

Morgan County Today

Psalm 100:3

Volume 07 Number 45

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Your Community. Your News.

75¢



Morgan County  Today
Your Community. Your News.

PUBLISHER:
TOMMY LEE FRANCIS
PUBLISHER@MOCOTODAY.COM

EDITOR:
HEATHER FRANCIS
EDITOR@MOCOTODAY.COM

ADVERTISING SPECIALIST:
PAULA PERRY
ADVERTISING@MOCOTODAY.COM

**MAIL DELIVERY
SUBSCRIPTIONS**

CALL 423-346-2329
POSTMASTER:
SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO
P.O. BOX 451,
WARTBURG, TN 37887

IN-COUNTY RATES
\$40; \$35 FOR SENIOR
CITIZENS & VETERANS








OUT OF COUNTY RATES
\$55; \$50 FOR SENIOR
CITIZENS & VETERANS

**PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID
AT WARTBURG, TN
USPS PUBLICATION NUMBER
(15400)**

**I'D
RATHER
BE
READING.**

#mocotoday

**MORGAN COUNTY
WEATHER THIS WEEK**

Tue 09	70°/42°	
Wed 10	68°/49°	
Thu 11	65°/47°	
Fri 12	60°/39°	
Sat 13	45°/31°	
Sun 14	47°/32°	
Mon 15	49°/34°	



**Michael Nance
Columnist**

Glenn Youngkin, the former CEO of the Washington-based Carlyle Group investment company just shocked many political prognosticators by winning the Governor's post in Virginia. Admittedly, Younkin is a wealthy businessman and donated 20 million dollars to his own gubernatorial campaign. His win rocked the Virginia political landscape, considering that President Biden carried the state with a 10-point margin in the 2020 Presidential Election. His opponent, democrat Terry McAuliffe lost the rural vote in the state by 27 points, which is more than four times worse than Biden's margin numbers in 2020.

On Wednesday morning McAuliffe formally conceded and congratulated Youngkin. In a testament to today's political landscape, the democratic party establishment wasted no time in blaming the loss on the McAuliffe's campaign performance. Caitlin Bennet, the chair of the Fredericksburg Democratic Committee was quoted as stating: "It was the worst campaign I've ever been involved in." The democrat establishment accuse McAuliffe's campaign of neglecting Black and Latino voters, electing instead to focus on white suburban women who apparently abandoned the democratic platform in Virginia.

On the flip side of the coin, Youngkin's win in Virginia indicates that the GOP is gaining energy leading into the mid-term elections. This win is significant in gauging political sentiment, considering that the Republicans in Virginia have not won a statewide election in the state since 2009.

Many political issues appeared to create head-

Democrats Lose the Virginia Governor's Race

winds for the democratic party in Virginia, a few of these issues almost certainly contributed to the loss. On the list are education, and the teaching of critical race theory, as well as transgender policy, inflation, and Covid-19 restrictions.

Education took center stage in Virginia and many of McAuliffe's positions appeared

obviously took advantage of his hasty statements.

Younkin focused on education and economy, which proved to be a winning combination. Whereas, according to many sources, McAuliffe spent that majority of his campaign attempting to align Youngkin to former President Donald Trump and being an anti-vaccination candidate. Most agree, that both accusations contain very little merit, and the voters of Virginia apparently agreed and voted for Younkin.

In conclusion, The Virginia gubernatorial election results are just yet another piece of evidence that President Biden's policies are sure to affect the 2022 midterms. As Biden's approval ratings drop amidst rising inflation and supply chain problems, the democrats stand little chance of election victories in 2022. To be fair, this isn't unusual as there has been a long-term political paradigm that the sitting President's party loses the midterm elections. The most revealing item from the Virginia election is that parents are not ready to surrender the policies that affect their children to the government. The author hopes that all elected officials understand that parents do have a say in their children's education!



Glenn Youngkin, Governor Elect, Virginia, Photo courtesy of Youngkinforgovernor.com

to challenge parental authority. One Bill that inflamed many of the parents was H.B. 257. This Bill was passed by the democrats and gave the school districts the choice to report sexual battery and other misdemeanors to law enforcement when those offenses occur on school grounds. Also, according to the Washington Examiner, McAuliffe thumbed his nose at parents stating: "I'm not going to let parents come into schools and actually take books out and make their own decision, I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach." This one statement may have sealed McAuliffe's political fate, and Younkin



**727 N Roane St, Harriman
865-882-2300**

- Ceramic Coating
- Window Tinting
- Full Detail & Hand Washing
- Shampoo Interior & Exterior
- Paint Correction
- Custom Lettering

Send Letters to the Editor
Editor@mocotoday.com

In Loving Memory

Ronald Wayne "Ronnie" Morgan, 69

Ronald Wayne "Ronnie" Morgan, age 69, of Lancing passed away October 30, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family. Ronnie was born February 15, 1952, to Roy & Anita Morgan.



He leaves behind wife of 22 years, together for 28 years, Belinda Faith Burnette Morgan; daughter's, Holly Armes & Robbie; granddaughters, Hannah Elizabeth & Erin Bailey Armes of Knoxville, Tn., Ginger Morgan and Steve Anderson, Fiancée of Johnson City, Tn., Angel Mitchell, and Johnny and Harrison Hill, granddaughters, Emilee Brooke Mitchell, Alexis Morgan Mitchell; grandson, Brenton Wayne Mitchell, of Lancing Tn., Kara Morgan of Lancing, and friend, Stefan Davis, Katie Carrol & Scott, granddaughter, Whitley Ann of Wartburg, Tn., Shala & Preston Steelman, granddaughter, Aniston Rayelynn Steelman; grandson, Axel Ray Steelman of Sunbright Tn.; sons, Michael Perdue and Kendra of Wartburg Tn, and Steven Thompson and April Bonifay of FL.; granddaughters, Carley Ladd & Casey, Haven Thompson; 1 great granddaughter Callie Brooke; 1 great grandson, Caiden James 8 granddaughters, and 2 grandsons, brothers; Roy Wade Morgan and wife, Paula of Johnson City, Tn, Gary Morgan and wife, Jayne of Chattanooga Tn.; sisters, Elaine Pugh and husband, Mike of Oakridge Tn, and Lynita(Skeet) husband, Jerry Loyd of Lancing, and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Roy Albert Morgan; mother, Anita Greer Winnie Morgan, and nephew, Justin Cory Morgan.

Ronnie was a True believer of the Lord Jesus Christ, a devoted husband, and a wonderful father.

He was bigger than life, a heart full of love for everyone, and was always the same wherever you ran into him. He worked as a Lineman/Foreman for TVA, Harriman Utility, had his own line crew on New River, and retired From Plateau Electric in Wartburg, with 44 years of service. He was an

avid hunter of Turkeys, Deer, Squirrel, Raccoon. He loved raising and hunting his Coon Dogs. He enjoyed taking young children and teaching them to hunt and the safeties of hunting. He was a great entertainer and funny storyteller he had so many stories we could sit for hours and listen. He had a beautiful singing voice and wrote several songs and recorded them. His first was "A Father's Love" and it told the story of his love for his dad and one of the reasons he loved hunting so much. His very last song he wrote 6 years ago on the mountain while hunting on Easter morning. He came home and said, "write this down" and began to tell me in his words what a Glorious Beautiful Morning he had with the lord and how he felt his presence on top of that mountain. He said my hunt was over! The song titled "Mountain I Call Home" was just recorded by his sisters, Elaine Pugh & her husband, Mike, and Skeet Lynita Loyd and will be played at last!

The family will receive friends Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Jeff Parrot and Bro. Shannon Stone officiating. Graveside services will be Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Lane Cemetery in Lancing.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ronnie Morgan.

Rex Allen Shannon, 60

Rex Allen Shannon, age 60, of Sunbright went home to be with the Lord he so long for on November 5, 2021 at his home. He was the most kind, caring and loving man on this side of Heaven. You would always find him busy working with his hand building whatever his heart desired. You were a special person if you could call him your friend.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ambers & JoAnn Shannon; nephew, Braxton Shannon; brother-in-law, Rev. Mike Garrett.

He is survived by his brothers, Thurman (Melissa) Shannon of Sunbright, Sherman (Tina) Shannon of Sunbright; sisters, Kathy Garrett of Sunbright, Michelle (Doug) Trout of Lancing and Rob-

in Shannon of Sunbright; son, Nicholas Shannon and grandchildren; nieces, Danielle (Chad) Rogers & Hillary (Austin) Webb; nephews, Adam (Joni) Garrett, Tyler (Amanda) Trout, Devin (Samantha) Shannon, and Zade Shannon; wife, Alexis Goad and a host of great nieces, nephews and extended family.

The family will receive friends Monday at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 12-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Larry Waters officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunbright Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Rex Shannon.

Ralph Wesley Pemberton, 86

Ralph Wesley Pemberton of Warburg, Tennessee was eternally healed from a lengthy illness Saturday, October 30, 2021. Ralph Wesley was born on Wolf Creek in Scott County, Tennessee on June 2, 1935 to Ralph M Pemberton and Fannie Lee West Pemberton who preceded him in death. Ralph Wesley was also



preceded in death by his daughter Rhonda Lane Duncan, father-in-law and mother-in-law Clifford and Earlene Bertram, sister and brother-in-law Brenda and Dolphus Henry and nephews Keith Henry and Jared Henry.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 67 years, Peggy Pemberton. He is survived by children Lynn and Conlee (Junior) Human, Wesley and Helen Pemberton, Larry and Lisa Pemberton, Kelly and Todd Norman; son-in-law Gerald Duncan. Grandchildren: Karen and Reagan Williams, Kristie and Mike Lee, Klarissa and Jody Armes, Jacob and Cassidy Human,

Makayla and Alex Trent, Amy Duncan, Eric and Krystle Duncan, Tabitha Pemberton, Caleb and Ambie Pemberton, Clint and Miranda Pemberton, Josh and Mandi (Bulldog) Pemberton, Lauren and Elliott Tinsley; sister-in-law Coleen Doran; Nephews Allen Doran and Steven Doran; special little brother and lifelong friend Jim-

mie Lee Pemberton. Ralph Wesley was known as Gramps to 20 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Larry Pemberton and Wesley Pemberton officiating. Graveside services will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ralph Pemberton.

Roy Edward Hicks, 91

Roy Edward Hicks, age 91, of Spring City, Tennessee passed away on November 2, 2021, at UT Medical Center. He was born and raised in Morgan County, Tennessee. After serving in the 11th Airborne and the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in the Korean War, he was employed at K-25 and Oak Ridge National Lab retiring as a craft supervisor in the P&E division. He truly embodied all the characteristics of the "greatest generation" and was hardworking, courageous, trustworthy, honorable, and loyal. He enjoyed real estate development, construction, and a wide variety of outdoor activities. He was an avid reader, both fiction and nonfiction, and had a great curiosity for the world around him and continued to learn and grow throughout his 91 years.

He was best known as a loving and committed father who taught his daughters the importance of an education and instilled in them the desire to follow their dreams. He leaves his daugh-

ters with many memories of fall mountain hikes, summer days on Watts Bar Lake, scuba dives, rafting trips, campfires, and most importantly unconditional love. He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Hicks, mother Gladys Sumner Hicks, brother Paul Hicks, daughter Linda Hicks and wife Betty Harris Hicks. He is survived by daughters, Rebecca Hicks (Steve Randolph) and Susan Hicks (late Dennis Powers), ex-wife and mother of his children Joyce Hicks and sister Mary Jo Ellis. The world was a better place while he lived. In the words of one of his favorite authors, John Steinback, "it is so much darker when a light goes out than it would have been if it had never shown."

At his request, no services will be conducted. Memorial donations can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Roy Edward Hicks.

Jimmy Keeton, 65

Jimmy Keeton, age 65, went to be with the Lord and precious granddaughter, Kelsey Keeton on November 2, 2021.

He is preceded in death by his father, Edison Keeton; mother, Veda Keeton; sister, Rosie Lawson and granddaughter, Kelsey Keeton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Melodie Keeton; son, Jeremy Keeton; granddaughter, Brittany Keeton; grandson, Bradley Posey; great granddaughter, Sophia Evans; son, George

Keeton, Morris (Myra) Keeton; granddaughters, Bailey Keeton, Nevaeh Webb; grandson, Jaxson Jimmy Dean Keeton; sisters, Sue Byrd, Linda Gail Crabtree and Freda Seabolt; sisters-in-law, Sharon Nakidamen and Sandy Borgialli and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

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

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jimmy Keeton.

Janice A. Wilson, 72

Janice A Wilson, died 30 October 2021 at the age of 72 after a lengthy battle with stomach cancer. She had the soul of an explorer and the heart of an adventurer and lived her life to the fullest. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland to Margaret and Gordon Shepherd, the middle of three children. Her father was in the Royal Air Force and travelled around the world taking his family with him to places ranging from Singapore to Bahrain to Ireland. These early years of traveling instilled in Janice a love of travel and seeing and experiencing new people and places. After completing school, she joined the Royal Navy. She enjoyed parachuting from airplanes, piloting gliders and spelunking. While working as an Air Traffic Controller for Hern Airport she met her husband of 50 years, Joe Wilson. They had two children and eventually settled in Morgan County in the mid-1990s. She managed the Family Dollar store in Wartburg for more than 15 years and continued to work for Family Dollar until she retired. Never one to be idle for long she volunteered at the Morgan County Visitor Center and helped make bingo and door prizes for the Senior Citizens Center. She was always ready to travel whether it was a



month-long road trip out to California, or a trip to England and France via Canada and Iceland, or a cruise across the Atlantic on Cunard's Queen Mary. She wrote about her life-long passion for travel in the Morgan County Today articles "Itchy Feet". She lived a great and exiting

life. She always said that she had done more by the age of 26 than most people will do in their entire life. But it is her capacity to love and bring joy to those around her that will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband: Joe Wilson.

