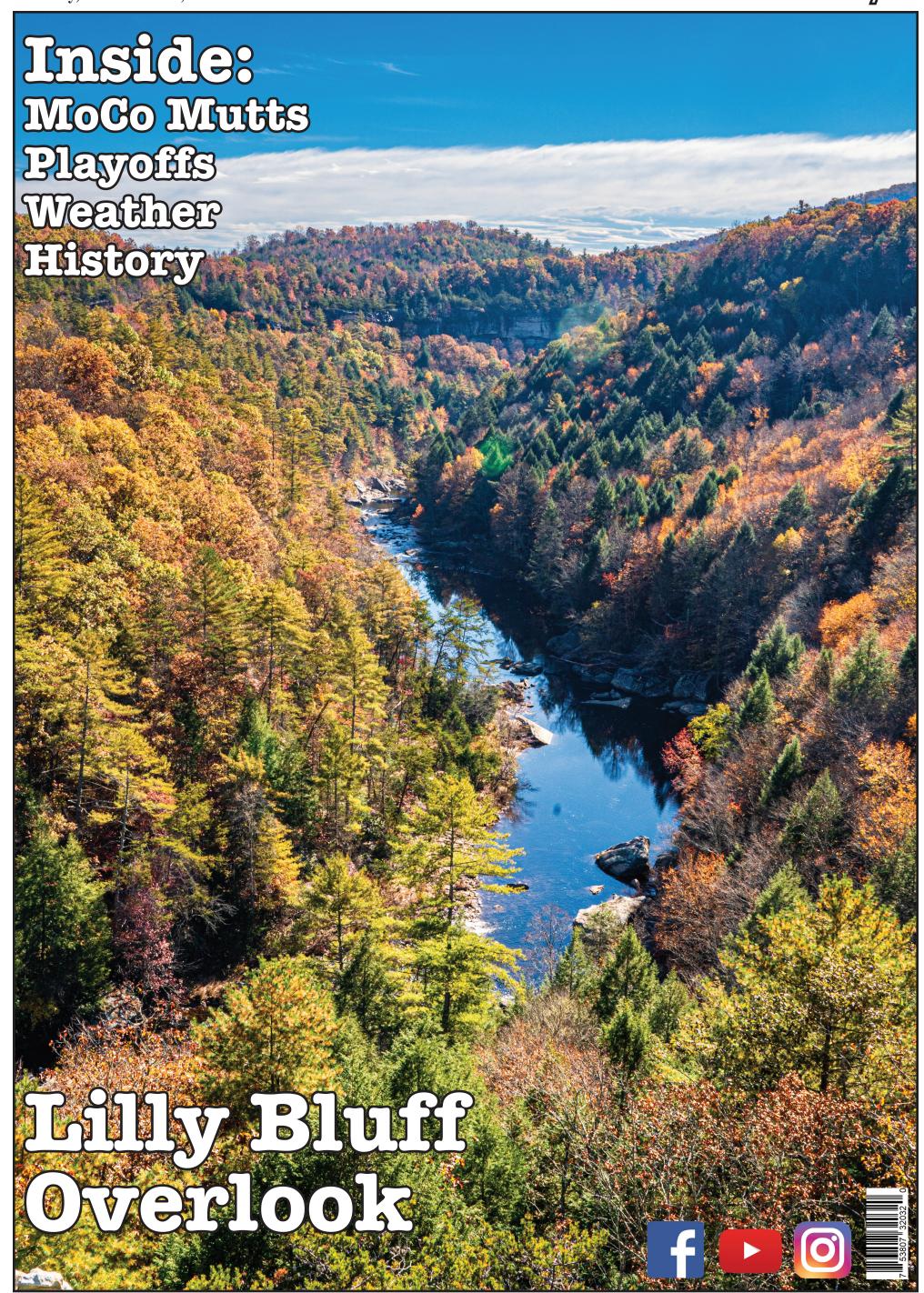
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## MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 16	<b>60°</b> /52°	
Wed 17	<b>68°</b> /53°	*
Thu 18	<b>58°</b> /29°	7
Fri 19	<b>49°</b> /29°	
Sat 20	<b>54°</b> /32°	2
Sun 21	<b>53°</b> /39°	
Mon 22	<b>50°</b> /26°	7

## Sunbright Veteran's Memorial: Thank You



We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who contributed to the building of this veteran's memorial. To those who donated their time, materials, labor and money we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Without you this would not have happened. Everything that was done is very deeply appreciated. The memorial is now completed and we hope each and everyone gets a blessing each time you see it, and you enjoy it for many years to come.

Once a year we will be updating any new names that need to be put on the wall. If you have a loved one that has passed on and they were a veteran please contact Charles Webb (865) 216-4593 or Sunbright City Hall (423) 628-5260 and give them the name and branch of service they served in.

As you know there will be upkeep on this memorial for

years to come. There is no funding for this except the donations we receive. The flags will have to be replaced once a year at least and if the weather is harsh more often. Also, just general maintenance of the memorial is very important to keep it beautiful. The city of Sunbright has opened an account in the name of Sunbright Veteran's Memorial so all donations will go into this account for the upkeep of the memorial only.

Again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love and support in making this memorial a reality. And most of all for showing your love and respect to all our family and friends who sacrificed so much for our freedom. We appreciate you so much. God bless you! We love you all!

Charles Webb, Beautification Board City of Sunbright

# **Bullying Aware- ness Month**

For National Bullying Awareness Month, Mrs. Brooke Henderson's students at Petros Joyner School (1st-8th grade) have been learning about the different types of bullying and ways to stand up and speak out against bullies. Thanks to Mr. Dwayne Bales with Blue Line Security and Tony Bunch with the Morgan County Police Department, 156 students were able to design their own t-shirts for an Anti-Bully t-shirt contest. Mr. Joe Duncan and the Brushy Mountain Grill sponsored lunches for the winning students. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this possible.







## **In Loving Memory**

and

## T.Q. "Buzz" Heidel, Jr., 65

Mr. T.Q. "Buzz" Heidel, Jr., age 65 of Wartburg, passed away Friday, November 12, 2021, at Roane Medical Center. He was a 1973 graduate of Central High School and also graduated with an MBA from Tusculum College. Buzz has faithfully served Morgan

County for the past several years Ayan and Riaan Wilson. as the Director of Morgan Countv Headstart. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents: T.Q. and Joycelyn Heidel.

His sister: Valora Marie Heidel. His grandparents: Henry and Virginia Heidel, Randall and Joyce Wortley.

Along with his step-grandmother: June Wortley.

He is survived by his wife: Teresa Wilson Heidel.

Three aunts: Catherine Sumner, Genie Venters, and Becky Spees. Numerous cousins.



His nephew: Andrew Wilson and his wife Rujuta.

His niece: Amy Wilson. And two great nephews:

The family will receive friends Tuesday November 16, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral service will be held Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor David Graves officiating. Interment will follow in Morgan Memorial Gardens.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.davisfuneralhomes.com

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, is honored to serve the family of Mr. Buzz Heidel.

## Linda Henderson, 71

Retired teacher Linda Henderson's spirit didn't come to an end with her death. Linda passed away suddenly on Nov. 10th, 2021 at the age of 71. She taught at Sunbright for 39 years and left behind generations of students who will honor her legacy by living life to the fullest.

Linda was born Linda Ann Stanford in 1950 in Fort Campbell, Ky. She completed her Bachelor's degree at University of the Cumberlands. While teaching at Sunbright School, Linda met her husband Bobby Ray and they married in 1975. After teaching for several years, she went back to school to complete her Master's degree at Tusculum University. Linda loved her school and students and shared her passion for learning with thousands of students over the years.

Linda was a loving wife and mother and adored her granddaughter. She loved to read and enjoyed solving puzzles of any kind: crossword, sudoku, jigsaw, and others. Linda never met a student she didn't have faith in or a group of kids that she wouldn't

Preceded by: Parents James Stanford and Betty Hawn Stanford and step-parents Segal Jeffers and Beverly Stanford. Brothers: Leonard Edward Jeffers and Randall Paul Jeffers.

Survived by: Husband of 46 years Bobby Ray Henderson, daughter Sara McAfee and son Nathan Henderson, and granddaughter Mackenzie McAfee. Sisters Marion Stanford / Mike Hardy, Ruth Morgan / Jimmy Morgan, Betty Jane Watkins / Jesse Watkins, Peggy Jeffers. Brothers Carl Wayne Jeffers / Nancy Jeffers, Clyde Jeffers / Cindy Jeffers, Mark Jeffers / Lisa Jeffers.

The family will receive friends Sunday, November 14, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Tom Robbins officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunbright Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Linda Henderson.

### **Shirley Christine Powers, 82**

Shirley Christine Powers, age 82, of Oakdale passed away November 11, 2021 at her home.

Shirley was always a kind, loving, mother and grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Powers; sons, Dennis & Dewayne Powers; grandson, Christopher Pow-

She is survived by her daughter Gloria Powers: several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family will be having a private graveside service.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Shirley Christine Powers.

## Sammy Armes, 58

Sammy Armes, age 58, formerly of Petros passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2021, due to complications of covid.

He is preceded by death by his father & mother, Ray & Wilda (Hawn) Armes; brother, Tony Ray Armes and wife, Audrey (Gussie) Armes.

He is survived by his sons, Samuel Armes & Joshua Crady; step-daughter, Holly (Justin) Smith of Alabama; girlfriend, Karen McCall; very special niece, Kristin (Josh) Ainsworth of North Carolina; grandchildren, Makinley Marie & Braelyn Smith and Timber Renee; nieces & nephews, Emma, Abby and Trevor Ainsworth; aunts, Linda Armes, Sharon (Josh) Nosal of Illinois, Wilma June Kaczynski of Ten Mile and a host of cousins and friends.

He always had a story and adventure to tell about the places he'd been an the people he met along the way. Fly High Sammy Your Free!

Celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sammy Armes.

## Deloris Sue Kennedy, 60

Deloris Sue Kennedy, age 60 passed away November 11, 2021 at her home in Cleveland, Tennessee.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Junior & Joan Kennedy; 3 sisters, Ginger Burdin, Barbara Wallace, and Melissa Taylor; brother, Donnie Kennedy.

She is survived by sister, Genia (Roger) Hambright of Deer Lodge and a host of nieces. nephews and extended family; one special niece, Stacy Burdin that took such good care of her.

The family will receive friends Sunday, November 14, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2-3 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Tim Tompson officiating. Interment will follow in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Deloris Sue Kennedy.

### Donna Louise Hamby, 51

Donna Louise Hamby, age 51, extended family. passed away November 6, 2021.

She is preceded in death by her father, Randall Hawn; brother, Ron Hawn.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Hamby; daughters, Felecia, Ashley, and Savannah; mother, Patty Dean; granddaughter, Nova Sherman; brother & sisterin-laws, Mark, Mable Hamby and a host of nieces, nephews and

Donna was a loving wife and mother and grandmother and will be missed.

The family has chosen cremation and no services are scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Donna Louise Hamby.

### Stephen Henry Daugherty II

Stephen Henry Daugherty II. was known as uncle Bub to his passed away at the age of 28, on November 6, 2021. Stephen graduated from Coalfield High School and was a hardworking lineman who loved to travel. He was full of life and will always be loved, missed and in our hearts

Stephen is preceded in death by his grandparents, Jim (Jimmy Nut) & Naomi Godwin, Patsy & Henry Daugherty.

Stephen is survived by his father, Steve Daugherty; mother and stepfather, Paula & Jason McCloud; sisters and brothers, Tara (James) Hall, Kayla Daugherty, Paul (Leane) White, James (Gypsy) White, David (Jessica) McCloud, Kathleen (Sean) Moore, Tristen (Mark) Tempelton; aunts & uncles, Penny Nunley, Pam White, Regina Montross, Jimbo (Courtaney) Godwin, Joey Daugherty, Rodney Daugherty, and Tony Daugherty. Stephen

nieces and nephew who he loved and adored, Conner Conlon, Kyndahl Harris, Karli Hall, Jace & Jocelynn Daugherty; his cousins were his best friends in life. Cade, Cameron, Mikal Godwin, Robert & Whitney Nunley, Emily, Alex, and Nick White. He also leaves behind a special friend, Chevenne Gibson and many more loving family and friends.

The family will receive friends at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, Sunday, November 14, 2021, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Dr. Jim West officiating. Graveside services will be Monday at 12:00 p.m. at the Old Petros Cemetery in Petros. The family will be gathering at the Petros Senior Citizen immediately following graveside services.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Stephen Henry Daugherty II.

