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Michael Nance
Columnist

Chinese Posturing to Test U.S. Resolve

If you are like me, you are saddened by the recent events in Afghanistan. The loss of U.S. troops and a exit debacle that will be studied by military experts for years under the category of “don’t do this.” If the current Presidential administration believes the worst is over, they will be sadly disappointed. The failure in Afghanistan has already begun to erode the U.S. position abroad and emboldened our primary strategic adversary, China!

The Chinese government has already started flexing their muscles. Like a wolf on the trail of wounded prey they are making statements that should be immediately rebuked by our elected officials and military leaders. While the Presidents Special Envoy for Climate, John Kerry warns China to stay away from coal and decarbonize, the Chinese government seems poised for military action. Earlier in August when a bogus tweet indicated that 30,000 U.S. troops were in Taiwan, Hu Xijin a

Chinese journalist and the editor-in-chief of the state-owned tabloid named the Global Times was quoted as saying: “If it is true that the US has 30,000 or less than that number, soldiers stationed on the Taiwan island, Chinese military forces will immediately launch a war to eliminate and expel US soldiers.” Shortly after those statements the Chinese held military maneuvers near Taiwan in a show of force. In another editorial published by the Global Times the article inferred that America’s surrender of Afghanistan after the 20-year conflict was an “omen” for Taiwan’s “future fate.” This is evidence that our adversaries will use the flawed exit in Afghanistan against the U.S. in every possible way.

Reviewing military alliances, again China is rattling sabers. On August 9 -13th of this year China conducted a joint military drill with Russia in northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Senior Colonel, Tan Kefei, spokesperson for the Chinese Ministry of National Defense stated concerning the exercise: “It concluded with great success and achieved

the targets of deepening China-Russia strategic mutual trust, strengthening exchanges and cooperation between the two countries, and unleashing their combat capabilities.”

Closer to home along the U.S. southern border many news agencies are reporting that they are an increasing number of Chinese cartels that are responsible for the trafficking of fentanyl and methamphetamine destined for U.S. consumption. Cyber attacks are also a well-known malicious tactic of alleged Chinese interference with the U.S. economy and national security.

What does all of this information point towards? It is clear that China is an existential threat to the United States and this threat requires immediate attention for the current administration. If the Biden administration does not adopt a hard line against China, they will prove to be a much bigger threat than any foe the U.S. has faced to date. Let’s hope our southern border is addressed and bipartisan action is taken that curbs China’s appetite for confronting the United States.

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In Loving Memory

Randel Colin Laymance, 49

Randel Colin Laymance, age 49, of Lansing, TN passed on to his heavenly home on August 28th, 2021 after courageously fighting cancer for over 2 years. He owned and operated Laymance Paint and Body for many years. Randel fixed a lot of cars and trucks across Morgan County, Tennessee in that time, but more than that, he touched a lot of hearts.

Behind his chuckling smile and many jokes was a down to earth man who'd extend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He treated many of his friends like family and to his family, he gave everything. His wife Leanne, daughters Brittany and Katelyn, parents Brenda and Elmer and brothers Rick and Rusty are a testament to that. They carry his smile, his love, and his legacy.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Daisy Laymance, Kenneth Hall, Alyene Welch, and Claude Laymance.

He is survived by his wife, Leanne Laymance; daughters Brittany Laymance [Chris] and Katelyn Laymance; mother Brenda Laymance; father, Elmer Laymance; brothers, Rick Laymance [Elisha] and Rusty Laymance [Kasey]; niece, Abby Laymance; nephews, Don Laymance [Amber], Austin Laymance [Jocelyn], Logan Laymance; great nieces, Sophia Laymance and Marley Laymance; great nephew, Chase Laymance.

The family will receive friends Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Joey Aytes officiating. Graveside will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Liberty Church Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Randel Colin Laymance.

Wendy Lynn Wright Hawn, 47

Wendy Lynn Wright Hawn, age 47 of Wartburg joined the Lord on August 29, 2021.

She is preceded in death by her father, Donnie Wright; grandparents, Jesse & Wilma Wright and Walter & Beulah Coffman; and father-in-law, Jim Hawn.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Larry Hawn; son, Jesse Hawn; daughter, Sydney Hawn all of Wartburg; mother, Marcia Wright of Oakdale; sisters, Candy Wright of Wartburg, Kelly (Jammie) Mann and Julie Ford all of Oakdale; father & mother-in-law, Wayne and Sand-

ie Thomas of Wartburg, brother-in-law, Paul Hawn of Wartburg and a host of nieces, nephews, and a host of family and friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Thursday at 1:00 at Schubert Funeral Home with Bro. Tim Hamby officiating. Interment will follow at the Montgomery Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Wendy Lynn Wright Hawn.

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

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

Send Letters to the Editor
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MSG Fred Mize

Many times, throughout my life a well-known biblical story plays in my mind as it did again today.

That story is of Jesus Christ visiting the home of two sisters Martha and Mary.

Luke 10:38-42 38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

If Jesus was to ever visit our home, I'd certainly hope that my wife Hollea and I would mirror Mary's response and be consumed by His presence and with every word He spoke. But all too often I live my life like Martha and am consumed with thoughts of what has to be done versus simply enjoying who is in my life such as Jesus Himself.

Jesus may never literally walk through the front door to our humble home yet He dwells in my heart and soul. I have visitation with Him every day as I read the Holy Bible, meditate on His Word, and talk to Him in prayer. Every day I have to choose to either live

my life like Martha and allow my mind and actions be troubled with many things such as what has to be done at work, home, etc. or I can seize the day as Mary did and focus on Jesus' presence and His Word.

I'm not saying that we as responsible Christians don't need to fulfill our daily responsibilities at work, home, church, etc. because we absolutely do need to fulfill those respon-



sibilities. What I am saying is that those responsibilities must remain just what they are "responsibilities" and Jesus needs to remain who He is which is our top "priority."

As we fulfill our responsibilities as Christian men and women, husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, etc. let's do so by keeping Jesus as our top priority and fulfill all that we do with Him being ever-present with us. I promise that while keeping Him our top priority we will fulfill all that must be done on a daily basis and we will be shining ex-

amples to our spouses, children, loved ones, coworkers, classmates, church family, and even complete strangers. They will see a difference in us through not only what we do but how we do it. Through not only what we say but how we say it. Our lives will be lived differently because we will be different and that difference is Jesus Christ.

Lastly, notice what Jesus told Martha in closing. He said, "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

You see my brothers and sisters-in-Christ Mary chose that good part (Jesus) which shall not be taken away from her.

If we live our lives while never knowing Jesus Christ as our LORD and Savior or while never making Him the top priority in our lives, in the end, we will have nothing.

No matter how great your intentions might be if you live your life without Jesus, it is only a shell of what it could be. In the end, when your time on earth is over you may leave your loved ones with money that will eventually be spent, you may leave them with cars that will break down, you may leave them with a home that will need repairs. But if you live your life filled with Jesus when your time on earth is over you will leave your loved ones with a legacy filled with memories of love, hope, and faith. Most importantly you may leave this life after leading others to know Jesus Christ as you knew Him which in turn would give them the same undeserved gift that He gave you which is eternal life and He nor eternal life will never be taken away from you.

Amen!

Be Not Troubled

Sandra Helton's weekly column
Oakdale Area News
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Hello Everyone! Can you believe it is September already? Time really does go by so quickly.

The City of Oakdale is planning a Community Day to be held Saturday, October 9 at Oakdale Park from 1:00 – 4:00. There will be games, food and a bounce house for the kids. Area churches will be involved. Some activities being planned are face painting, pumpkin painting and corn hole. EVERYTHING IS FREE! Make plans to enjoy some family fun. Anyone or any groups interested in taking part can contact Jeannie Miller for more information.

Gus the Bus will be distributing a week's worth of free meals for kids 18 and under every Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Save a Lot parking lot in Wartburg. These meals are particularly for kids not in school. Gus the Bus will deliver both breakfast and lunch entrees, Mayfield milk, and of course fresh fruit and vegetables.

Oakdale School Alumni Association hopes to see all alumni at the Football Homecoming Game on Friday, October 1. There will be a tent set up where ALL alumni can register. They want to see which class

has the most people in attendance. The Alumni Association will be recognizing former high school football players, cheerleaders and homecoming queens before the game. Registration for former players, cheerleaders and queens will begin at 6:15 pm near the front gate. Pregame recognition will begin at 7:00 pm. Please spread the word with your family and former classmates.

Spirit Week is a long time tradition Oakdale School. One of the most popular activities is Dress Up Days. Spirit Week will be September 27 – October 1. Dress up days are: Monday/Yee Haw Day, Tuesday/Class Color Day (Each class will a specific color), Wednesday/Way Back Day, Thursday/Character Day and Friday will be Red and White Day. Start planning those outfits!

First Baptist Oakdale will have revival September 26-29. Brother Jim Disney will be preaching.

The 83rd Annual Pine Orchard Fair will be Saturday, September 11 beginning at 9:00. Exhibit entries will be accepted from 9:00 – 11:00. The BBQ plate lunch will begin at 11:00. Anyone interested in being a vendor can contact Alesha

Massey. The vendor fee is \$10 and vendors need to provide their own tent/tables. Vendors are asked to not sell any food or drink.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Doug Summers who passed away Sunday, August 29. He was the son of the late Bill and Mona Summers. He is survived by his wife: Patricia Hill Summers, his daughters Christy Dawn and Dolan Sandifer, Jessica Summers, Candi and Michael Ritter, Angie and Gary Jurkovich, his sons, James Binder and Charlie and Amanda Binder. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, three

great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Your mind will always believe everything you tell it.

Feed it faith.

Feed it truth.

Feed it with love.

-Unknown

September Events for American Legion Post 149

September 11, 2021, we will be conducting our monthly Legion breakfast. We will have all kinds of great breakfast items; biscuits and gravy, pancakes and waffles with an option of toppings to choose from. Omelets will also be made to order. As always, our prices will be \$8.00 per adult and \$4.50 per child under twelve. To go boxes will be \$8.50.

September 16, 2021, we will conduct our monthly Legion members meeting. We will start the meeting promptly at 7:00 p.m. We will also be celebrating the Air Force's 74th birthday with a cake and refreshments.

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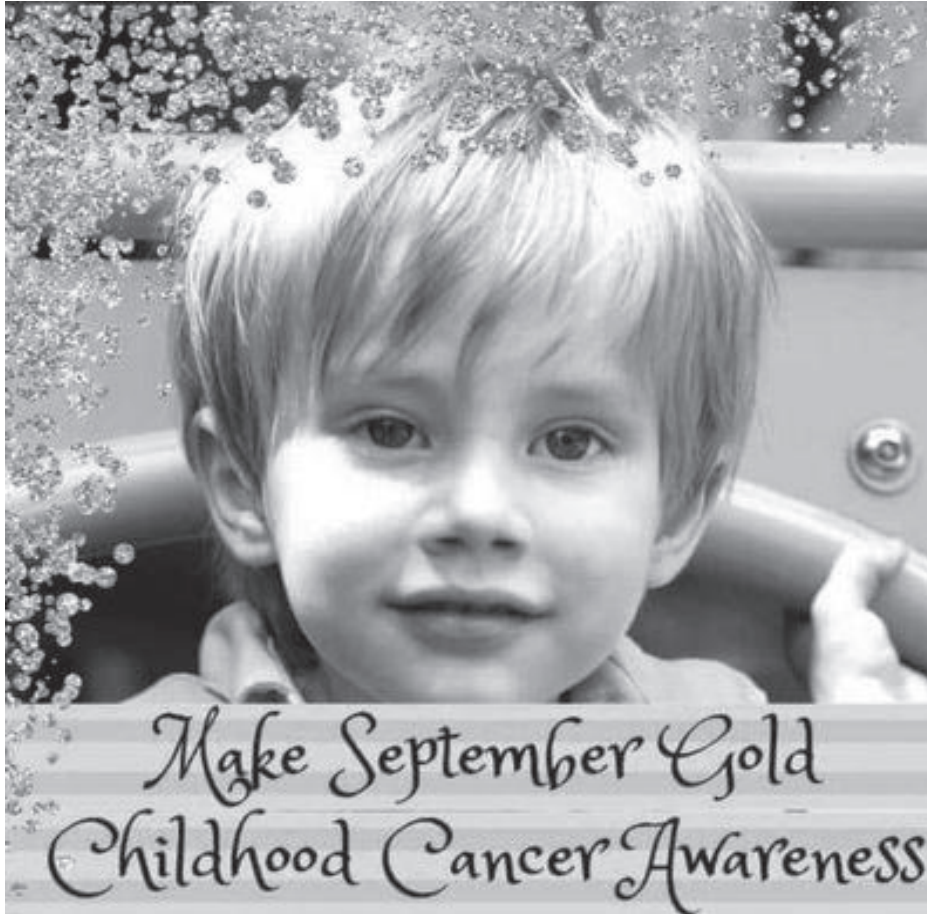


“If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.”
 — Gen. George S. Patton

Morgan County Highway Department is accepting bids on Fold and Form PVC culvert linings for three locations as well as Concrete Spray lining for one location. Full bid package and specifications may be picked up at the Highway Department. Exact locations are listed in bid packet. All bids must be delivered to Morgan County Highway Department, PO Box 250, Wartburg, Tn. 37887 or hand delivered to 3519 Morgan Co. Hwy. Culvert Liner Bid must be clearly and boldly marked on outside on envelope when delivered. Bid opening will be September 8th, 2021 at 10 a.m. at the Highway Department. Morgan County is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

By Fred Mize



Most readers may or may not know that September is international childhood cancer awareness month. I must admit that this September is the first time I realized this. My new realization hit hard at home because just last month my two-year-old Grandson Jack Smith-Sexton was diagnosed with a rare form of childhood cancer called, neuroblastoma.

