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Michael Nance
Columnist

America enjoy the most freedom and independence of any population that reside on planet earth. If you acknowledge these two items together and anticipate the results of covid restrictions and lockdowns it equals anxiety, hostility, and depression. The debate on both sides of this issue has support but considering the level of mistrust in society today the net result is confusion. Confusion is often a friend of controversy, and such is the case in the United States today.

Some of the signs that covid lockdowns are having a negative effect on the mental health of people is increasing road rage incidents. It is so well-known that some outlets have coined the phrase, "Cov Rage" instead of road rage. I interviewed ten over the road truck drivers. Every single one of these professional drivers indicate they have witnessed road rage at a level that they have never witnessed in the past. Staying with the topic of highways, you would suspect that the roads would be safer with people staying at home, but the data tells a different story. In 2020, traffic fatalities increased 14% nationally during the heightened lockdowns.

Local Sheriff Wayne Potter was interviewed by the author, and he confirmed that Covid had affected one of our worst problems in Morgan County... Drugs. He stated that he had noticed an uptick in drug use and tragically, drug overdoses within Morgan County.

Covid Pits Citizens against Their Government

In Tennessee, Governor Lee and his republican colleagues appear to understand their citizens desires. Lee has been an advocate of relaxing mask mandates and restrictions, in an effort

**The Covid Brain, Anxiety and Information Overload:
Pitting Citizens against the Government**

to return normalcy to a very abnormal two years. But even in the red state of Tennessee Lee has faced legal pushback. In September, two families residing in Williamson County filed a federal lawsuit challenging Lee's executive order allowing parents to make the decision if their children wear masks at schools.

The lawsuit, which was filed in U.S. District Court in Nashville, names, the Williamson County Board of Education, Franklin Special School District and Governor Lee as defendants. The lawsuit alleges that the governor's order "has failed to allow school districts to afford the reasonable accommodation of implementing a universal masking policy that does not contain a voluntary opt-out." The lawsuit also alleges that Governor Lee's order is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

The debate and controversy concerning mask mandates in Tennessee are just one example of many that are ongoing in the United States. Outside of the continental United States the news isn't much better. On September 21, in the Australian city of Melbourne law enforcement officers confronted protestors who were upset about Covid lockdowns and vaccine mandates. Eventually, tear gas and rubber bullets were employed by law officers and news footage revealed that many arrests were made.

Many sources have pointed towards government overreach by the Australian government since the disarming of its society. Some commentators calling it "tyrannical overreach" and Australian commentators have recently warned American to safeguard the second amendment or face a government that has no respect of its citizens, as is alleged in Australia. The second amendment of America being mentioned in Australian news outlets is

proof that Covid policies are antagonizing an already government overreach sensitive society.

The Covid Brain

Some articles have mentioned what is termed as a "Covid Brain" as the reason for so many negative societal effects of surviving the Covid pandemic. The Covid Brain is a sort of "state of confusion," caused by too much contradictory information concerning the effectiveness of masks, lockdowns and vaccines etc. The above are a few psychological effects from information overload, but it gets worse. Along with the well-known lost of taste and smell that are associated with Covid, other neurological effects have been identified. Confusion and life-threatening strokes, even in younger patents in their 30s. This information emphasizes that medically and informationally induced confusion are working in concert, ripping at the social fabric of America and the world at large.

In conclusion, there have been many scholarly debates about the origin of Covid-19. Eventually the truth, whatever that is, will be proven by a researcher. The topic is too important to escape the judgement of history. In the interim, it is without question that the issues surrounding Covid are driving a wedge between the United States government and its citizens. Elected officials would be wise to contemplate what polarization between the government and its citizens could lead too. Also, our elected officials must exercise patience and understand that the last couple of years of Covid have brought to the forefront the differences in our society. These differences must be acknowledged and accommodated, otherwise we throw out the number one principal of democracy, which is compromise!

**MORGAN COUNTY
WEATHER THIS WEEK**

Tue 12	75°/61°	
Wed 13	79°/62°	
Thu 14	81°/63°	
Fri 15	78°/62°	
Sat 16	67°/46°	
Sun 17	66°/45°	
Mon 18	67°/46°	

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Morgan County Geneological and Historical Society

As we continue to experience economic development in Morgan County, we need to be mindful of protecting our historic cemeteries . To address these concerns, Tennessee Historical Commission’s Historic Cemetery Preservation Specialist, Graham Perry, will present “Understanding Tennessee Cemetery Laws” on Saturday, November 6, 10am-Noon at the American Legion building in Wartburg (202 S Kingston St). This workshop is sponsored by the Morgan County Geneological & Historical Society, Inc.

Learn about the current statutes as Graham discusses how to bridge gaps between family members and landowners, and provides solutions for saving and preserving historic cemeteries.

Cemeteries are among the most valuable of historic resources---a permanent reminder of our heritage. Of the more than 230 cemeteries in Morgan County, most are in areas where there were once thriving communities with schools and churches. They are reminders of various settlement patterns and reveal information about historic events, religion, lifestyles, and genealogy. Names on the gravestones serve as a directory of the early residents, which include veterans of all American wars.

In 2019, the THC mission expanded to include a Historic Cemetery Preservation Program. The program aims to identify, protect, and preserve Tennessee’s historic cemeteries while serving as a history and cultural resource for the public. Goals include documenting historic cemeteries, providing cemetery-care advice to the public, and coordinating advisory committee efforts.

A native of Nashville, Graham Perry joined the THC staff after almost eleven years at the Tennessee State Museum as the Curator of Social History. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Industry from Belmont University; a Master of Arts Degree in US History from The University of Memphis, focusing on African American History; a Master of Arts Degree in Education from Christian Brothers University; and is ABD in the fields of U.S History before and after 1877 and Urban Anthropology. In addition, Graham has an academic interest in African-American history, the Modern Civil Rights Movement, southern history, cultural history, and military history.

This presentation is free and open to the public. To plan accordingly, a reservation is requested. For additional information or to RSVP, email: MCGHSMuseum@gmail.com or call 346-5500.

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- Brenda Weaver

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



“Even the stork in the heavens knows her appointed times; and the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord.

JEREMIAH 8:7

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Descendants of Shadrich and Mary Jones to Gather

The annual Jones Family Gathering is Saturday, October 16, 11am, Sunbright Methodist Church Family Life Center. Bring a dish to pass and your memories to share.

Shadrich was born in 1783 in North Carolina. He served as a Fencible in the War of 1812. He married Mary Davis and they were in the Roane/Morgan Counties area by 1820. Shadrich worked as a farmer and also carried the mail. In December of 1851 while on the Pyles Turnpike, he was found frozen to death and is buried in a lone grave off of Meister Hills Road. Mary continued to work the farm and raise children and grandchildren.

We hope to welcome all descendants of this family. Known children are: Lucretia (Creesy), William married Martha (Patsy), Elizabeth, Jeremiah married Louisa Stonecipher, Samuel married Mary (Polly) Guffey, Katherine, John Jackson married Elizabeth Chipman, Larkin, Josiah married Catherine Jones, Ervin Stephen married Elizabeth Parthenia Duncan, Minerva married Thomas Silcox, and Martha.

Community Calendar

Wartburg Senior Citizens will meet Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 11:00 o’clock at the Wartburg Center. Lunch will be furnished. For more information call 346-3038.

AFSCME Local 2173 Union Picnic - October 16th - 11am - 4pm at Brushy Mountain Prison

Trunk or Treat at the City of Sunbright again this year on October 30, 2021 from 5pm to 8pm. Churches and citizens are welcome to participate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Yadira Reyes d/b/a Los Toritos Mexican Restaurant Has applied for a beer permit to sell beer ON AND OFF premises permit at the location known as: Los Toritos Mexican Restaurant 721 Main St. Wartburg, TN 37887 Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the City of Wartburg Beer Board on the 18th day of October, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room at City Hall

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Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Hello Everyone! I hope this finds each one of you healthy and happy.

Sending early Birthday Greetings to Mrs. Bessie Eble who will turn 96 years young on October 20. Everyone wishes you a wonderful day Mrs. Eble.

Happy Birthday to everyone's favorite "Jeremiah of All Trades." Jeremiah will celebrate his special day on October 14.

Oakdale School PTO will hold an online auction November 5th – 7th. This is PTO's only fundraiser. All money raised goes directly back into the school for much needed supplies and various projects. Each class will choose a theme and create a basket for the auction. Parents, please watch for information from your child's teacher asking for theme related items. Thank you to everyone that continues to support PTO.

Elayna Lucille Carolyn Ruppe was born October 7 weighing 7lbs 10 oz and was 20 ½ inches long. Her parents are Andy and Natalie Ruppe. She was welcomed home by her big

brothers, Raylan, age 7, Henry, age 4 and her sister Lilyana, age 2. Her very proud grandparents are Allan and Rhonda Ruppe, Lewis and Darlene Singleton, RD Stiles and Judy Vest. Her great grandparents are Jr. and Shirley Ruppe. Her first name is a modification of her maternal grandmother Darlene's middle name Elaine. Her middle names are from her late great grandmothers, Margaret Lucille Ruppe and Carolyn Sue Ellison.

Boswell Chapel Baptist Church had their Annual Fall Church Service at Frozen Head State Park Sunday, October 3. Despite the rain, attendance was good. The congregation sang and Pastor Kerry Ruppe preached while they were under the shelter. A delicious meal was enjoyed by everyone. Everyone grabbed Mrs. Dolly's fried apple pies first! The children enjoyed playing together on the playground.

October 8 was Anniversary Day for three special couples to our family. Congratulations to John and Jan Roddy who celebrated their 50th Anniversary on October 8. Kyle and Kayla Ruppe celebrated 10 years and RJ and Katie Helton

celebrated 5 years on the same date. Wishing each of you many more blessed years.

Oakdale Junior Beta is having a first ever Halloween Carnival Saturday, October 30 from 10:00-2:00 at Oakdale School. There will be plenty of fun, food and prizes!

Girl Scouts will hold a recruiting night Monday October 18th from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. at Pine Orchard Community Center. This is open to girls in grades K-12. Families are welcome to attend for more information and sign up. Scholarship opportunities are available through Girl Scouts.

The 4th Annual Trunk or Treat in Harriman will be Thursday, October 28th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Together Morgan County will hold a "Find Randy" event October 25 – 29. Randy Raccoon is the mascot for Together Morgan County. This is a fun activity for all ages. A poster of Randy will be hidden in a different location in Coalfield, Oakdale, Petros, Sunbright and Wartburg for 5 days. Clues for where he can be found will be posted daily on the Together Morgan County Facebook page. Participants will "Find Randy" and post a picture on the Facebook page. There will be a daily drawing from sub-

mitted entries in each of the five communities. The prizes will be buckets of Halloween candy.

For anyone who has been cleaning out and has things to donate to a thrift store, I would like to suggest donating to a nonprofit in Morgan County. There are several and the money earned is used right here in Morgan County. Financial assistance, food donations and High School Scholarships are just a few of the ways Storehouse Ministries, Morgan Scott Project, Unicorn Fund and Patti's Closet benefit Morgan County. I am sure there are other organizations but these are the ones that I thought of first. Pine Orchard Church Clothes Closet also accepts donations and is open once monthly to offer free items to families. Let's do all we can to support our local families.

A friend posted this on Facebook and I borrowed it.

Be like a sunflower....Be positive, look toward the sun and spread seeds of happiness!

Americanisms



"Jewelry, to me, is a pain in the derriere, because you have to be watching it all the time."

— *Eartha Kitt*

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create innovative solutions to help curb this epidemic. It's time to stand up for our youth.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Many Americans struggle with mental health conditions. The United States has continually seen a growth in suicide, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, etc. If left untreated, the effect on everyone can be pretty devastating. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, "Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. Despite mental illnesses' reach and prevalence, stigma, and misunderstanding are also, unfortunately, widespread."

I want to shine the light on another problem that is happening in our schools that involves our youth. I believe the effects of school bullying are not only devastating to a child short term, but long term as well. I think it's important for schools to provide educational training on bullying. Students need to learn how to identify it and learn what effects it has on their peer's lives. I know several schools who have anti-bullying training.

Bullying is not okay. Let's look at some statistics: Did you know every 7 minutes a child will be bullied at school? I have spoken to teachers, principals and students across America who are concerned with school bullying. 1 in 5 students have admitted they have been bullied in school and 70% of students have admitted they have seen another student being bullied. According to the CDC, "the second leading cause of death was suicide for students between the ages of 15-24 in 2017. Every day we lose 17 teenagers a day to suicide.

How can we confront this problem in the United States? I gave a Ted Talk last year in Boston, MA with some different ideas. One idea: is there a phone app for that? Could the private or public sectors create an app that helped with bullying? What if there was a universal app on every student's cellphones that allowed them to report bullying, facetime with a counselor on demand, access chat rooms with adult mentors, and connect with other students who are going through the same issues.

50 states have laws on the books against student bullying. I think we need to bring awareness to our students that bullying is against the law and it could lead to prosecution. On this same theme, schools should adopt evidence-based programs and curricula. This would be introduced at an elementary and middle school level. Presentations and getting students



involved in role-playing seminars seem to provide valuable lessons. I think guest speakers work well. Schools can utilize their communities to find volunteer speakers that can share their powerful testimonies on bullying. I think the last idea is to get the private sector involved more to

My Ted Talk can be found on YouTube by searching for Zack Ballinger and subscribing to my channel (it's free).

