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# Russia's Invasion of Ukraine-Putin's Folly



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

Admittedly, the title of this article does not convey the true nature of the recent Russian Invasion of Ukraine. It is an invasion orchestrated by

one man, Vladimir Putin. In the early morning hours of February 24, Russia invaded Ukraine proper, by land, sea and air. This occurred after a lengthy Russian buildup of military assets that surrounded Ukraine's northern, southern, and eastern borders. The Russian client state of Belarus facilitated the invasion from the north, but reports vary if the Belarus military has provided any ground troops for the operation.

Putin claims that the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Russian security are his motives for the invasion, but some experts believe this is just a ruse, and his real motives include protecting Moscow's energy interests and attempting to re-build the failed Soviet Union.

What does the recent invasion reveal to scholars and national security experts? Many mysterious have been revealed by Putin's ill-advised act of aggression.

One item that many of the author's military colleagues have

night vision capabilities, communications and training doesn't match United States standards." The pentagon recently reported that the Russians have faced stiff opposition. According to Pentagon press secretary John Kirby the Russian invaders "have experienced some setbacks." Also, Kirby indicates that nearly 3 days after the invasion the Russians

offers to be shuttled out of the country, instead asking for "more bullets, not a ride". In this move Zelenskyy has checkmated Putin, because now even if the Ukrainian President is killed, he will serve as a martyr to ignite Ukrainian nationalism and defiance to her Russian neighbors for decades to come. His actions have also served to highlight



still do not control the airspace over Ukraine.

As of Sunday, the Russian military is closing the ring around the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv. Just south of Kyiv the fighting has been especially harsh, and despite Putin's statements that only military targets are being destroyed, many schools, buildings and homes have been obviously targeted.

Admittedly the Ukrainians are losing the battle on the

Ukraine's plight on the global stage, which is fueling protests against Putin from almost every country including his own.

As further evidence to Putin's folly, is the internal opposition escalating inside his own borders. On Thursday, Russian authorities arrested over 1,700 protesters that had openly protested the invasion in Moscow, St. Petersburg and many major cities. Considering that Putin effectively controls the Russian

media outlets, the news of protests inside Russia being widely reported across the globe is interesting. With trouble brewing internally and Russia being the recipient of international condemnation, Putin's hubris has proven his biggest weakness. On Sunday it was reported that Russian and Ukrainian leaders have agreed to conduct talks somewhere near the border between Ukraine and Belarus. After the news of the talks surfaced on media outlets the Ukrainian foreign minister Dmytro Kuleba was quoted as stating his country will "not give up a single inch of ... territory".

In conclusion, Putin's invasion of Ukraine could be the event that eventually leads to his removal as the Russia's dictator. If the U.S. and her allies apply enormous pressure through sanctions that affect Russia's ability to receive revenue through their oil and gas sales, its only a matter of time before Putin finds himself on the wrong end of history.



*Protesters in Hong Kong*

pointed out is the timing of the Russian invasion. The selected time of the invasion beginning as night turned into day on Thursday morning evidences that the Russian military is not as technically advanced or proficient as the U.S. Military. One of my former military colleagues recently stated: "if a modern-day army doesn't invade at night, that should send a signal that their

ground, but not without inflicting significant casualties on the Russian Army. The Ukrainian artillery has been very effective and thought to be the source of a large percentage of the 4300 reported Russian casualties thus far.

Although losing the conventional battle, the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is winning the social media battle online. Zelenskyy has refused

## In Loving Memory

### Roger "Dude" Duty, 70

Roger "Dude" Duty, age 70, of Wartburg passed away at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, February 20, 2022.

Roger was a loving husband, brother, and grandfather. He spent his youth as the best wrestler at his high school and part of the Elite Rhino Wrestling Club plus, Junior World Olympic Star.

You could never meet a man with a bigger heart and stronger will. Roger never met a stranger.

He is preceded in death by his mother Eleanor Duty; father Henry Duty and sister Rhonda.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years Janet Duty; sister Pam (Duty) Bullington (Forrest); daughters Kari (Mark) Hackett, Kelli (Josh) Ezell; 6 wonderful grandchildren Auslin, Tyler, Mckenna, Ben, Ava and Max and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:30-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Henry "Roger" Duty.