Two children: Joseph Wilson, and Jacquelyn Lee.

Three grandchildren, a brother, Derek Deane, and sister Adrienne Shepherd.

Due to Covid concerns the family is not having any services and asks that everyone remember Janice in their own way.

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

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, is honored to serve the family of Mrs Janice A. Wilson.

Lloyd Douglas "Doug" Carroll

A native of Fort Gordon, GA, Mr. Carroll was a son of the late Lloyd Carroll and Carolyn Sue Brown Carroll. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, a good hearted man, and a really good mechanic having owned his own business.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Carroll was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Carroll; and a brother, Davey Carroll.

Survivors include children, Krystal Clark (Rick) of Athens and Gracie Carroll of Knoxville, TN;

brother, Dwayne Carroll (Chasity) of Deer Lodge, TN; sister, Lisa Carroll of Easley, SC; grandchildren, Connor Douglas, Landen Evans, Noah Evans and Aden Clark; a number of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Sunday, October 31, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Bernstein Funeral Home.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to post the obituary for the family of Lloyd Douglas "Doug" Carroll.

David Eugene Poland, 72

David Eugene Poland went to be with the Lord on November 4, 2021. He was born to David Benjamin (Dugger) and Mary Frank Poland in Harriman, Tennessee on June 6, 1949.

As a teenager, David moved to Michigan City, Indiana in pursuit of employment. It was here that he began his career working with the Southshore Railroad - a journey that lasted more than two decades. Shortly after moving to Indiana, he met and married the love of his life, Cynthia Poland, with whom he spent the next 50 years building a life and legacy. The two moved back to Tennessee in 1997 where David spent his remaining years. Together, David and Cynthia raised two children and doted over 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He always enjoyed his visits to and from his many friends and family members from all across the United States.

David's down-to-earth personality, witty sense of humor, and infectious laugh brought smiles to the faces of all who knew him. He was a true southern gentleman

that his family was blessed to call their own.

David is preceded in death by his parents, David Benjamin (Dugger) and Mary Frank Poland, sister Betty Poland, and brother Bill Poland. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, children Monica (Richard) Knarr and Michael (Melissa) Poland, grandchildren Todd (Layne) Wiley, Ian (McKenzie) Wiley, Ashley Wiley (children Mark, Jr., Alana, and Weslynn), Makayla (Mason) Boles (daughter Victoria), and Maiah Poland, and sister Lois Poland. He also leaves behind a host of extended family and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at Schubert's Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4-6:00 p.m. with funeral to follow. Graveside services will be at Emory Heights Cemetery in Harriman on Wednesday, November 10th at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Sandra Helton's weekly column
Oakdale Area News
email: kvhelton@highland.net



From the bottom of my heart, I would like to wish each Veteran a Happy Veteran's Day. I appreciate your willingness to protect this county. I would also like to say thank you to the families of veterans. I know the separation and worry can be hard on families.

CONGRATULATIONS OAKDALE EAGLES! Oakdale hosted Jellico Friday evening for the first round of playoffs. The Eagles made school history with their first ever playoff victory by defeating Jellico 48-10. WBIR awarded the entire team the 10 Sports Helmet Sticker for their history making performance. The Eagles will travel to Cloudland this Friday. Good Luck!

Mark your calendars! The Oakdale Craft Fair is returning this year! December 10th, 9:00am - 2:30 pm. Call the school office to reserve a table. \$10 per table.

Sunday, October 31 was Youth Sunday at White Oak Baptist Church. The youth took active roles in the service and were a blessing to everyone. Brother Marcus Nelson preached Sunday morning. Special music was by the youth choir and Addie Ruppe played the piano for the offertory. Brother Ryan Powers preached Sunday evening and he and his brother, Coty Powers,

sang. It was a wonderful day.

Marilyn and China Hutchinson recently spent time at their farm in Pine Orchard. During their time in Oakdale, they visited with their cousin, Becky Cochran in Rockwood and their Aunt Ruth Headrick and cousin Darlene in White Oak.

Belated birthday greetings to Becky Cochran who celebrated her special day October 20.

First Baptist Oakdale held their regular 5th Sunday night singing October 31. Marilyn and China Hutchinson were in attendance. Marilyn blessed everyone with beautiful piano playing. Other music was by Jeanie Bingham, Emma Lou Meunier and White Oak Trio. It is always a joy to worship with our friends at First Baptist.

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.

Aunt Rena Melhorn Honeycutt of Ft. Oglethorpe, GA will celebrate her 90th birthday November 12. I am sure she would love to receive birthday greetings from her Oakdale friends and family.

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

Together Morgan County hosted a ribbon cutting for the new Story Walk at Solomon Park in Wartburg Monday, November 1. Guests were treated to pizza served from Gus the Bus. Representatives from Morgan County, the City of Wartburg and Save the Children were on hand for the ribbon cutting which was followed by a walk around the walking trail at the park. After completing the story walk and reading "The Berenstain Bears Come Clean For

School", families were given a copy of the book along with hand soap and hand sanitizer. The book was sponsored by Morgan County Medical Center. A Thanksgiving story will be in place soon and is being sponsored by Marvin and Tammy Howard, owners of River Ridge Barn in Lancing. Be sure to stop by the park for a nice walk and check out the story walk.

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

"Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they've suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us." Ronald Reagan -1983

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Your Career Questions: Part 2

This week's question comes from Stephen in Morgan County: How can I practice for a job interview?

I recommend you practice and record a real-world job interview scenario. Find a friend, family member, educator, or a professional, and have them ask you a list of questions while you provide answers just as if it were an actual job interview. Technology nowadays makes it easier than ever to practice a mock interview. Record these practice interviews with a computer webcam, smartphone, tablet, or just a plain, old, video camera. Use the interview questions listed on zackballinger.com and practice on video. Whether you are a beginner at interviewing or a seasoned professional, this is an essential step to becoming a master at the interview process.

Who is the best person to administer the interview? Multiple people could help you with your mock interview. If you happen to be on a short time crunch, conduct the mock interview with a friend or family member. Choose a relative who may have had experience as a manager, or a friend who may have climbed the corporate ladder. Most career centers on university campuses offer this service for free. Take advantage of this service! The career counselors can often offer advice on your posture, pinpoint any annoying habits, or give objective, professional feedback on your answers to the interview questions. You would be surprised at some habits you aren't aware of.

These might be simple things as saying "like" all the time, picking your nose, making off-the-mark gestures, or some other off-putting practices. The hiring manager may be more focused on your annoying habits than your terrific answers. We have all sat through a presentation for school, church, or some informative session, and you found yourself focusing more on the presenter's distracting quirks than the material. While the way you deliver information during an interview is

important for the hiring manager, it is also equally important to direct their attention to the information you are presenting.

I had this one professor in college who smacked his lips after every sentence. I think I learned more about how he smacked his lips in front of a group than I did about macroeconomics. That explains my final grade in the class. There are no right answers to common interview questions, but there are some wrong ones. You need to make sure you aren't saying anything that is making an employer doubt your abilities to do the job.

I was interviewing a gentleman years ago for a job. I asked him, "What is something you need to work on as far as a develop-

in the morning. The position required the individual to work independently, working mornings, and arrive promptly to begin work. Do you think he was hired? He did so well on all the other questions in the interview, but this one answer was a deal-breaker. He might have been an extremely qualified candidate—if only he could manage to get out of the bed in the morning. The poor guy will never get a quality job if he keeps answering that question the same way. Catch those missteps on video before the actual interview. If you can master interviewing on video, you can definitely master a real world interview.

Submit your questions for next week's article: zack@zackballinger.com



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

Visit www.zackballinger.com for more of Zack's travels and events.

mental area from a previous job or a perceived weakness?" He responded by saying he had a hard time getting out of bed

Fallen into a rut with your insurance company?

Let us help you to find the company that best fits your needs!

DAVIS INSURANCE

Your Locally Owned, Family Operated Insurance Agency

• Representing many companies to better assist our customers •

Call for a quote today!

(423) 346-4978

Allen Davis Owner/Agent
Jennifer Davis Ridge CSR/Agent

316 Eliza Street, Wartburg
Open Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

**Thank You
In Honor of Our Veterans**

**Waving proudly in the breeze
Standing so tall and true
Is our beautiful flag
Of the red, white and blue
Defenders of our flag
Is the reason we're still here
Because of your brave souls
We have shed many a tear
Tears of hope and tears of pain
Of joy and admiration
Thank you for your sacrifice
And for your dedication
We are grateful to be here
As we bow our heads and pray
Remembering all veterans
As our country honors this day**

Sarah F. DuBois

A VETERAN'S PRAYER

**DEAR LORD, I'VE SERVED MY COUNTRY,
MY LOVE FOR HER IS STRONG.
I'VE STOOD BEHIND "OLD GLORY"
WHEN OTHERS THOUGHT HER WRONG.**

**I'VE JOINED IN CELEBRATION
AND RAISED A TOAST IN CHEER.
I'VE PLEDGED HER MY ALLEGIANCE
AND SUNG HER ANTHEM DEAR.**

**I'VE WEPT FOR FALLEN COMRADES,
WHO PROUDLY FOUGHT AND DIED.
THE FREEDOMS THEY DEFENDED...
I CHERISH DEEP INSIDE.**

**I'M PROUD I'M AN AMERICAN.
FOR HER STRENGTH AND PEACE, I PRAY.
THERE IS NO GREAT COUNTRY...
GOD BLESS THE USA!**

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

Senior Patrolman Sherman Otto Benys Jr., lost his life tragically and senselessly while serving his community at the age of 58 on November 4, 2021.

Senior Patrolman Benys succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained three days earlier while responding to a domestic dispute.

When Senior Patrolman Benys and another officer arrived at the scene the male subject opened fire on them, striking Senior Patrolman Benys and prompting the two other officers to return fire.

The subject fled the scene, was apprehended by officers and taken into custody.

Senior Patrolman Benys had served with the Kingsville Police Department for 19 years. He is survived by his wife, son, and two daughters.

On January 18, 1963, Sherman was born to Sherman and Joan Franks Benys in Corpus Christi, their firstborn son. He grew up in Calallen with his younger sisters Claire and Michelle. During high school, Sherman played football but found his passion in F.F.A. Sherman thrived in F.F.A. and won numerous

awards, including a state championship. After graduating from Calallen Highschool, Sherman attended Texas A&I University, where he studied Ag Economics and was a proud brother of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Sherman earned a culinary arts degree from Del Mar College in 1986 and began a career in the restaurant business. First, Sherman worked as a chef at an upscale restaurant in Corpus and later Dallas. Although the experience was priceless, Sherman decided that the restaurant industry was not where he wanted to spend his career, so he moved back to Kingsville and went to work at the farm division on the King Ranch. During this time, he met up with his high school prom date, Vicki Brand, and they have been inseparable ever since.

Sherman and Vicki were married on May 30, 1992, and they

were a great team. Sherman decided to dedicate his life to the community when he went to work as a Police Officer for Kingsville in 1996.

Sherman also went back to college, earning a Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in 2000, and he was very proud of

his alumni. Sherman and Vicki raised three children together. Sherman's family was indeed his pride and joy, and his grandchildren sent him over the moon. Although he spent a lot of time at work, saving countless lives, Sherman made family time that much more special. The family spent weekends at the deer

lease, Labor Day with their Weslaco family hunting birds, had a yearly family trip to Concan and pulled an all-nighter together for their annual cooking of all the deer meat for the year and the Benys famous sausage. These were just a few of the tradi-

tions that Sherman prioritized, but they created priceless memories. On November 1, 2021, Sherman saved a few more lives. However, many people may not know, but Sherman took that domestic violence call on his way into work. That was "typical" Sherman, always early, and the answer was always yes. He was selfless, not only in his chosen career as a Police Officer but in all facets of his life on Earth. Sherman was a true friend to all who knew him and the first on-site during a time of need. He was an outdoorsman and lover of nature. Sherman was an avid fisherman, hunter, and volunteer coach who lit up any room, backyard, boat, or deer blind with his witty personality and genuine smile. In addition, Sherman was always up for a friendly round of golf; he could outcook many local chefs and was the life of the party.

Sherman was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, cousin, fellow officer, and friend who will never be forgotten.



**Subscribe to the Morgan County Today by calling
423.346.2329 or emailing publisher@mocotoday.com**



Tom Redmon
Columnist

Things Are Not Looking Any Better

Our president has been in office for ten months and we are experiencing crisis after crisis. The economy leads the way and both parties are concerned greatly because of inflation.

The party in control just doesn't understand what causes inflation. It seems that they never studied economics in high school or college. If they did, they must have flunked the course, or maybe they had liberal teachers.

