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Michael Nance
Columnist

With a potential pending Russian invasion of Ukraine dominating the headlines, everyone is rendering an opinion on what Putin's next move will be. Will he invade, or is he playing a game of Texas poker and attempting to bluff his opponents? To predict his next move requires a clear understanding of Putin and what he stands to gain or lose in this contest.

It is clear reading the available material on Vladimir Putin that he has megalomaniac tendencies with an ego the size of Mount Everest. Putin's experience as a 15-year veteran of the KGB has enabled him to navigate the complex Russian political scene while using an arsenal of dark resources and tactics to maintain power. What motivates Putin? A host of factors have been identified by scholars and journalists alike. Two main drivers of Putin appear to be the collapse of the former Soviet Union and his training in judo.

Putin's goals include the restoring of power and prestige that the former Soviet Union enjoyed during the Cold War. Some analysts have stated that "Putin just wants respect." This theory seems to have merit as many of his controversial moves like the current Ukrainian crisis have deep roots back to the now defunct the Soviet Union.

His training on judo also appears to dominate his strategy towards both domestic and foreign policy. According to the New York Post, "he believes that the key to successful politics is to "control your opponent by seeing his strong and weak points" at all times." It is also clear that Putin is not risk averse and consistently makes bold moves both domestically and abroad. As many of his critics have met less the natural demises.

The former Russian press minister Mikhail Leslin who founded the English-language television network Russia Today, died in 2015 of "blunt force trauma to the head" in Washington D.C. At the time of his murder, there were rumors that he was close to cooperating with the FBI on a corruption case.

A former KGB agent, Alexander Litvinenko, died from polonium-210 poisoning in 2006, which he ingested three weeks earlier from drinking a cup of tea at a London hotel. A later British inquiry concluded that he was poisoned by Andrei Lugovoi and Dmi-

Understanding Vladimir Putin's Ukraine Strategy

try Kovtun, who were agents of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation. Litvinenko had previously accused Putin of ordering the murder of journalist Anna Politkovskaya.

Anna Politkovskaya was a Russian journalist who wrote a book entitled "Putin's Russia." In the book she accused the Russian President of turning Russia into a police state. She was shot outside her home in 2006, by contract killers. After almost eight years later, five people were convicted of her murder, reportedly they were paid \$150,000 for the murder by an "unknown" person.

also recently spearheaded constitutional modifications that potentially enable him to stay in office to 2036. Recognizing that Putin has a domestic security apparatus that allows him to extinguish internal opponents is one reason he is now focused on expanding Russia's influence abroad.

So, what is Putin's next move with Ukraine, although an educated guess he will probably employ a strategy of recognizing individual provinces inside of Ukraine where he has influenced local politicians into "requesting" recognition from Mother Russia. This would be similar to his of annexation of Crimea, which he completed in 2014.

The U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin acknowledged this option in a statement reported by Reuters when he said, "there are multiple options available to (Putin) including the seizure of cities and significant territories, but also coercive acts and provocative political acts like the recognition of



Natalia Estemirova, also a journalist who had worked with Politkovskaya was abducted outside her home in 2009. Her body was later found with gunshot wounds to the head. She had been a human rights watchdog who had also been critical of Putin. To date, no one has been charged with her murder.

There is at least four more Putin critics that have been killed in drive by shootings, or apparent suicides, but all are questionable deaths that have links back to the Russian leader.

Putin has also imprisoned political opponents, albeit after poisoning them failed. On August 20, 2020, Alexei Navalny who is a political opponent and critic of Putin was poisoned with a nerve agent. He narrowly survived the poisoning, but on returning to Moscow was arrested and imprisoned. He was ordered to serve a two-and-a-half-year sentence for allegedly violating his parole in a 2014 fraud conviction. The prison Navalny was sent to is notorious and been called a "breaking camp" by the NGO. Recently, the Russian authorities censored access to Navalny's website and those of many of his close allies.

The astute scholar on the Soviet Union and former Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice alleged during an interview that Vladimir Putin has systematically dismantled any underpinnings of democracy that were growing inside Russia's borders. Rice also maintains that Russia interfered in the United States 2016 election. But she asserts that the U.S. called the 2012 elections in Russia "fraudulent", which was motivation for Putin to interfere in U.S. elections. Hence an "eye for an eye" Putin approach.

Another factor to consider with Putin, is that he has been in power in Russia for more than two decades. He

breakaway territories." The same source also reported that now Russia has transported medical supplies including supplies of blood for the wounded, a clear signal that Russia now is poised for military action.

The main motive that has been cited by the Putin administration is Ukraine's potential entering into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). He seems obsessed in preventing the Russian neighbor to establish this relationship. This is a demand that the Putin administration has communicated to the Biden and his administration, a demand that so far, the U.S. and NATO have rejected. But Putin is also working a strategic angle, Finland is developing a close relationship with NATO, but has not yet officially joined. Many speculate that Finland is hesitant because they fear their Russian neighbor could create the same crisis for their country as we currently are seeing in the Ukraine. This is evidence that Putin is playing geopolitical chess, and he is a worthy opponent.

If Putin invades the Ukraine in total, it will be the biggest test for the Biden Administration to date and could send the world financial markets into a temporary free fall and heighten tensions between Russian and the U.S. to a level not experienced in decades.

It clear that the fear of the invasion is hampering the global financial markets, while positioning other U.S. adversaries like China, Iran and North Korea to make maximum use of the crisis to gain strategic advantages. The sooner that Biden and his allies settle this crisis the better for U.S. interests at home and abroad.

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In the matter of the Estate of WILLIE TEO ELIZABETH BALES
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of JANUARY 2022, Letters of Testamentary in respect to the Estate of WILLIE TEO ELIZABETH BALES who died on the 6th day of JANUARY 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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(2)


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



Hello February! Even though February is the shortest month of the year, there are several special days. February 2 is Ground Hog Day. February 14 is Valentine's Day and February 21 is President's Day which is a Federal Holiday. There will be no school on Monday, February 21.

Parent/Teacher conferences for Morgan County Families will be Tuesday, February 8 from 3:30 – 6:30.

Morgan County will have three elections this year. If you are not registered to vote or if you need to update your information due to moving, name changes or anything else, please do so now. You need to be registered 30 days before Election Day. For more information or to verify your registration, call (423) 346-3190.

The election schedule is as follows:

May 3 will be the State and County Primary Election

August 4 will be the State and Federal Primary and State and County General Election

November 8 will be the State and Federal General Election

The Oakdale School Alumni Association will have an online auction March 4 - 6.

**Marvel not that I
said unto thee,
Ye must be born again.**
John 3:7 - Jesus

The Alumni Association gives annual scholarships to graduates and supports Oakdale School with projects.

They recently made a donation to OHS for parking lot maintenance. Anyone wishing to donate to the auction can contact Tabitha Hamby at hambyt@mcsed.net, Sandra Helton at heltons@mcsed.net or Rebecca McClurkan at beckymc@bellsouth.net.

Oakdale Public Library has a new program. There will be a Book Club held every other Monday at the library at 5:30. The next meeting will be Monday, February 7. Students in Middle School and High School and Adults are welcome to attend.

Morgan County Career and Technical Center is taking orders for chocolate covered strawberries until February 10. To place an order, call (423) 346-6285 or email ablesk@mcsed.net. Please support Morgan County students.

It's Chick Chain time! Chicks have been preordered this year to combat availability issues, so the first 15 students to sign up will get to participate. The deadline to register and make payment is March 25 at 4:30 p.m. The program cost is \$40 for 15 pullets. The chicks should be arriving the week of April 25th. The annual chicken show and auction will still be at the Pine Orchard Fair in September. To sign up, email jdaugh17@utk.edu or call the office

at (423) 346-3000.

There is a Little Free Library behind Oakdale City Hall. Currently, there are books for all reading levels. Anyone with books to share with the community can put them in the little library.

"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson." — Tom Bodett

Community Calender

February 11
Together Morgan County will have their monthly meeting Friday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. at Morgan County Schools Central Office. The meeting will be both in person and virtual. If there is no school due to inclement weather, the meeting will be held virtually only. For more information or to receive the link for the virtual meeting, email Sandra Helton at heltons@mcsed.net

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



Am I Too Old To Be Hired?

Guest article comes from, Jane Jackson, career coach in Australia.

How you ever had that little voice in your head saying, “Am I too old to be hired?” As a 62-year-old Career Coach who LOVES her work and has no intention of ever retiring, I want to encourage you to stop questioning yourself and get on with creating the career you’ll love. What the little voice in my head says is, “Why would I retire from something I love so much?” And health permitting I plan to continue coaching until well into my 70’s and 80’s as I know there is so much work to be done. However, I know that there are HUGE challenges for many.

Back in 2016 I wrote the following article about one of my ‘mature-age’ clients. The lessons learned still apply today. If you are a mature-age worker and have reinvented your career, I’d love to hear your story in the comments below. Here’s the article I wrote 5 years ago - let’s keep the discussion moving forward and work on improving the lot of older workers (and remember, 50 is NOT old!).

I truly believe that age is just a number. Don’t believe me? Here’s a true story. I greeted a new client in my reception area one afternoon. There he was, dressed in a Fedora hat, white tee shirt and a pair of tight, black jeans. I extended my hand to greet him; he stood up and towered over me while telling me his name was Graeme.

‘Tall,’ I thought. ‘Firm handshake,’ I noticed when we shook hands. I guided him to my office for our consultation. He followed closely, with long, confident strides, making interesting small talk. ‘Energetic,’ I thought.

I didn’t think about his age until we sat opposite each other in my consulting room and he removed his trendy hat. I noticed his well-tanned; weather beaten face etched with interesting lines that suggested an outdoors life well lived. I guessed his age to be about 58.

I needed some details from Graeme for my New Client Form, and he said, “I should let you know I’m 72.” I nearly fell

out of my chair! How could this fit, vibrant and confident man be 72? He didn’t fit my preconceived ideas about 70-year olds. With over 20 years as a career coach and having coached numerous clients through what for some, regardless of age, has been a very challenging process to secure another job, I believe that rather than waiting for an employer to ‘pick you’, you should ‘pick yourself’!

Yes, pick yourself to contribute to the community – set up a new business, buy an existing business, buy a franchise or leverage your years of experience, knowledge, technical expertise and well

You’re probably wondering what happened to Graeme. After I recovered my composure when he told me he was 72, I mistakenly mentioned the words ‘retirement options’. He put his hand on the table, looked me straight in the eyes and said, ‘Jane, my dear, do I look like the retiring kind?’

With his energy and attitude, he most certainly didn’t. Our coaching sessions subsequently focused on leveraging his extensive expertise in engineering and major projects into a successful consultancy and he hasn’t looked back! If you are a mature-age worker and have reinvented your career, I’d love to hear your story in the comments below. Visit www.janejacksoncoach.com for free career resources and to book a complimentary career clarity and find out how you can take control of YOUR CAREER.



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.

cultivated network to create your own venture!

It won’t be easy, and it won’t be for everyone, but it is an option. It’s not the easy way; it’s an exciting, challenging way and a darn sight better than sitting at home blaming ageism in the workplace for your sorrows.

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Coal Dust: Coalfield Cousins



Terry Futrell
Author

People talk about me as if I am the sole inheritor of the Guinness family fortune and worth masses, but I have hundreds of cousins.

Jasmine Guinness

I can remember my mother telling me when I was a child about various people in the Coalfield community that I was related to. However, it meant little to me at the time and I have long since forgotten many of the details of those relationships. I'm not sure that my mother even had a complete understanding of our extensive network of Coalfield cousins. Though I once knew just about everyone who lived in Coalfield, my absence of almost fifty years, together with the influx of many new families, makes me feel more like an outsider today. However, I often think of my many "Coalfield cousins" and desire to know more about the details of our relationships.

Immersing myself in researching my own roots for the past 25 years, I have discovered that two of my ancestors, John B. Walls and Melvin A. Frye, had a tremendous impact on the Coalfield community through offspring who comprised many of the families that were prominent throughout Coalfield's history. It was through these two men that my resulting network of Coalfield cousins looks more like a hedgerow than discrete family trees.

John B. Walls

John Walls was born in North Carolina, but was in Knox County, Tennessee by 1822 when he married Anna Wolf, a Tennessee resident. It is possible that John then returned to North Carolina. If so, he returned to Tennessee by late 1828 because his daughter Jane was born in Tennessee in early 1829. None of his children were old enough to have preceded John in his travel to Tennessee. John moved his remaining family to Morgan County, Tennessee sometime after 1850 and before 1860.

