a blow for gender equity, and, of course, that overwhelms all other considerations for Democrats and Republicans alike.

Currently, men between the ages of 18 and 26 must register with the Selective Service. This is the database that, in theory, we'd draw on in the event of a military draft.

A draft, which we haven't had since the Vietnam War, isn't supposed to be a mechanism for making people feel good about themselves or a tool of so-called social justice. Its purpose is to funnel manpower into the military as expeditiously as possible during a national crisis.

A draft is a gargantuan effort. As Max Margulies of West Point and Amy Rutenberg of Iowa State University note, during World War II, more than 180,000 volunteers helped process draftees at 11,000 draft and appeals boards. During Vietnam, 31,000 people did this work.

It would unnecessarily complicate this inherently difficult task to also screen all the young women in the country to find those suited to military roles at a time when, presumably, we'd need to quickly find and train new soldiers en masse.

Although women serve admirably and honorably in the armed services, the military is still overwhelmingly male. According to a recent GAO report, the percentage of women in the military overall has increased only slightly, from 15.1% in 2004 to 16.5% in 2018. The numbers are tiny when it comes to combat arms. As of late 2019, 653 women were serving in combat roles in the Army and 231 female Marines in combat arms billets.

With notable exceptions, women aren't as physically capable as men. A Marine Corps study released in 2015 found that all-male units performed better than gender-integrated units on 69% of tasks. All-male units were faster. They were more accurate in firing weapons. They engaged targets more quickly. They were more adept at negotiating obstacles. And they were better at evacuating casualties.

The Marine study noted higher rates of injury for women than for men, resulting from higher levels of fatigue because women simply aren't as strong. Women got hurt at six times the rate of men during entry-level training, and during the assessment for the study, the musculoskeletal injury rate for women was 40.5% and 18.8% for men.

The males in the study weighed on average 178 pounds with 20% body fat; the females 142 pounds with 24% body fat. The women had 15% less aerobic power (the top 25th percentile of women overlapped with the bottom 25th percentile of men), and 15% less aerobic capacity (the top 10th percentile of women overlapped with the bottom 50th percentile of men).

Israel, which drafts both men and women, is often cited as a counterexample. Surrounded by larger hostile countries, it is an international outlier, though, truly desperate for sheer numbers. Getting women to register for the draft has been a longtime priority of "men's rights" groups that think it's unfair that males in the United States should be asked to shoulder a disproportionate burden defending their society the way men have across all cultures since time immemorial.

Then, there are feminists who believe that it is only by raising the prospect of drafting females to fight our wars that women can truly become first-class citizens.

Neither of these is a good argument, but Congress is inclined to use the Selective Service to make a social point anyway.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Kids Turn Dull Clay Into Fancy Flowerpots

Flowerpots are more than just containers for fragrant herbs, summer's begonias or fall's chrysanthemums. Grab a plain clay pot the next time you and your kids are at a nursery or garden center, hold it up and think of it as an artist's canvas, waiting for your creative expression. Purchase several, or repurpose empty clay pots you have at home, and you're on your way to this fun family activity.

Once you and your kids have added the artistic embellishments to the pots, fill them with fresh potting soil, plant cuttings from your summer garden or pot new flowers for fall and watch your living "windowsill masterpieces" grow. Use extra decorated pots as catchalls for desk supplies, hair accessories, etc. Here are three easy techniques.

WACKY JUNK

Slather tile grout on the outside of a clay pot like you are frosting a cake. Dig through your toy box, junk or desk drawer and choose tiny, lightweight, whimsical items such as plastic spiders or sea creatures, a pocket mirror, leftover game piece, badge, button or coin. Embed the pieces in the grout. Let dry thoroughly.

SAND DESIGNS

Create a Southwest look, ideal for potting a cactus. Draw designs like zigzags, triangles and circles on the pot with a pencil or marker. Trace the design with white household glue on one section of the pot, then sprinkle clean, colored craft sand over the glue.

Or, cover the entire pot with tile grout (see above) and sprinkle colored sand over the grout. Embed small objects such as marbles into the sand and grout.



SIMPLE PAINTING

Paint a clean clay flowerpot with acrylic paints using a paintbrush or a painting sponge. Experiment with a crazy, splashy design of swirls, stripes and spots (dip the eraser end of an old pencil in the paint to dab on the dots).

For a spattered look, older children can dip the bristles of an old toothbrush in paint and run their thumb across the bristles to spray flecks on the pot.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

VA Grants to Help Homeless Veterans

More than 260 non-profit community programs across the country received portions of \$418 million in grants for the Support Services for Veteran Families program. Last year alone the Department of Veterans Affairs served 77,590 veterans and their 19,919 children in the program.

The SSVF program runs in all 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, District of Columbia and Guam. Its main focus is homelessness and getting veterans and their families into permanent housing. The SSVF partners with community programs with all manner of help: case management, VA benefits, health care, child care, daily living services, legal assistance, transportation, financial planning, counseling and much more. In some cases, there are time-limited payments to landlords, utilities and moving companies if that helps a veteran and family to stay in or get to permanent housing.

To learn more about the SSVF program, go online to www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf. There's a list of SSVF providers by state for programs all across the country, plus contact information and phone numbers. You also can call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-4AIDVET (1-877-424-3838).

The best website is www.va.gov/homeless, where you can click on Community Resource and Referral Centers (CRRCs). That page also has a chat link. If you're in crisis, call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. Additionally, you can call your closest VA medical center. If you have no other options (no phone, no internet, are homeless or are at imminent risk for it), just go. Just show up at the medical center. If you are not yet homeless, contact them in advance, due to COVID restrictions.

One thing to keep in mind: These grants given to community programs are not bottomless buckets. Funding can and does run out, and there isn't more until the next disbursement. If you need help, apply now. Make your calls, get put on lists.

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Historically Speaking

East Tennessee Riding Club – Oak Ridge historic site and working stables

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Frances Parrett and Rachell Vowell contacted me asking if I would be interested in the history of the East Tennessee Riding Club as a possible subject for Historically Speaking. Of course, I agreed.

On a Saturday, I got my chance to drop by the stables during the horse show held on that day. That was a treat as I got to see the stables, meet some wonderful people, and get to know some special horses.

Two of the horses will be featured in this article as will their owners. It was a pleasure to meet the owners, see the horses, take photos, and provide each of the horse owners with photos.

But first, let's look at the history of this unique riding club. It is the ONLY member-managed co-operative horse barn in existence in the nation. The barn is a group effort, owned by all club members equally with rent based on expenses. Each member is responsible for tending their horse or horses and must share in the maintenance of the facility.

In addition to Frances and Rachell, I also have met Ruth Tuft and Paula Walden. Both ladies are special people who love horses and were introduced to me by Frances and Rachell. Each of these wonderful ladies has a unique story I want to tell later in this column.