No one in our family had ever heard of neuroblastoma even though it accounts for 7 to 10 percent of childhood cancers. I'd like to share with you now facts about neuroblastoma provided by St. Jude Hospital.

Each year, 800 new cases are diagnosed in the United States. It occurs slightly more often in boys than in girls and accounts for 50% of all cancers in infants, making it the most common tumor in infants younger than one year old. Most children with neuroblastoma are diagnosed before age five.

Symptoms of neuroblastoma may include; a hard, painless mass in the neck, stomach pain, feeling irritable, decreased appetite and leg weakness.

Jack did not have any of the

above-mentioned symptoms. On August 14, 2021, his loving parents Tyler and Ariel noticed out of the blue that his belly looked swollen on one side. Even though Jack wasn't complaining about being in any pain they decided to take him to East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH) in Knoxville to be examined.

ETCH immediately conducted a CT scan which uncovered two masses, one on each side of his abdomen. The next day they completed a biopsy of one of the two masses and within the following forty-eight hours

Tyler and Ariel received the pathology report diagnosing Jack with neuroblastoma.

Six days later on August 22, 2021, Jack was admitted to the St. Jude Hospital in Memphis where he underwent more testing and received a treatment plan. On August 31, 2021, Jack began chemotherapy which is the first step in his treatment. Later in the course of the

next year he will undergo continued chemotherapy, surgery, radiation, and stem cell replacement.

Jack's mother Ariel strongly advises all parents to take their children to be examined by a medical professional if they see anything at all that looks strange or abnormal with their children's bodies.

Jack like all other children who are fighting cancer is demonstrating courage and strength unbecoming of his age. He like all others did nothing to deserve such a disease to interfere with the most innocent years of his young life. All children who are ongoing treatment for cancer need our undying love and support. Jack's family is beyond thankful for the prayers, concern, and love they have received from 1,000's of people who are in Jack's corner.

St. Jude Hospital is living up to their great reputation as being a hospital that places the needs of children and their parents above anything else. St. Jude of Memphis welcomed Jack, Tyler, and Ariel with opened loving arms. Not only is St. Jude providing Jack with the upmost care and state of the art treatment but they are providing him and his parents with residence in Memphis and each of them with three meals a day. This love and care blesses Tyler and Ariel with the ability to focus 100% of their attention on Jack. According to www.cancer.org, "In 2021, it is estimated that 15,590 children and adolescents ages 0 to 19 will be diagnosed with cancer in the United States."

Everyone needs to do their part to spread awareness of childhood cancer and show their support in every way possible from donating to cancer research organizations and hospitals like St. Jude and by simply wearing a gold ribbon.

Unlike other cancer awareness ribbons, which focus on a singular type of cancer, the gold ribbon is the international symbol for childhood cancer and represents all forms of cancer affecting children and adolescents.

Do your part today to help children not fight cancer alone!



Sunbright Beautification Board Fundraiser a Success

A book signing for the newly released, "Sunbright Potteries", was held on August 28. Attendees were able to purchase their copy of the book and have it signed by the author. It was also a time for everyone to see the progress that has been made on the future Sunbright Library location.

Hospitality was provided by members of the Beautification Board and memories of the town's history was the topic of conversation.

Copies of the book are available at the Sunbright City Hall and at the Morgan County Genealogical & Historical Society's office at the Archives Building in Wartburg.



Check presentation photo:
Jill Jones-Lazuka, Karen Melton (Photo Submitted)



Group photo: L to R: Standing: Brandi Phillips, Brenda Jennings, Janice Stansell, Lois Ann King; Seated: Jill Jones-Lazuka, Author; Mayor Karen Melton (Photo Submitted)

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

This week we honor Medal of Honor recipient Master Chief Edward C. Byers Jr. Master Chief Byers was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions that took place in Afghanistan on December 8-9, 2012.

Master Chief Byers' Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a Hostage Rescue Force Team Member in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 8 to 9 December 2012. As the rescue force approached the target building, an enemy sentry detected them and darted inside to alert his fellow captors. The sentry quickly reemerged, and the lead assaulter attempted to neutralize him. Chief Byers with his team sprinted to the door of the target building. As the primary breacher, Chief Byers stood in the doorway fully exposed to enemy fire while ripping down six layers of heavy blankets fastened to the inside ceiling and walls to clear a path for the rescue force. The first assaulter pushed his way through the blankets, and was mortally wounded by enemy small arms fire from within. Chief Byers, completely aware of the imminent threat, fearlessly



rushed into the room and engaged an enemy guard aiming an AK-47 at him. He then tackled another adult male who had darted towards the corner of the room. During the ensuing hand-to-hand struggle, Chief Byers confirmed the man was not the hostage and engaged him. As other rescue team members called out to the hostage, Chief Byers heard a voice respond in English and raced toward it. He jumped atop the American hostage and shielded him from the high volume of fire within the small room. While covering the hostage with his body, Chief Byers immobilized another guard with his bare hands, and restrained the guard until a teammate could eliminate him. His bold and decisive actions under fire saved the lives of the hostage and several of his teammates. By his undaunted courage, intrepid fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in

the face of near certain death, Chief Petty Officer Byers reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Marla Hines, Circuit Court Clerk



This week we honor fallen New York State Trooper James J. Monda

August 22, 2021. He failed to resurface after going into the water at a boat lunch. He was working a marine patrol detail on the lake when the incident occurred. Trooper Monda had served with the New York State Police for eighteen years and was assigned to the marine patrol unit since 2017. Trooper Monda was forty-five-years-old and is survived by his fiancée and parents.

who drowned while conducting a training dive in the Great Sacandaga Lake in Northampton, New York on Sunday,



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The Joy of Sitting on the Front Porch



Tom Redmon
Columnist

There was a day when neighbors were close and porches were a place to have visitors. Maybe people didn't want to invite you into their house because

it wasn't cleaned up but they would invite you to come sit on their porch. Almost every house had a porch on it.

I remember my Grandpa Redmon sitting on his porch a lot. In his later years he had asthma.

The road was about 50 yards from his house and you could hear his deep breathing from the road. He had a greyish powder that he put into a server and set afire; he would inhale the smoke deep into his lungs.

I often wondered what the powder was but I never asked anyone so to this day I don't know what it was. It had a strong odor like rabbit tobacco.

Grandpa was a Truman democrat and he read the Knoxville News Sentinel paper.

My Dad was a Hoover Republican and he read the Knoxville Journal paper. I can envision them now one on one end of the porch reading the News Sentinel and the other one on the other end of the porch reading the Knoxville Journal. They got along with each other, but they didn't talk politics.

I remember spending a lot of time at Grandpa's house on the hill. We didn't say a lot; mostly I just felt welcome and I enjoyed looking at the beautiful mountains called Wiley Armes. Grandpa was the oldest child in the John and Mary Redmon family; born in January 1872 and lived until February 1958.

Grandpa's three boys lived on his 90-acre farm and his four girls lived in Knoxville and Greeneville. Wilma his youngest lived in Virginia Beach, VA most of her adult life. Her husband Charles Long was a Navy man for 30 plus years.

The family would gather on Grandpa's hill and set on that long porch and talk all day. I remember a reunion in 1957 when Grandpa had one year to live but he stayed with the family and talked about his long life.

Love and Mina Heidel were two others who would sit on their porch. People who would be walking by they would invite them to come and sit a spell. Love would go into the house and pop them a big pan of popcorn to eat

while they enjoyed visiting the folks in their community. He also would bring out his guitar and they were all invited to join him in singing the good ole country songs of their day. Everybody just had a good ole time and many stayed long after dark. I just wish we could go back to those days and I would join Love because he read a lot and he loved to talk about our history. He loved country music and we could have a country hoe-down.

In the old days many people would eat supper then come out on the

This was always a fun time for us all. How I miss those ole care-free days! Today kids sit around in their houses playing games on their smart phones which is void of all kinds of exercise. Do you wonder why today we have so many fat or obese children and adults? On highway 27 we could go down to our Uncle Sherman Phillips' home and sit on their big porch. Some kids would be playing in the yard and some adults would be enjoying catching up on the latest news. Wherever you went you would see folks sitting on their porch.

During WWII and the Korean War you could see caravans of Army vehicles transport soldiers to different camps.

If the weather was permissible and not too hot or cold the porch was a good place to be.

Today even with the temperature in the upper 80's or low 90's we invited our neighbor Lee to sit a while on the porch. It took me back to the good ole days. I just wish we could return to the times when the porch or the kitchen table at supper time was the place to gather round and really be a close family.

I believe a lot of young couples did a lot of courting in the swing on the front

porch. In the 1980's I believe a country singer by the name of John Anderson came out with a song entitled "Swingin'" and it made the top twenty. I tell you folks if you ever come by my house and I'm sitting on the porch come on up and sit-a-spell. We'll talk about everything but politics. We'll talk about how it was in the good ole days.



porch and talk awhile. Uncle Jim did that a lot and his son Kelly's favorite place to play his guitar was on the porch. Mom would come over to the barn to milk the cow in the evening and us kids would play a game of ball called board-on-deck. When Mom got through milking, she would come up to set on Jim's porch and talk until dark.

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Disappeared: Chapter 8: Part I

Nick & Chris-Day 3

The rain poured down throughout the night. Thunder rocked the mountains and lightning danced across the sky until the sun began to rise in the early morning hours. Fog lay heavy on the mountain as the rain moved off.

Nick was the first one up. He was dressed and out of the tent long before the sun peeked over the treetops.

He grabbed a few logs that had been kept under a tarp and began building a fire. He knew everyone would need some coffee and a quick breakfast before heading out, though he, himself, would not be eating anything. His stomach was in knots and the thought of food nauseated him. With close to 40 people in the camp though, it was going to take a while before everyone got up, ate and got ready to go. He was glad to be able to get a jump start on it to help move things along quicker.

Ranger Williams exited his tent and came over to help Nick. He sat down on the log next to him and began putting coffee grounds into pots for boiling.

“The sun will be up shortly,” he said to Nick. “We plan on hitting the trail as soon as we can get everyone up and moving. The plan is to break up into smaller groups to be able to cover more territory. You and Chris will be with me, Sheriff Morgan, Les Wilkes and two of the dogs.”

“So it will be five people to a group?” Nick asked, stoking the fire to keep the flames going. “That seems awful small to me.”

“We have a large area to cover. And since it is such a large, remote area, I want to spread the search out as far as we can to cover any possible direction she may have gone in.”

