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**MORGAN COUNTY  
WEATHER THIS WEEK**

Tue 02	54°/35°	
Wed 03	52°/39°	
Thu 04	47°/35°	
Fri 05	50°/28°	
Sat 06	54°/30°	
Sun 07	57°/33°	
Mon 08	57°/34°	



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

Governor Greg Abbott of Texas is a champion to conservatives throughout the United States, especially considering his actions during the last few months. Despite anyone's political leanings, Abbott is a determined, driven, and intellectual politician. Many attribute Abbott's determination to an event in 1984 that left him paralyzed from the waist down. In 1984, Abbott was a 26-year-old recent law school graduate. On that fateful day he decided to take a break from the stress of preparing for the bar exam by taking a run. As he jogged in a west Houston neighborhood a large oak tree along his route cracked and fell on his back, permanently paralyzing him from the waist down. This event, which could have wrecked his future career, didn't seem to even slow down Abbott.

Abbott went on to have a storied career before being elected to the Texas governors post in 2014. He was the longest-serving Attorney General of Texas and earned a national reputation for being a staunch defender of religious liberty and protecting Texas children. Further, he served as a Justice on the Texas Supreme Court and as a State District Judge in Harris County.

It is clear from reading Abbott's political resume that he isn't a man who will even consider backing down from his beliefs or a political fight. His actions as Texas Governor are no surprise to anyone who has studied the governor's career. During his tenure as governor, Abbott continues to receive high marks. Under his supervision Texas has added more than 1 million new jobs during the first five years of his administration. He has also confirmed he is unafraid to challenge the U.S. Government on critical conservative issues. Vaccine Mandate

One of those issues is the Biden administrations vaccine mandate. Earlier this month Abbott issued an executive order stating:

"No entity in Texas can compel receipt of a COVID-19 vaccine by any individual, including an employee or a consumer, who objects to such vaccination for any reason of personal conscience, based on a religious belief, or for medical reasons, including prior recovery from COVID-19,"... "I hereby suspend all relevant statutes to the extent necessary to enforce this prohibition."

# Political Dueling of the Texas Governor and President Biden

President Biden quickly criticized Governor Greg Abbott for these actions and was reported as stating:

"The most extreme of those measures is like the one in Texas saying state universities or community colleges could be fined if it allows a teacher to ask her unvaccinated students to wear a mask," The President also pointed out that Texas' has low vaccination rates, and stated "Just two states, Florida and Texas, account for one-third of all new COVID-19 cases in the



Texas Governor Greg Abbott (Photo Submitted)

entire country," Southern Border Crisis

The ongoing national immigration debate and southern border crisis is another issue where Abbott is challenging President Biden. The President has received low marks from the public on the border issue and Governor Abbott also issued a blistering statement concerning Biden's actions. A mainstream news source quoted the Governor as saying: "Understanding this, the Biden Administration is AWOL. The Biden Administration has abandoned any pretense of securing the border and has left it only to the state of Texas to step up and secure our own border." Abbott made these comments ahead of yet another border caravan approaching the U.S. Southern Border.

According to the Texas Governor's website his border policy implementation known as "Operation Lone Star". The plan, "deploys air, ground, marine, and tactical border security assets to high threat areas to deny Mexican Cartels, smugglers, and human traffickers the ability to move drugs and

people into Texas. The Governor also signed a budget that allocates a record \$1 billion to border security. He also announced plans to build a border wall in Texas—allocating \$250 million as an initial down payment."

The Governor continues to demonstrate that his statements quickly translate into actions. Many news agencies are reporting that Texas National Guard Troops are on the border placing razor wire and other security measures. A recent report indicates that these troops have already been fired upon by suspected cartel gunman.

The democrats are less than enamored with the Texas Governor's actions and democratic members of Congress have asked the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to investigate Abbott's Operation Lone Star for potential legal violations. These investigations and potential Presidential executive orders could set the stage for legal wrangling over the control of Texas National Guard troops. Regardless, if you're a democrat or republican the outcome of control of state National Guard Troops could set the stage for a constitutional crisis, something that no American should want to happen.

In conclusion, the political contest between President Biden and Governor Abbott is just beginning. These circumstances set the stage for the classic "States Rights" verses "Federal Mandate" contest to erupt. Let us all hope that both political parties recognize that compromise is a key tenant of democracy. The current political environment could get much worse if both parties do not take a deep breath, pause and come to the negotiation table in lieu of issuing mandates and executive orders!



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## In Loving Memory

### William Edward (Big Ed) Walker, 74

William Edward Walker, 74 also known as "Big Ed", passed away October 13, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. Originally from Knoxville, TN, he started his family in Illinois. He had many jobs, and was skilled in many fields. He enjoyed Cooking, Tractors, old Westerns on TV, and storytelling while spending time with family and friends. He also gave his time and heart to car racing, whether he built it, drove it, painted it, collected it, or towed it. Ed was quite proud of his legacy being passed down to his sons and their own children. He could often be found lending a hand and all of his knowledge to anyone who asked. He retired from Caterpillar, but continued to spend time keeping busy doing work for others. An avid book reader and collector, he was passionate about learning and pass-



ing on any information to those who may be interested. Poppy, as he was known to all of his grandchildren, was a Christian who treasured every moment he had with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He often went to sleep with a talked about memory of family and a smile.

Ed is survived by his devoted wife Carolyn, his two sons "Lil' Eddie" and "Donnie", along with their other halves, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

There are no services scheduled at this time. A memorial will be held in the future. Memorial contributions and heartfelt cards can be sent to:

Carolyn Walker  
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P.O. Box 451  
Wartburg, TN 37887

### Clifton Hines, 82

Mr. Clifton Hines age 82, of Lansing passed away Saturday, October 30, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army.

Clifton was preceded in death by his wife Patricia Jean Hines, Brothers: Russell & Jackie, and Ernest & Jr. Hines.

Sister: Mary Human  
Daughter: Melissa Stout  
Parents: Raymond and Lorena Hines.  
Brother-In-Law: Ronnie Trout

Surviving are Daughter: Patricia (James) Elder.  
Brother: Lawrence (Eva) Hines  
Sisters: Della Trout, Betty (Ronnie) Ellison, Dena  
Brother and sister-in-law: Freddy Kerney and Gail Posey  
Grandchildren: Jessica (JR) Goode  
Michelle McPherson, Angel Wel-

da, Dakota Stout, Logon Stout  
Great Grandchildren: Mackenzie Goode, Andrew Goode, Jeremiah McPherson, Skylar McPherson, Heaven Welda  
Nephew: Frank England & Family

Significant other: Glenda Morgan & Family  
Also surviving are several nieces nephews and other family.

The family will receive friends on Monday, November 1, 2021, from 5-7 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 7 pm with Bro. Russell Jones officiating.

Graveside services with Military Honors provided by American Legion Post 149 will be Tuesday 11 am Hines Family Cemetery, Lansing, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Clifton Hines.

### Keeper Byrge

Keeper Byrge went home to be with his Heavenly Father on October 24, 2021. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. He lived up to his name every day and was definitely a keeper by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his father, Michael Byrge and nephew, Madex.

He is survived by his wife, Brittany; sons, Kohen and Kacen; mother and stepfather, Mary and Michael Donohue; sisters: Missy (Scott) Madewell, Stephanie (Toby) Malone, Davida (Lloyd) Graves, Jennifer Byrge, Laura (J.T.) Rodriguez, Reba (Spencer) Dale, Samantha (Ryan) Addison, and Victoria (Tyler) Morris; brothers, Josh (Grace) Tinker and Matt (Heather) Byrge; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 5:00 pm with Bro. Phil Merrill officiating, internment will follow in the Victory Cemetery, Stephens Community.

"I will have purpose; I will live day by day with meaning; I will be someone to be proud of. Not for you, but for God. In an instant of a heartbeat, I had a sudden glimpse of understanding, and more importantly, acceptance. I know not where God wants me, but I know now that my path has been shown; and my journey begins." -KwB.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Charles "Keeper" Byrge.

### Lois Margaret Jump Davis, 89

Lois Margaret Jump Davis, born December 24, 1931 to Will and Edith Jump of the Mossy Grove community, went to be with her Lord October 22, 2021.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Jack Davis; daughters Cindy (Jimbo) Bunker and Susan (Joey) Williams; grandchildren: Lindsey Hicks, Jackson Williams, and Edye-Ann Williams; great-granddaughter, Lauren Hicks; sister, Molly (Bob) Steffes; sister-in-law Gayle (Doug) Gray; along with a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Will and Edith Jump; grandson, Aaron Hicks; brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Mary Jump; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lola (Bill) Ruffner and Mabel (Roy) Robinson; sisters and brothers-in-law: Billie (Tommy) Woods, Clayton (Mona) Davis, Calvin (Bobbie) Davis, and Alvin Davis.

Lois loved her church family at Mossy Grove Baptist Church,

where she was saved and baptized in 1944. She found great satisfaction in her job as bookkeeper at Roane Farmers Co-op where she made many life-long friends. After her retirement, she devoted her entire life to selflessly caring for her family, participating in her church mission craft group, and spending time with her precious friends.

The family will receive friends Monday October 25, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Mossy Grove Baptist Church. The funeral will follow at 7:00 with Bro. Jim Disney officiating. The grave side service will be held Tuesday October 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Estes Cemetery in Coalfield, TN.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Mossy Grove Baptist Church. A special thank you to Dr. Dwight Willett and the staff at Life Care Center of Morgan County.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lois Davis.

### Brenda Burgess, 70

Mrs. Brenda Burgess age 70 of Morgan County, TN passed away on October 20, 2021, at the Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. She Was always a Loving and caring Mother and always willing to help others. She was preceded in death by parents Starling & Mary Patton Burgess, Sister: Sharon McCullough, Brother: Danny Burgess and special nephew: Shawn Branson

Surviving are children: Daughter: Mary Rebecca Roberts  
Son: Dennis Jamie Carroll  
Brother: Donnie Burgess & wife Peggy  
Sister: Linda Bunch and Karen Knight  
Grandchildren: Melanie Rob-

erts, Summer Roberts, Kimberly Wampler, & Hannah Carroll  
4 Loving and Beautiful Great-grandchildren  
Nieces & Nephews: John Wayne Armes, Colton Bunch, Mary Grace Bunch, Shannon Knight, & Dustin Knight  
Special friend Charlie Bunch.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 28, 2021, from 12:00-1:00 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Graveside services will follow in the Union Cemetery, Wartburg, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Brenda Burgess.

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

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Sandra Helton's weekly column

## Oakdale Area News

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**Way to Go Oakdale Eagles!**  
The Eagles defeated Greenback last Friday night by a score of 16-14 earning them the opportunity to host the first round of TSSAA playoffs against Jellico this coming Friday at 7:00 pm.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday night, November 6, before going to bed. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep.

Sunday, October 24 was a beautiful day for the Homecoming at Camp Austin Lutheran Church. Approximately 40 people gathered for a delicious dinner on the ground followed by a time of worship.

Belated birthday greetings to Cartie Madison Disney who turned 7 years old on October 30. She was surprised with a big family breakfast Saturday morning with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. She was treated to pancakes which she loves. She spent most of the day Trick or Treating. She will celebrate with her friends on November 6 at a skating rink.

Congratulations to Johnny and Lauren Shelton on the birth of their granddaughter,

Loralei Belle, who was born Friday, October 29. Lora Belle weighed 8lbs 13 oz. She is the daughter of Chris and Lori Shelton Pieniazek. The family lives in Auburn, New Hampshire.

Bunt and I had 15 Trick or Treaters Saturday night. It is so much fun seeing the children and their costumes. We enjoy these visits from our friends.

Oakdale School PTO will hold an online auction November 5th – 7th. This is PTO's only fundraiser. All money raised goes directly back into the school for much needed supplies and various projects. Thank you to everyone that continues to support PTO.

The Clothes Closet at Pine Orchard Baptist Church will be open Saturday, November 13 from 10:00 – 12:00.

A Soup Lunch will be held Wednesday, November 10 at Pine Orchard Community Center to honor all Veterans in the community. The lunch will be from 11:00 - 1:00 and guests can stop in at their convenience to enjoy a bowl of soup followed by dessert. This is open

to all members of all Military Branches. Spouses are welcome to attend as well.

Oakdale School will host a Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fred Snow Gym featuring music from the elementary music classes, led by Mr. Jeffrey Johnson. The program will include several patriotic songs, as well as songs directly thanking veterans for their service. All veterans and members of the armed services are invited to attend. Following the program, a special brunch will be held in the school library in honor of all guests.