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Zack graduated from Wartburg Central High School in 2001 and from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2004. Since graduation he has become a TedX Motivational Speaker, Author, and Career Consultant. He travels the world giving back and hosting seminars teaching people on various topics. Zack has established an ongoing annual scholarship at his Alma Mater, Wartburg, which has inspired others to give back as well. Visit www.zackballinger.com for more of Zack's travels and events.

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MSG Fred Mize.

When soldiers serve in combat zones, they are stationed at Forward Operation Bases (FOB) deep within enemy territory. The FOB is where soldiers sleep, eat, heal, train, regroup, and prepare for battle.

We as Christians are surrounded by the enemy. We are deep within the enemy's territory. Our churches are our Forward Operation Bases. Church is where we need to pray, worship, learn through the preaching of the Word, heal, fellowship, and prepare to share the gospel throughout the world. Just as soldiers prepare for battle so do Christians need to prepare to take the fight to the enemy.

Although soldiers may fight the enemy from the Forward Operation Base, they most often take the fight directly to the enemy outside of the FOB. My Christian brethren church is where we should have a sense of safety from the enemy and it is not the primary location from which we will fight the enemy.

We as Christians have lost so much ground to the enemy. He has us surrounded from all directions and has even infiltrated many Forward Operations Bases (churches). Just as the mission of the infantry is to take control of and hold territory so must this be the goal of Christians today. We must suit up with the full armor of God and take the fight to the enemy outside of our churches. We must retake and hold the ground we've lost.

We will never defeat the enemy from the safety of our churches. We must commit ourselves to share the gospel throughout the world by sharing our testimonies of what Jesus Christ has done for us and live our lives so that people can see and not only hear our testimonies.

Like all soldiers have their specific duty assignments and military occupational specialties so do Christians have their own unique God given talents.

Not all Christians are like infantry soldiers who specialize in direct combat with the enemy. Many are like combat support soldiers who provide direct support to the infantry. Regardless of being an infantrymen or combat support no one position is more or less important than the



other. The duties (talents) may be different but when all have the same goal and work together like a fine-tuned machine, they can do maximum damage to the enemy.

In my opinion belonging to a church family and attending church is very important. It's important to surround ourselves with fellow believers of Jesus Christ. It's important to be able to pray, worship, and grow in the Word together.

I say all of this to stress that it's just as important to realize that our Christian walk does not end with church attendance. Our walk with the LORD is a daily walk. It consists of daily prayer, daily devotion, daily worship, daily praise, and daily outreach by sharing our testimonies with anyone and everyone who doesn't know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Our fight is a continuous fight. Our enemy is a disciplined and dedicated enemy that will never give up his fight against born-again Christians until he is vanquished by Jesus Christ himself.

We must put on the full armor of God and never take off a single piece. We must wear it daily, sleep in it, wake in it, eat in it, work in it, worship in it, so that we can serve in it and not be overtaken by the wiles of the Devil. And we must keep our weapon, the sword of the Spirit (the Holy Bible) sharp and ready for

battle.

Just as soldiers are mission minded and mission focused so must we as Christians be. Each morning we should give praise to Jesus and ask him to lead us into battle throughout the day.

From the moment we wake to the moment we slumber we are in battle. Ask our Commander in Chief, Jesus Christ how you may serve him and take the fight to the enemy. Pray and ask Jesus if

you're an infantry soldier or combat support soldier in his Army. Regardless of which, you are a soldier in his Army, so conduct yourself as a soldier!

Use your talents daily for his glory and take the fight to the enemy!

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
With the cross of

Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See his banners go!

At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers,
On to victory.
Hell's foundations quiver
At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices,
Loud your anthems raise.

Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the Saints have trod.
We are not divided;
All one body we:
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

Onward, then, ye people;
Join our happy throng.
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ, the King.
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing.



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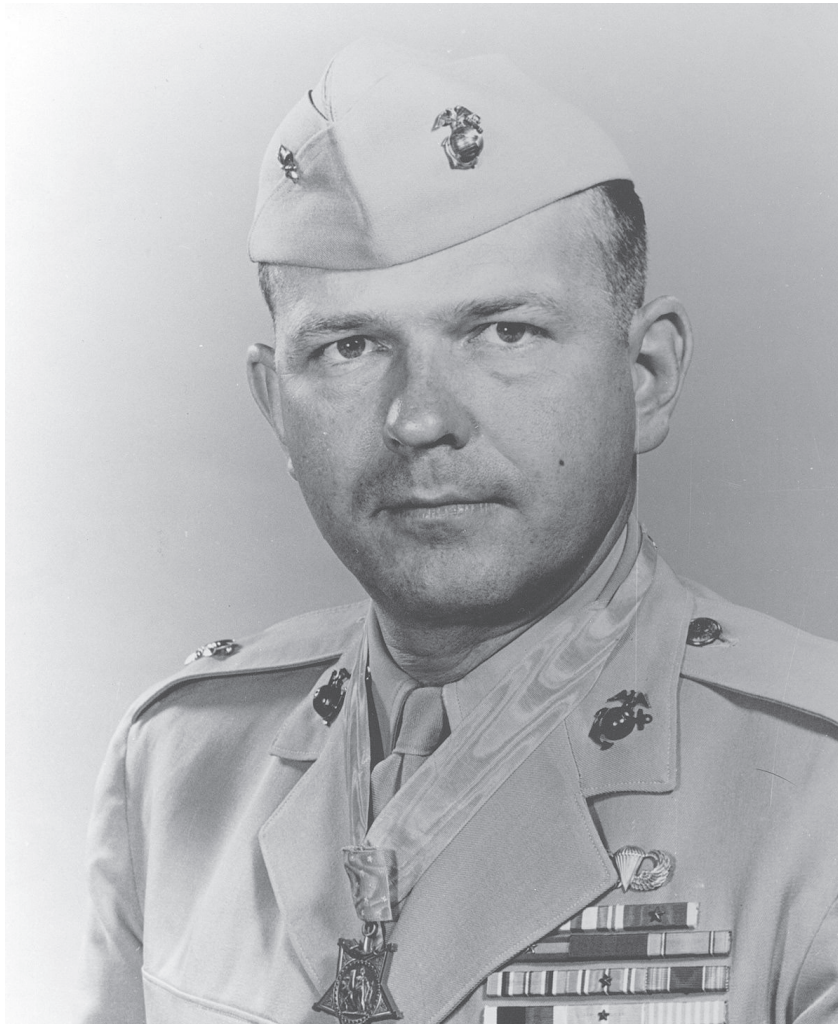
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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Medal of Honor Recipient
William Earl Barber
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For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as commanding officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea from 28 November to 2 December 1950. Assigned to defend a three-mile mountain pass along the division's main supply line and commanding the only route of approach in the march from Yudam-ni to Hagaru-ri, Captain Barber took position with his battle-weary troops, and, before night-fall, had dug in and set up a defense along the frozen, snow-covered hillside. When a force of estimated regimental strength savagely attacked during the night, inflicting heavy casualties and finally surrounding his position following a bitterly fought seven-hour conflict, Captain Barber, after repulsing the enemy, gave assurance that he could hold if supplied by airdrops and requested permission to stand fast when orders were received by radio to fight his way back to a relieving force after two reinforcing units had been driven back under fierce resistance in their attempts to reach the isolated troops. Aware that leaving the position would sever contact with the 8,000 marines trapped at Yudam-ni and jeop-



ardize their chances of joining the 3,000 more awaiting their arrival in Hagaru-ri for the continued drive to the sea, he chose to risk loss of his command rather than sacrifice more men if the enemy seized control and forced a renewed battle to regain the position, or abandon his many wounded who were unable to walk. Although severely wounded in the leg in the early morning of the 29th, Captain Barber continued to maintain personal control, often moving up and down the lines on a stretcher to direct the defense and consistently encouraging and inspiring his men to supreme efforts despite the staggering opposition. Waging desperate battle throughout five days and six nights of repeated onslaughts launched by the fanatical aggressors, he and his heroic command accounted for approximately 1,000 enemy dead in this epic stand in bitter subzero weather, and when the company was relieved, only 82 of his original 220 men were able to walk away from the position so valiantly defended against insu-

perable odds. His profound faith and courage, great personal valor, and unwavering fortitude were decisive factors in the successful withdrawal of the division from the deathtrap in the Chosin Reservoir sector and reflect the highest credit upon Captain Barber, his intrepid officers and men, and the United States Naval Service.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Marla Hines, Circuit Court Clerk

Blaize A. Madrid-Evans
June 2, 1999 - September 15, 2021

Officer Blaize Alyxander Madrid-Evans, ended his watch far too soon on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. He was only twenty-two-years-old.

Officer Madrid-Evans, was shot and killed after checking for a wanted subject at a residence. As soon as officers encountered the wanted subject the man opened fire and critically wounded Officer Madrid-Evans. Other officers on the scene returned fire and killed the subject.

Officer Madrid-Evans was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds later that evening.

Officer Madrid-Evans had grad-

uated from Police Academy only two months earlier and was still in field training.

Blaize was born in North Kansas City on June 2, 1999. He

graduated from Smithville High School in 2018 and began his employment with American Medical Response (AMR) where he faithfully served his community as an Emergency Responder for almost two years. On July 8, 2021, he graduated from the Police Academy and began his career with the Independence Police Depart-

ment. Blaize will be remembered as an avid coffee drinker, voracious eater, notorious refrigerator-pecker, man of fashion who loved playing computer games and Siracha on everything. He was also known as sweet, kind, respectful and loving. He was a warm presence in the room. His family, friends, fellow officers, and community has lost a bright and energetic, sacrificial servant who will be greatly missed. Blaize was a beloved son, brother, fiancé, officer and friend. Let's honor his memory by honoring our local men and women in blue who also place their lives on the line day in and day out.



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Meadow View Baptist Church Beautified for the Lord



Tom Redmon
Columnist

In January 2022 Ralph and Lois Nance will celebrate 51 years in the ministry with the last 15 being at Meadow View Baptist Church. Recently Meadow View Baptist

has received a new face lift.

Ralph invited me to come down to see what Joe Sexton had done for Meadow View Baptist Church. I tell you one thing: every part of the church I went into looked like a new building.

Since Rev. Ralph Nance has been there, they have had three renovations costing \$75,000 each for two and \$60,000 for the last one. I know the members have to be proud of what Ralph has brought them. He brings up at business meetings what he would like to see done to the church and the members approve it. The church does not go into debt to get these things done.

To give you a little history of Meadow View we have to go back to

November 18, 1954 when the first service was conducted in a tent and would go on until the end of January 1955. The church property was donated by Arthur McPeters. Four people from Bible Baptist Church in Harriman and three people from Piney Grove Baptist Church near Harriman were the originators and founders of Meadow View Baptist Church. Brother Ivan Davis was the first elected pastor. Some of the first members of the church were Charles Hall, Luther Stewart, Ethel Hall, Cassie Allen, Ivan Davis, Lolite Davis, Jerry Hampton, Frank Hampton, Brande Hampton, June McPeters, Raymond Hall, Mary Bunch, Wilbert Shelton, Mae Shelton, Everett McPeters, Alma Strutton, Arminde Stewart, and Doc and Effle Hardwick. Ethel Hall served as song leader at one time and Jane Jackson is remembered as being the first pianist. The children attending the first church were; Lillion Lamance, Leonia, Leland, and Leon Lamance, Geneva Schubert, Tommy Schubert, and the Hampton children. The first church was destroyed by fire in December 1961.

Church services were then conducted each Sunday in the basement of the home of a neighbor, Cline Bunch.

A new church was constructed in the fall of 1962 in the present location. Workers on the church were Bernard Hall, the Rev. Frank Hampton and family, the Rev. Jessie Byington, and prisoners.



Those who have served Meadow View as pastors are; Ivan Davis, Earl Thompson, Johnny McPeters, Bill Johnson, James Tapp, Ronnie Hood, Kenneth Johnson, Bill Goodman, Terry Scarbrough, and Delmor Keeton,

Ralph and Lois are certainly proud of their church as a worship center. Ralph said he was sorry they closed the church down during the pandemic. I believe it was closed down less than any other churches in the area. Like many of us, Ralph feels that the Lord's House needs to be open to those who want to worship and take all the precautions like distancing and wearing a mask if necessary. What other time would be more pertinent than when we are facing a crisis like COVID-19 to be in the Lord's House.

In the last remodeling just about every area inside and outside the church was upgraded. A steeple was installed and a new sign was placed on Knoxville Hwy (Hwy 62). The sanctuary was completely remodeled. It is beautiful, and before the virus hit the attendance was between 75-100 people.



Disappeared: Chapter 10



Carol Hall
Author

Evie-Day 3

Evie snuggled down deeper into the blankets. She yawned and stretched. Rolling over, she glanced at the clock. It was 6 a.m. according to the red digital numbers.

Suddenly she remembered where she was and what had happened. She bolted upright in the bed, instantly wide awake. She looked around the room trying to orient herself to where she was and what she needed to do.

Quickly scrambling from the bed, she bolted for the bathroom. After hastily getting dressed in clean clothes Chris had laid out for her, she grabbed her backpack and

began throwing her dirty things into it.

She knew she had to get back up that mountain and help search for Maggie. The search parties were probably already out on the hunt, but she was not going to just sit in the hotel and wait.

She was ashamed of herself for not staying with Nick and Chris yesterday and going back up with them, but she knew she just wouldn't have made it. She was not used to hiking. Even though she considered herself in great shape, mountain hiking was a whole different ball game than a treadmill and stair stepper.