Gas here in East Tennessee is well over \$3.00 per gallon. Here in Wartburg, it is priced at \$3.19 per regular and since that price of oil is at \$82.00 per barrel and is still climbing you can be sure it will be \$3.50 or better at Christmas. Some states like California and Hawaii already have \$5.00 a gallon gasoline. All of this could have been prevented if our president could have followed Trump's plan for being energy independent. When he left office gas was around \$2.00 per gallon.

I don't have to tell you that food prices have really gone up if you have been to the grocery store. Already it is costing individuals \$175.00 more per month to live. If you are living on a budget making \$70,000 or more a year you might have to adjust your food budget but you can make it. What about those living on a \$20,000 year budget? It can be done but they have to do without some high-priced items. Eating out increases your food budget around 40%. Buying non-alcoholic beverages adds another 6% to your budget. Prepared foods also add to your budget. Save by drinking water and cooking more at home. Making a garden if you have the land, is another way to save and the food you grow is better health wise. I feel the biggest crisis that is hurting our country is the immigration problem at our Southern border. Something has to be done or we are going to be like Europe when they opened their borders. How many terrorists do you think have come into our country in the 1.7 million migrants who illegally crossed our borders this year? How many criminals and dangerous drug dealers are in the group? How many have the Corona Virus or other infectious diseases? These people have not been vetted and we could be in real trouble.

The other big problem is crime on

PROVIDING THE BEST HOMECARE POSSIBLE
IN EAST TENNESSEE!

Best Homecare
AMANDA BEST, RN - Owner / Director
405 W. Rockwood Street | Rockwood, TN 37854
Office: 865.248.4411 Fax: 877.882.0114
abest@besthomecaretn.com www.besthomecare.biz

the increase in most of our big cities, especially in the blue states where our police forces have been reduced. This problem is not getting any better and could get worse. Look what is still happening in Portland, Oregon. Look what is happening in San Francisco where people are allowed to shoplift if the items are valued at less than \$1,000. How stupid can we get? This will probably spread because you know the liberals have to take care of the criminals. Another problem that hasn't been settled is Afghanistan. We still have Americans there that Mr. Biden said would not happen. We have China threatens Taiwan and now they have weapons carrying nuclear weapons that can reach our west coast. China is the new Soviet Union that caused the Cold War from 1948 to 1989. North Korea and Iran are still on our watchlist.



The bill for 3.5 trillion dollars that is before the Senate at present is the most dangerous bill that we'll ever see. Many senators do not even know what is in it. It is like the bill passed in the house when Obama was president when Pelosi said we'll pass it and then see what is in it. What a way to rule and ruin a country! Another problem that must be solved or it will be worse and that is the supply chain disruption. The labor shortage was caused by the pandemic and the White House many workers across the country laid off from work because of the vaccine mandate. This is going to cause more supply chain disruption because its true that labor shortages in logistics are not just a driver's problem. There are problems all along the chain. About the mandate I can't blame the workers for making a stand because the federal government has no right or authority to tell people what medicine to take. What will come next in trying to control the population? I took the vaccine not because of a mandate but because I thought at my age, I needed to do everything I

could to keep me from getting this virus. The mandate wasn't in effect then but if it had been I might have made a different decision. The people who have had the virus should not have to get the vaccine. The antibodies in their body makes them safer than the ones who have taken the shots. There's a lot of other things coming down the pike that all of us should be aware of. One is gun control or progressiveness (liberals) war against the 2nd Amendment. There could be a real war if they expect to take away our guns. Another thing is they want to make D.C. another state so with 90% of the voters in D.C. being democrats this would give them two more senators and one or two representatives. They also want to enlarge the supreme court which we know would help them and ruin our highest court.

Another shocker is they want to look into our bank accounts and if you have over \$600.00 in your account the bank must report this to the IRS. This is another control the Feds want to put on citizens.

Now I've gone over the problems we face, what can the average citizen do about them? The only thing we can do now is contact our senators and congressmen and tell them our concerns, and tell them something has to be done.

Coming soon you will have a real opportunity to do more because we have an election coming up, study the candidate and ask yourself are we better off now then we were before Biden and the democrats got control of two branches of the government. I don't think we have much to worry about in Tennessee.

The thing that all of us can do is help our neighbors who are down, and with the recession coming on many will need help. Pray for our country. Pray that we will have a great revival and as a nation confess our sins and turn toward God. He's the one guiding me. I am concerned about our country but I don't worry. God is in control.

The Garden Bug

Herbs used for Thanksgiving cooking

Bay leaves go into stocks and brines, sometimes added to water when cooking pasta.

Parsley is good for blending flavors. It is sold in bunches rather than packaged in plastic.

Rosemary has stiff, needle-like leaves that are quite pungent. Dried leaves can be crushed, and fresh can be finely chopped.

Sage has a stronger flavor fresh than dried, which is sold both "rubbed" and "ground."

Thyme complements everything from poultry and meat to vegetables and pasta. - Brenda Weaver

Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 2013

Disappeared: Chapter 12: Part 2

Maggie-Day 3, cont.



Carol Hall
Author

Evie looked around the cave for the first time since she got there.

“Wow, is this their home?” she asked in awe.

“Pretty sweet, huh?” Maggie said.

“Maggie?” Evie asked. “How are we going to get out of this?”

“I don’t know, Evie. I just don’t know.”

Brutus lost interest in the women and got up and walked over to his bed. He

laid down on his bed and soon was snoring.

Rose wouldn’t leave Maggie’s side. Every time Evie would reach out and try to touch her, Rose would slap her hand and growl.

Maggie was worried that Rose would hurt Evie. She tried gently talking to Rose and trying to calm her down by leaning on her and occasionally giving her small hugs. But Rose was not loosening up. She seemed aggravated and on edge. Her glares and growls at Evie were very threatening in nature and Maggie was at a loss as to what to do about it.

Suddenly she remembered the pool. When she was playing in the water with Rose and Brutus, things seemed to change between them and after that, her relationship with them became more friendly. She wondered if it would work with Evie too.

“Evie, you have to trust me, okay?” Maggie asked.

“Uh, okay. What are you going to do?”

“When I first got here, things were very tense between me and them until we took a bath.”

“Excuse me? Took a bath? What do you mean?” Evie didn’t like the sound of this and her reluctance was heard in her voice.

“Trust me, okay?” Maggie asked.

“Ok, but this better be worth it.”

“It will be. I hope.”

Maggie touched Rose’s arm and pointed toward the pool. “Can we go swim?” she asked.

Rose looked at where she was pointing and grunted.

Maggie slowly stood up and began walking toward the pool, taking off her clothes as she went. She motioned for Evie to follow her example.

“You’ve got to be kidding me!” Evie said. “You want me to get naked and get in the water?”

Maggie slowly nodded at her and proceeded to disrobe. Rose watched the goings on, but didn’t make a move to join them.

Evie slowly got up and started walking toward Maggie. She began removing her clothes too.

Once both women were naked, Maggie jumped into the pool with a splash. Evie looked over her shoulder at Rose, then jumped in too.

Rose got up from her spot and shuffled her way to the pool. She didn’t look like she wanted to join in.

Suddenly Brutus sprang up from his bed, charged over and shoved Rose in from behind. Rose let out a caterwaul and landed in the water with a huge splash.

Brutus stood on the side of the pool and did his best imitation of a laugh. Maggie laughed out loud. Evie couldn’t help herself and joined in.

Rose splashed and spluttered as she gained her footing. She looked pissed. Maggie wondered for a moment if she had made a mistake. Then Rose jumped out of the pool and shoved Brutus in. He landed with such a splash that water washed over Maggie and Evie completely covering them.

Maggie knew then that everything was going to be ok. Rose jumped back in the water and began splashing everyone and laughing.

After each one got scrubbed and dunked clean, it was time to get out.

Maggie showed Evie how to shake the water off herself. This made Brutus and Rose laugh again.

Dried and dressed again, Maggie and Evie sat on the bed with Rose.

Brutus had left the cave again shortly after the baths.

Rose was still being very possessive of Maggie, but Maggie didn’t mind. At least she wasn’t glaring and growling at Evie anymore.

Maggie’s fondness for Rose was growing. She comfortably leaned back against her as she told Evie of her harrowing adventure with the Bigfoot.

“Wow. Who would have thought they were real. I always just thought they were a mythical being. Guess I was wrong, huh?” Evie said.

“So tell me how you got here,” Maggie said.

Evie told Maggie how she had woken up that morning feeling guilty and how she had made up her mind to hike up the mountain all by herself to join in the search.

She told her how she was snatched up while taking a break.

“How long did it take you guys to get here once he grabbed you?” Maggie asked.

“About an hour I guess. Maybe a little longer.”

“Do you know what direction you traveled in? North, South, East or West?”

“Maggie, I was hanging upside down over a Bigfoot’s back. Trust me, I wasn’t thinking of which direction we were traveling in.”

Maggie couldn’t help but laugh. “Yeah, I suppose you are right.”

“What does it matter what direction we came?”

“Because, if we are to escape, we need to know which direction to go in order to find the trail and get help.”

“Do you have a plan? I know that climbing down that cliff outside the cave is not going to happen. Frankly, I was surprised they were able to climb it.” Evie said, indicating the Bigfoots.

“We’ll have to wait till the next time they take us somewhere. We’ll have to watch for any opportunity that comes. I seriously doubt they’ll just let us go.” Maggie said.

Evie just nodded her head. “Well, if you think of something, let me know.”

“I will,” Maggie said. She leaned over and pulled Evie into a bear hug. “I’m so glad you are here with me. Together, we can figure this out.”

Maggie realized just how much she needed Evie right then. She always considered herself the strong one of the two, but Evie showed real pluck today. She was proud of her. She was seeing a side of Evie she had never seen before. No one could ever say Evie was weak now.

Nighttime proved to be a bit daunting for Maggie and Evie. Evie wanted to sleep with Rose and Maggie, but Rose wouldn’t have it. She shoved Evie out of the bed and growled at her.

“Where am I supposed to sleep?” she asked Maggie.

“I think you are supposed to sleep with Brutus. You are his pet now, I think.” Maggie told her. “Don’t worry, he won’t hurt you.”

“Seriously? Ewwwww!” Evie wrinkled up her nose and gave a full body shiver. “I don’t want to sleep with a big, hairy, male Bigfoot. Try to get Rose to let me sleep with you guys.”

Maggie tried to get Rose to let Evie stay with them, but it didn’t work. Rose just continued to growl and shove her away whenever she got too close.

Evie gave up and went over to Brutus’s bed and laid down. Brutus had not returned yet. Maggie knew it was really late. It was apparent that they would not be getting dinner tonight. She had scrounged around in the backpack they had stolen from the campsite that morning and pulled out a few of the food bars they had found. She gave a couple to Evie and ate a couple herself. She had offered one to Rose, but she refused.

Sometime in the wee hours of the night, Brutus returned. He wasn’t carrying anything with him. He just flopped down on his bed next to Evie and went to sleep.

Copyright @ Carol Hall 2021

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

Carol’s love of writing has spread across several different genres including, action/adventure, mysteries, horror, and drama.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

-
- * You can cut the bitterness in some varieties of greens by soaking them in ice water for roughly an hour before serving. Use a salad spinner to get all of the water off.
- * "Place an ice cube (or ice chips) in carpet divots left behind by furniture legs. This will help the fibers "plump up," and the spot will disappear!" -- A.I. in Utah
- * Remove the annoying sticky residue from price tags with WD-40 or baby oil. This is for use on hard surfaces only. If you are unsure, test in an inconspicuous spot first to make sure the oil doesn't leave a stain where the tag was.
- * "To help repel the dust on baseboards between cleanings, wipe with a used dryer sheet. To make this even easier, you can put the dryer sheet over a Swiffer-

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * McDonald's is the world's largest toy distributor.
- * The ice cream bean is a fruit with a taste very similar to its namesake vanilla ice cream. The tree that the bean grows on is native to the Americas and can reach nearly 100 feet tall, with bean pods up to 6 feet long.
- * Anyone who moves to the Villas Las Estrellas, a settlement in Antarctica, must first have their appendix preemptively removed, because the nearest hospital is over 625 miles away.
- * The limbo world record is under 6 inches.
- * In 1994, West Virginia

prison inmate Robert Shepard braided dental floss into a rope as thick as a telephone cord, used it to scale an 18-foot wall, and escaped.

* King Richard II once had to pawn his crown because he was such a spendthrift.

* The first Olympic race took place in 776 B.C. and was won by a chef named Corubus. Moments after receiving his first paycheck, he hired a cook and an agent.

* Swedish athlete Ari Petrof is a National Sauna Champion. He once stayed in a 212 F sauna for five hours and 10 minutes.

* The band called Postal Service took its moniker from the fact that members originally used USPS to send each other music tracks, due to their con-

flicting schedules.

* Golf balls were made of wood until the 16th century.

* Spam mail got its nickname from the canned meat after a Monty Python skit that made fun of Spam as tasting "horrible and being ubiquitous and inescapable."

Thought for the Day: "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time." -- John Lubbock

(c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

type floor cleaner. This way, you don't even have to bend down." -- M.E. in Alabama

* Felt circles are great for putting under small appliances on the kitchen counter. They are easier to move around, and they won't scratch the countertops. You can find them at the hardware store, or make your own by cutting out what you need from a piece of felt and attaching it to the bottom of your appliance with double-stick tape ... or even a drop of glue!