The descendants of John Walls reads like a who's-who list of Coalfield families. In addition to families having the Walls surname in Coalfield and Oliver Springs, a few examples of John Walls' descendants are as follows:

- Granddaughter Martha Jane Walls married William Wesley McGlothlin resulting in families having the McGlothlin, Jackson, Ruffner, Kesterson, and Owens surnames.
- Granddaughter Mary Susannah Walls married William S. Jestes [Justice], leading to surnames Justice, Childs, and Adcock.
- Grandson James Samuel Walls married Philobena Geise, with descendants having the surname Webster.
- Granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Walls married John Garner Byrd, leading to surnames Byrd and Kelly.
- Grandson Andrew Reid Walls married Martha Ann Justice, resulting in surnames Ward, Scarbrough, Jones, Sampsel, May, Thornton, and Cooper.
- Granddaughter Mary MoneyMaker married Monroe Ritter, with descendants having surnames Ritter, Ruffner, Christmas, Humphrey, and Fritts.
- Son Robert A. Walls married Louise Jane Ritter, leading to surnames Morgan and Clark.
- Daughter Margaret Ann Walls married James Allcock, resulting in surnames Hallcox, Hill, Liles, Fry, Webster, Adcock, Jackson, Jones, and McGlothlin.
- Daughter Mary Elizabeth Walls married John E. Futrell, with descendants named Futrell, Clark, and Humphreys.

Melvin A. Fry

Melvin Fry was the son of James Fry and Polly Maria Cheek. James Fry was born in either Virginia or Tennessee shortly after 1800 and married Polly Maria Cheek in Greene County, Tennessee in 1846. The

German heritage of the Fry family remains speculative, but James Fry was not an emigrant from Germany as many have believed. It is evident that James Fry disappeared from his household sometime after the conception of his youngest son Sylvester around 1852 and before 1860.

Melvin Fry's death record indicates that he was born in Polk County, Tennessee, which was the residence of the family in the 1850 census. Melvin Fry first married Amelia Catherine Hughes in Meigs County in 1876 and moved to Roane County by 1880. Amelia Catherine died sometime after the birth of their fourth child in 1883. Melvin Fry moved to Morgan County sometime after 1880, most likely before his marriage to Charlotte Allcock in Morgan County in 1887. Melvin had three additional children with Charlotte after their marriage. Melvin remained in Morgan County until his death from cancer in 1910. The descendants of Melvin Fry also include many common Coalfield family names. Some examples of Melvin Fry's descendants are as follows:

- Daughter Lula Fry married William Adcock, from which family surnames Adcock, Wiggins, and Jarnigan are descended.
- Daughter Lena Fry married Charles Clark, from which several Coalfield Clark families are descended.
- Daughter Leoma Margaret Fry married William Robert Futrell, resulting in descendants having the surnames Futrell, Clark, and Humphreys.
 - Daughter Mary Fry married Allen Hill, with descendants having the surname Hill.
 - Daughter Virgie Fry married Millard Liles, from which Coalfield families named Liles are descended.



Terry had 13 cousins in his Coalfield graduating class of 36, making his family tree look more like a hedgerow. [Photo submitted]

It is interesting to note that at one point in my youth, four of the five grocery stores in Coalfield were owned and operated by descendants of John Walls and Melvin Fry, as was the single hardware and dry goods store. These descendants included Dewey Adcock, Henry Evan Adcock, Guy Jones, Lewis Futrell, and Vernal "Kern" Adcock.

There are several cross-connections between the John Walls and Melvin Fry family trees. Perhaps most significant is the fact

that Melvin Fry's second wife Charlotte Hallcox was the granddaughter of John Walls. Other connections between the two families include:

- Melvin Fry's grandson Henry Evan Adcock married Grace Hallcox, great-granddaughter of John Walls.
- Melvin Fry's daughter Lena Fry married Charles Clark, great-grandson of John Walls.
- Melvin Fry's daughter Leoma Margaret Fry married William Robert Futrell, grandson of John Walls.
- Melvin Fry's granddaughter Ella Mae Futrell married Henry Elmer Clark, great-grandson of John Walls.

The breadth of the John B. Walls and Melvin A. Fry family lines in the Coalfield community is reflected in the number of cousins in my 1964 Coalfield High School graduating class. By my analysis, 13 of 36 class members were cousins because of being the descendants of either John B. Walls or Melvin A. Fry (or both).

When one considers that an additional two to three generations have been born since 1964, the growth of the Walls and Fry family lines is significant. One Coalfield resident can greet almost any other Coalfield resident with "Hi, cousin!" and have a high probability of being correct. If there is a lesson to be learned from this story, it is simply this, "If you live in Coalfield and don't want to marry your cousin, you had better look elsewhere for a mate!" Of course, the same is probably true for most small communities, for where distinct family trees once stood, there now exist massive hedgerows.



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Command Sergeant Major Paul Huff (June 23, 1918 – September 21, 1994) was a United States Army soldier and a recipient of the United States military's highest decoration—the Medal of Honor—for his actions in World War II.

Huff was born on June 23, 1918, in Cleveland, Tennessee where he was one of nine children. At the age of five, Huff's mother died. Prior to entering the Army in 1941, Huff completed only one year of high school. At some point in his early years, Huff earned the nickname "Killer" allegedly for his ability to hunt squirrels. After he joined the Army, Huff volunteered to be a paratrooper and November 8, 1942, he became part of the Army's first combat parachute insertion into North Africa during Operation Torch. Later, in 1944, Huff was part of the amphibious landing in Italy that began the Battle of Anzio.

Corporal (Rank on 8 February 1944) Huff's official Medal of Honor citation reads:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty, in action on 8 February 1944, near Carano, Italy. Cpl. Huff volunteered to lead a 6-man patrol with the mission of determining the location and strength of an enemy unit which was delivering fire on the exposed right flank of his company. The terrain over which he had to travel consisted of exposed, rolling ground, affording the enemy excellent visibility. As the patrol advanced, its members were subjected to small arms and machinegun fire and a concentration of mortar fire, shells bursting within 5 to



10 yards of them and bullets striking the ground at their feet. Moving ahead of his patrol, Cpl. Huff drew fire from 3 enemy machineguns and a 20mm. weapon. Realizing the danger confronting his patrol, he advanced alone under deadly fire through a minefield and arrived at a point within 75 yards of the nearest machinegun position. Under direct fire from the rear machinegun, he crawled the remaining 75 yards to the closest emplacement, killed the crew with his submachine gun and destroyed the gun. During this act he fired from a kneeling position which drew fire from other positions, enabling him to estimate correctly the strength and location of the enemy. Still under concentrated fire, he returned to his patrol and led his men to safety. As a result of the information he gained, a patrol in strength sent out that afternoon, 1 group under the leadership of Cpl. Huff, succeeded in routing an enemy company of 125 men, killing 27 Germans and capturing 21 others, with a loss of only 3 patrol members. Cpl. Huff's intrepid leadership and daring combat skill reflect the finest traditions of the American infantryman.

Paul Huff died at age 76 and was buried in Hilcrest Memorial Gardens in his hometown of Cleveland, Tennessee. He was survived by his wife, Betty Cunyngnam Huff.

Paul Huff Parkway, a major thoroughfare in Cleveland, Tennessee, is named in his honor, as is the Paul B. Huff Army Reserve Center, located in Nashville.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

On Saturday, January 29, 2022, Carroll County, Indiana lost two law enforcement officers in the line of duty. Deputy Sheriff Noah Rainey and Jail Deputy Dane Northcutt.

They were both killed in a vehicle crash in Sedalia, Indiana, while responding to assist a member of the Rossville Marshal's Office during a vehicle pursuit.

Deputy Rainey was the driver of the patrol car when they left the roadway and struck a utility pole. Other members of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and the Indiana State Police came across the crash while responding to the pursuit. They immediately began to render aid but both Deputy Rainey and Deputy Northcutt, succumbed to their injuries.



Deputy Rainey had served with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office as a full-time deputy for three years and as

a reserve deputy for one year. He had previously served with the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office for three years and at the Indiana Department of Correction for one year.

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Disappeared: Chapter 17



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Nick & Chris, Day 5, cont-

As the day wore on, Nick's impatience and frustration were mounting. The rain was getting closer and before long, he and Chris would be hunkered down in their tent until the storm passed.

Ted, Walter, and the rest of the group from base camp, along with the dogs, had left several hours earlier, but the whole day still yawned in front of them.

Chris had whipped out a deck of cards earlier. He and Nick had played several hands of Rummy, but they soon tired of the game and were now sitting around the fire with nothing to do.

"This is driving me crazy," Nick said for the hundredth time that day. He looked over at Chris who was fiddling with a box of matches he held in his hand.

"I know. I agree. I feel helpless and useless at the moment."

"I'm still wondering if we shouldn't just go looking for them ourselves."

"Hey, I tried to get you to do that already, but you agreed with Ted that it was a bad idea, remember?" Chris reminded him.

"Yeah, I remember."

"Are you thinking about reconsidering?"

"I don't know. Maybe."

Chris looked at him, raising his eyebrows. "If you're seriously reconsidering, I'm all in."

Nick leaned forward and placed his head in his hands. He was silent for a few moments, but when he lifted his head, he looked at Chris and nodded slowly. "Yeah, let's do it. I can't just sit here twiddling my thumbs for the next two days waiting for Ted to get back. I'll go crazy."

"How are we going to sneak out of camp without someone seeing us?"

"Well, besides us, it's only the deputy, the paramedic and Les here right now. So I say, that one at a time, we leave the camp saying we have to use the restroom, then we can meet up on the old service road. By the time they figure out we aren't here anymore, it'll be too late. We'll be long gone."

"What about supplies?" Chris asked.

"Crap. I hadn't thought of that."

They sat there, each in his own thoughts, trying to come up with a way to sneak their packs out.

"I know," Nick began. "I'll distract them while you grab our packs and head up the trail. They won't realize you even left. After a few minutes, I'll tell them I have to go to the restroom, then I'll head out and meet you on the trail."

"Sounds like a plan," Chris said with a huge grin plastered on his face. "Let's go get our women back."

They stuffed as much food and water into their packs as they could. Then Chris hunkered down in the tent and watched through the door flap until Nick cornered the other men and got them engaged in a conversation. He noticed that Les wasn't around, but figured he must have gone out into the woods to relieve himself as well. He wasn't too worried about it, though. As long as Nick occupied the other two, he could escape into the woods unnoticed.

Nick approached the deputy and paramedic who were sitting under the canopy where the radio and supplies were kept. He leaned down on the table in front of them, blocking their view of his and Chris's tent. He glanced around looking for Les, but didn't see him anywhere. He made small talk with the two men for several minutes, giving Chris plenty of time to make his move.

When Nick began talking, Chris darted out of the tent with both bags over his shoulder and slipped into the woods behind their tent. He made his way quietly down to the trail, then headed up toward the old service road. He ducked into the woods and crouched down to wait for Nick.

Once he figured Chris had made his escape, Nick excused himself telling the two men that he was going for a restroom break. They nodded their heads and told him to watch out for bears. He thanked them and headed off up the trail.

He reached the old service road and saw Chris crouched down just off the trail in the wood line. He made a beeline for him. They high-fived each other and shared a quick laugh.

"Whew, we did it," Chris said, handing Nick's pack to him.

"We sure did," Nick said. "I didn't see Les anyway, did you?"

"No," Chris answered.

"That's because I am right here." Les stepped out of the woods from the opposite side of the trail.

Nick and Chris jumped and swung around at the sound of his voice. They both had the deer in the headlights look on their faces.

"Calm down, boys," Les said to them. "I saw you two with your heads together at the fire and knew you were up to something. It wasn't hard to figure out what. I knew you'd be doing what any other man would do if his wife was out there somewhere. Heck, I'd be doing the same thing."

"You aren't going to drag us back to camp?" Chris asked.

"No. But I'm not aiming to miss out on this either. I go with you or we all go back."

Nick and Chris stared at him dumbfounded. Neither one of them spoke for several seconds.

"Wait, you want to come?" Nick asked.

"Of course. I told you yesterday that I plan on seeing this through. If you guys are heading back out there to search, then so I am."

"Well, alright then," Chris said. "Three is better than two, I guess."

Nick clasped Les's shoulder with his hand. "Thanks, Les."

"No problem. Now how are you planning on going about this?"

"Uh...we haven't gotten that far with the planning yet," Chris said.

"Well, we need to figure that out," Les said. "Oh, and I brought a little friend with me." He pulled up his shirt to reveal a large handgun tucked into the waistband of his jeans. "Whoa, nice gun there," Nick said, admiring the Glock. "Did you have that on you the whole time we've been out here?"

"Never leave home without it," Les said, patting the gun.