“Well, I agree with covering as much ground as possible, but wouldn’t it be more conducive to have a few more people with us since we will be searching where she was last seen? The more people, the more eyes and ears to catch things that could lead us to her.” “But the more people we have in a group, the more likely tracks and signs from her could be jeopardized or destroyed.” Ranger Williams explained. “The other groups will be larger. About 10-15 people per group, but I want ours to be small. I want any evidence of her to be found and with the two best dogs in our group, we should find something.”

“Where will the other groups be searching?” Nick asked. “We have a grid laid out of the mountain. Our team will be following the direction you guys were headed and along the ridge where you say she disappeared. The other groups will search within the grid area they are assigned. We have 10 areas mapped out to search. Every area will have a team on it.”

Nick looked down at the fire and was silent. He was anxious and afraid. What if they didn’t find her? If they did, where would she be? Where could she have gone? Why did she leave the trail? His mind was so full of questions and he knew until they got out there and started searching, he wouldn’t know any of those answers.

“Nick, I need to tell you something before anyone else gets out here. This is just between you and me,” Ranger Williams said leaning in a little closer to Nick so his voice didn’t travel too far. “There have been people who have mysteriously disappeared in these mountains and have never been seen or heard from again.” Nick turned to him abruptly and started to speak, but Ranger Williams cut him off.

“Now, wait,” he said. “I’m not saying that will be the case with your wife. I’m just saying, I have been a ranger in these mountains for many years and I have witnessed a lot of stuff. I just want you to be aware that sometimes, people just aren’t found...ever.” Nick looked at him as if he had lost his mind. “Why in the world would you tell me something like this? Are you saying there is no hope of finding her? Do you already know something?”

“No sir, I do not. But people have disappeared under very strange circumstances, just like your wife and they are never seen or heard from again.”

“So, then, what exactly are you trying to tell me, Ranger Williams?” Nick was angry now. He couldn’t believe this guy was telling him that Maggie may be lost forever. He simply wouldn’t, couldn’t believe that.

“Well, there are rumors...” Ranger Williams began. “Rumors of people being taken. Or disappearing through time warps even. I don’t know what happens to people out here, but sometimes, things simply cannot be explained.”

“Taken? Time warps? Are you serious? Are you honestly expecting me to believe this nonsense?” Nick was on his feet now staring down at the ranger. “What in the world is wrong with you? You’re supposed to be a ranger. Someone that people go to for help. Have you lost your mind?”

Nick knew his voice was getting louder, but he was completely outraged. Who did this ranger think he was? What kind of person in his position would tell a loved one this before the search even began? Was he saying there was no hope of finding her because she was “taken” or “time warped” out of the area? What in the world was going on here?

“Now listen here, Ranger!” Nick ground out, barely able to keep his voice down. “I don’t know what you are trying to pull here, but if this is your idea of helping me, then I think I would prefer another ranger.”

Chris must have heard Nick’s raised voice. He came out of the tent and cautiously approached the other two men. The ranger that had assisted Ranger Williams with the initial report at the visitors center came walking over at the same time.

“Uh, Nick?” Chris asked. “Is everything ok here?” “No, no it’s not ok. This nut case just told me that Maggie may have been taken by someone or time warped somewhere!”

Chris looked at Nick then at the ranger with a shocked look on his face. “What? What in the world? Why would you tell him that?”

The younger ranger raised his hands as if to calm everyone down. “Whoa there. Let’s not get all riled up here. I think Ranger Williams was just laying out the possibilities of things, is all. We will do our best to find her, but you need to be aware that even then, sometimes bad things happen and people just aren’t found. It happens, unfortunately.”

Nick just stared at the two rangers with his mouth hung open. He was completely speechless.

Chris just shook his head in disgust. “Well, that is a very poor way to start a search off, guys. Sheesh.”

Ranger Williams had the decency to look remorseful. “Nick, I am really sorry,” he said. “Ranger Gorly explained it better than me, I guess. I never meant to scare you or suggest there was no hope. Please forgive my lack of tact.”

Nick just stared at him with an incredulous look on his face. “Fine. Fine, whatever,” he said. “Let’s just get things moving. We’re wasting time.” With that, Nick stormed off to his tent to gather up his things. Chris followed, still shaking his head in disbelief.

Nick was still fuming as he crammed his gear into his backpack. He couldn’t help but think about what Evie had said about someone following them. It unnerved him now that he hadn’t paid more attention to her. That he basically blew her off.

What if someone had been following them and that’s who took Maggie? The ranger said someone may have “taken” her. A cold chill ran down his spine. Why would someone take her? What did they want with her? What would they do to her?

Fear prickled his nerves as he thought about what she must be going through right now. Was she scared? Hurt? Was she OK? He had to find her. He just had to. He wouldn’t allow himself to think otherwise.

“Nick, do you think Evie was right about someone following us?” Chris asked as he finished stuffing things into his backpack. “I was just thinking the same thing.”

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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

* For a little extra visibility in the basement, try applying glow-in-the-dark or reflective tape on the edges of the stairs.

* This tip will change your life when peeling eggs: After you have hard-boiled your eggs, drain and submerge in ice water. Put them back in the pot, put the lid on and shake. Shake in all directions for up to a minute. The eggs practically slip right out of their shells. Just rinse and prep. -- JoAnn

* "To distinguish your keys, especially house keys that have similar stamps, simply paint the key head with different colors of nail polish. You could even add a very subtle dot of the matching polish on the key lock. Reapply as needed." -- S.L. in Oregon

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Christopher Havens, a high school dropout and convicted murderer, taught himself advanced mathematics and solved a decades-old math puzzle involving "continued fractions" while in prison. He then published his findings in an international advanced math journal in January 2020.

* The Grand Canyon is so big that it creates its own weather.

* In August 1971, the Pittsburgh Pirates became the first professional team to have all nine players in the lineup be of Black or Latino descent.

* World War II German interrogator Hanns Scharff's unusual techniques for extracting information -- which included shar-

ing his wife's homemade baked goods, cracking jokes, unsupervised nature walks and afternoon tea -- were so successful that the U.S. military later incorporated them into their own interrogation schools.

* The blood in that infamous "Psycho" shower scene was actually chocolate syrup.

* Because it turns yellow when fully ripe, the Persian lime is not commonly found in markets, as it gets confused for lemons, but is used for most commercial purposes.

* Hungarian composer Franz Liszt received so many requests for locks of his hair that he bought a dog and sent fur clippings instead.

* The Bible is the most commonly stolen book in the world.

* Pill bugs, also known as roly-polys, are not insects but rather crustaceans. They breathe through gills and are more closely related to shrimp and lobsters than other bugs.

* The moon is not round, but shaped like an egg.

* Brunettes are more likely than anyone else to become hooked on nicotine. The high levels of the pigment melanin in their hair also make it difficult for the liver to metabolize the nicotine, keeping it in the system longer and making it easier to become addicted.

Thought for the Day: "The vacation we often need is freedom from our own mind." -- Jack Adam Weber

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* If you keep birds, here's a reminder: Never preheat pans on high heat -- especially nonstick pans. They can let off a chemical that you or I cannot detect but can be a health hazard if your bird friend is in the kitchen area. Don't keep birds in the kitchen when cooking.

* "To mark the end on a roll of tape, save your bread tabs. Stick one on the tape end and it will be ready and easy to start the next time. If it's a thick tape, you can use two clips -- one at either side of the tape. This way, it won't split on you." -- M.E. in Maryland

* Use a flat iron to iron your collar if it's ruffled. This also works to straighten out buttonholes that have crimped.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 4 Gasoline dispensers
- 9 Attorney's field
- 12 "Right you --!"
- 13 Not moving
- 14 Blond shade
- 15 Online reference source
- 17 Carefree
- 18 By way of
- 19 Pancake toppings
- 21 Museum tour guide
- 24 -- Hari
- 25 Swelled head
- 26 Solidify
- 28 Semesters
- 31 Stately trees
- 33 Homer's neighbor
- 35 Mt. Rushmore's state
- 36 Seized vehicles
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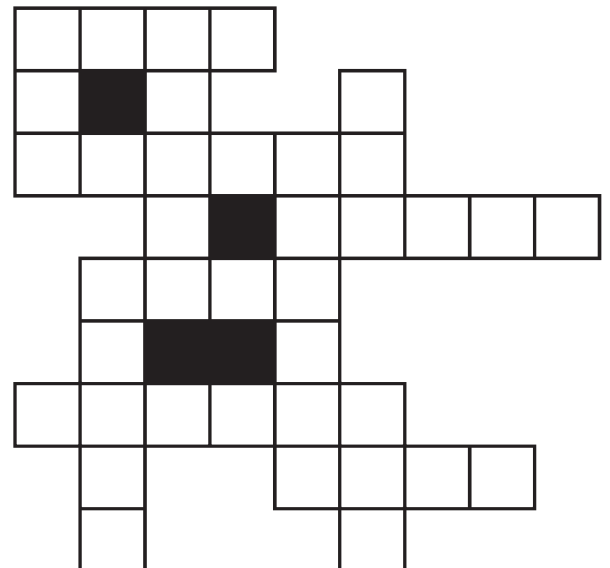
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- 39 Femme --
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Joel in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. What was the Lord's answer when Peter asked, "How oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him"?"
Once, Thrice, Seven, 70 times seven
3. What's the only book of the Bible (KJV) in which the name of God is not mentioned? *Ruth, Ezra, Esther, Amos*
4. From Judges 14, what man offered 30 changes of garments for solving a riddle? *Moses, Samson, Peter, Solomon*
5. To what city was Saul traveling near when he heard the voice of Jesus? *Antioch, Damascus, Paphos, Rome*
6. From 1 Kings 4, how many governors did King Solomon have? *12, 61, 100, 192*

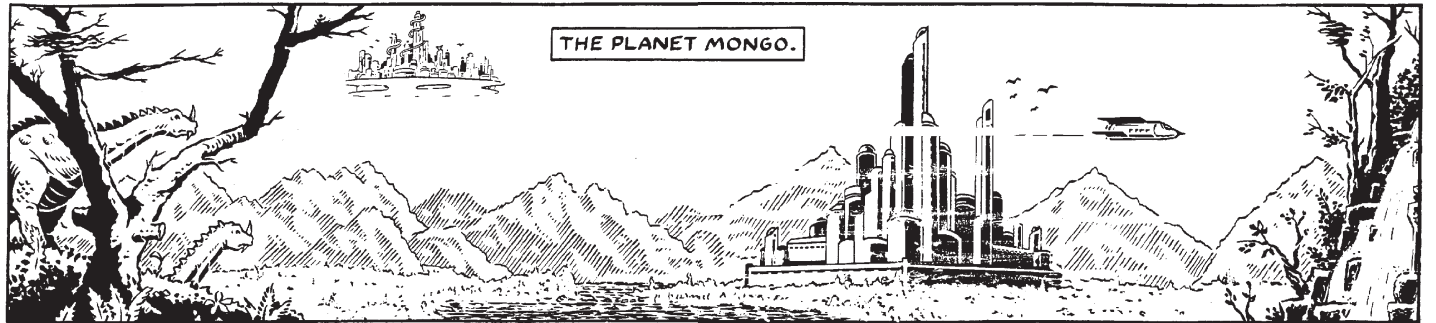
ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 70 times seven; 3) Esther; 4) Samson; 5) Damascus; 6) 12

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Tomato and Basil Onion Soup

Homegrown tomatoes soon will be nothing but a pleasant memory. But before they are, why not stir up a pot of this wonderful soup? It's perfect for all of us tomato and basil fans!

- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 (10¾-ounce) can reduced-fat tomato soup
- 1 cup water
- 3 cups peeled and chopped fresh tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh basil or 2 teaspoons dried basil

In a large saucepan sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, saute onion for 6-8 minutes. Stir in tomato soup and water. Bring mixture to a boil. Stir in tomatoes and basil. Lower heat and simmer for 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Makes 4 (1 1/4 cup) servings.

TIP: 1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes can be used in place of fresh tomatoes.