* Running a washing machine that isn't full not only wastes energy and water, it also wastes money because you're paying to run more washes. Always fill the machine -- but remember not to overload it! This applies to your dishwasher, too.

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

5			7					3
1	6				8	5		
		8		6			2	
9			2				3	6
		6		4	3			8
	8			1		4		
4				5			8	
	9		4			3		
		5	8		2			7

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!
© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

King Crossword

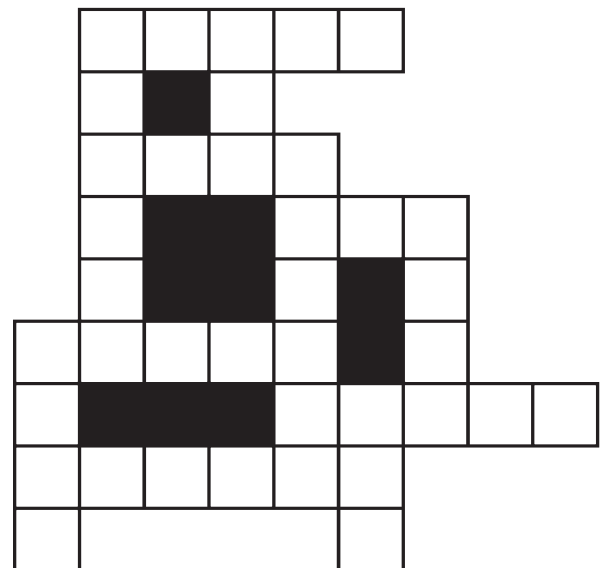
ACROSS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13					14		
15				16					17		
18							19	20			
21				22	23						
24	25	26		27			28		29	30	
31				32					33		
34			35	36			37				
38			39				40				
41	42					43			44	45	46
47				48	49	50					
51				52				53			
54				55				56			

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 31 Acapulco gold | 52 Apple product | 8 Bas-relief medium | 29 Belly |
| 32 Impose | 53 Pet-food brand | 9 Winter "no school" times | 30 "I — Rock" |
| 33 "Delicious!" | 54 Snake's warning | 10 Harvard rival | 35 Moreover |
| 34 Lugosi of film | 55 Mediocre grades | 11 Grant basis, at times | 37 National park in Maine |
| 36 Observe | 56 Part of A.D. | 16 TiVo, for example | 39 Ira Gershwin's contribution |
| 37 Nick and Nora's pet | | 20 Calendar abbr. | 40 GI's address |
| 38 Cove | | 22 Vinegar bottle | 41 Hotel furniture |
| 40 Room cooler, for short | DOWN | 23 Low-calorie | 42 "Topaz" author |
| 41 Pal | 1 Smooch | 24 Weep | 43 Helps |
| 43 Geronimo, for one | 2 Spoken | 25 "Right you —!" | 44 "Misery" star James |
| 47 Mound stat | 3 Leer at | 26 Work breaks | 45 Church song |
| 48 1987 Woody Allen movie | 4 Sargasso wriggler | 27 Church section | 46 Old U.S. gas brand |
| 51 Hobbyist's abbr. | 5 Florida county | | 49 Gorilla |
| | 6 Genetic letters | | 50 Fawn's mom |
| | 7 Whatever | | |



- TUO
- AROCON
- GREEV
- GUHN
- MECESH
- GHA
- EVIC
- UHMRE
- ♥RNU
- VORENG
- ♥DROSC
- ♥ETRA



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

THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

The Life of Brandon

There's a crisis afoot in the land -- people are being rude to President Joe Biden.

The trend of anti-Biden protestors chanting or holding signs saying, "F--- Joe Biden," or the cleaner version that has come to signify the same thing, "Let's go Brandon," is being portrayed as a new low in American politics.

A recent Washington Post report was headlined, "Biden's Critics Hurl Increasingly Vulgar Taunts." It stipulated presidents have always been the subject of derision and abuse, then claimed, "The current eruption of anti-Biden signs and chants, however, is on another level, far more vulgar, and widespread."

Really? Put aside all the abuse presidents were subjected to prior to the digital age, whether John Quincy Adams ("pimp"), Andrew Jackson ("a greater tyrant than Cromwell, Cesar, or Bonaparte"), Martin van Buren ("Martin van Ruin"), Abraham Lincoln ("the original gorilla") or Theodore Roosevelt ("that damned cowboy"). The last few years weren't exactly a mannerly period of polite disagreement in our national life.

As Byron York of the Washington Examiner has noted, Donald Trump's opponents gloried in the F-word, such that without it some of them would have been rendered practically mute. When Robert De Niro introduced Bruce Springsteen at the 2018 Tony Awards, he used the opportunity to declare: "I'm gonna say one thing. F--- Trump." Cue the standing ovation.

A Los Angeles art gallery had a "F--- Trump" exhibit, rapper Eminem led a "F---Trump" call-and-response at a concert in England, and so on.

If lobbing this particular vulgarity is now completely out of bounds, the new progressive rule is "F--- you" for me, but not for thee. After gaining traction with roadside demonstrators outside Biden events and with college football fans, the "F--- Joe Biden" chant took an unexpected turn last month. The NASCAR driver Brandon Brown won a race at the Talladega Superspeedway and the reporter interviewing him misstated a growing "F--- Joe Biden" chant in the background as fans saying, "Let's go Brandon."

The scene was like something out of the Will Ferrell comedy "Talladega Nights." A meme was born.

The substitute version of the insult, instantly adopted by the president's critics, is more lighthearted than the original. Fundamentally, it's a joke. It is a gibe at Biden, of course, but also at the misreporting of the chant at the raceway, which is taken as a symbol of the media's ridiculous protectiveness toward Biden.

The chant is also amusingly anodyne, given its provenance. Who can object to the cheering on Brandon, whoever he is?

Not everyone appreciates the humor, though. When a Southwest Airlines pilot allegedly spoke the offending phrase over the intercom on a flight with an Associated Press reporter on board, the outrage machine kicked into gear in a particularly blatant display of humorlessness and lack of proportion.

Harvard professor and CNN commentator Juliette Kayyem posted a missive supposedly from another pilot calling for the Southwest pilot and the crew all to be fired on grounds that he must have been too mentally unbalanced to operate the plane.

Asha Rangappa, another CNN commentator and a Yale law professor, compared the pilot's statement with saying, "Long live ISIS," as if expressing an anti-Biden sentiment in a jokey way is the same as pledging loyalty to a terror group that would love its acolytes to crash airliners.

Of course, pilots shouldn't make political announcements on their flights, and it'd be better if no one resorted to public obscenities when referring to Biden, Trump, or any other officeholder. But it's one of the privileges of living in a democratic age that people can insult the head of state without fear of jail or other punishment.

Anyone who thinks deriding a U.S. president, especially an unpopular one, is breaking new, dangerous ground knows nothing of our history or what it's like to live in a clamorous continental nation. Partisan insults, vulgar and not, come with the territory.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

(c) 2021 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Fly Homemade Pennant to Celebrate Birthday

When there's a birthday in your house, fly a pennant! This personal pennant celebrates the occasion and how unique the birthday child is. Make them together with your children now, and enjoy using them on their special day.

Here's the stuff you'll need:

- Sports pennant (for a pattern)
- Craft foam sheet the size of the pennant and smaller sheets in different colors
- Paper
- Pen and marker
- Glue
- Paintbrush
- Odds and ends for decorations, such as buttons, yarn, shells and ribbons
- 1/2-inch dowel, 24 to 36 inches long

Here's the fun:

1. Lay the sports pennant down on a foam sheet and trace the shape with a pen, then cut it out. Outline the letters of your child's name on a piece of paper and draw around them with a pencil on foam sheets, using contrasting colors if you wish.
2. Pour a little household glue into a shallow plate, and with a brush, coat one side of the letters. Glue them on the pennant.
3. Now ask the birthday child, "What's really special to you? Let's picture it on your pennant." The answer might be horses or in-line skating, chess or basketball. If the interest is quite difficult to create, figure out the best symbol for whatever your child

holds dear. For example, a saddle for a horse or a king piece for a chess set.

4. Draw the outline for the shape you want to create on another piece of craft foam and cut it out. Then think fun details. If it's in-line skates, use buttons for the wheels. Draw lines on the basketball, or glue yarn on the saddle for reins.

5. Once everything is drawn in and glued on, let it dry. Cut some horizontal slits along the straight vertical side of the pennant about an inch and a half apart. Weave the dowel through the slits until the pennant is flying straight up and down and out.

6. Finally, grab a few medium-length pieces of ribbon and secure them in a small knot onto the dowel so that the ribbons cascade downward.



Birthday pennants on display

And there you have it — a birthday pennant! Wave it around and display it on your front porch so neighbors know there is a birthday child in your house. Or, fly it indoors propped between mounds of fruit in a large bowl or in a planter next to the dieffenbachia.

TIP: You need not limit the pennant's use to birthdays. Wave it if your child has had a special day in school, won a big game or comes home with a good report card. You may even want to wave it when things aren't going well, just to show that the family cares.

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

© 2021 Donna Erickson
Distributed by King Features Synd.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves
VA Ends Debt Relief

The Department of Veterans Affairs called a cease-fire on collection of overpayments between April 2020 and September 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. Now that debt collection has started up again. The VA will not, however, actually make deductions from our benefits until January 2022. In addition, if you had unpaid medical co-payments before April 2020, they'll start collecting those again.

That must mean the COVID pandemic is over, right? We're all doing well, grocery prices haven't soared, gas prices are still low, rents haven't increased, we all have jobs or at least enough income if a spouse didn't lose a job ... right?

If the VA says you owe money, you'll receive a debt collection letter. In it will be options for debt relief. You might be offered extended repayment plans, compromises, waivers or temporary suspensions in payment. If you get a letter, address the situation immediately. Don't

delay. There is a time limit to be considered for debt relief.

For benefit debts, call 1-800-827-0648 or go online to ask.va.gov. After signing in, you can track your message all the way from submission to resolution and see all your past messages and responses. You can choose to get a reply back by email, phone or through the U.S. mail. If you have pharmacy co-payment or medical-care debt, call 1-866-400-1238.

Another page to view is www.va.gov/manage-va-debt/, where you can check the status of your debt. Look at www.va.gov/resources/va-covid-19-debt-relief-options-for-veterans-and-dependents/ for more debt-related information and questions.

Before you make any agreements about repayment, read and understand the fine print. A compromise means you'll pay less than the full amount, but it's due all at once within 30 days. A waiver means they'll forgive a portion of the debt.

(c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Amaziah in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 5, who convinced the Jerusalem council not to stone the apostles? *Haggai, Shebna, Gamaliel, Levi*
3. The scriptures often use the word "Gehenna," which translates into English as? *Hell, Paradise, Poem, Soul*
4. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, who does Paul describe as a "new creature"? *The unborn, Innocent children, Commandment keepers, Anyone in Christ*
5. Besides Abiathar, who was a high priest during the reign of David? *Passhur, Zadok, Caiaphas, Zebedee*
6. How old was Moses when he died? *33, 100, 120, 164*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Gama-liel; 3) Hell; 4) Anyone in Christ; 5) Zadok; 6) 120

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

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

Cranberry Graham Squares

While cranberry sauce is always appropriate, why not share this cranberry-studded recipe this season? After all, it won't be long before these ruby delights won't be anywhere to be found.

- 12 (2 1/2-inch) graham crackers
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla instant pudding mix
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 3/4 cups water
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix
- 1 cup reduced-calorie cranberry juice cocktail
- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping

1. Evenly arrange 9 graham crackers in a 9-by-9-inch cake pan. In a large bowl, combine dry instant pudding mix, dry milk powder and 1 1/4 cups water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Pour mixture evenly over graham crackers. Refrigerate while preparing cranberry sauce.

2. In a medium saucepan, combine dry cook-and-serve pudding mix, cranberry juice cocktail, remaining 1/2 cup water and cranberries. Cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes or until cranberries soften, stirring often.

3. Remove from heat, place saucepan on a wire rack and allow to cool for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Evenly spoon cooled mixture over set filling.