## Wilma Aytes Brown, 78

Wilma Aytes Brown, age 78, went home to be with her heavenly father on November 10, 2021 at her home in Sunbright. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was loved by all who knew her. Her greatest joy in life was her family. She is preceded in death by her grandmother Jennie Aytes, parents Willard and Lydia, sister Wanda and daughter Adriana. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years Roger Brown.

Children, Roger Lynn Brown Jr and wife Genia of Sunbright, Jennie England and husband Tim of Sunbright, Russell "Rusty" Brown and wife Teresa of Wartburg, Richard "Rick" Brown and wife Angela of Mt. Juliet, Melody Hill and husband Robert of Sunbright, Robert Brown of Sunbright, Rene' Brown of Sunbright, Elise Choate of Missouri, and Mike Jones of Lancing.

Grandchildren, Joshua Brown of Knoxville, Amanda (Brandon) Evans of Burrville, Hope (Jordan) Hamby of Wartburg, Miranda England of Sunbright, Jennica England of Sunbright, Dustin (Monica) Brown of Cherokee, NC, Derek Brown of Wartburg, Shelby (Ian) Isbell of Mt. Juliet, Austin Brown of Mt. Juliet, Hallie Brown of Mt. Juliet, Jessica

Sandra Helton's weekly column

## Oakdale Area News

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Congratulations to the Oakdale Eagles on a wonderful season. Their season ended Friday night when they were defeated by Cloudland by a score of 60-16. This team made school history by being the first Oakdale football team to advance this far in playoffs. Eagle fans are very proud of them and are looking forward to the 2022 season.

Congratulations to the Eagles Head Coach, JR Voyles, on being selected as the 1A-3A Coach of the Week by Tennessee Football Coaches Association.

A soup lunch honoring veterans in the community was hosted at Pine Orchard Community Center Wednesday, November 9. There was a good turnout and all branches of the military were represented. The combined years of service by those in attendance was 88 years. Thank you to ones who provided the lunch and a special thank you to the ones who served our country.

White Oak Baptist Church had a special presentation for Veterans on Sunday, November 7. Veterans, their wives and widows of veterans were presented a gift of appreciation.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, garbage pickup for the City of Oakdale will be on Friday, November 26.

Be sure to check out the new story in the Story Walk at

Solomon Park in Wartburg. This book is a Thanksgiving story sponsored by Marvin and Tammy Howard, owners and operators of River Ridge Barn in Lancing. Details about a contest are also along the story walk. The contest is sponsored by Together Morgan County and Morgan County Today.

The Oakdale Youth Athletic Club Hopper and Cutter age cheerleaders performed in the TVAA Cheer Competition at Roane State on Sunday November 7. Both teams did great.

Grant Oliver Helton was born October 28. He was welcomed home by his big sisters, Emily and Annabelle. They are the children of Aaron and Chelsea Helton. Congratulations!

Brother Coty Powers preached at White Oak Baptist Church Sunday evening, November 7. Also visiting the church was Brother Mike and Margurite Rue, Missionaries to Idaho. The church is thankful for and supportive of young preachers and missionaries.

Heather, Savannah and Sierra Alonso recently participated in the American Heart Association Beach Horse Ride at Myrtle Beach. They would like to thank everyone that supported them. They were able to raise \$3,610.00 for the American Heart Association. The event raised an astonishing \$505,895.00 with all proceeds going to the American Heart (Chase) Jones of Sunbright, Brooke (Tyler) Harper of Oliver Springs, Andrea Morgan of Sunbright, Marcus Morgan of Sunbright, Piper Brown of Harriman, Ryan Choate of Missouri and Francesa Chaney. Great-Grandchildren, Bailey, Mackenzie, Tinley, Bentley, and Riley Evans, Emerson and Hudson Hamby, Peyton, Brantley, Amiyah and Charlie Sue Brown, Peyton Isbell, Zoe and Caiden Jones, Harris Hill Several Nieces and Nephews Sister-in-law, Sue Stewart

Special Friends, Doris Northrup, Faye Ledford, and Janett Galloway. The family will receive friends Saturday, November 13, 2021, at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 12-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 with Bro. Joey Aytes and Bro. Bill Goodman officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunbright Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Wilma Aytes Brown.

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

Association.

Together Morgan County is making plans for their 2nd annual Christmas Drive Thru which will be Saturday, December 4 at Frozen Head State Park. Different Morgan County groups will set up stations featuring various classic Christmas stories. Families can safely drive through the route from 10:00 - 1:00 and view the scenes. There will several different give aways. Anyone wishing to participate in the drive thru or wanting to volunteer or donate items to be given away can contact Sandra Helton at heltons@mcsed.net for more details. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this family event.

Bunt and I made the trip to Berea, KY last Friday to attend the funeral of Conley Saylor. He was our son in law, Joe's, grandfather. Although it was a sad occasion, it is always good to see our kids, Joe, Valerie and Maura. We are thankful for safe travels for ourselves and for our children.

Stephanie Yeary Fisher passed away Wednesday, November 10. She was the daughter of the late Glen and Phyllis Yeary. She is survived by her husband, Morgan Fisher and her brother Mike Yeary and his wife Dana. She is also survived by a host of friends and relatives. A graveside service was held Monday, November 15 at Roane Memorial Gardens.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Shirley Powers who passed away Thursday, November 11. She is survived by her daughter Jeanie Powers and

several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Condolences to the family and friends of Alice Tompkins of Kingsport who passed away Thursday, November 11. She is survived by her husband, William Tompkins, formerly of Oakdale, children Rebekah Jacobs, Andrew Tompkins and Abigail Coppage and their spouses. She is also survived by five grandchildren, two sisters and one brother, numerous other family members and her father in law, Woody Tompkins of Piney.

**Upcoming holiday events:** 

Harriman Christmas Parade – Thursday, December 2 at 7:00.

Together Morgan County Christmas Drive Thru at Frozen Head State Park, Saturday, December 4 from 10:00 – 1:00

City of Wartburg Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 4 at 6:00

Oakdale School Christmas Craft Fair – Friday, December 10 9:00 – 2:30

Life is so ironic. It takes sadness to know what happiness is, noise to appreciate silence and absence to value presence.

## Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

## Your Career **Questions:** Part 3



This week's question comes from Amanda in Wartburg, TN: What do I wear to my job interview? How should I dress?

My first job out of college was as a territory sales manager position with a large agricultural company. I was responsible for merchandising commercial products in national chain stores within a selected geographic area. My boss approached me one day and gave me an additional job assignment. I was to hire a person, because the company was adding several more retail stores to my sales route. The merchandiser would be responsible for assisting me in the retail stores and would also be directly reporting to me. Fresh out of college, I was obviously a rookie at hiring people and had no idea what I was doing at the time. I advertised the job opening in the local paper and soon began the interview process.

My first interviewee walked up to me and introduced himself. I thought he was there to ask me for a dollar because he was low on gas and needed some cash. My second thought was he was going to ask me for some spare change for a cold beer. He had on what I thought to be daisy duke shorts, but turns out they were just really too short. They were blue jean shorts with strings hanging down from them and did I mention they were too short? The shorts had to be at least 20 years old and the strings dangled past his knees. He had on a free t-shirt given out by the local radio station with black grease all over it. I am sure some of you are reading this saying, "Wow, dude, you're pretty harsh. Maybe the guy didn't have any money or was struggling financially. Have a stinking heart!"

That reasoning would be logical, but he walked back to his brand, spanking new Toyota Tundra after telling me in the interview he didn't need the money; he was just applying because he needed something to do during the week. As a side point, with those shorts, couldn't you at least feel the air on certain body parts and

> maybe that is a reason to change into a different outfit?

I realize that if you're interviewing for a job shoveling cow manure, the circumstance may change. You wouldn't be wearing a suit to

the farm. A professional career, however, requires that you always dress your absolute best. When I was a teenager, I wore a nice button-up shirt, slacks, and dress shoes to an interview for a job working in fast food. I didn't come from a rich family either, but was able to wear something decent for the job interview.

business causal for the interview then dress business casual with a long-sleeve, button-down shirt and a pair of slacks. If it's a work environment that you KNOW has a certain dress code—e.g., you are interviewing to be a technician at Jiffy Lube-then business causal is appropriate attire. My philosophy has always been, when in doubt, DRESS UP! It most cases, it's better to be overdressed than underdressed.

Ladies Suit (navy, black or dark grey)

Zack Ballinger The suit skirt should be long enough so you can sit down comfortably Coordinated blouse Conservative shoes Limited jewelry (no dangling earrings or arms full of bracelets) No jewelry is better than cheap jewelry Professional hairstyle Neutral pantyhose

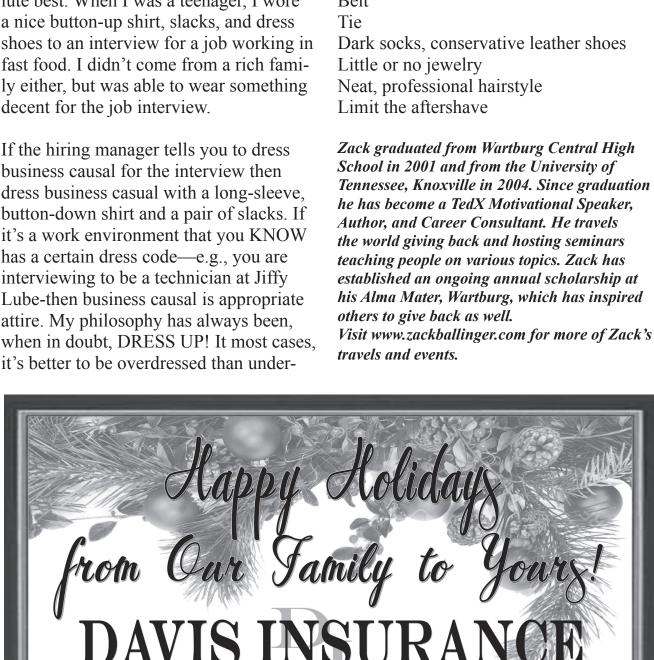
Light make-up and perfume

Portfolio or briefcase

Neatly manicured clean nails

Gentlemen

Suit (solid color: navy or dark grey) Long-sleeved shirt (white or coordinated with the suit) Belt Tie







## Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

This week we honor one of our hometown soldiers who is one of the newest generation of patriots who's volunteered to serve our country in military service.

Private (PVT) Storm Leeann Hammons enlisted into the Tennessee Army National Guard in June 2021. She courageously reported to United States Army Basic Combat Training on September 5, 2021 and graduated Army Basic Combat Training on November 10, 2021 while training in 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 165 Infantry Brigade at Fort Jackson,

Throughout PVT Hammons' rigorous ten weeks of Basic Combat Training, she learned and mastered; assembling, disassembling an M16, rifle marksmanship, the Nuclear-Biological-Chemical (NBC) chamber, hand-to-

hand combat and guerilla exercises, physical fitness training, tactical marches, land navigation techniques, convoy operations, additional weapons training including; machine guns, grenade launchers and mines, defeating improvised explosive devices, Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT), field training exercises, and much more.



She is currently conducting United States Army Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, SC as a 36B-Financial Management Technician. As a Financial Management Technician, she will be responsible for the most efficient and effective financial management. She'll be responsible for budgeting,

disbursing, and accounting for government funds and treasury checks, maintaining and preparing files and financial reports, reviewing contracts and invoices, and making sure all financial matters are met so the Army keeps running.

Many of our readers may know PVT Storm Leeann Hammons as she is a graduate of Wartburg Central High School and still resides in Wartburg. She's also well known throughout Morgan County for her love and athleticism in softball.

Morgan County Today thanks you PVT Storm Hammons for your patriotism, dedication, and sacrifices you've already made and are willing to make for the betterment and security of our great nation. May God bless and protect you!

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

## Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

Police Officer Michael D. Chandler with the Big Stone Gap Police Department was killed in an officer-involved shooting Saturday, November 13, 2021.

It was around 4 a.m. Saturday that VSP says while on duty, Town of Big Stone Gap Police Officer Michael Chandler had been called to a home to conduct a welfare check. After arriving, Officer Chandler came into contact with at least one individual; it was during this time that the officer had been shot, authorities report.

A Wise County Sheriff's Office Deputy arrived at the scene to find Officer Chandler lying unconscious in a ditch along the driveway of the home, Virginia State Police says. Authorities were able to locate his patrol car and another vehicle at the scene;

however, they did not locate a suspect.

It took an "extensive" search by local, state and federal law enforcement to apprehend the suspect.

The 33-year-old man was arrested without incident shortly after 8 p.m. Saturday at the Travel Inn located in the 800 block of Lynn Garden Drive in Kingsport, Tennessee. He is being held on probation violations out of South Carolina and Wise County, Va.