A special treat for Oakdale Preschool Hour last week was a visit from Gus the Bus. Morgan County Food and Nutrition Director, Peggy Hamby, read a story to the children. She talked with them about pumpkins. She gave them samples of roasted pumpkin seeds to try as well as showing them what a pumpkin looks like when it is cleaned out. She then let them help her clean out the inside of another pumpkin. The children enjoyed scooping out seeds with their hands. Ms. Peggy also gave the children homemade pumpkin play doh. She provided each child with a copy of the book she read and each family got a box of fresh produce, Mayfield milk and several meals for the children

to enjoy at home. Thank you Ms. Peggy!

"Finding Randy" was a lot of fun for community members last week. Together Morgan County's mascot is Randy Raccoon and the event was countywide. The collaborative offered a safe, fun, family event where a picture of Randy was hidden in a different location each day for 5 days. Clues for finding Randy were posted on Facebook. When community members found him, they took a picture and posted it on the Facebook page. Winners received a bucket of Halloween candy. The winners in Oakdale were Calem Helton, Clara Ruppe, Miracle Holt, Cameron Bonsignore and Gracie Helton.

***"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as best he can, the same cause." Abraham Lincoln***

# Americanisms



"Until you've lost your reputation, you never realize what a burden it was or what freedom really is."  
— Margaret Mitchell

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# Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



## Your Career Questions: Part 1

I have an exciting announcement. I will be answering your questions on any career related topics for the next few weeks! I realize right now many of you have graduated, faced a company downsizing, or are seeking answers in this turbulent job market. I am here to help. At the end of this article, I will post my contact information. Your questions will be answered in this column each week. Please submit your career related questions and I'll try to answer every single question.

I will start off this week with a very important job interview question. I received this question last week by one of our readers. Shelly writes to me, "What are some good questions to ask the hiring manager at the end of the job interview?"

The questions you prepare and ask the hiring manager are crucial in advancing to the next step of the interview process. After the hiring manager has completed his list of questions, the interview is far from being finished. The hiring manager is still evaluating, accessing, and determining your job candidacy as you ask your questions.

I am going to help you get started by providing a list of questions, but always frame topics to the position you are applying for. Remember you are interviewing the company, so keep that in mind when you are framing your questions. Prepare about 10 to 15 questions and ask as many as you can, according to how much time you are allotted at the end of your interview. Jot down notes while the interviewer is answering your questions to show your interest in the answers. Go ahead and prepare your questions and have them ready for the interview.

Questions to ask the hiring manager:  
Can you briefly describe the company culture?

What are some skills and qualities you look for in an individual when hiring for this position?

Why is the position vacant?  
What are the biggest challenges for someone taking this role and what is the best way to overcome those challenges?  
Can you tell me about your time at the company? What do you like about working here?  
What distinguishes this company from its competitors, both from a public and employee perspective?  
What is your leadership style or leadership philosophy? How do you manage your employees?  
What are the prospects for growth and advancement?  
What are the expectations of this role for the first 30, 60, and 90 days?  
What are some of the biggest challenges for the company? Where do you see the

Do you see any reservation on my job candidacy today? Is there any reason why I wouldn't advance to the next step? When do you think you'll be making a decision? When should I follow up with you? What form for communication is best (phone call, email, HR)?  
Do you have a business card or email address you could give me?  
Submit your questions for next week's article: [zack@zackballinger.com](mailto:zack@zackballinger.com)

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company in five years?

What is the next step of the interview process? Can you give me a timeline?

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# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Pastor Gerald McGinnis is well-known as the pastor of the 2,000-member Park West Church of God in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is also known as Chaplain to the Knoxville based FBI, ATF, and Knox County Sheriff's Department. Though his character has always displayed his courage, now he can officially add to his titles: American Hero!

In 2016, Specialist McGinnis was awarded the Bronze Star for his brave actions in Vietnam. Chaplain (Colonel) Richard Pace, who officiated the award ceremony, stated, "It was a great honor for me to present the Bronze Star with Valor to Pastor Gerald McGinnis on the behalf of a grateful Nation. He is truly an American hero."

On March 22, 1968 at approximately 3:00 am in the jungles of Vietnam, Specialist Gerald McGinnis demonstrated exceptional bravery holding a breach in the lines from an enemy attack.

The military record of this event describes in vivid detail what Specialist McGinnis faced during what had to be one of the longest nights of his life. Records validate that a regiment of approximately 1,500 North Vietnamese soldiers attacked and broke through the perimeter of Specialist McGinnis' compound. After the bunkers near Specialist McGinnis were destroyed, he alone was left to hold off the main assault, while protecting three wounded soldiers, from his bunker that was only 10 yards from the enemy.

His commander wrote, "It [the breach] made a large section of the perimeter open and susceptible to being completely overrun. Therefore, McGinnis' bunker became vital to the success of the battle. If the bunker that McGinnis was manning had fallen to the enemy a major part of the perimeter could have fallen into the hands of the enemy. Shears, King and Gastelo would have been killed that morning because they had no way of defending themselves. Because of the length of the battle (3-4 hours) and the strategic place of McGinnis' bunker, not only was he defending that side of the perimeter, but protecting all three of their lives. Throughout the morning McGinnis resisted the NVA, firing approximately 1,000 rounds from his M16, plus exploding all the claymore mines that were available to him, and throwing approximately thirty hand grenades at the enemy. That morning when the battle was over, within a few yards of McGinnis' bunker was a large body count."

Specialist McGinnis' Commander, Major General Charles P. Stone made the following recommendation, "I hereby recommend that Gerald E. McGinnis receive the Bronze Star with Valor for bravery and commitment by resisting the enemy and holding his position while protecting the lives of three wounded soldiers. While two bunkers very close to him were totally destroyed and the enemy was in the process of entering the perimeter, McGinnis did not retreat or move to



another bunker for security with soldiers who could assist him. Instead, he stayed in his bunker, the only one able to fight and defend this important position of the perimeter, while protecting the lives of the three wounded men."

On Saturday, October 30, 2021 Pastor McGinnis received the Silver Star for his heroic actions. The award presentation took place at Park West Church in Knoxville. Below is a recap from his award ceremony.

"I am humbled and sincerely thankful for this honor today and I truly do not deserve it," said McGinnis at the podium after accepting the award.

U.S. Army, Specialist McGinnis was assigned to Company C in the 3rd Battalion of the 8th Infantry Regiment during the Vietnam War. In the early morning hours of

March 22, 1968, his base was attacked by approximately 1,500 North Vietnamese Army soldiers.

Many American soldiers were either critically injured or killed that day.

"Once you serve in combat, they're your brothers for life," said McGinnis.

McGinnis defended his men for the remainder of the battle, preventing the North Vietnamese from overrunning the base in the process.

However, when he returned to the states he said, "I came home in '68 but suppressed it for these many years."

He added, "when I came home, I was real, real wild."

He said he turned to drugs and alcohol to suppress what happened overseas, but one moment turned his life around.

"I thought, 'I survived a war and I'm going to end up dead here on the streets in Knoxville' and this guy told me about Jesus and my life changed."

He started Park West Church in Knoxville in 1980 and now his son, Jeremy McGinnis is the lead pastor.

"He has been a great leader," said Pastor Jeremy. "I have watched him lead this church with integrity and character and passion."

It's those characteristics that his fellow soldiers also saw in him that earned him this Silver Star 40 years later.

His son said, "to see these men express their heart and be as proud of him as they possibly could be, I say thank you."

He added, "my dad is my idol, my hero, and I'm so proud of him and honored to see him in our church receive the Silver Star award."

"It is awarded for gallantry in action," said another veteran at the podium. "It's awarded while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States,"

He added, "it is absolutely the ultimate award for combat operations."

McGinnis said he received this Silver Star for the men who couldn't.

"I accept this on their behalf for them and many others that deserved it and never got any recognition." He went on to say, "I think it brings some closure for all of those who didn't make it that day."

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

Police Officer Tyler Timmins of the Pontoon Beach Police Department, Illinois was shot and killed on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, while investigating a stolen pickup truck. Officer Timmins was approaching the pickup truck when a subject opened fire on him, fatally wounding him. The subject who shot him was arrested by other officers at the scene.

Officer Timmins was taken to the local hospital and transferred to another hospital where he died a short time later.

Officer Timmins had served with

the Pontoon Beach Police Department for eighteen months. He had previously served with other police departments with a total of fourteen years serving in law enforcement. His family made the following statements.

The family of



Officer Tyler Timmins mourns the loss of our son, husband, father, brother and friend. We would like to thank the law enforcement community and the thousands of others who have expressed their love, support and concern.

Tyler was the epitome of

compassion, empathy and caring throughout his life. He gained notoriety on October 26th when he was senselessly killed in the line of duty. To many he was a hero that day, for us he has been a hero since day one. There are no words to describe what was taken from us. We will always remember his devotion to his family, his dedication to his career and community, and the love and laughter that he shared with us.

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## A Man Who Loved Life Charles Edward Wilkie



Tom Redmon  
Columnist

Charles Wilkie loved his fellow man more than any man I ever knew. He just loved to have people around him. The Central High School class of 1956 had almost 100 students in it and Charles got them together more than any other class at Wartburg Central. He kept in contact with all of his classmates.

My contact with Charles was at the Wartburg Senior's Club. I liked Charles even though we were not in the same political party. I think that's the way we should all be. I invited Charles to some of our music get-togethers and he invited Margaret and I down to his and Ann's house. Their house, as many of you know, was off Potter's Fall Road and it was the most unusual and talked about house in Morgan County. It was built on a bluff overlooking a steep hill and Crooked Fork Creek. You couldn't see Potter's Fall but you could hear it. The house was built on three-levels and when you went into the top level and looked out the big window you got the sensation of being in a plane. Margaret and I went down there to see them in the fall and I've never seen a view any prettier. The leaves had changed and when you looked out the big picture window it almost took your breath.

We had Senior Club meetings every month and you could count on Charles and Ann being there. As life was winding down for Charles he had to struggle to come to the meetings. You had to love the man because he always wanted to do his part regardless how he felt. He and Ann would invite their friends down to their home to play games. They are really missed here in Wartburg.

Charles' dad came here from Alabama in the 1930's during the great depression to work with the CCC's. When the economy got better Melvin set up his own business building

custom cabinets and doing carpentry work. When I moved into the house I live at present, my cabinets in the kitchen were made by Melvin Wilkie. He did a good job and I would say that he built cabinets for several hundred people here in Morgan County.

Charles' first career was working with his dad. He later began work-



ing at Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary and from there he moved to the Federal Bureau of Prisons where he was awarded numerous commendations and accolades when he returned home, he accepted a position as Director of Tricor and later retired from the Morgan County Correctional Complex as Associate Warden of Administration.

Charles was born in 1938 and he attended both elementary and secondary school at Wartburg, Central, graduating in 1956. As I've stated before he liked to have reunions with all his classmates. Charles just seemed to enjoy life by being around people. Like Melvin, his dad, he liked to tell jokes

and he knew some great clean jokes. I still remember some he told at our gatherings.

We need more citizens like Charles and Ann Wilkie. They were involved in their church (First Baptist in Wartburg) and in their community by being active in the Senior Club.

Charles' dad was put in the Life Care Center and he told his son he was going to escape sometime. One day Charles was coming home on Potter's Fall Road and he looked down the road and saw someone in a wheelchair coming toward him. It was his dad. Charles stopped and asked him where he was going and he said, "I'm going home." He had escaped.

Sometimes Charles would come down to Hardees on Monday nights to listen to music. He also loved to sing and I wish I could hear him sing "Supertime" once more. He did a beautiful job.

Charles passed away on May 17, 2019. His parents had preceded him and also his brother Jerry Wilkie passed away a little before Charles. Charles was married to his loving wife Ann Finks Wilkie for 62 years.

Charles and Ann, we miss you here in Morgan County. One day we'll be with you and I'm sure you'll be getting people together up there to socialize and sing around that great white throne.

Notice, sad to report Ann passed away a few days after I wrote this article.

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Receding glaciers carved out cavities in the landscape. Some evolved into wet, muddy "bogs." Those with more sand and clay formed the perfect environment for cranberry plants to grow in abundance. North American tribes harvested the *sasumuneash*, as they called the berries, for thousands of years. The cultivation of the cranberry by European settlers began around the early 1800s. Harvesting the berries finishes in October (by November the bogs become dormant) and the fruit is often used for holiday meals.

Source: www.cranberries.org

- Brenda Weaver



## Disappeared: Chapter 12



**Carol Hall**  
Author

### *Maggie-Day 3, cont.*

Maggie lay on the bed next to Rose. She was so stiff and sore. Moving even the littlest bit was agonizing.

Over the last couple of days, she sustained a busted lip, cuts and bruises all over her body and now, thanks to Brutus again, a swollen cheek. Her whole body throbbed and ached. Laying down, even on the leaf and twig bed,

was somehow soothing.