Chris looked at Nick and busted out laughing. "Well, at least someone remembered to bring one."

Nick just glared at him, but soon a smile stretched across his face. "Oh, shut up!"

They shared a quick laugh, then Les cleared his throat and got back to business.

"So, I'm guessing we're heading toward the cliffs." It was more of a statement rather than a question.

"Seems like the logical place to start," Nick said. "How long do you think it'll take us to get there?"

"At least nightfall. Rain is coming in, so maybe longer."

"We obviously didn't bring our tents, so we might want to look for shelter along the way," Chris said.

"Oh, Les, by the way, how did you get away from the camp without being stopped?" Nick asked.

"I told them I had to use the restroom."

All three of them laughed.

"They're going to be in for a big surprise when they realize none of us came back." Chris said.

They all laughed again.

The rain started just as they stepped off into the woods in the direction of the cliffs.

They hiked through the rain most of the day. By late afternoon, the sun was trying to peek through the clouds and the rain had stopped. They came across the illegal campsite again and decided to stop for a break and something to eat.

There was no chance of starting a fire. All the wood around the area was wet from the rain, so they pulled out dried jerky and some crackers. They sat under a tall tree and leaning back against it, ate their makeshift lunch.

Once again, the rain had made stomping around in the woods much more difficult than normal. Mud clung to their boots and weighed them down. They were soaked from head to toe and sweat rolled down their bodies. But they were determined to make it to the cliffs by nightfall, so they pressed on.

They continued their hike until they reached the river at the exact spot they had been at the day before. It was swollen from the recent rainfall, but Nick found a spot further down that offered a way to cross. Some large rocks and a few fallen trees would give them a relatively dry way to cross.

Nick was the first to cross. Stepping gingerly on one of the logs, he found it was anchored securely between some rocks. Though it was slippery from the rain, he slowly made his way across it. Next, he came to some rocks that were sticking out of the water. Jumping from one to the next, he made his way to the bank on the opposite side.

Chris and Les followed his path and they too, reached the other bank safely.

Once they were all safely on the other side, Nick began searching the ground.

"What are you doing?" Chris asked him.

"This is about where we saw Maggie and Evie yesterday. I'm looking to see if there is anything they left behind. Maybe something that will give us some idea of which direction they headed in."

"Not likely you'll find any footprints after that rain," Les said.

"Maybe not, but there might be something," Chris said, following Nick's lead as he began searching the ground too.

"Here!" Nick cried. "I found something!"

Chris and Les rushed over to him. He was several yards away from the bank of the river under a large tree.

He was leaning over pointing to a very distinct footprint that had survived through the rain. It was under the tree and surrounded by a thicket of brush. He would have missed it if he hadn't been looking so hard.

"Look," he said. "It's pointing in that direction." He indicated a well hidden trail off to the right which led back into some dense undergrowth. It was barely wide enough for any of them to walk through, let alone a Bigfoot carrying a woman.

"How in the world did those things cut through there?" Les asked. "It's barely passable."

"No idea, but that's the direction the footprint is going in, so I say we head that way too," said Nick.

They fought and struggled their way through the thick bushes and tangled foliage for over an hour. Nightfall was fast approaching and they needed to get somewhere that they could take shelter for the night.

Suddenly, the trail opened up and they found themselves at the base a massive cliff face.

The three of them stood there in awe looking up at the endless rock wall.

There was an overhang farther down, so the men made their way over crumbling rocks, sand and large boulders until they reached the small cave.

"This looks like the perfect place to hole up for the night," Les said. "We can start a fire under here too, cause it's dry."

"Looks like the perfect place to me," Chris said. "We won't find a better one."

As night fell, they gathered up a bunch of small branches and twigs. Thanks to Les's preparedness, they had matches to light the fire with. When Nick had asked Chris if he had any matches in his pack, Chris just shook his head.

"I thought you had them," he'd said.

"You guys didn't plan very well for this, did you?" Les chuckled. "It's a good thing I came along." Striking a match against the rock wall, he threw it on the wood and a fire sparked.

It wasn't long till a nice blaze was going and the men settled down around it. They chatted about what had happened during the search up to this point and what their plans would be for the following day.

Eventually, weariness overtook them and the conversation dwindled out.

Since they didn't have any sleeping bags, they just curled up on the ground around the fire.

None of them noticed the pair of eyes watching them from the trees.

It wasn't long before the three of them were sound asleep.

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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

* If you store nail polish in the fridge, it will dry more quickly and last longer.

* "In cold winter months, keep your robe (and slippers or whatever else) under the covers with you when you sleep. Pull it next to or over you a few minutes before you get up. It'll be toasty and will help make the transition into the cold a little less harsh." -- G.G. in New York

* As tax time draws ever closer, try taping a large manila envelope to the fridge, leaving the top open. Immediately place all tax-related forms and receipts in the envelope as they come in. This way, when you are ready to start your taxes, all items will be together and easy to find.

* "To help moisten really dry feet, slather on lotion, wrap feet in plastic wrap, then slip on some socks

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Leona Woods was the only woman physicist on the team that built the world's first nuclear reactor as part of the Manhattan Project. She became a mother during the project, but hid her pregnancy as not to miss work. Afterward, as a professor, she authored more than 200 papers in physics and astrophysics.

* A 10-second French kiss spreads around 80 million bacteria between the two smoochers.

* Director Michael Bay ("Transformers") traced his interest in action films to when he attached firecrackers to a toy train and filmed the ensuing fiery disaster with his mother's 8 mm camera. The

fire department was called, and Bay was grounded.

* The African country of Zambia entered the Space Race in the 1960s with a plan to visit Mars and convert aliens to Christianity. The plan unraveled when one of the "Afronauts" got pregnant, another pulled out to join a local dance group and a third went missing.

* Sharks can grow up to 50,000 teeth in their lifetime.

* Libyan revolutionary Moammar Gadhafi had a serious obsession with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, showering her with over \$200,000 in gifts and having a famous local composer write a song for her called "Black Flower in the White House."

* Ever notice that the word

"phonetic" is not phonetic?

* As if job interviews weren't stressful enough, some notably head-scratching questions asked by employers include "If Germans were the tallest people in the world, how would you prove it?" (Hewlett-Packard), "Why is a tennis ball fuzzy?" (Xerox), and "Are you exhaling warm air?" (Walker Marketing) ***

Thought for the Day: "Few people know how to take a walk. The qualifications are endurance, plain clothes, old shoes, an eye for nature, good humor, vast curiosity, good speech, good silence and nothing too much." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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overnight -- or for as long as you can stand it." -- B.H. in Michigan

* "My no-iron tip: I toss the wrinkly garment into the dryer for about five to 10 minutes with a damp washcloth, and it steams most wrinkles out. It won't look starched and pressed, but it's good enough for casual wear or running-late mornings. I haven't ironed in years." -- E.W. in Florida

* Don't forget to clean your washing machine every so often by running it on the highest-temperature cycle empty after adding a gallon of vinegar. This will clean out the hoses and get rid of stuck-on detergents.

* To remove soot from your carpet, sprinkle it with salt, let sit and then vacuum. Repeat as many times as necessary to remove all traces.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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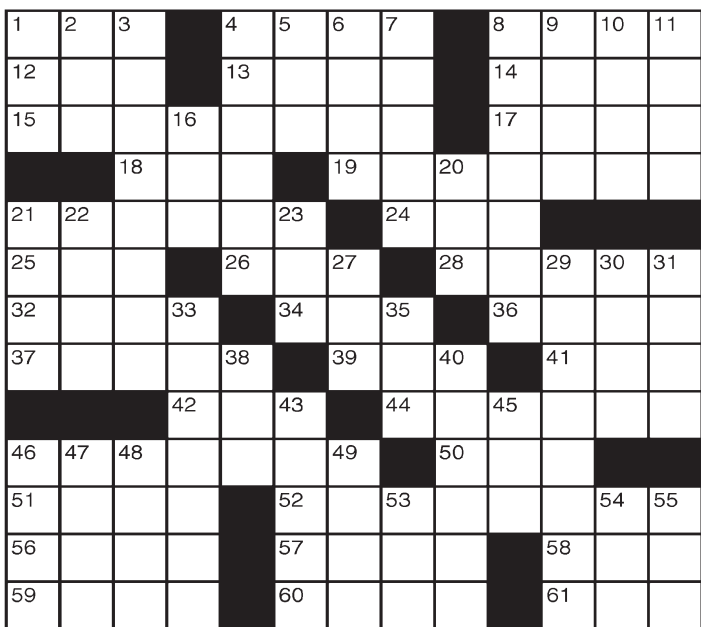
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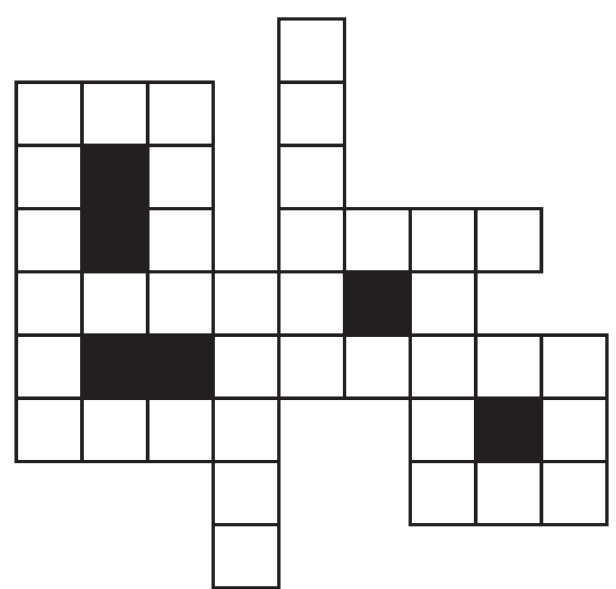
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Could DeSantis Beat Trump?

It was only a matter of time before Ron DeSantis' rising star ran into the unmovable object of Donald Trump's will to continue to dominate the GOP.

A spate of recent news stories has focused on the proto-feud between the past president with future ambitions and the protege who rode his endorsement to victory in a Florida GOP gubernatorial primary and has big ambitions of his own.

The level of the clash shouldn't be exaggerated -- so far, it mostly consists of muttering from Mar-a-Lago.

Obviously, it's also insanely early. But the Trump-DeSantis storyline is inherently alluring, given the chances of a collision between two men who have been allies and the possibility of the subordinate in the relationship eclipsing the figure who helped to elevate him.

Whether that ever happens is unknowable, yet the spat is revealing, nonetheless. Some version of what DeSantis represents has the greatest odds of coaxing the party away from Trump and forging a new political synthesis that bears the unmistakable stamp of Trump while jettisoning his flaws.

There's simply never going to be a GOP revelation in which the rank-and-file suddenly decides, "It was a mistake to ever embrace Donald Trump, and now we want to be the party of Adam Kinzinger." There will be no Bourbon Restoration.

The challenge to Trump will have to come from the Trump wing -- at this point, more like the Trump fuselage, wing and landing gear -- of the party. After Trump's presidency, the party is more populist, focused on the culture war, resistant to media narratives, and skeptical of business -- and would it remain so if Trump retired tomorrow.

Although in many ways an orthodox conservative, DeSantis covers these bases. Importantly, he's a lightning rod for criticism from the left -- now a major plus for Republican voters -- and gives as good as he gets in clashes with the media. There are few causes that light up the Republican base that he doesn't find a way to address, whether on big tech or critical race theory, and he has emerged as the party's exemplar on the pandemic, with his strenuous opposition to lockdowns and mandates. This gives him credibility with Trump voters and the foundation to compete with Trump, not as a critic or scold but as someone who can do it better.

In fact, it is likely that the most telling line of attack against a potential candidate Trump would come from the right.

That he elevated Dr. Anthony Fauci early in the pandemic and listened to his advice for too long.

That despite all his talk of building the border wall, he didn't get it done and left intact a desperately flawed immigration system.

That he rattled China's cage but didn't make fundamental changes to the trading relationship and was too complimentary of President Xi Jinping.

And, finally, that he lost to Joe Biden, a desperately flawed candidate who only made it into the White House because Trump made himself so unpopular.

Would DeSantis be audacious enough to run against Trump in 2024? The case against waiting is that that it's extremely unlikely that the governor can maintain his exalted status in the party until 2028.

On the other hand, the case against running in 2024 is that it involves the enormous risk of encountering the business end of the Trump buzzsaw, which could change DeSantis' image in the party forever.

Trump took a not-so-veiled shot at DeSantis in a recent interview, hitting unnamed "gutless" politicians who won't say whether they've gotten a COVID-19 booster shot or not. DeSantis has been notably evasive on this question, and Trump was giving him a hint of things potentially to come.

