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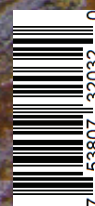
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**MORGAN COUNTY
WEATHER THIS WEEK**

Tue 05	70°/64°	
Wed 06	72°/64°	
Thu 07	73°/62°	
Fri 08	74°/59°	
Sat 09	76°/60°	
Sun 10	79°/62°	
Mon 11	79°/63°	



Michael Nance
Columnist

Many official records and local folklore mention a Home Guard that operated in Morgan and Scott Counties during the Civil War. Discovering who was in the Home Guard has long been on my bucket list, but until recently the identities of the Home Guard have remained elusive.

Based on official records the following is a letter From Confederate General E. Kirby Smith where he reports a serious skirmish occurring in Montgomery (Morgan County) Between Confederate Colonel Vaughn. What is significant about this letter is the fact it mentions the Home Guard, and infers they are suspected of attacking the Confederate soldiers.

March 28, 1862 – Expedition into Scott and Morgan Counties

Report of Major-General E. Kirby Smith, C. S. Army, commanding Department of East Tennessee.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EAST TENNESSEE, Knoxville, Tenn., April 19, 1862.

SIR: I have the honor to report that on the 28th ultimo, under instructions from department headquarters, Brigadier-General Leadbetter sent an expedition, consisting of the Third Regiment Tennessee Infantry and a squadron of Tennessee cavalry, from Kingston into Morgan and Scott Counties, of this State, for the purpose of dispersing organized Federal bands existing there, and the removal or destruction of all supplies of which the enemy might avail himself if advancing from that direction. These troops, under the command of Colonel Vaughn, of the Third Tennessee Regiment, advanced as far as Huntsville, in Scott County, the column being fired upon all along the march by small parties from inaccessible points.

Returning in the direction of Kingston a sharp skirmish occurred at a small village near Montgomery, in Morgan County, lasting about thirty minutes, in which the enemy was [dispersed] with a loss of 15 killed, a larger number wounded, and 7 prisoners. Our loss is 5 killed and 12 wounded.

The entire population of these counties is hostile to us, those able to bear arms being regularly organized as Home Guards. All loyal citizens have been expelled from the country.

Respectfully, your obedient

Civil War Home Guard: Morgan and Scott County

servant,

E. KIRBY SMITH,
Major-General, Commanding.
General S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector-General.

Reviewing the book entitled, Scott County and its Mountain Folk, authored by Esther Sharp Sanderson she mentions one of the many exploits of the Home Guard and how desperately the Confederates wanted to identify and kill these local patriots.

One of Sanderson's stories is based in Scott County and told how the Home Guard fired into a group of rebels. The rebels appeared retreat, but in reality, they were performing an end-a-round flanking maneuver. The Confederates surprised the Home Guard in their counterattack and overwhelmed the local troops. The rebels captured two members of the Home Guard and as the rest where fleeing, they hung the two captured members on the spot. One of the soldiers hung was Larkin Cross.

The above excerpt is just one mention of the Home Guard but is ample proof they existed and were a thorn in the side of the occupying Confederate troops.

In her book Sanderson also lists the names of the Home Guard and it appears she had an original document, but it was not footnoted in her work. The following is the list of names she asserts was in the Home Guard: Note: In places where [] are used the author has inserted a corrected name derived from local records

William Robbins, Andrew Griffith Sr., Hiram Sexton, Solomon Young, B.S. Newport, Joseph Griffith, James Goad, W.M. Goad, John Choate, William A. Edwards, Andrew Jackson, John Goad [Goad], Matthew Young, Fountain Sexton, James Newport Jr., Thomas Dyer, Michael Low, Julin [Julian] Sexton, Samuel Walker, W.M. Newport, William Phillips, John Gabin, James Goad Jr., Andrew Young, J.M. Hamby, A.R. Lewallen, L.B. Goad, Aaron Goad, James Sexton, Granville Looper, George Pemberton, Calvin Newport, Ezekiel Newport, Joseph Griffith Sr., W.M. Looper, Thomas Looper, Fielding Sexton, James Wilson, W.M. Wilson, John Jeffers, Andrew Lawson, James McCart, Johnathan Garret, G.A. Garret, E.J. Garrett, Hugh H. Garrett, John Stringfield, James J. Stringfield, W.M. Newport, [John] Ohn M. Webb, Lewis Webb, [Mi-

chael] Michall, Lewallen, George Anders, W.M. Young, John Phillips Jr., Sterling McDonald, Julius Reed, James Newport, W.M. Young Sr., E. Newport Sr., W.M. Todd, Elihu Wilson [Ivory] Juory Hamby, W. M. Stringfield, James Stringfield, Pleasant Davis, E. Chaney, E. Lewallen, Berry Bowling, Solomon Sexton, W.M. Phillips, John Sandusky,

After reading these names from Sanderson's book I immediately recognized several of the names where people with homes inside Morgan County in 1861. Lewis Webb is but one example. Speaking with members of the Scott County Genealogical and Historical Society it is suspected and highly probable that the Home Guard was enacted by the free and independent "State of Scott." As history records, Scott County displayed their contempt for the secession of Tennessee into the Confederate States of America. They voted to secede the State of Tennessee through the creation of the "State of Scott" in 1861. According to the Historian Esther Sharp Sanderson, during the meeting discussing secession an old farmer who stood up at that court meeting and shouted, "If the (expletive) State of Tennessee can secede from the Union, then Scott County can secede from the State of Tennessee."

It is notable that the "State of Scott" did not officially rejoin the State of Tennessee until 1986. In 1986 Scott County formally voted to rejoin the Volunteer State. The resolution stated: "After 125 years of independence, in this the year of Tennessee homecoming, the Scott Commissioners and people of Scott County have declared the Free and Independent State of Scott to be dissolved." Gov. Lamar Alexander signed the resolution.

I mention the State of Scott to propose a theory that the Home Guard was formed in concert with the "Free State of Scott." This is complete speculation thus far, but the circumstantial evidence is compelling that the Home Guard effectively served to protect Scott and Morgan counties not only from the Confederates, but at times from the foraging of Union Troops. This information is per members of the Scott County Genealogical and Historical Society.

Stay tuned, there is more information to come on this topic. Thanks to everyone who is interested in our local Civil War History!

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In Loving Memory

Regina Lynn Hamby, 52

Regina Lynn Hamby, age 52, of Deer Lodge passed away September 24, 2021, at her home. Regina was a style of her own, you could always find her in a flannel shirt and jeans. But she loved making jewelry in her spare time. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Curtis & Beulah Owens.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Sam Hamby; sons, Dalton & Gavin Hamby; daughter, Megan (Josh) Hale; grandbabies, Murphy & Greer; mother &

father-in-law, Estelene & Junior Hamby and a host of family and friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Graveside services will follow in the Union Grove Church Cemetery in Sunbright with Bro. David Coffman officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Regina Lynn Hamby.

Marvin Fouts, 81

Marvin Fouts, age 81 of Lancing, passed away quietly September 27, 2021 at Methodist Medical Center with his family by his bedside. He was formerly of Letcher County, KY.

He preceded in death by his mother, Louanna Isom Fouts; father, Alex Fouts and several sisters and brothers.

He is survived by his loving wife, Paulette McMilliom Fouts of 49 years; daughter, Christine Dawn Riley and husband, Donald W. Riley; son, Travis Briar Fouts & friend Mary Stewart; brothers, Herman Fouts, Willis Fouts; sisters, Connie Fouts McCullah and Mae Fouts Belee and a host of

nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Marvin loved hunting, fishing, bluegrass music, his Toyota truck and gardening. He will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to your charity of choice.

The family will receive friends Friday, October 1, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Marvin Fouts.

Ronald Wayne "Ronnie" Trout, 74

Ronald Wayne "Ronnie" Trout, age 74 of Lancing, TN passed away suddenly at his home in Lancing early Saturday morning, October 2, 2021. He was born in Harriman, TN to J.C. & June Trout on August 16, 1947.



tiful bride of 55 years, Della (Hines) Trout; son, Doug and wife, Michelle (Shannon) Trout; grandson whom he loved and thought the world of, Tyler and wife Amanda (Hutchison) Trout; 2 great grandchildren that he enjoyed so much, Aubrie & Colt Trout; mother, June Trout; siblings, Darrell & Joni Trout, Denise Trout Bowling, Darlene & Mark Kilby and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Ronnie was a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Wartburg. It was at the First Baptist Church in Wartburg where he gave his heart and life to the Lord at an early age of 7. Those that knew him knew he loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, hunting, teaching, and coaching football. Ronnie loved and enjoyed spending time with the kids.

Ronnie retired as an Iron worker, Local 384. He loved being able to travel all over the United States making a living for his family that he loved so much. He also retired from Central High School as a teacher, also a Welder Instructor at the Vocational School in Morgan County for many years.

He is preceded in death by his father, J.C. Trout; brother-in-law, Junior Bowling.

Ronnie is survived by his beau-

The family will receive friends Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Paul Frick and Bro. Tyler Trout officiating. Graveside services will be Wednesday, October 5, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Liberty Church Cemetery in Wartburg.

The family ask in lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Liberty Church Cemetery building fund.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ronald Wayne "Ronnie" Trout.

David E. Melhorn, Sr., 81

David E. Melhorn, Sr., 81 of Wartburg, TN passed away Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021. He was born in Nemo to Edmond and Stella (Hamby) Melhorn on April 7, 1940.

David was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting. He served in the Army from 1960 to 1962 and made an appearance in Amor Command as a soldier in 1961. He mentioned often that he met Ginger (Tina Louise who also was in Gilligan's Island). He volunteered and served as Cub Scout Master and Little League Director in the "70's". He was a Wartburg policeman in the late 70's and early 80's. David retired from security at K-25 in Oak Ridge in 1994.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Katherine (Bonham) Melhorn, infant son, Joseph Melhorn, his parents, Edmond and Stella Melhorn, brother, Michael (Mike) Melhorn and brother-in-law Pete Prince.

David is survived by his children: David E. Melhorn, Jr. and wife Peggy, Stephen Melhorn and wife Penny, Cheryl Jeffers and husband Tim, and Robert Melhorn and wife Sylvia. Grandchildren: Ethan Melhorn wife Alex, Whitney Melhorn wife Brea,

Evan Melhorn wife Valarie, Joshua Melhorn and fiancé Amanda Nunallee, Angela Burgess and husband Nate, Jacob Melhorn and wife Samantha, Jordon Melhorn and wife Cheyenne, Libby Young, Heather Weaver and husband Dustin, Jerika Melhorn and fiancé Dexter Strand, Olivia Melhorn and Jesse Melhorn. Great grandchildren: Waylon Henry Melhorn, Atlas Melhorn, Gracie Wilson, Mason Melhorn, Emerson Weaver, Karlie Weaver and Alexis Strand. Siblings: Stanley Melhorn and wife Connie, Donald Melhorn and wife Ruth, Larry Melhorn and wife Shirley, Norma Prince, Faye Armstrong and husband Milton, Shirley Bridwell husband Wesley, Jerri Amonett and husband Jerry, Vicki Donald and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg with the interment to follow at Morgan Memorial Gardens.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of David Edward Melhorn.

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

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

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Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Hollis Eble Field was the site of the 2021 OHS Homecoming activities on Friday, October 1. The Oakdale Eagles were victorious over the Sunbright Tigers with a score of 42-6. Way to Go Eagles!

Oakdale Alumni Association organized a pregame event recognizing former Eagle football players, cheerleaders and Homecoming Queens. 135 OHS Alumni signed in at the registration table. 59 classes were represented with the Class of 1949 being the oldest class represented by Paul Mathis. The Class of 2020 had the most in attendance. The Alumni Association accepted donations to assist the school in raising funds for parking lot resurfacing and signage. This is an effort to improve the drop off and pick up areas of students. Please continue to support this effort by sending donations to the school.

Congratulations to Madison Osborne who was crowned 2021 OHS Homecoming Queen. The other candidates were Lila Grizzle, Emerald Brown and Maddie Anderson. Thank you to each of these young ladies, their families, their classmates and friends who worked very hard to raise money for the Oakdale School Athletic Department. You are all winners!

Spirit Week at Oakdale School was a fun filled week for students and staff. Spirit Week has been a tradition at the school for many years and each year many memories are made.

Fall Break for Morgan County Schools will be next week, October 11-15.

The Pine Orchard Church Clothes Closet will be open Saturday, October 9th from 10:00 – 12:00. Winter clothing will be available including coats.

Oakdale Community Day will be Saturday, October 9 at Oakdale Park from 1:00 – 4:00. This is a free family event with lots of food and fun including a bounce house, face painting, pumpkin painting, BINGO, corn hole, horse shoes and other games for all ages.

Oakdale Public Library Director, Kim Colston, has announced the October schedule for the library. During the month of October, Story Time will be each Tuesday at 5:15. On October 9th, Sammi Hamby, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe from North Dakota, will be a guest presenter from 9:30 – 11:00 in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. Mrs. Siobhan's Craft Hour will be on Wednesday October 13 and Wednesday October 27 from 10:30 – 11:30. On the 13th,

treat bags will be made to be given out at the October 23 Fall Party which will be from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. There will be fall themed foods, games, treat bags, and special spooky (and not so spooky) guest readers and storytellers. Miss Hayley Colston will be one of the guest readers. Children may dress up as their favorite book character or fall or Halloween character.