She was really worried about Maggie. They had been best friends since college. If anything happened to her, Evie didn't know what she would do.

"Ok, Evie," she said to herself. "Enough of that kind of thinking. We will find her. I just need to toughen up and get back out there."

Her pep talk to herself seemed to work. Her determination grew with each word. She didn't consider herself a weak person, but she knew she didn't have the strength of character that Maggie had either. Maggie was tough. Sometimes Evie wished she was more like her. Opposites attract, they say, even in friendships.

Grabbing her paraphernalia, she headed out the door. At the check out desk, she asked the lady to call her a cab. She figured the best place to go first was the visitor's center where all the arrangements had been made for the search. Someone there would be able to tell her if anything had happened during the night or if they had found Maggie. They would also be able to tell her what she needed to do to join up with the search party.

The cab driver dropped her off at the Cider Mountain Visitor Center. She passed him a few bucks and thanked him for the ride.

As she got out, she realized they weren't even open yet. Looking down at her watch, she realized it was only 7:30 a.m. They didn't open till 8.

She paced the parking lot and walked around the building a couple of times. She was at the back of the building watching some geese when she heard a truck pull in. She darted around to the front of the building just in time to catch a ranger as he was opening up the center.

She hurried over to him. "Sir, can you help me?" she asked as she approached him.

"Sure, Ma'am, what do you need?" He was young, probably about mid 30s. She saw on his name tag that his name was Rick Marshall.

"My friend Maggie is missing up in the mountains. They sent out a search party and I need to get up there and join them. I was here yesterday with my husband. He and Maggie's husband are already up there and I need to get up there too," she blurted out all on one breath.

"He finished unlocking the door and motioned for her to go ahead of him. She walked in and immediately turned around to him.

"Can you take me up there? I need to go now!" she exclaimed.

"Slow down, ma'am. I can't take you up there. I'm sorry, I have to stay here, but I can radio ahead and let them know you are coming."

"How am I supposed to get up there then? Is there someone who can take me up?" "You will have to hike up there on your own, ma'am," he looked genuinely remorseful.

"Several rangers are already up there and those of us left down here still have duties to take care of. Do you know which trail to take?"

Panic came over her. She had to hike up there all alone? It was around seven miles just to get to the campsite.

"Yes, but could you at least give me a ride up there?"

"I will see if we have a ranger going in that direction who could give you a lift." He excused himself and walked behind the welcome desk and picked up the phone. She didn't want to intrude on his privacy, so she wandered around the gift shop till he called her back over.

"Ma'am, Ranger Holman is heading up that way. He will swing by and pick you up. He said it would be a few minutes, so just make yourself comfortable until he gets here."

"Is there any word on Maggie? Have they found her? Have they found anything?" "No, ma'am. No news has come in. I'm sorry. I know this is hard." He reached out and gently laid his hand on her arm. "I wish I could help more, but you will be glad to know that most people are found rather quickly. I'm sure she will be found any time now."

Evie thanked him and walked outside to wait on Ranger Holman. She sat on the rock wall that adorned the front of the center and tried to mentally prepare herself for the hike ahead.

She had never done anything like this before. Just walking to the corner drugstore by herself was something she never did. Chris always went with her. And it was only three blocks down from their apartment. Could she make it? Would she get lost? How long would it take her? What if she came across a bear? She was determined to make it though. She kept telling herself over and over that she had what it took to do it. She would be strong for Maggie.

She was repeating this mantra to herself one more time when a park truck pulled in.

Ranger Holman walked over to her. "You must be the lady who needs a ride up the mountain. Are you ready to go?"

"Yes, sir. I think so," she said a bit nervously.

He looked her over and nodded toward her backpack. "You got plenty of water in that thing?" he asked her.

"Oh crap!" she exclaimed. "I totally forgot to pack water. Can I get some here?" She felt so unqualified to make this hike. She knew he must think she was really stupid to expect to go on this hike without any water. The look he gave her told her that he didn't

think she had what it took either.

"Don't worry, miss. We will make sure you have plenty. You're gonna need several bottles. I think we have some in the back in the fridge. Let me go get them." As he walked off, she could have sworn she saw him shake his head. Well no wonder, dummy, she told herself. Who plans on taking a seven mile hike and doesn't remember to bring water. Duh.

She rummaged through her backpack taking inventory of what she did have. She found her flashlight, bug spray, some food bars, a compass and thankfully, bear spray. She let out a deep sigh and put everything back in the pack.

Ranger Holman came back out with several bottles of water for her. She gratefully stuffed them into her pack and followed him to the truck.

The ride up the mountain seemed to take forever. They rode in silence most of the way. Evie was still embarrassed about the water issue and her nerves were on edge anticipating the upcoming hike.

Eventually, she turned to Ranger Holman and looked him over for a moment. He was a nice man, but wasn't that great on patience. She knew he probably dealt with a lot of people who were ill prepared to be out in these mountains, but went anyway. Which in some cases, would inevitably make his job harder. She felt a bit of sympathy for him.

"Sir?" she asked tentatively. "Is there any way you could go with me?" She couldn't believe she just asked him that, but hope was a powerful thing.

He glanced over at her before turning his eyes back to the road again. "Are you sure you are prepared for this hike alone?" he asked.

She felt tears well up behind her eyes. I will not cry, she told herself.

"No, sir, I am not. But I have to do this. That is my best friend out there. What kind of friend would I be if I didn't do this?" She rubbed the back of her hand across her eyes. Try as she might, she couldn't stop a tear from escaping and rolling down her cheek. Ranger Holman saw it.

"Listen, ma'am. There are a lot of folks out there searching for her. You don't have to go, you know. It would be ok if you stayed in town and waited for news."

"No!" she practically yelled at him. She had told herself the same thing last night, but now she knew she could never live with herself if she did that. "I'm sorry for yelling at you, but I have to go. I have to do this. My conscience would never let me alone if I didn't. She would not sit in a hotel room and wait for news if it was me lost out there. She would be the first one out there looking. No, I can't just sit around and wait. I have to help look." Ranger Holman just nodded his head and continued staring at the road ahead. He never offered to go with her, so Evie just let it go.

They arrived at the trail head a few minutes later. He pulled over into a parking spot and throw the truck into park. She grabbed her backpack off the floor and started slid out of the truck.

"Hey," he called to her. "Be careful out there, you hear? I don't want to have to set up a search party for you too." He smiled at her.

"Yeah, thanks," she said halfheartedly. "I will."

He pulled out of the parking spot and turned back down the road.

"Well," she said to herself, watching him drive away. "I guess this is it. I'm on my own." She straightened her spine, lifted her backpack onto her shoulders and headed back into the forest.

The sun threw dappled patterns across the path as she began the hike up the trail. The weather was good today. No rain, thankfully. But after yesterday's downpour, the trail was muddy and slick in places.

Evie constantly stole glances off to the side and behind her as she made she way along the trail. She wasn't feeling creeped out or anything, but every once in a while, she would hear the crack of a twig or shuffling through the leaves. Probably just small woodland animals, she told herself, like squirrels or rabbits.

It was so beautiful and peaceful in the woods today, she thought. I can see why people love to hike so much. It was so relaxing, except that she was in a hurry. She wanted to reach the campsite as soon as possible, but that didn't mean she couldn't enjoy the hike along the way.

She started to whistle to herself. She wasn't a good singer and she knew it. She was always told she couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. She always laughed at that. It never offended her that people thought she wasn't a good singer. She didn't care much for singing anyway, but since she was out here all alone, she wanted some kind of noise to keep her company, so whistling would have to do.

After a couple of hours, she stopped for a quick rest. Sitting down on a stump, she pulled out a bottle of water and a granola bar.

The wrapper on the bar made a loud noise as she ripped it open. The crinkling sound almost seemed to echo through the woods. She took a bite of the bar and sat quietly listening to the forest noises. Other than the occasional snap of a twig or the chirp of a bird, there were no other sounds.

Evie took a deep breath and exhaled. Time to get moving again, she thought. She took a final gulp of her water and stashed it and the granola wrapper back into her backpack. She was just about ready to stand up when something grabbed her from behind.

She had no time to scream. A gigantic hand clamped down over her mouth and she was lifted up into the air by a massively hairy arm wrapped around her middle.

She was very aware of being carried swiftly off the trail and into the forest. By who or what she did not know. They moved so quickly, she lost all sense of direction and couldn't get her bearings. She fought as hard as she could, but she was clutched so firmly against her assailants body, she couldn't move a muscle.

Fear gripped her as she realized she was being abducted. She lost control of her bladder and urine ran down her leg.

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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

- Update window treatments to compensate for dropping temperatures. Trade your sheers for sturdy, draft-blocking panels.
- To easily get keys on a keychain, use a staple remover to create an opening to slip the keys on. It is very effective and will keep you from getting frustrated.
- When hammering a nail, try this save-your-finger trick: Use a clothespin to hold the nail steady, and then use your hammer to drive it in. Hammering into the wall? Push the nail through a strip of cardboard, and then hold the cardboard over the right spot. No more banged-up fingers or thumbs!
- "At a party, someone spilled a cup of red wine on one of my throw pillows. I love the pillow, since it is just the right size and really soft, but I could

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Bob Marley gave a songwriter credit on "No Woman, No Cry" to his friend Vincent Ford, who ran a soup kitchen in his hometown of Trenchtown, to ensure the royalty checks would keep it open.
- You're more likely to die on your way to purchase a lottery ticket than you are to actually win the lottery.
- Stenocereus Eruca, commonly known as the Creeping Devil, is a species of cactus that lies on the ground and grows at one end while the other end slowly dies "creeping" (growing) up to 2 feet a year. It can also clone itself to survive.
- Babe Ruth paid a fan \$20 to

return the baseball he hit for his 700th career home run.

When he retired in 1990 after molding 1.4 billion crayons, Crayola's most senior crayon molder, Emerson Moser, revealed he was actually blue-green color blind.

In 2017, social robot Sophia was given citizenship by Saudi Arabia -- the first robot to be given legal personhood anywhere in the world.

The Western lowland gorilla's scientific name is Gorilla gorilla.

Speaking of names, SpongeBob was originally created as SpongeBoy, but Nickelodeon discovered that the moniker was already copyrighted by a mop.

A study revealed that peo-

ple scored higher in a mental agility test while wearing a lab coat they believed was a doctor's coat. The effect was not there when they believed the same white coat was a painter's coat.

Using &%#@ \$ instead of swear words is called a Grawlix.

In Singapore, you can't walk naked in your own house. Well, you could, but you'd be facing a possible fine of \$1,136, so we don't recommend it.

Thought for the Day: "Good books, like good friends, are few and chosen; the more select, the more enjoyable." —Louisa May Alcott

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not get the stain out. So I covered it with a new fabric. I ended up doing all the assorted pillows in the same fabric, and it made a big change in the room. I wish I had done it sooner." -- I.F. in Pennsylvania

Bringing some plants indoors? Use styrofoam packing peanuts in the bottom of pots when planting. They aren't as heavy as rocks, but they do just as good a job. It makes the pots easier to move around should you need to.

"For easy-cleanup pancakes, use a turkey baster to 'squirt' the batter in the griddle or skillet. No drips, and it usually results in a pretty good circle, too!" -- A.J. in Florida

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!
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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Russian range

6 First lady before Michelle

11 Salem's state

12 Cancels

14 Mexican revolutionary

15 "Are you happy I'm back?"

16 Low digit

17 Omits

19 Soak (up)

20 1492 vessel

22 Rock's Brian

23 Spanish ayes

24 Devour

26 Religious doctrines

28 — Moines

30 Actress Long

31 Fairly shared

35 Snares

39 " — Smile Be Your Umbrella"

40 Director Howard

42 Half a sextet

43 Egg (Pref.)

44 Pale purple

46 Club —

47 "New World Symphony" composer

49 Recital piece

51 Bagel choice

7 Black birds

8 Young — (tots)

9 Putin's land

10 Nearly

11 Ultraviolet filter

13 Old photo tint

18 Ky. neighbor

21 Actress McDonald

23 Brainy

25 Pod dweller

27 "Shoot!"

29 Picket-line

31 Trudges

32 Gunned, as an engine

33 Idle

34 "You've got mail" co.

36 Designer Giorgio

37 Bakery pan

38 Fizzy drinks

41 Twangy

44 Hobbling

45 Musical finale

48 Squealer

50 "Kidding!"

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FEAR

KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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♥ **RIMESO**

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♥ **DROE**

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Timothy in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. When the 7th seal was opened, there was silence in heaven for ...? *1 breath, Half an hour, Full day, 3 days*
3. What region of 10 cities did Jesus mention in His ministry? *Pentateuch, Trinidad, Lilliom, Decapolis*
4. From 1 Kings 19, how many days and nights did Elijah fast? *7, 21, 40, 70*
5. Muppim, Huppim and Ard were all whose sons? *Gabriel, Michael, Benjamin, Paul*
6. Who was the first king of Israel? *David, Benjamin, Saul, Abraham*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Half an hour; 3) Decapolis; 4) 40; 5) Benjamin; 6) Saul

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

Chunky Tomato Soup

Soups have always been one of my favorite foods, and autumn has always been my favorite season. When you combine them, magic happens! Stir up this "pot of pleasure" on a cool fall night and let it warm you up with pleasure-pleasing taste!

