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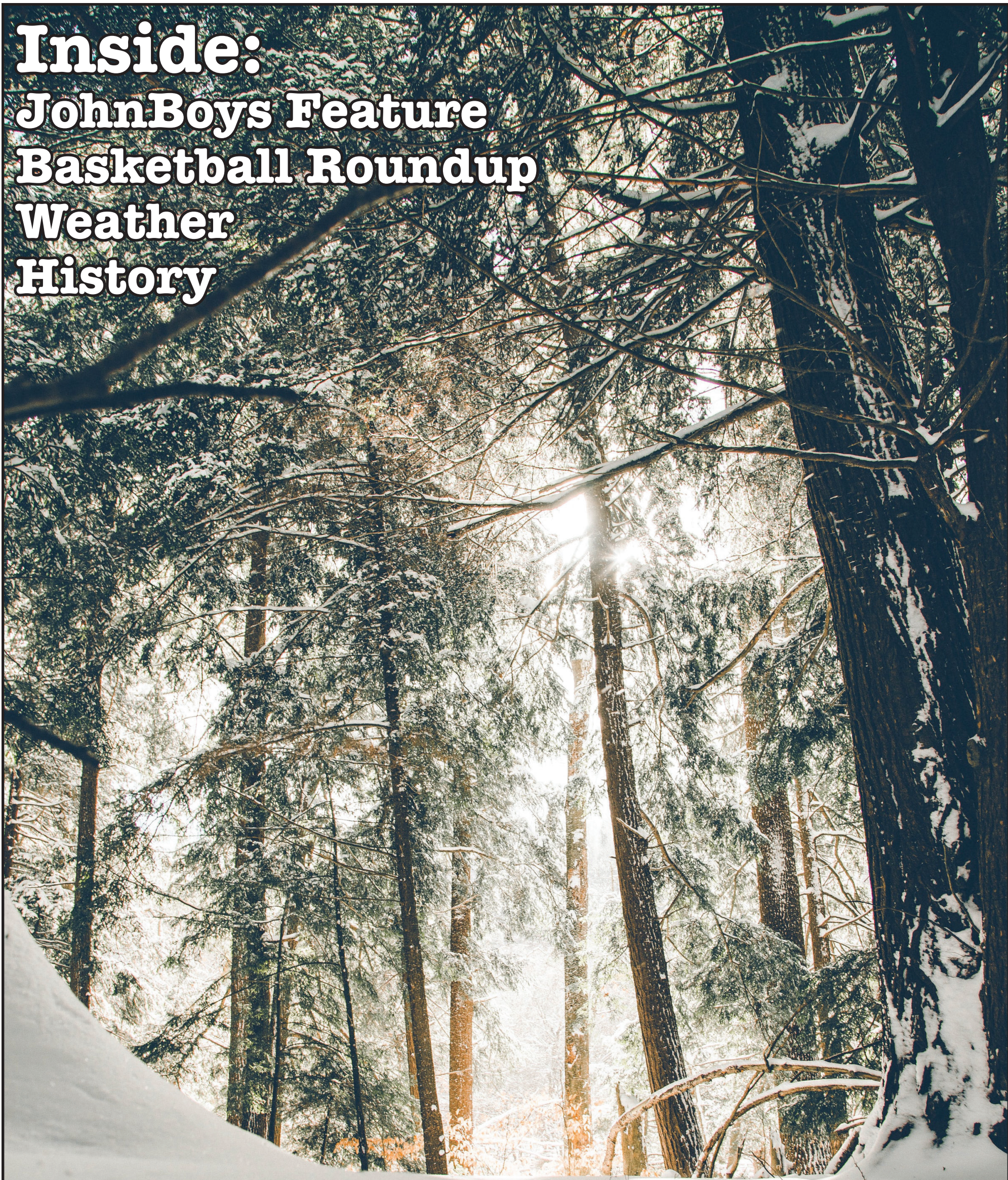
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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Troy A. McGill joined the Army from Ada, Oklahoma in November 1940, and by March 4, 1944 was serving as a Sergeant in Troop G, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. During an enemy attack on that day, on Los Negros in the Admiralty Islands, he held his ground against the numerically superior force. After ordering the only other un-wounded man in his squad



above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy at Los Negros Island, Admiralty Group, on 4 March 1944. In the early morning hours Sgt. McGill, with a squad of 8 men, occupied a revetment which bore the brunt of a furious attack by approximately 200 drink-crazed enemy troops. Although covered by crossfire from machine-guns on the right and left flank he could receive no support from the remainder of our troops

to retreat, he continued to hold his position alone and eventually engaged the enemy in hand to hand combat until he was killed. For these actions, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor six months later, on September 11, 1944.

McGill, aged 29 at his death, was buried at Knoxville National Cemetery in his birth city of Knoxville, Tennessee.

A section of Interstate 40 in Knoxville, Tennessee is named "Troy A. McGill Memorial Highway".

Sergeant McGill's official Medal of Honor citation reads:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity

stationed at his rear. All members of the squad were killed or wounded except Sgt. McGill and another man, whom he ordered to return to the next revetment. Courageously resolved to hold his position at all cost, he fired his weapon until it ceased to function. Then, with the enemy only 5 yards away, he charged from his foxhole in the face of certain death and clubbed the enemy with his rifle in hand-to-hand combat until he was killed. At dawn 105 enemy dead were found around his position. Sgt. McGill's intrepid stand was an inspiration to his comrades and a decisive factor in the defeat of a fanatical enemy.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 28	66°/63°	
Wed 29	64°/57°	
Thu 30	64°/49°	
Fri 31	66°/58°	
Sat 01	67°/49°	
Sun 02	52°/20°	
Mon 03	39°/26°	

In Loving Memory

Donna Gail Carey, 56

Donna Gail Carey, age 56, passed away December 19, 2021 at Roane Medical Center. She was born May 2, 1965.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Buddy & Judy Ledford.

She is survived by her son, Zackery Carey; daughter, Ashely (Mark) Wilson; grandson, Wade Wilson.

Donna loved God, her family, all animals, and cooking. She will forever be greatly loved and

missed.

Graveside services will be December 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. at Rankins Chapel Church Cemetery with Bro. Sonny Johnson officiating.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Juvenile Diabetes research foundation.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Donna Gail Carey.

Delpha Jones, 88

Delpha Jones, age 88, passed away December 18, 2021. Delpha was a member of Hillview Baptist Church, and her greatest passion was serving the Lord. She enjoyed working in her garden and loved flowers.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert Hilliard and Vanda Hilliard; husband, Archie Jones; sisters, Mary Jones, Virgie Howard and Leona Norris; brother, Dimpsy Hilliard.

She is survived by her children, Carolyn (James) Warren, Amy (Tommy) Keyes, Ralph Jones, Charlie (Gina) Jones, Janice (Weston) Stiles, Tammy Jones

Maner; sister, Glenna Calderon of Michigan and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and extended family.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at Hill View Baptist Church in the Chestnut Ridge Community from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Jeffy Durham officiating. Interment will follow in the Hill View Church Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Delpha Jones.

Betty Louise Woods Hawn, 81

Betty Louise Woods Hawn, age 81, of Wartburg, passed away Sunday, December 19, 2021. She was a faithful member of Fellowship Baptist Church. She loved her dog, Pooh Bear, and her family. Her favorite words were "I love you" and "fix that bed".

She is preceded in death by her parents, Charlie & Estie Woods; brothers, James and Gary Woods; son, Tony Hawn and husband Bobby Hawn.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherry Hawn; grandchildren, Anthony (Savannah) Hawn and Cindy Hawn; great grandchildren, Mallorie Hawn, Malacki Matheson, Levi Hawn and Aleah Hawn; sisters, June Francis, Charlene Hall, Helen (Don) Putz, Gail Walker and Barbara Hall; brothers Leslie (Diane) Woods, Stanley (Kathy) Woods, Robert (Gail) Woods and Wayne (Pam) Woods.

Woods) Robert (Gail) Woods and Wayne (Pam) Woods; sisters, June Francis, Charlene Hall, Helen (Don) Putz, Gail Walker, and Barbara Hall; brothers, Leslie (Diane) Woods, Stanley (Kathy) Woods, Robert (Gail) Woods and Wayne (Pam) Woods.

Special thanks to her caregivers Amy, Tasha, Heather and Kelly.

The family will receive friends Monday, December 27 from 5-7 p.m. at Schubert's Funeral Home with the funeral to follow at 7 p.m. with Bro. Ralph Nance and Bro. Randal Landrum officiating. Graveside will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Armes Chapel Church Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Betty Hawn.

Charles Roe Redmon, 72

Charles Roe Redmon, age 72 of Atlanta Ga passed away on December 20th, 2021. Charles was a lifelong musician, serving as music director in many churches in Atlanta, as well as a pianist, organist, and sang tenor with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra for over 40 years. He was the son of Charlie & Rella Redmon, formerly of Oakdale TN.

He is survived by his son Chris

(& Missy) Redmon, grandchildren Caleb (& Keeli) Redmon, Marissa (& Jacob) Helton, & 3 great-grandchildren Joyanna Helton, Eliana Helton, and Mariah Redmon.

The family is honoring Charles' wishes to be cremated. No services are scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Charles Roe Redmon.

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

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American Legion Post 149 December Events

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The Last and Final Reading of Ordinance # 111-21-AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SUNBRIGHT, TENNESSEE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 23:

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Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Happy New Year! As we enter 2022, I wish everyone a blessed and safe year.

As I reflect back over the last few weeks, I am reminded of how much tradition means. I love older traditions and I can appreciate new traditions. My most favorite thing about the Christmas season is our church Christmas program. It has always been the highlight of my Christmas. Sometimes, we are fortunate enough to visit other churches for their Christmas programs and we enjoy those as well.

Another tradition that I hope never goes away is the sending of Christmas cards. Social media is a wonderful way to communicate and I enjoy the holiday greetings and shared pictures but there is something very special about receiving Christmas cards. I always loved going to my Grandmother's house and seeing her cards taped around the door facings. My mother did the same. I have always displayed cards we received but this year, I almost didn't. As the pile of cards grew and I looked at them, I decided to put them up. I am so glad I did. This is a simple tradition but if time goes on, my grandchildren might remember seeing them displayed in our home.

There are a few traditions we started after our girls were grown and our family grew. Throughout the year, I pick up little things at thrift stores, book stores or yard sales and we play BINGO for those gifts. Sometimes the gift might be something they loved as children or it might be a vintage item I think they will appreciate

or sometimes it is just a funny gift. Another tradition is a picture taken of our children and grandchildren with their stockings. As our family has grown in number and size, it is fun to watch them pile on the couch and pose for the annual photo. Again, simple but it is our tradition.

Congratulations to Paul and Leslie Yeary on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary which was Christmas Day!

Allen and Cathleen Sheldon celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. Congratulations!

My buddy, Aiden Lloyd, was a shepherd in the Christmas program at West Side Baptist Church on December 22. I saw some online video and he did a great job!

White Oak Baptist Church had a wonderful Christmas Program "He is Worthy" on December 19. The program began with the youth bell choir. The reading of scripture including prophecy and the birth of Jesus Christ was done by Jeremiah Johnson as the youth acted out the scenes. There was special singing throughout the program and conclude with the choir singing Christmas songs. Everyone received a treat bag and many enjoyed a time of fellowship in the fellowship hall.