KIRK
©2021 DIST. BY KING FEATURES SYNDICATE
email: WaltersWork54@gmail.com



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



©2021 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

© by North America Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

ZACK BALLINGER
AUTHOR | TEDx SPEAKER | CAREER CONSULTANT



zack@zackballinger.com

DISCOVER YOUR PASSION
zackballinger.com

 **TOMMY LEE FRANCIS**
RECRUITER

423.742.0719

111 HEWITT AVE
ROCKWOOD, TN 37854
TOMMY.L.FRANCIS.MIL@MAIL.MIL



Having IRS Problems?
Painless & Permanent Tax Rescues

David C. Zubler, EA
Local Tax Expert

(865) 363-3019

9113 Montague Drive
Knoxville, TN 37923
YourTaxCare.com

Your Tax Care
Where you're treated like family




Child Find

Friday, November 5, 2021
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Morgan County Head Start

A FREE Developmental Screening
for ALL children 3 and 4 years old in Morgan County

Hearing & Vision Screenings
Speech, Gross/Fine Motor, and Cognitive screenings

Provided by Morgan County Head Start and
Morgan County Schools

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

Suzanne Poole Renee Davis	Angela Morgan
423-346-6214	423-346-6633

Community Supporters



RANDY MCFARLAND, AGENT

105 Kingston Street PO Box 690
Wartburg, TN 37887
Bus: 423-346-7670
randy.mcfarland.c61k@statefarm.com
NeighborhoodofGood.com®



Marla Hines
Circuit Court Clerk

423-346-3503
415 N Kingston St,
Wartburg, TN 37887




DAVIS FUNERAL HOME
Our Family Serving Yours

211 Old Mill Road
Wartburg, TN 37887
423-346-2011

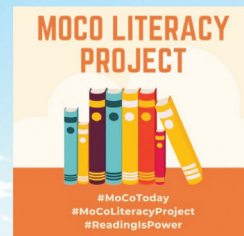
715 Morgan Ave.
Harriman, TN 37748
865-882-2000

Morgan County  Today

Your Community. Your News.



mocotoday.com



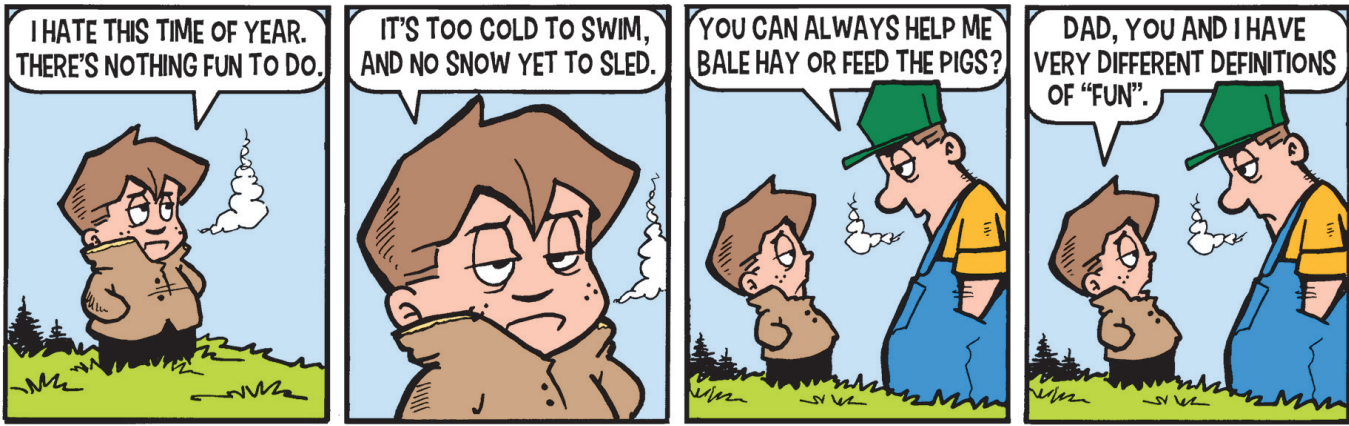
WILD HOG FESTIVAL
Morgan County Today

**MORE THAN
A NEWSPAPER**



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



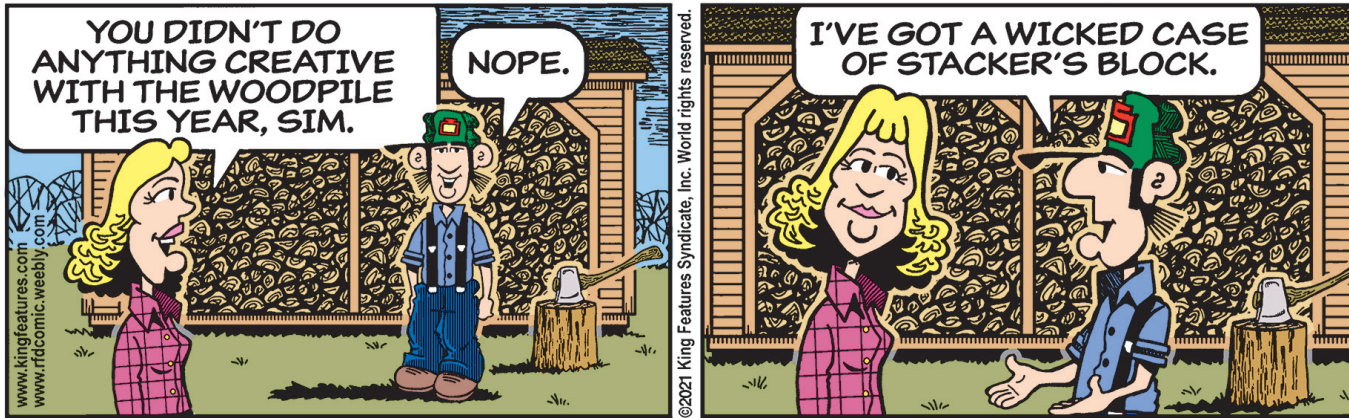
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



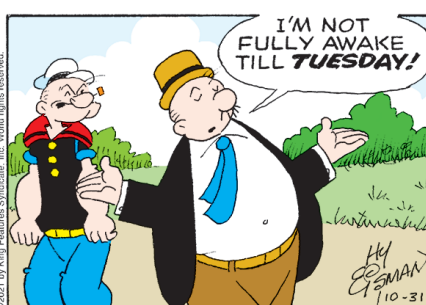
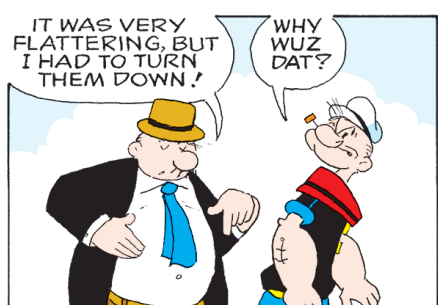
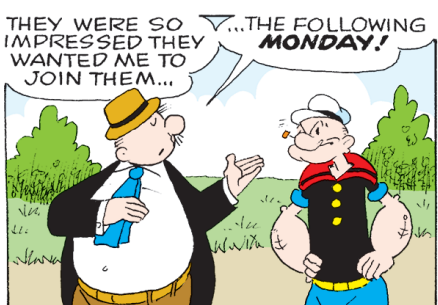
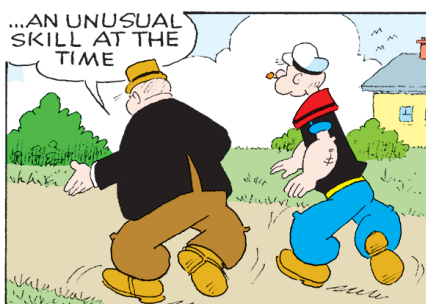
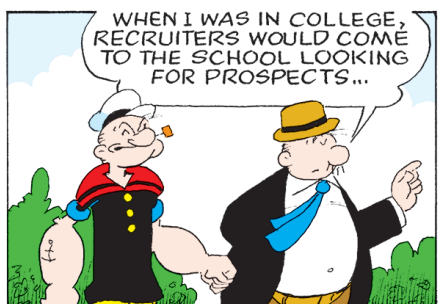
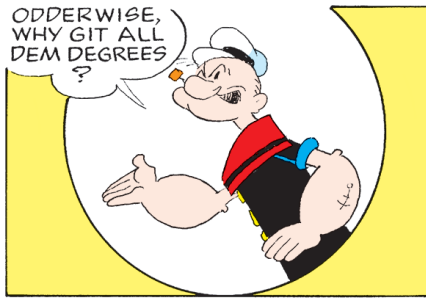
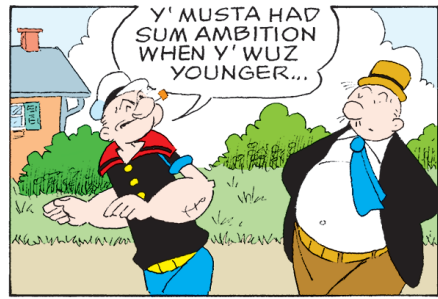
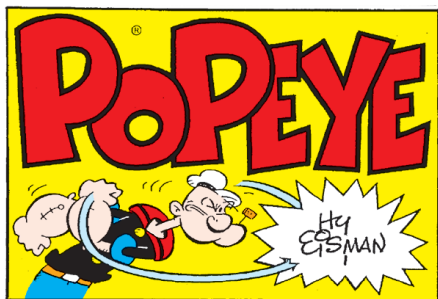
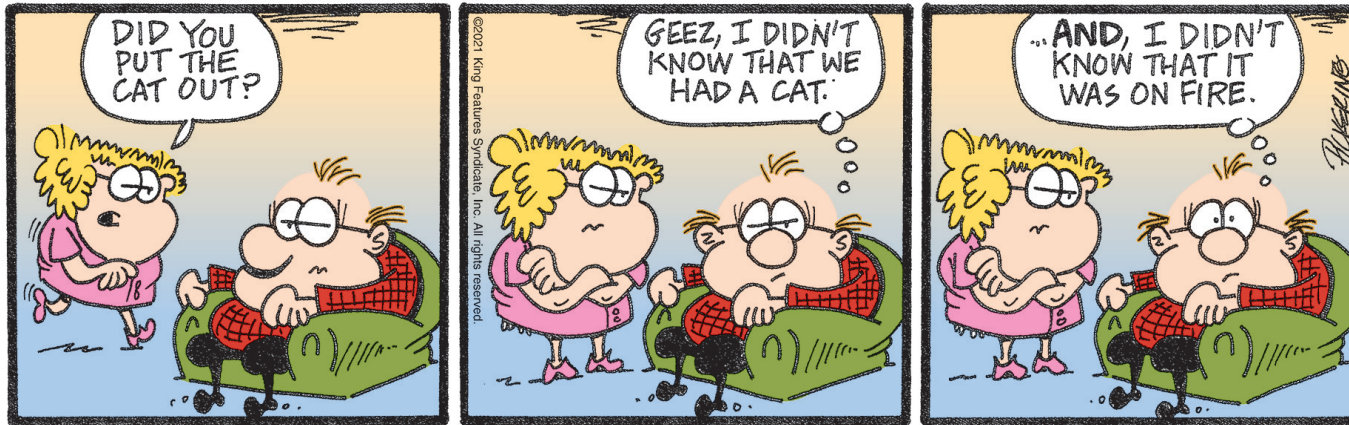
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Nov. 25, 1783, nearly three months after the Treaty of Paris was signed ending the American Revolution, the remaining British soldiers withdraw from New York City, the last British military position in its former colonies.

* On Nov. 26, 1862, Oxford mathematician Charles Dodgson sends a handwritten manuscript, "Alice's Adventures Under Ground," to 10-year-old Alice Liddell. Dodgson made up the story on a picnic, and Alice insisted he write it down. He published it under his nom de plume Lewis Carroll in 1865.

* On Nov. 22, 1900, the first car produced under the Mercedes name is taken for its inaugural drive in Cannstatt, Germany. The car was specially built for Emil Jellinek, a fan of fast, flashy cars, who bought 36 of them. In exchange, the car was named after his 11-year-old daughter, Mercedes.

* On Nov. 26, 1931, the first cloverleaf interchange to be built in the U.S., at the junction of U.S. Rt. 1 and NJ Rt. 35 in Woodbridge, New Jersey, is featured on the cover of the Engineering News-Record. A piece on the under-construction Hoover Dam was relegated to the journal's back pages.

* On Nov. 23, 1959, Robert Stroud, the famous "Birdman of Alcatraz," is released from solitary confinement for the first time since 1916. For 15 years, Stroud lived with canaries that were brought to him by visitors.

* On Nov. 24, 1960, Philadelphia Warrior's center Wilt Chamberlain snags 55 rebounds in a game against the Boston Celtics and sets an NBA record for the most rebounds in a single game. Chamberlain broke more than 70 NBA records in his 14-year career.

* On Nov. 28, 1979, a New Zealander sightseeing plane traveling over Antarctica crashes, killing all 257 people on board. The pilot had descended to 1,500 feet just as the plane reached Mount Erebus, a 12,444-foot volcano.

Historically Speaking

An Oak Ridge Treasure: Part 2 – the UT Arboretum

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

The most significantly visible event back in 2009 was the new parking lot which still serves well 12 years later. Until then the Arboretum was served by a simple and small gravel parking lot. The parking lot was the last of several improvements that were funded by the \$114,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation through their Recreational Trail Program.

While the most immediately visible aspect of that grant was the parking lot, the primary focus of the grant was to improve the existing walking trails and construct additional trails. With this funding 1.7 miles were added to the 5.5 miles of existing trails, new trail signs were installed, 38 new trail benches were added, bridges and culverts were placed to bring the trails up to a standard suitable for casual walks throughout the Arboretum's forest areas and plant collections.

The trails system remains one of the most appealing and heavily used features of the Arboretum. Rain or shine, early or late, there is usually someone walking the trails. The improvements to the trails have made hiking in the Arboretum even more enjoyable.

Two of the Arboretum's trees have been recognized and recorded as Tennessee State Champion Trees by the Tennessee Division of Forestry. They are the European Alder and the Japanese Elm. Do you know where the record Sycamore Tree is located in Oak Ridge? It is located on the bank of the East Fork Poplar Creek in the Horizon Industrial Park on the west end of Oak Ridge. It is recorded in honor of the person who located it, Joe Lenhard.