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 3/4 cups (one 14 1/2-ounce can) beef broth
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat tomato soup
- 1 teaspoon Italian Seasoning
- 1/2 cups peeled and chopped fresh tomatoes
- 1/2 cups chopped, unpeeled zucchini

1. In a medium saucepan sprayed with olive oil-flavored cooking spray, saute onion for 6 minutes. Add beef broth, tomato soup and Italian seasoning. Mix well to combine.

2. Stir in tomato and zucchini. Bring mixture to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring often. Serves 4 (1 1/4 cups each).

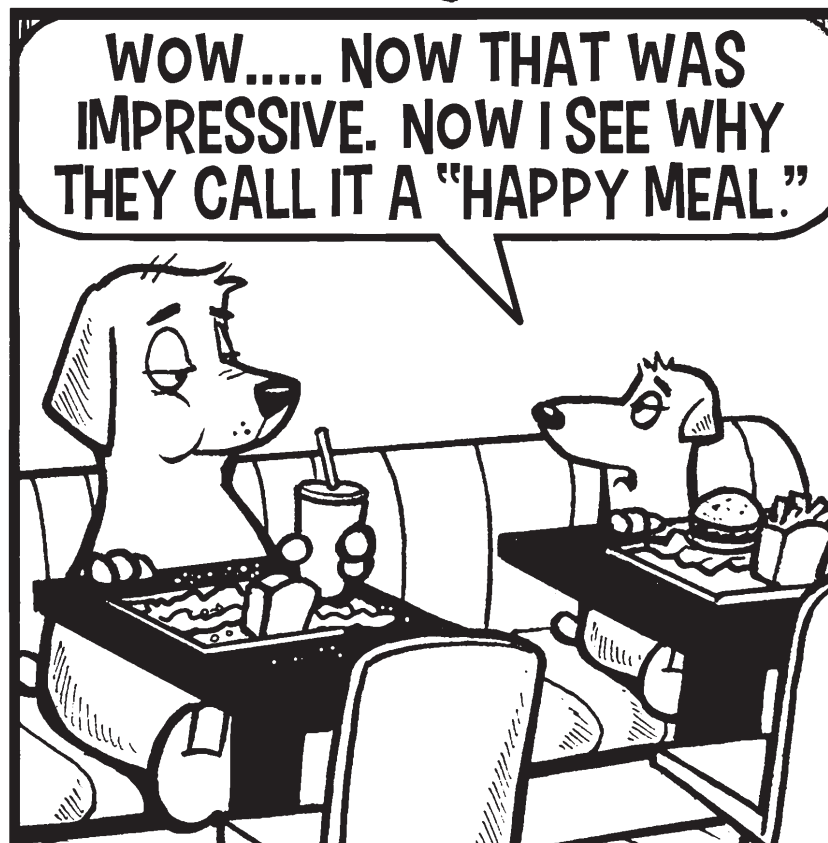
• Each serving equals: 94 calories, 2g fat, 3g protein, 16g carb., 604mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Vegetable, 1 Starch.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Morgan County Businesses

Would you like to get a great Google Business Profile? Traveler sentiment research is aligning around one particular theme: inspiring consumer confidence that destinations and businesses are open and following best practices for health and safety is key to success right now.

The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development is happy to announce two virtual workshops to provide instructional content to optimize the online presence of your business. Please register for each below. Whether or not you attend the session, you will receive a recording to engage on your own schedule. You can also choose to attend a group session for the 2nd workshop on 10/19. This will be held at the American Legion at 11:00 AM. Please arrive by 10:45 AM.

Your Google business profile is the single largest source of organic (non-paid) exposure for your business online and better business profiles ultimately drive more visits, resulting in more customers.

The great news is that having a great Google business profile is not that hard, if you know how. Miles Partnership is a strategic marketing company focused exclusively on travel and tourism. They've worked with hundreds of destinations and hospitality businesses around the world, and have developed a tactical workshop to assist in navigating the Google My Business platform. It's built on a best-practices study of over 50,000 business profiles and rather than you studying all that yourself, come along to this workshop and just get the key takeaways - including simple, easily-actioned quick

tips. It's crucial to any business to be managing the information that appears on their Google business profile, for the sake of both current and future customers. It doesn't require hours of your time or a degree in Digital Marketing, just some insider knowledge on how to claim your listing, complete it and update it so you can be in that top 10% of businesses too. You need to register as soon as possible! Click below on the writing in blue to register for each session. Note: Times below are Central Time Zone

October 12 10:00AM CT
Google My Business: Fundamentals
What is your Google business profile
How is it surfaced in Google search and travel products
Claiming and verifying your business profile
Keeping core business information current
Overview of tools available in Google My Business

October 19 10:00AM CT
Google My Business: Maximizing Exposure
Utilizing Posts for updates
Responding to reviews
Managing images, 360s & video
Responding to customer questions
Understanding Insights data

Businesses can book one-on-one sessions with Miles' Program Specialist for assistance with claiming their Google Business profile or other questions surrounding GMB, Yelp and Tripadvisor. Miles will help resolve issues with Google directly. Schedule your appointment here



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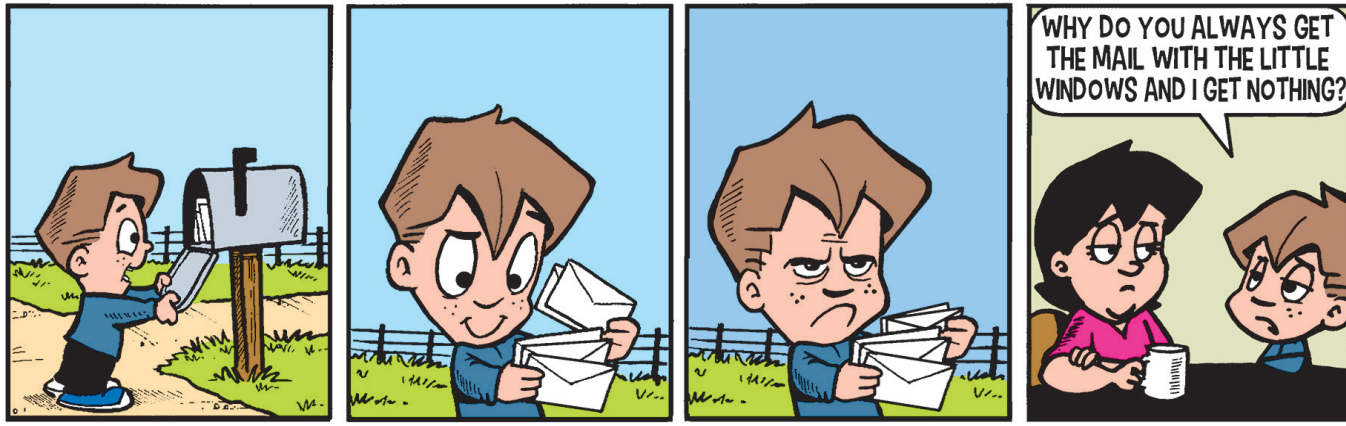


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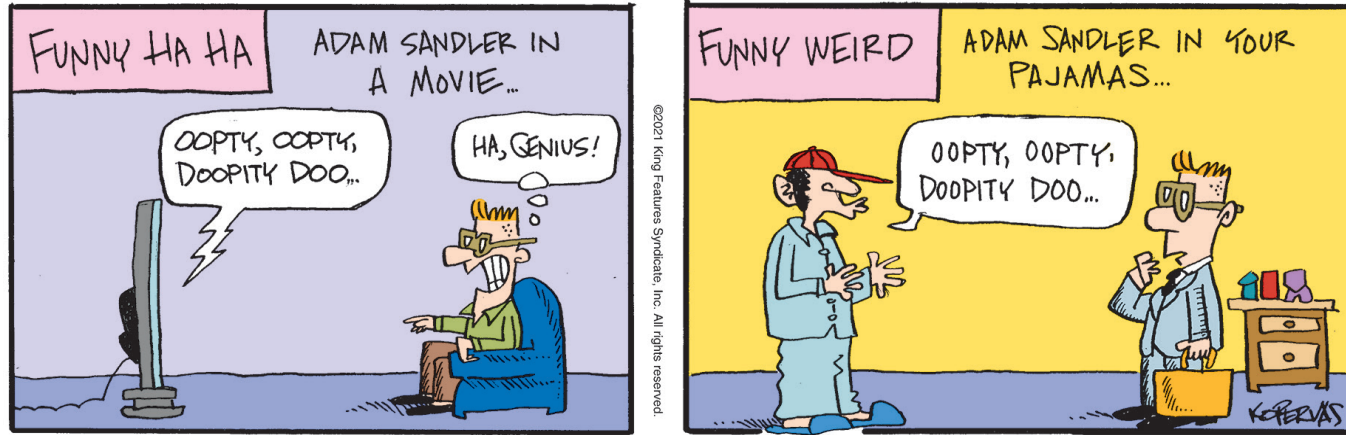
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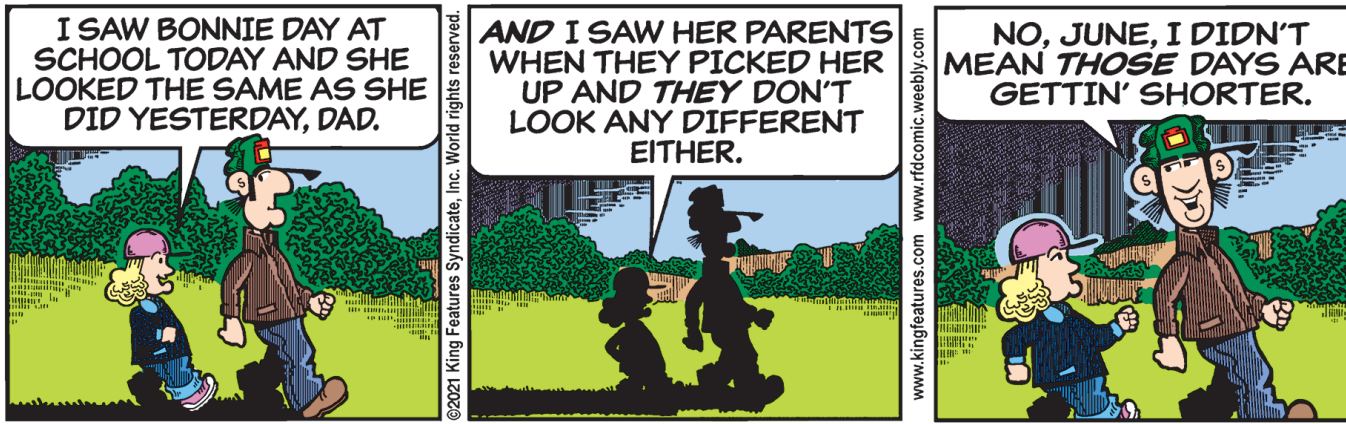
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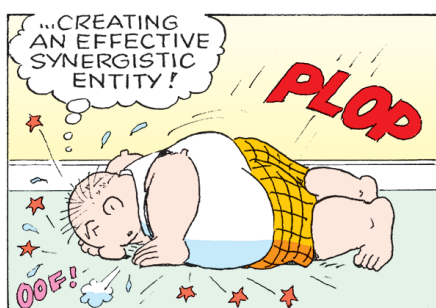
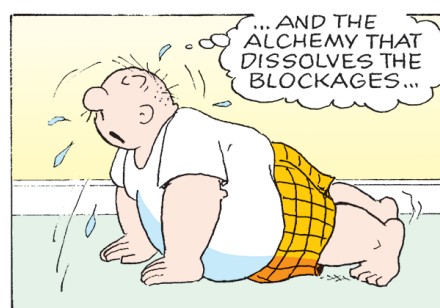
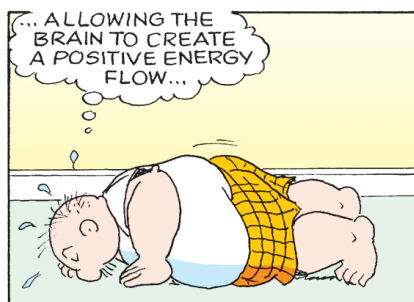
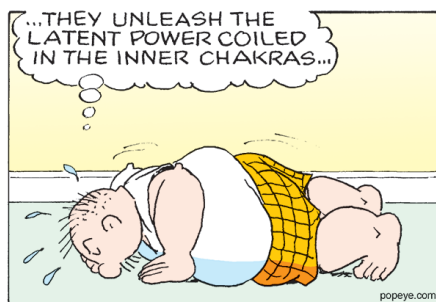
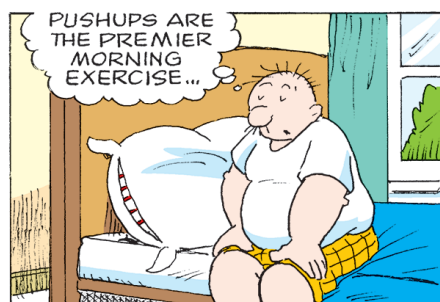
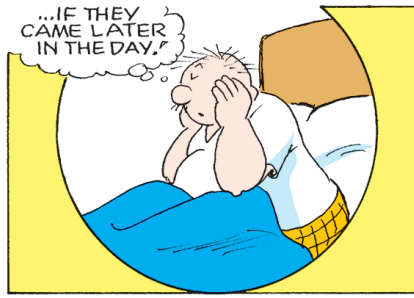
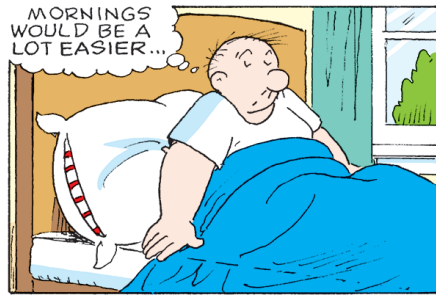
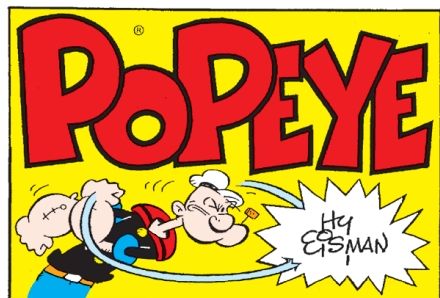
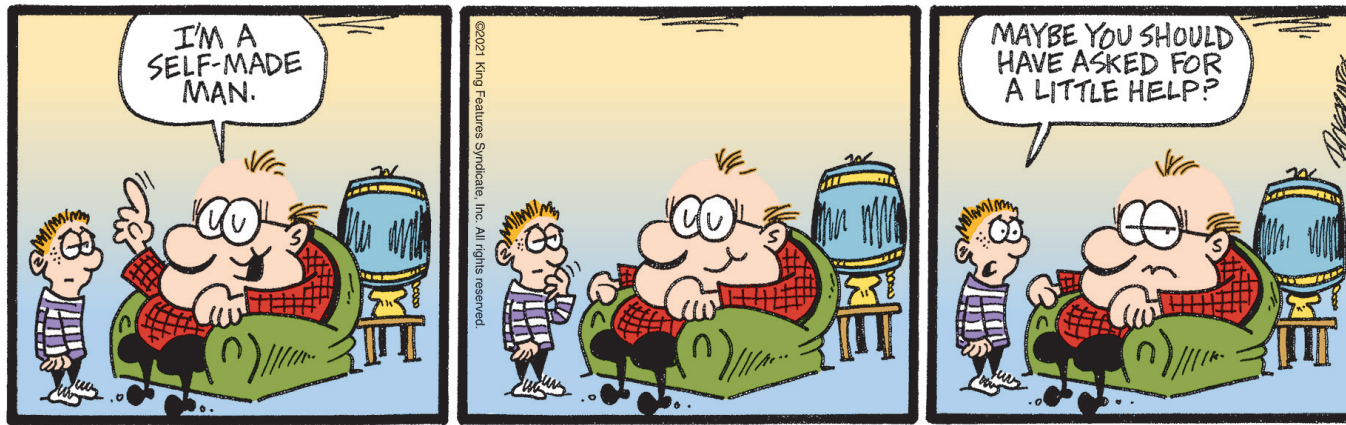
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by Mike Marland