Fayette Helton's family gathered at her home on Christmas Eve. Velma Human and her family, James and his family, Keith and his family and Melinda Massey and her family were present. On Christmas Day, Randy and Priscilla Hel-

ton of Pine Orchard and Eddie and Belinda Helton of Hixon visited with Fayette.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Helton who were united in marriage on December 11 at Crab Orchard Baptist Church. They were honored to have their children, Gracen Helton, Jacob Helton, Kylie Maxwell and Tucker Helton, stand beside them. Crab Orchard is the church Zach attended as a child and his mother, Teresa Miller, was the piano player for years. She played the piano for the ceremony. The ceremony was officiated by Brother Jim Disney.

Zachary Collins and Rachel Farler were married on December 18th at the Chapel at Lanes Bend in Cookeville, TN.

Andrew Hill and Destiny King were married December 18th at Wedding Bell Chapel in Pigeon Forge. They were joined by their closest family and friends. Congratulations to all of these couples.

Joe, Valerie and Maura Lake of Fayetteville, NC visited their Kentucky family last week and then traveled to Oakdale on Wednesday, December 22 to spend a few days with their Oakdale family. On Wednesday evening, they along with me, Bunt, Kayla, Clara and Hattie, had supper with Granny Fayette Helton. On Thursday morning, we had a family breakfast at our home with the Lakes and the Ruppes. The Lakes visited with Granny Irene Helton that afternoon. On Thursday night, we had our Christmas dinner and opening of gifts. Dennis, Tabitha, Kinley and Sophia joined us. The Lakes traveled home on Christmas Eve. We are thankful they were able to visit and that they had safe travels.

My granddaughter, Maura

Lake, and I had a nice visit with our friend and neighbor, Ruth Headrick last week.

The Pine Orchard Baptist Church Clothes Closet will be open Saturday, January 8 from 10:00 – 12:00.

BLAST at Pine Orchard Baptist Church will resume Wednesday, January 5 for ages 3 years through high school. The time is 6:45 – 8:30.

Charles Redmon, son of the late Charlie and Rella Redmon, passed away December 20th. He is survived by his son and daughter in law Chris and Missy Redmon, grandchildren and their spouses Caleb and Keeli Redmon and Marissa and Jacob Helton. He is also survived by three great grandchildren, Joyanna Helton, Eliana Helton, and Mariah Redmon.

Jackie Hill of Camp Austin passed away Saturday, December 18. He is survived by his son Delynn, daughters Hoa and Monica, 18 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. His also survived by his brothers, Fred, Harvey, Jimmy, Otis and Tim and three sisters Agnes, Patricia and Mary Ada. Services were held Tuesday, December 21 with interment following in Piney Church Cemetery.

I read many, many quotes about the New Year and I decided upon this one. While it is true there are things that happen in our lives that are beyond our control, how we handle situations and the life we choose to live is within our power. Happy New Year!

Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." - Brad Paisley

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

4th Annual Zack Ballinger Scholarship

We encourage kids to pursue college after high school. I am fortunate and blessed to have finished my bachelor's degree in business administration at The University of Tennessee. I was the first one in my family to have finished their college degree. I completed my degree over 17 years ago. I thought college was expensive back then, but some it seems like a bargain compared today's college tuition prices. College tuition prices have sky rocked over the past few years and it seems to be getting higher each year.

There are lottery scholarships in place today that can help students pursue a degree without collecting mountains of student loan debt. The HOPE Scholarship is established and funded from the net proceeds of the state lottery and awarded to entering freshmen who are enrolled at an eligible postsecondary institution within sixteen (16) months after graduating from a TN eligible high school. Students can apply for Pell grants that aren't considered loans; they help subsize lower income family households.

Despite their being more financial assistance available, college costs can add up fast for students. Many of the students are required to have a certain laptop, calculators, or technology. Students are responsible for their room and board even though it may require them to live on campus their freshman year. Food and housing are not cheap in college. There's another major expense; textbooks continue to climb in price and some students are paying a \$1,000.00 a semester in textbooks alone. In addition to high tuition prices, there are many supplement mental costs that a college student occurs.

I won 3 small scholarships when I was a high school senior at Wartburg Central High School. These scholarships helped immensely during my first college semester. The small community rallies together to award students needing extra funding during their college experience. These

are some of the reasons I established The Zack Ballinger Annual Scholarship. It's a way for me to support my former alumni, giveback to others that have given before me, and to help supplement a student's college expenditures.

The Zack Ballinger Annual Scholarship has 3 criteria. The 1st criteria is a student

their academic work, community involvement, and pursuit of their goal.

The 2nd criteria is the **Zack Ballinger** student has supplemental costs despite other scholarships, grants, and other financial aid. The last criteria is the student must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. I don't need a perfect 4.0 student, but want a student that still is achieving high academic success in their courses.

I am proud to announce the winner of the 2021 Annual Zack Ballinger Scholarship. The winner is Kendra Haynes. Kendra has been acknowledged by her teachers as a hard working student who's motivated to excel in her studies and a strong passion for her current career field. Kendra wants to be a pharmacist. She is already taking college level courses as a senior at Wartburg, Central High School. Congratulations Kendra on winning The 4th Annual Zack Ballinger Scholarship. Find your direction with purpose and passion.

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.

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must be passionate about their career field. This student has figured out their career passion and it's demonstrated through



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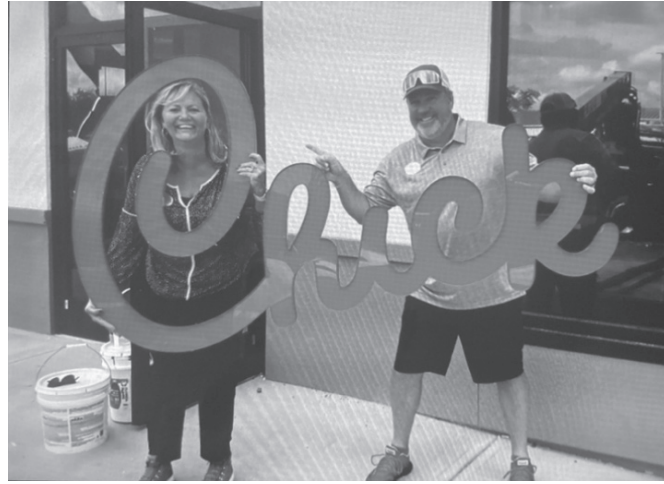
On December 1st and 2nd, I witnessed the opening of a large Chick-fil-a in Plant City, Florida. I was really impressed with how the Chick-fil-a corporation and the appointed manager-owner had worked together to have a smooth opening without too many glitches.

Plant City a town of around 45,000 people had tried for years to get a Chick-fil-a. Needless to say the town folk were excited when in 2020 they were told that Chick-fil-a was coming to their town. In talking with the vice mayor and other town officials I found out just how excited they were. He said we've waited a long time for this day and now our city is complete. We already have the Strawberry Festival and now we have the best fast-food restaurant around. This is a day of celebration.

Early in the morning of December 1st a large group of townfolks, owners, many employees, family and friends, and corporate officials from Atlanta, gathered in the parking lot of the new Chick-fil-a restaurant. A group of law officers and veterans was called upon to present the colors, but first they had the ribbon cutting. Dawn Redmon the owner-manager was to do the honor. If anyone deserved a stand-a-long Chick-fil-a it was Dawn. Eleven years ago, she had quit her teaching job and had started to work at a Chick-fil-a in Bradenton, Florida for a former classmate at Bradenton Christian High School. She worked her way up to manager and Jonathan the owner, really liked the way Dawn handled the job. She told him that she wanted to learn every phase of the business because one day she wanted to own her own restaurant. After Dawn felt like she had a handle on everything she asked Jonathan if he would recommend her to the corporation. I know he really hated to lose her because with Dawn at the helm he could feel pretty comfortable to leave the store any time he wanted to. In five years, Dawn took over ownership of a Chick-fil-a in the Brandon Mall about thirty-five miles from her home in Bradenton. After around five years of hard work at the Chick-fil-a in Brandon she was awarded

A New Chick-fil-a Comes to Town

this big Chick-fil-a in Plant City. I know without a doubt she and Scott, my son, put in many extra hours at Brandon. Two years ago, she was awarded a \$50,000.00 car, a trip to



the Super Bowl for her and Scott, a big dinner with the officials from Atlanta, and a cruise to the Gulf of Mexico for increasing her sales 18% over the previous year. She told me, "Pawpa it was hard but well worth it. I'm proud of my whole family because they helped. This has become a family affair."

As the honor guard raised the American flag Mercedes Castes sang our National Anthem as everyone

saluted or held their hand over their heart. It was a beautiful rendition. Mercedes and her husband, along with their pastor Richard Toussaint, were the first family that I met and got to have a long talk with. I talked to them about their Christian work that they were committed to in Central Florida. Richard had been preaching for fourteen-years in a church called, "The Chapel" in Mango, Florida. He would lead the opening prayer and also would lead our prayer (grace) for the meal they would have that night.

As you know Chick-fil-a is a Christian business started by Truett Cathy and now operated by his two sons Dan and Donald "Bubba" Cathy. Soon it will be handed down to a grandson Andrew Cathy. This family has stood up to those who want to put Christian businesses down. I cannot tell you how many victories they have won but it is a lot. They want to serve everyone their chicken sandwiches, but to change their religions beliefs for no one. They are never open on Sundays because that is the Lord's Day and their employees need a day off. I love the way they treat their employees. My kids love their jobs and along the way they come into contact with people who are down. They are treated with kindness and if they have a problem, they will listen to them if they can they will help them. When you say "thank you" to a Chick-fil-a employee they always come back with "It's my pleasure sir or ma'am."

The night session of the opening in Plant City was something else. Among the invited guest was officials from Chick-fil-a's headquarters in Atlanta, Dawn and Scott's pastor from Bayside Community Church in Bradenton (Randy). The mayor, vice mayor, chief of police, and fire department chief were there along with many others. Dawn's father was there, as were her and Scott's two girls. Many of Scott's relatives had been a big help in getting everything ready for the December 2nd opening and celebration.

The night started out as a church worship service. We had prayer and another song by Mercedes. It was a joyful night with our Lord. The Chick-fil-a official got up and made his short speech. Most of it covered the history of Chick-fil-a and what Truett Cathy had started back in 1946. He went on to talk about Truett's philosophy in starting and operating a business.

God was to be their center business piece and they really honor Jesus Christ in everything they do. Regardless of the pressure we will not go the way of the world, was Truett's words and later on his son Dan's words.

Dawn and Scott's pastor from Bayside Church in Bradenton was next to share his thought and prayers. Randy said he was glad to be there in Plant City to help dedicate the business to Jesus. He said they couldn't have chosen a better Christian lady to run this business. All who know Dawn stood and applauded. Rev. Randy also expressed how glad he was and how proud of all of us as Christians should be that we have a corporation like Chick-fil-a. Dawn and Scott Redmon will be good for Plant City. They have touched a lot of lives here.