Darlene Headrick and I were blessed to be volunteers at the 2021 National Quartet Convention in Pigeon Forge. It was a wonderful week of fellowship, testimonies and good Gospel Singing. We enjoyed hearing Dr. Robert Jeffress and Dr. David Jeremiah speak. We also enjoyed seeing Dr. Charles Stanley honored. One of the things I was most touched by was the attention focused on our freedom and the blessing of living in the greatest nation in the world, AMERICA! I thank God for giving us safe travels each day last week and I Praise Him for letting me be born in AMERICA and enjoying so many Blessings.

Condolences to Debbie and Wendell Ruppe and their family due to the passing of Debbie's sister, Kim Nabors who passed away Monday, September 27. She is also survived by her husband Robbie and their daughters Kelvey Null and Me-

gan Nabors and her sister, Teresa Francis along with a host of other family and friends. Services were held Thursday, September 30 at Liberty Baptist Church in Kingston. Burial was on Friday in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the family of David Melhorn who passed away Sunday, September 26. Although he was a resident of Wartburg, his parents, Edmond and Stella Hamby Melhorn, grew up in Oakdale and he has many relatives in Oakdale. He is survived by 4 children and their spouses, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, 3 brothers and 5 sisters. The funeral was Wednesday, September 29 with interment following in Morgan Memorial Gardens.

Condolences to Rolland, Kristi, Bryson, Evan and Preston Headrick due to the passing of Kristi's grandfather, Marvin Isham. He is also survived by his daughters Haven Lingerfelt and Nedra Austin and several other grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. A graveside service was held Saturday, October 2 at Roane Memorial Gardens.

“Resolve to follow Christ and not just admire him.”
Dr. David Jeremiah

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“Without deviation from the norm, progress is not possible.”
— Frank Zappa

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This is Wrong.

Op-ed

UT-Battelle manages Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

UT-Battelle requires all their employees to submit their vaccination status as a condition of continued employment. This choice, to get vaccinated, is a private choice that should be made between an individual and their doctor. UT-Battelle did offer employees the option to submit for an exemption on medical or religious grounds; many employees chose to do this. UT-Battelle apparently approved all exemptions (religious or medical) and subsequently used these approved exemptions to identify employees that did not fit within their business decisions. These employees are being put on unpaid leave for an undefined length of time that gets reevaluated every 60-days. Not only that, but UT-Battelle has the legal right to deny employees the ability to seek another income while they are “technically” still employees on unpaid leave. It appears, UT-Battelle is trying to force out anyone they deem as undesirable and they know they have no legal grounds to do so. Afterall, how long could you support your family without an income or the ability to get a different job? 1-month or maybe 6? UT-Battelle knows employees need to support their families and will likely and eventually have to resign or get a new job which makes them look faultless as the employees have “cho-

sen to leave”. Afterall, they can rightly claim, they didn’t “fire” their employees; they just left.

This is wrong.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic was declared (March 2020), UT-Battelle has stated masks, testing, social distancing, & work-from-home were sufficient to mitigate the risk of transmission. They are now saying the last year of masks, testing, social distancing, and work-from-home did not work and are therefore not options as accommodations for employees with approved religious exemptions. UT-Battelle further stated those with medical exemptions are covered under Americans with Disabilities (ADA) law which may allow for medical accommodations, while those with religious exemptions were covered under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and denied religious accommodations. They claim this is an undue hardship on the company. This appears to be both discriminatory and punitive.

This is wrong.

Many employees of ORNL (maintenance staff, medical staff, staff in specialized areas, etc.) were deemed necessary during the pandemic and faithfully worked on-site to support UT-Battelle by wearing masks, testing regularly, social distancing, and quarantining as needed. Some of these same “necessary” staff are now being told they are an inconvenient reality and are being put on unpaid leave with little option other than to leave on short notice.

This is wrong.

UT-Battelle further requires unpaid employees to get written approval from UT-Battelle’s Office of General Council before attaining secondary outside employment. Simply put they reserve the right to deny an employee the ability to get an income outside of UT-Battelle while on unpaid leave.

This is wrong.

UT-Battelle is also requiring unpaid employees to carry the full costs of their insurance and pension contributions while they are unpaid. This full cost is an 800% increase to the regular shared employer/ employee insurance costs. Other benefits are predominately not covered while forced into unpaid leave. This leaves many employees with little option other than to cancel their family’s insurance coverage while UT-Battelle has the luxury to “reevaluate this accommodation in 60 days”.

This is wrong.

Whether you have chosen to get vaccinated, chosen to wait and see, chosen to remain unvaccinated, or chosen to keep your medical decisions private; you have made a choice. This ability to choose what is right for you is the very bedrock that America is built on; freedom. UT-Battelle’s actions erode this bedrock by giving their employees no choice; no freedom. This is not the America I know and UT-Battelle’s actions are wrong.

Sunbright Band has a Successful Run at Clinch River Classic

The Sunbright High School Marching Band traveled to Clinton, TN to compete in the Clinch River Classic Marching Band Competition on Saturday, September 25th. Sunbright was the first of 16 schools to take the field. They performed a jazz themed show entitled “Take the Road” which featured the pieces “Hit the Road Jack” and “Hey Taxi!” The judges gave very positive remarks and were impressed with the quality of the performance from such a small and young program. Sunbright Band received an overall score of a “2-Excellent” from the judges (on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being the highest mark possible.) All of the students carried themselves with pride and dignity throughout the day and represented the Sunbright community very well. Students enjoyed making friends with band students from other schools and were able to watch several other bands perform throughout the day.

Just two days after the competition, the Sunbright Music program hosted a successful dinner concert fundraiser on Monday, September 27th at the school. Mr. James Shimo and Mrs. Kortney Ross opened the concert with a performance of “Be Our Guest” from The Beauty and the Beast. Following that performance, the high school choir performed several selections while the marching band students served dinner to the guests. The evening also featured flute solos from students Julie McFadden and Amara Stedam as well as director Kortney Ross. The student portion of the night was finished with students from the high school guitar class joining the choir for a

rendition of Darius Rucker’s “Wagon Wheel”. TJ Young and Aiden Keys also threw in a surprise performance of “Folsom Prison Blues” by Johnny Cash. TJ and Aiden stayed on stage to do a few songs with volunteer guest performer Darius LaRue who then finished out the evening with a short solo set. Mrs. Ross and the students would like to thank everyone who made the night possible, including the parents who cooked, the students who helped set-up, Mr. LaRue for performing, and the school faculty who cooperated in the event. Most of all, they would like to thank the community for their support. About \$1,500 was raised from ticket sales and donations. This gets the band about halfway to their overall goal of \$3,000 to purchase a new equipment trailer.

The band’s next competition is on Saturday, October 23rd at Harriman High School. They hope to see several community members there to support them. Follow the Sunbright School facebook page for more information about performance times.





MSG Fred Mize

Tennessee.

Since beginning my street ministry in August, I've already seen hundreds of desperate people in dire need of the most basic necessities such as; food, water, shelter, clothing, medication, and love.

Today I saw a young woman laying sound asleep alone in the dirt underneath a bridge in Knoxville. She didn't have any water, no blanket nor pillow. No one to watch over her as she slept. I walked up to her and woke her up by calling out, "Ma'am, ma'am, would you like some water and something to eat?" As she woke up lying beside her was a needle. That needle was her only companion. As sad as this situation sounds it was by far not the saddest thing I witnessed today.

Today I witnessed the worst motricity I've seen since I began the Stricken ministry. My friend Michael and I pulled into a parking lot where several homeless people were sitting along the parking lot's curb. As we were preparing and handing out meals to the people there a hateful man came up to us stating that we should have the common courtesy to ask for permission from his nearby church before handing out food to "these people." He then asked, "Why are you doing this anyway? Are you doing this just to make yourselves happy?" He then stated that when people feed "these people" they throw their trash on their church parking lot and he's tired of picking up their trash.

I was so blown away by this man's actions and of what he said and asked. Here is a church member of a Christian church that is more concerned about the possibility of trash being placed on his church's parking lot more so than people being hungry, thirsty, and homeless. It was apparent that he had no compassion or empathy for the poverty-stricken people who sat along the side of the road across from his church.

Let me say this. This man was not the pastor of the church but was proud to claim to be a member there. I don't want to give the name of the church because I don't believe one person should be the

Stricken Street Ministry

Jesus Created, Died For, & Loves Everyone

The saddest thing I've witnessed in street ministry and my answer to end homelessness across

representation of an entire church congregation but this man's lack of love, compassion, and empathy was by far the saddest thing I've seen throughout my street ministry.

This man may be a member of a Christian church but his heart was lacking love. In

Christ through both faith and action. Most importantly their acts of kindness and love may even lead to one of those very people accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

This thought led to another. I don't like numbers but numbers don't lie and I began looking at the numbers. There are approximately 7,256 people homeless across Tennessee and there are 11,542 church congregations across Tennessee. Those numbers tell me that if each church across our wonderful state ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of just

one homeless person there would not be any homelessness throughout all of Tennessee.

Imagine for a moment if each church sponsored one homeless person by providing them with a place to stay, helped them get a job and/or fight an addiction, clothed them, fed them, and led them to accept Jesus Christ then inspired them to help someone else in like manner. Wow, what a difference Christians could make by doing nothing but loving people like Jesus Christ desires us to love them.

I beg my fellow Christian brothers and sisters-in-Christ to consider stepping out in faith, open the doors to your churches, and take at least one person out of their poverty-stricken, homeless state. Regardless of the amount of money it may take, every penny used wouldn't be a penny spent but invested in the life and soul of that person that Jesus created, died for, and loves.

Literally, Christians have the opportunity and responsibility to end homelessness by doing nothing more than what Jesus Christ said for us to do in Mathew 25. The only question now is, are you willing?

***If you know of any poverty-stricken people living on the streets of Morgan County and would like to have Stricken Street Ministry help them however they can please email their information and needs to fredmize77@gmail.com and type Stricken in the email subject line.



Matthew 25:31-40, Jesus Christ himself tells of the importance of feeding the hungry, providing drink for the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison.

Jesus Christ does not want born-again Christians to look down upon anyone but to love them. Jesus died for "these people" the very people that were hungry, thirsty, and homeless outside of this man's church. I don't need to ask Jesus which he would care more about regarding having trash in a church parking lot or ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the very people he created, loves, and died for.

I pray for this man's heart to heal if it has been wounded or grown callused from ministering to poverty-stricken people or by being around them so often. I also pray for this man's salvation if he only knows of Jesus but doesn't know Jesus as his Lord and Savior. It's a sad statement to make but there will be many church-attending Christians in Hell that knew of Jesus but never knew Him as their Lord and Savior.

Being a member of a church does not and will not give you salvation and forgiveness of your sins. You cannot earn salvation or forgiveness by any good works or deeds. Salvation is a free gift granted only by Jesus Christ himself and it's a gift that no one deserves but is freely given to everyone through their faith in Jesus Christ alone.

This man's actions made me think of the amazing opportunity his church has right there in front of them. They could open the doors to their church to those very people and show them the love of Jesus



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

We humbly honor Medal of Honor recipient United States Army Sergeant Kyle J. White who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in combat while serving in the War on Terrorism in Afghanistan on November 9, 2007.

SGT White's Medal of Honor citation follows. He was a Specialist at the time of his combat action on November 9, 2007.

Specialist Kyle J. White distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a radio telephone operator with Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment, 173d Airborne Brigade, during combat operations against an armed enemy in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan on November 9, 2007. On that day, Specialist White and his comrades were returning to Bella Outpost from a shura with Aranas Village elders. As the soldiers traversed a narrow path surrounded by mountainous, rocky terrain, they were ambushed by enemy forces from elevated positions. Pinned against a steep mountain face, Specialist White and his fellow soldiers were completely exposed to enemy fire. Specialist White returned fire and was briefly knocked unconscious when a rocket-propelled grenade impacted near him. When he regained consciousness, another round impacted near him, embedding small pieces of shrapnel in his face. Shaking off his wounds, Specialist White



noticed one of his comrades lying wounded nearby. Without hesitation, Specialist White exposed himself to enemy fire in order to reach the soldier and provide medical aid. After applying a tourniquet, Specialist White moved to an injured Marine, similarly providing aid and comfort until the Marine succumbed to his wounds. Specialist White then returned to the soldier and discovered that he had been wounded again. Applying his own belt as an additional tourniquet, Specialist White was able to stem the flow of blood and save the soldier's life. Noticing that his and the other soldier's radios were inoperative, Specialist White exposed himself to enemy fire yet again in order to secure a radio from a deceased comrade. He then provided information and updates to friendly forces, allowing precision airstrikes to stifle the enemy's attack and ultimately permitting medical evacuation aircraft to rescue him, his fellow soldiers, Marines and Afghan Army soldiers. Specialist Kyle J.