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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

 * On Oct. 26, 1775, King George III speaks before both houses of the British Parliament to discuss growing concern about the rebellion in America. He urged Parliament to move quickly to end the revolt and bring order to the colonies.

* On Oct. 31, 1864, Congress quickly admits Nevada as the 36th state in the Union. President Lincoln's proposed 13th Amendment banning slavery was the decisive factor in easing Nevada's path to statehood.

* On Oct. 27, 1873, Joseph Glidden, an Illinois farmer, submits an application to the U.S. Patent Office for his new design for a fencing wire with sharp barbs on two strands. Barbed wire would forever change the face of the American West.

* On Oct. 25, 1929, during the Teapot Dome oil reserve scandal, Albert Fall, who served as secretary of the interior under President Warren Harding, is found guilty of bribery and conspiracy. He was the first former cabinet officer sentenced to prison as a result of misconduct in office.

* On Oct. 30, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt, determined to keep the United States out of the war while helping those allies already mired in it, approves \$1 billion in Lend-Lease loans to the Soviet Union. The terms: no interest, and repayment would not start until five years after the war ended.

* On Oct. 28, 1962, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev orders the withdrawal of missiles from Cuba, ending the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1960, Khrushchev had launched plans to install ballistic missiles in Cuba that would put the eastern U.S. within range of nuclear attack.

* On Oct. 29, 1998, almost 40 years after he became the first American to orbit Earth, Sen. John Glenn Jr. is launched into space again as a payload specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery. Glenn, 77, was the oldest human ever to travel in space.

THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

We Should Arm Taiwan to the Teeth

We warned China to stop its incursions into Taiwan's air defense identification zone -- and the Chinese responded by flying even more aircraft into the zone.

The 56 Chinese flights last Monday brought the total for October to 149, already the year's highest monthly total.

The flights have been steadily increasing in recent years, as Beijing harries Taiwan and demonstrates its discontent with the island nation's closer relationship to the United States. The Chinese may also want to wear down the Taiwanese by forcing them to constantly respond.

Regardless, the flights underscore why Taiwan is the most dangerous and potentially most consequential flashpoint on Earth.

If China can successfully absorb Taiwan while limiting the military, economic, and diplomatic costs, it would vindicate President Xi's vision of an ascendant China undoing past humiliations, represent a milestone in China's campaign to establish hegemony in the most important region of the world, and, perhaps, collapse the credibility and global position of the United States.

On the other hand, a debacle in Taiwan could have devastating economic and diplomatic consequences for China, threatening Xi's rule. In other words, attention must be paid -- the trajectory of the modern world is conceivably at stake.

The Trump administration began to reorient the U.S. defense posture toward this threat, and the Biden administration has followed up, most importantly, with the nuclear submarine deal with Australia. It's been completely obvious for a long time that China has been preparing, if it so chooses, to take Taiwan by force of arms, and keep us from being able to do anything about it.

It has massively increased its force of ballistic missiles, better to target a wide array of ships and hold at risk U.S. ground units. Prior to the latest, more serious iteration of the missile threat, Tom Shugart of the Center for New American Security estimated that a preemptive Chinese strike on our bases in the region "could crater every runway and runway-length taxiway at every major U.S. base in Japan, and destroy more than 200 aircraft on the ground."

China has been churning out long-range strike aircraft and engaged in a historic naval buildup. It now has the largest navy in the world.

Nonetheless, invading and occupying Taiwan after launching a gigantic, logistically taxing amphibious operation across a 110-mile strait would be no small feat, to put it mildly.

It should be our objective to keep China at bay, toward the goal of keeping it from establishing its dominance over Asia, as former Trump defense official Elbridge Colby argues in his compelling new book "The Strategy of Denial."

But the Taiwanese haven't exhibited the urgency one would expect of an island of 24 million people coveted by a nearby nation of 1.4 billion people that makes no secret of its compulsion to try to swallow it whole.

Until a few years ago, Taiwan's defense budget was shockingly inadequate. Its military reserves are lackluster. Its frontline units tend not to operate at full strength. It has often been seduced by the allure of so-called prestige weapons, such as top-end fighter aircraft that are irrelevant to its predicament.

We should be fortifying Taiwan and making it as difficult as possible for China to take. That means stockpiling food, energy and munitions against a Chinese blockade. It means making its infrastructure more resilient and enhancing its cyber capabilities. It means increasing its capability to detect an early mustering of Chinese forces. It means more mines, anti-ship missiles, air-defense capabilities and unmanned systems to frustrate a cross-strait invasion.

The Chinese have been focused on "area denial," missiles and the like to deny our access to Taiwan and its environs. But these capabilities can be turned against China, too.

If we are ever inclined to forget about how pressing the threat is, not to worry, the Chinese will have more flights or other provocations to remind us.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Fun Ways to Display Your Child's Name

Sorting through bills, advertisements and coupons, I get weary of the waste and the impersonal nature of daily junk mail. Occupant ... Occupant ... Resident ... Occupant! When my name actually appears on an envelope in handwriting I recognize, I feel like a gem is passing through my hands.

When you think about it, a name really is important. To the government, I'm only a Social Security number. The airlines know me by my frequent-flyer number, and to the bank, well, I'm just another number. But my name is me, wrapped up in a few little letters. And for some reason, a name has power. When we hear someone use our name, don't we perk up and take notice? It's like there's a tiny electrical connection that is made when a person says it.

Families everywhere are learning a whole new batch of names and faces this fall as kids enter new classrooms, make new friendships and join athletic and academic teams. Have fun practicing and spelling new names, then display your kids' names with these activities:

Name And Notes Door Sign

Glue colorful plastic alphabet letters to a small, lightweight blackboard. Glue a stationery clip to the frame, and attach a tiny tablet. Tie a string around

a pen, and loop over the clip. Hang it at your preschooler's height on the bedroom door.

Name On A Plank

When your child begins to learn cursive, practice "writing" her name with a length of rope, yarn, string or twine. Twist and turn it on a table first, then glue the formed name to a plank of wood. Hang it above her desk or bed.



Two of the many ways to display your child's name

Outside The Box

Count the letters in your child's name and cover that many empty single-portion cereal boxes with plain construction paper. Paint one large letter on the front side of each box to collectively spell the name. Attach hooks on the backs and hang them on your child's wall.

Parenting Tip: Play a game with your name. See how many words you can form with the letters. Include the letters in your middle and last names to expand the list.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Punishment Doesn't Fit the Crime

One year ago, a federal grand jury indicted a Virginia woman for a whole raft of scams and fraud against veterans. Most disheartening is the fact that she was a former veteran.

There was a long laundry list (nine counts) of things she did. She had veterans apply for HISA grants (Home Improvements and Structural Alterations), which are for doing work on their homes and making improvements. Not only did she not complete the work, she pocketed the money.

Then she managed to have the income and retirement benefits of a veteran diverted into her own account. She took out loans in the elderly veteran's name, with the money going into her pocket, and used the veteran's credit and debit cards.

But she didn't stop there. In another scheme, she linked veterans with landlords, but kept the money they paid for security deposits and rent.

The legal names for these are wire fraud and aggravated identity theft and involved 27 victims.

While a Department of Justice press release stated that "elder abuse and financial fraud targeted at seniors is a key priority," nowhere in the sentencing does it call out the specific punishment for that. They carefully listed the types of elder abuse (physical abuse, financial fraud, scams and exploitation, caregiver neglect and abandonment, psychological abuse and sexual abuse), but don't seem to have made it specifically part of this case.

At the time of the indictment, this miserable excuse for a human faced a possible 20 years in prison, plus two years after pleading guilty to one count of wire fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft. In the recent sentencing, she got a mere 9.5 years.

Why is that? Why do the powers-that-be think it's OK to give much shorter prison sentences to these people? Where is the deterrent in talking about the "serious nature of these fraud schemes" when you don't follow it up with serious jail time?

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Historically Speaking

The Oak Ridge Bombers - Some Final Thoughts

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

When I started this series on the Oak Ridge Bombers that lasted, I never thought it would grow into the phenomenon that has developed. As I have said before, I have met some tremendously kind and gracious people. I have also been given substantial amounts of positive feedback for publishing the series.

Not a single day has gone by since I began publishing this series that I have not had some contact regarding the articles. Many people have expressed their appreciation in numerous ways and with obviously sincere gratitude for the recognition I have given the black Oak Ridge Bombers baseball team. Some have indicated they recall the culture of those days with many fond memories brought about by seemingly endless days at the ballpark.

I am forever grateful for Bill Capshaw's kind e-mail expression of appreciation for the mention of his dad. Bill remains one of the adults in Oak Ridge for whom I am eternally grateful as he paid attention to my son and helped him gain perspective on his art that no one else had been able to do.

I even got a call from Archie Lee in California who played for five years on The Oak Ridge Bombers. He was delighted to see the Oak Ridge Bombers getting recognition and glad to see the photographs of the team published. He, like others, collected every article and sent it on to others who were aware of the team and its history.

Archie was also in the first integrated classes in Oak Ridge schools in 1955. Lawrence Graham and C. H. Shannon were also in those classes. Archie said he thought there were 85 Black students that integrated Robertsville Junior High School and Oak Ridge High School in 1955.

Some 42 of those 85 students were Oak Ridge High School students. Archie is proud of the graduation rate of the Blacks who were integrated into Oak Ridge High School. He is also rightfully proud to have been the very first Black student named to the Oak Ridge High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Archie was also a member of the Student Council.

Lawrence Graham graduated in 1957, one of six Black students graduating that year. He went on to earn a doctorate degree. Archie believes three Black students graduated in 1956. He is proud to note that the Black Oak Ridge students did well in the new environment despite the inherent difficulties of breaking new ground as integrated classes. As each student graduated, they added to the early record of successful integration efforts.

Archie wonders aloud why Oak Ridge does not get more recognition for its early integration efforts. He says that Clinton and Little Rock, especially Little Rock, take credit for something for which he feels Oak Ridge should be recognized. That is being the VERY FIRST high school and junior high school in the Southeast to be integrated.

I don't know the history well enough to argue the point, but I do know that Oak Ridge's integration was not without some perturbations. Waldo Cohn and his struggle to do what he knew was right regardless of the recall petition to remove him from City Council was an example of the Oak Ridge sentiment of 1955. I can't help but reflect on the positive impact of planting the city of Oak Ridge

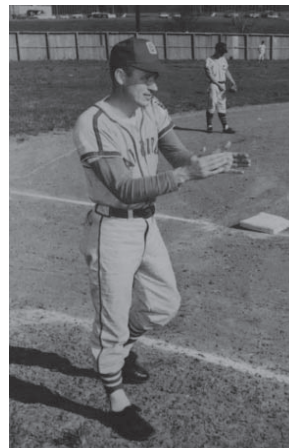
amid Appalachia

Gene Moody, coach of the Oak Ridge High School baseball team during the late 1950's and early 1960's, indicates he believes Lawrence Graham may be the first black student playing on an integrated high school sports program in Tennessee and maybe even the entire South.