In a statement Big Stone Gap Police Department Chief Stephen Hamm said:

"It is with a heavy heart that I must inform our community of the line of duty death of Officer Michael D. Chandler. His battle to survive today was truly miraculous. But he suc-

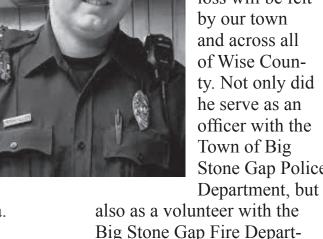
> cumbed to his injuries around 7:00 p.m. this evening at the hospital with his family at his side. Mike's loss will be felt by our town and across all of Wise County. Not only did he serve as an officer with the Town of Big Stone Gap Police

also as a volunteer with the Big Stone Gap Fire Department. Please keep his family in your prayers tonight, as this should have been a day to celebrate his 29th birthday - not a day to mourn his passing."

Tennessee law enforcement agencies, like the Tennessee Highway Patrol and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, released statements on the officer's death.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office officials said, "Please continue to keep his Family, Department, and the community in your prayers and thoughts."

THP officials said, "The Tennessee Highway Patrol would like to express our condolences to the family and fellow officers of Officer Chandler of the Big Stone Gap, VA. Police Department."



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## **November 11th a Special Day for Veterans**



Tom Redmon Columnist

On Thursday,
November 11th
veterans from
Morgan County
and every county
in the United
States were honored
for their patriotism,

love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. It is called Veteran's Day.

After WWI this day was started as a day to reflect on the heroism of those who died for our country's service. It was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on November 11th because that is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended WWI. It was

signed on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918. In 1954 president Eisenhower recommended that they change the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day so veterans of all wars could be honored.

So, this past Thursday, November 11, 2021, we honored our veterans who have sacrificed for America. Some were drafted and some volunteer. It didn't matter. A war was on for many, like the Vietnam War (1962-1975), and they went to war if called. There are many Vietnam veterans here in Morgan County, so when you see one thank them for their service. Tell them you know they were not treated right

when they returned home, but you understand why they went to war in Vietnam and to you they are heroes. There are very few WWII veterans still living in Morgan County and the Korean War veterans are also going fast. If you happen to see one and are friends with one invite them to dinner and encourage them to tell you about their service. Thank them!

The wars in Iraq and Afghani-

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stan veterans certainly need a thank you and a pat on the back. They fought in the hot desert sun and they saw some things that really caused PTSD. We owe all veterans at least a big thank you and a hug.

I went into the service when there was no war going on, but I dropped out of college for four years. There was no way when they called me in 1958 that I was going to try to get a deferment and get out of serving. I love my country and I was ready to go. Many were in the same boat and some took the route I took. We've lost many good men and women to war, but many remain and need help. All veterans need praise

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for they sacrificed some of their best years and started out making \$98.00 per month.

Another group of men and women I want to recognize that was born out of the conflicts in WWI.

The American Legion was chartered by congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran organization focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-wearing veterans of WWI into one of the most influential non-profit groups in the United States. Their motto is, "For God and Country." It was founded on four pillars; Americanism, children and youth, national security, and veteran affairs and rehabilitation.

There are nearly 2 million members of the American Legion,

making it the nation's largest wartime veteran service organization. There are more than 12,000 posts in communities throughout the United States.

We have an American Legion post right here in Wartburg. It is Post 149 located at 202 South Kingston Street. If you are a veteran which means you have served in one branch of service; the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard then you are eligible to join the American Legion. It is a good organization and you will be working with other veterans to spread Americanism. They also reach out to veterans who need help

in finding jobs or help in getting benefits from the Veteran's Administration. One of the big things today is nationally they are looking into programs that will save veterans from committing suicide.

In 2018 6,435 veterans committed suicide. In the last twelve years suicide rates among veterans have been consistently higher than non-veterans. The suicide rate for veterans is 28 per 100,000. In 2018 the suicide rate among veterans ages 18-34 was 45.9 per 100,000. There is a help for veterans who are contemplating suicide.

The national help number is 1-800-273-8255. There is help locally at Post 149 in

Wartburg.

We do more at American Legion Post 149. One thing they take a lot of pride in is having the Honor Guard at military funerals. I think it's a wonderful thing to recognize veterans at their funerals. We also work with youth by going to schools with our color guard and talking to the students about patriotism. But we can never do enough to help bring back "love for our country."



## Disappeared: Chapter 13



Carol Hall Author

Nick & Chris-Day 3, cont.

They continued their trek through the woods for several hours, fighting their way through dense foliage and over rocky terrain. The fog had finally lifted, but the air was still heavy.

Nick had not spoken a word to Ted or Walter during that time. He was still angry and upset with them and wasn't in the mood to play nice.

Chris stayed close to him throughout the

afternoon, but knew not to try to engage him in conversation. When Nick got angry and quiet, Chris knew he just needed time to cool down.

As they were about to reach what appeared to be a small clearing, they heard voices calling for them.

"Hey! Hey, over here!" someone called to them from the clearing.

Nick grabbed Chris by the arm and ran over to two men who were standing in the clearing. Ted, Walter and Les caught up to them as Nick stepped into the campsite.

"You guys see a woman come through here yesterday or today?" Nick asked hurriedly, as soon as they reached the clearing.

He suddenly took in the scene.
He was standing in a campsite that had been totally destroyed. The tent was crumbled up on the ground and food and trash wese scattered all about.

"What happened here?" he asked the men.

"That's what we would like to know," the taller of the men said. He

was a younger man dressed in jeans and a t-shirt. "Guessing it was a bear."

Ted walked around the campsite and surveyed the mess. "You fellows got a permit to be camping way out here?" He pulled out his ranger's badge and presented it to them.

"Uh, no sir. Didn't know we needed one," the shorter man said.

He pulled off his ball cap and scratched his head, looking sheepishly at Ted.

"Well, you do," Ted told him. "You're on national park land here."

"Didn't know that, sir," the taller one spoke up. "We will just gather up our stuff and skedaddle."

"Wait a minute," Nick said. "Before you run off, did you see a woman come through here?"

"Nah, we didn't see nobody," the short one said. "We left the camp to go get some hunting done and when we came back, this is what we found."

Les and Walter were walking around the campsite checking out the damage. Les stooped down and was examining something on the ground.

"Ted, come here," he called.
"What do you make of this?"
Everyone walked over and looked at what Les was pointing to.
In a muddy spot at the edge of the clearing was a footprint. It was huge.
Larger than a human's with distinct toes and an arch.
"Landa librate footprint Lang" Ted.

"Looks like a footprint, Les," Ted said dully.

"Sure it does, but have you ever seen a human with a foot that big?"

Ted looked closer at the print and sighed. "It's just a bear print.

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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.



### NOTICE

WARTBURG PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE POLICY CHANGES TO BRUSH PICK-UP – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (EFFECTIVE October 16, 2021)

There will be a free Brush Pick-Up in the City of Wartburg from October 16 through April 16 each year.

This means one free pick up, at the size below, per household. A free pick-up is defined as a 4x4x10 area. (Approximately a full-size pick-up truck load) You must call in and get on the Free Pick-Up list, prior to, or during the free pick-up period. You will be charged if a pick-up is requested after the free period ends (April 17 through October 15). There will be a minimum charge of

\$100 and further priced according to the amount of debris picked up.
Building materials or any other type of garbage cannot be mixed in with brush.
Tree debris and brush must be no longer than 10 feet in length, Chunks and/or stumps larger than 10 inches around must be separated from the limbs.
Brush must be stacked parallel with the street and within reach of the truck doing the pick-up.

Do not stack brush under power lines, near fire hydrants, sewer cleanouts, mailboxes, fences, meters, or underneath trees.

Homeowners who hire contractors to cut trees or brush must clarify if the contractor is to remove the entire brush. If the contractor does not remove the entire brush, the homeowner will be charged.

Special Pick Ups outside of the period (October 16 through April 16) will be charged to the Property Owner. For collection of these types of pick-ups, please call City Hall at 423-346-2323 for pricing and pick-up arrangements.

These pick-ups must be paid in advance.

Brush not removed from homeowners property after 14 days will result in a fine of \$50.00 per day to the property owner.

## **Truck For Sale**

1981 1/2 Ton Chevrolet Pickup. 6 Cylinder 4 Speed in the floor. Long bed. Unsure of mileage. Very little rust. Runs good!! Would make a good work truck or fixer upper. \$3,000 OBO.

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## NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

- \* Thanksgiving Tip: "Let one person be responsible for putting prep dishes, pots and pans in the dishwasher while another prepares the bird and side dishes for the table. You will be halfway done with dishes by the time the meal is over." -- M.A. in Washington
- \* "Bake stuffing in muffin tins for individual servings. Also, if your family is anything like mine, we love the crispy parts, and everyone will get some this way!" -- W.G. in Mississippi
- \* "If you host a large family holiday gathering and serve a lot of side dishes, try this trick to them hot while waiting for other items to finish in the oven. Simply cover the bottom of a clean ice chest with a few trivets or a couple kitchen towels, and set casseroles and oven-cooked meats inside. Most people use a cooler to keep things cold, but the insulation works just as well to keep hot things hot ... at least for a

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- \* "Scotch" used to be a synonym for "thrifty" or "frugal." When cellophane tape was first invented, it was marketed during the Great Depression as "Scotch tape" since it could extend the life of objects and save you money.
- \* A grizzly bear has enough bite strength to crush a bowling ball.
- \* There is a psychological state called "helper's high" in which the act of giving produces endorphins in the brain that provide a mild version of a morphine high.
- \* Table tennis balls can travel off the paddle at a speed of 105.6 mph.
- \* From 1932 to 1967, there was a casino called the "Bullpen" in

a stone building on the grounds of the Nevada State prison in Carson City, where inmates could play blackjack, craps, poker and bet on sports.

- \* When Frito-Lay introduced a compostable bag for its Sun Chips brand in 2010, consumers noticed that its crinkling and crackling was significantly louder than previous bags -- testing, in fact, at 95 decibels, which is about as loud as a motorcycle! It was discontinued in 2011.
- \* Scientists estimate that the average person is more than five times as likely to die in a hypothetical human species extinction event as in a car crash.
- \* A man sued Warner Bros. -and won -- after he was injured while fainting during a 1974 screening of "The Exorcist."

\* The 700-year-old Starkenberg-

### little while." -- M.E. in West Virginia

- \* "An oldie but a goodie, and certainly considerate of dear old Mom: In my family, you come to Thanksgiving dinner with your own plastic containers for leftovers. If you don't bring your own, you don't go home with tomorrow's lunch. Mom instituted this rule after the first Thanksgiving when all the kids had moved out. We practically cleaned her out of Tupperware!" -- E.Y. in New Mexico
- \* Recipe substitution: If you need 1 teaspoon of pumpkin pie spice, use 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. 1/4 teaspoon ginger, 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves.

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er brewery in Tarrenz, Austria, has seven swimming pools filled with beer. The brewery, which is housed in an ancient castle. converted the old vats in the fermentation room to pools.

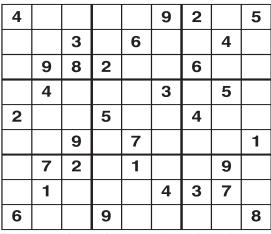
- \* A 19th-century costume designer invented the horned Viking helmet.
- \* In 1994, Chicago artist Dwight Kalb made a statue of singer Madonna from 180 pounds of ham.
- \* Chocolate milk was originally sold as medicine.

Thought for the Day: "A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers." -- Helen Keller

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

### **ACROSS**

- 1 Up to
- 4 Platter 8 Scoop holder
- 12 Olympics
- chant
- 13 Sicilian resort 14 Dryer fuzz
- 15 Sandal type
- 17 Pub potables 18 Computer
- whiz 19 Dog tags, e.g.
- 21 PC key
- 22 Excellent 26 Expire
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- 30 Med. plan option 31 Perry's cre-
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- 34 From Z
- 35 "Science Guy" Bill
- 36 Segments
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  - Secular
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  - 5 Cove
  - 6 – Cat
  - 7 Domed building in
  - Washington
  - 8 Purse fastener 29 Spelldown

- 9 Tin Man's
- need 10 SSW oppo-
- site 11 UFO crew
- 16 Stage 20 Ten, in Dijon
- 23 "- she blows!"
- 24 Skip
- 25 Spacecraft compartments
- 26 Wife of Jacob 45 Dazzle 27 Intro studio
- class
- 28 Fall into a soft 47 chair

- 32 Not out of the ordinary
- 33 Wizardry 35 San Francisco's
- Hill 36 Thing on a string
- 38 Bagel features 39 Unites
- 42 Regrettably 43 Rent 44 Grand tale
- White House 46 nickname
- Cover Baseball's Gehrig
- SPO SLUCNO **♥** DIGLE PLMI OPTGIS ♥ IPN ♥ HICN LERPI ♥ USP DUPLEG DUMTI SUPL

johnson DOUBT? ... OR DARE ©2021 King Features Syndicate. All rights reserved.