“Ugh, what I wouldn’t give for a hot bath and a handful of Tylenol,” she said out loud to herself.

Rose reached over and patted her head. Even though the pat was gentle, it jarred Maggie’s head and she groaned.

Rose leaned over her and grunted. Just a single grunt, which Maggie was learning in Bigfoot language meant, “Are you okay?”

“I’m ok, Rose,” she said. “Just really sore and achy. You and Brutus have knocked the crap out of me the last couple of days.” She knew Rose didn’t understand what she said, but it seemed to pacify her when she talked to her.

Maggie rolled over onto her side and curled up.

Rose got up and walked to the entrance of the cave. Maggie knew she was waiting for Brutus to come back.

He had come back to the cave with her and Rose earlier, but had left soon after. Where he went, Maggie had no idea. It seemed he was always coming and going. She stopped paying much attention to him.

Rose suddenly seemed agitated. She started pacing around the entrance, grunting and growling.

Maggie had never seen her carry on like this before. In fact, the only time she had witnessed this type of behavior was when she first met her.

Forgetting her aching body, Maggie suddenly sat bolt upright and watched Rose. She only acted like that when she first met her?

Did that mean a human was coming through the tunnel?

Maggie was suddenly on her feet and running over to Rose. If someone was coming, they might not realize that Rose was waiting for them at the end of the tunnel and walk right into trouble.

“Hello?” she called out.

Rose snarled at her and shoved her backwards. But Maggie wasn’t going to allow someone to walk in without knowing there was a Bigfoot at the entrance. She didn’t want anyone to get hurt...or killed.

“Hey, is someone there?” she called down the tunnel.

Rose bared her teeth at her and growled, loud. She grabbed Maggie by the arm and flung her backward, knocking her off her feet. Maggie was angry. She got up off the floor and stormed over to Rose and shoved her back as hard as she could. Maggie’s strength was no match for Rose’s. Rose turned on her and roared. The sound was so deep and loud it rocked Maggie to her core. She knew she was not going to win this, so she backed away and went back to the bed and sat down.

Whoever was in the tunnel was in for a rude awakening when they came through that entrance. She just hoped and prayed they heard her yell and would be cautious. Or better yet, turn around and leave.

She anxiously watched the entrance just as Rose was doing.

Suddenly Brutus appeared. He was carrying something over his shoulder. Maggie watched with interest as he emerged from the tunnel.

Maggie’s heart sank. He was carrying another person.

Trying to look past Rose’s body jumping around in front of him, she saw a pair of legs dangling over Brutus’s chest. Rose was grabbing at the person and growling. Brutus, swatted at her and grunted several times.

Afraid to move, Maggie sat on the bed and watched all this going on. Who had he grabbed this time? She felt sorry for whoever it was. She knew exactly what they were going through. She won-

dered, since she was Rose’s pet, if this new person was going to be Brutus’s.

Brutus shoved past Rose and sauntered over to Maggie. He grunted at her and dropped the person he was carrying next to her on the bed.

Maggie gasped loudly. She knew this person very well. Very well indeed!

Evie hit the ground hard, landing on her rear end with a thud.

Looking around to see where she landed, she saw Maggie sitting next to her, staring at her with her mouth wide open.

“Maggie!” Evie cried.

“Evie!” Maggie cried.

They embraced each other and both began crying. They both started speaking at the same time.

“How did you get here?”

“What happened to you?”

They both started laughing.

Maggie put her hand up to stop Evie from talking. “Wait,” she told her. “Before you tell me how you got here, you need to know a couple things so we don’t get in trouble with Rose and Brutus.” She indicated the two Bigfoot who were standing there watching their interaction with confusion and curiosity.

“Rose and Brutus?”

At their names, Rose and Brutus sat down on either side of the women. Rose next to Maggie and Brutus next to Evie. It was obvious, though, that they were staking their claim on which human was theirs.

The Bigfoot’s fascination with how the women were reacting to each other was obvious. Maggie figured that was a good thing. She didn’t think they would become angry and punish them if they were curious.

“First off, let me introduce you to my new...um...friends,” Maggie began. “This is Rose.” she said pointing to Rose. “And this is her dad, Brutus.” She pointed at Brutus.

Evie nodded at each Bigfoot as if being properly introduced. This amused Maggie and she chuckled.

“How do you do,” Evie said to them. “I’m Evie.” She held out her hand for them to shake. Brutus looked at her hand, but did not touch it.

Withdrawing her hand, Evie looked questioningly at Maggie.

“What should I do?” she asked.

Maggie pointed at Evie, speaking slowly and clearly. “Evie,” she said, looking between Rose and Brutus. “Her name is Evie.” Brutus grunted and seemed to relax. Maggie noticed that Rose was glaring at Evie. She reached out her hand and laid it on Rose’s knee and smiled up at her. Rose visibly relaxed, but still wouldn’t take her eyes off Evie.

“Whatever you do, don’t yell or scream, no matter what,” Maggie said. “Brutus will backhand you if you do. Look at my face. I didn’t learn the first time.” She showed Evie her busted lip and swollen cheek.

“Ouch!” exclaimed Evie. “He hit you for yelling?”

“Yes. Next, don’t try to walk away from them yet. They will think you are trying to escape and will be on you in seconds. Again, you will probably get hurt if you try. Wait till they get to know you better. Once they gain a little trust, you can do a little more.”

“Ok, so no yelling and no moving. Got it,” Evie said.

“Just follow my lead until you learn the ropes and you can avoid getting knocked around by them. Believe it or not, they are actually really nice and sweet, once you learn what to do and what not to do.”

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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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- \* Three ways to use an empty tissue box: 1) Store plastic grocery bags inside; 2) line with a small plastic trash bag and use in your car as a travel trash can; 3) cut out the bottom and use it to disguise an extra toilet tissue roll in your guest bath!
- \* Love oranges? Save the peels to add to your potpourri mix. Remove as much of the pith as possible and cut into strips. Air dry in bright light for about a week. Or you can set the strips on parchment and dry in a partially closed oven set to 175 F for about 45 minutes. Check often.
- \* "To separate yolks from egg whites, simply crack eggs into a shallow bowl and 'suck' the yolk out using an empty plastic water bottle. Squeeze the bottle slightly, then position the mouth of the bottle at the yolk and let go. It will magically slide up into the bottle, leaving the whites behind!" -- T.T. in New

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- \* Most NASCAR teams use nitrogen in their tires instead of air. This allows the tire to have a much more consistent rate of expansion and contraction to heat and cold.
- \* North Koreans must have one of 28 state-approved haircuts.
- \* There's alcohol in space! In 2006, astronomers discovered a cloud of alcohol in part of the Milky Way where stars are forming from gas and dust.
- \* In Albania, some women make an oath to become "sworn virgins" in order to live life as a man, with the rights and privileges of a man. For the rest of their lives, they are never again addressed as

- female.
- \* Over 2,500 left-handed people a year are killed by using equipment made for right-handed people. The deadliest item? The right-handed power saw.
- \* A traffic jam in Beijing lasted more than nine days.
- \* If you yelled for eight years, seven months and six days, you would produce enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.
- \* A man with severe OCD and a phobia of germs attempted to commit suicide with a gun to his head. Instead of killing him, the bullet eliminated his mental illness without any other damage.
- \* In 2003, there were 86 days of below-freezing weather in

- York
- \* "When the last serving of jam has been used, I will happily add some oil and vinegar to the jar, along with a few choice spices, then shake. It's an instant vinaigrette, with a fruity tang." -- C.L. in Tennessee
- \* Keep your jeans or other denim items from fading by soaking them in a solution of cold water and salt (2 tablespoons to a gallon) for about an hour before washing.
- \* "To clean a can opener, get it wet and run a folded paper towel through it while turning the handle. Works best if done after each use." -- H.P. in Washington

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Hell, Michigan.

- \* Until 2018, there were only two English words ending in "gry" -- hungry and angry. Then the Oxford English Dictionary added a third -- "hangry" (an irritable state induced by lack of food).
- \* A decibel is not its own unit, but actually 1/10th of the seldom used "Bel," a unit named in honor of Alexander Graham Bell for his contribution to acoustics.
- \* "Backpfeifengesicht" is a German term for a face that badly needs a punch.

Thought for the Day: "The world is round so that friendship may encircle it." -- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate    ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!  
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## King Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1 Landed

5 Gearwheel tooth

8 Slightly

12 Sultry Horne

13 "— you serious?"

14 Barn roof spinner

15 Strict disciplinarian

17 Noble Italian family

18 Swift

19 Sculpted trunks

21 Old Olds

22 Doctor Zhivago

23 Wye follower

26 Moreover

28 On edge

31 Sciences' partner

33 Observe

35 Campus VIP

36 "Hogwash!"

38 Finale

40 Water tester

41 Love god

43 Inherited

45 Painter's motion

47 Reduces

51 Nashville's st.

52 Instrument in a Dixieland band

54 Couturier

55 Stannum

56 Pinta's companion

57 Favorites

58 Norm (Abbr.)

59 Vortex

**DOWN**

1 Charitable gift

2 Bound

3 Concerning

4 Spud

5 Big gorges

6 Mine yield

7 Oil tycoon J.

8 Declared

9 Baby's bed

10 Division word

11 Casual tops

16 Notion

20 Ump's call

23 Hit with a ray gun

24 Triage ctrs.

25 System for linking computers

27 Ruby of films

29 — Paulo, Brazil

30 Away from

Paul —

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32 Island wraps

34 Queen's domain

37 Stir-fry pan

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42 Factions

44 Packing string

45 Halt

46 Far (Pref.)

48 Author Bagnold

49 Tear

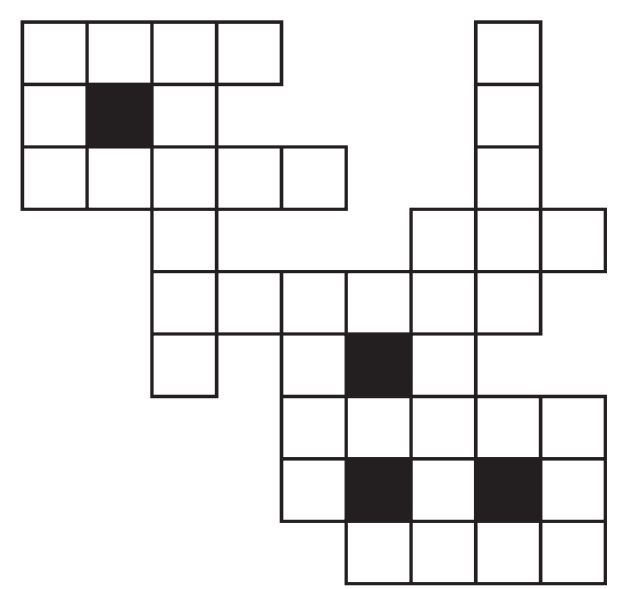
50 Remain

53 Torched

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

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# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## Is Trump's Grip on the GOP Weakening?

Republican politicians can be forgiven for thinking that the GOP is Trump's world and they only live in it at his sufferance. He not only survived Jan. 6 and his second impeachment -- he has thrived since.

Trump's rallies are still remarkably well-attended, he is making progress in his project of killing the careers of Republicans who supported his impeachment, and big majorities of Republicans tell pollsters they want Trump to run for president again.

And yet, there are reasons to believe Trump's dominance is exaggerated and that it is slowly degrading, such that by the time the 2024 Republican primaries roll around, he'll be challengeable and beatable if he runs.

It's not unusual for a former president to own his party until someone comes and takes it from him -- Bill Clinton prior to Barack Obama, for example.

What's different is that parties typically aren't kind to one-term presidents who lost their reelection bids, and generally former presidents aren't so bent on exercising control over their parties once they vacate the White House.

Part of the reason Trump has clung to his fanciful stolen-election narrative is to avoid the stench of defeat of Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush. On top of this, Trump has an intact political operation that is paying a lot of attention to his potential endorsements and how they will or won't enhance his own power.

This obviously makes Trump an important player, and maybe more. But there are indications of an undertow and factors that might increase it in the years ahead.

Trump's media footprint is much reduced. Data from SocialFlow shows engagement with Trump stories plummeting in March of this year and it took another jag down in August and September.

As for Trump's polling numbers, Republicans might tell pollsters they want him to run again as a way to stick a finger in the eye of the media or as a general statement of warm feelings toward him. Even if these findings are based on entirely forthcoming and sincere sentiments, wanting Trump to run is a threshold question that falls short of a commitment to vote for him two and a half years from now.

Trump presumably will be vulnerable to electability questions. He lost last fall in part because Biden outperformed Hillary Clinton among suburban voters and independents. Biden is alienating these voters, but there's nothing to indicate that Trump has done anything since November 2020 to make himself less repellent to them.