The East Tennessee Riding Club has been called an unusual blend of a riding stable and a social club. The club was founded January 16, 1945. As you know, this was during World War II and while Oak Ridge was still a "Secret City." A formal charter for the club was not developed until July 11, 1949.

In 1945 the government was still in charge of all activities, including such activities as riding clubs. As with all other aspects of managing the city, the Roane Anderson Company managed the rental agreement with the club for the use of the warehouses as stables and a clubroom. The cost was \$13.12 per month.

The war-time atmosphere tended to cause the government to try and accommodate all such requests that could be done to keep the people living in the city behind fences as contented while demanding herculean efforts of them as workers. So, a riding club fit right into the scheme of things.

The present stables were first used as warehouses to store material for the construction of the Manhattan Project sites in Oak Ridge. The X-10 Graphite Reactor and the Y-12 Electromagnetic Separation Plant materials would likely have been stored here. K-25 materials were likely stored near the K-25 site.

Interestingly, there is still evidence of this storage because of some large pieces of graphite still buried in the floor of the portion of the stables known as the "Annex." These warehouses were at the end of spur railroad tracks where the materials were brought in by train and stored until they were needed in the construction of the Manhattan Project sites.

A side note: When the western end of Manhattan Avenue was recently realigned to match up with and form an intersection with the southeast exit from Wal-Mart, I noted an unusual exposure during the excavation. There was a railroad beneath the street! It is aligned such that it would have gone toward the warehouses turned stables that are now the East Tennessee Riding Club. I made a photograph of the exposed railroad rails.

By 1945, the warehouses would have been empty. The railroad would have run between the rows of warehouses with the loading doors facing the railroad tracks. Originally there were six warehouses with four of them being torn down and the East Tennessee Riding Club given the use of two of them.

Originally the club used one of the warehouses for a barn and the other for a clubroom. The members then constructed the stalls in the barn. The hallways were covered with dirt to provide an indoor riding area.

The club had a bar while Anderson County was still dry. Much of the money used to construct the stalls and the arena came from the operation of a private club in the clubroom. With Oak Ridge being a dry city in two dry counties, the only liquor licenses were given to private clubs with the East Tennessee Riding Club being one.

The club rented the warehouses turned into stables until the decision was made to sell property to Oak Ridge residents. They immediately took advantage of the opportunity to purchase the warehouses turned barn and clubroom. The club purchased 19.5 acres and two warehouses with improvements for \$1,800.

Over the years additions to the stables have been made including a "red barn" that was added in 1959. To pay for the barn, the club sold five acres of their land. Other improvements have been made over the years including the arena, spectator bleachers – removed in the 1990's, a concession stand, sprinkler system to wet down the arena

and dressage areas.

In 1967, a loan was taken out for \$4,000 for substantial improvements to the facilities. The loan was paid off in 1972.

Another interesting story about the club is the popularity of the manure generated by the horses. There was a time when manure was dumped in a designated location for removal by area gardeners. Stories are told of lines of cars and trucks in the springtime standing in line to get manure. Some even offered to clean stalls to get the manure.

The club has always encouraged youth through riding and holding competitive horse shows just for the young boys and girls. On the day I went to the stables for photographs, young ladies were showing their horses and proudly displaying winning ribbons.

The riding club has been featured in The Chronicle of the Horse and is a well-known riding stable with an excellent reputation for involving families and especially children.

One of the many programs the club has supported over the years is the 4-H Club. Remember that club from your school days? I do. Now for the two ladies I met on the



Blackberry, the rescued mustang showing the freeze-dried brand with his owner, Ruth Tuft, feeding him treats (Photo Submitted)



Dandy, the mustached horse with his owner, Paula Walden (Photo Submitted)

Saturday I visited the stables. First let me tell you about Ruth and thank her for the extensive work she has done already to document the history of the East Tennessee Riding Club. She shared that information with me, and it forms the basis for the early history of the warehouses that serve now as the horse barns and clubhouse documented in this Historically Speaking column.

One of Ruth's passions is the 4H Club program for children. She told me her story while I was at the barn and followed up with details that I will share with you now.

Ruth started in 4H when her daughter was nine years old. Her daughter is now 42 years old! AND Ruth is just now thinking of turning over the 4H project of the East Tennessee Riding Club to others. Even then she still plans to "stick around on-call" for the Project Group! Such dedication to children...we can learn from Ruth!

Ruth noted that when her daughter started in 4H that there was no horse project listed. When she asked about it, she was told, "We don't have an advisor for that." She said, "Well, I can do that" and the rest is history, so to say.

Ruth then approached the board of directors for the East Tennessee Riding Club about forming a 4H group. They agreed. The Anderson County 4H Horse and Pony Project Group began in the fall of 1991 with six girls. 4H Horse Shows have been held every year since except for one year when the arena was under repair.

At first the numbers of kids were small, but over the years interest has grown until typically about 30 kids sign up for the 4H horse program. Several drop after they learn the work that is required by the program. Those who stay, cite the program for the positive lessons they learn as well as the great fun they have riding the horses and getting to know horses.

Ruth also wrote the story of Rex – The Wonder

Horse, which was published as a guest column in The Oak Ridger. The story is of Charles V. Beall, who purchased one of the horses used to patrol the area during the Manhattan Project named Rex. When that approach was discontinued the horses were sold. Charles found that his horse could outrun all the other local horses and he thought the horse could jump rather well.

So, Charles decided to train his horse and even built a jumping race course near the East Tennessee Riding Club stables to practice jumping with his horse. He had his heart set on racing in Nashville and borrowed a truck and trailer to take his horse to the race. Because of a flat tire which had to be repaired as he had no spare, he was nearly midnight getting to the racetrack in Nashville.

The next day, Rex and Charles were set to race. Charles had not considered Rex's memory of the times he had patrolled the rough terrain around the perimeter of Oak Ridge's government reservation. He also did not think that when he trained Rex to jump, he had used solid obstacles for him to jump.

When the race started, Rex and Charles got off to a fast start until the first jump. You see, the obstacles in this race were not solid, rather the obstacles were brush jumps over a hedge. Well, you guessed it, Rex was used to going straight through blackberry vines, honeysuckle and brush without ever a thought of jumping. So, Rex ran right through the jumps, not only the first one, but ALL nine of them.

The race committee took pity on Charles and Rex and allowed them to run in a second race that used solid obstacles for the jumps. But this race was no better for Charlie and Rex. At the first jump they got crossed up with another horse and rider and Charlie took a fall.

That was the end of Charlie and Rex and their racing career. In fact, Ruth could not find any record of a Charles Beall or Rex in any of the East Tennessee Riding Club records.