Dawn stepped up to deliver some things that touched my heart. She said, "I would like for all the leaders to come forward and stand by me." As they stood there together, she said "they are the ones who have stood by me at the Brandon Chick-fil-a and these are the ones who will be right by my side here in Plant City. They are my heroes." Dawn and Scott Redmon will make a lot of friends in their new city, and they will touch a lot of lives here. Both of them are fine Christians and when they see a need, they will pray for the people who have the need and ask God to direct them. They have worked hard to get here and they will continue to work hard for the people in the Plant City community.

To date they have hired around 160 workers to take care of the two shifts. They open at 6:30 am and close at 10:30 pm.

What Chick-fil-a does they do right. Dawn and Scott were well prepared for the opening at 6:30 on December 2, 2021. I didn't get up that early but I

was told that both lanes in the drive through were backed up for the breakfast service and the inside was



talk to some of them. It gives you more faith in the younger generation when you go to a Chick-fil-a. At present there are 2,658 Chick-fil-a restaurants in the United States. To show you how hard it is to get a franchise out of 40,000 applicants only 100 to 115 applicants are chosen every year. Your chances of your child getting a Chick-fil-a restaurant are slim. Their chances of getting in to Harvard are better, but it only takes \$10,000 to own a franchise.

If you are ever on Florida's West Coast, go to Tampa and hit I-4 to Orlando (East), and take the Plant City exit. You will find Chick-fil-a two blocks from the exit at 1101 Goldfinch Drive, Plant City, Florida. Tell them where you are from and I'm sure Dawn and Scott will take care of you.

Why do people flock to Chick-fil-a? My thought is that its more than the product. Of course, the sandwiches are great but there's more. The Christian way they treat you is a contributing factor and the swiftness way they get you served is another factor. If you enter the drive through (Plant City franchise has two) someone is there to take your order right away and telegraphed it to the kitchen. Your meal is ready when you get to the pay station. There is no long waiting period.

Another contributing factor, and I think it's a big one, is how the Cathy family has operated their 2,600 plus restaurants as a Christian corporation.

I saw this in action when my daughter-in-law and son opened their new franchise in Plant City. This restaurant has been anointed by God. I'm sure they will be blessed.



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full. At the end of the day the news was great. The count for money taken in was near \$50,000.00. The corporate headquarters said this was close to a record on opening day.

Twenty workers from different states were brought in as advisors or trainers and Robin and I got to

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Disappeared: Chapter 15: Part 3

Nick & Chris-Day 4



Carol Hall
Author

“What kind of storm are we talking about here?” Chris asked.

“Another thunderstorm. They are predicting heavy rain, thunder, lightning, the whole deal.”

“Great!” Nick said between gritted teeth. “That’s all we need is more rain and mud.”

“I know it’s not ideal, but we can’t change the weather,” said Ted.

“What does it matter if it storms? We’ll just be hanging out here at the camp anyway,” Chris said. Frustration was starting to get the better of him. He was beginning to have a short fuse and Nick couldn’t blame him. This whole search was trying on everyone’s nerves. The weather wasn’t cooperating, the dogs couldn’t do their job, they were short handed, now they would be stewing at the camp for a couple days, once again waiting on the weather and getting more people here. It was about all Nick could do to keep his calm. He understood Chris’s frustration better than anyone.

“The rain won’t stop the search once I get back,” Ted said. “If anything, the mud may help with the tracking.”

“Well, at least that’s something,” Nick said.

“So, do you guys want to come with me in the morning, or do you want to just stay put and wait for me to return?” Ted asked.

Chris looked at Nick and shrugged. “I’d just as soon stay here. If something happens, we’re already in place.”

Nick nodded his agreement. “I think we’ll just stay here. I want to be well rested and on top of my game so when we resume the search, I’ll be ready.”

“What are you going to do about base camp?” Chris asked. “Are you sending them back down too, along with the other search parties?”

“No, but it will be a skeleton crew. We’ll only need a couple of people to stay behind and man it. I want one of the sheriff’s men to stay and a paramedic. The rest, I’ll send home.”

The three men sat quietly around the fire for several more minutes before Ted rose and started to talk toward his tent.

“Ted,” Nick called to him. “Wake me when you leave in the morning, ok?”

“Sure thing,” Ted said.

Nick and Chris crawled back into their tent and laid down on their sleeping bags. Neither of them said a word. They just laid there wide awake, waiting for the morning to come, each lost in thoughts of his own wife.

Nick and Chris, Day 5-

Morning brought with it dark, gray clouds. The rain hadn’t started yet, but by the looks of it, it was going to be a doozy. The smell of rain was heavy in the air and the humidity had risen to a miserable level.

Nick was already up and out by the fire by the time Ted crawled out of his tent.

“Looks like you beat me this morning,” Ted said, walking over to join Nick by the fire.

“Couldn’t sleep.”

“Did you change your mind about going down with me?”

“No,” Nick said, handing Ted a mug full of coffee.

“I’m heading out as soon as I finish this coffee and give instructions to the deputy whose staying behind. I got a radio call this morning telling me the other search parties were headed down already, so I don’t have to wait on them. Walter is coming with me, as expected. Worthless piece of crap! I won’t be sorry to see him go. I should be back tomorrow, late afternoon or early

evening if everything works out ok. If anything changes, I’ll radio the deputy and he’ll pass the word on to you and Chris.”

“Thanks Ted,” Nick said, reaching out his hand for a handshake. Ted accepted it and turned to go.

“Oh, Nick, one more thing,” he said. “Whatever you do, please stay in camp. Don’t wander off anywhere.”

“Excuse me? Where would I go, Ted? If you think Chris and I are going to run off to go looking for Maggie and Evie, just relax. We may be struggling with some of this, but we aren’t stupid!”

Ted chuckled and shook his head. “No, you are definitely not stupid, but you are men and men sometimes do stupid things. I just don’t want to end up searching for four people instead of two. Relax, I’m just doing my job and part of my job is keeping you and Chris safe. I’ll see you tomorrow.”

Several minutes later, Nick and Chris watched Ted head out of camp and down the trail toward civilization. The only thing they could do was sit back and wait. Two whole days was going to feel like a lifetime. What would they do for two whole days?

Nick’s thoughts went back to Maggie again. He hoped she was hanging in there. She was a tough woman and he knew she would do anything she could to be strong and make it through this. He just hoped he proved to be as strong as she was.

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* To save a pot of burning soup, remove from the burner and DO NOT stir. Pour the unburned contents into a new pot, while trying not to disturb the burned-on bottom of the pot.

* Experts say that those who keep track of their nutrition and exercise are more likely to keep it up. This can be as simple as a pencil and notebook paired with a calorie guidebook, or one of the many great apps for your smartphone. In any case, set yourself up for success this year. You deserve it!

* After-Christmas sales are a great time to buy not only gift wrap (look for solid colors that you can use all year long), holiday cards and decorations, but also next season's winter wear. Things like scarves and gloves can be great bargains. And even coats can go on sale. Take advantage -- especially if you have kids -- and buy up. -- A.K. in Tennessee

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* If all the stars in the Milky Way were grains of salt, they'd fill an Olympic-size swimming pool.

* The Louvre museum in Paris was originally built as a fortress to repel Vikings.

* In 1887, a group of men added Susanna Madora Salter of Argonia, Kansas, to a mayoral ballot as a prank intended to embarrass and curtail the influence of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of which she was an officer. Instead, she won over 60% of the vote and became America's first female mayor.

* Olympic medalist Mark Spitz was famed for his large mustache in an era when

swimmers shaved their bodies to become more hydrodynamic. He once joked to the Russian team's coach that his mustache helped him swim faster by deflecting water from his mouth and making him more bullet-shaped. The following year, a mustache was sported by every member of the male Russian team.

* Despite their humps, camels have straight spines.

* The first use of the word "Superbowl," credited to a Chinese writer named Lom Ba Di, dates to the third century.

* In 2008, Chile minted 1.5 million 50-peso coins with a spelling error, only noticing a year later they'd spelled "CHIIE" instead of "CHILE."

* Honeybee venom has been found to destroy some types

of cancer cells.

* There's a Google map for Mercury, Venus, Earth's moon, Mars, Pluto, three out of four of Jupiter's moons, and all but one of the round Saturnian moons.

* Juan Ponce de Leon brought cattle when he landed at Charlotte Harbor in 1521, his second trip to La Florida. When he came under attack, four of his heifers and a bull fled into the scrub, thus introducing cows to America.

Thought for the Day: "What matters most is how well you walk through the fire." -- Charles Bukowski

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* Want to include more produce in your diet? Sources say prep is the step that makes it work. Clean, chop, slice and otherwise prepare all your produce choices for the week on the day you shop. When it's ready and waiting, you're less likely to skip it in favor of something more convenient (and likely less nutritious).

* "A pinch of salt tossed in the coffee grounds will cut the bitterness in lower-quality coffee. This is especially useful if you get a good deal on a can of coffee that's not your normal brand." -- P.L. in New Jersey

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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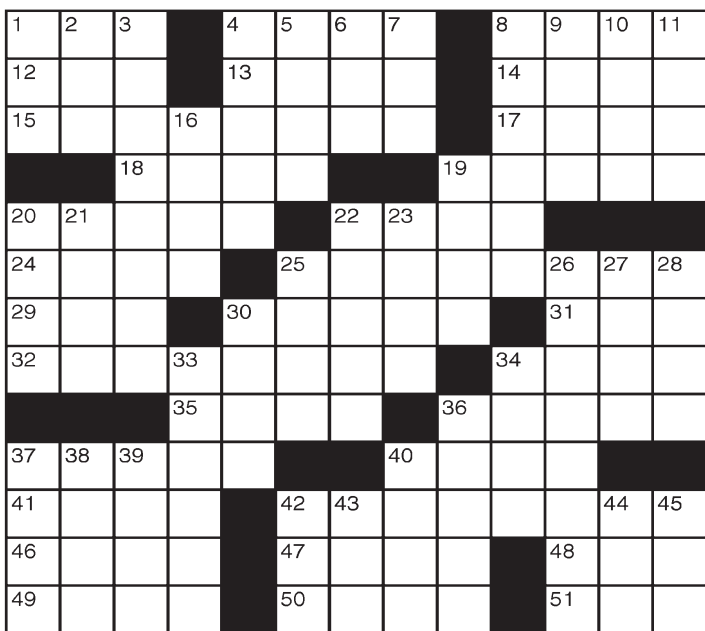
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King Crossword

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- 4 Highlander
- 8 Streamlet
- 12 Historic period
- 13 String
- 14 Tom Joad, for one
- 15 Bridgetown's island
- 17 "It's — real!"
- 18 Intends
- 19 Tropical fruit
- 20 Jazz genre
- 22 Piece of work
- 24 Priests' garments
- 25 "Excellent work!"
- 29 Espionage org.
- 30 Spectrum creator
- 31 Ms. Thurman
- 32 Wavering
- 34 Twain hero
- 35 Sharp tooth
- 36 Clearheaded
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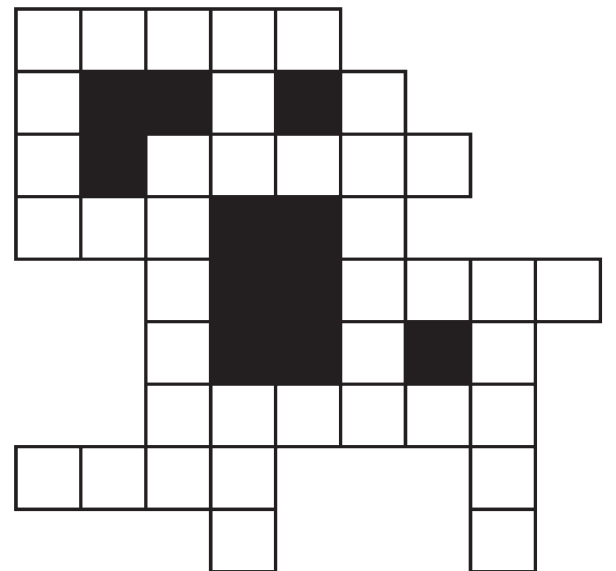


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- 20 "Coffee Cantata" composer
- 38 Fonda's bee-keeper role
- 21 Writer Wiesel
- 39 Lose color
- 22 Rubber gas-ket
- 40 406, in Roman numerals
- 23 Nuisance
- 42 Calendar abbr.
- 25 Mom's mom
- 26 Place to get a fruit smoothie
- 43 Eg. and Syr., once
- 27 Hotel chain
- 44 Oklahoma city
- 28 Combo
- 45 Ump
- 30 School orgs.