White's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment, 173d Airborne Brigade and the United States Army.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Marla Hines, Circuit Court Clerk

This week we honor fallen Sullivan County Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant Joshua Wayne Stewart. Below is his obituary that was posted on the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department's Facebook page.

Sgt. Joshua Wayne Stewart, age 39, of Piney Flats, TN, went to be with Jesus on Monday, September 27, 2021, in the Johnson City Medical Center. He was born on July 22, 1982, in Johnson City, TN, to Rusty Stewart and Regina Huff McNally.

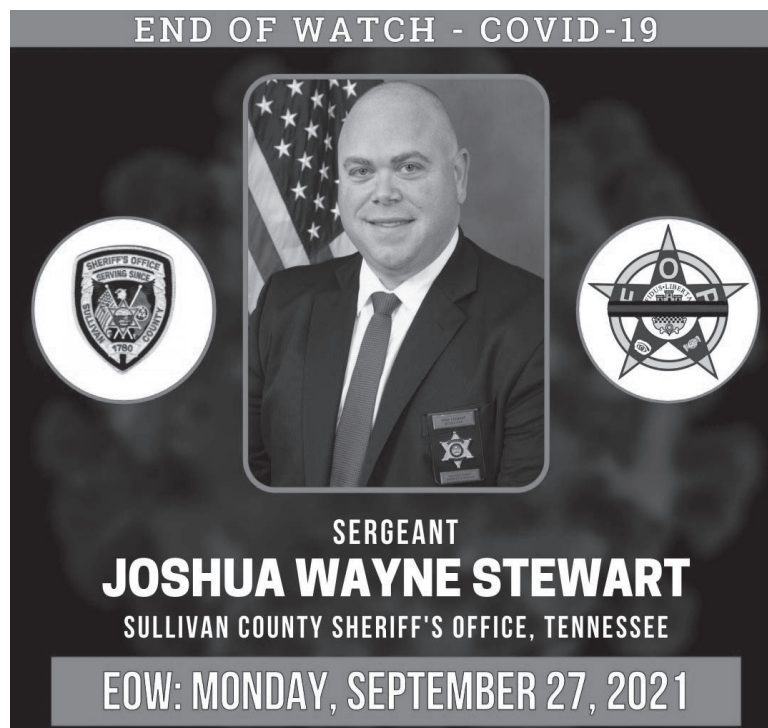
He was a Sergeant for the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, where he was well re-

spected by his co-workers. Josh was a member of Mountain View Baptist Church in Johnson City. He was a

wonderful father who enjoyed hunting and fishing with his children.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rusty Stewart; paternal grandparents, Dallas Stewart and Emma Lee Stewart; and maternal grandfather, Roy Huff Jr.

Those left to cherish his memories include his loving wife and high school sweetheart, Brandi Stewart; his precious children whom he loved dearly, Gracie Stewart and Jackson Stewart; mother, Regina McNally and husband, Mike; grandmother, June Huff Suthers; mother-in-law and father-in-law, April Gregory and husband, Jim; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.



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Tom Redmon
Columnist

When Will Life in America Be Normal Again?

Today is September 6, 2021 and we are far from normal. All of 2020 was abnormal and you can say that for 2021 too. When September is over, we will have three months or 92 days left in 2021. Many places in the U.S. are still wearing masks. Some states still haven't opened schools fully. Although restaurants are open some don't want you to come in because they do not have enough workers.

Our president and his party do not want people to go back to work. He had rather sent them checks every month so they would depend on the government for support. This is called the start of socialism.

You know that although churches are open most of them are half full. Some governors have opened the state in every way to make it seem normal but some citizens do not trust anyone now because they have been lied to so much. Many people are still afraid to get out and that is the way our government wants it. The fewer people who go to church the better. They want to drag this pandemic on until the elections in 2022 and 2024 so they can drag the election out and more people can vote from home like they did in November 2020.

I was so happy to see thousands of fans out to watch college football in packed stadiums. Maybe college age students can understand who is taking normalization out of their lives. September 4, 2021 was the first normal Saturday since the fall days of 2019. Now we can at least watch a full baseball game or football game in a normal way. Oh: a fall player might have to be held out of the game because of COVID-19 but the game can go on.

Those 1,000 plus schools who closed down need to get back and give their students a chance to get an education. They sure don't get it virtual-schools should never close because of an illness. Kindergarten and first grade students cannot be taught with masks on. The teachers must be mask free so the students can see her lips movement in making specific sounds and vice-verses for students to be mask free.

Many students in other grades who have a hard time staying on task will struggle to learn. The teachers who are in the classroom setting will know her school lessons and can go over the assignments until all students grasp it. No way they can do this with students at home. Another thing, will parents see that they stay on task instead of playing games on the computer. Virtual is not a natural way of teaching. Students do not get the socialization process at home. They are social beings and they need contact with other students their age.

Life is so socialistic. It's unbeliev-

up with one quickly. Many scientists said it would take years for our labs to come up with a vaccine that would be approved by the FDA. But before Trump left office in January 2021 these vaccines were ready to come out. Of course, our new president and his appointed cabinet and Dr. Fauci tried to kill it by lying. With this dreaded CoronaVirus, the radical groups like Black Lives Matter and Antifa started marching in many blue states in the North and West burning and looting. Cities like Minneapolis, Chicago, New York, Seattle, Portland, and Detroit were looted and burned to the ground.

Governors and Mayors stood by and told police to stand down. This was unbelievable.

Here we had to deal with a pandemic and riots at the same time. This has really put our country in bad shape.

We are a long way from being normal. One problem is that many on the left do not want it to return to normal. The president is paying money out to citizens not to return to work.

Another thing is that on many left leaning T.V. stations do not report the good news. They love to keep people scared so night after night a report on CoronaVirus comes first and they never report the number of deaths. Many are getting Corona Virus but fewer are dying. Everyone should take precautions but they should get out and try to enjoy life. I do.



able what has happened in our great nation. It seems like we were getting along fine until we were struck with a disease we had never heard of and one that was worse than the flu. We had never had anything like this since 1919. There was no vaccine but President Trump put our medical scientist to work to come

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Disappeared: Chapter 9



Carol Hall
Author

Maggie-Day 3

Rose pointed at Maggie's chest, then at her own and moved her lips as if trying to say something.

"Oh, you want me to tell him what my name is?" she asked.

She pointed her finger at her own chest. "Maggie," she said. "My name is Maggie."

She then pointed her finger at Brutus. "Brutus. You're Brutus." she said. She pointed to Rose.

"Rose," she told him. "She is Rose."

She spoke slowly and clearing hoping he would understand.

He nodded his head once and stood up. His curiosity seemed to be sated. He turned and headed out of the cave.

Rose and Maggie followed close behind.

They made the descent back down the cliff face and out into the forest.

Maggie was on Rose's back. She clasped her arms tightly around her neck, but could barely see over her bulky shoulder. She was getting so used to the odor of Rose that she barely even noticed it now.

Brutus was leading them through dense undergrowth, following an almost invisible path deeper and deeper into the forest.

Maggie's body was still very achy and sore. She kept trying to crane her neck to see where they were going, but finally gave up and just relaxed against Rose's back. What she wouldn't give for a couple of Tylenol.

They walked silently through the heavily wooded terrain for what seemed like hours. Maggie knew it hadn't been that long, but her body hurt, she was uncomfortable hanging onto the back of Rose and the heat of the day was making this trip miserable.

Just when she was about to ask Rose to stop for a break, Brutus abruptly stopped. Rose, who was not paying attention, ran into the back of him. He growled low and deep and shoved her back a few feet. Maggie almost lost her grip as Rose stumbled, then regained her footing.

Brutus crouched down and started to sniff the air. He turned his head from side to side sniffing. He seemed to smell something that Maggie couldn't.

Rose crouched down behind him and Maggie slid off her back. She was grateful for a break and plunked down on the ground beside Rose. The foliage was so thick she couldn't see whatever it was that had Brutus's attention, she was just thankful for the rest.

The thought of taking off and running in the opposite direction never occurred to her. She knew Brutus would be on her in a heartbeat and she was so tired and sore, she knew she wouldn't get far. So she just sat there watching Brutus, wondering what had caught his attention.

The Bigfoots got impossibly still. Not a single muscle moved in their large frames. No breath could be heard. It was rather eerie just how still they got. It was almost as if they weren't even there, except that she could see them there in front of her. She didn't know what was going on, so she sat very still herself. She tried listening, but didn't hear anything.

Brutus stood up slowly and sniffed the air again. He motioned for Rose to follow him and he began walking noiselessly through the dense brush.

Rose stayed crouched down so Maggie could climb up onto her back again. They followed Brutus just a few yards when she saw what had caught Brutus's attention.

They had come upon a campsite. It was not one of the park's designated campsites. Someone had just set up a camp in the deep woods. A tiny tent was erected off to the side of a very small clearing. A fire had been built in the middle of the site and something was still cooking in a pot set over it. To Maggie, it smelled like chicken noodle soup. The smell made her stomach growl. This must have been what Brutus smelled.

There were food wrappers scattered around the ground and water bottles piled up next to the tent. There didn't appear to be anyone around though.

Maggie looked around the campsite in disgust. This was exactly what you weren't supposed to do when camping. All this food laying around would attract bears and who knows what other animals. The litter left around made her even angrier. People just had no respect for anything anymore.

She slid down off Rose's back. Walking over to the tent, she peered inside. Two sleeping bags lay on the floor, as well as a backpack in one corner. More empty water bottles and food wrapped lay on the floor around the bags.

"Hello?" she called out loudly. She scanned the area, hoping to see someone who could help her. Maybe someone with a gun?

Brutus was instantly by her side. He swatted her across the face with such force that she fell backwards, landing with a thud on her behind.

Rose rushed over to her. She vigorously shook her head from side to side.

Maggie was reminded again that calling out or making loud noises was not tolerated by these guys. She quickly got to her feet and stood behind Rose. She rubbed her sore cheek with the back of her hand.

Brutus stood absolutely still and listened. When no noise was heard, he began his perusing of the site again.

Maggie watched silently as he foraged through the garbage and picked through the food wrappers. He grabbed the top of the tent and jerked it upward, ripping the stakes out of the ground. He shook the tent viciously until a backpack fell out of the flap and onto the ground. He looked at it for a moment, then picked it up.

Maggie watched him fumble around with it trying to open it. She gingerly approached him and gently touched his arm without saying anything. He swung around and looked down at her. She held her hand out for the backpack. He looked at her hand, then at the backpack. He shoved it into her arms.

She unzipped it and opened it up. Looking inside, she noticed it was full of clothes and some food bars. She handed it back to Brutus.

He turned the pack upside down and dumped out the contents. He rooted through the items now scattered on the ground. Grabbing up a food bar, he sniffed it. He ripped off the plastic wrapper and bit into the bar. He chewed it for a moment then spit the mashed up granola onto the ground.

He picked up an article of clothing and tossed it over his shoulder. Satisfied with his search, he sat down under a tree and appeared to be resting.

Maggie grabbed up the backpack. She searched through the clothes that Brutus had scattered around and found a couple pairs of socks, a t-shirt, sweatshirt and a pair of khaki pants. She crammed them into the backpack.

Next, she foraged through the food bars and water bottles left laying around until she found some unopened ones. She stuffed these into the pack too.

She continued to hunt through the campsite for anything she thought she could use or might need. Feeling like she had searched every corner thoroughly, she went over to Rose and sat down next to her.

Rose reached for the backpack, but Maggie slung it over her shoulder. Rose seemed content to let her keep it. Maggie leaned up against Rose with a deep sigh. If she had to stay with these guys, then at least she could have some creature comforts, like a change of clothes and a few food bars. Not to mention some bottled water.

The campsite was trashed by the time they had dug through everything. Even the soup on the fire was knocked over and splattered all over the ground. Maggie didn't care, nor did she feel the need to straighten it up. These people weren't supposed to be out here camping in this area and the fact that they weren't observing park rules and regulations as far as food storage went, made her feel no sympathy for them.

Brutus was leaning back against a tree with his eyes closed, but Maggie knew full well he was very aware of everything going on around him. She watched him for a moment when suddenly, off in the distance, voices echoed through the trees.

Brutus and Rose were instantly on their feet.

Grabbing Maggie up into her arms, Rose dashed off into the underbrush with Brutus right behind them. Again, Maggie was amazed at how silently, albeit, quickly, they moved through the vegetation.

Maggie didn't have to question where they were going. They were making their way back toward the cave. That was their home. Their safe place.

The rush through the trees, underbrush and thick foliage was hard on Maggie. Branches snagged her hair and thorns and briars ripped at her clothes. She knew she was cut up and bleeding, but knew they wouldn't stop till they reached safety.

She just clung to Rose as best she could, though she was tossed and flung around at times. Her body was screaming with aches and pains, but she knew better than to make a sound. She buried her face in Rose's chest and just prayed they would reach the cave soon.