Ruth also shared with me the story of Blackberry, the rescued mustang. He was born in Nevada and is about 15 years old. He is "freeze-branded" on his neck and that is how Ruth gets the information about his origin. She purchased him from the East Tennessee Riding Club when the owner could not pay the boarding bill and the club took over the ownership of the pony. Ruth paid the \$250 owed the club in September 2007.

She began to train the horse by picking up on his fears and helping overcome them. For example, he was afraid of people and would not eat when anyone watched. He trembled when anyone attempted to pet him. When a bell attached to his stall door was rung, he would cower in the rear of the stall. There is no telling what this horse had endured before encountering Ruth.

Soon she had the 4H kids helping her work with him. Eventually she even got Blackberry to the point where one of the 4H kids won several ribbons riding him.

The second lady I met on that Saturday, was Paula Weldon and her horse Dandy. This horse is a Missouri Fox trotter breed. He is a fine animal with a glossy coat of hair and a well-developed mustache! Anyone passing by his stall for the first time will do a "double take" because the mustache is so unusual and very much unexpected.

Because of the very fine mustache, he has been given the nickname of "Yosemite Sam." The mustache is well developed and could be waxed into a mighty good handlebar mustache. You can see a smile come to the face of everyone who looks at Dandy. He seems to know he is attracting attention with his mustache as he will push his chin out of the stall and seem to smile when the mustache draws added attention his way.

Paula was proud to get some good photographs of the mustache as she was having trouble proving her horse had a real mustache and not just a collection of facial hair. No doubt about it, Dandy has a real mustache.

I hope you have enjoyed learning about the quality riding stable and social club in Oak Ridge and also the two unusual horses I took a liking to on my visit.

Oak Ridge was created as a part of the Manhattan Project in 1942 to help stop World War II. The atomic bomb, Little Boy, fueled by uranium 235 separated at Oak Ridge helped to do just that.

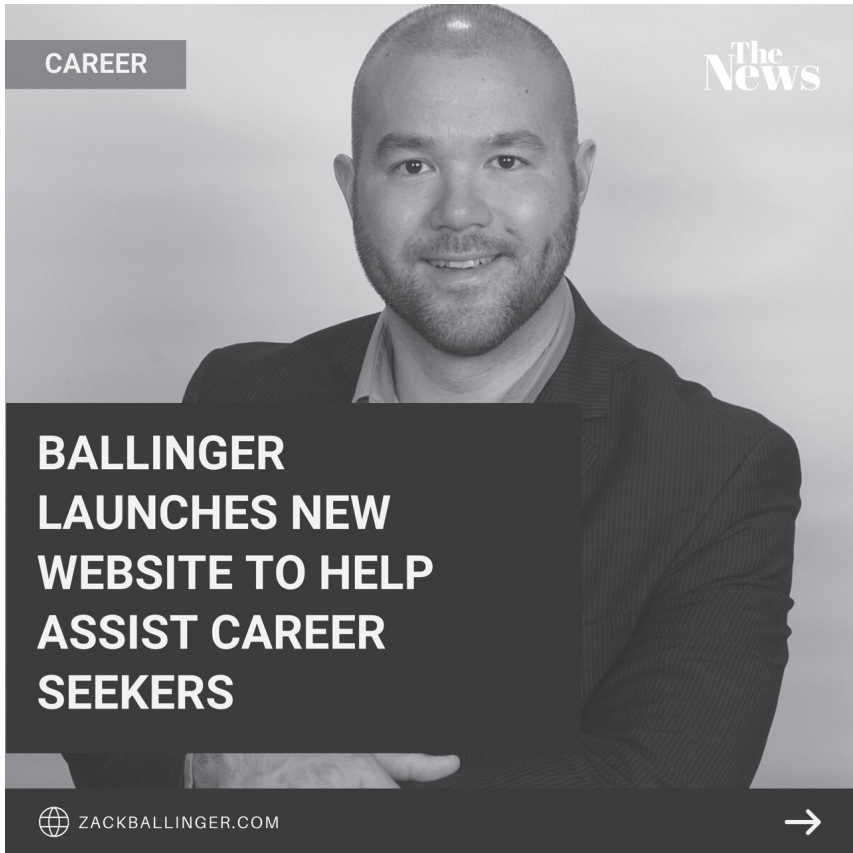
Oak Ridge began in war, has continued to support our nation's efforts through the Cold War, and even now in the age of terrorism. Oak Ridge has also produced nuclear medicine, nuclear power and fuel for the US Navy nuclear submarines and ships.

This "Secret City" nestled in Appalachia near Morgan County and where many from Morgan County go each day to work, continues today to produce scientific discoveries used worldwide and still routinely makes history. These Historically Speaking stories will provide insight into the people of Oak Ridge and the work they do to help humankind. Historically Speaking is written by D. Ray Smith, Oak Ridge City Historian, retired Y-12 National Security Complex Historian and Vietnam Veteran.

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That moment of enlightenment won't come if you are sitting on the couch, reading people's Facebook posts, some other activity that steals your focus from your goal. It takes hard work and effort to uncover that passion, but the reward from your effort and commitment is a priceless discovery that will lead you to a life of joy. Be patient, yet diligent, when it comes to discovering your passion in life. When you get frustrated, read something encouraging, keep a positive spirit, and remain fervent in finding your dream.

I finally found the answer when I mentally crashed my plane, combined with selling my house. I kept a career journal. I took the advice of some of my previous sales managers. They always recommended their sales teams at the beginning of the year to set realistic, measurable, achievable goals with a certain timeframe attached to each. These managers were also adamant about the importance of handwritten goals. I completed a questionnaire similar to the one found later in this chapter (page 17) and I never thought anything more about it. Fast-forward five years: I sold my house and moved to a bigger city. Before the move, I began packing up miscellaneous items around the house. I started in my home office, cleaning out some things from my desk. I found a journal and opened it up to find some answers to questions that I had written seven years ago. My passion, dreams, and goals were etched in stone. My journal read something like this:

"I love to teach, write, speak, and help people achieve success in life. God's blessed me so much with the gift of speak-

ing in front of large audiences and I actually enjoy it. I am good at teaching, mentoring, and coaching. I would love one day to write a book about my past experiences and speak to an audience to try to help motivate them to achieve ultimate happiness."

"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." (James 4:14) We aren't promised life tomorrow. I was recently attending church service at Passion City Church in Atlanta, Georgia. In his sermon titled, "Goliath Must Fall", Pastor Louie Giglio said one simple quote that really resonated with me. "Life is short God is great" We don't have very long to live on earth. We

graduate high school, college, or vocational school and begin a job. The majority of people become complacent in their line of work. They get comfortable following a routine and get used to a certain amount of money. When people become complacent, they are stuck doing the same job everyday, until they retire or die. They never find their passion in life. Complacency sneaks up on each one of us. We must not become complacent in our careers. Life is so short. It's worth the time to try to discover our passion, calling, and purpose in life. Don't let life pass you by with so many regrets. Do what it takes to find what you love doing each and every day. I discovered that my passion was teaching, speaking, and writing. Reading that list motivated me to write *The Hot Seat*. Even if you don't know what you want to do in life, begin

by taking career assessments and questionnaires, and starting journals.