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

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Morgan County Today partnered with Together Morgan County to provide prizes for people who visited the November Story Walk in Solomon Park and participated in the contest that was posted. Although a contest was advertised, details about the contest could only be found by those who visited the story walk and followed the directions. The contest was to see how many words with 3+ letters could be made from the word THANKSGIVING. A \$25 gift card was awarded in three age divisions. Congratulations to Tabitha Hamby, Willow Langley and Clara Ruppe who were the three winners. Together Morgan County would like to thank Marvin and Tammy Howard with River Ridge Barn for sponsoring the November Story Walk and Morgan County Today for providing prizes. Pictured is Sandra Helton, Morgan County Community Engagement Coordinator, presenting prizes to the winners. Thanks to everyone who participated.




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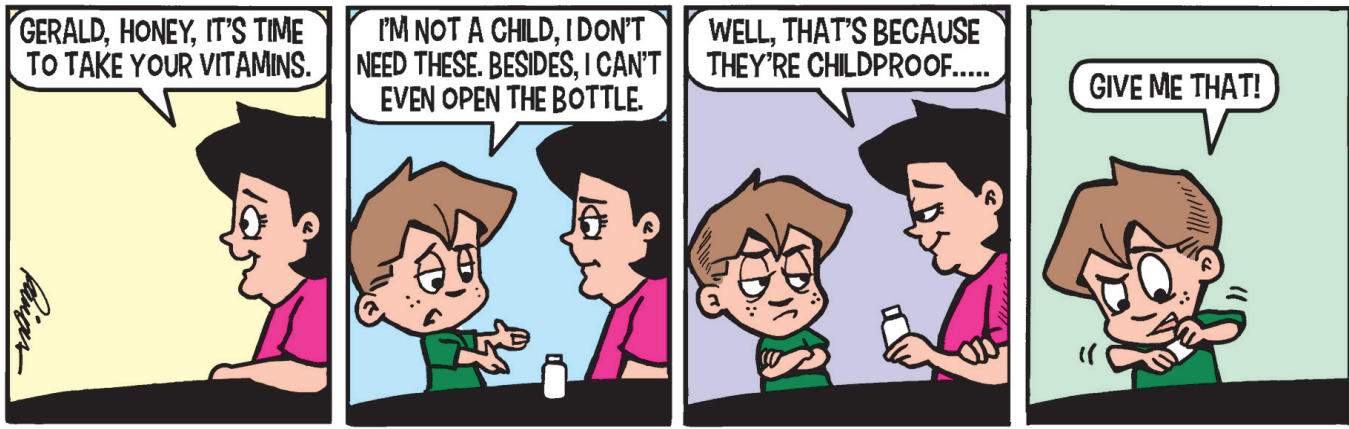
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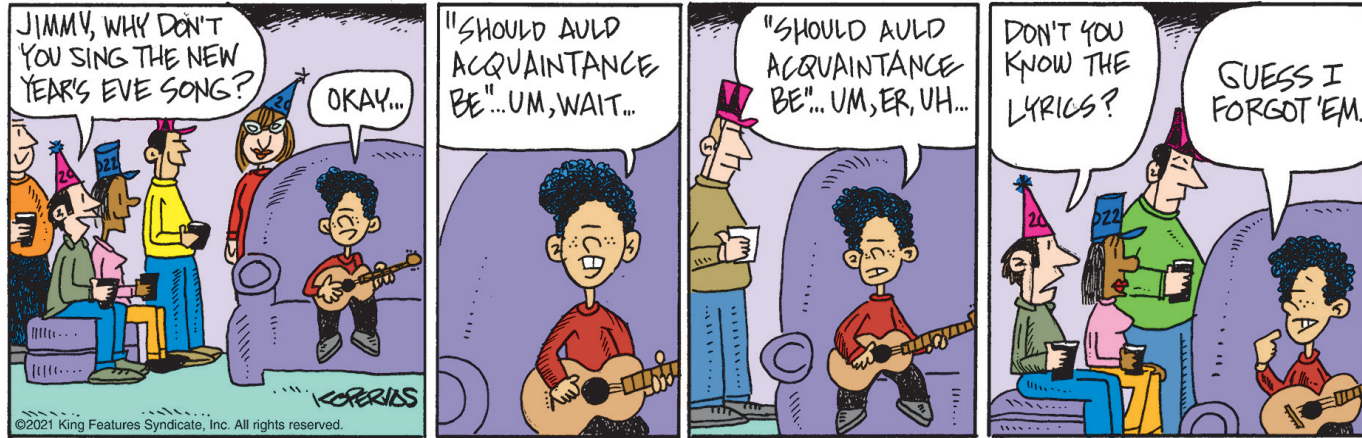
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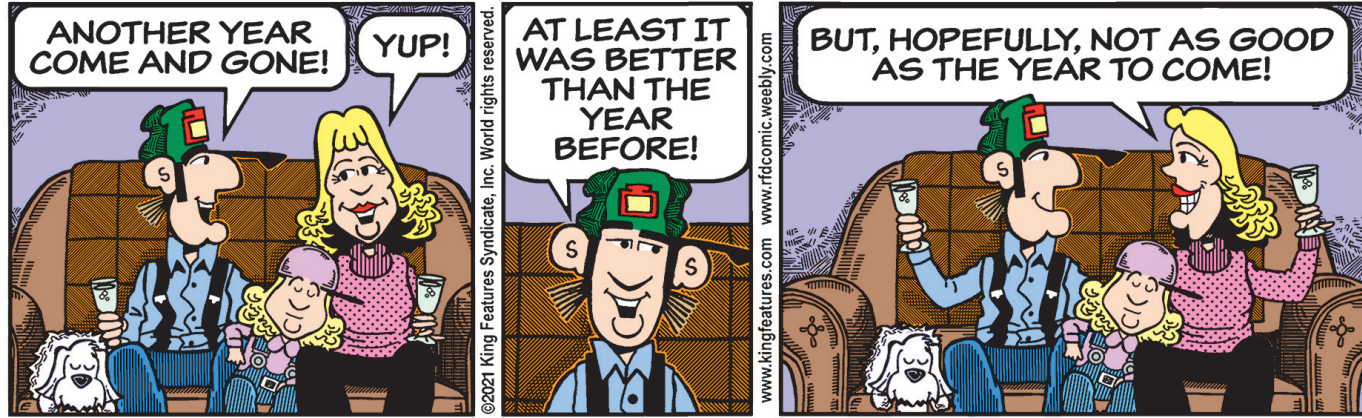
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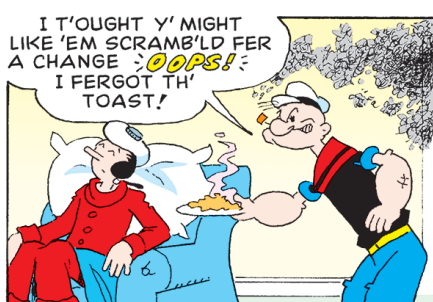
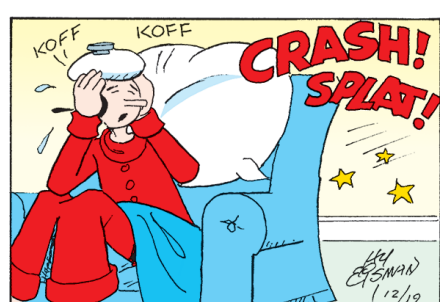
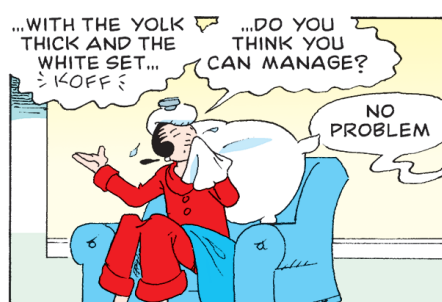
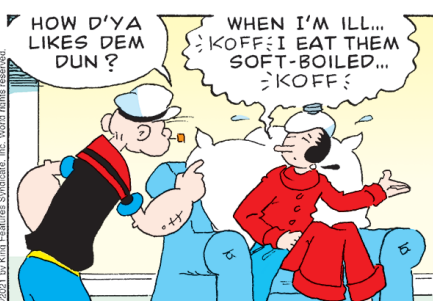
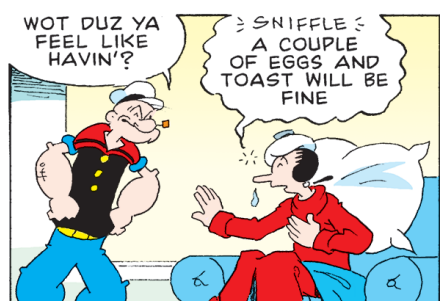
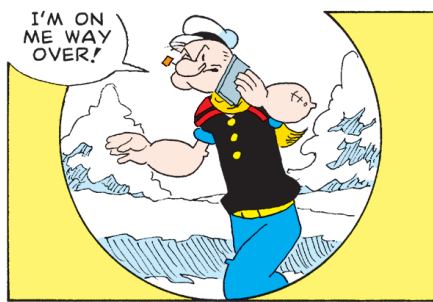
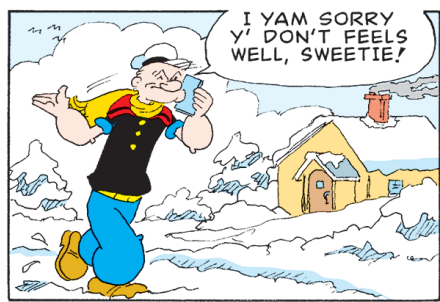
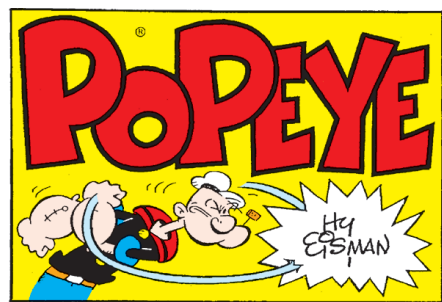
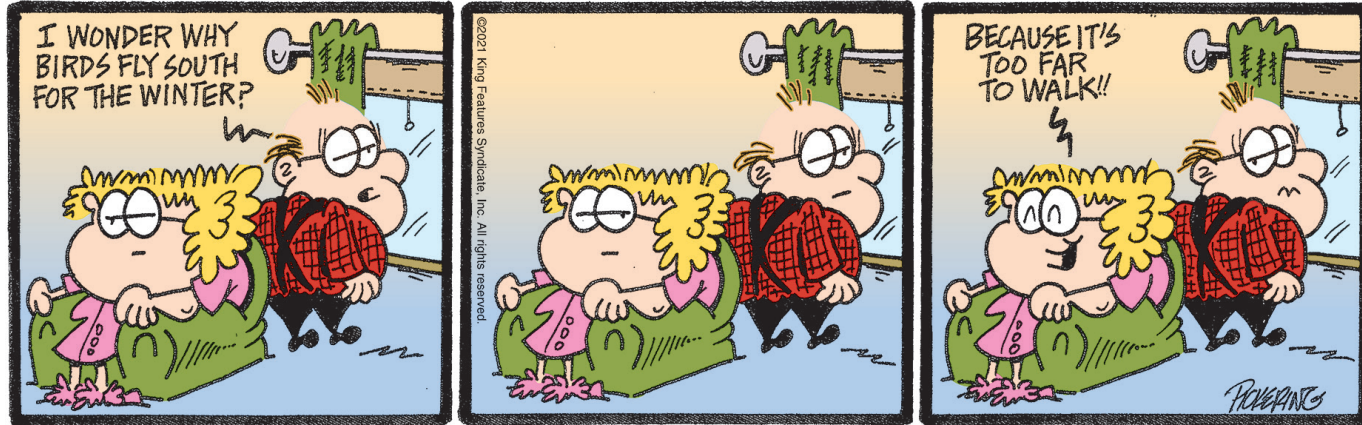
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by Mike Marland