Archie Lee told me that Lawrence is shown in the 1957 Oak Ridge High School yearbook photos in uniform playing both basketball and baseball. Gene Moody also noted that Lawrence was an excellent athlete and played both basketball and baseball.



Eugene Moody, today (Photo Submitted) Eugene Moody, Oak Ridge High School Baseball coach in 1963 (Photo Submitted)



that lasted nearly 20 years. And this team was a football team at that.

June said she had an old program that she had kept since her college days that she wondered if I would like to see. She said it showed there was an Oak Ridge football team in 1945 that played her college football team. That sounded most unusual to me, so obviously, I had to see it.

I arranged to stop by her home and see what she was talking about. June showed me the program that promoted a football game to be played at Kingsport, TN. The Oak Ridge Atomic Bombers were set to play football against Milligan College on Saturday, November 10, 1945, at 8:00 PM at the J. Fred Johnson Stadium. The game was sponsored by the Kingsport Civitan Club.

Printed above the roster for the Oak Ridge team were the words, "Army Atomic Bombers." So, I contacted Bill Sergeant who was in the military here in Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project and later. I wanted to see if he recalled anything about an Oak Ridge football team named the Oak Ridge Atomic Bombers.

Here is what Bill had to say, "Yes, they were a Military Police team. My boss, Major L.R. Block, was the coach. The Army MPs were under our command. We beat everybody, mostly army units from elsewhere. We wanted to challenge the UT Vols. (We would have been creamed). I recognized a few names on the roster."

So, there we have it, I hope. Not only did we have a professional baseball team that used the "bombers" name in the 1940's, a Black baseball team that used that name for nearly 20 years and one modern day team that does so even today, but we also had a football team known by the "bombers" name.

What fun I have had with this "bombers" name. Yet, amid all the humor, I have come upon some very sobering thoughts and found some people who are delighted to finally see recognition of community leadership second to none. The families and individuals I have met doing the research for this series of articles have blessed me with insights previously unknown and have shown me strength and character that reflects deeply held faith and trust in basic human kindness and grace. What a wonderful experience.

Thank you, Larry Gipson, for being my guide and friend through the past few weeks. I hope you agree we have treated the story of the "Oak Ridge Bombers that lasted" with the respect and honor you hoped to see.

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

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

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

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No.	Name	Position	Weight	Home Town
*20	Dawson, N.	Back	180 lbs.	Oak Park, Ill.
*21	Millican, R.	Tackle	235 lbs.	Anarillo, Texas
*22	Hornysak, L. J.	Back	218 lbs.	Talea, Ohio
23	Cornelley, J. F.	Tackle	210 lbs.	Jersey City, N. J.
*24	Stefanon, S.	Guard	210 lbs.	Ebensberg, Pa.
*25	Coller, A. P.	Guard	190 lbs.	DePere, Wis.
*26	Topazio, A. A.	Back	171 lbs.	Bristol, R. I.
27	Voss, D. J.	Back	185 lbs.	Ingram, Pa.
28	Holdren, G. R.	Tackle	165 lbs.	Phillipsburg, Pa.
29	Vaughn, R. H.	End	184 lbs.	Ardmore, Okla.
30	Orr, M. P.	Tackle	290 lbs.	Anderson, S. C.
*31	McConnell, A. J.	Back	175 lbs.	Lansing, Mich.
32	Willard, F. E.	Back	165 lbs.	Cambridge, Mass.
*33	Richert, R.	Center	188 lbs.	Port Huron, Mich.
34	Tunt, M. E.	Back	174 lbs.	Martins Ferry, Ohio
35	Douglas, H. D.	End	200 lbs.	Syracuse, N. Y.
36	Mankop, A. J.	Tackle	205 lbs.	Dupe, Ill.
*37	Williams, D. E.	Center	210 lbs.	Arlington, Mass.
*38	Seifert, C.	End	195 lbs.	Swampscott, Mass.
39	Bosworth, O. W.	Back	182 lbs.	Ocala, Iowa
40	Printup, W. O.	End	185 lbs.	Baltimore, Md.
*41	Zarrecki, J. J.	Guard	170 lbs.	Detroit, Mich.
*42	Radke, F. H.	End	184 lbs.	Jordan, Minn.
43	Toal, R. L.	End	175 lbs.	St. Louis, Mo.
44	Jensen, W.	Guard	175 lbs.	Laramie, Wyo.
*45	Williams, T. C.	Back	150 lbs.	Westfield, N. J.
46	Batten, A. W.	Guard	174 lbs.	New Castle, Pa.
*47	Berry, J. J.	Tackle	184 lbs.	Jacksonville, Fla.
48	Lann, D. L.	Guard	195 lbs.	Lakeland, Fla.
49	Poenenicki, E. J.	Tackle	210 lbs.	Jersey City, N. J.
50	Laskowicki, F. J.	Tackle	195 lbs.	Mentor, Ohio
51	Finlon, F. P.	End	170 lbs.	Carbondale, Pa.
51	Vakakes, E. J.	Back	166 lbs.	Birmingham, Ala.
*52	West, R.	Tackle	180 lbs.	Roanoke, Va.

*Probable Starters

Football game program kept all these years by June Haynes, a Milligan College graduate (Photo Submitted) The listing of players on the Oak Ridge Atomic Bombers team - recognize any of the names? (Photo Submitted)

Why has this record setting event not been recognized by Oak Ridge history? If Lawrence Graham was the first black athlete to play in an integrated high school team, then that fact should be included in our recorded history.

We have been content to first allow Little Rock to gain nationwide recognition for integration and in the past few years Clinton and the Clinton 12 have been identified as pacesetters. However, Oak Ridge may well have preceded both where integration is concerned. We should take pride in that historic accomplishment.

One more story about Oak Ridge Bombers that is a bit unusual. One of the phone calls from readers of the series on the Oak Ridge Bombers came from June Haynes who asked if I knew there was an Oak Ridge Bomber football team! Well, their name was the Oak Ridge Atomic Bombers!

I did not know what to think. Here I had started out on this historical research journey intending to document the history of a fly-by-night professional baseball team in Oak Ridge. I knew that team did not last but a few weeks and then a second professional baseball team from a few years later that did no better. And along the way, I even learned of a modern-day baseball team using the "bombers" name.

Now here I was faced with yet one more "bombers" team after being blindsided with the black baseball team, named the Oak Ridge Bombers,

Coal Dust: Touching The Past



Terry Futrell
Author

People tend to believe that to be modern you have to disengage from your heritage, but it's not true.
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In addition to being a time of economic and community transition, the post-World War II era in Coalfield also represented a bridging of past cultures to a new and rapidly evolving culture that was characterized by emerging technology. As a child during this time, I was privileged both to “touch the past” and to experience the transition to a vastly different future. I recall five individuals in our immediate neighborhood who epitomized the past generations and who impacted my life in various ways. These were Marion Monroe Justice and his son James Horace Justice; Charlotte Elizabeth Davis Goddard and her daughter Theresa Goddard Scarbrough; and Emily Elizabeth Woods Peters.

I can only vaguely remember Marion Monroe Justice – after all, he was 95 years old when I was born and he died when I was just five years old. Widowed since 1928, Marion lived with his son Horace “Harce” in the old family home on what is now Cumberland Road in Coalfield, just 120 yards as the crow flies from our house. One of the parcels of Justice property adjoined the back field of our property. The Justice family, as well as most folks, pronounced the last name “Jestes”, and even today Jestes Road exists just a short distance from where the Justice home once stood.

My parents took me with them to visit Marion when I was a small child. You entered his house from the porch that was located on the side of the house near an old, shallow dug well. The framed house with weathered clapboard siding was typical of so many old houses in the area, having long since left behind its glory days and in much need of repair. The yard was barren except for the weeds that grew everywhere except for the well-worn pathways. The spooky old house could easily have served as the setting for a mystery or horror movie, perhaps even an Alfred Hitchcock thriller. At his advanced age, Marion sat either on the side porch or inside the house and always welcomed company.

How I wish that I had the opportunity now to talk to this gentleman who was one of the most historic figures in Coalfield. Born in 1850 in Morgan County, he went with his father to vote for Abraham Lincoln for President; lived through the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean War; and he survived the Great Depression. Marion lived through the expansion of the U.S. into the western territories; through Thomas Edison's vast array of inventions, including the electric light bulb and the phonograph; through the Wright Brothers first flight; and through Henry Ford's introduction of the mass-produced automobile. So much of the history that I would eventually study in school was embodied in this one man, yet I was too young to recognize or understand it.

Marion Justice lived a simple life - confined to his home for those last few years; his occupation was listed on his death certificate as farmer. Yet, the simplicity of his life belies the intelligence and knowledge of Marion Justice. His obituary that appeared in the Morgan County News on April 19, 1951, indicated that Marion “probably had more knowledge of the early history of Morgan and Anderson Counties than any man living in recent years. He could readily tell you the boundaries of the original tracts of land in this county.”

I had regular contact with Harce Justice throughout

the years that I was growing up in Coalfield. After the death of his father, Harce lived alone in the old house, a virtual recluse. He was a tall, slender man with gray hair and whiskers, and was 75-85 years old during the time that I knew him best. When I recall his looks, I think of actor Jimmy Stewart with a full beard in the movie Shenandoah. He owned no automobile or horse and walked wherever he went within Coalfield. When walking past our house, Harce would often stop and rest in the shade of the large black walnut tree at the edge of our front yard. If the trip was too far, he would ask my dad or some other neighbor to take him. After one such trip, he offered to pay my dad and pulled a quarter from the small change purse that he carried. Such was his understanding of the value of money.

At one point during my high school years, Harce considered buying a small store that Jesse West owned on the side of Highway 62 and asked me to operate the store for him. Knowing his valuation of time and money, I was not thrilled with the thought of working for him and politely declined.

Harce always had a small garden just below the old house and we would often see him out working in the garden. He had several old apple trees below the garden, and my friends and I would cut small, limber branches and use them to sling apples gathered from under the trees. If the truth be known, apples were sometimes plucked from the trees for use in our war games.

The woods on the ridge behind Harce's house was our favorite playground, and we spent countless hours there. We even cleared out a trail through the woods on which we rode our homemade racing cart. Harce never objected to our being on his property – it likely provided him much needed company. Harce died in 1967 when I was away at college. A short time later, I stood with several other neighbors watching as the old Justice house went up in flames, not realizing at the time the significance of the loss.

One of Marion Justice's sons, Squire Houston Justice, became an attorney and was well known in local, state, and national politics. He served in the Tennessee legislature in 1910 and as a State Senator in 1937. Squire served as a Tennessee delegate to the 1924 Republican National Convention, where he was a member of the powerful credentials committee. He also served as budget director for Morgan County and was County Judge during the historic 1929 flood. Squire also served as justice of the peace, clerk and master of the court, and as county court clerk.

Several of Marion Justice's descendants became schoolteachers, and some taught at Coalfield School. Lola Jackson, his granddaughter, was my second-grade teacher. Later, Ruth Huddleston, Marion's great-granddaughter, served as my English teacher and guidance counselor in high school. Had it not been for her encouragement and assistance, I most likely would not have attended college. Her focus on developing writing skills in English class prepared me well for college English, and later became a major factor in my successful career as an engineer and technology manager.

Lottie Goddard and Tressie Scarbrough reminded me of characters from an antebellum plantation one might see in the movies, always dressed properly in long flowing dresses that reached to their ankles, wearing their bonnets with wide brims that framed faces that had been chiseled by age, and carrying a parasol to protect them from the hot sun. To see them instantly transported one back in time to days long since faded.



Theresa “Tressie” Goddard Scarbrough (standing) and her mother Charlotte “Lottie” Davis Goddard provided a “window” into an antebellum past in Coalfield. (Photo Submitted)

Charlotte Elizabeth “Lottie” Davis was born in Morgan County in 1863, the daughter of Thomas H. Davis and Mary Ann Langley. She married David Ezra Goddard in 1881 and together they had a highly successful farming operation just northwest of the head of Walls Hollow and bordering the south end of the Conger Camp.

Like her contemporary Marion Justice, Lottie was born into a family more prosperous than most and having much stature in Morgan County. In addition to sharing all the historic events of Marion Justice’s lifetime, Lottie also experienced the beginnings of the Vietnam War and man’s first space flights.

The Goddard’s daughter Theresa May “Tressie” Goddard was born in 1884. Married for a short period of time early in the 1900s, Tressie was the mother of our neighbor Kenneth Scarbrough. Tressie lived alone with her mother Lottie on the Goddard home place after David Goddard’s death in 1937 – their home was about one-half mile from our house. Though it was deteriorating when I was young, the large Goddard house bespoke the past prosperity of the Davis and Goddard families.

Stored within a special room in the Goddard house that one entered by invitation only were many relics from their past. As a young boy, I was fortunate enough to enter this room one Sunday afternoon when visiting Lottie and Tressie with my older sisters. One of the prized relics in that room was a pair of shoes made for Tressie by my great-grandfather John Futrell, most likely for her sixteenth birthday in 1900. Historical records of the Singer Sewing Machine Company show that John Futrell purchased a new machine made in that same year for his shoe-making business. I often wonder if the proceeds from Tressie’s shoes paid for the new sewing machine.