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Carol Hall was born and raised in Chester, West Virginia, but she currently lives in Lansing, TN with her husband and three cats. Her writing career began with her first book, Disappeared in November 2019. Since then she has written several more books including The Journey North, The Inheritance, Full Moon Rising, The Witch of Broenwyck and Saving Grace. Her love of writing began at an early age when her father would tell her and her sisters fun, adventurous stories he created out of his own imagination. These stories sparked an interest in Carol to tell her own stories.

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

 * Here's a tip for you waist-watchers out there: Wait until Halloween Day to buy the candy. That way the in-house sweets won't be haunting you throughout October.
 -- JoAnn

* Now's the time to install weatherstripping or caulk for fall and winter. To find drafts, try this trick: Light a taper candle and run it very slowly along the cracks of your windows. When you see the flame flicker, that's where you have a draft leak.

* A great use for those old knee-high stockings (no runs!): Stuff with a mix of crystalized kitty litter and scent-boosting beads you can find in the laundry aisle. Stuff these in stinky shoes to freshen and deodorize. The litter wicks away moisture from sweaty feet and deodorizes, and the scent boosters last for a good long while.

* "Here is a sewing tip for your column: I prewash fabrics that tend to shrink before I use them to make clothing items. That way, the fit is more accurate." -- G.V. in Indiana

* "Exfoliation can be easy if you already have a bag or jar of Epsom salts. Soak in a warm bath and rub the salts over your skin to gently scrub dead skin away. A little essential oil might help, too!" -- D.D. in Florida

* "To keep sauces from splattering and dirtying the inside of your microwave, cover the food with a damp paper towel or a coffee filter." -- E.C. in Utah

* Now you can have your tea and clean something, too. Teabags can be used to clean woodwork. Rub the wood softly with a damp bag.

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

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Koi fish have been known to live up to 226 years.

* Singapore has a mandatory organ donation scheme for people over 21. Anyone choosing to opt-out of it is given lower priority to receive a transplant if they ever find themselves in need of one.

* In Chinese, the KFC slogan "finger lickin' good" translates to "eat your fingers off" in its literal interpretation.

* Dueling is still legal in Paraguay, as long as both parties are blood donors.

* The Boston University Bridge is the only spot in America where a boat can sail under a train moving under a

car driving under an airplane.

* In 2018, a 30-year-old woman in Canada was shot in her left breast. Her silicone breast implant deflected the bullet away from her vital organs and left her with only some broken ribs ... and a damaged implant.

* Eighty-five percent of American shoppers go to their right when entering a store.

* In 2020, George Hood, a 62-year-old ex-Marine, set the world record for the longest abdominal plank, holding the position for 8 hours, 15 minutes and 15 seconds.

* Early astronomer John Herschel reported seeing winged people inhabiting the moon through his telescope.

* Prior to 1900, prizefights

lasted 100 rounds.

* Three British friends set the world record for completing the longest-ever journey by taxi -- a grand total of 43,319.5 miles in their 20-year-old black cab named "Hannah." The trip took them across four continents and 50 countries and generated a fare equivalent to \$108,269.73.

* According to Western University, 88% of divorced people use Facebook to keep tabs on exes, and a third post pictures to make the ex jealous.

 Thought for the Day: "If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere." -- Frank A. Clark

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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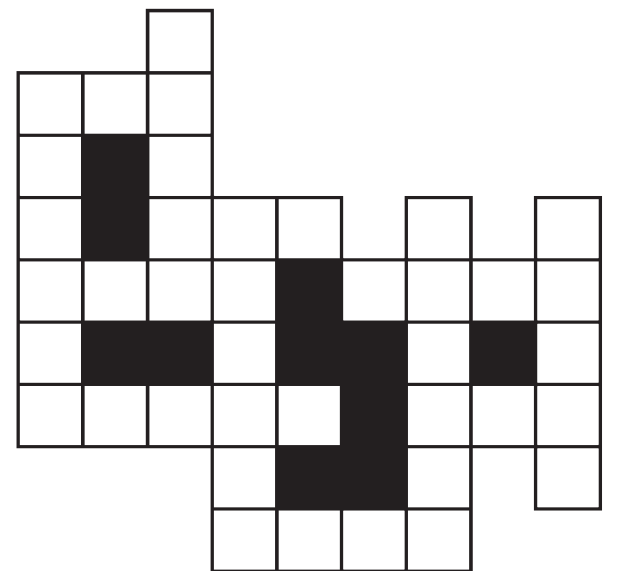
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Colossae in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
 2. What city was second of the seven churches mentioned by John in Revelation? *Derbe, Gomorrah, Beersheba, Smyrna*
 3. From Acts 8, what magician came to be baptized by Philip? *Balaam, Endor, Simon, Laban*
 4. What prophet came from among the shepherds of Tekoa? *Joel, Hosea, Daniel, Amos*
 5. Which Biblical name means "God with us"? *Nicodemus, Emmanuel, Elijah, Jacob*
 6. What Psalm is the shortest of all? *1st, 3rd, 117th, 123rd*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Smyrna; 3) Simon; 4) Amos; 5) Emmanuel; 6) 117th

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Apple-Butterscotch Salad Is Fat-Free

October and Apples — a perfect match of the season. Yes, apples are available all year long, but there is something special about those crisp apples just picked from the trees during October harvest time. One bite of this scrumptious salad and you'll be a believer for sure!

- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, packed in fruit juice, undrained
- 1/4 cup water
- 3/4 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 2 cups cored, unpeeled and diced Red Delicious apples
- 2 tablespoons flaked coconut

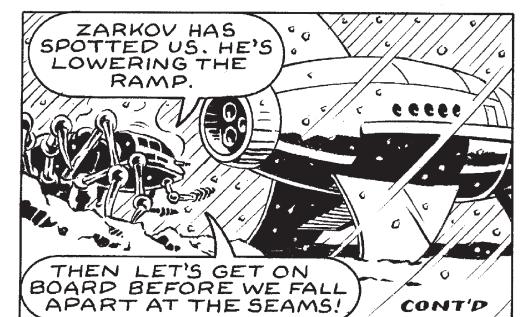
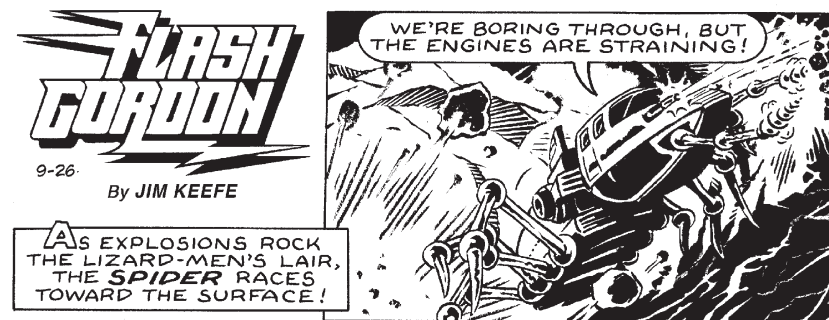
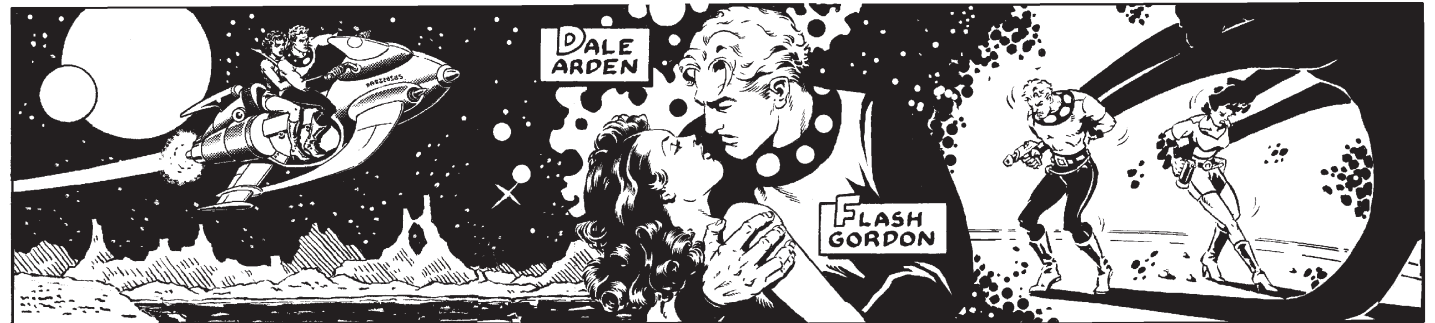
1. In a large bowl, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder, undrained pineapple and water. Mix well using a wire whisk.