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by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

 * On Jan. 14, 1639, in Hartford, Connecticut, the first constitution in the American colonies, the "Fundamental Orders," is adopted. The Fundamental Orders declared that "the foundation of authority is in the free consent of the people."

* On Jan. 13, 1842, a British army doctor reaches the British sentry post at Jalalabad, Afghanistan, the lone survivor of a 16,000-strong Anglo-Indian expeditionary force that was slaughtered in its retreat from Kabul. He told of a terrible massacre in which the Afghans killed 4,500 soldiers and 12,000 camp followers.

* On Jan. 14, 1875, Nobel Prize-winning physician Albert Schweitzer is born in Upper-Alsace, Germany. Schweitzer's philosophy revolved around what he called "reverence for life," the idea that all life must be respected and loved.

* On Jan. 16, 1919, the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting the "manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes," is ratified and becomes law. Large-scale distribution of alcoholic beverages and organized crime flourished anyway.

* On Jan. 11, 1937, nearly two weeks into a sit-down strike by General Motors auto workers at the Fisher Body Plant in Flint, Michigan, a riot breaks out when police try to prevent food deliveries to the strikers from supporters on the outside. The melee was later nicknamed the "Battle of the Running Bulls."

* On Jan. 10, 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations, comprising 51 nations, convenes in London. Then, on Jan. 24, the General Assembly adopted its first resolution, a measure calling for the peaceful uses of atomic energy and the elimination of atomic and other weapons of mass destruction.

* On Jan. 12, 1981, prime-time ABC soap opera "Dynasty" debuts. The show's elaborately melodramatic plot lines resembled those of the daytime soap operas (kidnappings, amnesia, characters returning from the dead), and its style fit perfectly with the over-the-top excesses of the 1980s.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

The High-Water Mark of Biden-Era Progressivism

Joe Manchin and London Breed have nothing in common. One is an old-school Democratic senator from West Virginia, surviving and thriving in an increasingly red state; the other is the progressive mayor of San Francisco, a city that is a byword for cutting-edge left-wing politics.

Yet both, in their own ways signaled that Biden-era progressivism has reached its high-water mark. Manchin, of course, delivered an emphatic thumbs down to Joe Biden's signature Build Back Better plan, while Breed reversed field on crime in a stunningly frank endorsement of law-and-order in a jurisdiction infamous for the opposite.

The de facto pincer movement by the wildly different Democrats from wildly different parts of the country -- San Francisco is roughly 19 times as large as the biggest city in West Virginia -- shows that the progressive tide that built in the Trump years is finally colliding with political reality and the real-world consequences of progressive extravagance.

This doesn't mean that progressivism is spent obviously. It dominates the media, academia and almost all the rest of elite culture. At the same time, Democrats still control the elected branches of government in Washington. But a growing backlash against progressive excess has found expression in two notable acts of Democratic defiance.

By now, the context of Manchin's "no" on Build Back Better is familiar. Joe Biden campaigned as a pragmatic Democrat only to reverse field after his election and develop a heroic image of himself as the next transformational Democratic president in the line of FDR and LBJ.

This drove the mistake of not realizing that Manchin or any other Democratic dissenter in the 50-50 Senate had the power to derail Build Back Better and accordingly scaling it back from the outset. Instead, the White House and congressional leadership acted as if Manchin could be cajoled or bullied out of his oft-repeated qualms. Perhaps Democrats will reunite with the senator on a scaled-back spending bill in the new year, but the era of FDR fantasies is definitely over. Democrats should ask themselves, if they had a mandate to remake the country, why the entire project depended on the approval of a single conservative Democrat from West Virginia?

Now, Democrats are looking down the barrel of a mid-term election wipe-out that could give the GOP a durable House majority that will put paid to any thought of BBB-style legislation for years. If Manchin said "enough" to big-spending federal aggrandizement, London Breed said it to the soft-on-crime consensus in blue cities that has led to spiraling disorder. The Bay Area, home to the smash-and-grab robbery and other routine offenses against basic human decency, has been Exhibit A.

Concluding that even the tolerant people of perhaps the country's most tolerant city wouldn't put up with it much longer, Breed had her Howard Beale moment. In a speech clearly meant to set down a political and rhetorical marker, she called for an end to "the reign of criminals who are destroying our city."

The Breed turnabout, from police-defunder a year ago to would-be Rudy Giuliani now, marks an end to the period after George Floyd's death when anti-police sentiment was ascendant.

There are other signs that the progressive momentum is beginning to give way. A rightward shift among Latinos shows the limits of paint-by-the-numbers identity politics. That the left's response to the grassroots movement against critical race theory in schools has been to deny there is any critical race theory in schools speaks to a telling defensiveness. Next year, the Supreme Court may well knock out Roe and Casey, cornerstones of the progressive social agenda.

Of course, the political and cultural war will continue apace. Still, December 2021 looks like an inflection point when, as Breed put it in her speech, "the bull***t" finally got a reality check.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Just Heat and Serve Stuffed French Toast

Make a holiday-season breakfast extra special with this stuffed French toast recipe featuring oranges and fresh pecans, which are abundant this time of year. The whole family can



Stuffed French toast featuring oranges and pecans

participate in the preparation the night before, from beating eggs to spooning the cream cheese mixture into pockets in the French bread. When you wake up in the morning, just pop the dish in the oven, heat up the simple and mouthwatering orange-pecan maple syrup topping, and enjoy leisurely family time around the table.

EASY OVERNIGHT STUFFED FRENCH TOAST

- 1 8-ounce package low-fat or regular cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves
Buddy Check 22

Buddy Check 22 is an American Legion program that reaches out to possibly at-risk veterans. The "22" in the name is most significant: it is the average number of veteran suicides per day. On the 22nd of each month, veterans in Buddy Check will call (or text or email or drop by) another veteran to let them know they're not alone. Whether it's PTSD, suicidal thoughts, difficulty coping or anything else, BC22 veterans will be there to help.

Do you have a Buddy Check program in your area? Do you participate in either the national or a local group? Some local groups go beyond the phone calls and host monthly meetings and events. By providing a venue for making social connections and getting suicide prevention information, veterans come to know they're not alone. To look for groups in your area, search for: "Buddy Check 22" veterans and your state.

To go to the source, the

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons orange zest from a fresh orange
- 1 large loaf French bread (day-old bread with a softer crust works best)
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Maple syrup for Pecan Maple Syrup (recipe follows)

First, read through the steps and choose appropriate jobs for every family member. Let's begin!

To assemble:

1. Blend the cream cheese, 1/2 cup of the pecans, sugar and 2 tablespoons orange zest in a medium bowl.
2. An adult or older child should cut the loaf into about 10 to 12 1-inch slices. Then cut an opening in one crust side of each slice, two-thirds the way down, to form a pocket. Tuck a spoonful of the cream cheese mixture into each pocket and press to close. Arrange in two rows in a 9-inch-by-13-inch greased baking pan.
3. Combine the beaten eggs, milk and vanilla in a medium bowl. Pour over the bread, making sure it is soaked with egg mixture. Cover with aluminum foil and refrigerate overnight.

To bake and serve:

1. In the morning, preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Remove foil and bake for 45 minutes until lightly golden. Serve warm Pecan Maple Syrup (below) drizzled over individual servings.

Makes 5-6 two-slice servings.

Pecan Maple Syrup: Over low heat, warm the desired amount of maple syrup with the remaining chopped pecans and orange zest.

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

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American Legion, check: www.legion.org/buddycheck. If you especially want to start a BC22 in your area, this is the place to begin.

Not affiliated with the American Legion is a nightly Zoom Buddy Check. Get there through the WarriorNOW Nightly Buddy Check at warrionnow.org/buddy-check. WarriorNOW is a nonprofit committed to veteran mental health and suicide prevention.

If you or someone you know is struggling, call Veteran's Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.

Recently the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a bipartisan bill to designate one week per year as "Buddy Check Week." During that week, veteran mentors will learn how to do buddy checks and to access the support their buddies need. The bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to pitch in with education and materials for mentors to help their buddies. The House of Representatives, however, went home for the year without addressing the Buddy Check bill. They referred it to a subcommittee, where it now sits.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. For possible new year's resolutions, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; _____, and it shall be opened unto you." Pray, Knock, Sing, Tithe

2. Psalm 37:5 informs us to, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to _____." Nurture, Pass, Action, Light

3. In which book's chapter 12 did the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron about the first month of the year? *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers*

4. Proverbs 16:3 instructs us to, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be _____"? *Resolved, Established, Directed, Bountiful*

5. 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 are among the verses to focus on what in a new year? *Blessings, Moving forward, Grace, Church attendance*

6. From James 1:5, what may one lack and if they ask God, it shall be given? *Love, Wisdom, Truth, Goals*

ANSWERS: 1) Knock; 2) Pass; 3) Exodus; 4) Established; 5) Moving forward; 6) Wisdom

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

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

Biscuit Breakfast Scramble

When my grandkids stay overnight, I like to serve them dishes like this. It doesn't take very long to prepare, but they think I've made a big fuss over them. Let them keep on thinking that!