Lottie Goddard was perhaps the hardest woman that I ever knew – she and Tressie walked wherever they needed to go in the community. This still amazes me because Lottie was almost ninety years old when I first became aware of her. On one occasion when Tressie was sick and Lottie was already advanced in years, Lottie walked about half a mile, including crossing a railroad trestle, to seek help at the adjoining Jackson dairy farm.

Lottie and Tressie would often come by our house, sometimes stopping to talk with my mother. They would always greet from the roadway before entering our front walkway. I suppose this must have been due to their proper upbringing.

As I grew older, Lottie and Tressie would sometimes ask me to do some small amount of work around their house. When I was about thirteen, I sold some pigs and bought a gasoline powered garden tiller. Lottie and Tressie asked me to bring the tiller to their house and plow a small area they wished to plant. Bearing down on the tiller’s handlebars to raise the tines, I pushed it on its two wheels the half-mile to the Goddard house, a tremendous task. After arriving, I found the ground so hard that the tines wouldn’t even penetrate. Suddenly, it began raining and I had to leave the tiller at the Goddard house until my dad came home from work to transport it back to our house in his car. He was not very happy with me.

Lottie died in 1966 at the age of 103 while I was away at college – she was probably the oldest person that I have ever known. Tressie died just 13 years later at the age of 93 after I had moved away from Coalfield. The longevity of these ladies continues to amaze me. They were my window into a past that I could only read about in history books or see in the movies. Living next door to the Conger Camp, their lives provided a stark contrast to that of the neigh-

boring miners in Coalfield, providing a young boy like me a glimpse of the diverse and rich cultural background that had once existed in our community.

My memories of “Lizzie” Peters begin when she was about 80 years old and I was only ten. Her husband Bill had died the previous year and she lived alone in an old house located about two hundred yards north of Mount Carmel Cumberland Presbyterian Church at the first curve in Cumberland Road. Born Emily Elizabeth Woods on August 29, 1876, Lizzie married William Wright “Bill” Peters on August 29, 1897. Lizzie’s mother was Sarah Jane Justice Woods, first cousin of Marion Monroe Justice, whose property adjoined the Peters property along its northern boundary.

Lizzie Peters was a storybook figure of a traditional Appalachian woman – stooped from years of hard work, always dressed in a long flowing dress and wearing a bonnet, and characterized by a distinct crackle in her aging, halting voice. Her house was on my paper route when I was 12-14 years old, so I had regular contact with Lizzie. Also, I would often take a shortcut across her property when walking to church or to other parts of Coalfield. Lizzie could often be seen sitting on her front porch, breaking beans, sewing, reading her Bible, or performing some other task, not knowing what it meant to have idle hands.

My most vivid memory of Lizzie Peters comes from attending church with her at Mount Carmel. In her later years, she could not attend regularly, but when she did, the sweetness of her spirit and the warmth of her presence filled the room. She would often be called upon to pray during the worship service.

Oh, my goodness! I have never in my entire life heard another person pray like Lizzie Peters! The sound of her praying came from deep within her soul as she poured out her heart before the Lord, leaving no doubt that she was having intimate communication with her Creator. Her relationship with God was one that many Christians seek, but few seem to achieve.

Lizzie Peters’ prayers would literally send chills up and down my spine. It was obvious, even to a young boy, that she was a very special person. Few times in my life have I been able to approach Lizzie Peters’ level of intensity in prayer, and then only in times of deep distress. I wonder about the hardships she may have experienced in life that brought Lizzie to such a consistent, intense depth of prayer.

Lizzie died on February 15, 1968, but her impact on my life extended far beyond that time. As was the case with her cousin, Marion Justice, much of Lizzie’s impact on me came through her offspring who lived in the neighborhood. Lizzie’s daughter Lillie Peters Bunch lived across the road from her and for many years taught the youth Sunday School class at Mount Carmel. Lillie’s daughter, Florence Bunch Worthington, lived nearby and was also actively engaged in the youth program at Mount Carmel. Both played a major role in instilling within me values that would influence the rest of my life.

Perhaps Lizzie’s greatest impact on my life came through her grandson James Bunch, who moved onto Lizzie’s property around the time that I was in the seventh grade. James’ wife Margaret had been my first-grade teacher, and when they moved into the neighborhood, their home became a second home to me and I was treated as if I were their own child. Much of the lasting impact of James Bunch on my life is described in the next chapter titled “Mr. Wizard, Corvair Vans, and Heroes”.

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DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

Decadent Apple Dessert One Bite at a Time

I've done something terribly wonderful. Or wonderfully terrible. You decide. Listen to this — luscious apple pie filling, made from scratch with fresh apples, wrapped inside crispy sugary fried wontons, dipped in caramel sauce. Each miniature pie is a luscious little bite of bliss.

If you love the flavor of apples and caramel, you're going to flip over this recipe. I love creating recipes that take inexpensive ingredients and turn them into something grand. This one fits the bill.



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One-bite apple pies with caramel sauce

This recipe uses an unusual, very inexpensive ingredient in a fun way. For our "pie crust" we're using wonton wrappers. They cost around \$2, and you'll find them in the produce department of most grocery stores near the tofu and other Asian products.

If working with wonton wrappers

is new to you, here's some advice. Wontons dry out quickly, so once opened, be sure to keep them covered with a moist towel as you work.

When making the following recipes, you can make the apple filling and caramel sauce in advance and reheat just before filling the wontons and frying.

ONE-BITE APPLE PIES

Yield: 24 pieces **Time:** 1 hour

Filling:

- 3 medium apples (I used Honey-crisp, but any apple works.)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon corn syrup
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter

Wontons:

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 24-30 wonton wrappers
- Vegetable oil suitable for frying
- 1 egg

1. Peel and core apples, dice and toss with lemon juice. (You'll want to dice these pretty small, so they fit easily in the wonton wrappers.) Place apples in a saucepan. Add the brown sugar, corn syrup, flour, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, and stir to combine. Add butter, and heat the mixture on LOW, stirring frequently for about 15 minutes, or until the apples are softened. Let this cool.

2. Meanwhile, mix the sugar and 1 tablespoon cinnamon, set aside. To fill the wontons, in a small bowl, make an egg wash by mixing an egg with a tablespoon of water. Dip your fingertips in the egg wash and lightly moisten the edges and corners of your wonton wrapper. Place a heaping teaspoon of the apple filling in the center of the wonton and bring the four corners of the wonton together. Press as much

air out as possible and pinch the edges firmly together to seal. Repeat with remaining wontons. Keep filled pies covered with a damp towel to prevent them from drying out.

3. In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, heat 2 inches of oil to 350 F. Working in small batches, using a slotted spoon or tongs, place wontons seam side up in the oil, turning once as the first side cooks, and fry until golden brown, approximately one minute. Drain on a paper towel and sprinkle with the cinnamon sugar mixture while hot. Repeat with remaining wontons.

EASIEST CARAMEL SAUCE

Yield: 1 cup **Time:** 5 minutes

This is the easiest caramel sauce I've ever made. Now you're only five minutes away from slathering caramel on anything in need of caramel. Which is absolutely everything.

- 1/4 cup whipping cream
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1. In a small saucepan over low heat, combine whipping cream, brown sugar and butter. Cook, stirring frequently, until brown sugar is completely dissolved and sauce comes to a good bubble.

2. Remove from heat, add vanilla and salt, and stir. The sauce will thicken upon standing.

3. Serve the lovely little pies with the luscious sauce. It's apple pie perfection, with every single bite.

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I Will Come on Thee as a Thief



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Jesus Christ warns Sardis that they are the church not celebrating that Jesus Christ could return with no pre-requisite conditions other than Jesus Christ left at his ascension.

Imminence is how Jesus Christ requires our waiting period of 2,000 years to be experienced. Imminently watching and awaiting the return of our bridegroom from heaven to establish his kingdom.

What is missing from the church message in America today? Is anyone eagerly awaiting the return of Messiah? What awaits those who do not defile themselves with the gods of this world?

Psalm 51 is God's answer to what is needed in church today. Have mercy upon me oh God according to your lovingkindness, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Before thee and thee alone have I sinned and done this evil in your sight that thou may be justified when thou speakest and be clear when thou judgest. Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden parts thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins; and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart oh God, and renew in me a steadfast spirit. Cast me not away from thy presence and remove not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. **THEN WILL I TEACH SINNERS THY WAYS; AND SINNERS SHALL BE CONVERTED UNTO THEE!** Mercy always precedes grace in God's economy.

Sardis is a red stone. Red is the color of the blood which covers our iniquities. The Sardis stone was hard and red. It was polished to a beautiful sheen. God desires to turn us from Sardis to a precious diamond. That requires the humility to ask for forgiveness in not understanding the doctrine of imminence.

Diamonds are many faceted. It takes a long time for diamonds to be precious stones. They are heated, beaten, cut, polished, and loved. Have you allowed God to heat you through unbelief and repented? Are you holding on to religious pre-suppositions practiced by your ancestors? Do you love your Roman traditions more than you love Christ's message? Is looking like the world more important than your Christian conviction? Sin is not your problem. How you intend to answer God for your sin is your problem!

All the church attendance in the world will never pay your sin debt. Following traditions God abhors will end up in your separation from Christ as his bride. Doctrines will never replace relationship to Christ as Bridegroom. Grace is being prostituted in church and God is not happy.

Teshuva! Repent and return unto God in His Word.

God promises those who have not defiled themselves with the gods of this world, that they shall be clothed in white. God promises to not blot His name out of the book of life. He states there are few in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. Are you defiled? Have you served the gods of your ancestors? Is Easter, Christmas, your birthday, Valentine's Day, Memorial Day, or any day government gives you off from work, more important than your betrothal as the

bride of Christ, eagerly awaiting his return to claim you as his bride? He is coming back very soon at the sound of the trumpet to retrieve his virgin bride.

Please hear the still soft voice and return to belief in his Bible if you ever had it.

If not, please consider opening your Bible today, asking God for mercy. Ask Him to cover you in the blood of Calvary. And study the scripture daily to see if what John Burns is saying were true. I Love you as Christ loved his Church, and laid down his life for you as his bride. Please become a virgin bride and forgo the gods of this world. Your eternal future depends on it.

Jesus Christ died for very specific reasons with very specific rewards. His reward is to receive us as a virgin bride. His inheritance is to rule over all the nations of the earth for 1,000 years.

The betrothal is happening each time the Holy Spirit visits the heart of an unbeliever to call them home to Christ. Jesus Christ did not die to make bad men good, he died to raise dead men to life.

The most preposterous debt payment plan in human history revolves around God finding his son a bride, and then celebrating his Son's marriage in heaven, before returning with his bride to earth to rule over all the nations who come out of the great tribulation of the last 3 1/2 years of gentile reign.

We have been asked by Jesus Christ and Paul to eagerly await his return to retrieve us unto himself. We have been warned by Christ that those who are not waiting are not his bride. The rapture will not find you in heaven celebrating Christ's marriage to his bride.

You have one chance after the rapture to come home to Christ, and heaven as an eternal reward. Martyrdom during the last seven years of gentile rule, when the satanic trinity manifests and unites to stop God from establishing Christ's kingdom in Jerusalem.

John in revelation 4 reminds us that the redeemed are clothed in white, standing around the throne of Messiah, worshipping him in heaven, while the body of Christ is left behind to suffer at the hands of this fallen world.

Please accept Christ's offer of marriage. Know that he is building you a mansion. He will return for you. Your future is secure. Eagerly await his return. Never miss an opportunity to share the reason for the joy that is within you. That joy is your blessed hope and reward for eagerly awaiting Christ's return in the clouds.

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

Even so come Lord Jesus Christ. 9-12-2021 John Burns RLTW

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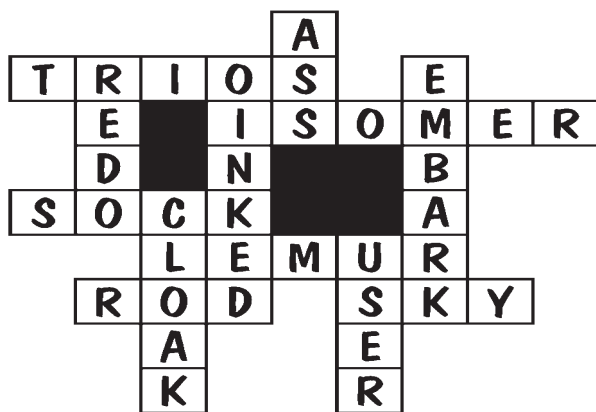
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He currently serves as the Chaplain for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. His devout faith demonstrates to all he comes into contact with that he believes nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He enjoys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

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1 Corinthians: Chapter 7: 1-24

(1 Corinthians 7:1-7) Physical intimacy and marriage: the opening phrase of this segment clearly implies that the Corinthian saints had written to Paul inquiring about certain issues, and he now replies in the narrative that follows. It first should be observed that some of the instructions of this chapter are conditioned by prevailing circumstances. There was a “distress” (v. 26), or “tribulation” (v. 28), that suggested the use of prudence in certain courses of action (v. 2). Such produced “cares” of an uncommon variety (v. 32) that might not be of “profit” (v. 35) at this time. One might make some decisions that would be “better” than others (v. 38), and lend themselves to a “happier” state of affairs (v. 40).