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.

## THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

### **Child Care Proposal's Hidden Consequences**

President Joe Biden wants to bring the same discerning, common-sensical governing style to American child care that has his job approval rating in the low 40s.

In other words, look out below.

The child care proposal that House Democrats have written into Biden's Build Back Better "human infrastructure" bill may be the worst feature of the nearly \$2-trillion legislation, and that's saying something. It is high-handed and prescriptive, constitutes a new front in the culture war via an expanding welfare state, will likely increase the costs for middle-class and upper-middle-class parents, and may have an unconstitutional provision to boot.

The proposal reflects the preferences of two-earner, professional couples in the Acela corridor inclined toward expensive, formal, all-day child care, and would make a large step toward enshrining them as the national norm.

There is no doubt that there is a significant demand for child care. Roughly half of married and single moms with children under 5 work full-time, and about 40% of working moms pay for child care. But it's a mistake to believe that all parents want to be in the work force, with their kids in standardized child care programs.

According to a 2019 Gallup poll, 50% of mothers of children under age 18 would prefer to stay at home taking care of family over having a job. A survey from the populist think tank American Compass found that 53% of married mothers prefer the model of one parent working and one parent staying at home in families with children under age 5.

Those parents who have to work or choose to work use all sorts of child care options, from relatives to smaller home-based day cares, to non-profit or for-profit day care centers.

There is a pronounced class divide here. As Patrick Brown of the Ethics and Public Policy Center points out, white children of parents who don't have a college degree spend most of their hours per week with their parents; only 30% of children with college-educated parents do the same.

What the Democratic proposal would do is put an enormous thumb on the scale toward for-profit centers. It would pour hundreds of billions of dollars, not into supporting the varying choices of parents, but into pushing the current archipelago of diverse options into a onesize-fits-all system defined by the government.

The proposal would boost the pay of child care workers significantly, seeking to make it equivalent to elementary school teachers, and add new regulations best sustained by for-profit centers. It would thus bring the progressive model of constricted supply leading to increased cost that characterizes the housing, education and health care sectors to

The left-wing policy analyst Matt Bruenig caused a stir when he warned of spiraling costs from higher pay and new regulations. He noted that the proposal's subsidies to families are phased-in based on income. This means that, depending on the proposal's final design, unsubsidized families could be exposed to increased costs without getting additional government help. He cited the hypothetical of a dual-earning family that feels the squeeze of increased costs, so one spouse quits to lessen the household's income and qualify for subsidies.

"Normally people who quit jobs to take care of their kids do so in order to save the money they'd have to spend on child care," he wrote. "Under this plan, they have to quit their job in order to afford

On top of this, the House proposal prohibits government funds to upgrade child care facilities from being spent on facilities "used primarily for sectarian instruction or religious worship." This is a clear shot across the bow of church-based child care, one unlikely to pass muster with the Supreme Court.

Biden's presidency so far has been a long exercise in ideologically driven governance removed from reality. The child care proposal

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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by Donna Erickson

### Discover a Surprise Inside Spaghetti Squash

When you look over the colorful choices of squash in various goofy shapes and sizes at your market this week, tell your kids to snoop carefully to find an extra-fun variety you may have forgotten about or never tried spaghetti squash!

The oblong, light-yellow squash, which is approximately 8-10 inches in length, is packed with healthy nutrients, is low in calories, high in fiber and, best of all, has a super kid appeal because there's a surprise inside.

To the delight of your entire family, you'll discover that once baked, the flesh of the squash comes out in long strands that look like noodles. Its buttery, mild and slightly sweet flavor is ideally suited to be topped with tomato sauce and grated Parmesan mimicking a bowl of traditional spaghetti.

On another occasion, serve it as a tasty side dish tossed with pesto, a garlic-flavored herb butter or mixed vegetables and feta cheese. And when you prepare a roast, set the sliced meat and juices over the "noodles" for a robust weekend meal.

Here are four easy steps for preparing spaghetti squash, with a few tips tossed in to make easier work when handling it.

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Wash the outside of a 2 1/2 to 3 pound spaghetti

**VETERANS** 

Veterans Village: David

because the lot behind the

coffee shop was completely full,

with the older veterans relegat-

ed to the sidewalk. Sarge and

David, the homeless veteran

ers to carefully wedge three,

not two this time, but three ti-

lot. Inches mattered.

building contractor, were waving

hands and instructing the truck-

ny-home wheel frames onto the

coming Veterans Village was a

but with plenty of trees still left,

it was tucked into some acre-

age right at the edge of town.

The first tiny home was to be

delivered in three days, hauled

over and hooked up to the un-

derground electric. Town officials

and inspectors were sure to be

hovering.

thing of beauty. Partially cleared

The land itself for the

I had to park on the street

POST

Steps Up

by Freddy Groves

wise. (Like most varieties of winter squash, it can be difficult to cut through the hard shell. I pierce the squash in several places with the tip of a knife and put it in the microwave for 2-3 minutes or more depending on its size to soften it a bit. Let it rest for a few minutes and slice in half with a sharp knife.)

squash and pat dry. Cut in half length-

2. Scoop out the seeds. A melon baller and small ice-cream scoop are easyto-handle kitchen tools for school-age kids to use if they are assisting you with this step.



Spaghetti squash served in its own gourd

- 3. Place the squash halves cut side down on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray or lined with parchment paper. Bake for an hour or until easily pierced with a fork. Cool for 15 minutes.
- 4. Scoop out insides with a fork to remove the noodle-like strands. Place in a serving bowl or on a small platter. Top with preferred toppings or combine with butter, seasonings or cooked vegetables. Serves 3-4.

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shop for now, if that was all right with Sarge. "Stay as long as you like,"

Sarge had said.

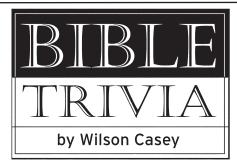
Sarge was actually glad to have him there. David had been a good influence on the dorm crew, especially the young veteran who still didn't have a job. He had gone on a number of interviews, none of them successful. The problem, as David discovered late one night in the dorm, was that the veteran couldn't read. He would stare at magazines and turn pages, but couldn't tell you what the words were. Say one thing to him, however, and he would remember it forever.

Hearing that, Sarge stepped into the coffee shop, shut the door and called his granddaughter. "Baby girl, this is Granddad," he said. "You ever teach anybody to read?"

David, responsible for Veterans Village, had opted not to grab one of the first tiny homes as his own. Instead, he'd stay in the attic dorm above the coffee

Which was why David hired him to work on the tiny homes as a yard helper. "I can rattle off a list of 20 things for him to do during the day, and they'll all be done perfectly," David told Sarge. "Darn shame he can't read. He could go far."

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- 1. Who wrote in Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"? *Matthew, Peter, Paul, Jude*
- 2. From Psalms 107:1 and 118:1, why should we give thanks to the Lord, because He is ...? Evermore, Good, Watching, Hopeful
- 3. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times, at eight? *Genesis*, *Nehemiah*, *Psalms*, *Isaiah*
- 4. In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? *Adulterers*, *Sun worshipers*, *Renegades*, *Unthankful people*
- 5. In Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant
- 6. Who were commanded in 1 Chronicles 16:4 to thank God? *Levites, Ammonites, Benjaminites, Danites*

ANSWERS: 1) Paul; 2) Good; 3) Psalms; 4) Unthankful people; 5) At your own will; 6) Levites

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by Healthy Exchanges

## Thanksgiving Pumpkin Torte

You take care of the rest of the meal, and I'll take care of dessert. Now if we could just find someone to take care of the dishes, we'd have something else to be thankful for!

- 18 (2½-inch) graham cracker squares
- 1 (15-ounce) can solid packed pumpkin
- (4-serving) package sugarfree instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 3/4 cup water
  - 1 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 2 tablespoons chopped pecans
- 1. Evenly arrange 9 graham crackers in a 9-by-9-inch cake pan. In a large bowl, combine pumpkin, dry pudding mix, dry milk powder, pumpkin pie spice and water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in 1/4 cup whipped topping. Spread half of pumpkin mixture evenly over graham crackers.
- 2. Top with remaining 9 graham crackers. Spread remaining pumpkin mixture over top. Evenly spread remaining 3/4 cup whipped topping over pumpkin mixture. Sprinkle pecans evenly over top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Serves 8.
- Each serving equals: 115 calories, 3g fat, 3g protein, 19g carb., 225mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Fat.
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps





"This is a delightful cooking wine, ... I drink it

Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennesse NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case Number <u>P-48-21</u>

In the matter of the Estate of <u>LUCILLE WRIGHT</u>

Notice is hereby given that on the  $10^{TH}$  DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021, Letters of ADMINISTRATION in respect to the Estate of LUCILLE WRIGHT who died on the  $23^{rd}$  DAY OF JULY 2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

- (1)
  (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
  - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

LINDA ROSS EXECUTRIX

ANGELA R. ANDERSON Clerk and Master

TONYA SHANNON Deputy Clerk Chancery Court NOTICE TO Case Number
Morgan County CREDITORS P-51-21
Wartburg, Tennessee

In the matter of the Estate of MARY R WALKER

Notice is hereby given that on the  $9^{TH}$  DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021, Letters of ADMINISTRATION in respect to the Estate of MARY R WALKER who died on the  $4^{TH}$  DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

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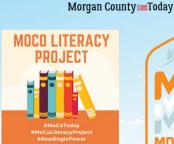




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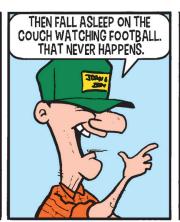


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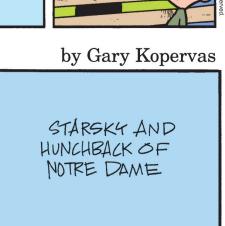
LETY JUMP IN THE GRAN TORING AND GET DOWN TO

THE DIGCO! IF WE HUPRY WE COULD BREAK UP THE BIG DRUG DEAL ...



## by Dave T. Phipps







\* On Dec. 2, 1777, Philadelphia housewife and nurse Lydia Darragh single-handedly saves the lives of Gen. George Washington and his Continental Army when she overhears the British planning a surprise attack. The British were stunned to find the army waiting for them the next day.

\* On Dec. 5, 1872, a British brig spots the Mary Celeste, an American vessel, sailing erratically near the Azores Islands with not a soul onboard. The last entry in the captain's log was dated 11 days earlier.

\* On Dec. 4, 1945, the U.S. Senate approves full U.S. participation in the United Nations. A resolution designed to force the president to get congressional consent before approving U.S. troops for any U.N. peacekeeping forces was defeated.

\* On Nov. 30, 1954, the first modern instance of a meteorite striking a human being occurs in Alabama when an 8.5-pound meteorite crashes through the roof of a house and strikes a woman. She was not permanently injured.

\* On Dec. 3, 1984, an explosion at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, leads to the worst industrial accident in history. At least 2,000 people died and another 200,000 were injured when toxic gas enveloped the city. Plant workers had failed to act when gauges showed a dangerous build-up of pressure in the tanks.

\* On Dec. 1, 1990, over 130 feet below the English Channel, workers drill an opening through a wall of rock, connecting the two ends of an underwater tunnel linking Great Britain with the European mainland. The completed "Chunnel" rail shuttle through the tunnel runs 31 miles and takes 20 minutes.

\* On Nov. 29, 2011, Conrad Murray, the doctor convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the 2009 death of singer Michael Jackson, is sentenced to four years in prison. The pop star died after suffering cardiac arrest while under the influence of propofol.