For the moment, though, DeSantis should take the grumbling from Trump as a compliment -- the past and current master of the GOP sees a future threat arising.

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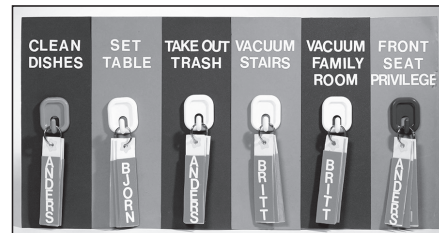
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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

A Family Chore Chart That Gets the Jobs Done

Most chore charts -- the ones where the days of the week run across the top and the chores are listed down one side -- don't take into account that family days are unpredictable! What if no one's home for dinner because of



Whose turn is it to do dishes? You'll always know with this easy homemade chore chart.

a basketball game? Does one child get to skip her turn doing dishes? Or does she have to do it the next night, thereby throwing off the whole chart? See what I mean?

So here's a new plan that really gets the jobs done -- unless you have a gremlin in the house. (I'll explain later.)

Discuss with your kids the basic chores that need to be done in your home. Five or six jobs is a good number for starters. You might want to add a category for the most-sought-after privilege. In our house each of the kids ALWAYS wants to sit in the front seat of the car.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

A Veteran Comes in From the Cold

The dormitory veterans had made their way down to the railroad tracks in the woods, battling buffeting winds and sleet. There, it was rumored, they'd find a young homeless veteran living in a tent.

The rumor was true. The veteran was given a choice: accept a basket of food and dry socks or come back to town and warm up until the snow stopped.

He accepted the offer of warmth and came back to the coffee shop to wait out the storm. Sarge watched as he was escorted in, parked at the counter and given hot coffee and sandwiches.

"Son," he said to the new arrival, "Did I see you limping?" "Yes, sir, probably."

"Let's pull off those boots and take a look."

Turned out the veteran had a case of first-stage frostbite across all of his toes. Sarge hooked a thumb toward the kitchen, where he warmed up a

For a sturdy chore board, here's what you need:

- 1 piece of white foam board, cut in a rectangle that's 18 inches wide by 9 inches long
- 6 adhesive-backed plastic hooks
- 6 metal rings (available at office stores)
- Several plain index cards, cut in 1-inch-by-5-inch strips with a hole punched at the top of each strip (one strip for each child for each chore and privilege).
- Markers and ruler

Make it in three easy steps:

With a marker, print the chores across the top of the board. Draw vertical lines down the board to separate the categories.

Under each chore, attach a hook.

Let your kids each print their name on their own six strips, then have them loop their strips on each ring and hang on each hook.

Explain that the person whose name appears on top of the ring is "up" for the task/privilege in the category. When she completes the job, she gets to flip her name over so that the next child's name appears. Now it's his turn!

As for the gremlins? Well, it can happen that a name is mysteriously missing from one loop (washing dishes) and is subsequently found twice in another (gets to choose any dessert). So suddenly someone's saying, "Hey! When's the last time Amelia had sink duty?"

Nothing's perfect. Mostly, though, this chore chart works like a charm. Because not only is the method clear and fair, but the kids are involved in the process.

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pan of water and had the veteran soak his feet.

Meanwhile they talked, the veteran and Sarge. He'd never gone home, the veteran said, after getting out. Was certain he wouldn't be welcome, being the first in a large family of "damn pacifists" to serve in the military. His parents' home was mere miles away, and sometimes he crept up to watch them through the window, he said, but no, he'd never even called them the whole time he was away.

An hour and several sandwiches later, the toes looked better and Sarge handed the young veteran a cellphone.

"I want you to call your mother," he said.

"I did the unforgivable," the veteran replied, shaking his head.

"Call. Tell your mother you have frostbite on your toes. She'll know exactly what to do."

The next morning, once the roads were plowed, Sarge drove the young veteran home, watching from a distance as 30 exuberant people came rushing out, scooped up their wayward boy in a hero's welcome, and carried him inside. Sarge smiled.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Philemon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 6:14, what was another name for the natural asphalt used to caulk Noah's Ark? *Gopher, Pitch, Chimera, Helios*
3. Who told Laban he had gone 20 years without a decent sleep? *Adam, Jacob, Moses, Noah*
4. In John 3, who said, "How can a man be born if he is old"? *Obadiah, Nicodemus, Joshua, Job*
5. From Acts 13, who was called "a man after thine own heart"? *David, John the Baptist, Gideon, Peter*
6. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through ..."? *Prayer, Belief, Deeds, Christ*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Pitch; 3) Jacob; 4) Nicodemus; 5) David; 6) Christ

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

Valentine's Sundae Dessert Bars

Show your sweetheart how much you care with this delectably decadent but suprisingly fun sundae-inspired dessert bar — complete with whipped cream and a cherry on top.

- 18 (2½-inch) chocolate graham crackers
- 4 cups sugar- and fat-free vanilla ice cream
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free chocolate cook-and-serve pudding mix
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons reduced-calorie margarine
- 1/2 cup miniature marshmallows
- 3 tablespoons chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup reduced calorie whipped topping
- 4 maraschino cherries, halved

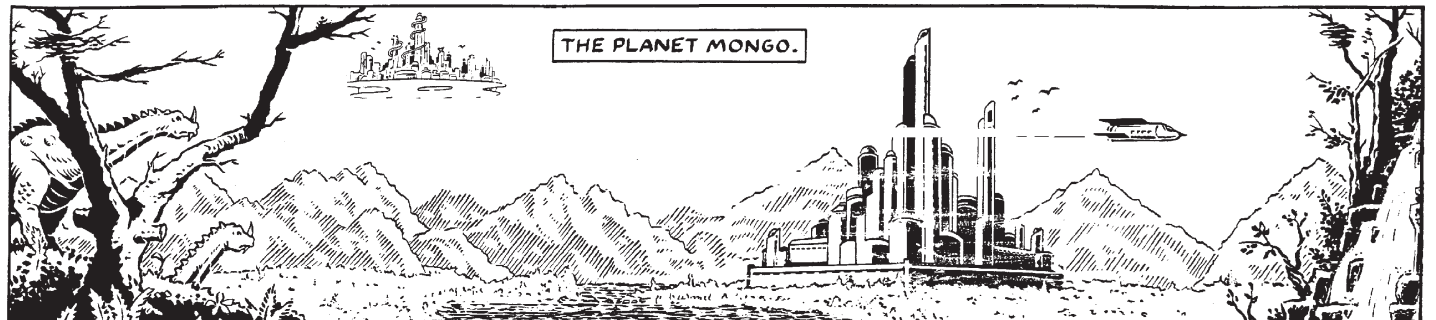
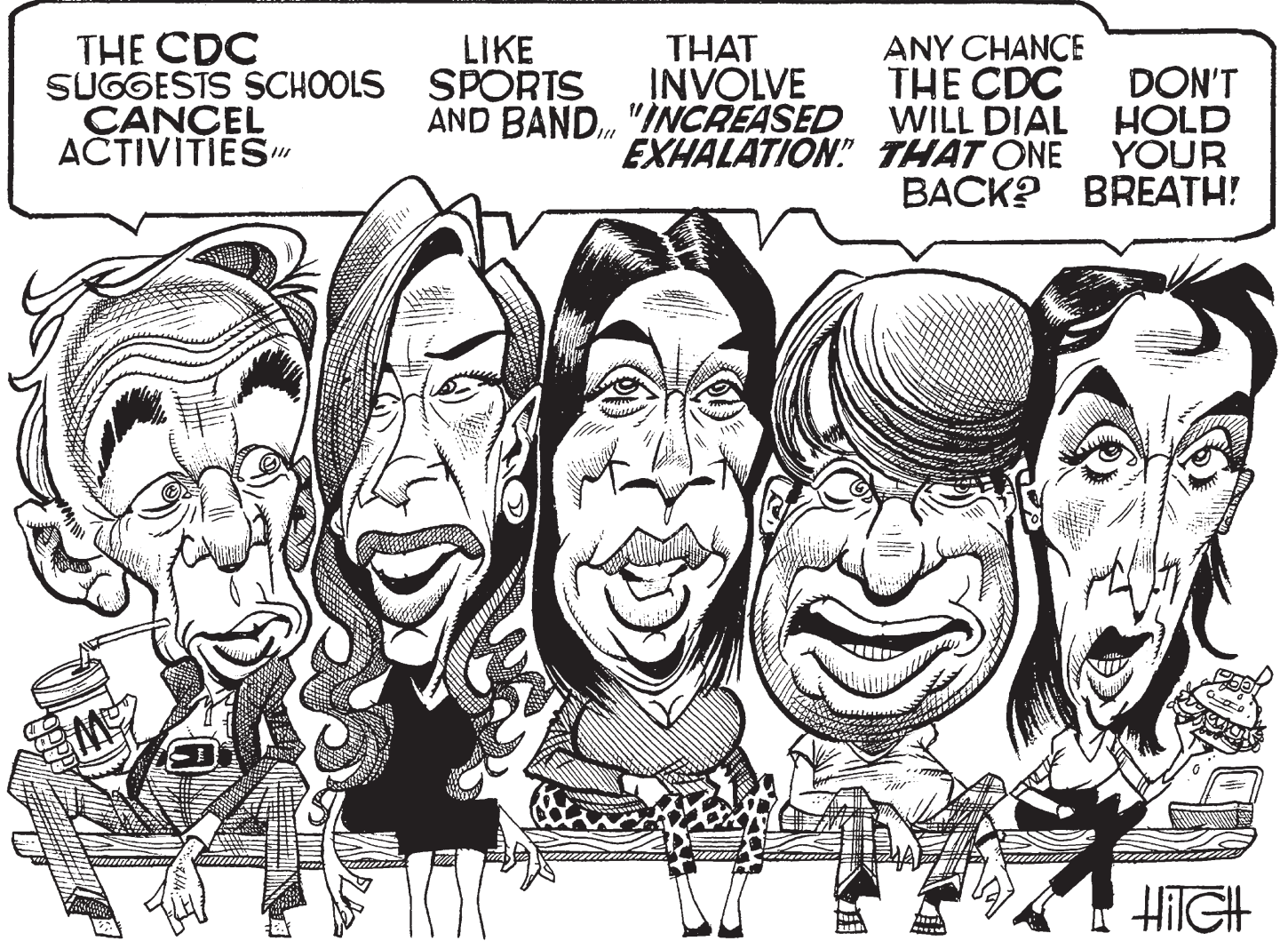
1. Arrange 9 graham crackers in a 9-by-9-inch cake pan. In large bowl, gently stir ice cream until slightly softened. Coarsely crush remaining 9 graham crackers and stir into softened ice cream. Spread mixture gently over graham crackers in cake pan. Cover and freeze while preparing topping.

2. In medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla extract, margarine and marshmallows. Drizzle hot mixture evenly over ice-cream mixture. Sprinkle pecans evenly over top. Re-cover and continue to freeze for 2 hours or until firm.

3. Let set at room temperature for 10 minutes. Cut into 8 servings. To serve, top each with 1 tablespoon whipped topping and a maraschino cherry half. Makes 8 servings.