Under the present distress it would be good for a man not to “touch” (an expression for intimacy) (Prov. 6:29) a woman. If one struggles with celibacy, however, in order to prevent “fornications” he or she may take a marriage companion (v. 2). The text is not elevating celibacy over marriage as a general proposition. Some might wonder whether Christian mates should abstain from sexual intimacy altogether. The answer is: only temporarily, and by mutual consent, in view of a higher mitigating circumstance. To withhold marital intimacy for selfish or punitive reasons is wrong. Do not place one another in tempting situations (v. 3-5). Paul is not commanding abstention, but permitting such for an exalted purpose (v. 6). At a time of this nature (impending persecution), he wishes that all might have the physical restraint with which he had been blessed, but he acknowledges that not all have equal gifts of this nature (v. 7).

(1 Corinthians 7:8-16) Instructions regarding marriage: the apostle advises single people and widows that it would be good (but not obligatory) to remain in their present circumstances in view of possible domestic hardships. He feels he has an advantage in being single at such a time. However, if one cannot exercise self-control, it would be better to marry than to “burn” in lust, and be tempted to sin (v. 8-9). To the married Paul gives a “charge” that is undergirded by the Lord. This is not mere advice. A wife must not leave her mate for a capricious reason. However, should she be compelled to depart (for some absolutely necessary circumstance---not involving marital infidelity), she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband. The same demands fall upon the husband (v. 10-11).

While the previous admonitions had been specifically reinforced by the Lord’s personal teaching (Mt. 5:32; 19:9), the following circumstances had not been addressed by Christ, but now are being regulated by his inspired apostle (v. 12). What if a husband or wife becomes a Christian and their spouse does not? Should the child of God abandon that union? The answer is “No”. If the Christian’s mate is content to live with him, let them not separate. Why? (a)

Mere religious incompatibility is not a cause for dissolving a marriage. Marriage is a divine institution for the entire human family, commencing with Adam and Eve. The fact that one partner is not a Christian does not affect the essential integrity of the union. Children bore in such a relationship are not “unclean,” but actually are under the influence of at least one Christian parent. (b) The unbeliever who is married to the Christian is in a “sanctified” environment that might well lend itself to his conversion. The text does not imply that an unbeliever will be saved simply by being married to the Christian (v.13-14), but the union could be an incidental advantage.

If the unbeliever does “depart” (removes himself from the daily relationship), the Christian brother or sister is not under duress to live in an ongoing bondage-like “togetherness.” Ideally, marriage should be a peaceable relationship (v.15). A necessary separation, though, does not provide sanction for a divorce contrary to the stipulations of Matthew 5:32 and 19:9. This is not a second cause for a divorce-remarriage situation. Whenever possible, the Christian partner should seek to preserve the closeness of the relationship in the hope of converting the unbelieving spouse (v. 16).

(I Cor. 7:17-24) Marriage is a calling: some Christians with unbelieving mates might grow weary with the stressful relationship, but they are reminded they have a higher “calling” than that of mere domestic comfort. The divided home can be a miniature mission field, and the believer should “walk” (live) accordingly. This divine obligation was not for Corinth alone; it involved a general principle applicable to all congregations (v. 17)---then and now. There were certain external conditions that did not need alteration due to becoming a Christian; other circumstances certainly would require change. One would need to learn the difference between the two (v. 18-22). For example, neither circumstances nor the lack thereof was a material issue, for Moses’ law had been abrogated at the cross (Col. 2:14). Slavery, though not the divine ideal, need not affect one’s Christian life. (To parallel this principle with the idea that one may remain in a clearly sinful relationship (an adulterous “marriage”) is the epitome of irresponsible exegesis.)

Christians are servants of Christ, bought with his redemptive blood. They are not bound to unethical human relationships. Each person, therefore, who becomes a child of God may abide in any cultural or domestic relationship that is in harmony with the revealed will of the Lord. In any “abiding” union, though, one must be assured that he is “with God” (v. 23-24).

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Strategies for the Change in Business Loss Rules



David Zubler
Columnist

Beginning in 2021, a business can't carry back a net operating loss (NOL) and get an immediate refund of needed cash. Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) which reduced your ability to take advantage of business losses. However, due to Covid-19, Congress retroactively suspended the new rules for tax years 2018 through 2020. This allowed businesses who

suffered tax losses to carry back a loss to previous years and get refunds which could immediately help their business.

The Cares Act changed the TCJA limitations for NOLs for tax years 2018 through 2020. The Cares Act allowed carry back the NOL for 5 years and carry it forward indefinitely. Additionally, an NOL could offset up to 100 percent of your taxable income.

Beginning in 2021, the Cares Act loss rules no longer apply. If you have a business loss, you can no longer carry it back and get an immediate refund. Additionally, an NOL can only be used to offset up to 80% of your taxable income before your 20% Section 199A deduction.

The new NOL rule could have a negative impact on businesses that are struggling financially and in need of immediate cash.

Several strategies make your business loss work for you by immediately offsetting income and providing immediate cash.

Most small businesses use the cash method of accounting for tax purposes. When using the cash method, you recognize

taxable income when you receive the cash. This strategy is to receive the taxable money this year and pay the deductible expenses next year. You can speed up cash received by accelerating your invoices. Offering discounts to clients who prepay for next year's services can entice them to pay early. You can increase your efforts to collect aged receivables and can also consider selling aged receivables to a factoring company.

Another strategy is selling your appreciated property. You can use the business loss to offset the taxable gains. Sales of assets with short-term gains and ordinary income will provide the most tax benefit. You can immediately repurchase similar assets since there is no "wash sale loss" rule.

You can use your business loss to take out IRA funds, and the money will be 100 percent tax-free. The business loss will offset the taxable IRA distribution.

Another strategy is converting traditional IRA assets to Roth assets regardless of income. You will include the conversion amounts in your taxable income, but you won't pay a 10% penalty on the converted amount. The conversion is tax-free, and your converted funds continue to grow tax-free. An additional benefit is that it will reduce future income from required minimum distributions (RMDs). You are not required to RMDs from a Roth IRA account.

By being proactive, you can bypass the NOL rule and take advantage of the business loss immediately.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Do We Really Need a Booster Shot?---

Depending on when we went for the COVID vaccine, we could be eligible for the booster now ... or not. Elderly seniors, as well as those in nursing homes and the immunocompromised, were first in line early in the year. The rest of us straggled in over the next several months. At this point, it's unknown whether there should be a six- or eight-month wait before the booster.

The Pfizer booster (called Comirnaty) is now available to those 65 and older and some others depending on risk and medical conditions. At this writing, Moderna is asking for authorization, and there is no booster yet for the J&J vaccine.

Do we actually need a booster? We're all wondering

(my pharmacist says half of their calls are about boosters), and the answers are a mixed bag.

A pulmonary physician at a major university hospital said if we're under 65 and relatively healthy, no, we don't need one.

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services says that the vaccines we already received will start to wear off, so yes, we should get the booster, starting with seniors and nursing-home residents.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is calling for booster shots only for the immunocompromised, but not others.

The World Health Organization is calling for a moratorium on shots until poor countries get theirs.

While we wait for real answers, keep your vaccine record card where you can find it. You'll need it, should you decide to get a booster. What am I going to do? I'm going to stall. I'm going to wait to see how the booster plays out. With the highly contagious Delta variant being such a menace right now, I'd like to see if perhaps that's going to be added to the booster vaccine.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. What was AC/DC's first Top 40 single?
2. Who was the first to release "Saving All My Love for You"?
3. Who was the 1973 song "You're So Vain" written about?
4. Which Elton John album was originally titled "Vodka and Tonics"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I gotta take a little time, A little time to think things over."

Answers

1. "You Shook Me All Night Long," in 1980. There's been debate about who actually wrote the song. The girlfriend of Bon Scott, who died that year, claims to have his old notebook of lyrics, with parts of this song written down long in advance. Others have said the same thing. Yet Scott wasn't credited.
2. The first were Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. in 1978. Whitney Houston followed with a cover in 1985.
3. Writer and singer Carly Simon revealed in 2015 that the second verse was about actor Warren Beatty. The other verses were about other men.
4. "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," in 1973.
5. "I Want to Know What Love Is," by Foreigner, in 1984. The song topped charts around the world and has since been covered by numerous others, including Mariah Carey and Wynonna Judd.

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Friday Night Spotlight

Jackets Destroy Archrival Greenback 49-0

By Terry Futrell

After back-to-back losses and a close victory over Midway last week, some folks may have wondered what lay ahead for the Coalfield Yellow Jacket football team as they faced their biggest Region 2 rival, the Greenback Cherokees, on Friday night. The Jackets wasted no time in quieting any doubters and naysayers by totally destroying the Cherokees 49-0 in one of the most lopsided victories of the season.

A few summary statistics vividly tell the tale of the Jacket victory. Coalfield amassed 19 first downs in the game, compared to only four for Greenback. The Jacket offense cranked out 246 yards, 146 yards rushing and 100 yards passing. Greenback's total offensive output was a mere 49 yards, -4 yards rushing and 53 yards passing. The Jacket defense was stellar in holding the Cherokees to negative rushing yardage for the entire game.

Once again, quarterback Cole Hines led the Coalfield offense by completing 8 of 14 passes for 82 yards and by carrying the ball 11 times for 38 yards and a touchdown. Luke Treece also completed 1 of 1 passes for 18 yards.

Canaan Bowling carried the ball 7 times for 38 yards and 3 touchdowns for Coalfield. Landon Lowe added 28 yards rushing and a touchdown on 7 carries. Other Jacket ball carriers included Eli Roberts (2 carries for 17 yards), Brock Jones (3 carries for 10 yards and a touchdown), Luke Treece (1 carry for 7 yards), Eli Justice (1 carry for 6 yards), and Coalton Henry (2 carries for 2 yards)

Eli Roberts had 3 receptions for 58 yards. Levi Mullins pulled in 2 receptions for 21 yards. Other receivers included Landon Lowe (1 reception for 10 yards), Rommel Conlon (1 reception for 9 yards), and Tucker West



Coalfield's Canaan Bowling finds plenty of running room against Greenback. Bowling scored three rushing touchdowns for the Jackets. [Photo by Cathy Bird]

(2 receptions for 2 yards).

Luke Treece added 5 points for the Jackets, successfully kicking 5 of 6 extra points.

The game was scoreless until Jacket Canaan Bowling carried the ball for a 15-yard touchdown with 9:39 to go in the second quarter. The Jackets struck paydirt less than one minute later when Landon Lowe scored from 4 yards out. Canaan Bowling soon scored his second touchdown on a 5-yard run at 6:18 of the second quarter. The Jackets racked up 21 points in just over three minutes.

Not letting the offense have all the fun, the Jacket defense got into the scoring action when Eli Roberts picked off a Greenback pass at the Cherokee 34-yard line and returned



Jacket defensive lineman Isaiah Sheldon wraps up Greenback quarterback Micah Franklin for a loss. [Photo by Cathy Bird]

it all the way for a touchdown with 4:35 remaining in the half. The extra point attempt failed and the Jackets led 27-0. Barely a minute and a half later, the Jacket defense scored again with a safety when the Greenback punter was ruled down in the end zone with 2:52 remaining in the half. Coalfield took a 29-0 lead to the locker room at half-time.

Canaan Bowling scored his third touchdown for the Jackets with a 9-yard run at 7:08 in the third quarter. Cole Hines later scored on a 9-yard run with 35 seconds remaining, and the Jackets held a 43-0 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Jackets final score came with 3:44 remaining in the game when Brock Jones carried the ball into the end zone from 2 yards out. The kick failed and Coalfield closed out with a sweet 49-0 victory over the team that has been their greatest nemesis for several years.

The Jackets, undefeated in Region 2A, have only one remaining regional battle at Oliver Springs next Friday. The win over Greenback clinched the Region 2A Championship for the Jackets and assures that Coalfield will play at home for at least the first two rounds of the playoffs.

Wartburg Gets First Win of the Season Against Jellico 19-14

The season has been a long one. A starting quarterback seeing his season end early on and a young team looking for a victory. The Bulldogs finally got it done on Friday night at Jellico. They fought hard on the field to pick up their first win of the season 19 - 14.

The Wartburg Bulldogs will take on the Rockwood Tigers on Oct 15th to try and pick up their second win of the season. The game will be at home in Wartburg.



Samuel Mccarty looking to throw downfield. (Photos by Jimmy Evans)

PEC to Pass Through Over \$400,000 of Pandemic Recovery Credit

The Tennessee Valley Authority board has decided to extend the 2.5% Pandemic Relief Credit for another year and has rename it the Pandemic Recovery Credit. Plateau Electric Cooperative will, for the second year in a row, pass through 100% of the over \$400,000 credit to our members. Many other power distributors have decided to keep all or some of the credit for operational purposes, but PEC is passing 100% of the credit to our membership in the form of savings on kilowatt hour rates.

Beginning October 1, 2021 thru September 2022, all TVA wholesale customers will receive a 2.5% credit on non-fuel power cost. "TVA was created to benefit the public good and has continued to build on that clear mission," says Jeff Lyash, TVA president and CEO. "Our financial results remain strong and we are in a good position to do the right thing for our customers, providing people with the help they need when they need it most, while we continue to deliver on our mission of service."

"This is a savings that PEC will share with our members", said Dave Cross, PEC CEO. "With everything that has happened over the last year, we want to assist our members as much as possible and share this credit in the form of reduced rates. This will be a tremendous help to our membership and goes along with our cooperative principles of concern for the community."



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