GOP politicians have every reason to do what they can to keep Trump and his voters on board in the interest of a unified base in the run-up to the 2022 midterms. But if Republicans take Congress next year and are worried about keeping it in 2024, they will be wary of once again needing candidates to run better than Trump in swing districts to keep their gavels.

Trump has an increasingly self-referential message. In 2016, he talked of fighting for his voters and hammered neglected issues of concern to them, foremost among them trade and immigration. Now, he urges those voters to fight for him based on the imperative of denying his loss, which is of overwhelming concern to his ego and continued political viability.

At the end of the day, what primary voters in both parties most want is to win. And this is Trump's true Achilles' heel. The fact is that he lost to Joe Biden and, despite last-minute changes in election procedures and the media and social media landscape being stacked against him, it was fundamentally his doing.

His chief vulnerability is that, eventually, someone will put this to him directly, and it will land.

Perhaps if Trump decides to make the plunge in 2024, he will clear the field and sweep to his third consecutive GOP presidential nomination. His surface-level strength at the moment, though, might obscure a weakness that will tell over time.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

## Leaves to Treasure

Memories of times and places from my childhood flood my mind this time of year whenever I toss on a light jacket and grab a rake. I remember jumping in piles of newly raked leaves on a Saturday morning, and the smell of burning them by the curb at day's end. It was legal to do that then, even in the city.

I also recall sitting on the front porch with my friends, weaving colorful leaves into crowns just as we had done with dandelions and daisies the previous spring.

Years later, in a dorm at North Park University in Chicago, fall's leaves arrived early, in a box mailed by my friend's mom from Massachusetts. Carefully layered between sheets of waxed paper were dozens of the biggest, most brilliant red and orange maple leaves I had ever seen. We taped them to the walls, one by one, just like kindergartners decorating an elementary-school hallway.

Leaves and the memories they evoke are treasures for many families this time of year — even in Orlando, Florida. Amy Anderson, mom of two girls ages 2 and 8, says that leaves just keep on falling in her yard long after the snow begins to fall in states "up north." "Sometimes it takes extra effort to motivate my family to do the constant raking, so we've turned the chore into a game," she says. "We estimate the number of bags we'll fill with leaves

in any given session. Afterward, we go out for ice cream — bragging rights and extra sprinkles on top of a scoop go to the best estimator. A simple game not only motivates the kids to help, but it has become a great family tradition."

Here are a few leaf activities you can enjoy with your kids this season, even if you don't have a giant oak in the backyard:

— After a rainfall, find a stick and use it to poke under a pile of fallen damp leaves. Look for bugs, worms and other critters.



Design adds interest to a fall leaf

— Press leaves and use them for decor around your home. Spread them out between sheets of smooth paper towels. Place heavy books on top and let the leaves dry for about one week. Remove books and gently remove leaves.

— Draw pictures on pressed leaves using nontoxic paint pens or permanent markers. Draw a fall scene of pumpkins, a colorful tree or a simple design. Set on a plate for a festive place card at a special gathering of friends and family.

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Find more family fun at [www.donnaerickson.com](http://www.donnaerickson.com). Write to Donna at [Info@donnaerickson.com](mailto:Info@donnaerickson.com)

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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## Here's How to Find Where Vet Is Buried

The Veterans Legacy Memorial website has been expanded by 500,000 names at 93 veterans cemeteries across the country. This is in addition to the 4 million names already there at 155 cemeteries.

The VLM is a digital platform and repository for information on veterans buried in those cemeteries. Friends and family can add biographies, photos, documents and other information to the listing for each veteran as a way of paying tribute. So far, 22,000 friends and families have added information to their veteran's profile page.

For those of us who live far from the cemeteries where our veterans are buried, being able to add to a legacy page helps. For me, my family is only partially covered at this point. My grandfather at Fort Sam is in the database. Another relative at Riverside is in the database. Three others aren't, including my parents at Arlington Nation-

al. They are, however, in ANC's website, although there is no way to add photos (except for the photo of the marker that is already there) or stories or biographies.

Perhaps Arlington will be among those added in the half-million new names. Eventually the project intends to cover veterans buried in state and local cemeteries, as well as private cemeteries.

To look for your veteran, go to [www.vlm.cem.va.gov](http://www.vlm.cem.va.gov) and put in the name -- first name last name, no comma. Click on the FAQ for more information. To find a veteran at Arlington National, go to [www.arlington-cemetery.mil](http://www.arlington-cemetery.mil).

If your veteran is listed in the Veterans Legacy Memorial, contribute to the profile. Pictures are a great addition, as is bio information and personal stories. As a side note, Wreaths Across America will be on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021. See their website ([www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)) for ways you can help with wreath-laying at the 2,500 locations.

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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jeremiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Leviticus 24's rules for restitution, what other body part is mentioned besides "eye for an eye"? *Nose, Tooth, Finger, Toe*
3. The Lord sent Jeremiah to the house of what type of tradesman? *Carpenter, Shopkeeper, Tailor, Potter*
4. In Acts 5, how were the apostles released from prison? *Broke out, Walls caved, Freed by an angel, Triumphantly*
5. What did James say is "set on fire of hell"? *Adulterer, Tongue, Ribald, Unfathered*
6. From Matthew 8, whose mother-in-law did Jesus heal? *Elijah, Solomon, Daniel, Peter*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Tooth (for a tooth); 3) Potter; 4) Freed by an angel; 5) Tongue; 6) Peter

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## Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

### Easy Peanut Butter Muffins

November is National Peanut Butter Lovers Month, so for all you peanut butter lovers, here's a recipe just for you.

- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat creamy peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon no-fat sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg or equivalent in egg substitute
- 1 1/2 cups reduced fat baking Mix
- 1/4 cup Splenda granulated sweetener

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray 8 wells of a 12-hole muffin pan with butter-flavored cooking spray or line with paper liners.

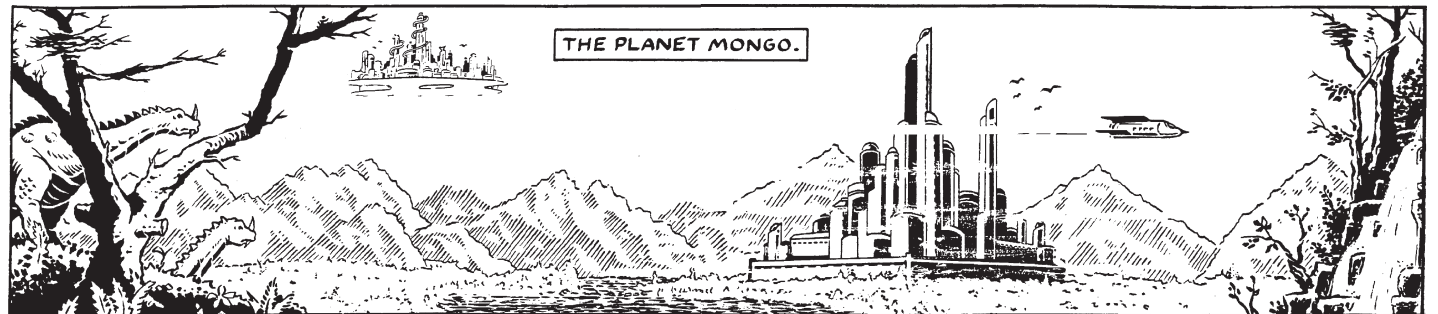
2. In a large bowl, combine milk, peanut butter, sour cream, vanilla extract and egg. Add baking mix and Splenda. Mix gently to combine. Evenly spoon batter into prepared muffin wells.

3. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Place muffin pan on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Remove muffins from pan and continue cooling on wire rack.

TIP: Fill unused muffin wells with water. This protects the muffin tin and ensures even baking.

• Each serving equals: 145 calories, 5g fat, 5g protein, 20g carbohydrate, 317g sodium, 42g calcium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 starch/carbohydrate, 1/2 fat.

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### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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# November 2021

## Morgan County Schools

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> Breakfast Pancake on a Stick Juice Lunch Pizza Steamed Broccoli Garden Fresh Salad Carrot Coins, Fresh Veggies & Dip Fruit Parfait	<b>2</b> Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Mandarin Oranges Lunch Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Turnip Greens Tossed Salad Roll Orange Slices	<b>3</b> Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Fruit Smoothie Lunch Taco Salad Lettuce, Cheese, Tomatoes Steamed Corn Fiesta Rice, Salsa Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	<b>4</b> Breakfast Muffin Fruit Parfait Lunch Mandarin Orange Chicken Noodles Roasted Broccoli Fresh Garden Salad Fortune Cookie Strawberries	<b>5</b> Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Fresh Fruit Lunch Spaghetti or Ravioli Cheese Stick w/ Marinara Green Beans Caesar Salad Veggies w/ Dip Fresh Berries
<b>8</b> Breakfast Steak Biscuit Juice Lunch Hamburger on Wheat Bun Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Pickle, Onion Crisp Baked Fries, Baked Beans Veggies w/ Dip Orange Slices	<b>9</b> Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Chilled Pears Breakfast Brunch Eggs Gravy & Biscuit Chicken Potato Patty Fruit Parfait	<b>10</b> Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy, Sausage Banana Lunch Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Tossed Salad Roll Fresh Berries	<b>11</b> Breakfast Donuts Fruit Smoothie Lunch Chicken N' Dumplings Mashed Potatoes Pinto Beans Turnip Greens Maw Roll Fresh Fruit	<b>12</b> Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Fruit Parfait Lunch Hot Dog/ Chili Tater Tots Cole Slaw Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh Fruit Strawberry Shortcake
<b>15</b> Breakfast Breakfast Burrito Blueberries Lunch Chicken Sandwich Baked Fries Pasta Salad Steamed Broccoli Fresh Garden Salad Fresh Berries	<b>16</b> Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Yogurt, Fresh Fruit Lunch Variety of Pizza Steamed Veggies Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Caesar Salad Side Kick	<b>17</b> Breakfast Pancakes Juice Thanksgiving Lunch Turkey & Dressing Mashed Potatoes, Yams Green Beans Sister Schubert Roll Cranberry Sauce, Garden Salad Fresh Fruit, Pumpkin Pie	<b>18</b> Breakfast Banana Bread Fruit Parfait Lunch Chicken Wings or Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Peas & Carrots Garden Salad Fresh Veggies w/ Dip Fresh Fruit	<b>19</b> Breakfast French Toast Banana Lunch Mini Corn Dog Tater Tots Baked Beans Garden Salad Fresh Veggies & Dip Jell-O w/ Fruit
<b>22</b> Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Juice Lunch Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Caesar Salad Garlic Knot Tropical Fruit	<b>23</b> Breakfast Lunch MANAGER'S CHOICE	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Holiday
<b>29</b> Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Chilled Applesauce Lunch Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Tossed Salad Side Kicks	<b>30</b> Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy & Egg Yogurt Fruit Taco Lunch Nacho Bar Corn Rancho Beans Garden Salad Fruit Parfait	 <b>Morgan County Schools FOOD &amp; NUTRITION</b>		

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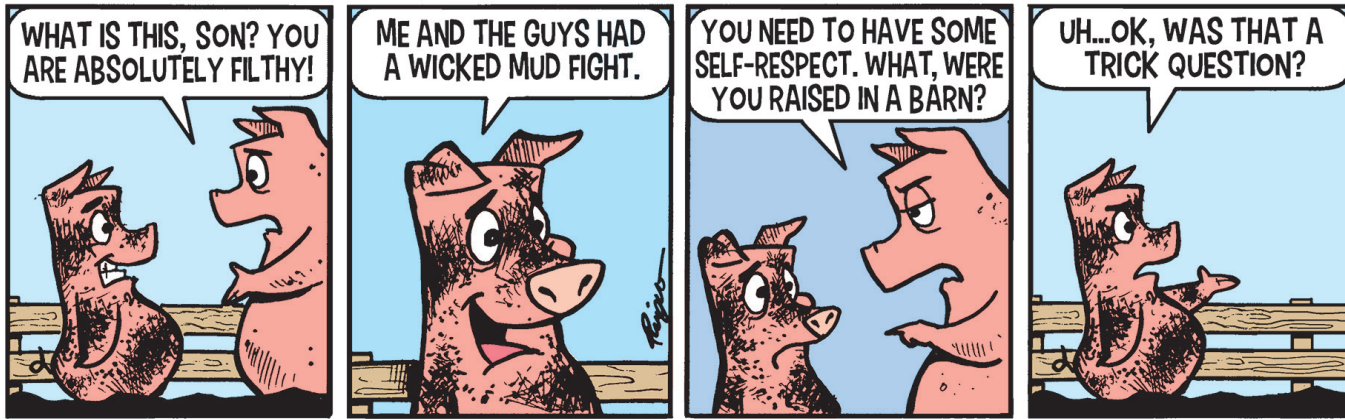