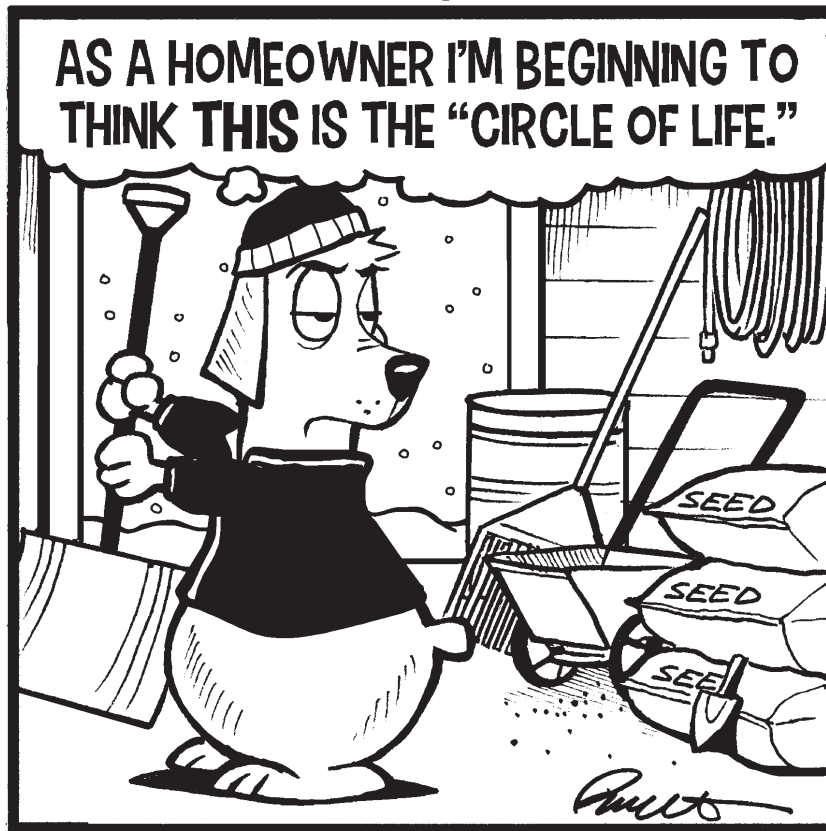
• Each serving equals: 191 calories, 3g fat, 7g protein, 34g carb., 199mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Starch/Carb., 1/2 Fat.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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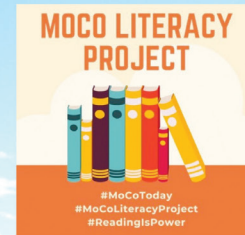


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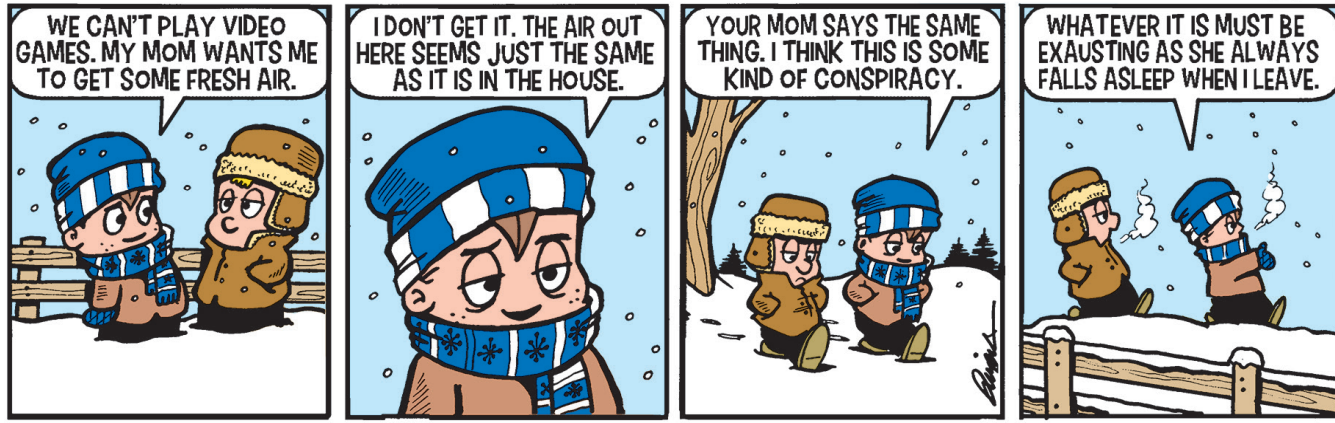


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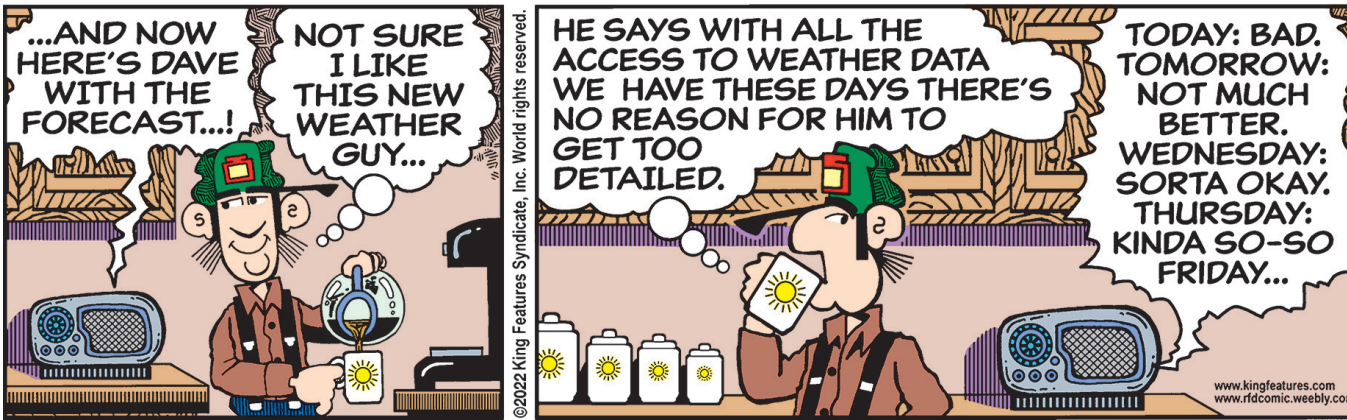
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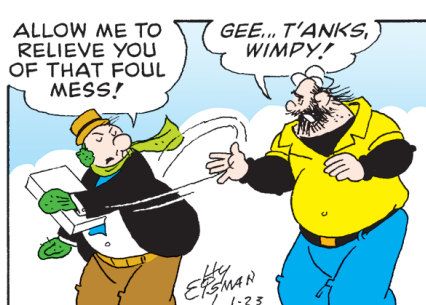
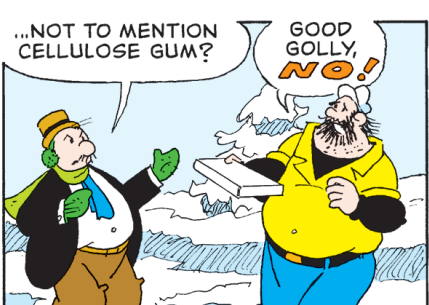
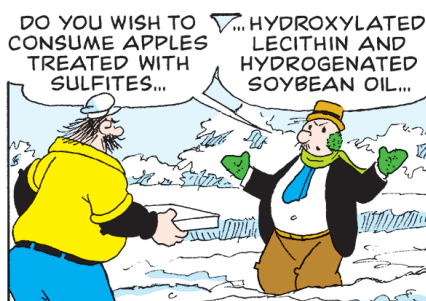
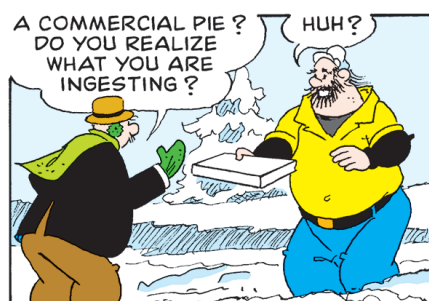
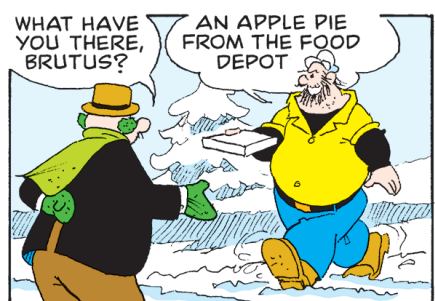
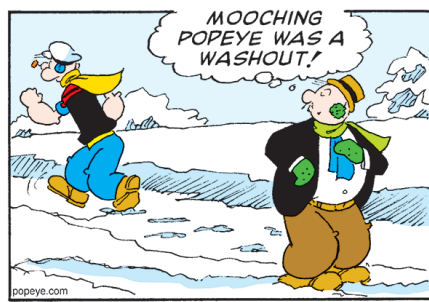
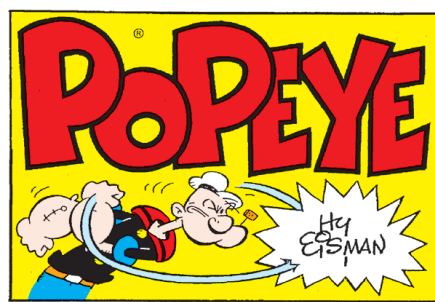
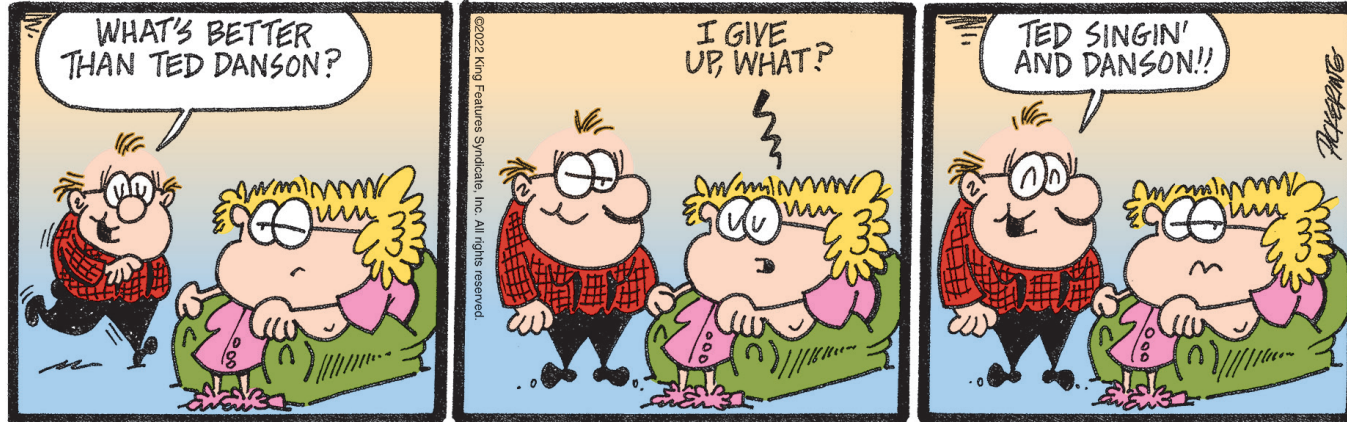
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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

 * On Feb. 19, 1851, an angry mob in San Francisco's business district "tries" two Australian suspects in the robbery and assault of C.J. Jansen, a store owner. When the makeshift jury deadlocked, the suspects were returned to law-enforcement officials. Local authorities convicted the men at a real court trial.

* On Feb. 15, 1898, a massive explosion sinks the battleship USS Maine in Cuba's Havana harbor, killing 260 crew members. A U.S. Naval Court of Inquiry ruled that the ship was blown up by a mine, with Spain the likely suspect.

* On Feb. 17, 1915, after encountering a severe snowstorm, the German zeppelin L-4 crash-lands in the North Sea near the Danish coastal town of Varde. The Danish coast guard rescued 11 members of the crew; they were brought to Odense as prisoners to be interrogated.

* On Feb. 16, 1968, the first official 911 call is placed in the United States, but 911 was not standard across the country for many years after its adoption by Congress. By 1987, only half of the nation was using the system.

* On Feb. 20, 1974, Reg Murphy, an editor of The Atlanta Constitution, is kidnapped by William A.H. Williams after being lured from his home. For the next 49 hours, Williams drove Murphy around the city, stopping to phone in ransom demands to the newspaper. The money was finally delivered to Williams and Murphy was released. Williams served only nine years in prison.

* On Feb. 14, 1990, 3.7 billion miles away from the sun, the Voyager 1 spacecraft takes a photograph of Earth. The picture, known as the Pale Blue Dot, depicts our planet as a nearly indiscernible speck roughly the size of a pixel. Voyager 1's journey continues.

* On Feb. 18, 2001, racer Dale Earnhardt Sr. dies in a last-lap crash at the 43rd Daytona 500, the fourth NASCAR driver to die within a nine-month period. Earnhardt, 48, was driving his famous black No. 3 Chevrolet and vying for third place when he collided with another car, then crashed into a wall.

Historically Speaking

Ed Westcott's 100th Birthday

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Ed Westcott, famous Manhattan Project Photographer, and my dear friend, would have been 100 years old on January 20, 2022, had he lived. He passed away at age 97 on March 29, 2019. I miss him.

It was common for me to drop by his house with prints of a few of his photographs for him to autograph for me to sell in charity auctions. Once he showed me some 16mm footage of him getting into a helicopter to take aerial photos of Oak Ridge and climbing the water tower on Pine Ridge to make the famous panoramic image of Oak Ridge. I used that footage as the basis for a documentary film on Ed's life. See it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0O_07swEY&t=15s

Ed was the 29th person hired for the Manhattan Project at age 20. He came to Oak Ridge and was the only person allowed in the government facilities with a camera. He also made many photographs of life in the city of Oak Ridge as well as the only images we have of the processes and equipment used for that most significant scientific and industrial undertaking to create the material for an atomic bomb... as well as after the war ended, nuclear medicine, nuclear power, the nuclear navy and so much more.