- 6 eggs, beaten or equivalent in egg substitute
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 2/3 cup water
- 2 teaspoons prepared yellow mustard
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup diced extra-lean ham
- 1 (7.5-ounce) can refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish and a large skillet with butter-flavored cooking spray. In the skillet, combine eggs and lemon pepper. Cook over medium heat until eggs are set, stirring often. Set aside.

2. In a medium saucepan, combine dry milk powder and water. Stir in mustard and parsley flakes. Add Cheddar cheese. Mix well to combine. Cook over medium heat until cheese is melted, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

3. Fold in ham and cooked eggs. Spread mixture into prepared baking dish. Separate biscuits and cut each into 4 pieces. Evenly sprinkle biscuit pieces over top of egg mixture. Lightly spray tops of biscuit pieces with butter-flavored cooking spray.

4. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

• Each serving equals: 262 calories, 10g fat, 20g protein, 23g carb., 839mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 1/2 Starch.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Historically Speaking

A brief history of the UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory - Introduction

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Before I begin this week's Historically Speaking article, I must correct a mistake from last week. Thanks to Marcia Slagle, Executive Director of the Anderson County Health Council, who sent an e-mail telling me that the farmhouse pictured in the article is not the office of the Life Development Center program. The farmhouse and the land are owned by the US Dept of Education and leased to the Anderson County Schools. The farmhouse is occupied by an employee of the school system.

Last week we introduced Bob Reynolds and told his history and we mentioned Joe Lenhard. Both men were instrumental in helping me bring you this unusual and unique story of a most interesting research facility, the University of Tennessee – Atomic Energy Commission's Agricultural Research Laboratory. This was one of Oak Ridge's most historic and first-of-a-kind research facilities to study the effects of radiation exposure.

By way of introduction, we had looked at the living quarters of some of the employees of UT at the facility. Bob Reynolds and his family lived in a picturesque setting at the corner of Bethel Valley Road and Ker Hollow Road. Merrill Bird also lived in one of the four houses at this location... that is until he along with Bob Reynolds and some other employees lost their jobs there and had to move.

The new manager, H. E. Walburg, decided to move from Oak Ridge to the location where Merrill Bird had lived at 822 Bethel Valley Road. There was an "Ask Inky" column in The Oak Ridger, published on December 11, 1978, that questioned the apparently extensive work being done on the house and several other actions regarding the move.

Another indicator of the controversies obviously plaguing the CARL operation was a fable written at the time by someone who was somewhat upset by events. The fable was titled, "The Kingdom of CARL," written with obvious frustration at the way staff reductions had been required and the transition of the program from UT to Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

A section of that fable reads, "Once upon a time not too very long ago in the country of Tanacity near the town of OLFRIDGE there was a tiny kingdom called CARL, which was ruled by a very stern king named WALFRED..."

The fable continues, "...As times became harder, an effort was made to save the kingdom by merging it with a neighboring kingdom called OLD-ROW. The population was led to believe that this venture would save the kingdom and good times would return once more to CARL..."

Finally, the fable concludes, "...In the end some people gained but many also lost. It will take time

for the scars to heal and for those who remained to see if those who left were wiser than those who stayed. King WALFRED himself became a servant to another king. And the Kingdom of CARL was no more..."

These beautiful old houses on this picturesque location were removed in 1982. Changes were obviously being required as this program struggled for funding and continued purpose.

Another "Ask Inky" article published in The Oak Ridger of June 16, 1983, provides further insight. The questioner wants to know the status of CARL and how it had changed since becoming a part of ORAU on October 1, 1981.



This modern setting of ORAU's South Campus was the home of the UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory (Photo Submitted)



UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory headquarters was in the old Scarboro School building – photo taken from cover of pamphlet produced in middle 1960's. (Photo Submitted)

The response provided states, "On March 1, 1983, the Comparative Animal Research Laboratory was made a part of ORAU's Medical and Health Sciences Division to provide closer collaboration between the CARL and MHS staffs..."

The response continues, "...The former CARL building was renamed the ORAU Scarboro Facility...reduced funding produced forced some layoffs and a consolidation of administrative practices...These constraints also required selling off cattle and farm animals that were no longer needed in the scientific programs..."

Finally, the response recognizes that, "...There were 62 CARL personnel who transferred to ORAU when ORAU assumed the contract in October 1981. Of that total, 28 persons are still working at ORAU, most of them in the Medical Division's Field Site..."

The most telling comment in the response was, "...The Scarboro Facility has been partially renovated, and now serves as home base for the Radiological Survey Program of ORAU's Manpower Education, Research and Training Division and ORAU's Office of Safety and Health as well

as the MHS Field Site."

Yep, the fable was right, the Kingdom of CARL was no more!

The University of Tennessee – Atomic Energy Commission Agricultural Research Laboratory, later known as the Comparative Animal Research Laboratory, was ultimately transferred from the University of Tennessee to Oak Ridge Associated Universities on October 1, 1981. Many first-of-a-kind experiments with radiation were conducted there ranging from large animal studies to smaller animal studies as well as plants and especially seeds.

The cover of the booklet titled UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory, shows an aerial photograph of the main portion of the facility which is today's Oak Ridge Associated Universities South Campus at Scarboro. The Scarboro School building, still in use today was featured in the photograph of the UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory. This historic building housed the main offices for the unique experimental laboratory.

The entire agricultural research operation included some 5,000 acres and extended from Emory Valley Road in Oak Ridge south to the Edgemoor Bridge with some small amount of acreage south of Edgemoor Road extending to the Solway Bridge as well as on the north side of the road to Highway 62 or Solway Bridge. The main portion of the acreage followed the Clinch River and included both Freels Bend and Jones Bend. It also included several hundred acres north of Bethel Valley Road.

The installation of Melton Hill Dam had an adverse impact on this agricultural research facility. The rich river bottom lands were lost to the flood plain when the dam was built between 1960 and 1963. The Tennessee Valley Authority compensated the operation by clearing 800 acres north of Bethel Valley Road (much of what is now Commerce Park was included).

The resulting rise in the water level caused the lake to come very close to some of the experimental facilities and gave Joe Lenhard, who was the AEC manager responsible for safety oversight of the program at the time, concern for assuring that proper control of access was maintained. Joe explained his memory of that concern as he pointed out to me the proximity of the lake to the large animal radiation facility.

Now with this introduction, let me now explain how all unusual scientific study of animals came to be and how it came to be located at Oak Ridge. It is a most unusual and unique story.

It all started with the explosion of the world's first atomic device, "The Gadget," a plutonium fission device tested on July 16, 1945, identical to Fat Man, the atomic bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, on August 9, 1945, and led to the end of World War II. Little Boy, a uranium fission device had been dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, on August 6, 1945.

We will pick up the story there next...

High School Basketball Roundup

After beginning the season with an 0-6 start, the Oakdale Lady Eagles claimed their first victory of the season at Jellico Tuesday evening, defeating the Lady Blue Devils 64-56. Chloe Hamby scored a game-high score 27 points and snatched 10 rebounds for Oakdale. Rhylan Hicks added a double-double with 14 points 10 rebounds, and Amelia Miller had a triple-double with 22 points, 11 rebounds, and 14 assists.

Dec 21 – Defeated Jellico 64-56

Sunbright Girls (11-3, 1-0)

The Sunbright Lady Tigers continued to roll, defeating Oneida 63-56 in overtime in the consolation game of the South Fork Physical Therapy Christmas Tournament at Oneida on Wednesday. A strong full-court pressure defense once again proved key to the Lady Tiger victory. Sunbright defeated Scott County 55-52 on Monday in the first round of the tournament. The Lady Tigers then fell to Pickett County, ranked No. 2 in the state by Coacht.com, 51-46 on Tuesday in the semifinals.

The Coalfield Lady Jackets overwhelmed Rockwood 50-22 Tuesday evening, with the starters sitting out much of the second half. The Lady Jackets also ran an effective full-court, pressure defense. Coalfield faces Sunbright on January 7 in a game that will pit the two pressure defenses against each other.

The Coalfield Jackets lost a 48-45 heartbreaker to Rockwood on Tuesday, missing multiple scoring opportunities in the last minute of the game.

After defeating Mt. Pisgah 43-31 on Monday, the Sunbright Tigers faced Seymour in the South Fork Physical Therapy Christmas Tournament at Oneida on Wednesday and came away with a 57-48 victory over the Eagles. The Tigers now have a 4-game win streak going into their battle at Union County on December 28.

The Oakdale Eagles lost on the road to a tough Jellico team 79-52 on Tuesday evening.

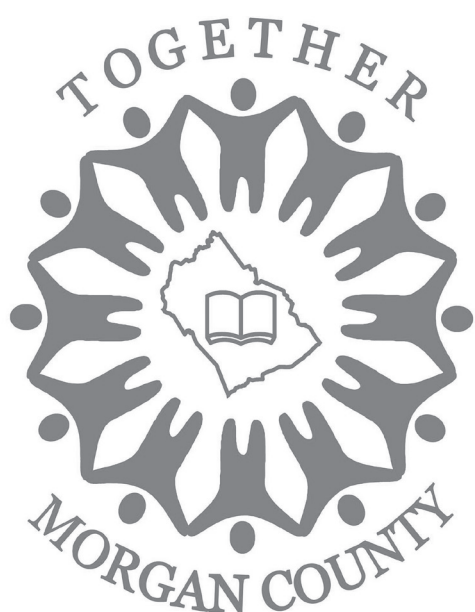
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Coalfield Girls (8-3, 1-1)
Dec 21 – Defeated Rockwood 50-22

Oakdale Girls (1-7, 0-2)




Oakdale's Chloe Hamby led the Lady Eagles to their first victory of the season, defeating Jellico 64-56. Hamby scored a game-high 27 points and had 10 rebounds. [File photo by Terry Futrell]



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1 Corinthians: Chapter 15

(1 Cor. 15:1-4) The facts of Paul's gospel: A report had reached Paul (1:11) that some at Corinth were denying that the body would be raised from death at the time of Christ's return. The Sadducees repudiated the idea of a bodily resurrection, as did the pagan Greeks (Mt. 22:23; Acts 17:18, 32). Even Christians can be influenced by their contemporaries, and these had been. The apostle, therefore, must rehearse the ABCs of the gospel. The verbs of this context are important. (a) Paul had "preached" the message to them (Acts 18:11). (b) They initially "received" it (salvation is not unconditional). (c) Most appeared to be "standing" in it (unmoved from the basics). (d) By the gospel (not some eternal decree) they "were being saved" (an ongoing process). (e) Their salvation was dependent on "holding fast" the apostolic preaching. (f) Otherwise, their initial "belief" (that Christ was raised) would have been for nothing.

The Greek conjunction "for (v. 3) provides an explanation for what follows. The foundation of the gospel involves the facts that the message was divinely "received", namely that Jesus "died," he "was buried" (both historical events), and he "has been raised" (the tense indicates an event of permanent status (Rom. 6:9). The resurrection had been prophesied in the Scriptures (Psa. 16:8; 22:22).