As promised, here is Richard Evans' commentary on "Pointing the Way – Indian Trail Trees:"

"One may not appreciate how ingenious Native Americans were, or they may ascribe to the notion that America was just one big wild impenetrable forest. In fact, America's forests were crisscrossed with Indian trails by the time Hernando de Soto (1492-1542) and early Europeans arrived. Indian usually walked single file and heavily used trails were often 10 inches deep. Indians use a unique way of marking their trails – Trail Trees! Other names for Trail Trees are: Thong Trees, Signal Trees, Marker Trees, Treasure Trees, Bent Trees, Message Trees, Horse and Rider Trees, and Boundary Trees."

"The purpose of these trees was to mark trails and point to other trails, springs, caves, river crossings, sources of game, danger, food, other tribes, trading routes, etc. What does a trail tree look like? Generally, these trees are bent trees or trees that have been configured into odd, but easily recognized, shapes. These shaped trees are un-natural looking and different from trees that have been deformed by

natural events. Variation in shapes depended on the type of tree used, the tribe, the geologic area of the United States, the age of the tree, and what they point to. Styles varied over hundreds of years. Most of the bent trees have evidence of a "nose" on the pointing end of the tree trunk. Not every bent tree in the forest is a Trail Tree. Trail Trees are usually oak species, especially white and red oaks."

"Indian Trail Trees are found just about all over the United States - especially in the eastern, southern, and mid-western parts of the country. The internet is a great source of information about Trail Trees, what they commonly look like, and where some are located (reference: <http://www.indiantrailtree.com/>



Richard Evan's Indian Trail Pointer Tree (Photo Submitted)

http://www.mountainstewards.org/project/internal_index.html). There are concentrations of Trail Trees in northern Georgia, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Several organizations and groups have joined forces to locate, preserve, and protect these historical features."

"The Trail Tree at UT's forest resources research and teaching laboratory lies within that portion of the property that is off limits to the visitors, i.e. beyond the public Arboretum portion. However, a special occasion is being planned to host the public on a tour to see this interesting and special tree. This tree is an old white oak and it bears all the signs of an Indian Trail Tree. A count of growth rings places its age at around 180 years old. The tree is in the "bent tree" style, with three upright limbs, or sub-trunks off of main trunk. One of the upright "trunks" on the end portion broke-off in 2004. An addition tell-tale sign is the stubbed-off nose on the pointing end."

"This tree stands in a small ridge gap almost mid-ways in the big bend of the Clinch River, as it swings around Haw Ridge. What the tree points toward is open to speculation. It could have marked an overland shortcut between the river crossing near the Oak Ridge Marina, the same place as the historic Emery Trace crossing, and another point downstream toward the Freels Cabin and Freels Bend area of what is now Melton Hill Lake. Additional possibilities are that this particular tree points the way toward the nearby springs, or toward a good hunting spot or food source."

"Curiously, there is a nearby old wagon road

that runs the length of Chestnut Ridge from the direction of the old Emery Trace River ford and ending near Kerr Hollow (Kerr Hollow is the valley in which the Arboretum office is located). This wagon road can be seen on 1936 aerial photos. The photo reveals that the road was not being used as a travel route during the 30's, apparently permanently abandoned. Possibly the old wagon road was just too rutted and deep to be traveled by automobiles of the time, or maybe subsequent private property ownership patterns conflicted with rights-of-ways."

"The UT Forest Resources Center is dedicated to protecting this tree from the usual causes that befall Trail Trees - urbanization, development, road construction, the axe and saw, and soil erosion. However, storms, ice damage, tornados (it is in an area that was narrowly missed by the tornado of 1994), old age, and disease are some natural causes of death which cannot be protected against. Look for future announcements of a planned tour to see this interesting and historic tree."

Now, there you have a wonderful dissertation on a uniquely historic tree in our area that would NEVER have even been noticed had not Richard Evans been keenly interested in the forest he manages. We are truly blessed to live in Oak Ridge where such unusual things as this are commonplace.

To learn even more about the fabulous UT Arboretum, please go to the web site: www.utarboretumsociety.org.

I hope you have enjoyed this visit through Historically Speaking to one of our area's most beloved treasures, the source of solitude and relaxation, of exercise and enjoyment, of wildflowers and mushrooms, of trails and resting benches and so much more. It is truly a source of much pride and pleasure for citizens of Oak Ridge and surrounding communities.

We can be proud of the history of this nature sanctuary and look forward to the future of the UT Arboretum. It is a source of much pride and joy.

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

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

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



Move Over Turkey, Stuffing Steals the Show

For Thanksgiving, the turkey may be the star of the feast, but it's the supporting players that steal the show. Every year we have the same conversation, "Why don't we do this more often?" ... not about the whole meal, but the sides. Particularly the stuffing. It's always a favorite and so versatile, it can accompany virtually everything.

Boxed stuffing has its place, but instead, let's make it from scratch. If you've been getting your stuffing from a box, prepare to be amazed (as will everyone else at the table).

You can improve your stuffing game by drying your own bread. In the week leading up to Thanksgiving, check the day-old bakery rack looking for loaves of sourdough, ciabatta, artisan breads (like rosemary or olive) or cornbread.

Whatever bread you choose, tear into 1-inch pieces and let dry overnight on a baking sheet.

Unless you're vegetarian, stuffing always benefits from the savory salt and fat provided by sausage or bacon. Be sure to always brown the meat before adding.

While no stuffing is complete without a hearty dose of onion and celery, it's the combination of butter, eggs and broth that gives it the rich, custardy quality we love and helps ensure a crunchy top. But it's the extra ingredients that give stuffing personality.

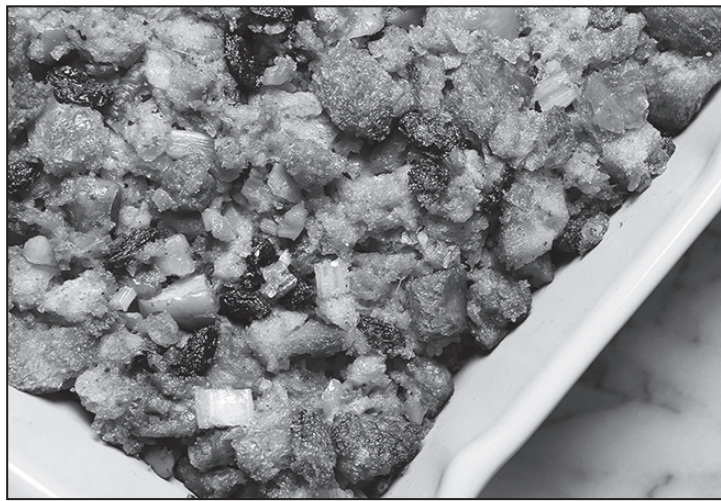
Feel free to experiment.

For example, to the recipe below add:

Apple Cranberry Pecan (pictured)— Use 12 ounces maple sausage, add 1 cup apple, chopped; 1/2 cup pecans, chopped; 1/2 cup dried cranberries.

Bacon Parmesan — Use 12 ounces thick-cut bacon, chopped. As you mix the stuffing, add 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese, 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper and 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary.

Vegetarian or Vegan — Substitute 1 pound mushrooms, coarsely chopped, for the meat. Saute with aromatics until they're lovely and caramelized. To make it vegan, substitute olive or coconut oil for butter, swap vegetable broth for the chicken stock, and omit the eggs.



www.JasonCoblentz.com

Stuffing with apples, cranberries and pecans

CLASSIC THANKSGIVING STUFFING

Yield: 8 servings **Prep:** 30 minutes
Cook: 50 minutes

- 1 (16-ounce) loaf bread, cut into 1-inch pieces and dried
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 12–16 ounces sausage, bacon or mushrooms
- 1½ cups onion, diced
- 1½ cups celery, diced
- 2 cups add-ins, optional (see suggestions above)
- 2 teaspoons poultry seasoning

¾ cup butter, divided

2 eggs

2–4 cups chicken or turkey broth

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Butter a 9- by 13-inch baking dish. Place dried bread in a large bowl.

2. In a skillet over medium heat, warm olive oil. Cook selected meat, breaking into crumbles, until well-browned. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to bowl with bread mixture.

3. Into the same skillet, add onions, celery and any additional aromatics. Season with salt, pepper and poultry seasoning. Cook, stirring often, until onions are translucent. Add any extras, like apple or peppers, cooking until soft. Add 1/2 cup butter, letting it melt. (This infuses the butter with all that aromatic flavor.)

4. Scrape aromatics and butter into the bread mixture. In a bowl, whisk together eggs and 2 cups broth, and add to bread mixture. Season with salt and pepper, and toss until combined, adding more stock 1/2 cup at a time to ensure bread is fully moistened.

5. Transfer stuffing to prepared baking dish. Cut remaining butter into small pieces and dot the top. Cover with foil. Bake 30 minutes, then uncover and bake until golden, 20 more minutes.

Stuffing is a most frugal way to give any meal some pizzazz. Essentially, you're serving zhuzhed up stale bread with some veggies. Remember this when you need a side dish everyone loves. Now you have a reason to eat stuffing all year.

Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website "Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous!" Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

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.

JERRY DUNCAN
 Locally Owned
 Locally Operated
 by the People you **KNOW** and **TRUST**
DOWNTOWN HARRIMAN
 JERRYDUNCANFORD.COM

THOMAS G. ALLEN, M.D.
FAMILY PRACTICE & SPORTS MEDICINE
Proudly Serving Morgan County Since 1992

WARTBURG FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER

950 Main St. (Suite A)
 Wartburg, TN 37887
423.346.2620

Americanisms



“The strength of this country isn’t in buildings of brick and steel. It’s in the hearts of those who have sworn to fight for its freedom.”

— *Captain America*

© 2021 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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.

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

Deer Lodge Community Annual Thanksgiving Dinner - Saturday Nov 20th

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

City of Sunbright --Now Hiring

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

RMG
 ROANE METALS GROUP LLC

OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY
 8 AM TO 430 PM
EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
 FROM 8 TIL NOON

Roane County Industrial Park
 Rockwood, TN
 865-354-4282

5605 Hwy 127 N
 Crossville, TN
 931-707-0907

PAYING TOP DOLLAR FOR YOUR SCRAP METAL

Thou Hast A Few Names!



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

The final warning to the reformation church that birthed denominations, dogma, and doctrines of demons, is that through it all God has reserved a true remnant of believers in the whole plan of God.

The writer of Revelation gives us the call to repentance found in 1 John 5:4. To be an overcomer.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus Christ is the son of God?

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ: not by water only but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, the water, and the blood. And these three agree in one.

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he has testified of his son. He that believeth on the Son of God has the witness in himself: He that believeth not God has made him a liar.

A person that reads the newspaper knows what is going on in the world. He that reads the whole Bible, understands why! Religion in any form has a person worship the opinion of the preacher without ever questioning them according to what we are reading in the Bible. Most never open the Bible for themselves, to the detriment of their children, our communities, and our extended families on earth. The Bible was written to every person born of a woman for reproof and correction of doctrines and dogma.

The two-edged sword of God's Word can only be understood through individual belief in the entire message. Religious leaders collect a wage for preaching just like college professors. They petition government for tax breaks, even when Jesus Christ said render unto Caesar that which is Caesars.

The only person to collect money for the message of Messiah in our Bible was Judas the traitor of Messiah. Our churches look just like the world they were called out of. Incredible wealth being hoarded by preachers. When the rich young ruler asked Jesus Christ what he must do to be saved, Jesus Christ replied, sell everything, give to the poor, and come follow me! I live in a county with incredible potential to fulfill God's will for America. Southern Christian heritage is hanging on by a thread. God alone can weave a beautiful tapestry from a single thread. He has maintained a remnant of Jewish and Christian believers without the need for denominational bondage.

God does not judge by outward expression of acts of piety. God does not judge a single human by what they do. He only judges by your conviction of what he alone did on Calvary. Your belief in what God was willing to do for you and your testimony to a fallen world of belief in it, will lead to seeing the world through the eyes of God.

God's eyes are tuned to only mercy and grace!

If it were not so, God would have already judged America and that judgement would have occurred in denominational churches first. They left their first love a long time ago in favor of judging others, doctrines found in the Law that God dealt the death blow to on Calvary, and outward appearance over inward conviction.

Is God only saving people that have gone under water baptism? Was the thief Christ promised to meet in paradise water baptized?

Would God speak in any other tongue than Hebrew? What language did Messiah speak while tabernacling with men?

Does God still hate any form of church hierarchy as identified by Jesus Christ as the Nicolaitans?

Does God need mediators between himself and men? Can God get us a message without the need of three-dimensional spaces we wrongly

identify with the word church? God gave the Hebrews the temple as an appeasement for asking him to allow them to be like the pagan nations they were called out of. God does not dwell in houses made with human hands. His desire is to inhabit you as the individual to empower you to take the message of mercy and grace to our families, friends, and communities.

Who was John the Baptist according to scripture?

He was a Levite. He was descended from Aaron. He is the authorized high priest at the time of Messiah's advent. His father served in the temple as a priest. He is authorized to accept Messiah as king and priest of a better covenant. He is the voice of one crying in the wilderness in the power of Elijah. He was murdered by Herod the Edomite as part of the plan to shift the priesthood onto the shoulders of Messiah. He ended the need for immersion in water for Messiah was turning water to blood as noted by his first miracle. No one puts new wine into old wineskins!

Jesus Christ corrected John the Baptist's theology. John thought he should be water baptized by Messiah. Jesus Christ corrected him. I must be baptized by you to fulfill all righteousness! What the law could not do, Messiah did in correcting the doctrine John thought Messiah would continue.