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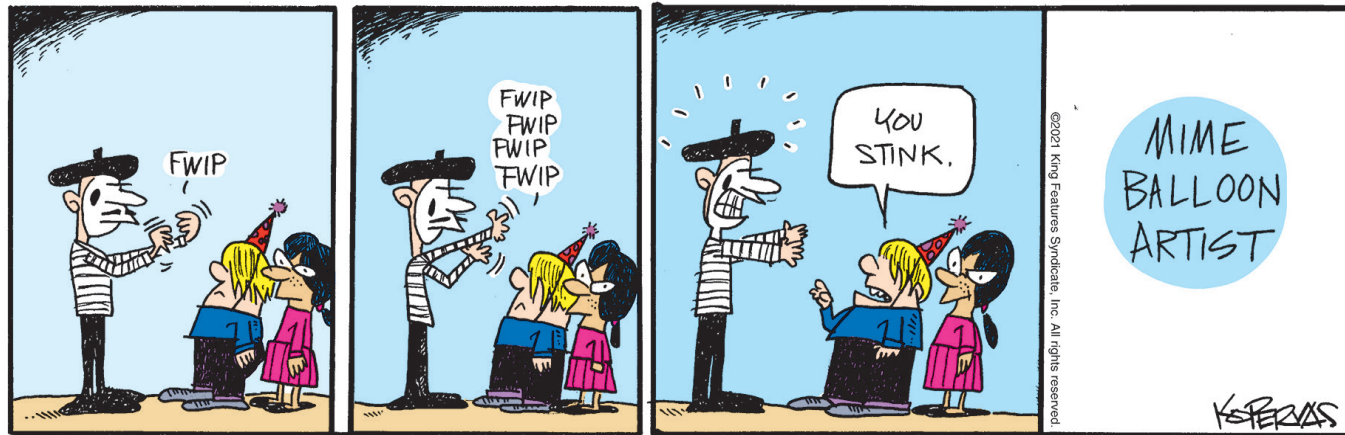
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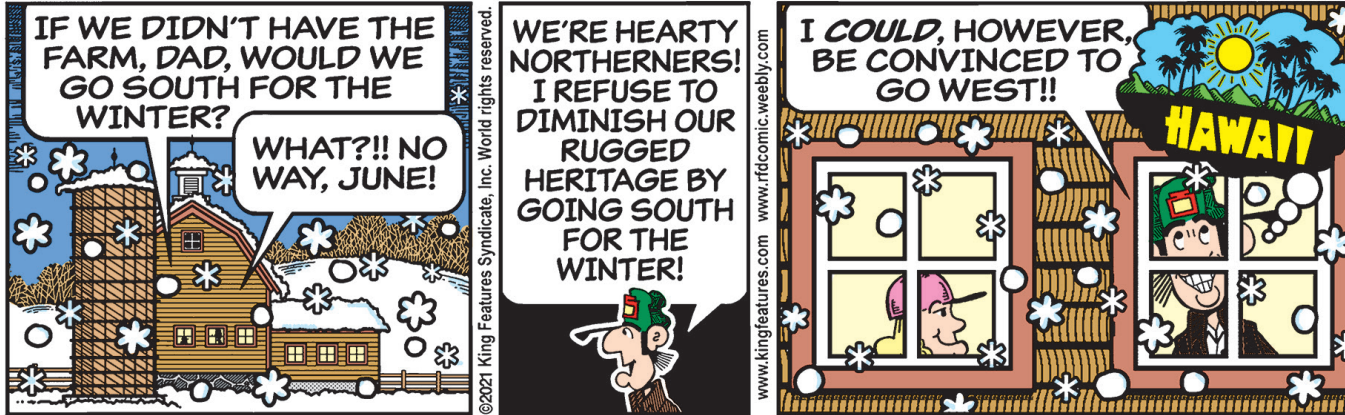
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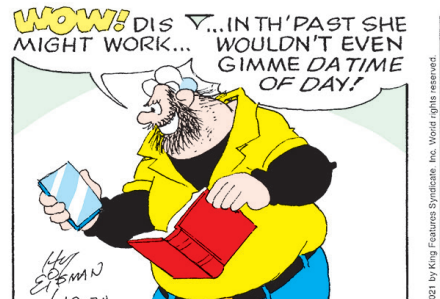
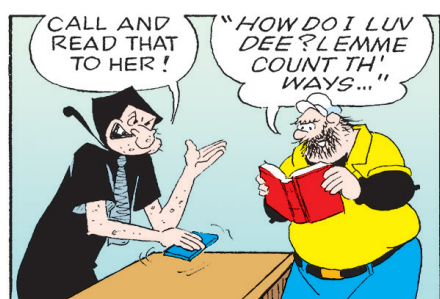
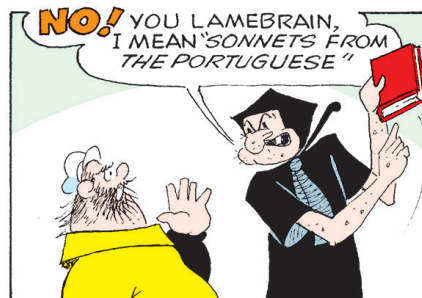
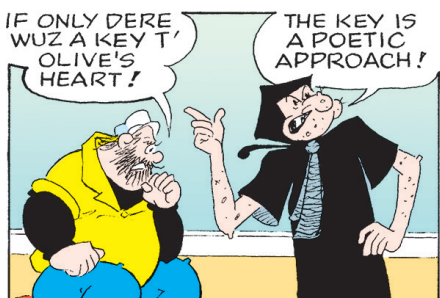
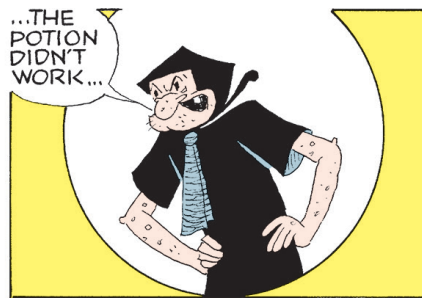
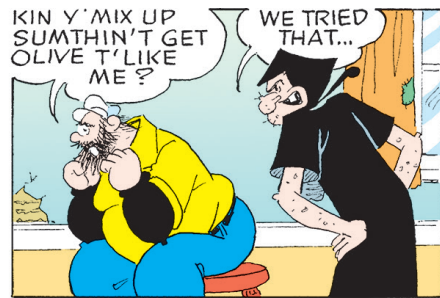
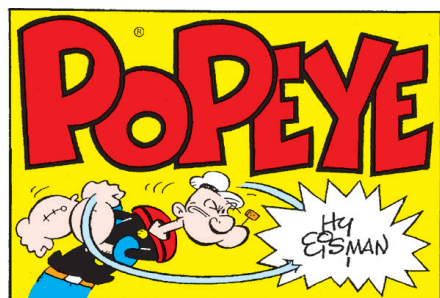
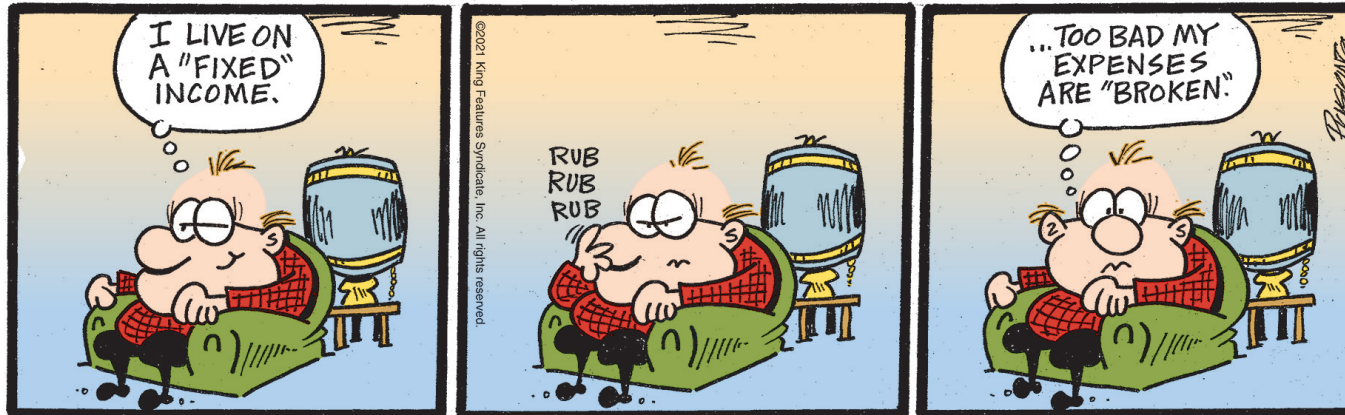
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# MOMENTS IN TIME

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\* On Nov. 21, 1877, Thomas Edison announces his invention of the phonograph, a way to record and play back sound. Although initially used as a dictating machine, the phonograph proved to be a popular tool for entertainment. Edison acquired an astounding 1,093 patents in his 84 years.

\* On Nov. 16, 1907, Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory collectively enter the United States as Oklahoma, the 46th state. Oklahoma's name is derived from the Choctaw Indian words "okla," meaning "people," and "humma," meaning "red."

\* On Nov. 19, 1915, British airman Richard Bell Davies performs a daring rescue, swooping down in his plane to whisk a downed fellow pilot from behind Turkish lines just as a group of enemy soldiers approached.

\* On Nov. 20, 1945, in Nuremberg, Germany, 24 high-ranking Nazis go on trial for atrocities committed during World War II. The defendants faced charges ranging from crimes against peace, to crimes of war, to crimes against humanity.

\* On Nov. 17, 1970, the court-martial of 1st Lt. William Calley, an Army platoon leader, begins. Calley had led his men in a massacre of 200 Vietnamese civilians, including women and children, at My Lai, South Vietnam. Calley was found guilty and initially sentenced to life imprisonment. He was paroled in 1974.

\* On Nov. 18, 1987, a fire in a London subway station kills 30 commuters and injures scores of others after people began to smell smoke coming from beneath one of the King's Cross station's escalators. It was later revealed that debris and grease had built up under the escalator.

\* On Nov. 15, 2001, Microsoft releases the Xbox gaming console, influencing the history of consumer entertainment technology. The cost of building each unit outweighed the sales price, which meant game sales were crucial. Luckily for Microsoft, their launch title (Halo) was one of the best-selling and most celebrated games of all time.

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## Historically Speaking

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

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

As we continue our examination of the history of the University of Tennessee Arboretum, a 250-acre island of solace and solitude amid our city, I hope you are beginning to appreciate this jewel we have in our midst. This column will conclude the historical perspective and one last article will bring out the current activities and future plans as well as provide the promised “Indian Trail Tree” discussion by Richard Evans.

The UT Arboretum has over seven miles of walking trails are suitable for short walks of merely ½ mile of level trail to 2 ½ miles of excellent combinations of ascents and level spots for an invigorating short hike. Hiking is but one of the many activities the public can enjoy in this special place we call our own.

The UT Arboretum is a bird watching sanctuary and a scientific study area for over 2,500 native and exotic plant specimens representing over 800 species, varieties, and cultivars. Kevin Hoyt, the UT Forest Resources Research and Education Center director and personal champion of the UT Arboretum, spends his time dedicated to the preservation of nature’s beauty and the full use of our natural resources for the education of our children, the enjoyment and education of our adults and the creation of future natural areas where generations to come can also enjoy the beauty, education, and joy of observing and preserving nature.

A large part of the mystic of the UT Arboretum is the society of volunteers who promote the special aspects of their arboretum and consider ways to provide for the varied programs and experiences available to us all. Over the years, from 1965 to today, these dedicated volunteers have assured that the long-term interest of this special place is foremost in the minds of the society and kept the public aware of the needs of the arboretum.

Efforts of the UT Arboretum Society have focused on bringing unique programs of appeal to wide audiences to introduce audiences to the broader aspects of the arboretum. These programs were varied in subject and served to attract many new members and supporters. Among the many successful events were the evening “Owl Prowl”, cosponsored by the Clinch River Raptor Center; the evening outdoor history dramas and reenactments, fall wildflower walks; workshops on care of garden tools, growing herbs, building hypertufa pots and others.

Let me focus on the area of this effort in which I was personally involved, the history dramas and reenactments. I have been pleased to be asked to write Historically Speaking columns on these programs and have been able to assist in arranging for the program presenters.

Mike Dahl, who portrayed an Overmountain Man who fought in the King’s Mountain victory of October 7, 1780, that literally changed the course of history and told of the “King’s Mountain Messenger, Joseph Greer, who was awarded land in my hometown for his heroic month-long 600-mile trek to Philadelphia to notify the Continental congress of the victory. This battle is known to have turned the tide of victory and led to the winning of the Revolutionary War. What a great piece of history to have recreated in our city at our arboretum of solace and solitude.