(1 Cor. 15:5-11) The evidence of Christ's resurrection: the bodily resurrection of Jesus was not a mere myth, it was corroborated by a variety of witnesses of utmost credibility. Several of these are mentioned: Peter, the "twelve" (a technical designation; Judas was dead), more than five hundred witnesses (most of whom were still alive), James (probably Christ's half-brother (Acts 15), again to "all the apostles," and finally to Paul himself (Acts 9:1-8, 17). Paul felt he was "the least" of the apostles because of his earlier persecution of Christians (v. 9). Thanks to the grace of God, he learned the truth and the Lord's favor had produced remarkable results in his life. His missionary endeavors had carried him significantly beyond what the other apostles had achieved to this point. It was not that he boasted, but the grace of the Lord had orchestrated it and he gloried in that. The apostolic effort was united and produced results---of which the Corinthians were an example.

(1 Cor. 15:12-19) The consequence of denying Jesus' resurrection: Attempts to deny this historical foundation of the Christian religion have been many and varied. Some contend: (a) his body is still in an unidentified tomb; (b) someone took the body and disposed of it elsewhere; (c) he was not raised literally, but he lives on in memory so vividly, it is as if he were alive still. Such theories are corrupt, and this philosophy must be addressed.

"If Christ has been raised permanently (the force of the verb) as we contend, why do some of you now deny this fact, alleging there is no such thing as a resurrection of dead people? Do you not realize the consequences of this proposition?" (v. 12). (a) If dead people are not raised, then Jesus was not raised. (B) If Jesus was not raised, Paul's preaching was worthless and so was the Corinthians' faith. (c) If Christ has not been raised, that makes the witnesses liars, for they professed to have seen him following his resurrection. (d) If the Lord was not raised, they are yet in their sins. Were they willing to concede this? (e) If Christ has not been raised, all Christians who have died have perished. This at least contains the implication that a Christian could perish. (f) If the resurrection of Jesus did not occur, our only hope is in this

life, and that makes us the most-to-be-pitied people of the whole human family. Who can live with these consequences?

(1 Cor. 15:20-28) Christ's resurrection: The key to God's plan: In reality, our Lord has been permanently raised from the dead, and as such he is the "firstfruits" (the promise of a future harvest) of those whose bodies (not souls) "sleep" in the grave. The particular emphasis here is on the resurrection of those "in Christ" (v. 18), though the Bible clearly teaches a general resurrection of all the dead (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28-29; Acts 24:15). It was through a man (Adam) that death entered the world, and it is through a man (Christ) that the resurrection of the dead will come (v. 21-22). But there is an appropriate order. Christ was resurrected first; those who belong to him will be resurrected at his Second Coming (v. 23). (Since the resurrection of the righteous has not yet occurred, one may conclude that the Lord's coming has not transpired, contrary to the claims of radical preterists, those who contend Christ came in A.D. 70 with the fall of Jerusalem.)

Paul now speaks of the "end" (v. 24-26). This embraces the end of: (a) "time" (as eternity begins); (b) the earth and all things pertaining thereto (2 Peter 3:1); (c) all earthly powers; (d) the present phase of the kingdom, which will be delivered back to the Father; and (e) death. There is no place here for a one-thousand-year earthly regime (as asserted by many). Until the end time arrives (unknown to anyone here on earth (Mt. 24:36). Christ must "reign" (the verb suggests "continue to reign")--thus demonstrating his original reign was not postponed, as dispensationalists contend.

At the time of Christ's ascension into heaven (Acts 1:9), all things were subjected to him (Eph. 1:20-23)--- except the Father himself (v. 27). When his present reign and conquests are completed (with permanency), the Son himself will "be subjected" to the Father. This subjection in no way diminishes Christ's divinity. This passage presents perhaps one of the most profound thoughts in biblical theology. Christ was not subjected to the Father before the incarnation (Phil. 2:5); he will be in some sense after his Second Coming. Why? The answer is not supplied. It could reflect a deeper level of devotion to humanity than anyone can possibly imagine from our present vantage point---forever identified with the redeemed!



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*Even in darkness
light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious
and compassionate
and righteous.*

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Christ's Letter to Laodicea



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things sayeth the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God: I know thy works, that thou aren't neither cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing: and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment: that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness does not appear: and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see.

As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent.

Behold I stand at the door, and knock: If any man, hear my voice, and, open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that over-cometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I overcame, and am set down with my father, in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Revelation 3; Vs. 14-22.

This letter is Christ's letter to the apostate church which epitomizes what went wrong over 2,000 years of Christian history. The Apostolic church in Ephesus saw Messiah's first disciples believe he was Israel's messiah. All they wanted to do was spend time alone with Jesus Christ as he showed them, he was indeed, the word who became flesh and tabernacled amongst us.

The four Gospels outline the history of Messiah and his time sojourning in our world and all for the purpose of dying, not living. He is the only man in history born knowing exactly who, what, where, when, and why about his own physical death and resurrection.

He called the apostles in eternity past, and knew them all by name at creation. John was the last living witness to Messiah's ministry who founded the seven churches Jesus Christ has chosen to identify as prophetic to church history.

Ephesus is where John planted Apostolic seeds in western Turkey. From Ephesus, the Gospel would travel to the four corners of the earth, during the gentile church age. It was in Ephesus where men started a Church hierarchy against the wishes of God.

The apostles had begun to forgo spending time alone with Messiah in prayer and the study of scripture, for Church attendance. The buildings they inhabited became more important than the Messiah who died for them. Christ has always desired personal relationship over church attendance. Smyrna began with the martyrdom of Paul and Peter under Emperor Nero. Ten specific Roman emperors would issue decrees ordering the execution of people of the way. These were Jews who accepted Messiah's testimony, and, gentiles who had the mystery of Jesus Christ's kingdom revealed to them in Philippians. The gentiles would be fellow-heirs with the Jewish believers in Messiah.

To escape persecution at the hands of the Roman Government, Christians compromised under Constantine, and married the world at Pergamos. They adopted men as hierarchy over their liturgy schedule and these men in turned combined Roman paganism with a little bit of Jesus on Sunday.

At Thyatira an ancient paradigm appeared in the middle age Catholic church. Ahab and Jezebel became the pattern of Roman bishops confiscating property after murdering Jews and Christians. Inquisitions gave way to the holocaust of World War II. The denial of Jesus Christ's Jewish past, and his entirely Jewish future is what was adopted as doctrine in Thyatira.

Sardis was where men began to want the Bible back in their homes. Denominations were spurned throughout the Lutheran reformation, each with their own ideas of interpreting scripture. Luther did nothing to correct the Romanization of our liturgy schedule, thus, it was at Sardis that the Church died.

Philadelphia saw believers desire to build a country where Jesus Christ was the God of the Bible. We prospered when we sent missionaries around the world. That prosperity led to incredible compromise right here in America. America gave birth to the modern church of Laodicea. In the Colossian letter, they are instructed by Paul to exchange letters with the Laodiceans. Apparently, they both were experiencing the same problems Messiah looked to correct.

The Colossians had begun to not accept the deity of Jesus Christ. They had turned to knowledge and away from the true fear of the Lord. They were interpreting scripture using Greek hermeneutics.

Everyone has their own self relativism. Thus says the Lord was exchanged for human traditions of men. They clung to all of their ancestors' pre-suppositions about salvation, and church became more important than personal relationship to Messiah.

Now, Messiah is outside of their three-dimensional buildings that God says he does not dwell in. They have increased with goods, they have need of nothing, and men rule their hearts, not Jesus Christ.

Government as God is what they have accepted, and God no longer supplies all of their needs according to his riches in glory. They are lukewarm, and gather in vain without ever offering Messiah to a world outside of their denominational structure.

Jesus Christ stands at the door and knocks. He is wanting back in to every person, in every church's heart, and, he desires that you make him Lord of your life by returning to every word of scripture from Genesis to Revelation. Will you answer the still soft voice of God and repent and return to scripture literacy?

We have entered the Laodicean church age which ends with the catching away of Messiah's bride and the beginning of Daniel's 70th week. It is the times of Jacob's trouble reserved for the chastening of the Jewish people in Israel and around the world. The bride of Christ will be removed and Laodicea does not share her future with Messiah.

The Lord Jesus Christ had nothing good to say about Laodicea. The time is short. Will you listen to the Holy Spirit as he tells you God desires your reproof and correction, and the Bible is required for you to understand our predicament?

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

Return to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for your salvation from the sin that so easily ensnares us all. Mercy is needed in Christian Church so grace can appear in America again!

John Burns RLTW 12-23-2021

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Eat, Drink and be Cheesy for New Year's Eve

Are you looking for a fabulous recipe for your New Year's Eve celebration? How about scrumptious party fare that's festive enough for any special occasion. It's easy, inexpensive, scalable and adaptable to suit any party plan. And it's communal, so guests will mingle. Let's make cheese fondue!

This all-purpose fondue recipe is versatile. You can use wine, beer or apple cider as your liquid base. Add your cheese of choice, a little corn starch to ensure your fondue won't separate, and you've got a luscious fondue.

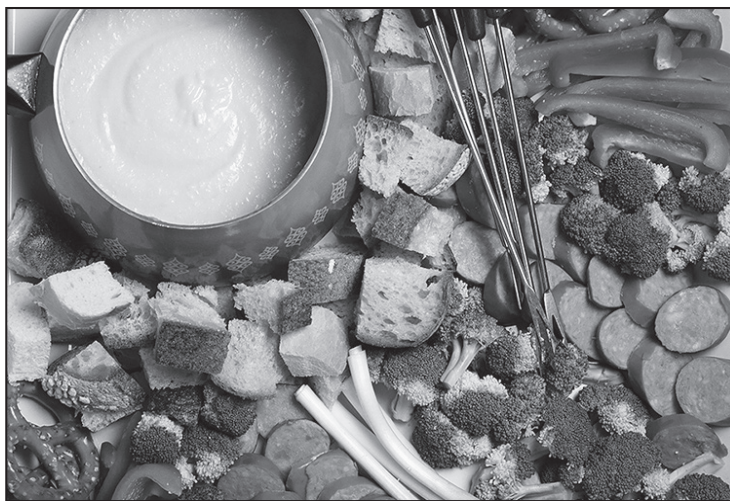
When you think of traditional cheese fondue, you may think of Swiss cheese as the principal ingredient. In my quest to keep things frugal as well as fabulous, I've learned that inexpensive Swiss cheese from the deli doesn't melt properly into the wine, but stays stringy and clumpy. I tried several varieties and ended with clumps of gooey cheese bathing in milky wine. Not very Diva. So rather than breaking the bank on good (read: expensive!) gruyere or Emmental cheese, we're using other, more affordable cheeses.

The cheeses I find that work best are any variety of cheddar (yellow or white, mild, medium or sharp), muenster, Monterey jack, pepper jack, Colby or a mix of those varieties.

Be sure to use a dry white wine or beer that you'd enjoy drinking. My taste-testers liked the aromatic "boozy" essence brought by the alcohol.

Apple cider was delicious with all the combinations I tried. It added a lovely fruity note but was less complex in flavor. Bear in mind, nearly all the alcohol will evaporate as the fondue cooks. So, no worries about the kiddies getting blotto before bedtime.