2. Blend in whipped topping and coconut extract. Add apples. Mix well to combine. Fold in coconut.

3. Refrigerate for at least 15 minutes. Makes 6 (1/2 cup) servings.

• Each serving equals: 108 calories, 0g fat, 3g protein, 24g carb., 277mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Fruit, 1/2 Starch.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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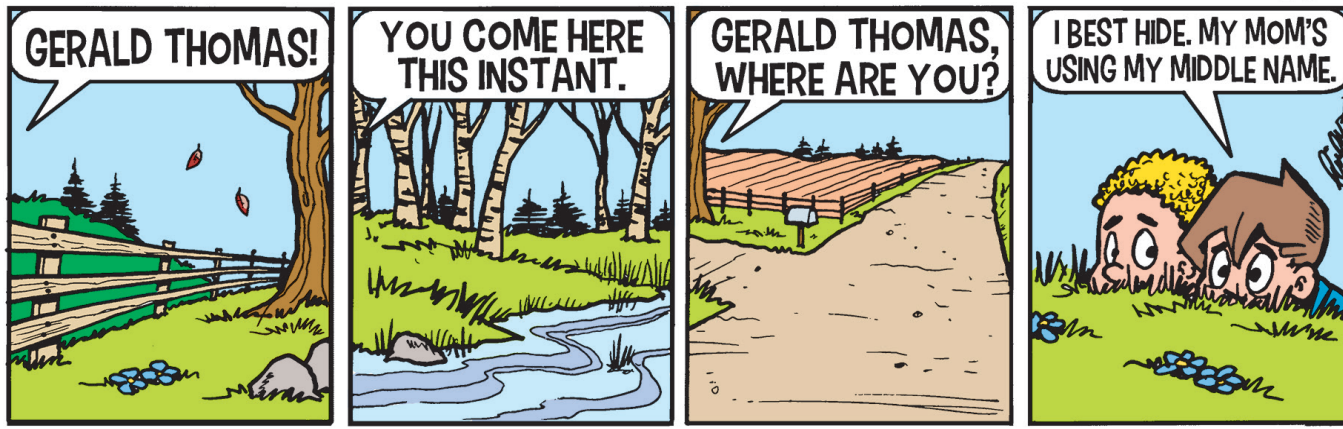
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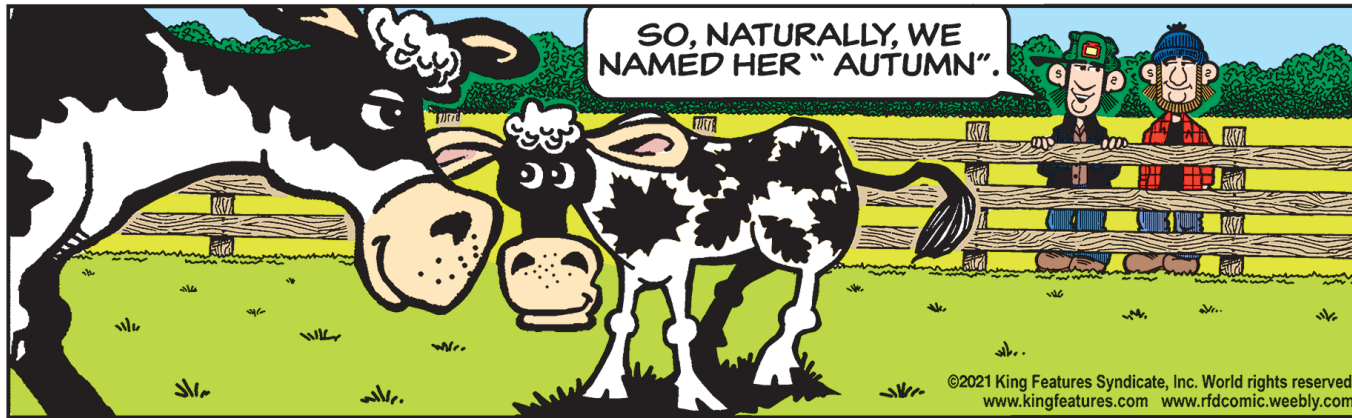
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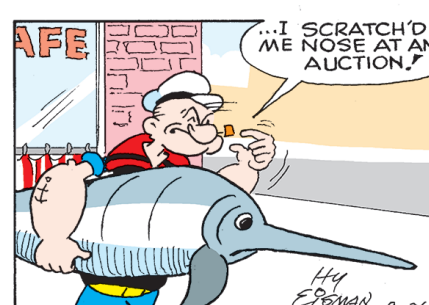
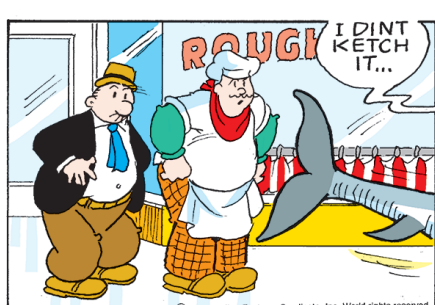
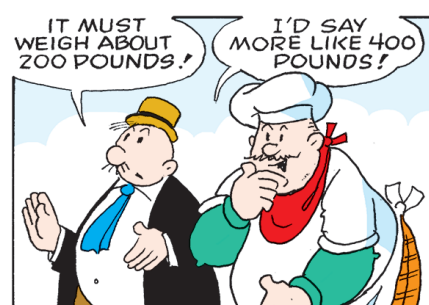
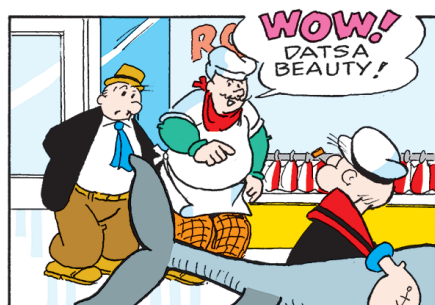
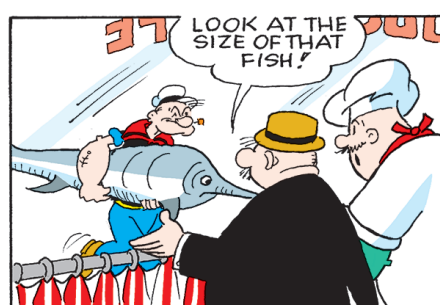
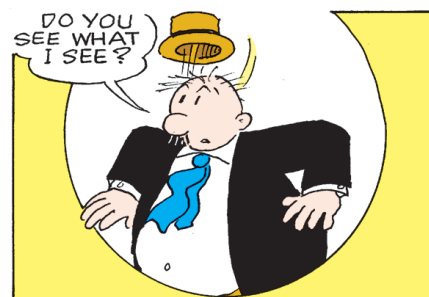
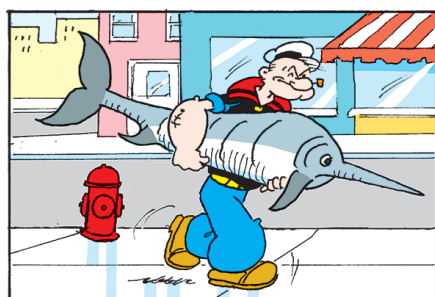
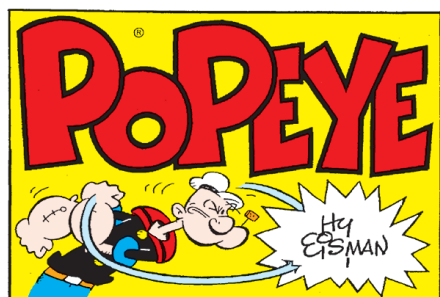
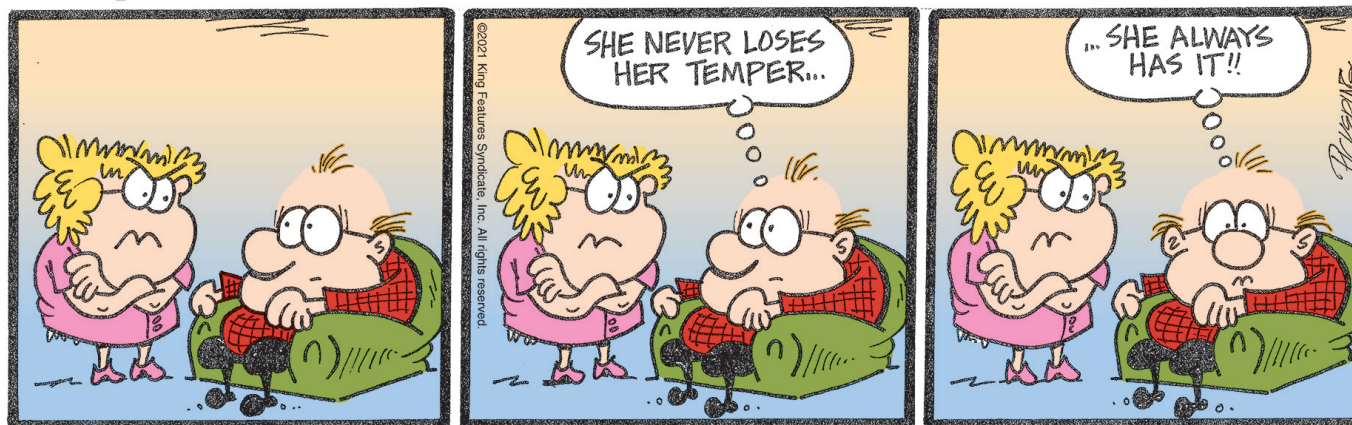
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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

 * On Oct. 19, 1796, a writer, mysteriously named "Phocion," slyly attacks presidential candidate Thomas Jefferson an essay published in the Gazette of the United States. Phocion turned out to be former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, who would write 25 essays lambasting Jefferson.

* On Oct. 18, 1867, the U.S. formally takes possession of Alaska after purchasing the territory from Russia for \$7.2 million, or less than 2 cents an acre. Russia sold its Alaska territory to the U.S. rather than risk losing it in battle with a rival such as Great Britain.

* On Oct. 24, 1931, New York Gov. Franklin Roosevelt dedicates the George Washington Bridge over the Hudson River. The 4,760-foot-long suspension bridge, the longest in the world at the time, connected New Jersey with Manhattan in New York City.

* On Oct. 23, 1942, Michael Crichton is born in Chicago. During his final year of medical school, Crichton published "The Andromeda Strain" (1969) and decided to write full time instead of practicing medicine.

* On Oct. 21, 1959, on New York City's Fifth Avenue, thousands of people line up outside a bizarrely shaped white concrete building that resembled a giant upside-down cupcake. It was opening day at the new Guggenheim Museum, home to one of the world's top collections of contemporary art.

* On Oct. 20, 1962, President John F. Kennedy holds secret meetings with advisers on the eve of ordering a blockade of Cuba. Kennedy had seen photographic proof that the Soviets were building 40 ballistic missile sites on the island -- within striking distance of the United States.

* On Oct. 22, 2012, Lance Armstrong is formally stripped of the seven Tour de France titles he won from 1999 to 2005 and banned for life from competitive cycling after being charged with using illicit performance-enhancing drugs and blood transfusions to help him win races.

THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

The Age of Progressive Misinformation

How does a stupid and ridiculous lie come to be embraced and promulgated by top officials of the United States government? Well, as it turns out, it's easy.

You start with an easily misinterpreted news photo that seemingly confirms the assumptions of progressive opponents of immigration enforcement that the agents policing our Southern border are cruel racists.

Then, you work up a Twitter mob saying that the photo has captured a tableau of hideous abuse.

You add open-borders advocacy organizations and civil rights groups denouncing the supposed misconduct in the harshest possible terms.

You throw on top a vice president and White House press secretary who have no regard for the truth and are happy to push any narrative convenient to them.

Finally, as the piece de resistance, you deploy a president of the United States who is too cynical or doddering to bother with the facts and is usually following the crowd rather the leading it and get him to make a statement endorsing the ludicrous fictions about the misleading photo.

This was the path to President Joe Biden condemning border patrol agents on horseback for having "strapped" Haiti migrants at Del Rio, Texas, and declaring that they "will pay" for their "horrible" and "outrageous" behavior.

Never mind that there was no strapping, that the border agents did nothing wrong besides trying to enforce a border crossing while working for an administration fundamentally uninterested in the task, and that there is an ongoing investigation of the agents -- itself a travesty -- that Biden was pre-judging.

Sawyer Hackett, an apparatchik running Julian Castro's PAC, was an early proponent of the whipping lie on Twitter. He tweeted the picture showing a border agent on horseback grabbing at the shirt of a migrant -- his reins flying in the air -- and said agents were "rounding up Haitian refugees with whips," and this represented "unfathomable cruelty."

It was, to the contrary, entirely fathomable and not the least bit cruel. The agents were, in a common, long-standing practice, using horses because of the difficulty of the terrain and attempting to block migrants from entering the country illegally. They didn't have whips and were twirling reins to control their horses. Within hours of the photo creating a stir, these facts were readily ascertainable.

Even Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas defended the agents before getting the memo from his superiors that they had become hated figures to be used as punching bags.

Days later, media stories still made reference to the nonexistent whips supposedly wielded by the agents.

Advocacy groups simply willed the whip story to be true, and for a swath of America -- basically anyone foolish enough to take what Harris and Biden say at face value -- they have succeeded.

Despite the haze of misinformation, the fact-checkers didn't descend en masse. No Twitter accounts were suspended. All the people who pride themselves on purportedly defending American democracy from falsehoods and propaganda spreading on social media (and there's unquestionably a lot of it) stood aside or joined the pile-on.

Press outfits went out their way to label falsehoods promulgated by President Trump as such, indeed gave every indication that they relished doing it.

In contrast, The New York Times story about Biden castigating the agents didn't suggest that he might be wrong. In fact, the original version of the article reinforced his smear by referring to "the images of agents on horseback chasing, and in some cases using the reins of their horses to strike at running migrants." The paper had to run a correction.

It's long been the case on college campuses that woke narratives have the power to trample facts and fairness. This phenomenon has escaped the confines of academe and now plays out at the highest echelons of American political power. Neither hacks on Twitter nor the president of the United States cared what really happened at Del Rio, not when the lie was more seductive and *useful*.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Summer Still Lingers in Backyard Garden

A purple petunia here, a rosemary sprig there and even arugula! My old college roomie, Becky, brought a wonderfully fragrant, wispy centerpiece to our house last week as an add-on to an impromptu Saturday-night family supper. Designed with lingering stems, herbs and blossoms from her backyard garden, it was arranged informally in a glass jar. So enchanting and simple. And perfect for a family activity you can enjoy this week.

Even if your backyard or potted deck plants look droopy and lost to the season, poke around and you'll uncover some lovely finds lurking under leaves and between tired summer growth. Plus, it's a great way to give your kids a chance to explore and notice what's going on in nature. Think of your discoveries as the "potpourri" of your garden.

Becky's picks were arranged in a charming, recycled 4-inch-tall and 6-inch-wide glass jar. Hearty dusty miller was placed at the base going out in all directions and became the support, like a flower frog. Along with your kids, look for plants with similar strong stems, and then build a centerpiece using what you have with an eye to plants that are fragrant and will



Hearty garden gems arranged in fall centerpiece.

Place on a pretty cloth runner at the center of your dinner table. You might also toss a handful of acorns you've collected on fall walks here and there. If you are having friends over for supper, add a colorful flat leaf on each plate with a name written on top with a marker for a personal welcome to the table.

Everyone will appreciate the simple gathering to celebrate fall's beauty, tasty food, and friends and family.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Veterans Need Your Help This Winter

It looks like COVID isn't likely to vanish soon. Because of restrictions everywhere, long-term patients at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals might have a lonely winter when their regular visitors are either limited or banned altogether. You can help.

While you probably won't be able to visit patients, you can help to break up their long days with gifts, cards and notes to let them know that people on the outside are thinking about them. First stop is the website for your local VA hospital. Look for Voluntary Services and give them a call to see if they have a wish list. They might be looking for anything from thick socks to XXL T-shirts. If you're lucky, there might be a special list for the coming holidays that includes handheld electronic games, books of a certain genre or small radios with ear buds. You won't know until you ask.

Your call to Voluntary

Services might reveal that instead of needing things for the patients, they need your help with those who have been discharged. Maybe there's a homeless veteran being moved into his own apartment. He'll need a move-in basket of everything from new towels to TP to a manual can opener.

And there might be even more ways you can help at the VA hospital. Drivers are a big deal, and taking a van around to pick up patients who need to come in for outpatient treatment is a way to guarantee that those veterans don't miss crucial appointments. In cold weather, parking lot shuttle drivers bring people from their cars to the door and back. Again, a very worthwhile endeavor.

If you're in a veterans' service group such as American Legion, enlist members to help with the financial end of buying gifts and necessities. One way or another, don't let this coming winter go by without doing something for your fellow veterans. They'd be there for you if the tables were turned.

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Historically Speaking

The Oak Ridge Bombers - the team that lasted because of Community Leadership!

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

As is often the case when a Historically Speaking article is published, I get immediate feedback from someone (often more than one person) in Oak Ridge who knows details of the story that were not included, or I had misunderstood. The story last week brought a phone call from retired Oak Ridge High School Baseball Coach, Eugene Moody, as well as a comment from record setting broad jumper, Dewey Ewing.

Gene was the Oak Ridge baseball coach at the Fulton game where the integration issue was addressed. I am not sure where I got the name that I used... my mistake! He recalls the game in question and noted that the players may not have been aware of all interactions that took place resulting in the Oak Ridge being allowed to field a black player.

These type issues rarely are well understood by the victims of the situation as those who deal with the issues tend to protect the players from all the specific details, especially those that are personally hurtful. I believe Ronnie Graham was in such a situation and may well not have been privy to all the details of the adult interactions in which Gene Moody was personally engaged.