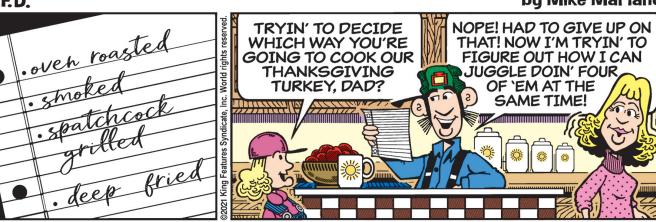
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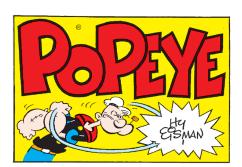
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by Jeff Pickering



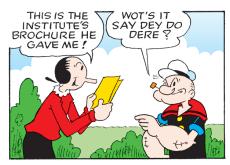


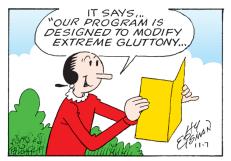




















## **Historically Speaking** An Oak Ridge Treasure: Part 2 – the **UT Arboretum**

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

As the COVID 19 pandemic continues to reduce its impact and almost all Oak Ridge Museums are open, visitors are coming our way in increasing numbers. In recent weeks, I have provided tours for tourist buses, family groups, travel writers, and individuals.

One tour was for the niece of Major General Nichols, who particularly wanted to see where Colonel Nichols lived while in Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project as he managed the entire project except for Los

Alamos from right here in Oak Ridge. Another was the founder and director of the Japan Institute of Los Alamos who was connected to me by Clifton Truman Daniel, the grandson of President Truman.

And the most recent person for whom I was asked to provide a tour was a storyteller who is doing research for a tremendously important story. She is developing the story of the Oak Ridge 85 for the upcoming Flatwater Tales in Oak Ridge's Historic Grove Theater this coming June 3 and 4, 2022.

Before telling you about the tour, let me have you read about the event where she will be featured. You don't want to miss this opportunity!

Emily Jernigan and the Flatwater Tales executive committee provided the following:

Nationally acclaimed storyteller Shelia Arnold will headline Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival Friday night, June 3, 2022, when the Festival returns to the live stage at the Historic Grove Theater in Oak Ridge, TN. Ms. Arnold will tell the story of the Oak Ridge 85, those brave youngsters who were the first to desegregate a school district in the Southeast, a milestone event in 1955 that few people even knew about until just recently. Storytellers Bil Lepp and Kim Weitkamp will reintroduce themselves to the Tales audience that evening, and all three tellers will perform on Saturday.

On Saturday, June 4, Flatwater Tales will present three shows: 10 a.m. to noon (family show), 2 to 5 p.m., and 7 to 10 p.m. Sheila, Bil and Kim will tell different stories at each show.

Our three tellers appear nationwide at storytelling festivals, including the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN. Their art brings people together as they share the magic of storytelling.

Sheila Arnold began performing stories when she was eight years old and has been a full-time professional storyteller since 2003. She travels around the country to present her stories and songs at festivals, churches, and for educators' professional development. Sheila manages and contracts new business for History's Alive!, which mentors and provides opportunities and guidance to performers. She was selected as a 2019-2020 Mt. Vernon Research Fellow (VA).

Sheila has spent two days in Oak Ridge as part of her research for her historical presentation incorporating the stories of and about the Oak Ridge 85 at Flatwater Tales. In 1955 these 85 teens were the first African Americans to desegregate public schools in

the Southeast as they entered Robertsville Junior High and Oak Ridge High School. Charles Crowe, a member of the Tales executive committee, conceived the program for the Oak Ridge 85 and has developed it with Sheila. He served as her host while she was in Oak Ridge.

Sheila talked with Larry (LC) Gipson, a member of the Oak Ridge 85, John Spratling and Rose Weaver of the 65th Anniversary Celebration Committee, and Pat Postma, whose father was the principal of Oak Ridge High School when the desegregation occurred. She is contacting others, including more of the families and members of the 85, to help augment her understanding of this important story. Her recorded performance will



Kim Weitkamp will tell stories on Saturday, June 4, 2022 (Photo Submitted)

Bil Lepp will tell stories on Saturday, June 4,

2022 (Photo Submitted)

water Tales Storytelling Festival on Friday evening, June 3, 2022, as well as other stories on Saturday (Photo Submitted)

be archived as part of Oak Ridge's history. From these interviews and her visit to Oak Ridge where Oak Ridge Historian, Ray Smith provided a history tour of Oak Ridge including the Oak Ridge History Museum and the Scarboro Community Center, she will draw out details to include in her featured storytelling event on Friday, June 3, 2022. Additionally, Oak Ridge Reference Librarian Mike Stallo gave her additional background information. Both Ray and Mike will continue to support her efforts as needed to help her get as much detail as possible.

Sheila had lunch with Tales Executive Committee members Emily Jernigan, Martha and David Hobson, Lydia Birk, Pat Postma, and Charles Crowe to get acquainted and to discuss the June 3 and 4 Festival. She told the group she has been accepted at the prestigious MacDowell artist residency program in Peterborough, NH. While there, Sheila will spend six weeks working on two projects, one of which is the Oak Ridge 85 story. She will draw on her recent experiences in Oak Ridge

to help guide her. Sheila will present that story for the first time on Friday, June 3 at the Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival. Sheila has a hardy laugh, a curious mind, a generous heart, and a passion for telling stories. The Oak Ridge 85 story will be an addition to her stories of the Little Rock 17 and the former Langston High School, Johnson City's African American school that opened in 1893 and closed due to desegregation in 1965.

Bil Lepp and Kim Weitkamp will join Sheila for Flatwater Tales on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4 for a total of four shows. Tickets and other information will be coming soon at www.flatwatertales.com!

> Thanks Emily Jernigan and the Flatwater Tales Executive Committee members for helping make Historically Speaking readers aware of this amazing opportunity to experience professional storytelling and to be a part of history when Sheila Arnold, an exceptional and delightful individual, will bring to life the story of the Oak Ridge 85. You do NOT want to miss this! Mark your calendar now for June 3 and 4, 2022!

Now for the rest of the story of my tour with Sheila Arnold:

Charles Crowe contacted me and asked if I would do this special tour for him. He explained the tour was for Sheila Arnold, and she was a renowned storyteller that he had contacted to develop a story based on the 85 students who desegregated two Oak Ridge schools in 1955.

Well, that excited me even more. What a great opportunity! I am proud of what has been done in the past two years to recognize these 85 individuals. As a commissioner of the Tennessee Historical Commission, I was pleased to see us approve historical markers recognizing the 85 students.

My introduction to Sheila was most interesting. I was having breakfast in Burchfield's Restaurant with Gordon Fee and was telling him who I was touring later in the day. Unbeknownst to me, she overheard me (my voice carries well!) and told her breakfast companion, Charles Crowe, that she was Sheila Arnold will tell the story of the Oak Ridge 85 at the Flat-going to go over and introduce herself to me. Charles said, he would introduce us, but she said, "No, let me do it."

> She walked up and said, "I heard my name mentioned here and I wondered what was being said about me?" Well, that did it. We were immediately best friends. She is such an amazingly outgoing person with a glowing personality and invites you to like her and immediately be put as ease. I knew I was in for a treat touring her and showing her Oak Ridge, and I was certainly not wrong there!

> We met for lunch, along with Charles Crowe, at Dean's Restaurant in Jackson Square. The folks at Dean's know me well and always give me a special table knowing I am bringing guests for a tour of Oak Ridge. Of course, I told some Oak Ridge stories (imagine that...she is a professional storyteller and I tell stories!). We also toured the Oak Ridge History Museum and the Scarboro Community Center.

At both locations Sheila was absorbing details, taking photographs, and asking pertinent questions. She learned about Manhattan Project era segregation, to include Hal Williams skilled concrete work and Katie Strickland's innovative way to get to stay longer with her husband (her biscuit pan she used to provide biscuits for the guards, is on display at the K-25 History Center).

Sheila came to understand the importance of how the Atomic Energy Commission handled, in 1955, the implementation of Brown VS the Board of Education's decision to desegregate schools. She found the Scarboro School to be fascinating and quickly realized the significance of Arizona Officer, the principal there.

She amazed me with her observation, by looking at the famous Ed Westcott panoramic photograph of Oak Ridge from atop Pine Ridge on display at the Oak Ridge History Museum, that the hutments for the Black community, in what is now Woodland, was located away from the main white residential



Sheila Arnold, Ray Smith and Charles Crowe enjoying lunch at Dean's Restauran (Photo Submitted)

area. She also observed from the same panoramic photograph that the Gamble Valley location was located away from the main part of the city.

I made sure she understood where the Scarboro community got its name...from the Scarboro School which was moved from the original Scarboro Community to the Gamble Valley location and took the name of the

school with the move. This later led to the entire community adopting the Scarboro name.

We are now friends and I look forward to continuing contact as desired to help Sheila Arnold prepare for a special creation to memorialize the Oak Ridge 85 in the most effective method of storytelling. She is exactly the right person to do this. Way to go Charles Crowe! You have done good!!!

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

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

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



## Easy Entertainment at the Kiddie Table

We all love the Thanksgiving feast, but for the youngest among us it can

be overwhelming and also a little tedious. So to make sure everyone enjoys the celebration, let's make a special table just for the kiddies.

Here are some activities to keep small hands busy so the adults can finish last-minute preparations or just talk with family and friends in relative peace.

— Fill containers with bracelet-making supplies for junior jewelers. Have the kiddies ask everyone about their favorite colors, and then make each person a bracelet.

— Roll out a length of kraft or butcher paper on the kids' table and ask them to draw on the "tablecloth" with crayons, stickers and stamps. Cover or remove it to protect from spills. Keep it to show next year, or roll it up in a tube and send it to a family member who couldn't attend.

— Make a kiddie relish tray. Kids love to put cheese on crackers, celery and fingers. This is the one time I'd suggest a can or two of "aerosol cheese." Add other kid-friendly foods like black olives, mini carrots, ranch dressing, grapes, pretzel sticks and saltine crackers. Don't put out so much food that they have no appetite for dinner.

Now, a trifecta of edible treats.

### SUGAR CONE-U-COPIAS

Sugar cones Hot water Wooden spoon or pencil Candy for filling

1. Take sugar cones, one at a time, and dip the pointy end in hot water for about 20 seconds. Then, place the soaked cone into the microwave for 20 seconds, making the end soft and pliable.

2. Roll the soft end around a wooden spoon handle and hold until set in a curve. Fill with candy (or nuts and dried fruit for a healthier twist) to make a "cone-u-copia."



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Sugary pumpkins and candy acorns make for kid-friendly holiday table.

### EDIBLE PLAY DOUGH

The consistency of this play dough is soft, smooth and moldable. While safe to eat, remember ... it's pure sugar and ridiculously sweet, so limit the amount eaten by kiddies to prevent bouncing off the walls or upset tummies.

- (16 ounce) container of premade frosting (white or vanilla)
- 23/4 cups of powdered sugar Food coloring

Optional: Orange coloring and green candy for the stem if shaping into *pumpkins* (pictured)

1. Using the paddle attachment on your mixer (or a wooden spoon and brute strength), add 2 cups powdered sugar to the frosting in increments, frequently scraping the sides of the bowl.

2. Before adding the remaining sugar, touch the play dough, and if it feels sticky, gradually add more powdered sugar. Mix food coloring to reach your desired color(s). Divide as you wish and roll into balls.

Alternatively, shape into pumpkins and add stems. Keep covered and refrigerated to prevent drying out.

If, by chance, you added a little too much powdered sugar, just knead a little olive oil into the dough.

### **CANDY ACORNS**

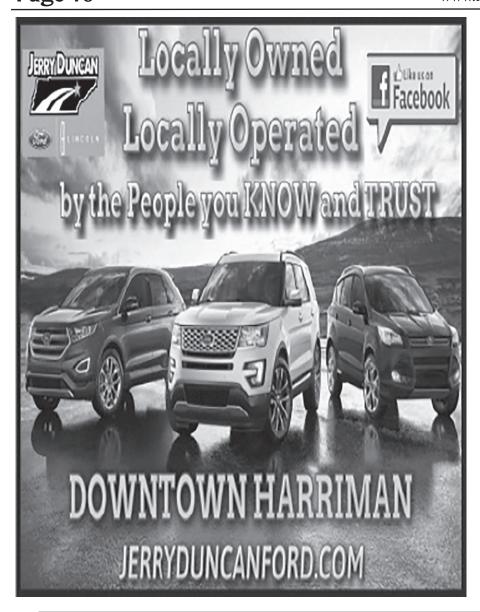
Mini round cookies, like Nilla Wafers, Golden Oreos or Nutter Butters Chocolate kisses Mini chocolate or peanut butter chips

- 1. If your cookies are sandwiched, separate the halves. Melt some of the chocolate chips in the microwave.
- 2. Unwrap your chocolate kisses. For each candy, put a little dot of melted chocolate on a cookie, and press together with a kiss, let set. Put a dot of melted chocolate on the flat side of a mini chocolate chip and press it on the top of the acorn to make the "stem."

Making Thanksgiving memorable for the children is important, and we're going to make a table so fun, the adults will be jealous. Which reminds me, these ideas work for the grown-up table, too. Happy Thanksgiving!