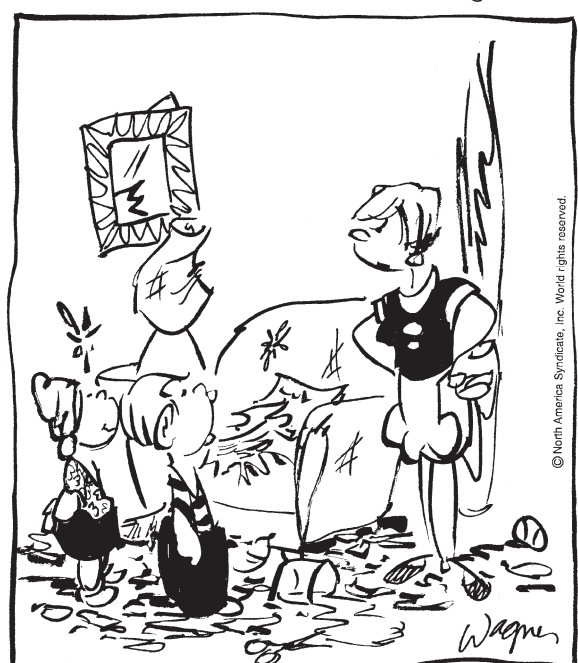
• Each serving equals: 109 calories, 1g fat, 2g protein, 23g carb., 300mg sodium, 3g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Vegetable, 1/2 Starch.

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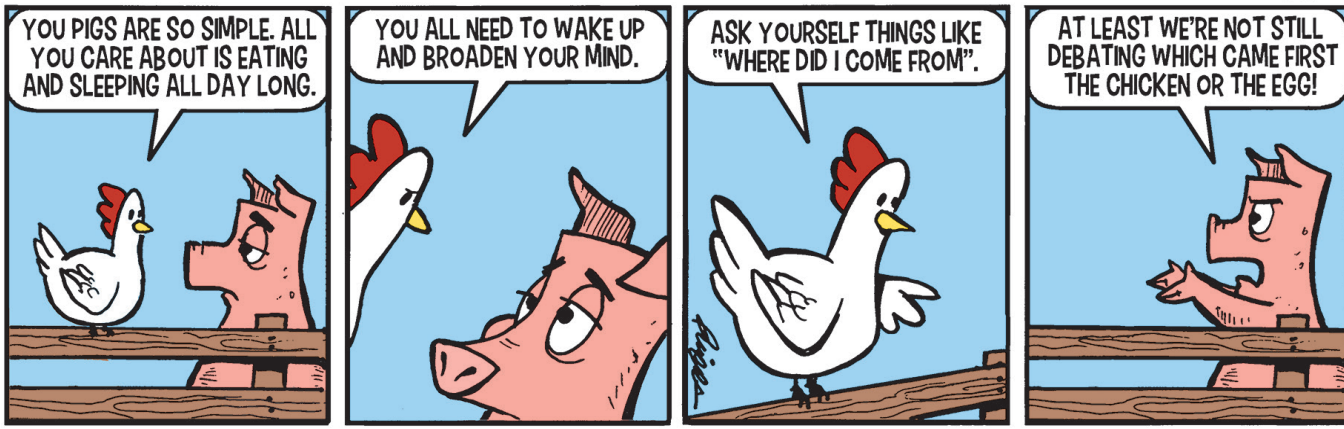
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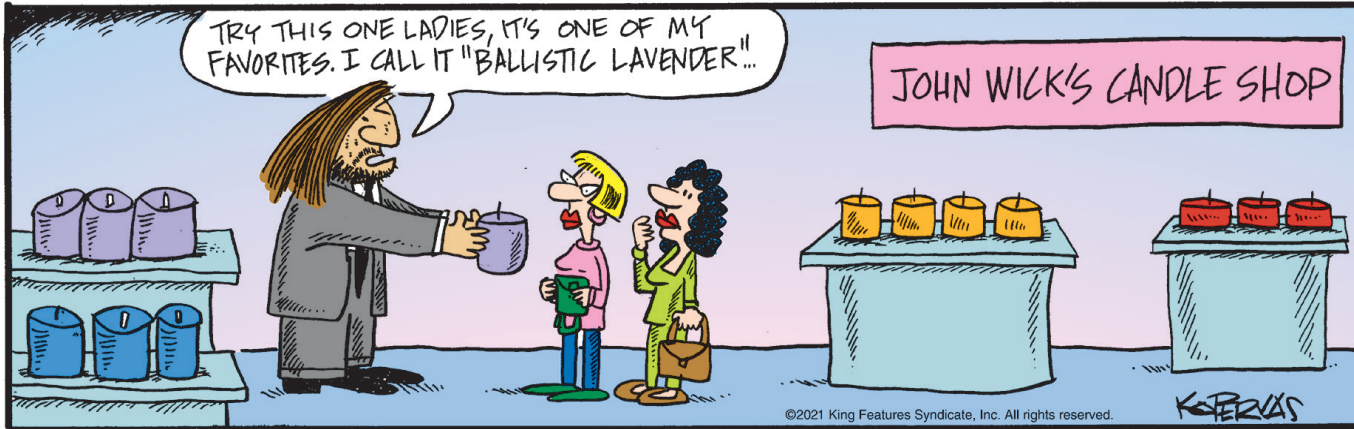
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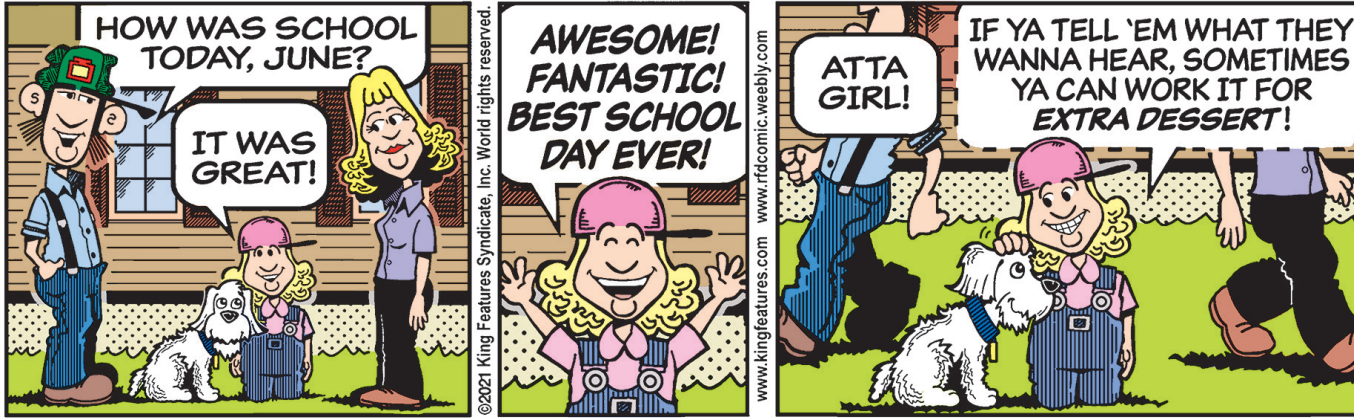
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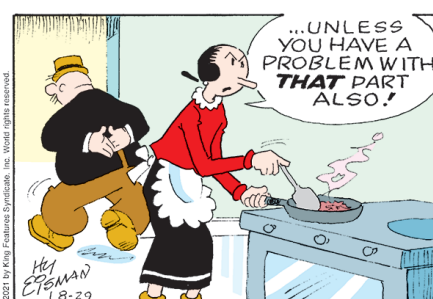
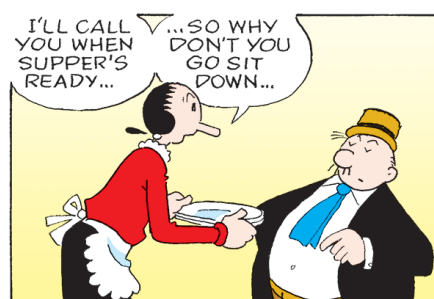
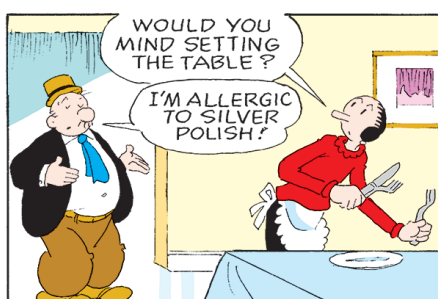
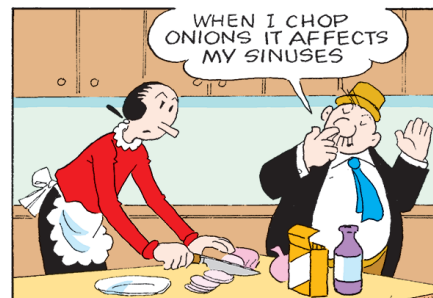
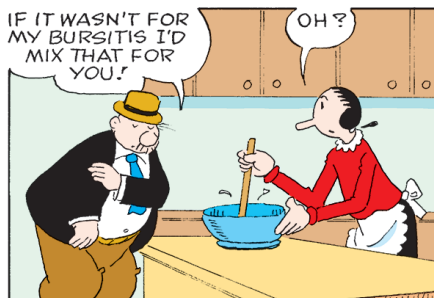
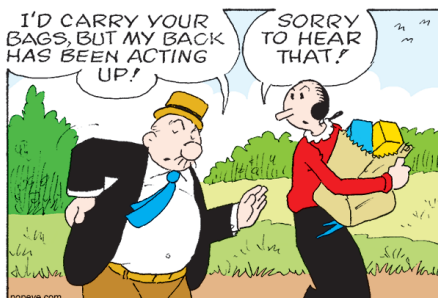
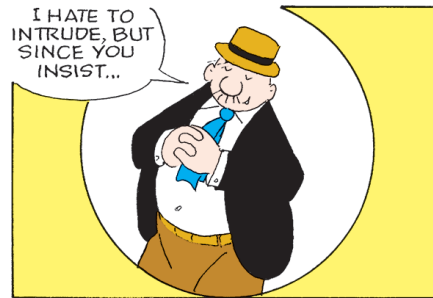
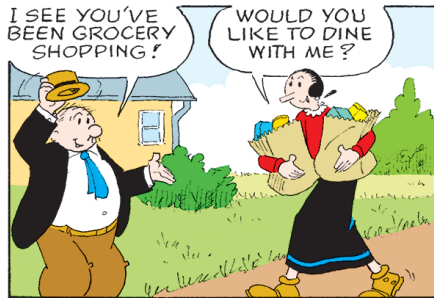
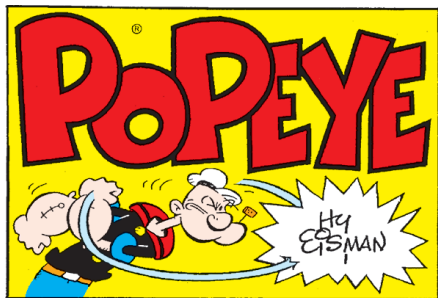
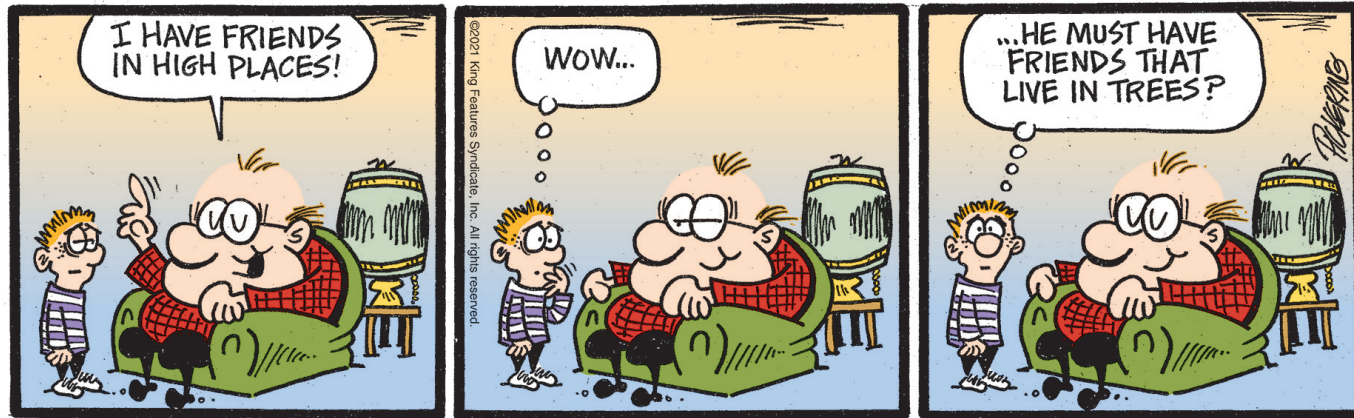
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by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

EDITOR'S NOTE: In last week's "Moments in Time" column (0830), there were 2 items dated Sept. 18. The "New Zealand voting rights" item should be Sept. 19; the "cesium-137" is correct.