Next Lynn Fox brought us the story and re-enactment of famous John Sevier, the person who nearly formed the state of Franklin and who governed it for four years as well as becoming Tennessee’s first governor and serving in that capacity for 12 years. He was also the commander of the Washington County contingent of the Overmountain Men who won the victory at King’s Mountain.

Then there was the Martin’s Station story brought to us through the connections of Tracy and Loretta Rollins. Another stirring story of early pioneer settlement and the fight it took to stay alive in the wilderness of 1776. Dragging Canoe had just spoken in the latest treaty with the white settlers and the Cherokee stating the settlers had won what would be a “dark and bloody ground” and Joseph Martin felt he had selected



Lynn Fox portrays Davy Crockett as he tells the stories of “walking in the footsteps of Tennessee history” (Photo Submitted)



Mike Dahl tells the story of the Overmountain men who won the battle of King’s Mountain, the key battle turning the tide of the Revolutionary War! (Photo Submitted)



A family enjoys the beauty of the Cemetery Ridge Trail in fall (Photo Submitted)

Martin’s Station as a target.

These re-enactments have been top quality as those who have been able to see them know. I am not sure what the subject might be of the next drama. We have the Fort Southwest Point folks in Kingston who would

be a good choice. I have seen their program presented for a small audience at the Freels Bend Cabin...another treasure in our midst!

The UT Arboretum Society volunteers have dedicated their time and energy to the betterment of the UT Arboretum. It is through the continuing supportive efforts and a partnership between the UT Arboretum Society and the UT Arboretum that a pavilion type program shelter was constructed and a parking lot for over 100 cars was built in the interior of the arboretum acreage. This has allowed a substantial increase in the programming capabilities of the Arboretum. Throughout the year this shelter is the site of numerous programs and public events, including the annual spring and fall plant sales, lectures, professional development seminars and training programs.

Dedicated as the Dr. Jack and Evelyn Sharp Program Shelter in 2000, this shelter honors Dr. Sharp, a UT faculty member, world renowned botanist, Arboretum Society Board Member, and early promoter of the concept of having an Arboretum at this site. This shelter has become a popular site for weddings and is a most picturesque location with the natural surroundings as a backdrop.

Of course, the annual spring and fall plant sales are worthy of more than mere mention in association with the shelter where they are now located. These sales have provided quality plants for many homes in Oak Ridge and surrounding communities. They are a treasure in and of themselves. If you have not visited the Arboretum during one of the sales, you have missed the opportunity to purchase some most unusual and high-quality plants at very reasonable prices.

In 2005, the UT Forest Resources and Arboretum hosted the “All about Dogwoods Field Day” which brought together researchers, garden professionals, nursery specialists and dogwood enthusiasts to learn about the culture, care, and maintenance of dogwoods. This event demonstrates the unique character of the Arboretum whereby the single location can provide scientific study, education, and enjoyment of one of nature’s most beautiful trees, the Dogwood. Of course, there are other species that are just as interesting and for which a program might well be provided in the future.

In 2007, the “Cemetery Ridge Trail” was dedicated and hiked for the first time. Nearly 100 people participated, many of whom were Boy Scouts, parents, and children. This trail has many unique natural and human history features. It is a trail I often hike and enjoy because of its quiet remoteness and solitude as well as its varied specimens of very large trees and many mushrooms.

Another example of the unique nature of the Arboretum happened in 2009 when the “Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods Field Day” was held there. This event was sponsored by the Tennessee Division of Forestry and the Tennessee Forestry Association. At this event, forest scientists, professional foresters, landowners, and conservationists came together to increase their knowledge of proper stewardship of our hardwood resources.

The UT Arboretum history is full of excellent examples of good forestry management and public involvement. Next week Richard Evans’ Trail Tree will conclude our series on the UT Arboretum, and we will briefly mention the fund-raising effort currently being undertaken by the UT Arboretum Society.





## Appreciating Pears — Fall's Forgotten Fruit

I feel sorry for pears. They're coming into season, all gloriously ripe and sweet, but they get overlooked because everyone is all agog about pumpkins and cranberries this time of year.

May I suggest we make room on our autumn plates and palates for the pear?

Nothing is more transcendent than biting into a perfectly ripened pear, one so juicy you have to eat it leaning over the sink. Divine! Nothing is better — except maybe this chutney.

Wait! What the heck is chutney? Chutney comes from the East Indian "chatni," meaning "to eat with appetite," and refers to a condiment that's like a savory, sweet and sour preserve. It's a mix of chopped fruits, vinegar, spices and sugar cooked into a scrumptious chunky spread.

Chutney is served as an accompaniment to chicken, turkey and pork, as well as dishes like Indian curries. But chutney goes with so many things! It's delicious added to sandwiches, especially chicken or turkey salad for some unexpected zing. Try it with roasted sweet potatoes or squash. But my personal fave is putting some on a sharp cheddar grilled cheese sandwich, which is ridiculously delicious.

Pear chutney is an autumn staple to have on hand as an appetizer because it's a major upgrade to any cheese board and makes amazing crostini with a little brie, goat cheese or cream cheese (pictured).

There are literally thousands of recipes for chutney using everything from yogurt to mint to peanuts. Regarding the recipe I'm sharing today, when you combine pear with ginger, they bring out the best in each other. But, when you make them into chutney, they're utterly delectable together.



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### Pear chutney crostini

#### PEAR GINGER CHUTNEY

**Yield:** 3 cups **Prep:** 15 minutes

**Cook:** 30 minutes to simmer

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 cup onion or shallot, fine dice
- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 3/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 tablespoon crystalized ginger, minced
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 cups fresh, firm red pears, chopped

1. In a 3-quart saucepan, melt butter over medium-low heat. Add onion and garlic, and saute until onion is soft, being careful not to brown or burn.

2. Add the vinegar, brown sugar, cranberries, ginger, cinnamon, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

3. Add the pears and stir to incorporate. Simmer uncovered for at least 30 minutes, or until the liquids reduce and become syrupy. Taste and adjust seasoning, if desired.

4. Serve hot, warm, room temperature or cold. Keeps refrigerated for up to two weeks.

The wonderful thing about this chutney recipe is its versatility. You can easily alter the flavor and appearance by using different ingredients.

Fluctuate the fruit: You can use any variety of pear or apple in this recipe. The flavor difference between a tart granny smith apple versus a sweet ripe bartlett pear makes for a completely different chutney.

Vary the vinegar: Apple cider vinegar is classic in chutneys, but you could use balsamic to give it a beautiful red color.

Rice wine vinegar is subtle and works well with milder fruits.

Modify the dry: Other dried fruits can be substituted for cranberries, like raisins, dried blueberries, cherries, apples, apricots or even chopped figs.

If you like wine and food pairing, this chutney is wonderful with sweet white varietals, like Riesling and Moscato, but surprisingly delicious with lighter reds too, like pinot noir.

Did you ever think you'd be serving pears with practically everything? Way to go, pear. We believe in you! High five.

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#### 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.



# Coal Dust: Mr. Wizard, Corvair Vans, and Heroes



**Terry Futrell**

**Author**

*Heroes represent the best of ourselves, respecting that we are human beings. A hero can be anyone from Gandhi to your classroom teacher, anyone who can show courage when faced with a problem. A hero is someone who is willing to help others in his or her best capacity.*

*Ricky Martin*

Perhaps I should have hated him — after all, he captured the heart of “Miss Margaret”, the sweetheart of all the boys in her first-grade class at Coalfield School in 1952-53. But, how could I hate a man who went on to become a second father to me and who introduced me to worlds considered far beyond the reach of a poor kid from rural Morgan County, Tennessee?

Even though he grew up in Coalfield, my first memory of James Evan Bunch dates back only to 1958 when I was in the seventh grade. James and Margaret had recently moved back to Coalfield and lived just a couple hundred yards away. My best friend Ronnie, who lived in between us, first discovered the treasure that was now present in our midst. Ronnie took me with him to visit the Bunches one evening.

During the visit, Mr. Bunch introduced me to the World Book Encyclopedia. Within the World Book was a test for color blindness that he had me take. Goodness, I failed miserably! It’s amazing that I had reached that point in my life without knowing that I couldn’t tell the difference between red and green. It is little wonder that I had difficulty picking strawberries, which had gotten me into trouble at home more than once.

Mr. Bunch became my own personal “Mr. Wizard.” I found that this man knew so much about everything and had a wealth of life experiences that he was always willing to share. He had just begun teaching science at Coalfield, and Ronnie and I were the beneficiaries of all his class preparation.

I remember when he taught us how to cut up zinc jar lids, place the pieces of zinc into a glass drink bottle, pour battery acid into the bottle, and slip a balloon over the mouth of the bottle. The resulting chemical reaction released hydrogen gas and expanded the balloon, which we then tied off and released to travel through the skies to unknown distant lands. It didn’t take long for all the zinc jar lids to disappear from the drawer where my mother kept her supply. We were oblivious to the fact that hydrogen gas was explosive and quite hazardous to work with.

No longer did we have to sit in envy of the kids on television who got to spend an hour each week with their Mr. Wizard. We now had our very own Mr. Wizard and he was available any time that we chose to walk the short distance to Mr. Bunch’s house. It was during this time that I developed that seemingly unreachable dream of one day becoming an engineer.

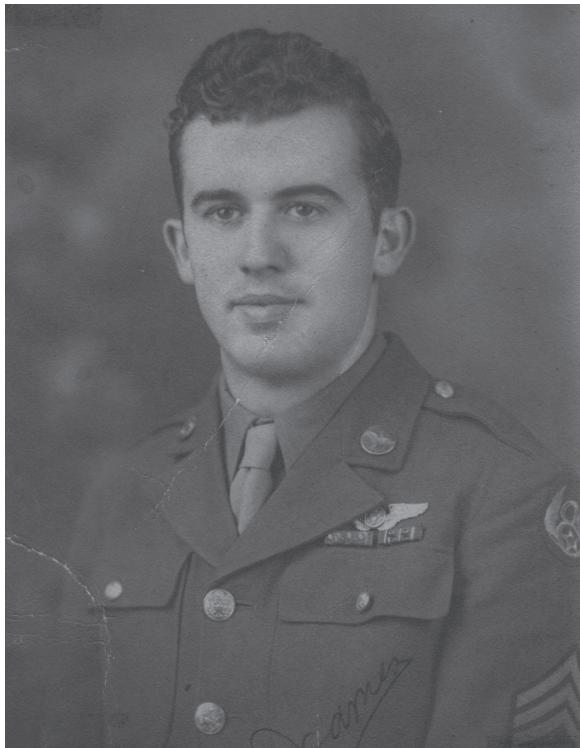
Later, I was fortunate to have Mr. Bunch as my general science teacher in 9th grade. There was never a dull moment as he continued to share with us both practical and exciting things from the world of science. He took us on field trips to the graphite reactor at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and to the American Museum of Atomic Energy in Oak Ridge. These trips introduced us to technology that was beyond anything we could fathom and greatly expanded the boundaries of our small Coalfield universe.

One of our most memorable field trips came on a Sunday afternoon rather than during the school week. Mr. Bunch loaded about 20 students into his 1961 Corvair Van and headed for the fire tower on Walden Ridge in Dutch Valley between Oliver Springs and Clinton. The Corvair was designed for only nine passengers, so we were packed in like sardines. It wasn’t safe and would certainly not be acceptable for a school trip today, but those were dif-

ferent times. As soon as we began the climb up Walden Ridge, the Corvair with its whopping 80-horsepower engine simply refused to go further! After emptying the van, it still would not climb up the ridge, so we had to push it. This was just one of Mr. Bunch’s adventures that didn’t go quite as planned.

Through the encouragement and support of Mr. Bunch and several other people, I attended the University of Tennessee after high school and achieved a degree in Electrical Engineering. Building on those past experiments with my own personal Mr. Wizard, I was fortunate to play a strong supporting role in the research of several graduate students, which was a significant factor in later obtaining a job as an instrumentation engineer at the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant. Those seemingly unreachable dreams instilled in me by Mr. Bunch when I was in elementary school had finally come true.

I stayed in touch with Mr. Bunch through the years, often visiting in his home. We would sit on his front porch and solve all the world’s problems, or at least debate them. Sometimes he would talk about his experiences during World War II. But, it wasn’t until he wrote a book in the late 1980s about his wartime experiences that I gained a true appreciation for the role he played as an airman, a role that elevated him to the status of hero in my eyes.