If the answer doesn't speak to you instantly—like it did for me—then maybe the answer will resurface eventually. Never stop trying to find the answer.

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Most of our assumptions have outlived their usefulness.

- Marshall McLuhan

I learned at an early age that assumptions are not good! In the summer of 1958 I joined my friend Ronnie in signing up for Little League baseball. This was my first venture into organized sports, and I must say that I was “green as a gourd”! Any related experience that I had likely came from hitting rocks with a board that had been fashioned into a bat. I was equipped with an old hand-me-down baseball glove that had belonged to my deceased uncle Ellis King, but it had seen its better days and was worn out.

Little League baseball was serious business at Coalfield, even back in the 1950s, and there were some really good players. Two who come to mind from that season were Sammy Sampsel, who I believe played catcher, and Kyle Treece, who as a rising eighth grader was a tremendous pitcher. The team was coached by Charles Melhorn, who devoted countless volunteer hours to the team and the sport that he loved. The team had good success that year, though I can’t say that I contributed anything of value.

Two specific events from that season are burned into my memory. The first occurred in practice one day. I was positioned at second base and someone was taking batting practice. They hit a pop fly into the infield directly to me. As I watched the rising ball, it suddenly disappeared as the ball moved between me and the sun. I next discovered the ball when it hit me right above the mouth! Fortunately, no teeth were knocked out, but it hurt badly. This was not what I had signed up for. The second memorable event came in a game against the team



Terry learned the hard way what a trademark was, breaking three bats in one baseball game.

from Reed Elementary School located between Oliver Springs and Windrock. While most of my games were spent sitting on the bench, I finally had the opportunity to play in this game. In my first at bat, I swung hard and crack! – the bat was broken. Coach Melhorn yelled “You’re not holding the trademark right.” A couple of innings later, I had my second opportunity. The pitcher fired the ball and I swung hard. Crack! – another broken bat. Coach Melhorn again yelled, but this time a little more emphatically “You’re not holding the trademark right!”

Once again, I came up to bat and crack! – I broke a third bat. By this time, Coach Melhorn was really frustrated when he came over to me and shouted, “You’re not holding the trademark right!”

At this point, I could only reply “Coach, what’s a trademark?”

I should pause at this point to say that in those days we had never heard of an aluminum bat. All our bats were genuine Louisville Sluggers made from

wood. Each bat had the Louisville Slugger trademark imprinted on it such that when you held the trademark at the top of the bat during your swing, you would be hitting correctly against the grain of the bat. Otherwise, a broken bat was almost assured.

It’s amazing how we sometimes assume that others know something and then get really frustrated when they don’t act accordingly. I think both Coach Melhorn and I learned hard lessons that day. He learned that he could not take anything for granted about the knowledge of a young Little League player and I learned to ask for an explanation when I did not understand what someone was saying to me. Since that day, I have never forgotten what a trademark is!

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I noticed that you now have several local authors working for the Morgan County Today. I have really enjoyed reading Terry Futrell’s Coal Dust, an entertaining and informative read.

Last week my nephew Luke drove me to Wartburg to buy some tomatoes and on our return to Clear Creek we drove back on Montgomery Road. As we passed the Mont-

gomery Cemetery, I noticed someone had shot the sign for the Johnny F. Kreis Bridge over Emery River. I hope the people who desecrated that sign understand that Mr. Kreis was a decorated World War II Veteran who risked his life for our country. I hope Sheriff Potter catches the rascals that did this and make them pay to repair that sign!

I hate to always complain, but I cannot understand why anyone would damage a sign that honors a war veteran.

Bonnie Bell
Clear Creek, Tennessee

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Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Marla Hines, Circuit Court Clerk

This week we honor and mourn the death of Austin, TX Police Officer Lewis “Andy” Traylor. Officer Traylor was injured in a horrific automobile accident on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 when his patrol car collided with a tractor-trailer while responding to an emergency call for service at about 2:10 am.

Officer Traylor was extricated from his patrol car and transported to a local hospital where he was placed on life

support. He remained on life support and passed away on Sunday, July 31, 2021, after his organs were donated.

Officer Traylor was a U.S. Navy veteran and had served with the Austin Police Department for nine years. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Throughout Officer Traylor’s life he



served our country and his community as a veteran and law enforcement officer. His miraculous service to others continued past his life through the gift of his organ donations.

We at Morgan County Today praise Lewis “Andy” Traylor for his service and sacrifice. He is truly an American Hero and we pray that Jesus Christ provides comfort to his family and to all who knew him.



Totally Cool Orange and Vanilla Combo

This month we celebrate one of the most famous frozen treats ever stuck on a stick. Saturday, Aug. 14, is National Creamsicle Day! Just thinking about it makes me feel nostalgic. If childhood summers had a flavor, it’d be sweet, tart, frozen orange sherbet wrapped around a creamy iced vanilla lolly.

Obviously, this requires a celebration. I suppose we could just go to the frozen-treat section of the grocery store and pick up a box of ice pops, but where’s the fabulous fun in that?

Let’s pay homage to this orangy, creamy, head-freezy treat with the most scrumptious icebox cake ever. And because we’re adults now, we’re going to make it boozy. It’s everything you loved as a kid without the stick, with a kick.

Perhaps this is what Aristotle was eating when he said, “The whole being greater than the sum of its parts,” because this icebox-cake technique exemplifies it. It’s nothing but ice cream and graham crackers, yet it’s so much more.

This recipe is easy. It barely qualifies as a recipe because measurements don’t matter. You layer any ice cream with graham crackers as thick or thin as you like. Plus, you make it any

size as you wish. You can use a 9x13 pan, a loaf pan, individual servings or make it in big ol’ bucket!

ORANGE AND VANILLA ICEBOX CAKE

This recipe makes one 8x4 loaf pan. Scale up or down depending on the size of your pan. Triple sec is completely optional.

Yield: 6 servings

Active Time: 15 minutes

Freeze Time: 4 to 24 hours

What You’ll Need:

- 2 cups vanilla ice cream
- 2 cups orange sherbet
- 3 tablespoons triple sec orange liqueur (optional)
- 10 whole graham crackers

Optional decoration: *whipped cream, orange slices*



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Orange and vanilla icebox cake

Here’s How:

1. Remove the ice cream and sherbet from the freezer to begin softening.

2. Line a loaf pan with plastic wrap leaving an overhang of about 4 inches on the sides. Line the bottom of your pan with graham crackers, breaking as needed to fill the bottom. Remember, when you flip your frozen masterpiece over onto a serving dish, this bottom will be the top, so make it pretty.