* On Sept. 22, 1598, 26-year-old playwright Ben Jonson is indicted for manslaughter after a duel. He was very nearly hanged, but his ability to read and write saved him. He claimed "benefit of clergy," which allowed him to be sentenced by the lenient ecclesiastical courts. In his time, Jonson was as famous as Shakespeare.

* On Sept. 25, 1789, the first Congress of the United States proposes 12 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and sends them to the states for ratification. Ten were ratified and are known as the Bill of Rights.

* On Sept. 21, 1866, H.G. Wells, pioneer of science fiction, is born in Bromley, England. In 1895, he published his classic novel "The Time Machine" about a man who journeys to the future. The book was a success, as was "The War of the Worlds" (1898).

* On Sept. 20, 1881, Chester Arthur is inaugurated, becoming the third person to serve as president in that year. In March, President Rutherford Hayes turned over the reins of government to James Garfield, who was assassinated July 2 by a crazed gunman. Arthur, the vice president, was sworn in the next day.

* On Sept. 26, 1928, work begins at Chicago's new Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. In 1930, Galvin would introduce the Motorola radio, the first mass-produced car radio. (The name had two parts: "motor," evoking cars, and "ola" derived from "Victrola" record players.)

* On Sept. 24, 1968, CBS airs the first episode of the pioneer news-magazine show "60 Minutes," which would become the longest-running prime-time show in American television history. The first episode featured coverage of the Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey presidential campaigns.

* On Sept. 23, 1992, Manon Rheume becomes the first woman to play in men's North American pro sports leagues when she takes the ice for the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning in a preseason game.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Sorry Joe, This Was Not a Success

Talk about a catastrophic success.

The Biden administration wants credit for the Afghanistan evacuation as measured by the sheer number of people it flew out amid a security and humanitarian crisis of its own making.

This is the arsonist bragging about how many fires he has put out.

Those with memories that stretch past a couple of weeks ago will recall the halcyon days when a mass evacuation at a civilian airport exposed to suicide bombers and other attackers wasn't, according to Joe Biden, even conceivable.

Biden contributed to the collapse of the Afghan military by denying it air cover, gave away Bagram Air Base for no good reason, pulled out U.S. troops before our diplomats and civilians, drastically underestimated the gathering Taliban offensive, and then, caught unawares by the fall of Kabul, scrambled to jury-rig a desperate rescue that shouldn't have been necessary in the first place.

That the U.S. flew out more than 115,000 people out of Kabul is a testament to the awesome capabilities of the United States military.

It is not in any way a vindication of President Biden's exit. The evacuation itself has been costly. Because we outsourced security outside the airport to the Taliban, our service members were forced to operate in dangerous conditions. A nearly inevitable attack last week killed 13 of them. That's the loss of more Americans in one day than were killed in action most years in Afghanistan since 2015.

Then, we failed by the most important metric. We left hundreds of Americans behind who wanted to leave, a squalid betrayal that was unfathomable before the Biden team began to try to prepare the public for it a week or so ago.

It's hard to imagine any prior American president, perhaps with the exception of Jimmy Carter, abandoning Americans behind enemy lines. Theodore Roosevelt mustered the naval might of the United States to save one American who had been kidnapped in Morocco in 1904. Barack Obama traded five Guantanamo detainees for Bowe Bergdahl in 2014.

Even Biden felt the impulse to get every last American out. He pledged to do it in his interview with George Stephanopoulos. In order to keep his promise to the Taliban to get out by Aug. 31, though, he broke his promise to his countrymen.

We still don't know how many U.S. green-card holders, to whom we should also feel an obligation, have been left behind. And there have been reports that the Taliban was blocking our most deserving Afghan allies from getting to the airport, meaning the Afghans we got out weren't necessarily the most endangered.

Even if the evacuation had been flawless and complete, the underlying situation speaks of an abysmal failure. After 20 years, we lost a war to a Taliban that now controls more territory than it did on September 11, 2001. The Taliban hasn't renounced al Qaeda; indeed, the Haqqani network, a key element of the Taliban that has been responsible for security in Kabul, is closely allied with the terror group.

Biden talks bravely of launching counterterrorism strikes from "over the horizon," but failed to secure a base in a neighboring country. We will have to operate from hours away in the Persian Gulf, even as our intelligence capabilities in Afghanistan are drastically diminished.

Our ineptitude and dishonorable conduct have shocked our allies, who need to place their trust in our competence and reliability.

Biden's supporters have resorted to the defense that almost all of this was inevitable. Yet, for years, the Afghan army fought and bled after we had stepped back into a support role, suggesting an unsatisfactory stalemate was achievable at a relatively low cost. Biden rejected that option. Instead, he chose defeat and disgrace. All of the exertions to rescue people from the wreckage over the last two weeks can't change that.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Make Kale Chips With Kids

Hail to kale! I'm not sure what brought the green, leafy, good-for-you veggie into such renown, but try to open a foodie magazine or blog without some recipe bowing to its virtues. I've been following the trend and now dutifully toss it into stir fries and salads, and even let it stand alone all spiced up in our family's most recent obsession — kale chips.



Nora Cornell douses olive oil on cut-up kale for kale chips.

While kale chip recipes abound, I found the best, foolproof technique from Tricia Cornell, mom of two, freelance writer and author of the book "Eat More Vegetables: Making the Most of Your Seasonal Produce" (Minnesota Historical Society Press).

The cookbook is chock full of easy-to-follow "family friendly, get kids involved" veggie recipes such as her tasty take on "Squash Chili"

and "Soupe au Pistou." True to form, she has the kale-chip-making technique down to a science. "When my kids clamor for kale chips, who am I to refuse?" she said as her 7-year-old son Arlo chopped up the kale, and 9-year-old Nora grated Parmesan for the chips that would accompany their hamburger sliders supper. "I want the chips to be tasty and crispy every time we make them," she said.

Pick up a bunch at your local market and enjoy making and tasting these light, crunchy treats with your kids.

CHEESY KALE CHIPS

Makes 4 cups

- 1 large bunch kale (12 ounces), both Lacinato and curly kale work well.
- 1 tablespoon olive or canola oil
- 1/4 cup finely grated Parmesan
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper or 1/2 teaspoon pepper flakes

Here's the fun:

1. Heat oven to 400 F.
2. Trim off the long, tough center stems from kale and discard. Slice leaves into 1- to 2-inch pieces and place in a large bowl. Pour oil, cheese, salt and pepper over kale, and massage kale well with your hands, making sure every piece is covered, but not dripping, with oil.
3. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper and spread kale in a single layer. Place in oven and immediately reduce heat to 250 F.
4. Bake about 20 minutes, until crisp, stirring kale and turning pans halfway through. It's important to keep an eagle eye toward the end; you want crisp, not brown.

5. When completely cool, serve. If there are any leftovers, store in airtight container up to three days.

Variation: Barbecue Kale Chips

Omit Parmesan and pepper. Stir 1 teaspoon "pimenton de la vera" (smoked Spanish paprika) and 1/2 teaspoon sugar into the salt before adding.

Find more family fun at www.donnaerickson.com. Write to Donna at Info@donnaerickson.com

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Veterans Village Making Progress

The first customer to purchase one of the tiny homes was a town police officer who'd been sent to investigate a complaint about the parking lot being full of construction materials.

"I own the lot," said Sarge. The officer nodded. "Then do what you want."

He stepped over to the first tiny home and peeked in. Within a half hour, the officer had chosen his flooring and exterior cladding, signed a purchase agreement and put down a cash deposit, the \$17 he had in his pocket.

David, the homeless veteran foreman of the Veterans Village project, stood gripping the \$17 after the officer left.

"I've just sold my first tiny home," he said to Sarge, amazed and stunned. "He'll be back tomorrow with a cashier's check for the whole thing."

Sarge patted him on the shoulder and headed into the coffee shop, where he pulled out his phone and punched in some num-

bers.

By 10 o'clock the next morning, the second tiny home was also sold, full of custom extras.

By noon, David was at the counter in the coffee shop, Sarge at his elbow, while he tapped frantically at a calculator and consulted a notebook of costs.

"Can this be right? Is this possibly be right?"

Sarge checked the math, tapping the calculator: sales prices minus cost of materials, minus carpenter wages, minus, minus, until he hit grand total. "That's right."

David slumped onto a stool. "Sell two more tiny homes and I'll be able to put something down on that land," he said, "before it's gone."

Sarge ran a hand down his jaw, considering the secret he'd been keeping. Then he pulled a much-folded savings bank statement from his back pocket and handed it to David.

"This is from the old vets here," Sarge said, "plus their families, plus many others, plus a state grant, to help you get Veterans Village started. For you to buy the land and pay cash. You'll own it outright."

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Historically Speaking

A Brief History of Uranium Gaseous Diffusion

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

The K-25 History Center opened first the last week in February 2020. I was unable to be there as Fanny and I had been invited to Vail, Colorado, for a very special "Roundtable" resulting from a most unique tour I was asked to provide for four couples in 2019. It was an amazing experience where 20 people who had unusual professional experiences that the host chose to bring together. We were honored to be among those invited.

While the new museum, which is open again now, is an excellent museum and provides some exceptional exhibits telling the history of the K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Oak Ridge, TN, there is a much larger story of gaseous diffusion. Gordon Fee approached me asking if we might gather a group who knew that broader history.

Gordon wanted to create something that the public could easily understand. Such things as the "Toll Enrichment" effort, the contribution to the United States Nuclear Navy, the contribution to nuclear reactors for electrical power, and the Cold War.

Gaseous Diffusion has produced the nation's highly enriched uranium for our nuclear weapons and the US Nuclear Navy. Nuclear reactor fuel has also been produced using gaseous diffusion.

Our first contact was Steve Polston, who was at one time the Manager of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant and now retired. Steve agreed to help and took on the task of producing a draft document. We also included Jim Rushton, Ralph Donnelly, John Shoemaker and finally an exceptional writer who has expertise taking technical information and editing it into language the general public can better understand, Alan Brown.

The document, produced here in *Historically Speaking*, has been provided to the K-25 History Center for consideration in creating a video or exhibit conveying the broader history of gaseous diffusion. We include it here to document the history in its original form.

Gaseous diffusion is a complicated technology that helped end World War II, powered the U.S. Navy's nuclear fleet, and helped generate more than 10 percent of the world's electricity. One of the most closely guarded American secrets of WW II, the process separated the most common form of uranium, U-238, from the much rarer isotope, U-235, that produces energy when split.

What is Gaseous Diffusion?