For a white cheese fondue (pictured) use 3 cups white cheddar mixed with 2 cups muenster. It's mild-flavored enough to let the essence of the wine shine. The wines I suggest include dry Riesling (taste-test winner) or chenin blanc.



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Cheese fondue is a versatile party recipe.

If you choose beer as your liquid, use medium or sharp cheddar and add a little dry ground mustard for some zing. To spice things up, try an IPA beer with pepper jack cheese.

EASY CHEESY FONDUE

Yield: 6 cups **Time:** 20 minutes

1½ cups dry white wine, beer or apple cider

5 cups shredded cheese

1 tablespoon cornstarch

Optional ingredients: 1 clove garlic, minced; 1/8 teaspoon grated nutmeg; 1/4 teaspoon

pepper; 1 tablespoon brandy or kirsch.

1. In a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-low heat, bring your liquid of choice to barely a simmer. If you're a temperature kind of person, aim for 150 F. Don't boil the fondue!

2. Meanwhile, toss the shredded cheese with cornstarch until it's evenly dispersed.

3. Reduce heat to low and slowly add the cheese, one small handful at a time. Stir each addition until it's melted before adding the next handful. Repeat until all the cheese is melted. If you're adding any additional ingredients, stir them in now.

4. When all the cheese is melted, transfer the mixture to a fondue pot set on low, if you have one. Alternatively, use a small crockpot set on low. Serve immediately.

TIPS: Dippers can be as simple or as elaborate as you desire, or your budget requires. Cubes of bread, roasted potatoes or steak fries, slices of apple and pear, red bell pepper, broccoli florets and smoked sausage are classic.

For a variety of affordable breads, haunt your local bakery's "oops we baked too much" racks in advance of your party.

All of us at Divas On a Dime wish you a bright New Year filled with hope, peace and new beginnings.

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"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."

— Vern McLellan

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The IRS is advising you to prepare for your 2021 tax return



David Zubler
Columnist

Collecting required documents when they arrive this month can help you when filing your tax return in 2022. This includes taking steps related to Economic Impact Payments (stimulus) and advance child tax credit payments.

If you received advance Child Tax Credit payments, you will need to compare the amount you received in 2021 with the amount of the Child Tax Credit that you are eligible to claim on your 2021 tax return.

If you received less than the amount for which you are eligible, you will get the remainder by claiming it as a Child Tax Credit on your 2021 tax return.

If you received more than the amount you are eligible for, you might need to repay some or all of the excess payment when you file your return.

The IRS will send Letter 6419 in January, which will report the total amount of advance Child Tax Credit payments you received in 2021. Be sure to keep this form and any other IRS letters about advance Child Tax Credit payments with your tax records.

You will need to reconcile advance Child Tax Credit payments on your 2021 tax return.

If you are eligible for the Child Tax Credit and did not get the advance payments in 2021, you can still get a lump-sum payment by claiming the credit when you file your return.

People who don't normally need to file a return would need to file to get their Child Tax Credit if it wasn't received in advance.

If you didn't get the amount of the third stimulus that you are eligible for, you would need to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit when you file your 2021 tax return.

The IRS will send Letter 6475 that reports the total amount of the third stimulus you received. Keep this letter with your other tax records. You can also go to the IRS.gov Online Account to find the amount of your stimulus payment.

Using the correct stimulus and advance Child Tax Credit payment amounts will help you avoid a processing delay of your refund.

Keeping all your tax documents together can help you avoid the frustration of trying to locate all of the documents when it's time to file your return.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Lending a Helping Hand

I've been looking at 2022, hoping to find some value in my time and money in this chaotic world we find ourselves in, a chaos that doesn't show any sign of ending soon. Two new activities have found their way to my to-do list.

For several months I've been buying a food donation card each time I shop at a certain grocery store. It's not much, but I believe I can continue to do this. My goal is to make it through the year without missing one time. These cards are given to the local food bank, which can then use that money to buy food at a discounted rate. This has more financial benefit than if I purchased food at the regular store rate and delivered it to them. I know the food banks around here have been scrambling to keep supplies available, especially since they're serving

more families than ever before. Maybe my humble donation will help just a little bit.

The other item on my new to-do list is probably the more valuable. I'll be collecting groceries weekly for three very elderly people in the neighborhood. I learned that two of them had been ordering groceries for curbside pickup -- and taking taxis to go get them because they don't drive. The third ordered her groceries for curbside, but has had them delivered.

So, instead of the extra expense of taxi or delivery, I'll pick up their orders myself. I did a test run with one to be certain there was no problem with me using someone else's credit card to pay for the curbside pickup. The bonus is that these three neighbors, who had never met, now know each other and talk frequently. I understand that there has already been a bit of coupon swapping and recipe sharing.

Maybe 2022 will be a good year after all.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Which Eagles song netted a Grammy for Record of the Year in 1978?
2. What did Bob Dylan, George Harrison, Jeff Lynne, Roy Orbison and Tom Petty have in common?
3. Which Neil Sedaka tune was released as both a slow ballad and a fast pop song?
4. Who released "Tighten Up"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Lonely rivers flow to the sea, to the sea, To the open arms of the sea."

Answers

1. "Hotel California." Rolling Stone magazine rated it at No. 49 on the list of "The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time."
2. They joined together in 1988 as the Traveling Wilburys and released two albums.
3. "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do," in 1962 and 1975. The "doo-be-doo" words at the beginning of the fast version were a place holder, before the lyrics were written. Sedaka decided to keep it as part of the finished song.
4. Archie Bell & the Drells, in 1968.
5. "Unchained Melody," most notably by the Righteous Brothers in 1965. The song was originally written as the theme song for the 1955 film "Unchained," about a prisoner who has to decide whether to escape ... or not.

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Coal Dust: True Grit



Terry Futrell
Author

They tell me you are a man with true grit.

I like to think that these words spoken by young Mattie Ross to Marshal Rooster Cogburn in the movie True Grit apply to me as well, largely because of an experience I had as a senior at Coalfield High School in the fall of 1963.

It all began when Mrs. Ruth Huddleston, school counselor and English teacher, assumed the role of cheerleading sponsor. There had been issues with cheerleading the previous year, and she wanted to improve the public perception of the cheerleading squad.

In a move that was unprecedented in the entire history of the school, she asked Rodney Sampsel and me to join the cheerleading squad at the beginning of football season.

There had never been a male cheerleader at Coalfield High School, and we had never even seen one. It was a recipe for disaster for Rodney and me. How could we be cheerleaders in a community in which sports was king and athletes were the crown bearers?

Actually, Rodney and I had both played basketball in our three previous high school years. I was the first in my class to get to play on the varsity as a freshman, but most likely because I hit my growth spurt before the other boys rather than because of skill. Rodney and I had spent most of the previous season on the bench. I was tired of picking splinters out of my backside and

had already decided that I would not play basketball during my senior year.

It is also important to understand that I was very bashful and unassertive at this point in my life. It took very little to embarrass me, and my choice was generally to remain in the background rather than draw attention to myself. But, how could we say “no” to Mrs. Huddleston’s request that would suddenly thrust us into the limelight in our community? She had already done so much to help me and was like a second mother to me. So, in a moment of insanity, both Rodney and I agreed to become cheerleaders.

This decision began one of the most hurtful periods of my young life. If you

can imagine a disparaging, offensive remark, it was said to us, as well as some that are unimaginable, or at least unthinkable. It wasn’t just some of the students who harassed us – some of the vilest remarks were made by the young “he-men” in the community, guys who were in their twenties and who were former athletes.

As bad as the treatment was, I can look back and see that being a cheerleader was one of the best things that ever happened to me. During those few weeks, I developed my true grit and began my transformation from a bashful wallflower to an assertive adult hav-

ing the confidence to tackle almost any challenge. I’m just thankful that no one offered me a “safe space” in which to run and hide from being offended.



Terry developed his “true grit” by becoming a cheerleader at Coalfield in 1963 before male cheerleaders were generally accepted. [Photo: Submitted]

BBQ to Moonshiners: A glance into the world of bbq and moonshiners

By Paula Perry

I had the great pleasure to be invited to a day filled with joy and excitement.

Johnboys BBQ, in Joyner, was the place to be Wednesday.

In addition to the wonderful food from Johnboys BBQ, hosted by owner John Caddell and his sister Autumn Caddell Anderson (Caddell’s right hand), there were moonshiners there from near and far to taste the wonderful creations made just for them.

Among the shiners, were none other than Richard Laundry, from the show Moonshiners: Master Distiller on Discovery Channel.

This was a great photo op and meet and greet of up and coming people. To earn the title of Master Distiller, three competitors face-off each week with different challenges.

According to the show, the competitors focus on making a specific type of spirit, including American whiskey, rum, gin, mountain brandy and mezcal among others. This series started in 2019 and has gained followers and interest since.

To be named master distiller you need to understand there is no formal definition, training, or certification; however you need to win the competition.

Caddell is a local celebrity in these parts. He has been on Moonshiners: Smoke Ring, Walmart commercials, and Moonshine: An American Heritage.

To sum him up in a sentence would do him an injustice because he is more than that but here goes: From making shine to cooking and smoking swine, as described in a Moohawg podcast.

Caddell started cooking when he was just 5

years old. Special influences from his mom, grandma, and great-grandma.

He has cooked bbq since the days of cooking with his cousin Earl, who ran Earl’s Family BBQ, this is where his passion grew and wisdom to do BBQ the right way, low and slow. His episode of Moonshiners: Smoke Ring is season 1 episode 3 on Discovery Channel.



though he has been on television and all the recognition that comes with it, Caddell has remained humble and knows where he came from. He wants to see more come to Morgan County in the way of celebrities, tourism, and so much more. He does fundraisers for the local schools and tries to give back at any and all he can. He is a great friend and neighbor in the community and county, an asset he is proud of and continues today.

Caddell attends meet and greets from Hazard Fest,

Baileytown, Hillbilly Jam to the Popcorn Sutton Jam bringing his BBQ in his food truck to as many people as he can. However, the food does not last, as he sells out and leaves people wanting more.

As I attended the celebration it had moved that evening to Kodak, I learned there is a different side to the world of moonshine. I was privileged to meet moonshiners from West Virginia, New York, Oregon, Minnesota, Kentucky and Missouri.

Sitting around the fire pit with them was a rare opportunity and I am glad to have had this experience. Watching and listening as they converse about food, moonshine, and different experiences they have had is an experience I will never forget. I watched as they talked and made mental and physical notes of all the talk and discussions, swapping recipes, and camaraderie among friends that is nothing short of family.

I will forever be touched by the friendship and love that was displayed for each other.

The moonshiners I met that night were all in competition to claim master distiller. The different categories include coffee, honey, brandy, and backwoods.

There are so many different ways things can be done and to see them tell stories and experiences with different flavors and profiles was amazing. Most things, I had never thought of, but make so much sense to include in moonshine or BBQ. There is so much coming for this group of people.

Make sure to check Johnboys BBQ out on Facebook and find his schedule and go eat his food, enjoy the stories, and the overall atmosphere. Look for bigger things to come for Johnboys, from a major series to a possible own or main moonshiners show. Caddell is currently looking for a publicist/agent to assist in his growing list of events.