I appreciate Gene's approach to correcting the details I might have misunderstood. He provided me with specific and documented details that corrected my mistakes but was quick to add that the prejudice was very real, and he did not doubt Ronnie's expressed feelings. We must remember the times in the 1960's and realize that we today cannot imagine what such prejudicial treatment was like.

Gene went on to tell me that he also had trouble trying to get the team fed at restaurants when they travelled to other cities. He noted that Chattanooga restaurants would often feed the team on the bus just to get the money for the meals when they would not allow him to bring the black players into the restaurants, so the whole team would eat their meal on the bus.

He said the other schools soon learned that Oak Ridge treated black players the same as any other players and thought nothing of it. Gene felt that the other teams where Oak Ridge played came to accept the fact that Oak Ridge was an integrated school in short order. His standard approach was not to play unless the opposing team agreed to allow the black players to participate.

The situation with Fulton was one of the more difficult ones he had to deal with. Even there it was NOT the players who objected to playing against an integrated team, it was the adults. The players seemed to understand and treated all players the same. The way Gene dealt with the opposing coach was to inquire if he worked at Oak Ridge... Gene knew most people did and he feels that comment might have resulted in the coach rethinking his opposition to playing a racial integrated team.

Gene spoke highly of the black athletes and I could tell he was dedicated to giving them the opportunities to play ball just like anyone else. He even told of personally going to Rufus "Shep" Shephard's house to pick him up for games when his uniform was not in acceptable shape to play and taking him to get the uniform cleaned before games. Gene obviously took a personal interest in all his players.

Gene is to be commended for the effort he made to cause the black players to be fully a part of the team. He was one of many Oak Ridger's who made the integration of Oak Ridge Schools as smooth as it was with little of the real difficulties that other schools in the South experienced during this trying time. The

Gene also noted that Lawrence Graham may well have been the first black baseball player to play on an integrated team in Tennessee or maybe even the entire South. Gene has records that show Lawrence was on the 1957 team. Remember that Oak Ridge High School integrated in 1955, Clinton High School in 1956 and Little Rock in 1957. So, Gene may well be right, and Lawrence Graham may have been the first Black in Tennessee or the South to play on an integrated baseball team.

Dewey Ewing's question had to do with the comment I included regarding Lawrence Graham's broad jump. Dewey finished 13th in the 1967 South East Conference Championship meet, with his personal best leap of 22', 3 & 1/2". He believes this leap became the longest of any previous Oak Ridger's jump. It was accomplished on May 12, 1967, at the University of Tennessee's Tom Black Track.

More importantly for the history of the Oak Ridge Bombers, Ronnie Graham and Larry Gipson both wanted to be sure that I fully understood why the Oak Ridge Bombers were so successful. They both agreed it was "Community Leadership." This is a key historical fact and the real basis for this story! This community leadership by Robert Lee and James Capshaw as well as others left a tremendous legacy.

Ronnie also compared his experience coaching with what he recalls from the days when he played on the Oak Ridge Bombers. Remember, this was a team that was composed of fine athletes who worked during the week and played ball all weekend every weekend. They were all top-notch players. That experience has stayed with Ronnie and has influenced his thinking about coaching.

He says the reason the Oak Ridge Bombers excelled was because they were all playing at the top of their game and constantly being prodded by the challenge of their peers. That arrangement resulted in all the players increasing their skills and abilities as they pushed each other to greater heights. This is something tremendous to see and I am sure some readers who are coaches have on occasion experienced the thrill of seeing such excellent teams.

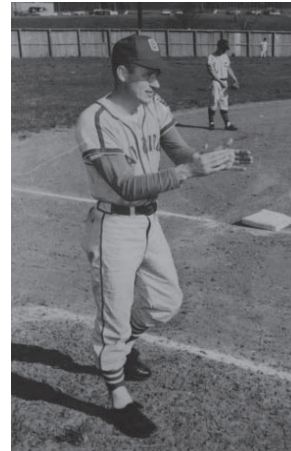
Ronnie proudly recalls one team of young players he coached that had mostly "A" players and by "keeping them digging" to improve, the team succeeded in pushing each other until they were finally beaten by the team that was second in the nation!

Another story from the Oak Ridge Bombers concerns Curtis Williams, a "lefty" known for his dynamic pitching ability. Curtis just died on July 18, 2009. He was 70 years old and had been a tremendous baseball pitcher.

Larry and Ronnie both laughed when they told of Curtis' habit of walking from Solway to see Sue, a girlfriend he left in Oak Ridge when he moved to Solway. This was a routine activity for Curtis.

Curtis played for a time with the Birmingham Black Barons, a minor league team. His unique left-handed pitching style got him the chance to play professionally.

But this extraordinary story tells of a time when he was pitching for the Oak Ridge Bombers. Rufus "Shep" Shephard had pitched a



L: Eugene Moody, recent; R: Eugene in Oak Ridge High School Baseball coach in 1963 (Photo Submitted)



The Oak Ridge Bombers featuring front row, left to right, Robert Lee, Clarence Epps, Charles E. Boyd, Leon Hardin, James Walker, Robert Gallaher, Charles Curd; back row, left to right, A. J. Hardin, Ronnie G. Graham, Marvin Burum, Homer Jackson, Miller Weaver and James Capshaw; Bat boy, Michael Hall - Note the "M" on two shirts stands for 1st Methodist Church team (Photo Submitted)

14-inning game on Saturday in 92 degree heat. Curtis was pitching on Sunday.

On this occasion, the opposing batter facing Curtis' pitching was crowding the plate. The catcher told the batter, "You might better back up a bit," but the batter replied rather testily, "You tend to your catching and let me worry about my batting."

Well, the very next pitch was high and inside striking the batter in the eye, actually knocking the eyeball out of the socket. Ronnie recalled that image vividly and said it made him sick when he saw the damage done to the batter's eye. He remembered that incident with more clarity than was comfortable for me to listen to him describe.

One of the most respected pitchers of them all was Ed "Fireball" Hardin. Fireball made quite a name for himself as a fast ball pitcher, called a "speedball hurler," in the Oak Ridger on August 24, 1949.

Ed Gebhart notes that "Ed attracted plenty of attention while hurling good ball against the Chattanooga Choo Choo's and slamming a home run over the distant left center field fence in Gamble Valley Stadium. The Cubs signed Hardings (misspelled... his name was Hardin) after that splendid performance and have been using him regularly for three weeks."

Gebhart went on to say that Hardin pitched five games for the Nashville team, winning three, two of which were shutouts. While playing for the Oak Ridge Bombers, Ed's high strikeout total for a single game was 19! He was contacted by the Cleveland Indians for a tryout in the spring of 1950.

In the last part of August 1949, Ed Hardin completed his season with the Nashville Cubs and was scheduled to return to play a few games with the Oak Ridge Bombers, according to their manager, Sanders Thompson, who was quoted in the August 24, 1949, article in The Oak Ridger.

Also quoted in this article is the fact that a game was scheduled with Hazard. Could this be the game James Capshaw recalled where the Oak Ridge Bombers "whipped" the professional team that had shared their name before leaving Oak Ridge to go to Hazard, Kentucky? I'll bet it was the same game and that Ed Hardin struck them out like he did every other team he pitched against.

Another noteworthy player with the Oak Ridge Bombers was Eugene Williams. Williams went on to play in the Minor and Major Leagues and had a fine career. He spent 11 years in the Negro League as a pitcher and third baseman. He played pitcher for the Oak Ridge Bombers

from 1950 - 1953.

Ed Ripley, who has taken an intense interest in the history of the Negro Baseball League, recently learned that history is closer than he thought when he found out that one Y-12 employee is especially close to this special baseball league. Deborah Long's father, Eugene "Fireball" Williams, played for the Memphis Red Sox in the late 1950s.

"Fireball" Williams earned his nickname because of his fast overhand and sidearm deliveries that whizzed over the plate. Ripley has learned that Williams played alongside Satchel Paige on traveling teams and against Willie Mays when Mays was a member of the Birmingham Black Barons.

In 2003, Williams was inducted into the Negro League Legends Hall of Fame and is a member of the Oak Ridge Sports Hall of Fame, having been inducted in 1998 along with Fay Martin, Jill Prudden, and Dick Truitt.

Deborah Long remembers being around baseball players throughout her childhood and said that after her father retired from the Negro Leagues, he recruited recreational teams from around Tennessee and other states to play in Oak Ridge.

Long is quoted in an article published in The Oak Ridger on February 24, 2009, as saying, "They'd come to my house where my mom would feed them, and my sister, Shirley, and I would serve them iced tea," Long said. "We did it for the tips they'd give us." Don't you know that was a grand event for Deborah to have these renowned baseball players coming into her home.

Both Ronnie Graham and "Shep" Shephard, played for the Oak Ridge Bombers near the end of their existence. They were both there when Curtis Williams knocked out that batter's eye. Shep gives credit to Eugene Williams for getting him started pitching. Shep said, "He taught me a lot." Williams was the catcher when Shep pitched.

The Cincinnati Stars came to Oak Ridge to play the Oak Ridge Bombers. What impressed Shep was that the team actually had a bus! They took note of Shep's strong pitching even while the Stars won the game with a score of 2-1. Their coach said to Shep, "Son, throwing the ball the way you do, you need to come with us." Shep was only 16 years old at the time and still in high school. And of course, his mother would hear nothing of it. She told Shep he could not go on that bus!

While I have mentioned a few players who played for the Oak Ridge Bombers over the years, there are numerous more that have not been mentioned in this brief story about the "Bombers that lasted." Some of the players were also mentioned by readers who noted there were several players that I did not mention. Larry Gipson has expressed to me numerous times that he wanted me to be very sure to mention in this series that there are MANY more Oak Ridge Bomber players that are not mentioned.

James Capshaw was obviously a strong community leader, just as Ronnie and Larry said was important to the success of the Oak Ridge Bombers. Even today, he is admired by his family and friends. Such men as James and Robert Lee held key positions of respect and informal leadership in their community. Young men would strive to please them because they were leading by example, and they were giving the young black men opportunities to excel. Don't you wish for such leaders today?

Robert Lee started a Junior League in 1954 and for years was busy going between fields coaching teams of youngsters. He obviously saw the need to help the young folks learn the game and feel the excitement of excelling at the sport. He wanted others to personally understand the joy of winning he had with the Oak Ridge Bombers. He was obviously a Community Leader.

There you have my version of the real Oak Ridge Bombers, the black team that lasted. I count it a privilege to have been afforded the opportunity to meet these people associated with the Capshaw and Lee/Caldwell families. Until this adventure, I only knew Bill Capshaw and I knew there was something very special about him. Now I understand.

Having met his family and the family and descendants of Robert Lee, I see that both families are filled with human greatness. Both families exhibit leadership qualities and are sincere in their quest for community leadership and family love and adoration of their heritage and their future.

Not just baseball, but yes, skilled there and in other sports, however, the true natural skill these families depict is that of leadership - family, community, and personal leadership. A trait that is key to successful accomplishment in any endeavor. When they speak of their ancestors who played with the Oak Ridge Bombers, it is evident. The pride is there, the joy of achievement is there, the self-confidence because of who they are is there as well.

I am proud to have gotten to know each of them and especially am I thankful to Larry Gipson. For without his dedication and patience, I would never have learned the lessons of the Black Oak Ridge Bombers - the team that lasted!

Larry wanted me to be sure and remind readers that he has given me access to only a very small percentage of the people who were associated with the Oak Ridge Bombers. He was adamant that I include mention of Ed Hardin and that I point out that his name was misspelled as "Hardings" in the newspaper articles that mentioned him in 1949.

Larry is intent upon gaining recognition for the Oak Ridge Bombers, the team that lasted.

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



3 Reasons You Deserve a Raise

As I travel across the country and speak about job interviewing, there is a common question that usually comes up in every discussion. Students and professionals continually ask how to negotiate salary. I talk through negotiation strategies. I get this scenario a lot from professionals: "I am happy in my job, but I deserve a raise." "How do I talk to my boss?" It's a great question. I haven't met a person yet that has said "I don't need a raise or more money." The question to ask yourself is do you deserve a raise? Let's go through 3 reasons why you might deserve a salary increase.



Present your case with research, facts, and humility. Thank them for giving you the opportunity, **Zack Ballinger** let them know you enjoy your work, and present your case in a positive manner.

You Bring VALUE:
What value do you bring to your organization? What do you do for your company that no one else does? How are you excelling in your current role to maximize company revenue? If you don't bring a lot of value to the company, the cold hard truth is you may not deserve a raise. Being at a company, just showing up, and doing the bare minimum isn't justification for a raise. Jill works for a major retailer. She is a corporate buyer; she started 5 years ago and the new products she's ordered have made the company a substantial amount of new revenues. Jill has demonstrated through 5 years how valuable she is to the organization. Jill can sit down with her manager and present a rational business case of a salary increase based on her value she brings to the organization. What value do you create?