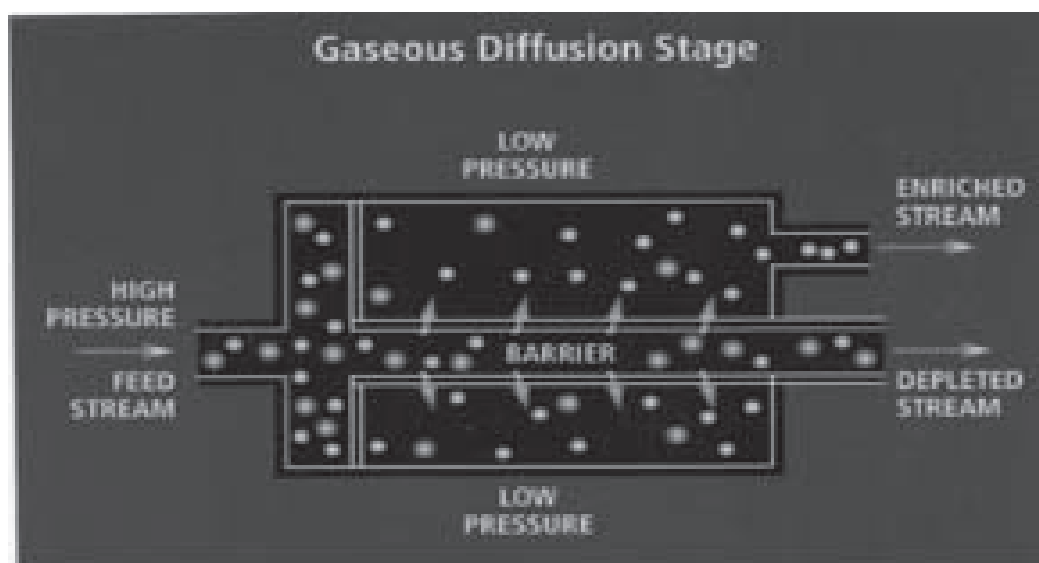
The concept behind gaseous diffusion is easily understood: separate the two uranium isotopes by weight. All uranium atoms have 92 protons, but U-238 has 145 neutrons, giving it an atomic weight of 238. U-235 has three fewer neutrons than U-238, which accounts for its lower atomic weight (235).

To take advantage of this difference, the engineers and scientists developed the gaseous diffusion process. They started by turning uranium into a gas by reacting it with fluorine. This formed uranium hexafluoride, the only uranium molecule volatile enough to behave as a gas at room temperatures.

Then they pumped the gas through a diffusion

barrier, a thin, tubular metal membrane with millions of nanoscale holes (diameters equal to 1/5000 thickness of sheet of paper) perforating its surface. Because the U-235 gas molecules were 1.3 percent lighter than those containing U-238, they moved slightly faster and were more likely to contact and diffuse through the barrier's pores and into a chamber on the other side. This created a second stream of uranium hexafluoride that was very slightly richer in U-235 than the stream that went straight through the pipe without diffusing.

To create a stream of gas rich enough in U-235 to use in fission, this process was repeated thousands of times. The equipment to do that was housed in the K-25 Plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn., the first U.S. gaseous diffusion facility. When it opened in 1945, the mile-long, U-shaped, four-story-high plant was the largest roofed building in the world. It was followed by the Paducah, Ky., facility in 1952 and the Portsmouth, Ohio, unit in 1955. These three gaseous diffusion plants



Gaseous Diffusion model (Photo Submitted)

formed what is known as the U.S. gaseous diffusion complex.

Gaseous Diffusion Was Built Using Incredible Technologies in the 1940's

Nuclear fission was only one year old when the U.S. government began formulating plans to develop an atomic bomb. In 1938, two German chemists, Otto Hahn and Fritz Strassman, and a physicist, Lise Meitner, of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin discovered that bombarding U-235 atoms with neutrons would split the atoms and release massive amounts of energy. It was clear to many physicists that this reaction could produce a weapon of incredible power, and that Nazi Germany had the lead in developing it. In 1939, several leading U.S. physicists, including Albert Einstein, wrote a letter warning President Franklin Roosevelt of the danger. Their intervention led the President to launch the Manhattan Project to develop an atomic bomb.

The development of the mass spectrometer, which measured the weight of individual atoms, helped prove the existence of isotopes, atoms with the same number of protons but different numbers of neutrons. By 1938, scientists knew that some uranium isotopes underwent fission, but they did not know which one. That year, American physicist Alfred Nier at the University of Minnesota used the technique to identify U-235 and show that there is only one U-235 atom for every 139 atoms of U-238. This 139:1 ratio occurs no matter where in the world uranium is mined and is the reason uranium must be enriched.

Uranium hexafluoride is one of the most reactive and highly corrosive gases known. Unchecked, it would have eaten away the thousands of miles of steel piping in the Oak Ridge K-25 gaseous diffusion plant. To prevent this, researchers developed a nickel-plating process that protected the pipes.

Similar coatings were later used to protect equipment in chemical and food processing plants as well as jet engines.

The first use of Teflon was to prevent uranium hexafluoride from leaking in gaseous diffusion plants. Teflon was discovered in 1938 by a DuPont scientist looking for a new fluorine-based refrigerant. This fluorine polymer so highly inert, it appeared slippery. It was used to seal thousands of diffusion pipes and valves, preventing dangerous uranium gas from escaping into the environment. To produce Teflon, engineers first had to develop a process to mass-produce fluorine, which is used today in a wide range of Teflon and other industrial products.

The diffusion barrier was the Manhattan Project's single greatest technical challenge. To make gaseous diffusion work, the diffusion barrier had to allow only some uranium fluoride molecules to pass while blocking most of the others. This

meant finding a way to produce millions of 10-25-nanometer holes only slightly larger than the uranium hexafluoride molecules themselves. The pores ran through an ultrathin metal tube that still needed high mechanical strength. The holes also had to resist corrosion and plugging by any contaminants in the gas stream.

Next, we will look at the details of the history of gaseous diffusion relative to the Cold War, the Nuclear Navy, Nuclear Power Reactors, and even an international venture. It is our firm conviction that the public should

know the broader history of gaseous diffusion and our fear is that it is in danger of being lost.

The excellent K-25 History Center and work to be completed by the Department of Energy Environmental Management that includes a viewing platform, marking the huge K-25 Building footprint with a dozen wayside markers will complete a major heritage tourism destination at the East Tennessee Technology Park's Heritage Center.

We are pleased to provide this broad history of gaseous diffusion.

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.

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

6 Signs it Might be Time for a Career Change



Most people have worked in a job they didn't enjoy. I always tell my audience, "it's fine not to like your current job, but what are you doing in the meantime to fix the situation"? If you find yourself trapped in a career you hate, a reasonable answer isn't, "I'll just be miserable for 25 more years and then retire." You have to work towards making the change. You may be on the fence and wondering if it's time to make a career change. How do I know when it's time to make a career change? Here are the 6 signs:

Mental Health

Depression and anxiety are common among people who hate their career. You may begin noticing an unhealthy level of stress or anxiety that's taken a toll on your emotional health due to not being fulfilled in your career. Your loved ones might see a change in your behavior at home with either you being distant with people, self-isolating, or being short tempered. Depression and anxiety are emotions we deal with over the course of our life. The problem is we tend to work try to fix the symptoms and not address the actual problem. The problem may be your current job.

Relationships

Are you having trouble in your personal relationships with your family or friends? Are you and your spouse, kids, siblings, or parents constantly fighting? Your loved ones often notice the changes in your mood or behavior the quickest. Because we are closest to our family, we often introvertly take out our anger or frustration on the ones we love the most.

Weekend Malaise

"Thank God it's Friday, and Oh God it's

Monday" syndrome is common throughout north America. I realize most people love Fridays; I completely understand. We need time off from our career to enjoy life, but make sure the pendulum hasn't swung too far in the direction of dread. Do you have anxiety on Sunday night because you can't stomach to think about Mondays? Are you racing towards Friday every week and constantly counting down the days on your calendar to Friday?

No Purpose

Humans need to have purpose in life. To be completely satisfied, you have to have a purpose in your career. When we lack purpose, we lack motivation or desire. When you start to notice you have no real purpose or fulfillment in your career, it's time to start thinking about a career change.

Physical Health

No matter what age you are, I encourage everyone to see a primary care physician at least once a year. Physical signs often present themselves first when you find yourself unsatisfied in your current job. Has your blood pressure been elevated?

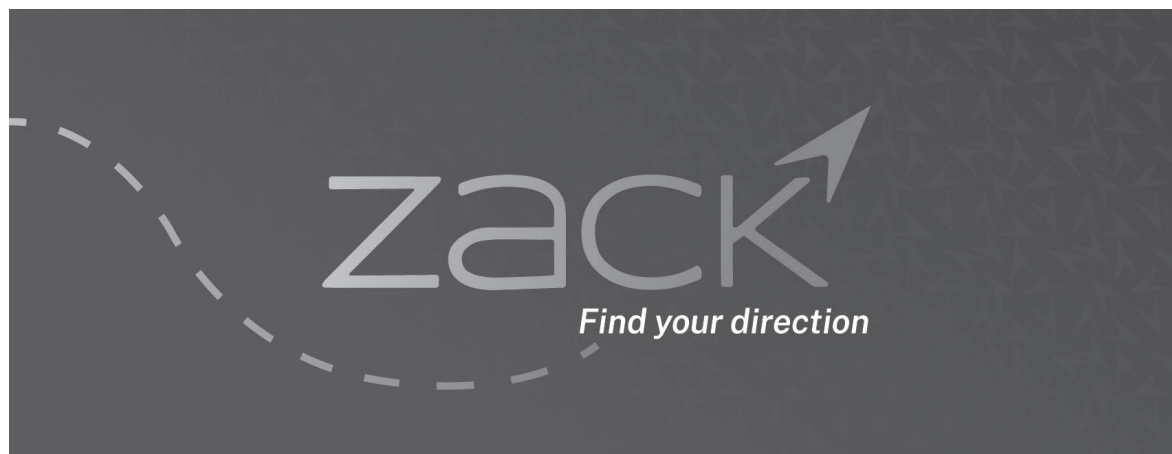
tions, you may need to evaluate if the company realizes there's a problem and are they trying to fix it? If not, it may be time to make a career switch.



Zack Ballinger

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Do you have high cholesterol? Do you have trouble falling or staying asleep at night? Do you have stomach ulcers, cankers sores, or other physical symptoms due to stress? Do you find yourself extremely fatigued during the course of your work day? When you find your physical health declining, it's time to make a plan for a career change.

Toxic Culture

Do you hate your current boss? Has your company culture become toxic? Do you dread going to the office because of your co-workers? Is there a lack of leadership within your current company? If you answered yes to any of these ques-

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Coal Dust: The Dreaded Altar Call



Terry Futrell
Author

The altar call confuses “coming forward” with coming to Christ.
Paul Alexander

For more than half a century, the altar call after his sermon was a prominent feature in Billy Graham’s evangelistic crusades, providing a public, physical way for people to respond to the call of the Gospel. But, altar calls as used in many country churches throughout the Southern Appalachians can be vastly different from that witnessed in a Graham crusade.

One of my most memorable encounters with an altar call came when I was about twelve years old. My dad took me with him to a revival held at Coalhill Baptist Church – this was the church that he had grown up in and one that he would serve as pastor several years later. Revival meetings at churches in rural communities such as this were both social and spiritual gatherings. The revival was the social event of the year in many small communities and most people came out to the meetings. Even the “mean boys” in the community would make an appearance, typically sitting on the back pews or standing outside near the open windows where they could hear. If they were inside the church, they would often quietly slip out the back door as the sermon ended to avoid the dreaded altar call. Obviously, they knew something that I didn’t.

A primary objective of the altar call seemed to be separation of the saints from the sinners, of which I was one but not sure why. How did I know? Why, the hoard of saintly adults who descended on me after the separation occurred told me so, over and over and over. Don’t get me wrong – these were good people who deeply cared about me and wanted to share with me the hope that they had found. But for a twelve-year-old boy who didn’t have a clue what was going on, this was a most intimidating experience.

As the separated saints continued to sing the invitation hymn and the half-dozen or so adults gathered

around me continued to plead their case, I had an emotional breakdown – not because I was changed in any way, but because I was frightened beyond measure. In my heightened emotional state, I followed the adults to the altar where I confessed to being a sinner, to needing God in my life, and that the moon was made of green cheese! Well, not exactly, but saying the moon was made of green cheese would have been just as meaningful to me as the other confessions were at that point in my life. Everyone left the service that night rejoicing in the new me. Little did they know that inside I was the same person who entered the building earlier that evening.

This experience was in stark contrast to one that I had four years later on September 16, 1962. We lived about half a mile from Mount Carmel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Coalfield, about half way between the church and the Camp. Several close friends attended that church and it was in easy walking distance, so I considered Mount Carmel my church home. We had a new pastor, Reverend Robert Hall, and his approach to an altar call was quite different. After his sermon, Preacher Hall would step down from the pulpit and issue a simple invitation.