Did Jesus Christ baptize anyone in water?

Did Paul who was given the message to take to the gentiles baptize anyone?

Paul was a Jewish pharisee. He was water baptized to finish the need for immersion in water, for Paul came preaching immersion in the blood of the Lamb cleansing us from all unrighteousness. Jesus Christ came by water and blood to fulfill the need for a Levitical priesthood.

If you are going to require gentiles to be water baptized, make sure you require them to keep the entire law with its 613 commands. Be careful you do not convert gentiles to Judaism in your haste to preach only out of the New Testament.

Greek hermeneutics permeates Christian worship in America. Jesus Christ preached using Hebrew hermeneutics for he is a Jewish rabbi. Western preachers separate Messiah from his inheritance as our authorized high priest each time they require a gentile to go under the water. They do it to hold onto whatever market share they currently control. God is not in those churches! There is no power!

Was the Holy Spirit water baptized?

If Messiah is the second person of the creation Godhead and he was water baptized, should not the Bible instruct us on the baptism of water over the Holy Spirit?

Or did the Holy Spirit replace the need for immersion in water for the Holy Spirit speaks to inward conviction while water baptism pleases men seeking outward expression. They want you to look like them not Messiah. Will they recognize Messiah when he returns?

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

Even so come Lord Jesus Christ!

John Burns 11-05-2021 RLTW

Staff Sergeant John Burns enlisted into the United States Army on September 23, 1987 as an 11C Infantry Mortarman. He graduated from the 7th Infantry Division, Ranger Class 11/89 and served in the invasion of Panama, Desert Storm and the Battle of Mogadishu while assigned to the 75th Rangers.

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

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

Opinions expressed by readers and columnists do not necessarily reflect those of Morgan County Today



answer

S	C	R	O	D					
C			U						
H	U	N	G						
E				O	U	T			
M				V		A			
V	E	R	G	E			R		
I					R	H	E	U	M
C	O	R	O	N	A				
E						G			

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

5	2	4	7	9	1	8	6	3
1	6	9	3	2	8	5	7	4
3	7	8	5	6	4	1	2	9
9	4	1	2	8	5	7	3	6
7	5	6	9	4	3	2	1	8
2	8	3	6	1	7	4	9	5
4	3	7	1	5	9	6	8	2
8	9	2	4	7	6	3	5	1
6	1	5	8	3	2	9	4	7

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

B	O	O	S		D	R	A	G		S	Y	N	
U	R	G	E		A	N	N	E		N	A	E	
S	A	L	A	D	D	A	Y	S		O	L	E	
S	L	E	E	V	E			S	A	W	E	D	
				E	R		C	L	O	U	D		
S	A	H	L		A	R	I			G	A	G	A
O	R	O			P	U	T				Y	U	M
B	E	L	A		S	E	E			A	S	T	A
				I	N	L	E	T		A	C		
B	U	D	D	Y			A	P	A	C	H	E	
E	R	A			R	A	D	I	O	D	A	Y	S
D	I	Y			I	P	O	D		I	A	M	S
S	S	S			C	E	E	S		A	N	N	O

1 Corinthians: Chapter 9 :24-10:22

(1 Cor. 9:24-27) An appeal to the brothers: With another rhetorical question implying a positive answer the apostle asks: "You are aware, aren't you, that while many run in a race, only one is the winner?" He alludes to the famous Corinthian races (conducted every two years) in which great honor was bestowed upon the victor. In contrast, in the Christian race "you (plural) all may attain" if you "continue to run" (the force of the Greek verb) (v. 24). The verbal force of "may attain" suggests a possibility, not an absolute certainty. Those who fell by the wayside would not be crowned, contrary to the idea that once the race is entered, the contestant will be a victor whether he completes the effort or not.

The Christian race requires "striving" (to the point of pain) and constant "self-discipline" in all things. The Greeks vigorously trained and competed for a mere trophy of leaves that presently withered. The Lord has promised an eternal crown (v. 25)! Paul declares, therefore, that he runs with absolute confidence, reinforced with bruising discipline, bringing his body (which stands for the totality of his being) in subjection to the Master, Jesus Christ. He does not intend, in view of his sacrifices for the gospel, to surrender the cause and be "rejected." How can anyone read this language and not see that salvation is conditional---even for the child of God? And yet a professor at the Dallas Theological Seminary declares, "Paul was not addressing the issue of salvation." Just what is the "incorruptible crown"? It is tragic when a preconceived theology becomes father to the exegesis!

(1 Cor. 10:1-10) Examples of apostasy from Israel's history: Paul wants the Corinthians to be reminded of certain incidents in Israel's history. The church had started with Jews, but Gentiles had been converted as well (Acts 18:4), and the instruction here assumes that the Gentiles also had developed a knowledge of the Old Testament. The Hebrews had left Egypt. They passed through the Red Sea, the waters piled up on either side of the mass of people, while the cloud was over them. In a manner of speaking, they were immersed in the cloud and sea and formally inducted into a leadership relationship with Moses (v. 1-2). Jehovah sustained them with manna and miraculously supplied them with water. They were even accompanied by the Messenger of the Lord (Ex. 23:20), who was identified as deity (Ex. 3:14). Paul indicates this was "the Christ" (v. 4). The past tense ("was Christ") instead of the present tense ("is") suggests this was the personal presence of the Lord, not the use of a metaphor.

With most of these God was not pleased and they were "overthrown" ("slain" (Num. 14:16) in the wilderness (v.5). These "examples" (typological previews) were written for the benefit of Christians, who should not follow evil desires as the Israelites did (v. 6). Additionally, the people digressed into idolatry (Ex. 32:6). They engaged in fornication (Num. 25:1), which cost the lives of twenty-four thousand (Num. 25:9)---twenty-three thousand of which died in a single day (v. 8). Some suppose a number between twenty-three and twenty-four thousand might have been rounded in either direction. Many put the Lord to the "test" (v. 9), and they perished by serpents (Num. 21:6); others "murmured" (v. 10) and were destroyed by a plague

(Num. 16:41).

(1 Cor. 10:11-13) An admonition to Corinth: The application is now made to worldly church members in Corinth. Jehovah's judgments upon his people should be a warning that his children now will not be spared when they apostatize from the faith. The apostle states these cases were recorded for the admonition of Christians who are living in the concluding "age" (dispensation) of human history. He who imagines he is beyond the possibility of falling should take heed; he is not! Temptation is common to all, but none will be allowed to be overcome by it if he takes advantage of the Lord's providential ways of escape (Gen. 39:12; Heb. 4:16). The problem is, none of us ever does---not entirely at least.

(1 Cor. 10:14-22) Flee idolatry: Paul again addresses the problem of idolatry, obviously a serious temptation for the saints in the idol-afflicted city of Corinth. He encourages them to act with the wisdom of which they were capable and to give close attention to his message. The apostle now enters into a brief discussion of the Lord's supper to be here used as an illustration---of both a likeness and a difference: (a) In partaking of a worship service, one is in communion with the object of his worship. This is true of Christian worship and idol worship. (b) In the observance of the Lord's supper, Christians are communing with Jesus Christ. Those in Corinth who were involved in idol worship were involved with demons.

The apostle mentions the two elements of the communion---the "cup" (metonymy for the fruit of the vine (Mt. 26:27-29) and the bread. The order listed is thematic, not chronological. To "bless" the cup is the equivalent of "giving thanks" (Mt. 26:26-27); the words of thanksgiving do not alter the contents of the container. The dogma of transubstantiation is false. The plural "we" (v. 16) demonstrates that the action is congregational, not a priestly function of some administrator. In drinking the fruit of the vine and eating the bread, the Christians shares a communion with the Lord in this worship act. The two elements reflect the full complement of his sacrifice---the death of the Lord's body by the shedding of his blood. The uniformity of God's people in eating the communion supper each Lord's day (Acts 20:7) symbolizes the oneness of the spiritual body of the Savior, his church (v. 17). This sense of unity in worship should work to correct the factious spirit that troubled this church.

Paul extracts another illustration from the history of "fleshly Israel". In the sacrificial ritual of the Mosaic system, sacrifices offered upon the sacred altar were directed to Jehovah, and yet a portion was eaten by the people *Lev. 7:15-21; Dt. 12:5-7; 18:18). Thus, to eat of the sacrifices from the altar, in a sense, was to commune with God. Is Paul suggesting that if one worships an idol that validates the idol as a real entity? Not at all. He had already declared that an idol is "nothing" (8:4). But the worship of idols in Greek mythology was the worship of "demons" (Acts 17:18; "strange demons". Demons are underlings of Satan, the "prince of the demons" (Mt. 9:34). To partake of idol worship, therefore, ultimately was to engage in devil worship. Christians must avoid any connection with the worship of Satan (v. 20).

Answering the error@GBNTV.ORG
BIBLETALK.TV Mike Mazzalongo
video.wvbs.org
FortifyYourFaith.org



MELVIN HOWARD

Melvin Howard's Weekly column is sponsored by

The Lord's Church

102 Paxton Road, Lancing

Opinions expressed by readers and columnists do not necessarily reflect those of Morgan County Today

Friday, November 12

Together Morgan County will hold their monthly meeting Friday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m. at Morgan County Schools Central Office. Plans are being made for a Christmas Drive Thru event at Frozen Head State Park. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Saturday, December 4

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



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*If you extend your soul to the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted soul, then
your light shall dawn
in the darkness,
and your darkness shall be
as the noonday.
The Lord will guide you
continually...*

ISAIAH 58: 10-11

*Detail of "L'Homme Guidé par l'Éternel"
by Marc Chagall (1956)*

Beware of IRS Private Collection Agencies



David Zubler
Columnist

Private collection agencies (PCAs) do not have the same authority to help resolve your tax debts as the IRS.

PCAs can't help you by creating an offer in compromise, partial pay installment agreement, currently not collectible due to hardship, or consider claims for innocent spouse relief.

You have the right to demand that a PCA stop contacting you. Once the PCA receives a written request to stop contacting the taxpayer, the account is required to be returned to the IRS.

The IRS began using private collection agencies to collect some of its inactive receivables in 2016.

In 2018 the Taxpayer Advocate reported that a third of the money collected by PCAs were received from taxpayers whose incomes were less than or equal to their "allowable living expenses (ALEs)." This resulted in the taxpayers not having enough money to pay for basic living expenses. As a result, a higher-than-normal percentage of people defaulted on their installment agreements.

In 2019 Congress changed the program PDC program to protect vulnerable taxpayers. The change excluded debts of taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level from assignment to PCAs.

The IRS has recently reported changes for its private collection agencies.

The IRS had contracts with four PCAs which expired on

September 22, 2021. The IRS announced that they had completed three new PCA contracts.

Two of the new contracts are with CBE and ConServe, who the IRS previously had contracts with, which had just expired.

The IRS entered into a contract with Coast Professional, Inc (Coast) which is a new PCA.

Contracts with Performant and Pioneer have expired, and they will no longer be collecting tax debt. The IRS has recalled 1,255,541 accounts that have been assigned back to the IRS for future collection. Consequently, any payment arrangement a taxpayer entered with these agencies will no longer be in force. However, this doesn't mean the tax debt has been eliminated. When the accounts are transferred from the PCAs back to the IRS, the IRS may assign the debt to another PCA or keep it in the IRS inventory.

The Taxpayer Advocate recommends that if you are facing an outstanding tax debt, you should consult with a tax advisor. Waiting to consult with a tax advisor may reduce your tax strategy options. Ignoring the IRS and hoping the issue will go away is not a good strategy.

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

SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Social Security Gets Big Benefits Bump

The news is in. Our Social Security benefit for 2022 will increase by 5.9%, slightly less than the 6.1% estimate the government put out this summer. Still, that's much greater than the 1.3% increase we saw for 2021 and the 1.6% the year before.

The average monthly dollar increase will be \$92, making the average benefit \$1,657 per month for a single person. For a couple, a \$154 increase would come to \$2,753 per month.

The official mail on the cost-of-living adjustment will come out in December.

I've done my calculations for next year, and once again I shake my head. We've been notified already that I'll have a rent increase. Heating fuel is likely to go up 47%. We all know what has happened at

the grocery store. Medicare Part B is sure to go up, maybe a \$10 per month increase. There is one worrying note, and we need to think about how it will play out for us individually. The question is: Will that increase move us into a higher tax bracket?

It depends on our provisional income. That number is any income (pension, wages, dividends and more) not from Social Security, plus half the amount of Social Security. Those of us who come in under \$25,000 won't have a federal tax put on our Social Security. If that number is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, there will be a tax on half of our Social Security income. Over that and it goes up to a tax on 85% of our Social Security income.

If your situation for 2022 is likely to put you in the category of having to pay taxes on your Social Security benefit, you can elect to have them take money out of your check each month. If you want to learn about that, call the IRS at 1-800-772-1213 and ask for IRS Form W-4V.

(c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Who released "Peg"?
2. Where did Thin Lizzy get their name?
3. Why did Simon and Garfunkel end up in a lawsuit over their release of "El Condor Pasa"?
4. Which artist wrote and released "Lovers Who Wander"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I'm a rambler and a rover, and I wander it seems, I've traveled all over, chasing after my dreams."