3. Soften about 1 cup vanilla ice cream in your stand mixer using a paddle attachment, or a mixing bowl with a rubber spatula using elbow grease. Add 1 tablespoon triple sec, if desired. Using a spatula, spread this evenly over the graham crackers. Place another layer of graham crackers over the ice cream.

4. Soften 1 cup of sherbet as you did the ice cream, adding 1 tablespoon liqueur if desired, and spread evenly to make another layer. Top this with more graham crackers.

5. Swirl the remaining ice cream and sherbet together, adding liquor if you wish and spread forming the last layer. Top this with graham crackers, gently pressing down to squish it all together.

6. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for at least 4 hours, or better, overnight.

To Serve:

1. Dip the bottom of the pan briefly in warm water to release the cake from the sides. Place your serving platter upside-down onto your frozen pan and invert by performing an exhilarating flip. Take a bow, or try again, whichever is appropriate.

2. Remove the plastic wrap from your incredible cake. Take a moment to revel in your amazingness, then slice to serve or decorate as desired.

While this icebox cake is deliciously charming, it’s not stunningly beautiful, so I decorated mine with whipped cream, thin orange slices and edible viola flowers.

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

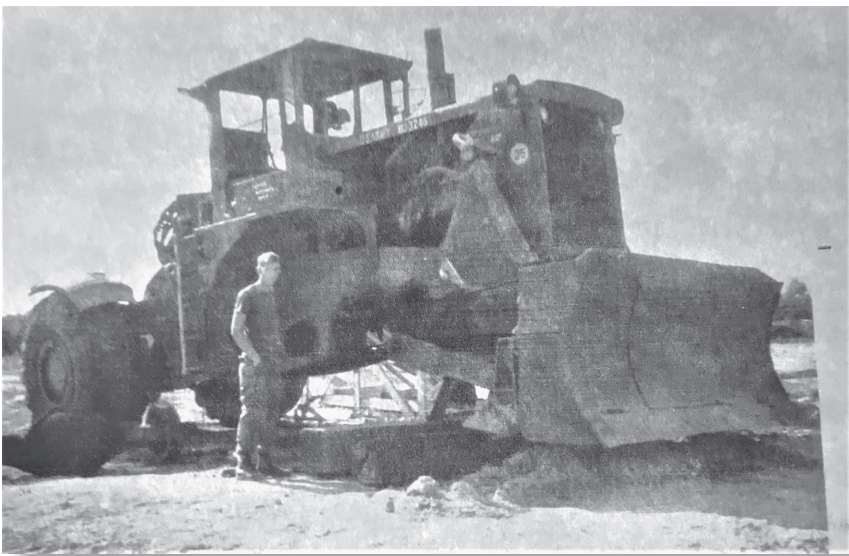
By Michael Nance, Morgan County Historian



Second from Left, Gene Nance Fort Campbell, Kentucky 1968 (Photo Submitted)

Robert Eugene (Gene) Nance graduated Central High School 1966. He later joined the Army in 1968, signing up at the induction center in Knoxville, Tennessee. 1968 was a pivotal year for the Vietnam War as it was ushered in by the infamous Tet Offensive. Newspapers and television screens across the United States were inundated with negative news concerning the Vietnam War.

On June 3, 1968, Gene's brother, Alan drove him to the induction center in Knoxville, Tennessee. He left the induction center on a greyhound bus and arrived at Fort Campbell, Kentucky on June 4th. In the heat of the summer, he began bootcamp in Company D, 4th Training Battalion, 1st Training Brigade. He trained with a platoon of sixty soldiers. He still remembers the stifling heat of Fort Campbell and the rigors of completing basic training.



SPC-5 Nance standing in front of damaged loader, Phu Loi Vietnam, 1970 (Photo Submitted)

Completing bootcamp, he was transferred to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Belvoir Virginia where he underwent a three-month course to maintain and repair heavy equipment. In November he was assigned Vietnam orientation training in Fort Lewis, Washington. In a rare respite, the Army allowed Gene's father Stobert, and brother Wade, to drive him from Fort Belvoir to Fort Lewis. He still remembers enjoying their company during the long drive. After completing the orientation course in December of 1968, he was assigned duty with Company E, 24th Engineering Battalion. The unit was stationed in Nuremburg, Germany.

In Germany, he remembers always being busy, and his unit was tasked with a difficult and time-consuming work. Specifically, he was assigned in a unit that was outfitted with motorized amphibious bridges. While in Germany, he was promoted to Specialist 5 rank. The commander had to waive the required time in grade to award him the promotion. After enduring about 11 months in Germany, which included periods of harsh winter weather, he received orders assigning him to Vietnam.

Specialist 5 Nance placed his boots on the ground in Cam Ran Bay Vietnam on January 17, 1970. Cam Ran Bay operated as a replacement

center and after many hours of "hurry up and waiting" he boarded a C-130 aircraft. He landed in an unknown base in Vietnam where he was placed in the back of an Army truck known as a Deuce and a half. After about an hour of travel, he arrived at the Army base in Phu Loi Vietnam. He was assigned duty with the HMSC 610th Maintenance Support Battalion.

His assignment in Phu Loi was to repair heavy equipment engines and transmissions. Landmines were one of the common causes of damages to the bulldozers and excavating equipment that he repaired. The base was constantly harassed by the Vietcong and North Vietnamese Army (NVA) by mortar shelling. The 1st Air Cavalry was also stationed at the base. Their helicopters were a prime target for the NVA. He vividly recalled on many occasions having to run to bunkers to avoid the mortar explosions.

Gene experienced a brief glimpse of home, when a high school classmate, Harold Bolin and Wayne Hall came by his base to visit him. Harold was in the Infantry and his unit had moved up from the delta to Phu Loy. He got permission to come by and visit Gene for about 45 minutes.

He recalled experiencing a monsoon season while in Vietnam. The rain would turn the ground of the base into what he called a "stinky mud." After the rain the sun would beat down and the humidity and heat were near unbearable.

Gene came home Dec 11, 1970, via Oakland, Chicago, and finally landing in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was picked up by his Father and brothers and drove back into his hometown of Lancing, Tennessee. The first thing he remembers doing after visiting with his family is taking a long drive in his 1967 Chevy Camaro.

Like all Veterans of the Vietnam War, he came home a changed person. He learned just how easy that your life could end in an instant. He worked as a contract mail carrier for 12 years starting in 1974 through 1986. He drove a stock car for a hobby with the help of the Paxton garage and Booby Crouch. Like his father, Gene is an accomplished carpenter and still performs carpenter work today throughout Morgan County. He misses many of his friends that he made in Lancing. His old friend Harold Bolin, who served in Vietnam in 1970, passed away in 2012 and is buried outside of Montgomery cemetery proper. Gene is still in great health and enjoys time with his sister Katherine, and brothers Wade and Alan.