The Company is doing VERY well:
You need to conduct a fair assessment on the business health of your current company. If you are working for a company that has filed bankruptcy or has fallen on hard times, it may be financially impossible for them to increase your salary. For example, when the economy shut down last year, many businesses struggled to keep their doors open. If you were a GM at a hotel, it would be hard to get a raise during an economic hardship. Business owners sometimes are in a difficult situation and may not be making a lot of money. You have to ask yourself, how well is my company doing? You may be in an exact opposite situation. For example, if you worked at Amazon, you know the company is doing really well. If your company is exceeding revenue targets and flourishing, it may be time for you to talk to your manager about a salary increase.

The Research says YOU need a raise:
I know many loyal employees who have been in the same job, with the same company for over 20 years. If you find your company is hiring new employees around the same salary, then it may be time to talk to your manager about a raise. The key in asking for a raise is to have the most research in front of you and demonstrate how you create value for your organization (more in the next section). Find out from job postings, online research, and salary.com. Make sure you have looked at multiple online sites to see what other companies are paying people in your current role. You may conclude your research and find out that your salary is pretty competitive based on your geography, role, and responsibilities. If you find the exact opposite, schedule a time to meet with your hiring manager. Remember to remain calm and don't get too emotional.

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Community Calendar

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



The **witch hazel** plant's bark and leaves were used by native Americans to treat many ailments, and the plant is still used today in modern healthcare products. It is a strong anti-oxidant and astringent used for itching, pain, swelling, skin injury, varicose veins, hemorrhoids, bruises, insect bites, poison ivy, minor burns, and other skin irritations. It is often recommended to women to reduce swelling and soothe wounds resulting from childbirth. - Brenda Weaver

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Happy 100th Birthday Thelma Hamby Thomas





As a Party Appetizer, Cheesiest Is Easiest

As we catapult headfirst into party season, we're often faced with a dilemma. What am I going to serve or bring to the party?

I have the answer! Bake a wheel of brie. We all love easy, quick and inexpensive appetizers, and this one is always a huge hit. Whether the party is beer-keg casual or black-tie formal, it's a proven fact — everybody loves cheese.

Baked brie is especially nice in the colder months when warm and gooey sounds particularly inviting. Rich and creamy brie makes a simple, yet elegant appetizer, and is so versatile because it pairs perfectly with sweet or savory toppings.

An 8-ounce wheel of brie costs around \$5. Add a baguette or French bread (from the day-old rack if possible!), some crackers, slice an apple and you've got a sophisticated appetizer for four to six people for well under \$10. This is so much better than a couple of bags of chips.

Baking brie couldn't be easier. Simply place the b

rie on a piece of parchment paper and score the top of the brie with a paring knife. Bake at 350 F for 15 minutes or until the cheese is soft and melted, then serve — ta-da! It's delicious just like that.

Another option is to top the brie with something sweet or savory, then bake it to melted perfection.

Sweet ideas for toppings include any kind of jam, fruit compote, chutney, dried fruit, fresh berries, figs or even cranberry sauce. Savory topping ideas include caramelized onions, sun-dried tomatoes, olive tapenade, bacon, roast peppers, herbs and sautéed mushrooms.

The creaminess of brie pairs beautifully with salty, crunchy nuts. Mix something sweet, something savory, something crunchy and you've got a delectable appetizer.



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Baked brie topped with apricot jam, pistachios and dried cranberries.

If preparing brie at home is new to you, here are answers to some common questions:

Is the white rind edible?

Absolutely yes! While some prefer to remove it, it's not necessary. Scoring the top rind of the brie helps it to be easily scooped up with the melty inner cheese after it is baked.

Do you have to bake brie?

Nope. But it's best to eat brie at room temperature or warmer to enjoy the full flavor.

Why does my brie smell funny?

Brie is a variety of cheese that has what is referred to as a "bloomy rind."

That ammonia-like essence is a natural byproduct of the cheese aging and ripening process. When the cheese is packaged for sale, the ammonia smell gets trapped by the plastic. So, remove the plastic and let your brie "breathe" for a half-hour before eating it.

BAKED BRIE WITH JAM AND NUTS

Makes: 4 servings **Time:** 15 minutes
 8 ounces brie
 2 tablespoons fruit jam
 2 tablespoons nuts, toasted and chopped
 1 tablespoon honey, optional
 Pinch of kosher salt

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Put brie on a piece of parchment and place on a baking sheet. Use a small sharp knife to score the top of the rind in a crosshatch pattern.

2. Spoon the jam or fruit spread across the top of the brie and spread into an even layer. Sprinkle chopped nuts evenly across the top, drizzle with honey and sprinkle with salt.

3. Bake, uncovered, for 13-15 minutes, or until soft and bubbly. Allow to cool slightly, serve with crackers, and enjoy.

In the photo, I used apricot jam and pistachios, with a few dried cranberries for a pop of color. Most any combination of jam and nuts will work.

So, the next time you're in need of an appetizer, just say cheese!

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Dear Editor,

The Wartburg Public Library, would like to thank all the businesses and patrons for their donations to our Online Library Auction. It was the first time I have ever put an auction together. In the beginning, starting to get the items didn't seem too bad. Then as time got closer my anxiety was going crazy, with having to find someone that can take good pictures. I have a wonderful patron that took the pictures for me and another patron to come up and help me get it all situated. They prefer to remain anonymous, I do appreciate their time it took to help me for two days to get everything done and posted on Facebook. I actually got as much if not more than, I expected from the

auction. The excitement of beginning the thoughts of what programs we should try and do begins.

Special thank you, to Sandra Helton for showing me the ropes of online auctions and encouraging me to do an online auction for our library.

Thank you,

Patricia Conner, Library Director
 Wartburg Public Library

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I Go To Prepare You A Place



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

John 14. Jesus Christ comforting the apostles as to his and their future. What is the teaching mechanism God has used to prove he is a God who keeps his covenants from generation to generation?

The Church of Sardis is admonished for not eagerly awaiting the return of Messiah to receive us to him. The people called out of the world around them, now look exactly like the world they claim to be not part of.

Christ reminded us we are in the world but not of the world.

In my father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare you a place.

The reason Sardis is told they are not eagerly awaiting Christ's return to receive them unto himself, is because they deny the Levirate marriage covenant found in Genesis 22 between God and Abraham and his descendants forever. Once Abraham believed God, it was accounted unto him for righteousness. The same way Christians are saved today.

Faith in what God has given us in his word, he is faithful and just to be the author and finisher of our faith. He activates your faith. He enhances your faith through study of his entire two-edged sword. He will finish your faith as he has promised Gentiles when the mystery was revealed to Paul, that Gentiles would be fellow heirs with God's people Israel.

Because Isaac was willing to be sacrificed for what Abraham taught him about the promise he received from God, that his offspring would sit on the throne of Israel judging all the nations of the earth, Isaac laid his life upon the altar as his father prepared to sacrifice him, knowing God would raise his son from the dead. Sound Familiar?

Jesus Christ received the same blessing Isaac received, a gentile bride from the ancestors of Abram the Chaldean. Genesis 24 is the pattern established by God to find Jesus Christ a gentile bride from the pagan nations of the earth. God is searching for those rare believers willing to become the virgin bride of Christ. To do that, Holy Spirit anointing is required. Your ability must be replaced by Christ's humility!

Abraham instructs Eleazar to go back to the land of his nativity and find Isaac a virgin bride from amongst his ancestors. These were polytheist family members, and Abraham wanted his son to marry one of their daughters. Eleazar transliterates in English as Comforter. The same comforter God sends to unbelievers now to find his son a bride. The pattern established in Genesis 23.

A virgin in the Bible written by God, is one who does not defile themselves with the gods of the pagan government around them. She would never worship any other God than the one established in Genesis 1. She would never follow any other worship calendar than the one Jesus Christ worships on, for the Genesis calendar points to everything Jesus! Hallelujah!

When the father sends the comforter to find Christ a bride, the dowry has already been paid. After Isaac laid willingly on Abraham's altar, God supplied a Lamb. He supplied a lamb for your hand in marriage. Are you acting like the virgin bride of Christ? Your dowry was paid on Calvary. Eleazar brought Rebekah's family ten camels laden with the treasures of Abraham's house, to prove they would supply all of her needs, forever. Hallelujah!

Upon dying upon the cross, Christ was to receive a virgin bride. When Rebekah's family accepted the offer, she would have been veiled. Isaac would be preparing her a room addition on Abraham's home.

Jesus Christ returned to his father's house to build you and I a mansion. Hallelujah! We are behind the veil, eagerly awaiting the

return of Messiah to receive us unto himself. A living bridegroom receiving a living bride.

The purpose of the rapture. To remove the bride, before God judges all of the nations of the earth. Ask yourself a question. Would God spend 2,000 years finding his son a bride, only to beat her up for 7 years?

The tribulation is reserved for God to judge his creation, before establishing Christ's throne on earth. The times of Jacob's troubles. Daniel's 70th week. Study to show yourself approved, a workman rightly dividing the word of truth!

This is the most important teaching God has ever revealed to me. When I realized God hates divorce, I realized I was indeed married to Christ and he would never leave me nor forsake me. He is married to me forever, if I accept his eternal mercy, and un-expendable grace, I remain a virgin unwilling to serve the God's of this world, the rapture is my future and I am eagerly awaiting the return of Messiah to receive me unto himself, to be forever with the Lord! Hallelujah!

Christian testimony must become one where Jesus Christ is indeed your only bridegroom. He must become Lord if you intend to rule and reign with him. Crowns will be handed out at the marriage supper of the Lamb which lasts seven years in heaven. It occurs before Christ's returning to the physical earth to establish the millennial kingdom. This kingdom will see the bridegroom ruling with the bride as Christ fulfills the oldest prophecy uttered by Enoch in Genesis: I saw the Lord coming with 10,000 of his saints to rule over all nations of the earth, Hallelujah!

So much is missing from the modern Christian Church experience. This teaching you cannot afford to not understand, for it is the true Christian future. Sardis is warned that they must return to waiting on the Lord from heaven. Sardis is the reformation Church and the denominations it has spawned who deny Christ marriage to his gentile bride. They are not eagerly awaiting return of messiah for they have never learned this teaching established by God in Genesis. Teshuva!

Repent and return unto the entire Bible. It is a sword with two edges. Mercy is the story of our Old Testament ancestors, the stiff-necked Jewish people. Grace is the revelation of Christ redeeming Gentiles also. Both are required to rightly understand the true Christian future.

Have you become so heavenly-minded; you are no earthly good to God?

He loved you so much he desires you to become the virgin bride he intends to present to his Son. Without blemish. Ready to rule and reign for 1,000 years on the earth after the marriage is consummated in heaven. What an amazing story woven into our Bible to teach us just how much God loves his creation! Hallelujah! He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood.

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

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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 6

(1 Corinthians chapter 6:1-11) Unrighteous civil litigations: This context is extremely difficult of application. May the Christians ever have recourse to civil law for protection? Is he destined to be a doormat for unscrupulous church criminals? No interpretation may be assigned to this context that conflicts with biblical truth elsewhere. (a) A Christian has the right to civil protection (Acts 25:11; Rom. 13:4). (b) The child of God is authorized to seek civil remedy in obtaining a divorce from an impenitent fornicating mate (Mt. 5:32; 19:9). To allow a criminal church member to go unchecked, victimizing other Christians, would be irresponsible. The church is not a sanctuary for out-laws.

The Corinthians church was plagued with party wrangling. Undoubtedly some of these conflicts had accelerated to the point of civil litigation. Church controversies should not be litigated before civil courts, disgracing the church before non-Christians authorities. Surely there are wise men upon whom adversarial parties could agree to help settle such conflicts. There is a sense in which the world "is being judged" by the church (by example Heb. 11:7) even today (v. 2). (This affirmation has nothing to do with an alleged millennial reign, as some contend.) Whatever the precise meaning in Paul's mind (and such is ambiguous), he reasons from the greater to the lesser, contending these brother's have the ability to resolve their problems spiritually, rather than in public court. The same argument applies with reference to angels (v. 3).

In dragging church problems before the world, the litigants are reflecting upon wise brothers who might help ameliorate the disgraceful circumstances (v. 4). "Shame on you; surely you ought to be able to settle these matters without publicly disgracing the cause of Christ (v. 5). Your current actions are a serious defect (loss); the church has already been damaged (v.7)." These are cases where the Christian should choose the "high road," letting himself be defrauded rather than seeing the Lord's name disgraced (v. 7-8). Again, however, it must be emphasized: this context grants no license for church members to flout the law and escape liability from criminal activity. Lawbreakers need to be prosecuted, whether in the world or the church.

There is a higher court where true and ultimate justice will be meted out (v. 9). The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. "Unrighteous" in generic, including those who have refused the gospel and those who fail to accept Christian responsibility. More specifically, fornicators (sexually promiscuous), adulterers (violators of their marriage vows), idolaters (subordinating God to other interests), homosexuals, thieves, covetous (the greedy, lusting after material things), imbibing intoxicants (including recreational drugs), verbal abusers, and swindlers---those pursuing these vices cannot be saved in these sins.