On this particular Sunday, my ears were opened – not by the pleadings of anyone in the church, but by God’s Word that “is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12 ESV) For the first time in my life, I could see myself in comparison to the holiness of God, and the comparison wasn’t pretty. As tears streamed down my face, I practically ran down the aisle of the church to where Preacher Hall awaited. A team of wild horses could not have held me back! When the service ended, it was literally a new me that walked home that day.

For most of the past twenty years, I have sung in churches throughout the Coalfield area as a member of a southern gospel quartet. I have seen many different approaches to altar calls from one extreme to the

other. Some brought back vivid memories of that first altar call to which I responded out of fear and confusion rather than because of a changed heart. It is unfortunate that many churches fail to realize that all the personal pleading in the world cannot transform a sinner into a saint. The heart must first be changed and the ears opened through the application of God’s Word by the Holy Spirit. Then, when the sinner truly sees their condition in relation to God, no pleading is necessary.



The altar is a prominent feature in churches throughout rural Appalachia. [Photo: Terry Futrell]



Bean Dips Make Easy After-School Snacking

As the new school year kicks into high gear, we've got so much on our plates that we hardly have time to put food on them. Such times call for effortless snacky noshes, and not just for the kiddies, but for hungry adults, too.

Having these no-cook dips stashed in the fridge means you're always ready for your after-noon snack attack. Extra points because they're healthy, loaded with protein, gluten-free and vegan. Forget the heavy, sticky refried bean dips from our collective past. These dips are light, elegant and refreshing.

A delectable dip is the best way to get everyone on board to eat more veggies. When choosing dippers remember these late summer specialties — cherry tomatoes, bell peppers, snap peas, zucchini and cucumbers.

Chips and dip go together like “rama lama ka dinga da dinga dong” (musical theater fans totally got that), but consider pita bread, naan, tortillas or hearty chunks of artisan breads when picking your dippers.

If you decide to cook up some dried beans, here are helpful equivalents: One-half cup of dried beans, after cooking, equals 1 1/2 cups or one (14.5 ounce) can of beans. Thus, 1 cup of dried beans, cooked, equals 3 cups, or two cans of beans, which just happens to be perfect for the recipes below.

LEMONY WHITE BEAN DIP

What You'll Need:

- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans white beans, cannellini or great northern
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup fresh parsley, chopped,
- 1/4 cup lemon juice (fresh is best,

but reconstituted is absolutely fine)

- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1/4-1/2 cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Here's How:

Drain and rinse the cans of beans and process in a food processor to desired consistency with the remaining ingredients.

IN-A-HURRY HUMMUS

What You'll Need:

- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans garbanzo beans
- 1 garlic clove, peeled and minced
- 1/2 cup tahini (sesame paste)
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
- Salt and pepper, to taste



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Bean dips like this healthy Mediterranean Chickpea Dip can be kept in the fridge until needed.

Here's How:

Drain and rinse the cans of beans and process in a food processor to desired consistency with the remaining ingredients. To serve, place in a bowl, use a spoon to make a swirl in the hummus and drizzle with olive oil and a sprinkle of additional sweet paprika.

BLACK BEAN DIP WITH A KICK

What You'll Need:

- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans black beans
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeds and ribs removed, finely minced
- 1/2 cup cilantro leaves, chopped
- 1/2 cup sour cream or plain yogurt
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- Season to taste with salt and pepper

Garnish: 1 small tomato and 2 green onions

Here's How:

Drain and rinse the cans of beans and process in a food processor with the additional ingredients to desired consistency. After processing to your satisfaction, stir in the tomato, finely chopped, and green onions, sliced.

MEDITERRANEAN CHICKPEA DIP (pictured)

What You'll Need:

- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans garbanzos, divided
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup parsley or basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Garnish: 1 small tomato, 1/4 cup kalamata or black olives

Here's How:

Drain and rinse the cans of beans, reserving 1/2 cup beans for garnish. Process in a food processor with additional ingredients. (This dip is better when it's not completely smooth, so leave some chunky bits.) After blending and plating, garnish the dip with 1 small tomato, seeded and chopped, and 1/4 cup chopped kalamata or black olives, reserved beans and a generous drizzle of olive oil.

NOTE: Kalamata olives are significantly more expensive than black olives. I've made this recipe using both kinds of olives, and both are delicious. But here's a perfect example of a small amount of an expensive ingredient used sparingly to serve a lot of people. If you have an antipasto bar in your grocery store, purchase a small quantity of kalamata olives for this dip, and it'll be appreciated by a bunch of people.

Next time someone tells you “You're full of beans,” say “Yes, I am, thank you!” because with these frugal and fabulous recipes, you're only two cans of beans away from a party-worthy appetizer or hearty snack anytime. Happy snacking!

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4-H Activities in Full Swing

We are so excited to be back in meetings with our 4-Hers this month! September is the month we get everyone registered and in the system so that we can make sure that all the families can get the information about the exciting 4-H Programs that are going on in Morgan County. Keep an eye out in your child's school bag for the 4-H enrollment form. If you don't see one you can always reach out to us directly at the office at 423-346-3000 to get them signed up. If you choose to share your email on that form, our 4-H agents send great monthly newsletters to keep families aware of what is going on across the county each month. You can also keep an eye on our facebook and Instagram pages UT-TSU Extension Morgan County.

The Morgan County 4-H Chicken Show and Sale will take place at the Pine Orchard Fair on Saturday Sept 11, 2021. Come out and support our 4-Hers and purchase some healthy, productive 22 week old hens directly from our young producers!

Congratulations to our Outdoor Meat Cookery Participants Matthew and Isabella and their Coach Julie Crowe on their success at the Regional Outdoor Meat Cookery Contest this past weekend. Matthew won 1st place in poultry cooking and will be moving on to the State Contest and Isabella did a great job winning 3rd place with her steak!

Keep an eye on the UT-TSU Extension Morgan County Facebook

and Instagram Pages as well as the 4-H newsletters to find out more about the fall judging teams and project groups that are kicking off again for the 2021 – 2022 School Year! All young people 4th – 12th grade can be a part of 4-H! Give our great 4-H agents a call for more information.

FCS Updates:

Our amazing FCS Agent Sydney Ladd is offering Canning Classes this fall, give her a call to get signed up for the Apple Butter class on Oct 5!



September 2021

Morgan County Schools

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Breakfast Waffles Fruit Parfait Lunch Pizza Steamed Corn Garden Salad Fresh Veggies & Dip Baked Cookie Mandarin Oranges	2 Breakfast Chicken & Biscuit Fruit Lunch Corn Dog Tater Tots Baked Beans Fresh Veggies & Dip Side Kick Fruit	3 NO SCHOOL IN-SERVICE
6 Labor Day Holiday	7 Breakfast Donuts Orange Slices Lunch Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Veggies w/ Dip Garden Salad, Roll Fresh Fruit	8 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Juice Lunch Hamburger on a Bun Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Baked Fries Pasta Salad Fruit Parfait	9 Breakfast County Steak & Biscuit Banana Lunch Chicken Wings or Mini Corn Dogs Wedge Potatoes Celery w/ Dip Caesar Salad Roll Strawberry Shortcake, Fresh Fruit	10 Breakfast Muffin, Boiled Egg Fruit Parfait Lunch Chicken Nugget Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Tossed Salad Roll Fruit
13 Breakfast Waffle Applesauce Lunch Chicken Sandwich or Crisпитos Herbed Potatoes Baked Beans Garden Salad Mandarin Oranges	14 Breakfast Honey Bun Juice Breakfast for Lunch Eggs Gravy & Biscuit Chicken Potato Patty Fruit Parfait	15 Breakfast Sausage & Biscuit Juice Lunch Nachos Supreme or Cheese Pull-Apart Steamed Corn Spanish Rice Garden Salad Fresh Berries	16 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Banana Lunch Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Garden Fresh Salad Wheat Roll Fresh Grapes	17 Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Mandarin Oranges Lunch Pizza Corn on the Cob Steamed Vegetables Caesar Salad Baked Cookie Fresh Berries
20 Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy Salsa, Juice Lunch Popcorn Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Garden Fresh Salad Hot Roll Orange Slices	21 Breakfast Chicken & Biscuit Fruit Lunch Soft Taco or Taco Stick Lettuce, Tomatoes Refried Beans w/ Cheese Rice, Nachos w/ Cheese Tossed Salad Sliced Apples	22 Breakfast Waffle Fruit Smoothie Lunch Hot Dog on a Bun Chili, Fries Cole Slaw Garden Fresh Salad Fresh Fruit	23 Breakfast Steak & Biscuit Banana Lunch Mandarin Orange Chicken Noodles Steamed Broccoli Garden Salad Fortune Cookie Side Kick	24 Breakfast Muffin, Yogurt Fruit Johnny Appleseed Day Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Baked Okra Apple Salad Roll Apple Crisp
27 Breakfast Waffle Fruit Parfait Lunch Frito Chili Pie Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Steamed Corn Garden Salad Fruit Cup Brownie	28 Breakfast Pancakes Juice Lunch Pizza or French Bread Steamed Corn Fresh Garden Salad Garden Salad Veggies & Dip, Baked Cookie Mandarin Oranges	29 Breakfast Pancake on a Stick Blueberry Delight Lunch World School Milk Day Chicken Alfredo & Bosco Cheese Stick w/ Marinara Steamed Broccoli Caesar Salad Veggies w/ Dip Tropical Fruit	30 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Fruit Lunch Turkey w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Garden Salad Hot Roll Fruit Pearls, Grapes	

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1 Corinthians: Chapter 2

(1 Corinthians 2:1-5) A reminder: to these saints, long conditioned by Greek culture, Paul reminds them that he had not approached them with flowery oratory or human-based wisdom. His message was directly from God, and the focus was Jesus Christ and his atoning death by means of crucifixion. He refers to his “weakness” which probably refers to a physical condition (2 Cor. 10:10; 12:7). He had experienced “fear” while in Corinth, and the Lord had comforted him in that regard (Acts 18:10).

The power of his message was not in his skillful use of words and philosophical wisdom, but in demonstration of the Holy Spirit and supernatural power. It was not a mere entertaining exhibition, but a demonstration of power that proved the credibility of his message. His message was not confirmed by human wizardry, but divine power (Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4; 1 Thes. 1:5). This was imperative in order that their faith might be properly grounded on a sure foundation (v. 5). We have no apostles today. The word of God is completed and perfect (1 Cor. 13:10; James 1:25).

(1 Cor. 2:6-16) Wisdom-divine verses human: the apostle now speaks of true wisdom. It is that possessed by those “full-grown,” mature in the sense that they have been exposed to the gospel of Christ and responded to it, thus becoming Christians. These political powers will never be able to fulfill their ambitious promises (v. 6). On the other hand, Paul and his co-workers speak divine wisdom which, for the ages of the past, was a “mystery,” it had not been fully exposed and explained. It contained a plan determined beforehand, before the universe was formed, and was intended for the glorification of those who would submit to Heaven’s will. If the rulers had known of this divine plan, they would never have crucified the glorious Lord (v. 8). These paragons of “wisdom” were ignorant of the most important fact of human history. Isaiah foretold this very disposition seven centuries earlier (64:4; 65:17). The elements of God’s great plan were not subject to human unraveling; it would take divine revelation. Those within the Corinthian church who were mesmerized by human wisdom should take note.

The Lord’s great plan was revealed to “us” (divine prophets, in contrast to the world’s rulers) by means of the revelation of the Holy Spirit through his inspired men. The expression, “searches all things,” is a metaphor for the omniscience of the Holy Spirit; it affirms both his personality and his deity (v. 10). What human being can discern what is in the mind of another unless that person reveals it? No one. Even so, no one can discern the “things of God” unless the divine Spirit reveals them (v. 11). This has been done through specially appointed con-

duits (the apostles), whose complete message has become resident ultimately in the New Testament Scriptures. There is a clear distinction between the things of the world and those from God (v.12).