Left to Right- Wayne Hall, Gene Nance, Harold Bolin, Phu Loi Vietnam 1970 (Photo Submitted)



Tombstone Of SPC-4 Harold Bowlin, Montgomery cemetery (Photo Submitted)

The Seat of Satan on Earth



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Jesus Christ dictated seven letters to seven churches in the book of Revelation. Revelation is the Greek word apokolupsis or unveiling. The Lord was unveiling his bride amongst the body of Christ. Pergamos is the third church Jesus Christ addressed.

Pergamos is made from two Greek words. Per meaning unholy and gamos denoting a marriage. Pergamos was the reaction of Christians to survive Roman persecution. Pergamos is the church where Constantine married the

Roman solar pantheon with western Christianity. It is where Roman paganism migrated into the Christian gospel and the marriage of church and state was consummated.

Pergamos is referred to by Jesus as the seat of Satan on Earth. Why?

The Greek city of Pergamos is where Zeus was believed to have been born. A 125' by 125' bronze altar was constructed at Pergamos for the worship of Zeus. The altar was superheated, and women throughout the known world would throw their infant children on this altar to win favor with the god of war, Zeus. This is where the seeds of abortion were sown in western Christianity. When enough babies were sacrificed, Zeus was said to have been born at Pergamos.

Christians at Pergamos compromised with the Greek gods and allowed Greek Gnosticism to creep into their gospel message. Nicholas, the deacon of Colllose, mixed Greek knowledge with Christ's message. He can be found in the book of Acts chapter 6 as a deacon chosen by the apostles to take God's message to all of the known Roman-Greek world. He was to take Christ's good news to western Turkey.

He compromised with the world that then was. Beginning in Genesis 2:24, God started the paradigm by which He views His entire creation. The pattern is one where a loving God created four things. He created the heavens and the earth perfect. This is verified in Jeremiah 4:23. There are three heavens in scripture. The present heaven where God is present. The heaven above the terra firma, made up mostly of the cosmos, and our atmosphere. And the new heaven which will appear at the end of the millennium of Christ's reign on earth.

God created angels. Amongst those angels were three archangels. Lucifer, God's worship leader. Michael, God's warrior angel protecting His people Israel and Gabriel, God's messenger angel to His creation.

According to Genesis 2, something occurred between the beginning and day one of creation. That something, was a rebellion in Heaven, led by Lucifer, where he convinced one-third of the angels to worship him. Jesus Christ said he saw Lucifer fall from heaven like lightning. This rebellion caused God to flood the original creation he had created perfect. The earth had to be created again, and this time to receive God's replacement for Lucifer, man.

God established the wedding covenant between one man and one woman for life as a pattern of how He views His creation. That is why God's greatest jealousy is as Creator. If you want to fall out of favor with God, worship His creation more than worship Him. God is eternally married to His creation. He does not need help saving His planet. He holds the creation in the palm of His righteous right hand. If the globe is warming, it is because God is getting ready to judge those who deny Him as creator.

Lucifer's rebellion set in motion a series of events that led to the second flood. Lucifer commanded the fallen angels, to begin having intercourse with the daughters of Adam. God found Himself a man perfect in his generation whose daughters had not polluted themselves with fallen angels. The daughters who did, produced male offspring who came to be known as the Nephillim. They had dual DNA. The purpose of the flood of Noah was to destroy the Nephillim, and re-establish the covenant God had brokered with Himself when Adam and Eve transgressed. The Messiah would be born to an unpolluted bloodline.

When Noah settled in the fertile plains of Mesopotamia, men rebelled once again, and I believe some fallen angels had escaped the judgement of the second flood, to begin leading men down an immoral ungodly path. I believe Nimrod and his wife Semiramis, were the leaders who began to replace creator worship with worship of the creation at Babel. Their rebellion has led to the formation of ancient creation worship cults, and they permeated the lives of Greek Christians in Pergamos. The unholy marriage of Christianity to fertility cults begun at Babel, migrated to western Turkey, and Jesus Christ says that is where the seat of Satan on Earth was established. He had a new throne for men to worship him on, and it was being

addressed by our Messiah as one of his Churches.

The Greek colonists had settled Pergamos sometime in the 14th century BC. The temple of Pergamos was built for the purpose of human sacrifice. Specifically infant sacrifice. The marriage covenant between one man and one woman for life, was nullified. The Greeks became devoutly against monogamy and human sexuality and intercourse began to be accepted outside of the confines of the marriage covenant established by God when he made Eve to be the suitable helpmeet by which Messiah would eventually be born. Divorce in today's modern church experience has reached epidemic proportion and God is not at all happy. Repent and return to Biblical morality and sanity in all things dealing with human intercourse. Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old, they will not depart from it.

Pergamos is where the great practitioners of all things medical got their start. Aesclepius got his start at Pergamos. He is considered the father of medicine. His symbol is the serpent on a brass pole. No doubt stolen from God. This was the same serpent on a pole that Moses was commanded to erect to heal the Israelites of bites from serpents. Aesclepius was the first in history to purvey in Pharmakia from where we get the term pharmacy. He first produced the stronghold of addiction in antiquity, and he is the reason America is the leading consumer of all things narcotic. Are you in church on Sunday and then hopelessly addicted to all things the cult of Aesclepius will provide you with on Shabbat through Shabbat?

Doctors in America attend western Greek universities, receive PHDs, become practitioners of all things Pharmakia, and Christians compromise with the word of God and Christ receiving 40-1 lashes for the healing of the flesh. There is no coincidence that Moses warned us of the 39 diseases that would befall mankind as a result of rebellion. Choose this day whom you will serve, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. I believe Christ received the Roman lashes for the healing of the flesh. No need for the cult of Aesclepius in my life.

Gnosticism begun by Nicholas has led to American Christians worshipping Zues, Aesclepius, Artemis, Eros, astrology and every other perversion of monotheism in their haste to assimilate with the extremely pagan world we live in. Compromise with thus says the Lord from the beginning has always been man's lot in life. John the Apostle provides our means by which we can become over-comers in this life.

1 john 5:4 Believe that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. Believe He died to pay the only debt that matters when you die: your sin debt to God as creator. Get under the blood of the Lamb, pray earnestly for the healing of your flesh. Become a Berean Christian and study scripture daily to find out if what John Burns is saying is true. Be prepared to always share the reason for the joy that is within you. He has a name. To the Jew He is Yeshua ha Messiah. To western Christians He is Jesus the Christ.

He desires to give you a white stone with a new name on it. This follows the pattern of the Romans who gave the slaves in the empire a white stone with a Latin name denoting they were eligible to enter the colosseum and watch the gladiator games. The name Jesus Christ alone knows you by, is your reward for faithful belief in His death, burial, and resurrection. This new white stone allows for your entrance into His eternal Kingdom.