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## American Legion Post 149 November Events

November 18, 2021, is our monthly meeting and our holiday dinner for our members and their families. We will begin at 7:00 pm.

### Saturday, December 4

Together Morgan County will host a Christmas Drive Thru at Frozen Head State Park Saturday, December 4 from 10:00 - 1:00. Scenes from classic Christmas stories will be featured. Gus the Bus will be there with holiday snacks and there will be other give aways.

Need part time workers for garbage pickup services for the City of Sunbright. Apply at 120 Melton Drive, Sunbright TN

Deer Lodge Community Annual Thanksgiving Dinner -Saturday Nov 20th

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Memorial Center will be having its Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, Nov 20th from 11AM until all the food is served. Meals will be dine-in, carry-out, or delivery within a 5 mile radius of the Center. Call 423-965-5000 by 11AM for delivery. The cost of a meal will be \$6.00 to cover the Center's cost. The meal will consist of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, sweet potato fluff, gravy, roll, drink, and pumpkin pie. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship with friends and family.

### City of Sunbright -- Now Hiring

Need some extra cash or just looking to work a few hours a week? the city of Sunbright is taking applications for Sanitation Truck driver, CDL's not required, must have a valid Tn. drivers license. Some experience driving a small commercial trucks. Applications can be picked up at Sunbright City Hall between the hours (9:00am-2:00pm) Monday-Thursday. For more information call 423-539-5828.

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— Oprah Winfrey

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John Burns

## **Leviticus 25:10**

When I am confronted by Americans who always ask about my service in the Rangers while deployed to Somalia, I always tell them the reason I served, not how a firefight went. Those moments are reserved for time spent alone with the people I shared the experience with.

Proclaim liberty throughout the land! How **Opinion Columnist** many Americans really understand what was being proclaimed and written on the Liberty

Bell in Philadelphia in 1751?

William Penn had chartered the first Pennsylvania constitution in 1701. This was a Jubilee year according to the Bible and how God keeps time.

Penn was a forward-thinking Quaker. Persecution from within the Church had led Puritans to board the Mayflower with Jews by their side and sailed across the Atlantic. The Mayflower compact was the first document written and signed by people who would one day call themselves Americans.

In that compact, the Pilgrims and Jews agreed that the Bible would be the book that decided how they interacted with each other and any indigenous peoples they were to encounter. This is the true foundational statement that would guide Penn in chartering Pennsylvania's first constitution known as the charter of privileges. In this document we discover that religious liberty was going to be assured for every citizen. Liberal relations would be had with Native Americans. Every citizen would have a say in drafting our laws. This is true Liberalism that Washington, Jefferson, and Adams all believed in.

The Liberty Bell was ordered by the Pennsylvania delegates and delivered in 1751 and housed at the forgery of Pass and Stow. It was the year of the Shemitah. The 7-year agricultural year cycle found in Leviticus 25 was established in our land in the city of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania. America was now following an ancient rule established by God while Israel wandered in the desert.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is where we travel next. It is the sight where George Washington prayed after delivering our country's first inaugural address. It is where Washington attended church while our nation's first capital was New York City. He took the oath of office with his hand on the Bible!

This chapel would prove to endure even the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001. It was Elul 23 on the Hebrew calendar and it was a Shemitah year.

Outside the tabernacle on the world trade center site stood the sycamore tree planted by George Washington as a symbol of our nation's devotion to the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. It was damaged in the attacks and was replaced under the administration of Barack Obama with an Erez tree. A white spruce. Is this coincidence?

On Tuesday, September 12, 2001, the leader of the Democratic party and majority leader in the United States Senate issued a rebuke to the terrorists who had attacked us. Within his remarks he quoted Isaiah 9 Vs. 10 and 11. It reads the bricks have fallen but we shall rebuild with hewn stone. The sycamore has been felled but we shall plant an Erez tree. This statement in Isaiah God viewed as a statement of pride, for Israel did not recognize that God had allowed the Assyrian terrorists to destroy the Northern kingdom in Israel as a warning to his covenant people.

Was God warning America when he allowed the same terrorists speaking the language of ancient Assyria to attack his covenant people in America? On Elul 29, the closing of the Shemitah year in 2001, the stock market lost 3.37% of it's value. God was sending a

Has the Shemitah manifest since in America? Have the ancient harbingers of judgement manifest in America? 2008 saw the Shemitah manifest under George Bush the economy of the world lost 2 trillion dollars in liquid capital. Lehman brothers, our nation's 5th largest bank collapsed while our leaders answer was to double down,

message to those he loves! It was 9-18-2001 on our western calendar.

print more money, pick which institutions would fail and the pattern of Judgement continued still with no repentance by Americans in Churches and synagogues. It all occurred in the year and final week of the Shemitah year. By the time the fall was over, the market had

lost 777 points. Coincidence?

Enter 2015 and the Presidency of Barack Obama. He is a friend to all things Muslim and all things dealing with the worship of Nebo and the Moon God. The house of the moon God worship began in Jericho, and now we are emigrating moon worshippers here in large numbers. Does the Bible support this in a nation dedicated to the God of the Bible?

On August 18, 2015 which was the beginning of the last month of the Shemitah year. It was the third of Elul. By the 29th of Elul that year the stock market had gone on it's wildest ride in history but not the crash we would expect the paradigm to follow. Why? This Shemitah year of 2015 was the 49th year of the pattern of 7 times 7 years established as the year before the jubilee was proclaimed. 2016 was the jubilee year. The 29th of Elul which closes out the Sabbath of years was October 2. Pride had filled America and the memory of the 9/11 warnings were fading fast. God sent America a judge in the form of Donald Trump.

This too follows the pattern of King Jehu dealing the death blow to the house of Ahab and Jezebel. Trump would win the election. The party in power went about destroying his presidency but not for the reasons the news reported. The Russian hoax was launched by those trying to stop God's plan for America and the world.

Trump did something no president before had the courage to do: He named Jerusalem the eternal capital of Israel. He began to negotiate with the Sunni Muslim countries Daniel identifies as the ten toes of Nebuchadnezzars statue. Three signed on to legitimize relations with Israel. Now they had to stop him for he was doing the bidding of God and the Bible alone identifies Trump as a modern manifestation of King Jehu. He will be back and the Bible says so! Continued next week. He was crucified upon a cross of wood yet he created the hill upon which it stood.

Even so come Lord Jesus Christ. We are currently in the Shemitah year of 2022. What will September reveal in God's plan? John Burns – RLTW – 08 November 2021

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

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

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## King Crossword **Answers**

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## 1 Corinthians: Chapter 9:24-10:22

(1 Cor. 10:23-33) Regulating brotherly conduct: Again (6:12) the apostle states that "all things are lawful," under his decision-making control; yet for expediency sake, some things must be avoided. "Liberty" is not a license to run over others and damage their hope of eternal life. One's free will must, to some extent, be limited by what edifies others. The Christian has responsibilities to his fellows. Verse twenty-four is elliptical: "Let no man seek his own good (exclusively), but the good of his neighbor (as well)."

A controversial circumstance now is raised. The "shambles" was a meat market near the Corinthian forum (the ruins of which have been partially excavated). Some of the meat sold there had been sacrificed by pagan priests on their temple altars. If a Christian went to the market for meat, must he investigate which meat had been involved in heathen ceremonialism and which had not? Paul says, "No." The consumer is not obligated to pursue the matter, because meat is meat; it has not been contaminated by where it has been. The conscience need not be bothered. The earth and everything in it is God's; the nature of the meat has not been altered by a pagan ceremony (v. 25-26).

Here is a hypothetical case. Suppose a Christian is invited into the home of an unbeliever and meat is served. Must he do a backgrounds check as to the history of the meat? Not at all. If he understands the previously advanced principle, he may eat with a clear conscience (v. 7). On the other hand, if another person says, "Do not eat this meat; it was sacrificed to an idol," one must conclude that his knowledge is deficient and his conscience would be wounded if the meat was consumed in his presence. The Christian should refrain from eating for the weak person's sake, not his own. The apostle confesses that his liberty must yield to the conscience of the weaker brother (v. 29). Why? (a) Because I do not want my brother to violate his conscience and sin. (b) Because I love him. It would be difficult for a spiritual person to offer thanks for food that he knew was about to seriously offend another and thus bring the reproach of "evil" upon himself.

This general proposition must ever be kept in mind: whatever one does, whether it is eating or drinking or anything else, it must be done for God's glory. Such should be the paramount gold of every human action. The Christian must strive not to be offensive to anyone---regardless of nationality, religious persuasion, or the lack thereof. Whenever possible, God's people should try to be pleasant to all, never compromising, but providing an exemplary atmosphere in which the gospel might take root and flourish. The selfless spirit would help in facilitating that environment. Paul's example created that atmosphere because he was following the example of Jesus (11:1). The Corinthians must imitate him. No arrogance here, just fact---recorded by inspiration.

1 Cor. 11:1) Christ's worthy example: Paul encourages the Corinthian saints to be "imitators" of him, but only to the extent that he himself was imitating Christ. No person is worthy of being an absolute pattern unless he has followed the perfect example of Jesus (1 Pet. 2:21).

(1 Cor. 11:2-3) The headship scale: This segment of Paul's letter is subject to much debate. (a) Is it designed to regulate public worship or not-church, societal conduct? (b) Is it grounded in culture or in historical principle? (c) Were the obligations temporal or permanent?

In brief response: (a) Scholars are nearly unanimous that church worship is under consideration. (b) Most assume the apostle sought to regulate a cultural situation. If so, why is

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a worship environment emphasized? (c) The prevailing view is that the principle endures but the practice is obsolete. Some respectable scholars question how this could be, just as it is questionable how one might hold to the mood of the communion supper without retaining the memorial feast itself.

Paul admonishes the Corinthians to hold fast to the divine "traditions" (2 Thes. 3:6) delivered to them. The sacredly designed order of headship is: God, Christ, man, woman.

(1 Cor. 11:4-6) The application of the principle: "Praying" and "prophesying" are two elements of worship which summarize the full complement of constituents (communication from God and to God). The man who worships with his physical head covered dishonors his spiritual head. The situation for the woman is just the reverse; moreover, her action would be the equivalent of a woman shorn or shaven. Consistency would demand that if the woman does the former, she might as well do the latter.

(1 Cor. 11:7-12) Historical foundation; Mutual dependence: The basis for the instruction is grounded in creation history. (a) Man was created first, in the direct image of God. Woman came from man and is man's glory. (b) Woman was "out of" man and created "for" man, not the reverse. This is not meant to demean woman, but does reflect a divine order. (c) "For this cause" the woman should wear a token of her respect for man's authority on her head when worshipping in the assembly. The expression "because of angels" (v. 10) is ambiguous; it is sufficient to say that it relates to some spiritual matter, not to a local custom.

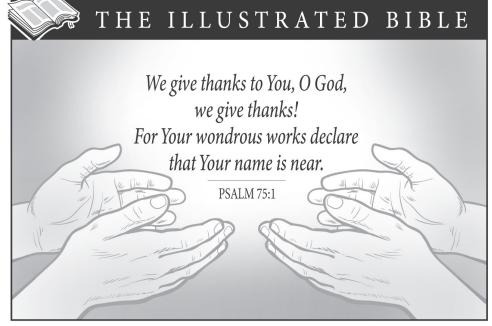
The two genders were designed to complement one another in their Christian roles. Woman initially came out of the man; subsequently, all men come by women.

(1 Cor. 11:13-16) Corroborating argument: Paul urges these Christians to think seriously about the matter. It is proper for a woman to worship without the covering as her "sign of authority"? Even "nature," natural practice throughout the history of humanity, provides a supportive argument. If a woman lets her hair grow long, it is a glory to her, for such was given to her by God as a natural adornment. On the other hand, if a man grows his hair long, it is degrading to him. Should a critic argue against this apostolic case, he should recognize that he also stands in opposition the churches of God generally. It was not a mere local problem or requirement.

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## Strategies to reduce IRS tax debt

If you are struggling to pay your federal tax debt, you may benefit from an IRS offer in compromise (OIC).

The program enables some of the most financially distressed taxpayers to clear up their tax problems for less than the full amount owed.

Fortunately, there are many strategies that can save thousands of dollars when filing for an OIC. However, it's important to take action as early as possible to avoid losing valuable strategy

The OIC calculation is based on two components which are the equity and income components. Too much equity or too much income after paying your living expenses can prevent you from saving as much money as possible. By using strategies to reduce your equity or income, you may be able to save a substantial amount of money.