Answers

1. Steely Dan, in 1977 on their "Aja" album. During recording, they went through seven guitarists before finding one (Jay Graydon) who nailed the solo.
2. From a character in The Dandy, a British comic. For a while after they got started, they were mistakenly called Tin Lizzy due to a Dublin accent that would leave out the "th" sound.
3. Paul Simon heard the song played by Los Incas and was told it was a traditional Peruvian song from the 18th century. Assuming it was therefore not subject to royalties, S&G recorded it and included English lyrics. A lawsuit was filed by the son of the man who'd written (and copyrighted) the song in 1933.
4. Dion, in 1962. It reached No. 3 on the Hot 100 chart.
5. "The Piney Wood Hills," by Buffy Sainte-Marie, released on her "Many a Mile" album in 1965.

(c) 2021 King Features Syndicate

Friday Night Spotlight

Oakdale Makes History by Defeating Jellico 48-10 in Playoffs

By Terry Futrell

"I love it when a plan comes together." These words that were the favorite catchphrase of Colonel "Hannibal" Smith on the 80s TV series *The A-Team* had to be echoing through the mind of Oakdale Coach J.R. Voyles as he watched his players celebrate their 48-10 playoff victory over Jellico Friday evening. Voyles' Eagles had just turned in their most flawless performance of the season, thrilling fans with one big play after another, both offensively and defensively. This group of Eagles took on "A-Team" status as they achieved the first playoff victory in the history of the Oakdale football program.

A few key stats show just how remarkable this team was in their hard-fought victory. Timmy Holder led the Eagles in rushing with 8 carries for 104 yards and 3 touchdowns. Eloy Vera carried 7 times for 75 yards, and Aaron Dunlap tacked on 52 yards on 12 carries with 1 touchdown. Quarterback Elisha Davis completed 4 of 6 passes for 123 yards and 2 touchdowns. His targets were Sydney Gregory with 2 receptions for 65 yards and 2 touchdowns and Nehemiah Cooney with 2 receptions for 58 yards. While the Eagles were amassing 353 yards total offense, Jellico's total offensive output was less than half that, only 173 yards.

The Oakdale defense had everything to do with Jellico's poor offensive performance, tallying 1 sack, 8 tackles for loss, 1 fumble recovery, and 3 interceptions. Omar Vera led the defense with 13 tackles, including 3 tackles for loss. Timmy Holder was close behind with 11 tackles, including 2 tackles for loss, and 1 fumble recovery. Elijah Malone added 8 tackles, including 2 tackles for loss and 1 sack. Eloy Vera and Hunter Boyer each had 6 tackles – Boyer added 2 interceptions and Vera had 1 interception followed by a 70-yard return.

Perhaps the most amazing stat for this team was the number of penalties. While plagued with penalties and lack of discipline for most of the season, the Eagles that we witnessed Friday evening were disciplined, exercised self-control, and were penalized only 4 times for 40 yards. When asked how he accounted for the disciplined way that his players performed, Coach Voyles stated that "we've fought with that issue all year, and we've been working on it as coaches ... Eventually, it finally started to click with these guys... They're finally starting to buy into everything about the team mentality."

After Jellico scored a field goal on their first possession, Oakdale took possession on their own 38-yard line. On the very first play, Timmy Holder broke through the line and raced 62 yards for an Eagle touchdown. Thus began one of the most exciting games Oakdale fans have ever witnessed.

Oakdale's defense held Jellico to 3 and out, and the Eagles put together an 11-play drive that began at their own 19-yard line, with Davis hitting Gregory in stride for a 15-yard touchdown pass. Oakdale led 13-3 at the end of the first quarter.

Jellico then put together a 9-play drive and scored from the 1-yard line early in the second quarter, reducing Oakdale's lead to 13-10. Both teams failed to move the ball on their next two possessions. Late in the half, Oakdale moved the ball from their own 20-yard line to the Jellico 4-yard line in 7 plays that included 47-yard and 11-yard pass receptions by Cooney. Timmy Holder ran the ball in from 4 yards out and the Eagles took a 20-10 halftime lead.

Oakdale came on with a fury in the second half. Taking the opening kickoff at their own 48-yard line, Davis hit Gregory for a 50-yard touchdown on the third play of the half, Gavin Menard kicked the extra point and the Eagles led 27-10. The Eagle defense forced a fumble on Jellico's third play, recovered by Holder. Oakdale took possession at the Jellico 24-yard line and on the second play Holder scampered 17 yards into the end zone for an Eagle touchdown. Oakdale expanded its lead to 34-10.

On their next possession, Jellico put together a 21-play drive to the Oakdale 14-yard line early in the fourth quarter. Eloy Vera picked off a Jellico pass and returned it 70 yards, where Oakdale began their next drive at the Jellico 21-yard line. On the second play, Dunlap scored from 25 yards out and Oakdale took a 41-10 lead.

On the second play of Jellico's next possession, Hunter Boyer picked off a pass and returned it 41 yards to give Oakdale a first down at the Jellico 16-yard line. Four plays later, Austin Swafford scored on a 4-yard run, and the Eagles led 48-10.

Jellico's next drive of 8 plays took them to the

Oakdale 25-yard line where the ball turned over to Oakdale on downs. With seconds to go, the Eagles honored the play of two senior linemen, Riley Underwood and Conner Hickman, by allowing each to carry the ball. Time expired and the Eagles claimed their first ever playoff victory by a score of 48-10.

Next Friday, the Eagle "A-Team" travels to Cloudland where they face the Region 1A champion in the second round of the playoffs. With another performance demonstrating the same discipline and self-control as this game, watch for history to once again be made.

Thanks to Brian Langley for game stats.

Coalfield Moves On With Victory Over North Greene 58 - 0

The YellowJackets will play at home vs Midway on Friday, Nov 12th. It will be the 2nd round of the playoffs.



Oakdale senior Conner Hickman waves the Eagles flag during the postgame celebration after Oakdale's historic 48-10 playoff victory over Jellico. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

Middle Lady Tigers defeat Lady Eagles

Thursday November 4th

Sunbright = 31
Oakdale = 21
Girls basketball

- #2 Alyssa Washam
6pts, 3reb, 1stl
- #10 Emerson Nichols
10pts, 1reb, 1ast, 2stl
- #12 Alaina Morgan
2pts, 5reb, 4stl

1st Quarter= SB 12, Oak 8
2nd Quarter= SB 18, Oak 12
3rd Quarter= SB 27, Oak 17
4th Quarter SB 31, Oak 21

Stats:

#00 Addison Coleman
13pts, 12reb, 1ast, 1stl, 3blk



Tinsel the Town

We would like to introduce in hope of a new tradition this year. As we all know, word of mouth and publicity is crucial for our local small businesses .

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

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

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

Annual Holiday Open House
Historic Downtown Harriman
November 12 and 13

A festive kick off to your holiday shopping!
Visit the shops and businesses on this two day event
and enter to win fabulous prizes!
Details on entering for prizes available in
each shop and business downtown.

Tinsel the Town

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

Judging Criteria

- 🎁 Most Festive
- 🎁 Most Creative
- 🎁 Best Theme
- 🎁 Best lights

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

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

Prime Bidders may obtain Electronic Bid Documents from the Designer.

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

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

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

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

Bids will be received
Until: 4:00pm, local time
On: Thursday, December 2, 2021
At: Morgan County Schools, 136 Flat Fork Road, Wartburg, TN 37887

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

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

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

Spirit of the Mountain Pow Wow



Eagle Sponsors



Simply Unique, LLC

Morgan County Today
Your Community. Your News.



Wolf Sponsors

The Collision Center

TN GOLF HOUSE, BILLY LOGGINS



SOTM Sponsored By

MORGAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The first of its kind in our area and the first Native American gathering in the Wartburg vicinity since 1830, SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAIN POWWOW, Native American Festival – Sponsored by the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce was a beautiful inter-tribal cultural event. Native Americans of Aztec, Blackfoot, Cherokee, Lakota, Lipan Apache, Nakota Sioux, Mohawk, and Taino descent traveled to Solomon Park for this historic event!

As all things start with a conversation, so has this new event for our area. In the beginning of the craziness of 2020, a very special Native American couple, Wayne “Winding Eagle” White, Sr. (Way-ne Unole Wohali) of Cherokee descent and Luz “Soaring Condor” Estrella Falu of Taino descent, new to the area, walked into our beautiful Visitor Center looking

for information. Bridget DeFee, Executive Director of the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce opened a conversation about a Native American Powwow, and thus, began the planning of a brand new cultural event for Morgan County with the newest local Native American members of the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce. We named our event “Spirit of the Mountain” in respect to our beautiful Frozen Head State Park Mountain area and our early America history. An event committee was pulled in from around

Tennessee as well as other states. Our Intertribal Native American Festival was to be a ceremonial teaching and interactive event held from October 29-31, 2021 at Solomon Park in Wartburg.

We invited the younger students from our area to take a class field trip from their schools to Solomon Park on Friday, October 29th to participate in a fun, interactive Schools Day on the 29th that was dedicated only to them and about 300 students and teachers came out to participate. We had a wonderful day with the children! Both Saturday the 30th and Sunday the 31st were Celebration days for Spirit of the Mountain and our event included Native American inspired traditional artisans & crafts, native dance, historic displays, food, music, beautiful regalia and participation opportunities throughout. Well known Native American and Indigenous Artisans from around the country joined us for this event.





We were truly unsure what to expect, but were determined to make this a beautiful experience for all who would visit and participate.

Due to recent state policies and state park restrictions, it took the first third of our initial planning time just to negotiate and settle on our location. In the end, we were excited to work with our capital City of Wartburg and feature this event at Solomon Park; everything happens for a reason! A lot of hard work and determination has gone into making this event great through overcoming several obstacles. We have been so inspired by the willingness of our Native Americans and Indigenous People to pull together to work with us and help make this happen right here in our beautiful little neck of the woods.

We were blessed with visitors from surrounding counties and all over Tennessee, as well as 15 other states: Alabama, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

There was such a sweet and positive spirit continuously flowing in the overall outlook of those who took part in this very beautiful ceremonial weekend!

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from Ms. Donna Daisy Pratt: "I enjoyed my experience immensely and was deeply impressed by the programming, the organization and by the warmth and courtesy of those involved. It was certainly a family-oriented educational experience that provided a positive way to learn more about Native American Culture. I am the Founder of the Brainerd Mission Project of Ripple Productions in Chattanooga and have been deeply involved for many years in exploring and developing Tennessee's rich Native

American History. Having worked both with our Greater Chamber here in Chattanooga and individual Councils throughout Hamilton County, I am well aware of the effort that has to be invested in effective Community Programming like this. I was delighted to meet Bridget DeFee and was impressed by her professionalism and commitment in developing this valuable programming. I wish to thank everyone involved and congratulate you on such successful Community Programming."

We would like to thank our Head Man Thomas Zermeno, Head Lady Juanita Zermeno, Arena Director Raymond Cochise Clark, Master of Ceremonies Richard Gallant, Resident Flutist Crazy Flute Music, Host Native American Drums – North Drum Medicine Horse, South Drum Kiowa Style, Host Taino Drum – Akitchitay Carlino, Guest Flutist Duo – Spirit Winds, and our Aztec Dancers with Ollin Quetzalli.

Thank you to our vendors and volunteers, especially those who braved the rain and cold at the gate: Gina Dyer, Jamie Gilreath, Johnny Shannon, Kathy Beach, Karsten DeFee, Linda Taylor, Lisa Collett, Melissa Kreis, Mike McGrath, Roy Guinn, Stephania Sexton, Steve Potter, Susie Bailey, Chuck Clayton, - Photography, Denny Richardson – Park Manager, Barb & Ted Bowers, and a number of others who showed up to help as needed.

Thank you to our committee members: Barb, Bridget, Cat, Dana, Amy, Jack, Joey, Juanita, Luz, Richard, Wayne, and William.

Thank you to our Sponsors! Spirit of the Mountain Powwow could not have happened without all of you: Eagle Sponsors – Corbin Hill

Lodge & Knoxville Custom Cabinets, Enbridge, Gunter's GetAway-Windrock, Hampton Inn, MCTA, Morgan County Today, and WECO Radio. Wolf Sponsors – Davis Funeral Home, and Nature Spirit Drums. Meal Sponsors – Brushy Mountain Grill and JohnBoy's BBQ. Bear Sponsors - Morgan County Economic Development Board and Simply Unique, LLC. Other Sponsors - Highland Communications, The Collision Center, TN Golf House, Billy Loggins, and Showtime Ford. Hawk Sponsors – Morgan County Pro Hardware, Rep. John Mark Windle, Sen. Ken Yager, and Summit Medical Group – Dr. Jonathan Lamance. Coyote Sponsor - Dennis Connor. Other – Schubert's Funeral Home.

Thank you, especially to Wartburg Middle School and Sunbright Pre-school for adding us to your schedules, we certainly enjoyed the children and their amazing teachers! A special thank you to Ms. Tammy Howard for sponsoring the bus trip!

Thank You to Jason Sisk, Michael Stephen, Dan Stephen, Holly L. Maclean-Cheney, Sarah J. Jache, Daniel William Marvin, Aramius Copeland, Lelia Ruiz, Emmanuel Garcia.

We are already looking forward to our next Spirit of the Mountain Powwow. Please continue to help us spread the word to your friends and family and enjoy November... it is Native American Heritage Month!