Paul declared that the divine revelation came by means of “words,” not originating in human wisdom, but which the Spirit was imparting, with spiritual thoughts being conveyed by spiritual words (v.13). There is scarcely a clearer affirmation anywhere in Scripture for the doctrine of verbal inspiration. If the words of the Bible are not inspired of God, it has no inspiration at all!

The apostle then speaks of “the natural man” who receives not the things of the Spirit. What is the natural man? The term “natural” stands in contrast to the “spiritual” man mentioned in verse fifteen. Note the adversative particle that begins verse fifteen. From the context, it is perfectly clear that the spiritual person is one who is supernaturally endowed with the Spirit, and thus is qualified to bring those words which the Holy Spirit is teaching him (v. 13). Accordingly, the natural man is simply the one who does not have access to divine revelation. He relies upon the wisdom of the world, hence, knows nothing of the things of God. He has no ability to “receive” (access---a Greek form suggesting “unto himself”) the sacred truths that issue from the “mind of the Lord” (v. 16).

The Calvinistic theory, which interprets the “natural man” as the unregenerate person who cannot understand the gospel without first receiving a direct operation of the Holy Spirit, is absolutely false. Such a view is at variance with the larger context (as here discussed). Also, it has the unpleasant consequence of making God responsibly for the spiritual blindness of those who are not provided with the enlightenment that opens the door to faith.

The natural man (the man without the benefit of divine revelation but depending solely on human wisdom) has no access to the message of the Spirit of God. The Lord’s plan of redemption seems foolish to him. One simply cannot discern such matters except via the Spirit’s revelation (as made known now in the Scriptures (Eph. 6:17). Those who have received the Spirit’s instruction are able to make discerning judgments, and none, with merely his human wisdom, is capable of judging the spiritual person (v. 15). No one, apart from divine revelation, is qualified to know the mind of God, much less give him instruction. Only inspired people had direct access to the mind of Christ (v. 16).

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Keyhole garden

This raised-bed garden design is an option for those who are unable to manage a larger, in-ground space due to physical limitations or time constraints. Its design allows the soil to have direct access at all times to the nutrients in the built-in composting bin. The “keyhole” is a wedge-shaped opening where the gardener can walk easily to the composting bin and refill it.

– Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.bigblogofgardening.com, concernusa.org

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Detail of “The Second Day of the Creation” by M. C. Escher, 1925

Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

GENESIS 1: 7, 8

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Child Tax Credit Payment News



David Zubler
Columnist

The first monthly payment of the enhanced Child Tax Credit (CTC) was sent on July 15. However, some parents are reporting that they haven't received their payment, or it was for the wrong amount. The IRS determines the credit for the new program based on the 2019 or 2020 tax return. If the 2020 return has not been processed, the IRS will determine the amount of the credit based on the information from the 2019 return. There are currently millions of unprocessed tax returns. The IRS recently had a backlog of 35 million unprocessed returns.

If your return was delayed and you had a new child in 2020, the IRS should send your CTC payment for that child the month after your return is processed. If your return is not processed until after the CTC payments end in mid-December, you will receive the entire credit when you file your 2022 tax return. The IRS would not know if you had a new child in 2021. If you have a new child in 2021, you will soon be able to provide your information by going to the Child Tax Credit Update Portal at the IRS website. However, the IRS has only said that you will be able to provide the new child information "later this year". Consequently, you will need to continue to keep checking until it has become available.

People who have moved or closed their previous bank account and opened a new account will be able to provide the IRS with their new information. According to the IRS, you will be able to change your mailing address and bank information at the Child Tax Credit Update Portal later this year. If the IRS

sent your payment to a closed bank account, the deposit will be rejected, and a check will be mailed to your last known address. There are millions of people who do not file a return because their income is too low to require an income tax return. If you are not required to file a tax return, go to the Child Tax Credit Non-Filers tool to provide information so that you will be able to receive your payment.

Many parents misunderstand the requirements which determine the amount of their payment. The payment amount is determined by your child's age as of December 31, 2021. The amount of your monthly payment for children who are 5 or younger is \$300 per month, and \$250 for children ages 6 through 17 at the end of 2021.

David Zubler is a tax accountant and Enrolled Agent in East Tennessee representing clients before the IRS and has over 25 years of tax experience. He is the author of four tax books and is the founder and president of Your Tax Care. The company provides business and tax education to the public at its website, YourTaxCare.com. David can be reached at (865) 363-3019 or contacted by email at zublerdavid@gmail.com.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Listen Up: Engage Your Brain With Podcasts

Have you ever listened to a podcast? A podcast is a digital audio or video file that you can access from the internet. They're often in a series that you can tune into one at a time, almost like radio on demand. They're usually associated with a website where you can find out what's available and a schedule for new ones. You can listen or watch on your computer, phone or tablet, but you'll need an app (application) if you want to download and take it with you, unless your phone has one pre-installed.

One way to find entertaining podcasts is to plug one of your areas of interest into a web browser and add "podcast" to see what comes up. Or as a place to start, look at AARP's

website (www.aarp.org/podcasts) and see what it offers. Right now, there are podcasts about various scams, protecting your finances and high prescription-drug prices, all worth a listen. Scroll to the bottom of the page for instructions.

If you search the internet for podcasts, you'll find vintage radio programs, celebrities, financial information, stories from history, news, brain stretchers, sports themes, stress reduction and so much more. There must be hundreds of thousands of podcasts out there to choose from. Try a search for "podcasts for seniors" to see what surprises pop up.

Another way to keep your brain stretched is with online classes, called MOOCs, which stands for massive open online courses. There are thousands you can audit for free, attending remotely without ever leaving home. You don't receive credit for audited classes. Coursera (www.coursera.org) is your go-to source for online learning. (At this writing, it lists 1,782 free courses from 200 universities.) Or see Edx (www.edx.org), co-founded by Harvard and MIT, for information on their 3,000 classes to audit for free. For more listings, see MOOCs at www.mooc.org.
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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. What group released "Love Can Make You Happy"?
2. Which Spiral Starecase song was taken from an 1889 poem, originally written in French, by Rosemonde Gerard?
3. Name the solo artist who released "Mama Can't Buy You Love."
4. How many times did Michael Jackson win a Grammy for Album of the Year?
5. Name the song that contains the lyrics: "I only meant to love you, Didn't you know it, babe, didn't you know it? Why couldn't you be content with the love I gave?"

Answers

1. Mercy, in 1969. The song was kept from the No. 1 spot on the charts by the Beatles' "Get Back." It can be heard in the film "Fireball Jungle."
2. "More Today Than Yesterday," in 1969.
3. Elton John, in 1979. It was John's first top 10 song in the U.S. in three years, reaching No. 9 on the Billboard chart. It then spent a week at the top of the Adult Contemporary chart and was certified gold.
4. Once, for "Thriller," in 1984.
5. "The Chokin' Kind," by Waylon Jennings, in 1967. Joe Simon followed with a cover in 1969, topping the charts. He nabbed the Grammy for Best R&B Vocal Performance for the song.

Morgan County Tourism Alliance Presents 2nd Annual Morgan County Squarecrow Showcase during the month of October 2021.

Wartburg, Tennessee – The Morgan County Tourism Alliance (MCTA) will host the 2nd Annual Squarecrow Showcase from October 1-31, 2021 in the Morgan County Courthouse Square featuring fall themed “Squarecrows” created by individuals/families, civic, non-profit organizations, schools, churches, clubs, businesses and government departments from across the county.

The fun competition will allow community members to show off their creativity in fall themed displays while competing for cash prizes and bragging rights. The entire community can get involved by viewing the displays in-person and voting for their favorite displays in the People’s Choice category between October 1-30, 2020. All votes made in person will be added to the social media contest tally, which will run concurrently on the Morgan County Tourism Alliance Official Facebook page. The displays also make great seasonal photo opportunities (Be sure to tag your social media photos #mctamoco.) Winners in the showcase will be announced at the Trunk or Treat on the Square on October 30, 2020 (Winners do not have to be present to win)

Entry fees are \$20 for individual/family, school and non-profit participants and \$40 for businesses, civic and church organizations, clubs and government offices. Sponsorships are also available for \$100 which includes showcase entry and inclusion

in event advertising and a listing on the event web page. Examples of Squarecrow entries from last year’s contest to be used as inspiration can be found on the Morgan County Tourism Alliance website (www.mctamoco.com). Rules and Entry Forms can also be found on the MCTA website.

“Last year’s inaugural event really added a festive and creative element to the Courthouse Square,” event organizer George Hawver stated. “It was nice to hear the comments from people, especially children who were drawn to the imaginative displays. I’m hoping for even more participation this year and look forward to seeing everyone’s creativity.”

The Morgan County Tourism Alliance is a volunteer organization dedicated to development and promotion of tourism in the county and surrounding area.



Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

My name is Patricia Connor. It is my pleasure to serve as the Library Director of Wartburg Public Library. I enjoy meeting our patrons and strive to provide the best library experience possible for families.

Morgan County has 6 public libraries and funding is limited. In an effort to raise funds for future programs at Wartburg Library, an online auction is being organized. The auction will take place September 24 -26.

I am now accepting donations of items/services to be offered in the auction. If you have those unused gifts taking up space in your closet, please consider donating those. Someone may be happy to receive your item. If you sell a product such as Avon, Mary Kay, Thirty One, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Paparazzi, Tupperware, etc., I would welcome a donation. These will make excellent Christmas gifts for the community to bid on. If you do crafts such as flower decorating, wreath making, candle making, quilting, crocheting, knitting, woodwork, etc., a donation of these items will be appreciated. If you have a business that offers haircuts, manicures, tanning, photography, oil changes or any other service, please consider donating to the auction. Homemade Goodies are always hit! All donations of new items and/or services will be appreciated.

Items can be dropped off at Wartburg Library during regular library hours. Anyone wishing to make a homemade dessert, bread, fudge or cookies, can either have them at the library on pick up day or offer a certificate for the item to be redeemed at a later date.

All funds raised will be used for future library events and supplies needed. Be sure to check out the auction on September 24 and please share it with your friends. Pick up of items will be at the library on Monday, September 27 during regular hours. If other arrangements need to be made, just let me know.

Sincerely,
Patricia Connor, Director
Wartburg Public Library

Community Calendar

Together Morgan County will hold their monthly meeting Friday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. at Morgan County Schools Central Office. This will be a hybrid meeting. Safety precautions will be in place for the in person meeting. For those needing a Zoom link to attend, email Sandra Helton at heltons@mcsed.net. Upcoming events to be discussed include the soon to be installed Story Book Walk in Solomon Park, the "Find Randy" event in October and the Christmas Drive Thru at Frozen Head State Park on Saturday, December 4. All community members, organizations and businesses are welcome to join the Community Collaborative and work together for Morgan County families.

The Reapportionment Committee will be meeting in a series of meetings. All citizens are welcome to attend any and all the meetings. The meetings will take place in third floor conference room of the Morgan County Courthouse. Reapportionment Committee Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday September 14, 2021 6 pm
Thursday September 16, 2021 6 pm
Monday September 20, 2021 6 pm
Thursday September 23, 2021 6 pm

If you have any questions, please contact the Morgan County Election Commissioner at 423-346-3190

budget meeting Sept. 13 @6 and County Commission Sept. 13 @ 7



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Native American and Indigenous inspired
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Friday (School Day)
Oct. 29th, 10am to 3pm
Saturday, 10am to 9:30pm
Sunday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

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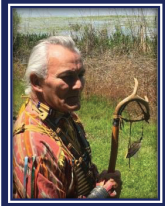


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North Drum – Medicine Horse
South Drum – Kiowa Style

Head Man: Thomas Zermeno
Head Lady: Juanita Zermeno
AD: TBA
MC: Richard Gallant



Resident Flutist: Crazy Flute Music



Story Teller:
Winding Eagle, Wayne White



Story Teller:
Joey Karei Kumaha'manigua



Guest Flutist Duo:
Spirit Winds



Host Taino Drum:
Akitchitay Carline

Event Coordinators:
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email: spiritofthemountainpowwow@gmail.com
Event Sponsor:
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Saturday & Sunday: 10am-4pm