The OIC rules allow you to have a car payment. Many of my clients are shocked when I tell them the IRS will allow them to buy a car rather than give the money to the IRS. Additionally, buying an older model car or one with higher mileage enables you to deduct a larger amount for vehicle operating costs. However, there are limits to the amount of car payment the IRS will allow, and the amount increases periodically.

The IRS allows you to deduct your health insurance as a living expense. Getting a more expensive health insurance plan (that provides lower deductibles and better benefits) can provide you with much better insurance while also reducing the amount of your OIC.

If you own a business and have equity, you can use the money from your equity to purchase business assets rather than give the money to the IRS. This will reduce your equity which will reduce the amount of the OIC while enabling you to buy assets for the business.

If your income is too high, you should consider buying assets by getting a loan. The loan payment will decrease the amount of money you have available at the end of the month to pay the IRS, which reduces your OIC. Leasing assets will also reduce your offer amount since the expense will reduce your profit.

The strategies aren't required to be permanent. After the offer is accepted, you can go back to your original health insurance, sell your vehicle, and buy a less expensive one, sell your business assets, or end your asset lease.

These are just a few of the many strategies which can be used to reduce the amount of an offer in compromise. However, learning how to correctly complete a successful offer in compromise and taking advantage of all the strategy options to reduce an offer as much as possible can be very challenging to do yourself.

If you aren't able to reduce the amount of your offer to a minimal amount, you may want to consider hiring a professional. They may be able to reduce your offer substantially, and the amount that you pay your professional can be used to reduce the amount of your offer in compromise.

Unfortunately, there are tax resolution companies that use unethical practices, and many have been shut down by the IRS. It's important to hire a trusted and qualified tax professional. To further help the readers of my column, I am offering a free copy of my book Fight the IRS and Win, Secrets of an Enrolled Agent to anyone who contacts me.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Foreign Radio Stations and Language Lessons

Here we are, still stuck mostly at home for another winter. Looking for ways to get out, even if it's only mentally, I've discovered internet radio.

It's easy to get started. I went to Radio.net (with 33,000 stations around the world) and on a whim I typed in Ireland for a search function. That got me 15 stations in Ireland. I tried Canada, and that netted me 44 stations. Searching for France, I found 798 stations. I went with a French talk show aimed at seniors and have been able to test the free French lessons I've been taking online with Duolingo.

If you get hooked on listening to the radio on your computer, you might consider investing in a good pair of speakers. I prefer the wired speakers, as opposed to struggling with Bluetooth connec-

tions, and a decent set can be had for less than \$25. I'm still using a pair of 3-inch cube speakers with a very handy volume button that I purchased seven years ago.

As for the free French lessons on Duolingo (duolingo.com), I've decided to start again at the beginning. There are four goal levels: casual, regular, serious and intense, meaning 5, 10, 15 or 20 minutes per day of instruction. Now that I've found that French talk show, not to mention all the other 797 French stations, I'm going to get more serious about learning French.

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On Radio.net there was an offer to get a free phone app at the App store or on Google Play, but you can just click the green arrow for connection. One thing to keep in mind about radio apps for phones or tablets -- they do use data. If you're on a cellphone plan, make sure you are using Wi-Fi, or be aware of how much data you are using. You can always listen on the computer.

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## FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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- 1. Name the group that released "We Want the Airwayes."
- 2. Which group released "Cold as Ice?"
- 3. Who was slated to record "My Girl" before it was given to the Temptations?
- 4. Which Gibb brother added "I Just Want to Be Your Everything" to his debut album?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "And so you see I have come to doubt all that I once held as true, I stand alone without beliefs, The only truth I know is you."

### Answers

- 1. The Ramones, in 1981 on their "Pleasant Dreams" album.
- 2. Foreigner, in 1977. The song was used as a soundtrack in a 1978 "Saturday Night Live" skit. It charted around the world, but never quite reached the top.
- 3. The Miracles. But songwriter Smokey Robinson recruited David Ruffin, put him in front of the Temptations, and the rest is history.
- 4. Andy Gibb, in 1977. It was written by his brother Barry, who penned the chart topper in 20 minutes. 5. "Kathy's Song," by Simon and Garfunkel. Paul Simon wrote the song to a girl he met in 1963 in
- Simon wrote the song to a girl he met in 1963 in England, but Kathy couldn't handle the stardom and ended the relationship. She lives in Wales now and is in her 70s.

## Coal Dust: The Hill - A Coalfield Boy's Mount Everest



**Author** 

Life is either a great adventure or nothing. Helen Keller

Loud claps of thunder rang out as we left the last stop on my friend Ronnie Beck's paper route. I did not have a bicycle at Terry Futrell the time, so Ronnie was doubling me on his bike. I was perched on the saddle bar between Ronnie and the handle bars.

With every clap of thunder, we rode even faster out the gravel roadway that ran along the top of "The Hill". As we reached the main road, we had only to travel several

hundred feet down the Hill and a few hundred yards more to reach the safety of my parents' house in Coalfield.

Looking at the Hill today from the perspective of driving an automobile, it doesn't seem like such a big deal – it only rises about 100 feet and is about 600 feet long. But to the kids in our neighborhood in the 1950s, it was like our own Mount Everest, always shouting out its challenge, yet being virtually impossible to climb on our gearless bicycles.

The Hill is one of the most prominent geographic features in the main part of Coalfield, and in terms of steepness, it is definitely the most challenging. The Hill is really a narrow ridge that runs north and south from near the old Coalfield mining camp to just behind the Sev-

enth Day Adventist Church. At its highest point, it is crossed by Lower Jackson Road, with the former Welch Jackson house at the bottom on the eastern side and Coalfield Camp Road at the bottom on the western side. Because of its steepness and its location close to our homes, the Hill was often the focal point of our misadventures.

So it was on that hot, stormy summer afternoon in 1958 as Ronnie and I hurried to get home before the storm arrived. We had just started down the eastern slope of the Hill when the chain came off the sprockets on Ronnie's bicycle. For modern bikes with handbrakes, that wouldn't be such a problem, but bicycles in the 1950s generally had coaster brakes that engaged when you tried to pedal backwards. But, no chain, no brakes!

Here we were, beginning our descent down the steep, 200-yard hill on a gravel road with no brakes! Needless to say, that was the scariest bicycle ride I have ever taken. There must have been a guardian angel looking over us, for we made it safely down the Hill and home just as the storm arrived.

Many of our experiences on the Hill turned out to be quite dangerous, at least for me. This was largely due to Ronnie's mechanical aptitude and role as a tinkerer, coupled with my role as test pilot, guinea pig, or just plain idiot – take your choice!

Some of our greatest misadventures involved snow. I recall the time that Ronnie made snow skis out of plywood and tin cans. We proceeded about 200 feet up the Hill past Welch Jackson's house, at which point the daring test pilot strapped on the skis. That was not a pleasant experience! I won't say that my body did a 360-degree turn independently of my legs, but it sure seemed like it. Again, that guardian angel must have been present, for I escaped serious injury.

It was a couple of days after another deep snowfall that I came closest to serious injury, or perhaps even death on the Hill. I should point out that the western slope of the Hill was the steepest, and the upper half was shaded and never in direct sunlight. Folks who lived on top of the Hill had traveled down it in their cars, and the packed snow had turned into a very slick layer of ice.

Ronnie made a sled out of plywood with some

hardwood runners that he had scrounged from a packing crate. Having watched a few too many episodes of Flash Gordon on television, we proceeded to the very top of the Hill with our supersonic rocket sled in hand. Our target was the gravel road down the western slope.

At the top of the Hill, the test pilot, namely me, climbed on board the sled lying on my stomach with my head pointed to the front of the sled. Today, we worry about our kids wearing protective helmets and such, but those probably didn't exist in the 1950s, and we couldn't have afforded them anyway. So, it was just me and the

As Ronnie released the sled,

it took off down the Hill like a rocket on the ice-covered roadway. What we didn't realize was that the Elmer Smith family that lived half-way down the Hill had been throwing the ashes from their coal stove out into the roadway. Not good! As the sled reached the ashes, it stopped dead in the roadway. However, I kept going down the Hill at the same high rate of speed, headfirst, sliding on my stomach. Fortunately, the trip lasted only seconds and I didn't have time to be scared. We were impressed with the performance of the sled but decided not to try it on the Hill again. Did we learn a lesson from the experience? Absolutely not!

We immediately moved our test track to a trail that we had carved out in the woods on the Horace Justice property. Again, the test pilot climbed on board. The sled went just as fast on the unpacked snow – so fast that it jumped an earthen mound at the bottom and went into the woods with me on board. I crashed head first into a tree and was knocked unconscious! I could have been killed, but somehow miraculously survived with no significant injury. Through this experience, I lay claim to having been the world's first crash-test dummy.

Hopefully, I learned a lot from these experiences. I definitely learned that my head is as hard as a tree, which has been affirmed many times since by those who know me. Second, I learned that God must have been preserving me for some important purpose that He had in mind, otherwise I cannot explain why I wasn't seriously injured or killed. I can only hope that through the intervening years I have made significant progress towards fulfilling that purpose.



The 600 foot long, 100 foot high hill that was covered with ice when Terry rode his rocket sled halfway down and slid on his stomach the sled with no protective gear. rest of the way. (Photo Submitted)

## MoCo Mutts Press Release

November is the month to be thankful and the dogs, cats and volunteers at MoCo Mutts are thankful for the outpouring of support we've received from the community since we opened our Sunbright facility back in February. In the last couple months, several businesses and organizations have come up with unique and much needed fund-raising efforts for our animal rescue center, some of which are highlighted below.

The Lilly Pad Hopyard Brewery has long been a supporter for animal welfare in Morgan County and in the past has hosted a Pints for Pets event which raised funds for the now defunct Morgan County Animal Shelter Group. This year, a fund raiser for MoCo Mutts was held at the brewery in September with the addition of a new feature, a special beer sold with all proceeds going to MoCo Mutts. The resulting beer, Foster Fail Ale was well-received with the name chosen from among dozens submitted by fans on Facebook and voted on at the brewery. With over \$2500 raised for the Rescue so far, the fundraiser was so successful that proprietor Del Scruggs is looking at ways to continue the fundraising effort all year, which also includes an on-site donation box that was one of the first in the county dedicated to raising money for MoCo Mutts.

The second donation box for MoCo Mutts was set up at the Warden's Table restaurant at Brushy Mountain Penitentiary and spare bills and change were accepted for the Rescue. At the recent Pistols at the Prison event, Pete Waddington commissioned a special AR-15 to be auctioned off with all proceeds going to MoCo Mutts. The auction for the rifle, with the special serial number, MOCOMUTTS001, raised over \$1600 for the rescue. There was an additional fundraiser at the event where participants could pay for the privilege of smashing an old car with a sledge hammer to raise even more money for MoCo Mutts.

Sheriff Wayne Potter has expressed his support for MoCo Mutts because the shelter accepts dogs (and cats) and help make his job easier. Whether it's strays, abandoned animals or pets stranded when their owners are involved in accidents or are arrested and detained, the Rescue steps up to house and care for animals in need. The Sheriff and his staff at the Morgan County Sheriff's Office recently won the People's Choice Award and 3rd Place in the Morgan County Squarecrow Showcase and donated their cash prizes of \$125 and \$25 directly to the rescue to help offset expenses.

The Morgan County Tourism Alliance recently hosted the 2nd Annual Squarecrow Showcase and while the showcase was designed as a fun fall-themed competition to decorate the Courthouse Square and not a fund raiser for MoCo Mutts, the Rescue has benefited over the last two years as the winners have donated most of the cash prizes to MoCo Mutts. Last year, Amy Wright-Starkey and Lisa Mongeau won both People's Choice Awards and donated their \$200 winnings to the Rescue. This year, the Rescue received

\$75 for winning 1st prize in the Judged event and received an additional \$150 from the Sheriff's Office's portion of the prizes. The Tractor Supply in Oneida recently hosted a pet event and MoCo Mutts brought several animals available for adoption. The store has also donated much-needed food and supplies to the Rescue over the last year.

Helping Paws Animal Network (HPAN) is based in Oak Ridge, but raises money to support many animal organizations in the region. MoCo Mutts has received financial support for animals in our care that require expensive medical treatments. HPAN helps pay for the Vet bills in cases where the Rescue does not have the funds available or where funds are already allocated to other expenses.

When the board of the Morgan County Animal Shelter effort voted to dissolve their organization earlier this year, they had already collected thousands of dollars towards their planned but never built shelter. The



balance of their accounts was distributed between various local animal-oriented organizations in the area. MoCo Mutts was the recipient of over \$12,000 of the accumulated funds.