One day we will rule and reign with Him over all the kingdoms of the earth. I will receive the crowns He has prepared for me in eternity past. We will be priest-kings for all eternity. Even so come Lord Jesus Christ. He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood!
RLTW John Burns 7-11-2021

Staff Sergeant John Burns enlisted into the United States Army on September 23, 1987 as an 11C Infantry Mortarman. He graduated from the 7th Infantry Division, Ranger Class 11/89 and served in the invasion of Panama, Desert Storm and the Battle of Mogadishu while assigned to the 75th Rangers.

Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five countries on five continents and all but two states while serving in the military.

He currently serves as the Chaplain for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. His devout faith demonstrates to all he comes into contact with that he believes nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He enjoys writing and teaching God's Word while sharing his faith with a dying world.

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King Crossword

Answers

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Romans 13

(Romans 13:1-7) the Christian's duty to government: in a time when Nero Caesar was on the imperial throne and perhaps unrivaled in his personal debauchery and political ineptness, it must have been tempting for Christians to despise government and be prone to rebellion. If so, Paul will correct this inclination. Every person is to submit to "the higher powers" (civil authorities---no matter the nation under which he lives), for all governments are under the sovereignty of God who is "ruler over the nation" (Psa. 22:28). There is, however, biblical limitation---elsewhere specified: (a) No government may force a Christian to do what is morally wrong (Ex 1:15). (b) No civil authority is at liberty to forbid a Christian from doing what is right (Acts 4:18-20; 5:29). (c) Civil law does not have the power to transform moral wrong into societal right, sanctioning the murder of unborn children or authorizing "gay marriage."

Civil rulers are "appointed" (Dan. 2:21; 4:17) (used by God for the maintenance of national or community order (v. 1), though such does not imply that human governments were commissioned by God originally (1 Sam. 8:4-7; Hos. 13:11). Nor does it suggest that these civil "servants" will be rewarded eternally. God can use a "servant" to accomplish a necessary task, and ultimately punish him for doing that very thing (Jer. 25:8-12). In general, civil leaders therefore are to be: (a) honored when honor is due (v. 7); (b) submitted to so that societal order may be maintained (v. 1); (c) supported with necessary tribute for the work they do (v. 7); (d) prayed for to the end that Christian people might have a tranquil environment in which to implement their ministry (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

To withstand governmental powers when they operate consistent with moral principle is the equivalent of opposing God himself (v. 2).

Ideally, rulers will not be a terror to good works. Criminals should fear the power of righteous government at the peril of their very lives (capital punishment). Punishment for crime should be certain, appropriate to the infraction (Gen. 9:6), and swiftly administered (Eccl. 8:11). The Christian obeys just laws, not merely out of fear, but also for conscience sake. Due to the fact that Christians derive many benefits from the governments under which they live, they are required to pay reasonable tribute to help sustain those benefits. Some argue that if one supports the government with taxes he is responsible for the evil that these powers may perpetrate. Paul did not think so. The Roman Empire supported idolatry with tax revenue, but the apostle did not hesitate to charge Christian people with this civic obligation.

(Romans 13:8-10) the Christian's duty to fellow citizens: the he---you (v. 4) distinction in this segment of Paul's epistle (between the civil ruler and the Christian) reveals that Christians have a higher plain of moral responsibility than government is sometimes forced to employ in a morally reckless world. That certainly is evidenced in this portion of the apostle's admonition. Paul contends that proper debts are to be paid; in this context, such embraces what is "owed" to civil rulers (keeping the laws, paying one's fair taxes, respect for authorities, etc.) The underlying principle of law keeping is love for one's fellows. Love is that quality which always acts in the no-

blest interest of others. The apostle introduces a number of moral transgressions which reflect a woeful lack of love, adultery, murder, theft, and coveting. The remedy for all such infractions is to "love your neighbor as yourself," which would obliterate moral infractions. One must love his family (Eph. 5:25; Tit. 2:4), his neighbor (v. 9), and even his enemy (Mt. 5:43-44); love works no ill to others. This is the code of the Christian, not that of civil government, from the nature of the case.

For centuries it has been a question of considerable controversy whether the Christian is permitted to function as an agent of civil government in the taking of human life. There is little dispute regarding how the early disciples understood the matter. Justin Martyr (second century A.D.) stated that Christians "do not war against our enemies". Historian Everett Ferguson noted that in early second-century literature there is no direct evidence of "Christian participation in military service." The earliest support for such, he says, was the early A. D. 170s.

(Romans 13:11-14) be ready for the day of judgment: this chapter closes with a passionate exhortation for the need for constant preparedness in view of the rapid passing of time, a refrain common to the New Testament. In every Christian there is the potential of dropping off into spiritual slumber; in almost every congregation of the church there are those who have done so already---hence the need for constant self-examination and encouragement on behalf of others. "Salvation" refers either to the day of one's death or the end of earthly time, whichever may be applicable (1 Tim. 2:10; Heb. 1:14).

To speak of the "night" being "far spent" emphasizes the reality of the rapidly running down of the sands of time, with opportunities fading. The expression, "the day," commonly refers to the last day of earth's history, the day of the Lord's return. The expression, "at hand," has been misunderstood frequently. The Greek term is flexible. It may denote a literal nearness in time (Jn. 2:13) or "nearby" in the sense of near association (Eph. 2:13). There are many texts, however, that speak of judgment as eminent because: (a) is a speedy potential for anyone at anytime; (b) time, with God, is always relative (2 Pet. 3:8); (c) the "last day" is certain (Psa. 37:10; Heb. 10:37; Jas. 5:8).

The Christian must thrust from him the "works of darkness" (evil) and clothe himself in the "armor of light" (Eph. 6:13). The verb "walk" is used frequently for the whole sphere of one's existence (Gal. 5:16, 25; Eph. 2:2). To walk in the "day" or "light" (1 Jn. 1:7) is to live consistent with God's truth. The negatives (v. 13) suggest an environment of worldliness, lack of responsible restraint, and harmful contention. The phrase, "put on Christ," is interesting; that adornment initially comes at the point of one's immersion into Christ (Galatians 3:27 "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.") His righteousness is the wedding garment (Matt. 22:11-13) when ones sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus in water baptism; he is clothed in the righteousness of the Christ. But there is a sense of urgency for all Christians to adorn themselves with the Lord so as to be protected from the allurements of carnality (v. 4).



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Correct Tax Return Mistakes Before The IRS Discovers Them

Correcting tax returns before the IRS discovers the errors can save you a substantial amount of money in penalties. Accuracy-related penalties are 20 percent of the additional tax imposed by the IRS.

There are two ways you can fix a mistake on your tax return and avoid costly penalties.