Without Ed's black and white images of Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project we would be at a loss to recall the magic of that era. His photographs tell the story well. His image of the "Calutron Girls" is what prompted Denise Kiernan to write the book, *The Girls of Atomic City*. Denise called me and said, "Ray, I want to write a book about the women in Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project. I saw this photo online by Ed Westcott... I want to meet him." I helped her get to the women she interviewed, and I took her to Ed's house to meet him. She was so appreciative of that visit, made photos with Ed and formed a good friendship that lasted as long as she was coming to Oak Ridge to research the book.

Many of Ed's photographs are on display at various locations in Oak Ridge, including the Oak Ridge History Museum, the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, the American Museum of Science and Energy, the K-25 History Center, the Y-12 History Center, the Graphite Reactor, and the East Tennessee Economic Council meeting room is filled with his images. I was honored to be able to present Ed with a Muddy Boot Award in that room.

The legacy left by Ed's photographs is a true blessing to Oak Ridge. While there were photographers at other Manhattan Project sites, Ed's 15,250 negatives on cold storage in the National Archives is by far the most extensive collection of images of that era. We are lucky that several hundred of his most famous images are available in Oak Ridge. Don and Emily Hunnicutt, Ed's daughter, has a large collection. The Oak Ridge Public Library has another large collection and many of his images are available online.

While many places in Oak Ridge feature a few of Ed's famous photographs, the Oak Ridge History Museum at 102 Robertsville Road, the "Wildcat Den" or Midtown Community Center, has what I believe is the largest collection of Ed's photographs. Just inside the entrance is a wall featuring many photographs, the large panoramic image that once adorned the main lobby of the American Museum of Science and Energy when it was located on Tulane Avenue, is now featured on two large walls of the Wildcat Den large meeting room.

The board room has many images of alphabet houses made by Ed. But by far the most extensive display is in the far east room dedicated to Ed and his photographs. The documentary film mentioned above is running there and several of his cameras and awards are on display there as well. The photographs Ed made of US presidents are also included there. His radio call sign is there. It is great to see so much good being

made of Ed's history-making images!

While Ed was also the lead Atomic Energy Commission photographer and lived in Washington, DC, for part of his career, he returned to Oak Ridge when he retired and enjoyed his beloved Oak Ridge for many years. His family continues to share his photographs and help keep his memory alive.

If not for Ed, my attempts to share Oak Ridge's early history would be severely limited. I enjoyed asking Ed



Ed Westcott (January 20, 1922 – March 29, 2019) (Photo Submitted)



Ed Westcott in his 20's and already a renowned photographer (Photo Submitted)



It was my honor to be able to present Ed with the Muddy Boot Award (Photo Submitted)

about things that happened while he was here during the Manhattan Project and his excellent recall held true right up to the time of his death. His last photograph he took was of the ribbon cutting for the Oak Ridge History Museum which features many of his historic photographs.

As we approach the 100th anniversary of Ed Westcott's birth, let us remember him as a great photographer who has been submitted to be considered for the Presidential Medal of Freedom (if selected Ed would be one of only three photographers to receive this

award). I still hold out hope that Ed will eventually receive this award and well-deserved recognition.

Of course, Ed has received numerous awards and recognition for his marvelous photography. He was always humble and reserved when being recognized. Ed thought he was just doing his job...

I miss him and am still in awe of his amazing talent for telling a story in a single photograph.

Happy 100th Birthday, Ed!

Here are links to archived Historically Speaking columns featuring Ed Westcott. First are links to Historically Speaking columns I have written on Ed:

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

I must confess that I love college football. My passion for football began back in the 1950's when I was in high school. I attended a few Tennessee Volunteers football games and listened to many more on the radio: Then in the 1960's I would get tickets for the Vols' games and pick my dad up and drive to Knoxville to see the games. I hardly ever missed a game when UT was playing either on T.V. or radio. Here in 2022, I still like college football. But college football is way down the list of my priorities, and I don't like a lot of things happening in football on all levels.

Colleges were founded for education not for sports. But today for many people football or basketball programs are number one. Its like the tail wagging the dog. For some people if a university doesn't have a good football team, they are nothing and that goes for UT fans too.

Over the years many teams have committed offenses and they have been penalized some pretty heavily. For example, some received the death penalty back in the 80's and they have not fully recovered from the penalty still today. Other teams have lost scholarships and also post-season ball-games. In a few cases coaches have had to resign when the players have been paid to go to a certain college. This practice of winning at all cost has gotten out of hand.

Now Penn. State has taken cheating to a new level. For many years Joe Paterno has been praised not only for his winning team but also for the graduation rate of his players and the ethical way he handled the sport at Penn. State. I don't remember Penn. State ever being put on probation for breaking the rules. The wins were piling up at Penn. State and Happy Valley belonged to Joe Paterno. I once heard that he had more power on campus than the president had.

Most people start thinking

What Went Wrong at Penn. State

about retirement when they reach seventy and most are retired before they reach seventy-five. But not Joe Paterno. Ole Joe was not about to hang it up. As he approached eighty, sports casters questioned him about retirement and he appeared angry when the Penn. State athletic board approached him, he would say "I'm not about to retire; I'll let you know when I'm ready."

Well Joe stayed until he was eighty-five-years-old and he was forced to retire in the mist of the greatest scandal ever in college foot-



ball. No, it wasn't from recruiting violations or any kind of offense in the realm of football, but worse than anything that had ever happened in the NCAA for this concerned little boys who were between the ages of ten and fourteen.

We will probably never know how long Jerry Sandusky was a pedophile, but we do know that as early as 1998 four leading officials at Penn. State including Joe Paterno knew about Sandusky sexually abusing young boys and they covered it up. Paterno did report

it to the AD and Vice President but he didn't follow-up. According to former FBI head, Louis French, Penn. State revered football so much to avoid negative publicity they chose not to report it. In other words, these boys' lives were not worth what football was worth at Penn. State... How many boys' lives were ruined after the 1998 incident we'll never know, but we do know if the proper steps were taken Penn. State would be much better off than they are today.

Jerry Sandusky was sentenced to prison for thirty to sixty-years on October 9, 2012. The president, vice president, and athletic director's lives will never be the same. They have lost their jobs and their lives are ruined. Joe Paterno died three months after being fired. His legacy will not be as the winningest coach in history but the fact he helped cover up the biggest scandal in college football. It is a shame that this happened and that football at Penn. State was bigger than the lives of ten little boys. It's a shame and a "sin."

Post note: Jerry Sandusky is in prison and will be there the rest of his life. The statue of Paterno was removed and many games he won were forfeited. Penn. State still has football but they are not the team they used to be. The university has had to pay out a lot of money to the boys who were abused. Happy Valley will never be the same and the university will always be tarnished.

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2 Corinthians: Chapter 2

(2 Cor. 3:1-6) The character of Paul's ministry: Some expositors believe that verse one contains a hint concerning some of the false teachers who were troubling the Corinthian church---perhaps Jews from Jerusalem who had brought "letters of commendation" from the holy city. Paul asks (with a question that expects a negative answer): "Do we need to introduce ourselves again to you for your approval? Do we require (as some apparently do) letters of commendation (Acts 18:27; Rom. 16:1) to or from you? Surely not!" The Corinthian Christians themselves were like an epistle, dear to Paul's heart; their transformed lives testified to the power of Christ and the credibility of Paul's ministry (v.2-3).

Paul describes the true letters of commendation as not written with ink, but that of the influence of the Spirit of God in the heart, through the teaching "ministered" by inspired teachers. The reference to "tables of stone" clearly is a declaration that the law of Moses is not a binding obligation for the Christian: this is a precursor to the contrast he is about to draw. Our confidence before God is through Christ, not in ourselves---such as that which characterized his critics (v. 5). Paul and his companions were "ministers" of a "new covenant."

This expression occurs eight times in the Bible. In Jeremiah's prophecy it stands in contrast to the law of Moses (31:31), given when Israel departed Egypt. Similarly, "new covenant" in the New Testament represents the new regime of Christ in distinction to the old system (Heb. 8:8; 13; 9:15; 12:24). The apostle is responding to Judaizers who are sowing their seeds of discord at Corinth. Two of the differences between the Old system and the New were: (a) The old covenant was on stones, the "letter" of which the Jews sought to keep for justification. The new provided direction through principles that went to and affected the heart. (b) The former brought death (because it could not be obeyed perfectly (Gal. 3:10); new covenant instruction, empowered by the Spirit, brought life by means of a relationship with Christ (v. 6).

(2 Cor. 3:7-11) The glory of Paul's ministry: The antithesis between the two systems continues. The Ten Commandments, written on stones, were a ministration of death (capital punishment was connected with each (also Gal. 3:10); they were given in an environment of glory (that of Moses' glowing face). But that glory gradually faded, a token of the fact that the law itself was not to be permanent. The religious aspects of the law were abolished at the cross (Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14); the civil elements saw their final hour in the destruction of the Jewish nation by the Romans (A.D. 70). The ministration of the Spirit (the new covenant) has abiding glory (v. 8). The former regime was a "ministration of condemnation," the latter a "ministration of righteousness" that eclipsed the glory of the former (v.9-11).

(2 Cor. 3:12-18) The benefits of Paul's ministry: Recognizing the superiority of the new covenant over the old, and his role in the ministration of the new, the apostle did not shrink from addressing his Jewish critics in the boldest manner possible. Paul speaks of the fading glory of Moses' veiled face, which ultimately reached "the end" (v.13). There are two views as to the meaning of this expression.

"End" can signify "termination," thus indicating the end of the Mosaic system by the death of Christ. Or the term can suggest reaching a "goal." Thus, the ultimate goal of the law was the implementation of the Christian system, previously veiled by the more obscure shadows or types of the former regime. The two thoughts are not mutually exclusive.

Pursuing the veil motif, Paul describes the Jews who rejected Jesus as their Messiah as being "hardened" (Jn. 12:37-43), manifested by the fact that a veil of stubbornness blocked their minds (understanding) at "this very day." whenever the law of Moses was read (v. 15). What was in view in Paul's affirmation, "it is done away in Christ" (v. 14)? Some suggest that the Jews, due to their hardness, refused to see the truth that the law was done away "in Christ," by his death. Others feel the object is the hardness, which would be removed if (or when) they understood the messianic thrust of the law. Ultimately both propositions reflect biblical truth.

"The Lord is the Spirit" (v.17). This does not confuse the Lord Jesus with the Spirit, as though they are the same Person---as "Oneness Pentecostals" assert. Just as Moses (v. 15) represented the law which he gave, even so Lord (as head of the new regime) represents the new covenant which replaced the law and has been given by the Holy Spirit. In New Testament parlance, preaching Christ was the equivalent of preaching new covenant gospel (Acts 8:35; 17:18; 1 Cor. 1:23; Phil. 1:15). "Spirit of the Lord" (v. 17) is the same as the new covenant; it brings "liberty" in contrast to the "bondage" of Old Testament law (Gal. 4:24).

Christians, with their understanding of the relationship between the two covenants, have unveiled faces. They acknowledge their freedom from the former system; they now understand the prophecies, types, etc. of the Old Testament economy. Christians should appreciate the advantages of the new covenant, for under it: (a) there is liberty, (b) we reflect the glory of Christ, and (c) we are "being transformed" (an ongoing process) into the Lord's glory, which will culminate in the full radiance of a face-to-face encounter (1 Jn. 3:2).

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Job further continued his discourse, and said, Oh, that I were as in months past, as in the days when God watched over me; when His lamp shone upon my head, and when by His light I walked through darkness... JOB 29:1-3

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Decadent Valentine's Day Dessert Made DIY

Looking for an impressive sweet for your sweethearts on Valentine's Day? Let's make creme brulee. Most people assume that because it's a staple at swanky restaurants it must be difficult to make. I assure you, restaurant-quality creme brulee can be made at home for a fraction of the cafe cost.

If you're not familiar, creme brulee (krem-broo-lei) literally means "cream burnt." It's a cold vanilla custard with a caramelized sugar topping that hardens into a glasslike surface. The most satisfying part of eating creme brulee is that thwack when you hit the caramel surface with the back of your spoon, and it breaks, revealing the silky-smooth custard within. Divine!

The ingredients to make it are humble, but the result is remarkable. No torch or special equipment required; it's all about technique. In this recipe, we temper eggs, use a bain-marie (ban mah-REE) water bath, and broil or torch sugar to make caramel.