*Master Sergeant James Evan Bunch of Coalfield completed 35 combat missions in B-24 bombers over Germany and Western Europe during World War II. (Photo Submitted)*

Mr. Bunch was a combat veteran of World War II, attached to the 735th Squadron of the 453rd Heavy Bomb Group in the European Theatre of Operations. As Master Sergeant, he served as Engineer and Gunner in Lorenzo’s crew, flying combat missions in B-24 bombers into German occupied Western Europe from August 2 - November 26, 1944. The horrific nature of Mr. Bunch’s bomber experience is evident from the following description of an early mission from his book.

*We were now within seconds of releasing our bombs. Suddenly the whole area exploded. The sky about us turned grey with smoke, and our plane was thrown upside down by a direct hit in the bomb bay... What a sight! The bomb bay door was gone, the bomb supports twisted, and baseball-sized holes were in the side of the fuselage...*

*Our plane had over 300 holes in it. The maintenance crew said it was the worst they had ever had. What saved us was that the bombs had taken the blow from the 150mm shell. Two seconds later and we would have been blown out of the sky!*

Despite several near misses, Mr. Bunch miraculously survived and completed 35 combat missions. After World War II, Mr. Bunch was transferred to Asia to serve in the post-war occupation of Japan. He later served for 13 months during the Korean conflict and achieved the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

After his military service, Mr. Bunch had a fruitful career as an educator in Anderson, Roane, and Morgan Counties, impacting the lives of countless students. He served as a teacher at Norris and Reed in Anderson County, and at Coalfield and Wartburg in Morgan County. He also served as principal of Oliver Springs Elementary, Petros Elementary, and Oakdale School.

To many, James Bunch may have been just another teacher and school administrator. But to me, he was one of those special teachers whose dedication and commitment to his students infused every facet of his life. More than just a teacher, he was my own personal Mr. Wizard and war hero who just happened to own a Corvair van, one of the worst vehicles ever made.



# American Flag Presented to the American Legion Post 149



The American Legion was contacted by Van Norstran’s family about an American flag that has been in their possession for over fifty years and had been flown over the Capitol building.

On Wednesday, October 20, 2021, Richard and his brother Ralph Van Norstran presented the flag to American Legion Post 149. On behalf of Post 149 to accept this flag was Commander Bill Shannon, First Vice Larry Sexton, and Mark Keck, our Adjutant.

So, a little history on the flag. It was requested at some point by their dad, Clem Van Norstran who at the time was the Commander of post 149 in 1972. The family does not know who was to get this flag or why he had asked for this flag. Then Senator Howard H. Baker Jr. was directly involved in acquiring this flag. The flag had bounced around from here to Jacksonville, Florida, as well as many other homes that the family has lived in over the last fifty years.

Photo, Left to Right: Mark Keck (Adjutant), Richard Van Norstran (His brother), Ralph Van Norstran, Larry Sexton (1st Vice), Bill Shannon (Commander)

### American Legion Post 149 November Events

November 11, 2021, Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the County CourtHouse lawn in Wartburg at 11:00 am. After the ceremony we will be having some refreshments at the American Legion Post. All are welcome to come.

November 13, 2021, our Legion breakfast is from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. We now make omelets to go with our regular breakfast bar. Prices will be \$8.00 per adult, \$4.50 per child under twelve, and to go boxes will be \$8.50.

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

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# A Hereditary Priesthood



**John Burns**  
Opinion Columnist

1 Peter 2:9 Who is Peter speaking too? Christians in America have no idea what to do with their salvation. They are comfortable gathering in three-dimensional spaces hoarding the gospel of our Messiah. They kidnap God for two hours a week on Sunday and maybe Wednesday, and there is absolutely no power in their message or ministry.

The communities they claim to serve are crying out for the kingdom. What will we all do? The Old Testament is where we are introduced to the priests and kings of ancient Israel. Their lives were chronicled for our edification. Revelation 1:6 reveals the purpose for our salvation, to become kings and priests of God. Not just preachers, but every person born of a woman who receives justification from God. If you claim salvation in the blood of the Lamb, are you preparing to rule and reign with Christ as kings and priests?

Do you never open the Bible? Are you comfortable with pagan church traditions?

While men of the reformation consolidated power in denominational churches, replacement theology began to be taught in the first century. The church of Sardis began to teach that the New Testament had somehow replaced the Old Testament. They were teaching that gentile pagan believers replaced God's people Israel. This heresy makes the God we serve a liar and it makes 87% of scripture irrelevant.

The Jews in Israel have a destiny outlined in our Bible that centers around the 70th week of Daniel. It is the entire subject matter of Revelation from Chapter 4-21. The Jews are the living vine gentile Christians are grafted into. For the church that was given Christ's Grace, they have forgotten that mercy is the only prerequisite condition for receiving the grace of Messiah.

Mercy is the story of our Old Testament ancestors. They were given the law to teach us all what exactly we need mercy from. They were separated into the priests of Levi and the kings of Judah. It is a lesson in mercy and grace. Kings need mercy to understand responsibility in ruling. Priests require grace in leading people under the cloak of mercy. Mercy is to not receive what we all deserve, for the wages of sin is death.

Mercy is the divine attribute God has been showing our Jewish brethren for a long time. Since the garden of Eden. Mercy is why Abraham met Melchisedec after freeing Lot. He is the King of Salem and prince of righteousness. He had no beginning and no end. He received a tithe of Abraham from the spoils of the enemies of God. He is whom we get our hereditary inheritance and our rewards. The book of Hebrews in our New Testament is the book that deals with all things priestly. You need the Old Testament wisdom to glean Holy Spirit instruction as to the purposes of God on earth and in your future. As a priest we need instruction to offer the sacrifices of righteousness. The Bereans are our example.

For the Bereans were more noble than those in Thessalonica in that they searched the scriptures daily to find out if what Paul was saying were true. To be a priest in the Kingdom of messiah knowledge of the Old Testament priests to understand the right and wrong way of offering sacrifices God actually accepts. For I require mercy and not sacrifice says the Lord.

The High priest of our covenant went behind the veil once for all the sins of the world. The sacrifice he offered as the lamb was none other than Jesus Christ the second person of the creation God-head. God paid an incredible price for you to serve Him at the altar of sacrifice. Would you rather reign in heaven or rule on earth?

Our priesthood revolves around belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Messiah. Jesus Christ united the priesthood of Levi with the king of Israel descended from David at his water baptism. He changed water to blood at the last supper. No need to get under the water of baptism if you never intend to serve at the altar of blood given us by Yeshua when he became our high priest.

No one would put new wine into old wineskins. The Jews had required a Mikveh purification ritual each time the high priest was to enter the Holy of Holies behind the veil. Jesus Christ finished the paradigm when he and John transferred the priesthood back upon messiah. Christians become Jews in name only when they require gentiles to get under the water of baptism.

Paul tells us there is one baptism and it is heavenly not earthly. It is the blood baptism achieved on Calvary once and for all on a wooden cross. Only a belief in the blood of the Lamb cleansing you from all unrighteousness required for entrance into Messiah's kingdom.

What is missing in Christian worship is the desire to be resurrected from dead religious thinking steeped in antisemitism. Our high priest is a Jewish rabbi who will one day receive the crown of King David as he returns with his bride to destroy the enemies of God and establish the monarchy promised Judah, David and Mary.

As a King forever God makes it easy. Study the life of king David and figure out why God says in Acts 15 he searched for a man after mine own heart and I found David. David had an attribute God loved. It was his desire to always ask God for mercy when he sinned. It is David who said I do not care what men think I care what God alone thinks. This should be your Christian testimony if you intend to serve in the coming kingdom of our God.

He needs you to activate your royal priesthood inherited at the resurrection of Messiah. Study to show yourself approved, a workman rightly dividing the word of truth.

As a priest we need an example. Our high priest taught his inheritance from the pages of the Old Testament. Of the abundance of the letter, it is written of me. That is our high priest's testimony found in the book of Hebrews. Our guide to inheriting our priesthood. The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed. The New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.

Begin a relationship with Messiah today through prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Open the pages of the Bible daily and see if God does not begin to reveal His will for your life. As a priest we need both testaments to understand the calling on our lives to be a royal priesthood descended from Messiah our Jewish high priest. He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood. Even so come Lord Jesus Christ.

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## King Crossword

Answers

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# 1 Corinthians: Chapter 9

(1 Cor. 9:1-3) An affirmation of apostleship: In the preceding chapter Paul has argued the case that the strong ought to help the weak, even to the extent of foregoing one's own interests to assist others in their spiritual growth. He will now strengthen his case by demonstrating that he has practiced this principle; he can speak, therefore, with authority. He begins with a series of questions, each of which is grammatically framed to invoke a positive response. The focus initially will be on his integrity as an apostle. It presently becomes apparent that there was a Corinthian clique that disputed his apostleship.

"Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Haven't I seen the Lord? Aren't you my work in the Lord?" Paul had been within his rights to expect support from the Corinthians as an apostle of Christ. Why did he forego it? Because he thrust the interests of others before himself. Yes, he was an apostle. Yes, he had qualified for that position by having seen the resurrected Lord. Yes, he had founded this congregation. The fact that the Corinthians possessed spiritual gifts (chapters 12-14), received only by the imposition of Paul's hands, was a "seal" of his apostleship. He is prepared to make a "defense" to those who "examine" him (v. 3). This is a clear reference to the faction in Corinth that questioned Paul's apostleship and integrity.

(1 Cor. 9:4-12) Paul's right to financial support: In an almost prosecutorial fashion, the questions continued. "Haven't we (men who labor in the proclamation of the word) the right to be sustained by the church? Don't our families have the right of support, even as other apostles, the brothers of Christ, and Cephas (Peter)?" (Peter was married; modern "popes" (who according to Catholic dogma inherited his mantle) cannot be.) "Are Barnabas and I the exceptions (v. 6)? Aren't soldiers, farmers, and herdsmen sustained for their labor? Am I simply using human illustrations? Doesn't the Old Testament law embody the same principle (Dt. 25:4)? Doesn't even the ox get to eat as he works, treading out the grain? In fact, wasn't this provision placed in the law for our sake more than the ox's?" Yes it was. One labors in the hope of partaking.

"If we have sowed (labored) in spiritual matters, is it unreasonable that we should have the right to reap some physical support?" This suggests they acknowledge the logic in providing support for physical labor, yet they see no value in supporting those who labor on their behalf spiritually. What does this say about their values? They even concede the right of others to be supported: why then is such withheld from Paul and Barnabas (12)?

(1 Cor. 9:12-23) Paul's reasons for suspending his rights: "Nevertheless we did not insist upon support." Why not? "Because we did not want to hinder the progress of the gospel." Service is about sacrifice! Even the Old Testament law provided precedent for sustaining those who labor in sacred tasks. The priests and the Levites who served in the temple were allowed

to have "their portion" of the sacrifices offered (Lev. 6:16, 26; Num. 18:8; Dt. 18:1-4). Similarly, the Lord "ordained" (appointed, prescribed) that those who proclaim the gospel should be sustained by their students (v. 14; Ga. 6:6). Paul will later depict (in hyperbolic fashion) their willingness to let others support him while he worked at Corinth as a form of robbery (2 Cor. 11:8).

As they well know, however, Paul had not insisted on exercising his divine rights. Why not---he had accepted support from others (Phil. 4:10-20)? Because he had critics in Corinth who suggested he was a mercenary---just in it for the money! He would rather die than lend any level of credence to such malicious rumors, and thus rob him of that glory inherent in serving his Lord (v. 15). While preaching Christ was a glorious task, he would not glory in such personally, for he was compelled by necessity to be involved in this commitment. The Lord Jesus had commissioned him to this vocation and he had dedicated himself to it. In fact, he felt he would be condemned if he did not (v. 6). He was not involved in this work for monetary reward. No, he considered his role as one of an entrusted "steward". That was an honor plentifully bestowed. He was but a servant, laboring under the management of a higher authority (v. 17). "If I am preaching for some financial reward, as some charge, where is it?" Certainly he had the right to be supported, but in the case of the Corinthians, he had not utilized his full privilege (v. 18).

Again he will chronicle his activities as an example (especially for them) of forfeiting one's liberty in the interest of others (chapter 8). He is not bragging. Under the guidance of the Spirit he is documenting his credibility to be fit for instructing them in this manner. He had brought himself "under bondage to all" to gain souls. For example, to the Jews he became "as a Jew" (v. 20). What did he mean "as a Jew"? He was a Jew! Biologically, yes; intellectually speaking, he knew the law of Moses had been abrogated, yet he accommodated himself to certain Hebrew practices for the gospel's sake (Acts 16:3; 21:20). Similarly, to those under the law, he would be "as under the law". The simile hints he knows that formally he is no longer under Moses' law. To those "without the law", Gentiles, the apostle likewise adapted himself in whatever cultural ways he could---without sinning, of course. He never became an "outlaw in his relationship to God. He was "under law to Christ." This is a clear repudiation of the modern "grace-only" idea that we are free from all law (v. 22).