Many of the Corinthians had come out of such sordid backgrounds. They were practitioners of such evils in the past, but through repentance had abandoned these vices. (The fact that some had been adulterers demonstrates they were subject to divine marital law before becoming Christians.) None of these forms of wickedness were genetic diseases over which they had no control. They were choices. However, when they became Christians they were "washed" (literally, washed themselves (Acts 22:16) by their personal obedience to the Lord when im-

mersed in water (Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12) into Christ (Gal. 3:27). Too, they were "sanctified" at the time (Eph. 5:26), and thus were justified by their faith, acting in obedience to God's will (Rom. 5:1; 6:3-4, 16-18). This, my Friend's, is how the Ephesians were saved through the faith (Acts 19:1-5). This process was in "the name of," by the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17) and by the instruction of the Spirit of God (Eph. 5:26; 6:17). Note that all three persons of the Godhead are mentioned as separate entities in the conversion process.

(1 Corinthians 6:12-20) The human body, a sacred temple: The phrase "all things are lawful for me" is grossly misunderstood. Paul is affirming that all human actions are subject to his control ("lawful" literally means "subject to my power"), yet even things subject to one's control must at times be reined in by expediency, so as to profit not only himself, but others as well. Further, the apostle would not abuse his liberty (in things permissible); he would bring himself under control in the use of optional items. Even right things can become wrong things!

"Meats" is a generic term' it can be food generally or meat in particular, depending upon the context. The proper use--or not-use---of such also depends upon respective persons and circumstances. God designed food for the stomach, and vice versa; eventually, this relationship will cease with the decomposition of the body. The Christian, however, must use spiritually seasoned common sense in the use of things lawful, food. On the other hand, the human body is never to be used for fornication (illicit sexual indulgence). The body is to be set apart for the Lord's service (v. 13). Just as God raised Christ from the dead, so eventually he will raise us by divine power---including Paul (v. 14). This negates the common charge that Paul believed the Second Coming would occur in his lifetime. (Our resurrection will partake of the same nature as Christ's; this excludes the possibility that our resurrection will be one of a figurative nature, as some (radical preterists) contend.)

Do we not realize that our bodies are members of Christ? When the Lord purchased us (Acts 20:28), he bought us body, soul, and spirit (I Thes. 5:23). One must not, therefore, contaminate his body with sexual sin. Never! (v. 15). He who joins himself to a prostitute, in some sense, becomes "one" with her. This is not analogous to becoming one in marriage, but is a connection so intimate as to be exceptionally degrading, both spiritually and physically. The sexual union was sanctified for marriage from the very beginning of time (Gen. 2:24). Thus, one must "flee" (consistently) illicit sexual indulgence---a sin to which Corinth was particularly prone. All sins are violations of divine law and each has varying consequences. Fornication is unique in that the body becomes deeply involved in the transgressing, and such can generate an enslaving vice, powerfully drawing one toward destruction. Sexual promiscuity can have physical and psychological consequences unlike any other sin (v. 18). One may, however, overcome it and obtain pardon.

The child of God should ever remember that his body is a sacred temple for the Holy Spirit which is in him (Acts 2:38; Rom. 8:9; Gal. 4:16). The Christian does not belong to himself; he was bought with Christ's blood. He must, therefore, glorify the Lord in his body, as well as with his spirit (v. 20; Rom. 6:12-13).

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Deducting Business Use of Your Garage



David Zubler
Columnist

Claiming a deduction for business use of a garage can provide you with additional tax savings. Taking the deduction for several years can result in significant savings.

A garage can be deducted for various reasons, including manufacturing goods, storing equipment and inventory.

There are different methods for calculating business use of the home. To get the maximum deduction, you should calculate the business percentage for each option and then use the largest business percentage option.

You can calculate business use of the home by dividing the actual dimensions of the area used for business by the total square footage of your home.

Another option for calculating business use of the home is by the number of rooms. If the rooms in your home are similar in size, you can calculate the business percentage by dividing the number of rooms used for business by the total number of rooms in your home. If your garage is considerably larger than most of the rooms in your house, your garage may need to be counted as more than one room.

The IRS has different rules for a detached garage. To deduct an office, you are not required to meet the strict tests for a principal place of business or the alternative test for a place to see clients or customers. Fortunately, the test to claim an office in a detached garage is simply to determine that it's used in the normal course of business. However, to eliminate commuting miles, you need the home office to be your principal place of business. Eliminating commuting miles provides the most sig-

nificant tax savings for many businesses.

If you don't have an office in your home, the IRS requires you to determine commuting and business miles. When you leave home, the first stop of the day is commuting miles. Your drive from the last business location to your home would also be commuting miles. As an example, suppose a salesman visited five clients. The trip from his home to his first client would be commuting.

You would also consider the trip from the last client to home commuting miles which is not deductible.

If part of your home is not usable, it is more advantageous not to include it as part of your total home square footage for the business of the home calculation. For instance, an attic without a floor should not be used as part of the total square footage of your home. This would reduce the total square footage of your home and increase your business use of home percentage. If you are using an attic for business but not the garage, you would want to claim the garage is not usable space.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Just Hang Up!

It's time for us to be rude on the phone. There, I've said it. "Seniors are often targeted because they tend to be trusting and polite." So says the FBI's website page describing scams aimed at seniors. I've thought this for a long time, having done informal polls among friends, but now it's official.

Additionally, says the FBI, we're targeted because we have savings, own a home and have good credit, which makes us attractive to scammers. We have the money -- they want it.

But scammers are tricky. On that FBI page is a video of a former FBI director who, along with his wife, was targeted in a scam. Of all people who should have instantly realized what was going on, he was one. It was his wife, listening in the

background, who made the connections. In the end, even after multiple ugly physical threats, the director didn't cave in. The scammer went to jail, of course.

But it points out how vulnerable we often are, especially when faced with sweet-talking scammers who are offering us a lot of money ... and who then switch over to threats if we don't immediately do as they say and either send them money or give them access to our accounts.

Whether it's a tech support scam ("Your computer has a virus and we can fix it") or a grandparent scam ("Your grandson is in jail and needs money for bail") or a lottery scam ("You've just won \$5 million"), it's all the same -- a scam.

To protect ourselves, we need to hang up the phone instantly when there is a likely scammer on the other end. Yes, when we were growing up, this kind of behavior would have been considered rude. But this is a whole new world, and it's full of bad people who think we are trusting. We're not, right?

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. What was B.B. King's first No. 1 hit?
2. Who wrote and released "Too Late to Turn Back Now"?
3. Which Huey Lewis and the News song was used in the 1985 film "Back to the Future"?
4. What was the original title of "Karma Chameleon" meant to be?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I know I'm losin' you, I feel it all the time, And I know if I lose you, then I'll lose my mind."

Answers:

1. "Three O'Clock Blues," in 1951. It stayed in that spot for five weeks. The song was originally released by singer-songwriter Lowell Fulson in 1946.
2. Cornelius Brothers & Sister Rose, in 1972. The song did better than their debut single, "Treat Her Like a Lady," the previous year and was used in the 1997 film "The Ice Storm."
3. "The Power of Love." Lewis was approached to write a song for the movie and declined, saying he didn't know how. He was told to write anything.
4. "Cameo Chameleon," per Culture Club in a 1983 interview.
5. "Lie to Me," by Brook Benton, in 1962. The song, from Benton's "Singing the Blues" album, went to No. 3 as a single.

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RoCo Relics

On October 2, 2021, RoCo Relics, located at 151 S. Roane Street, Harriman, TN 37748, celebrated their grand opening.

RoCo Relics is a new non-profit ministry shop that funds Feeding Roane Food Pantry & Meal Line and various other ministries out of First Christian Church Harriman.

RoCo Relics accepts all nice and clean donations, which are then sold or given away to those in need. All profits help fund various ministries in Roane County, and ten percent of their profits are tithed to First Christian Church Harriman.

RoCo Relics is a Roane County ministry, but their ministry knows no bounds, and they provide help to numerous ministries and people in need throughout East Tennessee.

In August and September, RoCo Relics assisted the following people dealing with extreme circumstances; eleven people struggling with homelessness, seventeen people needing assistance due to their low incomes, provided clothing to seven men at the Morgan County Regional Rehab Center, two people needing help with restarting their lives after being released from jail, one person recovering from domestic violence, one person who lost so much to a fire and provided food to ten families that suffered from the August floods.

RoCo Relics' volunteers have already contributed between 2,000-2,500 hours since its inception. More volunteers are greatly needed. If you'd like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Yvonne Yates at (865) 285-9249.

The people who make RoCo Relics happen...

Phil Meril - Pastor of First Christian Church Harriman

Yvonne Yates - Co-founder and Board Member

Laura Buckingham - Co-founder and Board Member

Tara Johnson - Manager (Who needs volunteers.)

David Underwood - Board Member (Huge help in the shop!)

Claire Easterman - Board Member (Special thanks for grand opening preparations!)

Clara Bell - Full-time volunteer (Tremendous help!)

Appreciation and special thanks for the City of Harriman Mayor Wayne Best's attendance and the City of Harriman Events Coordinator Martha Wilkinson's unending support. Professional Auctioneer Brett Chambers volunteered his time and conducted the grand opening auction. To all the local churches and ministries that arrive weekly with donations. This is a community working together, not just a few individuals. Other local churches are beginning to step up and volunteer. They're seeing what we are doing and how much an impact RoCo Relics is making in Roane County in such a short period of time.

Lastly, a special thank you to the ones who make the impossible possible, our VOLUNTEERS!!!

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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Friday Night Spotlight

Coalfield Survives Midway Comeback in 41-34 Victory

By Terry Futrell

After taking a commanding 34-7 lead over the Midway Greenwave in the third quarter, the Coalfield Yellow Jackets had to overcome a late Midway aerial blitzkrieg to take home a 41-34 Region 2A victory Friday evening.

The Jackets were unstoppable throughout the first half with their balanced attack. Quarterback Cole Hines connected on 8 of 9 passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns. Hines hit Rommel Conlon for a 19-yard touchdown in the first quarter, and later hit Eli Roberts for a 39-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Meanwhile, the Jackets ran the ball 13 times for 118 yards in the first half.

The Greenwave got on the board in the second quarter with a 9-play drive that covered 80 yards. The drive began when quarterback Emmett Hegland connected with Caleb Goodman for 40 yards. Hegland connected with his receivers on 9 of 11 passes in the half for 84 yards. Greenwave runners carried the ball 12 times for 41 yards in the half.

The Yellow Jackets took a comfortable 21-7 lead into the locker room at the half.

After the Greenwave were forced to punt on their first possession in the second half, Hines connected with Conlon on the Jackets first play for 62-yard touchdown. After Luke Treece kicked the point after, the Jackets led 28-7.

Midway fumbled the ball on their next possession and the Jackets recovered at the Greenwave 24-yard line. Coalton Henry carried the ball on consecutive runs of 14 and 10 yards for a Jacket touchdown, and Coalfield increased its lead to 34-7.

Faced with a potential blowout by the Jackets, Midway found opportunity in the Coalfield secondary. Hegland connected with Seth Gordon for an 80-yard touchdown to close the gap to 34-14. The Jackets responded with an 11-play drive that covered 71 yards to lead 41-14.

Midway then marched 86 yards downfield in 8 plays, capping off the drive when Hegland threaded the ball between two Coalfield defenders to hit Brennan Reed in the corner of the end zone, closing the gap to 41-20.

The Jackets turned the ball over on their next possession when Caleb Goodman intercepted a Luke Treece pass and returned the ball to the Coalfield 11-yard line. The Greenwave scored when Hegland again found Reed all alone in the corner of the end zone. Sierra Cowell kicked the extra point and Coalfield's lead was cut to 41-27 with 8:24 remaining in the game.

Coalfield moved the ball 38 yards to the Midway 16 in a 7-play drive but turned the ball over on downs. The Greenwave again came charging back with an 8-play drive that covered 84 yards. The Greenwave covered 56 yards in the air on four passes, scoring on a 20-yard pass from Hegland to Seth Gordon. Cowell kicked the point after and Coalfield's lead was cut to 41-34 with 2:03 remaining.

Coalfield was able to run out the clock and seal the Region 2A



Jacket Levi Mullins leaps high to deflect a pass intended for Midway's Caleb Goodman. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

victory 41-34.

Both teams were frustrated by penalties; 25 were called in the game – 11 against Midway for 90 yards and 14 against Coalfield for 145 yards.

For the entire game, Hines was 13 of 17 passing for 248 yards. Hegland connected on 21 of 29 passes for 316 yards. The Jackets rushed for 223 yards compared to only 83 yards for the Greenwave.

Rommel Conlon led the Jackets in receiving with four catches for 115 yards. Seth Gordon led Midway receivers with five catches for 123 yards.

Cole Hines led the Jackets with 16 carries for 144 net yards, and Ty Mason carried 12 times for 57 yards for the Greenwave.

With the win, Coalfield is now 3-0 in Region 2A and faces Greenback next Friday at home. Midway falls to 0-2 in Region 2A and plays Harriman at home next Friday.



Coalfield quarterback Cole Hines carries the ball. Hine rushed 16 times for 144 net yards in the Jackets 41-34 victory over Midway. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

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