CREME BRULEE

*Yield: 6 servings Cook Time: 35 min.
Total: 3 hours*

What You'll Need:

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- Pinch salt
- 5 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup white sugar plus extra for caramelizing
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Here's How:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 F and arrange six (4-ounce) (or four 6-ounce) ramekins in a rimmed baking pan that's at least as deep as the ramekins. Heat a kettle of water for the bain-marie.

2. In a saucepan over medium heat, bring the cream and salt to a simmer, stirring frequently until bubbles form around the edge. Remove from the heat and allow to cool. Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl, combine egg yolks with sugar and whisk briskly for 1-2 minutes.



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Caramelized sugar provides the distinctive crack that reveals the custard filling of creme brulee

3. Now, we temper the eggs with the hot cream, by slowly raising the temperature of the eggs so they don't scramble. Whisking constantly, gradually add the cream to the yolks. Then add vanilla and stir. Just in case we have any egg solids, strain the custard through a fine-mesh sieve into a clean container, ideally one with a pour spout.

4. Next, pour or ladle the custard into the ramekins, dividing evenly. Carefully, place the baking pan in the oven and pour enough hot water into the pan to come halfway up the sides of the ramekins, taking care not to slosh hot water onto yourself or into the ramekins. The bain-marie creates

a gentle heat resulting in a uniform cooking process.

5. Bake until the edges are set but the center still jiggles when gently shaken, about 25 to 30 minutes. You want the middle a bit wobbly, as the custard will firm up in the refrigerator. The depth of your ramekin or custard cup determines how long it takes to bake. If you're concerned, a thermometer should register 150 to 155 F in the center.

6. Remove the ramekins from the water bath and let cool on a rack for 30 minutes. Refrigerate for at least two hours. This custard can be made days in advance and refrigerated (that's why it's popular at restaurants). But don't add the caramelized topping until you're ready to serve.

7. To serve, evenly sprinkle the entire surface of each custard with a thin layer of sugar, using 1 to 2 teaspoons per ramekin. If using a kitchen blowtorch, evenly melt and caramelize the sugar. If using the broiler, put the ramekins on a baking sheet and place in cold oven directly under the broiler. Turn the broiler on high and watch closely as they brown. Serve immediately.

Now perhaps you won't think I'm crazy when I say the most romantic Valentine's Day gift I've ever received was a blowtorch. Happy Valentine's Day!

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David Zubler
Columnist

IRS warning about incorrect Child Tax Credit letters

The IRS has received complaints from taxpayers regarding Letter 6419, which shows the amount of Advanced Child Tax Credit payments sent to taxpayers during 2021. Some tax professionals are also reporting inaccurate Letter 6419 notices.

Generally, the IRS advises taxpayers to keep and rely on the form, to be used to accurately report their Advanced Child Tax Credit payments, when filing their returns.

However, reporting incorrect amounts of the Advanced Child Tax Credit can result in a long delay in processing those tax returns.

Ken Corbin, the IRS's chief taxpayer experience officer said, "We are still looking into some of the information we've heard about the information on the notices not being correct". If the amount in Letter 6419 does seem to be incorrect, you can go to your IRS.gov account to see if the amount stated there matches the amount in the letter. "The numbers on the IRS.gov site should reflect the most current information", Corbin said. "If they feel like their totals are different and they have the deposits or other information that shows this is the amount I should report, then they should report that."

Corbin said he "would encourage taxpayers to file their most accurate return possible."

The IRS has acknowledged the potential problem but has also has questioned its prevalence.

If the percentage of letters with inaccurate information is significant, it will no doubt have a negative impact, thus increasing the backlog of tax returns.

The IRS reported a backlog of 6.7 million unprocessed 2020 returns and 2.6 million amended returns in mid-December. The IRS has sent child tax credit payments to over 35 million families. Therefore, even a relatively small percentage of inaccurate letters could cause a significant delay in resolving the backlog of all those unprocessed returns.

Since many Americans rely on their refunds for basic living necessities, a delay caused by incorrect IRS information could cause financial hardship for many families.

In light of this ongoing problem, it is recommended that you review your Letter 6419 for the Advance Child Tax Credit for accuracy. If it seems incorrect, check your IRS.gov account and then review your bank records to determine the correct amount of Advanced Child Tax Credit payments you received. Use the number that you believe is correct when filing your return.

It's better to take the time to correctly determine and report your Advance Child Tax Credit than to rush and file your return incorrectly.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Beware of the Cold

Administrators of the local senior center called it a tailgate party and envisioned many dozens of elderly gathered in the parking lot outside the center, drinking coffee and snacking on doughnuts from the bakery. They'd sent out notices and emails a week in advance.

No one showed up. Not a single senior was to be seen, while center management stood on the steps wringing their hands and wondering why. The problem, we all know, is that the oldest of the senior center management team is less than half our average age, with their assistants barely out of college. Degrees galore, of course, in gerontology this and geriatric that, but framed documents hanging on the wall don't indicate a personal knowledge of what all seniors know for fact:

We get cold!

Not only do we get cold, but we have to be careful. Our circulation isn't what it used to be. We lose body heat faster and sometimes don't even know it's happening. When our core temperature drops too low, it can damage our liver, kidney and heart. Hypothermia is a real risk and can be deadly.

It bears repeating that we need to beware of the cold. Here's what you can do to stay on top of your own body temperature:

-- Don't skimp on the heat at home. Keep the thermostat at 68-70 F and wear a sweater inside. (If you visit an elderly person in the winter, go to the thermostat and see what the setting is.) If you must save money on heating, close off rooms you're not using.

-- Ask someone to install clear plastic film insulation on your windows. You'll be surprised how much it cuts down on icy drafts.

-- Keep a blanket or quilt on the sofa or recliner, and cover up when you sit down.

-- If you have to go out, wear layers and a good hat, gloves and scarf. Don't let body heat escape out of your neckline. And if your senior center hosts an outdoor parking-lot gathering, check the weather report.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. "The Safety Dance" was a protest song against what?
2. Which group released "Look Away"?
3. Cheryl Lynn released "If This World Were Mine" with which male singer?
4. Name the instrumental made famous by the 1972 film "Deliverance."
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I was talking with a friend of mine, said a woman had hurt his pride."

Answers:

1. Dance club bouncers, who would ban dancers from doing the new wave pogo, which was violent, individual dancing and a danger to others. The song demanded freedom of expression.
2. Chicago, in 1988. In 2018, a UK man claimed he wrote the song in 1987, had submitted it to a song contest and that songwriter Diane Warren had access to it through the record company that sponsored the contest. Warren copyrighted the song eight months after the man sent in his song.
3. Luther Vandross, in 1982. Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell had released the same song in 1967.
4. "Dueling Banjos," written in 1954.
5. "Don't Do Me Like That," by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, in 1979. Petty wrote the song in 1974 and originally had considered giving it to another band.

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Galloway Construction LLC Announces New Owner

Longtime businessman Roger Galloway announces the sale of Galloway Construction LLC.

Mr. Galloway introduced the new owner, James Diaz-Barriga, to the employees and special guests in a meeting on January 4th. Galloway Construction LLC was founded over 40 years ago by Mr. Galloway. Since its inception, the business has grown to more than 70 employees and continues to thrive today.

Mr. Galloway stated he has looked for the right fit to continue the company for a long time. Mr. Diaz-Barriga values the company's vision and strives to provide a good workplace for its current and future employees.

James brings a mix of technical, business, and leadership experience to Galloway Construction LLC.



After graduating from the Naval Academy in 2002, James served as a Nuclear Surface Warfare Officer during two deployments in support of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. After his military service, James attended business school at Northwestern University and has since worked across a variety of industries with small business trades experience as a CFO and private equity executive experience.

"Galloway Construction LLC is a phenomenal business. The years of blood, sweat, and tears Mr. Galloway poured into the business are evident in the quality of people in the company and the reputation Galloway Construction LLC has in the market. I am humbled, excited, and committed to continuing the growth trajectory Mr. Roger began when he grew this from a couple of men and a truck to what it is today. Having grown up in a small town, I know great things can come from places like Sunbright and am committed to ensuring Galloway

Construction LLC stays a great employer in the local area and across Tennessee and, God willing, eventually a respected employer across the Southeast"

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

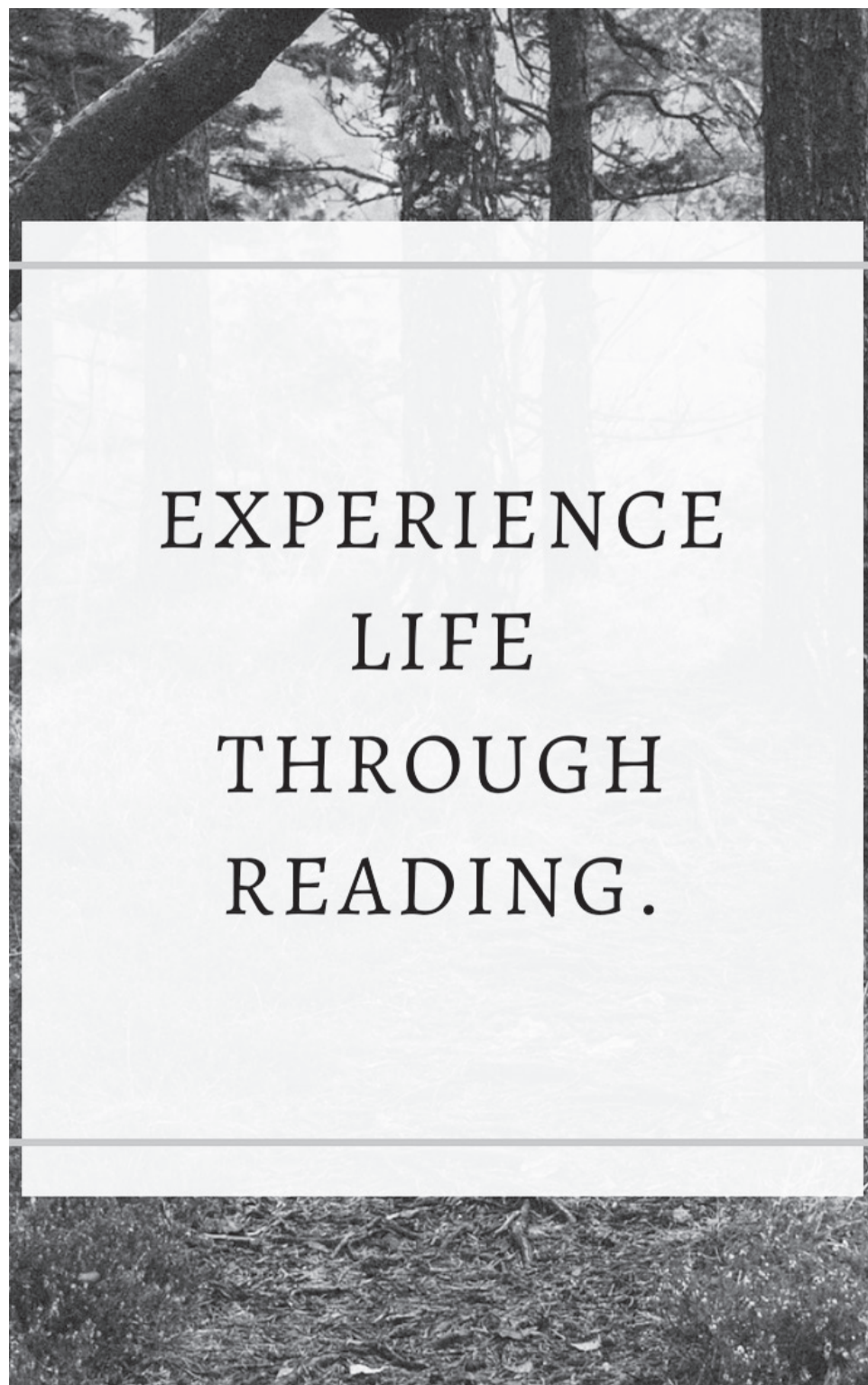


Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist

are you wearing?"
Everyone hopes Phil doesn't see his shadow when he comes out of said hole. I'm not human but, would he NOT see his shadow, if they didn't have all those lights shining on him? Turn off the lights and there would be no shadow for him to see. Seriously, that's just common dog sense.

I have been hearing an awful lot about this groundhog named Phil. The dude even has his own day! What's up with that?