MoCo Brewing Project. The MoCo Brewing Project will be hosting a Giving Tree this holiday season. Similar to Angel Trees put up by stores and other organizations to allow people to buy gifts for kids or sponsor families, the MoCo Mutts Giving Tree will contain paper ornaments listing much-needed supplies for the Rescue and allow people to select items that would like to gift to the rescue. Items such as cans of Cat and Dog Food, Litter, Bleach, Paper Towels, etc will be solicited via the ornaments and people can sign up to provide these items to help out. They will also host a MoCo Mutts donation jar.

Gather Coffee in Oneida has expressed an interest in hosting a fund raiser or creating a specialty coffee blend to raise money for MoCo Mutts, as well as hosting a donation jar. As more and more animals are being brought in from Scott County, which has no shelter of its own, this support from our neighbor to the north is much appre-

ciated.

In the next few weeks, MoCo Mutts Donation Jars will be distributed to local businesses who have already agreed to their placement. In Rugby, RM Brooks and Grey Gables will each have a donation jar. Local restaurants War Pigs and Pilot Mountain Diner will receive theirs this week. Be on the lookout for them and please toss in your spare change or bills and become part of the solution to the stray animal and overpopulation problem. If you own a business and would like a donation jar to place near your cash register, contact us at (423) 628-5060.

There are many ways for people to get involved in our efforts to save dogs and cats and we welcome all forms of assistance. Here are a few ways you can help:

- Volunteer. Tennessee is the Volunteer State and we are always in need of volunteers to perform the myriad of tasks in support of the animals. We are all volunteers at the Rescue, with the exception of one paid kennel

employee (hired because the number of volunteers was not sufficient to get everything done on a daily basis.) Donate a few hours per week and learn how rewarding it is to help animals in need.

- Donate needed supplies. Canned Dog and Cat Food (including kitten food), bleach, paper towels and pelletized bedding (which we use as litter because its cheaper). We also need kennel carriers and sheets and pillowcases.
- Shop at Amazon or Kroger and select MoCo Mutts/Senior Dog Lodge as benefactor of their AmazonSmiles or Kroger Community Reward programs. It won't cost you anything extra, but a portion or each purchase will be gifted to the Rescue.
- Cash/Checks. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of law. You can also donate money at the Morgan County Veterinary Hospital and apply it to our vet bill (MoCo Mutts or Senior Dog Lodge)
- Get your own animals spayed or neutered. Dog and Cat overpopulation will never be brought under control until responsible pet owners stop allowing their animals to breed indiscriminately.

- Do not allow your animals to roam free. Many of our requests for assistance are for injured animals that have been shot by neighbors or have been struck by vehicles while walking on roadways.

- Contact your elected officials, particularly within the county (Scott County too) and let them know you support our mission and that we need more funding from the county. Animal Control is a power delegated to the counties and they have a responsibility to help us control strays. We want Morgan County to be a tourist mecca, but when visitors come and see stray animals, or worse get bit or harassed by stray animals at our parks, it leaves a lasting unfavorable impression.
- Volunteer. Yes, we already mentioned this, but it really can't be said enough. Our volunteers are the human connection the dogs and cats need every day.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Lisa Hill or Tracy Wyant at (423) 628-5060

## **Sunbright Girls Continue to Domi**nate

Thursday November 11th

Sunbright = 35Coalfield = 9

Sunbright middle girls are now 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the district

1st Quarter= SB 13, CF 4 2nd Quarter= SB 20, CF 5 3rd Quarter= SB 29, CF 9 4th Quarter= SB 35, CF 9

Stats:

#00 Addison Coleman 4pts, 7reb, 1ast, 2stl

#5 Adeline Rogers 9pts, 10reb, 2blk

#10 Emerson Nichols 20pts, 5reb, 3stl

#11 Julianna Shelton 2pts, 1reb, 1ast

#12 Alaina Morgan 2reb, 1ast, 3stl



## We would like to introduce in hope of a new tradition this year.

As we all know, word of mouth and publicity is crucial for our local small businesses.

Every year hundreds of people locally and surrounding counties search for family festivities. One of which is our very own Christmas parade .This year we are asking our local businesses to participate in our first ever 'tinsel the town'.

This is a great free advertising opportunity to draw attention to your business as most families and holiday lovers search out Christmas light viewing during the holiday season. Lights are not a must just a added perk for viewers.

We are asking all participating businesses to be completely decorated for the night of December 4th, 2021 as we are trying to light the town in collaboration with the parade and bring a little extra holiday cheer to our cozy town. We hope to see everyones ideas merry and bright, Big or small! All rules and regulations are on the following forms. If you have any questions please contact Kara Kennedy.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Sidney A. Lamance has applied for a permit to sell beer ON premises at the location known as: Sis's Place

> 1535 Knoxville Hwy Wartburg, TN 37887

Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the Morgan County Beer Board on the 2nd day of December 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Office of the County Clerk

## マイガラ \*\*\*Tinsel the Town \*\*\*

- 1. Complete the Business Decorating Contest Registration Form. Return this form to Kara Kennedy by November 20, 2021@9am. You can do this by mail, hand deliver or email.
- 2. Creativity and collaboration are the primary contest criteria. The contest is meant to bring our community together, local business support and celebration of the holiday season .
- 3. Have your business decorated by December 3, 2021, at 9am. Contest judging will take place on December 4, 2021 between 11am and 4pm.
- 4. Contest winners will be announced on WECO and in the local newspapers. What a great way to have free advertising for your business!!!

### **Judging Criteria**

- Most Festive
- Most Creative
- A Best Theme
- Best lights
- \*\*\* please note that this is a great way to get free advertising for you business. If you can, please use lights for night time viewing big or small. All decorations will be up and viewable for the night of the annual Christmas parade!

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Bids are invited for General Contract for the work of the following project. A ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR OAKDALE SCHOOL 225 CLIFTY CREEK ROAD OAKDALE, TN 37829

Bonafide Prime Bidders obtaining Bidding Documents by paying a Plan Deposit, by certified check or cashier's check, become Bidders of Record and automatically receive subsequent addenda. Prime Bidders will also receive Bid Packs including the Bid Envelope and other forms

Prime Bidders may obtain Electronic Bid Documents from the Designer.

Johnson Architecture, Inc. 2240 Sutherland Ave, Suite 105 Knoxville, TN 37919 865-671-9060

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 am, local time, on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Oakdale School, 225 Clifty Creek Road, Oakdale, TN 37829. Bidders must be present at the mandatory Pre-Bid Conference for their bids to be considered.

Bidders bidding \$25,000.00 or more must be licensed per state law. Five percent (5%) Bid Security is required. Non-Discrimination policy applies.

Include with each bid, Bid Security in the amount equal to five percent of the total of the Bid, plus all Alternates, payable to the Morgan County Schools in the form of (1) a certified check or cashiers check or (2) a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of the State of Tennessee to execute such Bonds.

Bids will be received Until: 4:00pm, local time

On: Thursday, December 2, 2021

At: Morgan County Schools, 136 Flat Fork Road, Wartburg, TN 37887

Each Bidder must be appropriately licensed as a Contractor in the State of Tennessee as provided in T.C.A. 62-6-101. Complete all blanks on the bid envelope, otherwise, the Bid will not

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bid proposals and to waive al informalities. A conditional or qualified BID will not be accepted. Award will be made to the lowest responsible, responsive BIDDER.

Morgan County Schools does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.2000d).

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# Friday Night Spotlight



The 2021 Oakdale Eagles advanced farther than any football team in school history. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

## Oakdale Dream Season Ends with 60-16 Loss to Cloudland

By Terry Futrell

Oakdale's dream season that saw the Eagles finish in second place in Region 2A and claim the first playoff victory in school history came to an abrupt end with a 60-16 loss to a tough Cloudland team Friday evening.

Facing Cloudland in the Class 1A playoffs on their own field is a formidable challenge for any team as the Oakdale Eagles discovered. Big, strong, and playing smash-mouth, old-style football, the Highlanders brought the full impact of their very successful 10-1 season to bear on Oakdale. With a style that dominates time of possession, Cloudland executed 51 plays compared to only 37 plays for Oakdale.

Oakdale's offense was only able to rack up 194 total yards against the tough Highlander defense – 54 yards rushing on 19 carries and 140 yards passing. Defensively, Oakdale simply could not stop the tough Cloudland running attack, which accounted for 355 yards on 46 carries and seven touchdowns. Cloudland attempted only five passes, completing three for 48 yards and one touchdown. Oakdale intercepted the other two Cloudland passes.

The toughness of Cloudland's defense is exemplified by how they limited Oakdale's primary ball carriers. Timmy Holder rushed three times for five yards and Eloy Vera added 12 yards on two carries. Aaron Dunlap added 21 yards on three carries, and Ja'Vian Gipson sprinted for 45 yards and a touchdown on his only rushing attempt.

Oakdale's normally productive passing attack was stymied by the Cloudland defense, completing only five passes out of 20 attempts for 140 yards and a touchdown with two interceptions. Quarterback Elisha Davis completed two big-play passes to Nehemiah Cooney for 82 yards and a touchdown. Davis also connected with Eloy Vera on two passes for 29 yards. Aaron Dunlap connected with Cooney for 29 yards. Cooney finished the game with three receptions for 111 yards. Davis and Dunlap each threw one interception.

Offensively, Cloudland was led by Seth Birchfield who carried the ball 22 times for 233 yards and six touchdowns.

Defensively, the Eagles were led by Eloy Vera with 15 tackles, Timmy Holder with seven tackles, and Roy Huskey with six tackles. Hunter Boyer, Joseph Summers, and Alex Osborne had five tackles each.

While Oakdale's advance in the playoffs came to an end, the 2021 Eagles advanced farther than any Oakdale team in history, signaling one more forward step in reestablishing a strong football program at the school.

## Jackets Defeat Midway 41-6 and Advance to State Quarterfinals

By Terry Futrell

The Coalfield Yellow Jackets shut down half of Midway's balanced offense and defeated the Greenwave 41-6 Friday evening, advancing to the TSSAA State Class 1A Quarterfinals.

Midway had previously beaten Unaka in round one of the playoffs with a combination of passing and rushing that overwhelmed Unaka late in the game. Coalfield's defense took away the Greenwave running game, limiting Midway to 17 yards net rushing for the game.

The aggressive Jacket defense constantly pressured Midway quarterback Emmett Hegland, limiting him to 13 of 28 pass completions and -6 net yards rushing. Midway gained 205 net yards passing, with Seth Gordon leading Greenwave receivers with eight receptions for 150 yards and one touchdown. Three Greenwave

drives were halted by Coalfield interceptions, including one by Landon Galyon that was returned 68 yards for a Jacket touchdown. Eli Roberts returned an interception for 24 yards, and Coalton Henry also intercepted a Hegland pass.

The Jackets ran a balanced offense to near perfection, racking up 121 net yards rushing and 211 net yards passing. Though playing injured at less than 100%, Coalfield quarterback Cole Hines found speedy Jacket receivers behind Midway defenders and completed 9 of 13 pass attempts (69%) for 211 yards and three touchdowns.

Hines targeted six different receivers, with 5 of his 9 completions being greater than 20 yards. Hines' longest completion was for 62 yards to Eli Roberts for a touchdown. In addition to Roberts, Coalfield's top receivers were Galyon with two catches for 35 yards and a touchdown, Canaan Bowling with two catches for 27 yards, and Landon Lowe with two catches for 18 yards and a touchdown.

Hines also ran the ball three times for 33 yards. Coalfield used eight different ball carriers, with Lowe, Hines, Bowling, Coalton Henry, and Galyon each averaging five or more yards per carry. While the entire Jacket team delivered a performance that would make any coach feel proud, the play of the defense was especially noteworthy. The D-line and line-backers almost completely shut down Midway's running attack. At the same time, the defensive secondary made life even more difficult for Midway quarterback Hegland, who is an excellent passer. Matching Midway receivers stride-for stride, Coalfield's defensive backs stuck like glue, deflecting several passes and intercepting three. The tremendous improvement of Coalfield's defensive secondary since the Gordonsville game on September 24 was obvious.

With the dominating victory over Midway, Coalfield advances to the TSSAA quarterfinals and faces Cloudland at Roan Mountain next Friday. Cloudland, which defeated Oakdale Friday evening 60-16, is primarily a running team and will definitely test Coalfield's defensive line. As a point of comparison, Cloudland defeated North Greene on October 29 by a score of 38-8. The following week, Coalfield defeated North Greene 58-0.



Coalfield's Eli Roberts defends against an Emmett Hegland pass to Seth Gordon – note Roberts' hand between Gordon's hands deflecting the ball. [Photo by Terry Futrell]