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Filing a superseding return allows you to treat your new information as if you had included it on your originally filed return. A superseding return can be either a corrected return (duplicate Form 1040) or an amended return (Form 1040X) that is filed before the deadline. If you filed an extension the extension deadline becomes your due date for filing the superseding return.

Superseding returns can also be filed for business entity returns, such as Form 1120 or Form 1120S for corporations and Form 1065 for partnerships.

Fortunately, the IRS uses the tax shown on the superseding return to determine most penalties. This includes the tax underpayment penalty and the accuracy-related penalty in an audit. Filing a superseded return does not allow the IRS additional time to audit and assess additional tax.

When filing a corrected duplicate return on Form 1040 or another form, put "SUPERSEDING RETURN-IRM 21.6.7.4.10" in red at the top of page 1 of the return.

A superseding return can also be filed on Form 1040X, and you may be able to efile the amended return.

If it is past the deadline for filing a superseded return, you can file a qualified amended return. You will be required to pay interest on the additional tax as of the due date of the return. However, the penalty is eliminated if you timely pay your IRS bill.

Generally, it is considered a qualified amended return if you file it prior to the date the IRS contacts you for an examination of the return for that tax year. If you file your amended return before the IRS contacts you about the missing income, it is considered a qualified amended return.

Be sure to be able to provide proof of the date the IRS receives the return since you may need to prove that you filed a qualified amended return.

If you discover that you have made a mistake, correcting it as soon as possible will save penalties, additional interest accruals, and a possible IRS review of your return.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Save Money With Phone Plans, Price Matching

With the price of everything going up, we need to save our dollars every place we can. Here are two ideas:

PHONE PLANS -- If you want to save money on your cell-phone plan or the cost of a new phone, there are a dozen or so providers that offer reduced-rate plans for seniors. Some offer a new phone, some will let you use your existing phone and many will let you keep your current phone number. Most offer unlimited talk and text, but prices will vary based on download speeds and data caps. Most also don't require a contract, but if part of the deal is to buy a new phone from them, you might run into a penalty if you cancel before the

phone is paid for. Call around to the phone service providers in your area and ask about senior plans. Be sure to look at their websites to check out the phones. You might need larger buttons or other special features. Better yet, if they have a store near you, go look at the phones in person. Don't let yourself be talked into a long contract that you don't want.

PRICE MATCHING -- This is a good way to get deals on things you want if you hunt for bargains. Some stores make it their policy to match lower prices found elsewhere. You'll need to have proof, however, meaning they'll need to see the current price on the competitor's website. Your best bet is to call and ask whether they'll look online right from their store, or if it's enough for you to print out the competitor's online ad. It's mostly the bigger chains that have these policies, but even a local store might be willing to price match just to get your business.

Remember to ask for your senior discount everywhere you go!

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Which single artist released "Hold Tight" as a dance cover in 1977?
2. Name the singer-songwriter who released "All by Myself."
3. What was the first Jackson Five song to top the charts?
4. Which Beatle released "Got My Mind Set on You" as a single?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Sometimes a love won't let go, Hard as I try I know it shows, Everybody's telling me you'll be over her eventually."

Answers

1. Vicki Sue Robinson. The song only reached No. 67 on the Billboard chart, but went to No. 2 on the dance chart.
2. Eric Carmen, in 1976. The verse is said to be based on Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2. It's not the only Rachmaninoff music that Carmen used as the basis for a song.
3. "I Want You Back," in 1970. It was first performed on "The Hollywood Palace" TV show in late 1969. Michael Jackson was 11 years old at the time.
4. George Harrison, in 1987.
5. "Who's Holding Donna Now," by DeBarge, in 1985. The song shot to No. 1 on the Adult contemporary chart, as did their first top 10 release, "Rhythm of the Night." DeBarge was made up of family members, mostly siblings.

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Itchy Feet: Closer to Home

By Janice Wilson



Not all our adventures were on the other side of the country, one can find plenty of things of interest on our own doorstep, making for a great day trip adventure. The highland games in Glasgow, Kentucky and the Doll Museum in Cookeville were two great days out, back in 2016, to name but two. Incidentally, I was curious about Glasgow, Kentucky, as that was where I was born in Scotland.

The Patton House Museum, or the Dolls house Museum, was established I believe, in 2012, in the home of Maurine Patton, and features a collection of dolls and miniatures owned by Velma Thompson.

The museum, which is nicknamed The Doll House, features more than 2,000 dolls and miniature doll furniture. Reminisce, at your pleasure at seeing all the dolls of your childhood, such as Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, First Lady dolls, and a Barbie doll wedding party. There are dolls from all over the world -- from China, Scotland, Argentina and many other Countries. Some of these dolls date back to the eighteen hundreds.

There is a dolls house that filled an entire room, with exquisite miniatures of



dolls and furniture, take your time looking over this exhibit, as there are details easily missed. Madam Alexander is also represented, with eight hundred of her classic dolls on display. Dolls that include the First lady collection, all of which are easily recognizable, and the Dionne Quintuplets. Beside the dolls and miniatures there are activities to keep one's interests up. Activities such as scavenger hunts, even adults would enjoy. Also, paper dolls and painting classes, with more dolls houses set up in the lobby.

Unfortunately, a tornado in 2020, damaged the building and the museum had to close down until a new location could be found. The dolls however have been saved and are being stored waiting for their new home.

The highland games in Glasgow, Kentucky was a sight for sore eyes. I watched in awe as the land of my forefathers came to life. Not only was I born there, but my husbands' family may have ties to the Clan Gunn, there seem to be Wilsons in almost all the clans. The games showcase the traditions of both Scotland and Ireland, and their culture and history.

Historical re-enactments were my favourite of all the activities, with battles from Culloden and the massacre at Glencoe, brought back to life. However, the hammer toss and tabor throw were just

as exciting to watch. Imagine dropping either one on your toe! Highland dancing is always a favourite and I would not like to boast, but I could probably still give a good rendition of the sword dance, if as say so myself. Bands throughout the area entertained with good old Scottish music. The pipes and drums never get too old.

There are activities to keep the children happy, face painting and jewelry making. Roam all the displays and pick up a memento of your favourite clan or taste some real Scottish fare, you might even find a haggis or two to chow down on. Now don't knock it till you tried it. Of course, if they had some eighty proof Scottish whiskey to wash it down, then your day will have been made.

Find a nice cool shaded seat and sit back and enjoy the Parade of Clans. Proud Scottish and Irish descendants marching tall and straight, proudly wearing their clan tartan and carrying the weapons of their forefathers.



Top Photos: Everleigh Brooke Human won Fairest of the fair, most sponsors and 1st runner up age group 0-6m.

Bottom Left: Shiloh Jones, age 11 months, Winner age group 7-11 months and most photogenic.

Bottom Right: Olivia Grady, 2 year age group, 2nd runner up and most photogenic