There were other classifications of accommodation. To the "weak" he became "weak" (perhaps in refraining from the eating of certain meats, etc.). Becoming "all things to all men" (the Greek suggests a settled practice) was a resolution of life to facilitate the spread of the gospel. What a gracious man---to have such an encompassing love for the souls of humanity! Paul was immersed in a spirit of self-sacrifice for the gospel, realizing he eventually would partake of the joys associated therewith (v. 22-23).

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## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

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*of the mountains;  
the earth with its bars  
closed behind me forever;  
yet You have brought up  
my life from the pit,  
O Lord, my God.*

— JONAH 2: 5,6





David Zubler  
Columnist

## Strategies to ensure workers are properly classified as contractors

There are many advantages of hiring an independent contractor instead of an employee. The advantages include the reduction in payroll taxes, workers compensation, and benefits. However, the IRS definitions for the difference between a contractor and an employee can be cloudy.

Failure to correctly classify workers can result in substantial penalties from the IRS and other government agencies. Consequently, it's critical to ensure that these government agencies won't disagree

with your classification in the event of an audit.

To avoid an independent contractor being reclassified as an employee, it is advantageous to use the following strategies.

Document your business's policy for determining whether a worker is a contractor or employee. This shows that your organization uses guidelines it follows rather than basing the decision on how it provides the most benefit to the company. Your policy should detail the qualifications it uses to determine the proper relationship. It's advantageous to include the guidance on the IRS website to set your policy.

Don't make the mistake of giving your contractor your business cards. It may seem harmless but independent contractors should never represent themselves as part of your organization. If a contractor has its own business cards it helps to prove that it is not part of your company. Their cards should not include your organization's logo or any of your other business information.

Hire independent contractors whose business is structured as an LLC, corporation, or partnership. Hiring a sole proprietor who is structured as an LLC provides an additional factor to help establish that they have their own business.

Avoid paying an independent contractor on a fixed or regular basis. Pay-

ing them on a project basis or a percentage of completion basis helps to indicate that they are a contractor. Employees are normally paid an hourly wage or salary.

Having them invoice you for their services will help to establish that they are an independent contractor. Employees may turn in an expense report for reimbursement, but they don't invoice their employer for their services. Hire independent contractors who work for other businesses. If your contractor works for other companies, it helps to prove they are in business for themselves. The more businesses your contractor works for the more obvious it becomes that they are not your employee.

Avoid thinking that you won't get caught. If a contractor feels like they are entitled to be treated an employee, they could turn you in to make you responsible for their payroll tax. Or they could report you if your relationship deteriorates.

If you misclassify a worker, it could be extremely costly since you could be forced to pay huge penalties from the IRS and other government agencies. It's important to know the IRS rules for classifying a worker and use as many strategies as possible to make your case.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## It's Time to Review, Re-new Medicare

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This is that time of year, again, when we need to make decisions about Medicare plans.

From Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, we are eligible to compare our coverage between the original Medicare, Advantage plans and the Part D drug plans in open enrollment. They change every year, and we need to know how those changes will impact us.

To compare plans, go online to Medicare.gov and click on Preview 2022 Health & Drug Plans. Click on the plans you'd like to see and enter your ZIP code. If you want to compare drug costs, enter that data as well.

Have pen and paper on hand and do the math. While it's said that the average Advantage plan will come down \$2, the average drug plan will go up that much. Beware the

deductibles.

If you have an Advantage plan and think you want to continue it, read the fine print. If you're used to having benefits for glasses, gym membership or other things, check to be sure you'll still have those. Compare all of the plans to get what you need.

If you have a Part D drug plan and need insulin, be especially careful in selecting your plan. An additional 500 plans will include insulin this year, but again, read the fine print to be sure it's what you need. A warning: Be sure your drugs are covered.

If you have questions you can call 1-800-MEDICARE, 24/7, to get help. You can also seek assistance at the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) for your state ([www.shiphelp.org](http://www.shiphelp.org)).

If you are low income or have a disability, you might be eligible for the Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs). They help pay for premiums and deductibles, as well as co-payments. Go online to cms.gov and search for Medicare Savings Programs. Click on one of the four categories for more information and income limits.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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1. Who released a song (and an album by the same name) with the title "Beaucoups of Blues"?
2. Name the singer who released the first English-language version of "All Alone Am I."
3. Who was Fernando?
4. Were the Righteous Brothers really related?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Before we're through I want to tell you that I adore you, And always do."

## Answers

1. Ringo Starr, in 1970. It was his first solo single after leaving the Beatles.
2. Brenda Lee, in 1962. It was originally written in Greek. Lee was 18 at the time and had been the sole financial support for her family since she was 10 years old.
3. "Fernando," written originally in Swedish by ABBA for one of its group members, was a bartender in Stockholm. ABBA released an English version years later and it became one of their biggest hits.
4. No. Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield met when a previous group (the Paramours) disbanded.
5. "Ma Belle Amie" by Tee-Set, a Dutch group, in 1970. The song did well around the world and was released in different languages. The title, translated from French, means "my beautiful friend."

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# Friday Night Spotlight

## Oakdale Defeats Greenback 16-14 for Best Finish in 20 Years

By Terry Futrell

No matter what adjectives one uses to describe Oakdale's final regular season game with Greenback, a team they hadn't beaten since 1982, it was not a game for the faint of heart. After a scoreless first quarter, the teams swapped the lead several times before Oakdale's Gavin Menard kicked a 28-yard field goal late in the third quarter to put the Eagles ahead 16-14 for the final score of the game. The victory put Oakdale solidly in the number-two seed position in Region 2A and gives the Eagles home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs next Friday. Oakdale finishes the regular season with a 7-3 record, their best finish in more than 20 years.

One of the best things to be said about the Eagles is that they refused to lose, a trait they have shown many times throughout the 2021 season. After regaining the lead in the third quarter, the Eagles held off Greenback attacks to the very end to preserve the victory. Once again Oakdale's big play defense was key to the Eagles' victory, holding Greenback to only nine yards rushing in the second half and 83 yards total offense in the second half. The Eagles also intercepted two Greenback passes and recovered one Greenback fumble during the second half.

After stopping two Greenback drives in the first quarter, Oakdale began a 10-play drive late in the first quarter at their own 41-yard line, with Timmy Holder scoring from one yard out early in the second quarter. Menard kicked the point after to give Oakdale a 7-0 lead. Greenback answered on their next possession that began at their own 35-yard line and scored on a run from five yards out. The conversion failed and Oakdale held a 7-6 lead.

On the third play of Oakdale's next possession, Greenback picked off an Oakdale pass and raced 53 yards for a score. The 2-point conversion was good, and Greenback took a 14-7 lead. Oakdale was penalized 15-yards on the kickoff and began their next possession at their own 20-yard line. The Eagles third play of the series was one of the most exciting of the game. Recovering from a bad snap, quarterback Elisha Davis miraculously eluded Greenback defenders and avoided a sack. He then found Nehemiah Cooney open downfield for a 72-yard touchdown pass. The kick failed and Oakdale trailed 13-14 as the first half ended.

Oakdale received the second half kickoff and began an 11-play drive that lasted for more than half of the third quarter. The Eagles were faced with three 4th-down situations on the drive, converting the first at the Greenback 35-yard line by a Greenback offsides penalty. Four plays later, the Eagles were again faced with 4th and 1 at the Cherokees' 21-yard line. Eloy Vera ran the ball and literally flew over a Greenback defender for the first down. Oakdale then had another 4th down at the Greenback 11-yard line. From there Menard kicked a 28-yard field goal to give the Eagles a 16-14 lead.

During the fourth quarter, Greenback experienced one of the craziest possessions of the entire season. The drive began when the Cherokees recovered an Oakdale fumble at Oakdale's 34-yard line. Greenback quickly moved the ball to Oakdale's 13-yard line with a 21-yard pass completion. After two consecutive holding penalties on Greenback and an offsides penalty on Oakdale, Greenback had the ball on the Oakdale 26-yard line. A Greenback pass to the end zone

looked like a sure completion when Hunter Boyer suddenly appeared out of nowhere to knock the pass away. Greenback was guilty of holding on the next play, moving the ball back to the Oakdale 37-yard line. The Cherokees were then hit with multiple penalties on the next play, moving the ball all the way back to the Greenback 27-yard line, where the Cherokees had a 3rd and 70 situation.

After Joseph Summers tipped a Greenback punt, the Eagles took

over on the Greenback 49-yard line. The Eagles defense came up big as they stopped Greenback's final two possessions with interceptions, the last one coming when Eloy Vera intercepted a Cherokee pass at the Oakdale 24-yard line. The Eagles then took a knee to end the game with a 16-14 victory over Greenback.

Oakdale gained 76 yards on 2 of 6 passing in the game and added on 182 yards rushing for 258 total yards offense. Once again, Timmy Holder was the workhorse of Oakdale's offense rushing for 126 yards on 25 carries. The Eagle defense held Greenback to 102 yards passing and 92 yards rushing, for 194 total yards offense.

Oakdale hosts Jellico next Friday in the first round of the playoffs. Greenback travels to face Cloudland.



*Oakdale's Timmy Holder carried the ball 25 times for 126 yards in the Eagles' 16-14 victory over Greenback. [File Photo]*



# Dust Settles in Region 2A Football

By Greg Addington

The dust (well, what dust that could be found on a rainy Friday night) has settled and we now have clarity with respect to next week's first round matchups in the playoffs.

The two games we were following closely tonight were Greenback/Oakdale and

Midway/Oliver Springs, and the home team was the victors tonight in both games. Oakdale defeated Greenback 16-14 for the first Eagle victory in their series since 1982. Oliver Springs defeated Midway 30-22.

Oakdale hosts Jellico next week on Hollis Eble Field for their fifth ever playoff game and will have home field advantage for the third time in school history. The Eagles are still looking for their first playoff win.

Midway will have the third seed and will travel to play Unaka next Friday night. The Green Wave are a perfect 6-0 all-time against the Rangers. The teams played in

the regular season from 2015-2018.

Greenback draws the long bus ride to Roan Mountain to play Cloudland and it will be the first time since 2012 that both teams have played.

Coalfield will host North Greene on Rochelle Field next Friday night which will be the first meeting between the Jackets and Huskies since 1996.

Second round games will consist of the Greenback/Cloudland winner playing the Oakdale/Jellico winner and the North Greene/Coalfield winner playing the Midway/Unaka winner.

# Sunbright Middle School Girls Basketball Defeats Robbins

Game Recap:

Girls game  
Sunbright = 41  
Robbins = 14

Stats:  
#00 Addison Coleman  
18 pts, 13 reb, 1 ast, 2 stl

#2 Alyssa Washam

2 pts, 1 reb, 1 stl

#5 Adeline Rogers  
6 pts, 14 reb, 4 ast, 3 stl

#10 Emerson Nichols  
10 pts, 2 reb, 1 ast, 1 stl

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

#12 Alaina Morgan  
3 pts, 5 reb, 1 ast, 6 stl

1st quarter = SB 16, Rob 2  
2nd quarter = SB 27, Rob 6  
3rd quarter = SB 36, Rob 11  
4th quarter = SB 41, Rob 14



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## ORNL Employees Continue Fight Against Mandate

In a two-day Preliminary Injunction hearing, six UT-Battelle (UT-B) employees represented over 100 employees in Judge Atchley's 6th District Federal court in Knoxville. At the heart of their complaint was UT-Battelle's unreasonable treatment of approved religious and medical accommodations. Contrary to some reports, these 100+ employees were fighting for the ability to keep working under the same safety guidelines they had throughout the pandemic. Simply put, they were not fighting the vaccine mandate but for the ability to keep working. UT-Battelle's position was that putting over 100 employees on unpaid leave before the upcoming holidays was "the only reasonable" accommodation UT-B would provide for these approved employees.

Judge Atchley ultimately denied the Preliminary Injunction stating that the merits of irreparable harm, a requirement for a Preliminary Injunction, were not met in the court's eyes. In

essence, UT-Battelle may be wrong in their treatment of employees, but that the impact of UT-B's actions "may be recovered through monetary damages". Judge Atchley further states in his summary that,

"it is difficult to view its treatment of employees as thoughtful or prudent... Regardless of the result of such findings, it is hard to fathom that conducting more individualized assessments was untenable for an entity with the resources of UT-Battelle. In this regard, Defendant's decisions reflect a shocking indifference to some of its employees. These employees deserve better, as does everyone associated with UT-Battelle."

In an update on their GiveSendGo website, the UT-Battelle employees responded to the ruling saying "We were unable to demonstrate irreparable harm, however Judge Atchley's conclusion increases our confidence that UT-Battelle violated our rights. We will continue the fight for these rights." <https://givesendgo.com/utbdiscriminates>

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