On the day of Phil, a bunch of men are dressed like President Lincoln, in top hats and coats. They anxiously wait for Phil to come out of his hole. They have all these cameras and spot lights shining. You would think he was a movie star at the Oscar's or something. I almost expect someone to yell, "Who



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RoCo Relics Home to Expanding Food Pantry

Harriman, Jan 27, 2022

On Jan 25th RoCo Relics received its first weekly delivery of 10,000 pounds of food through a massive food grant. The very next day 130 families received boxes through RoCo Relics' Sister Ministry, Feeding Roane Food Pantry which has been located at the First Christian Church Harriman since the summer. Until now the Feeding Roane Food Pantry has been primarily funded by the RoCo Relics ministry nonprofit shop. Thanks to an on going food grant Devine Mirrors received from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and in turn gifted to RoCo Relics, the ministry shop now has additional funds for its other ministries such as Laura Buckingham's Jail Ministry, First Christian Church Harrimans youth programs under direction of Youth Pastor Mathew Peters and various other local ministries.

RoCo Relics is a collaboration of ministries and helps assist in various ways. For instance, excess clothing goes to ministries like Stricken, a homeless street ministry started by Army Veteran Fred Mize.

"Ministries can achieve so much more when we work together in God's glory", Laura Buckingham, Co-Founder of RoCo Relics and Feeding Roane.



Volunteers offloading 10,000 pounds of food for Roane County families.



Laura Buckingham and missionaries from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints knock down wall to expand the shops retail space inside RoCo Relics.

What will RoCo Relics do next? RoCo Relics is remodeling the Soup kitchen that will open in the RoCo Relics complex. "We will continue to feed at the church on Wednesdays 12-2pm, but this way we will have warm meals available six days a week. Pay if you can, but if you can't that's not a problem", Pastor Phil Merrill of First Christian Church Har-

riman, RoCo Relics and Feeding Roane Co Founder. Beginning immediately patrons may begin picking up food from the Feeding Roane

location at the RoCo Relics complex during shop hours; Tuesday-Friday 10-7pm and Sat 10-2pm.

"We ran out of food yesterday, however next week we plan to have enough for 150 families. There is a dire need for food here in East TN", David Underwood, RoCo Relics Board President and Co Founder of Feeding Roane.

RoCo Relics is in need of volunteers at both pantry locations; First Christian Church Harriman at 334 Morgan Ave Wednesday's 12-2pm and at the RoCo Relics Complex at 151 S Roane St, Harriman, TN. The ministry shop is also experiencing an expansion. Their retail space just doubled and is in need for more hands. The ministry shop needs help hanging, pricing and assisting with customers.

Gently used items can be brought to hard working volunteers at RoCo Relics, all profits benefit local ministry humanitarian efforts. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution please donate to:



David Underwood with volunteers stacking the shelves of the Feeding Roane Food Pantry at the RoCo Relics Complex location.



Pastor Phil and David Underwood inside the new Feeding Roane location inside the RoCo Relics Complex. Soon there will be a public soup kitchen inside the complex in addition to the current soup kitchen at First Christian Church.

Becoming the Bride of Christ by John Burns Will Be Available Soon

Here is a short preview of this book by Army Ranger, Author, MoCo Today columnist, John Burns.

Preface

Join me as we go behind the veil of eternity to adjudicate just what has gone wrong with the Church of Jesus Christ in all of its forms.

Within modern Christian circles. Church attendance has become more important than relationship to Jesus Christ the God-man. God established Old Testament patterns to teach a sinner proper relationship and where it should come from.

Levirite marriage is one of those patterns.

God has been searching the Gentile world to find his son a willing virgin bride. He has sent his Holy Spirit to request our hands in marriage. The dowry was paid on Calvary!

To enter true Christian relationship requires humility.

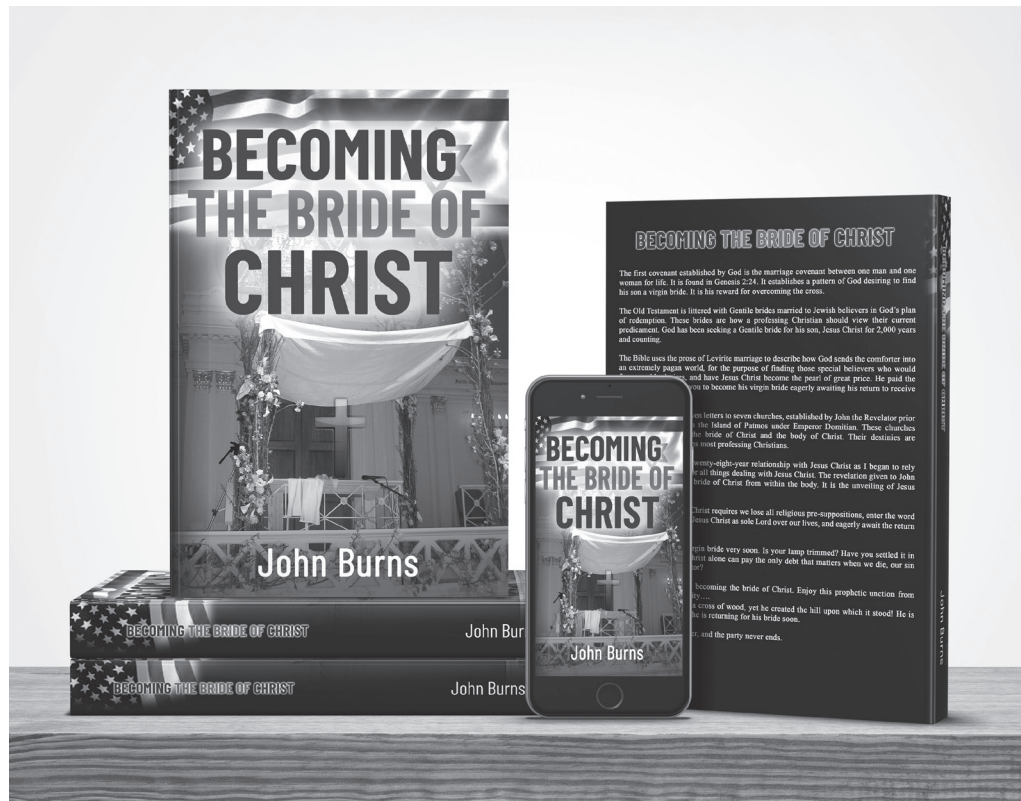
What has been lost is proper Hebrew interpretation techniques used by every writer of our New Testament. Anti-Semitism has led to the Church denying Messiah's inheritance of sitting upon the throne of King David for 1,000 years. Amillennialism denies Messiah his re-

Bible before he spoke our universe into existence. All for the purpose of proving God is in charge of every affair of men. You can find yourself in the lives of Old Testament characters. None more important than the Gentile brides grafted into the Jewish vine as examples for us today. Jesus Christ penned seven letters to seven Churches founded by John in Western Turkey. Why these seven?

This book explains what exactly happened to men calling themselves Christian over the last 2,000 years. Messiah's letters were a prophetic view on just how far church folk have gotten away from the truth of God's entire two-edged sword.

Mercy and grace are what Messiah offered on Calvary. He still offers his body the same attributes he first offered the apostles when he called them in antiquity.

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



ward of a virgin bride promised by God from eternity past.

Jesus Christ preached only out of the Old Testament. He wrote our entire

it stood.

He is alive forevermore and he is returning for his true virgin bride very soon!



MoCo Adventures

TRAVEL IN THE MOUNTAINS

Coach Boatman: The 24 Hour Bulldog

As most of you who are interested have heard by now, Wartburg Central High School hired a new head football coach: Coach Corey Boatman.

He is a young man with an already impressive resume. The administration searched for a coach that could change the culture in Wartburg, and with Coach Boatman they found just the guy to make it happen, they believed. Coach Boatman was set to usher in a new era of winning football games by the Bulldogs after several seasons of losing.

But in less than 24 hours, it was announced by school officials that Coach Boatman and Wartburg Central High School had “agreed” it was in the best interest of both parties (Boatman and the school) to part ways.

It seemed that just as quick as the post announcing his hire was up on WCHS facebook page, it was gone. Congratulatory posts on social media began to disappear.



Questions instantly began to arise from all over the community. What happened? Is this a rumor? Is it true? It must have been something bad, right?

We began reaching out in various ways to Coach Boatman and school officials to find out what had happened. Coach Boatman gave us a call back and gave us an exclusive interview.

His perspective of the events that transpired was different from school officials. He let us know it was not a mutual decision and he did NOT resign.

“I was forced out. I did not resign.” Coach Boatman

That is when he began to tell us what had happened. Thirteen

years ago while in college he had misdemeanor convictions dealing with marijuana. He was on supervised probation and then when it was over it was all expunged.

Here is where it gets interesting. He states that he disclosed all this upfront in conversations with school officials and on his application. According to his application he did.

A screenshot of the messages between Coach Boatman and school officials stating the background check was good to go. Yes, I have a misdemeanor conviction of intent to sale, and simple possession of marijuana, being .5 grams, in Polk county in 2009. All which occurred in college and all have been expunged. “Since that point, I have graduated with two degrees, and an endorsement for special education from Carson Newman. I have also taught and coached in 5 counties. One of which was Polk County where I had been in trouble. I’ve coached at the college level in two different states.” Coach Boatman

“Everyone has a past. I choose to use mine as a testimony for

the greater good. What are second chances for? I mean Moses was a murder. David committed adultery and murder, and they went on to be mighty men of God.” Coach Boatman

We were able to speak with school officials who confirmed that Coach Boatman was no longer the head coach. They said they offered Coach Boatman the ability to stay in the classroom but could not allow him to be the head coach. They also said it was a mutual agreement to part ways which Coach Boatman disputes. When asked if the marijuana issue was the reason for the change of course they stated it was part of the decision making process.

Wartburg will now continue looking for a head coach to turn the football program around.

As this story continues to develop we will keep everyone updated.

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High School Basketball Roundup

By Terry Futrell

High School Basketball Roundup January 31

It was a big week in Morgan County basketball with several rivalry games played.

The Coalfield Lady Jackets defeated both Oneida and Wartburg to move into second place in District 3-A rankings. The victory over Oneida marks the first time since the 2010-2011 season that Coalfield has defeated Oneida twice in the same season. Even though the Wartburg Lady Bulldog offense was running in high gear, the Lady Jackets pulled ahead late with strong inside play and held on for a 56-52 victory. The Lady bulldogs fall to 3-3 and third place in district play. The Sunbright Lady Tigers defeated Sale Creek (non-district) and Oliver Springs to remain unbeaten in district play with a 5-0 record and first place. After defeating Jellico on Monday, the Oakdale Lady Eagles lost District 4-A games to Midway and Greenback and remain in fourth place in their district.

Meanwhile, the Coalfield boys defeated Wartburg for the second time this season, winning 71-61 over the Bulldogs. The win marks the first time since the 2014-15 season that Coalfield has swept Wartburg in regular season play. Coalfield now has a 2-4 record in District 3-A play and holds fourth place in district rankings. In addition to losing to Coalfield, Wartburg also lost district games to Oliver Springs and Oneida this week and falls to 1-5 in district play and last place in the district. After defeating Sale Creek in a non-district game, the Sunbright Tigers lost to Oliver Springs, but remain in second place in District 3-A. In District 4-A, the Oakdale Eagles lost to Jellico in a non-district game, then had impressive district wins over Midway

and Greenback. The Eagles have a 3-2 district record and remain in third place in district rankings.

(Overall, District records in parentheses)

Coalfield Girls (16-5, 4-2)
Jan 25 – Defeated Oneida 57-48
Jan 28 – Defeated Wartburg 56-52

Oakdale Girls (4-15, 1-4)
Jan 24 – Defeated Jellico 53-31
Jan 25 – Lost to Midway 35-49
Jan 28 – Lost to Greenback 37-48

Sunbright Girls (20-4, 5-0)
Jan 25 – Defeated Sale Creek 52-39

Wartburg 71-61

Oakdale Boys (5-14, 3-2)
Jan 24 – Lost to Jellico 46-78
Jan 25 – Defeated Midway 97-83
Jan 28 – Defeated Greenback 58-56

Sunbright Boys (12-9, 3-2)
Jan 25 – Defeated Sale Creek 42-27
Jan 28 – Lost to Oliver Springs 31-54

Wartburg Boys (5-15, 1-5)
Jan 25 – Lost to Oliver Springs 53-63
Jan 27 – Lost to Oneida 48-69
Jan 28 – Lost to Coalfield 61-71



The Coalfield student section made their presence known as they cheered their teams to victory in a Yellow Jacket sweep of Wartburg. [Photo by Cathy Bird]

Jan 28 – Defeated Oliver Springs 46-22

Wartburg Girls (8-10, 3-3)
Jan 25 – Defeated Oliver Springs 32-21
Jan 27 – Lost to Oneida 40-47
Jan 28 – Lost to Coalfield 52-56

Coalfield Boys (4-14, 2-4)
Jan 25 – Lost to Oneida 51-62
Jan 28 – Defeated

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