### Willene J. Phillips, 77

Willene J. Phillips, age 77, of Petros (formerly of Devonia) passed away Sunday, February 20, 2022, at Life Care Center of Morgan County after an extended illness. She was born November 4, 1944, to the late Herbert and Ollie Jones. She was of the Baptist faith. She was very fond of all animals taking in many strays throughout the years.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her first husband, Carolos Phillips; son, Jessie Dewayne Phillips; 4 brothers, Herbert Lee & wife, Gracie Faye, J.L. & wife Virginia, Freeman (Buddy) & wife Louise, and Trixie Jones; 3 sisters Lula Pace & husband Brownlow, Lorena Jordan & husband Alvin, and Jearlena Jones; 1 sister-in-law Betty Jones.

She is survived by her daughter Carlene Hall and husband Leon McGhee; granddaughter Jenessa Hall; brother Casey L. Jones; niece Sandra & husband J.D. Carroll; half-brother R.G. Jones & wife, Francis and a host of extended family members.

In keeping with her wishes there will be no services. She will be laid to rest Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the Grave Hill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family would like to thank everyone at Life Care for their kindness and compassion during Willene's stay.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Willene J. Phillips.

### Joyce Roach, 70

Joyce Roach, age 70, of Lancing passed away February 20, 2022 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Rdige.

Joyce loved karaoke, singing, dancing and enjoyed being around people. Everyone who knew Joyce knew her as having a smile that would light up the world.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Delbert & Helen Patterson; brother, David Hall.

She is survived by her daughter, Michelle (David) Elkins; sister, Rita Cline of Cottage Grove, Oregon; husband, Roger Edwards of Lancing and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

The family will receive friends Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Joyce Roach.

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

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## Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl



Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist

So, it hap-

She says, Ms Avery Pearl!!! You better stop, little girl!!

She is getting mad. She says I'm a bad girl. Me?! A bad girl! Humpf. She never says that. Who does she think she is, calling me a bad girl? That hurt my feelings. I finally stopped at the last driveway before the big road that has the fast cars. I look at Mimi. I thought she was going to cry. She tells me again that I was being a bad girl.

So, I wait and put my head down and pout. I let her pick me up. She tells me that I scared her and that she wuffs me. She tells me, to never-ever do that



pened. Pappy left the door open. I saw my opportunity and I took it. I'm out. So ready to explore! I sniff and sniff and sniff. I hear Pap calling for me but, sorry dude. I ain't coming back.

I heard him tell Mimi that I escaped. Mimi came out and yelled for me. I ignored her, too.

I was loose and I was expanding my domain. I am so happy! I stop and smell each driveway. Mimi is telling me to STOP! STAY! She is getting frantic because she can't run after me.

I am making my way to the big road. She is gaining ground on me, now.

again. I don't know why she was so scared, I was just sniffing around. But I do know that Pap and me... we were in big T-R-O-U-B-L-E. Maybe things on the outside of the fence, not so great after all.

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Sandra Helton's weekly column  
**Oakdale Area News**  
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I often end this column with prayer requests.....not that you don't know what we should pray for/about.....but just as a reminder. Today, I ask that everyone pray for all the things going on in the world. Please pray for Ukrainian people and their leaders. God has a plan but He wants us to talk with Him.

Congratulations to the Oakdale Eagles who were victorious in Region 2A Quarter Finals Saturday Night at Fred Snow Gymnasium. The Eagles defeated the Wartburg Bulldogs 71-56. They will advance to play Oliver Springs tonight, March 1, in Semifinal play. The game will be at 6:00 p.m. at Harriman High School.

The Lady Eagle's season ended Friday night in a consolation game at Oneida. Congratulations to them and all Morgan County teams on their basketball seasons.

East Tennessee experienced a lot of rain last week. Although there was high water in Oakdale, it could have been much worse as it has been in times past. Morgan County schools were closed Friday, February 25 as a precaution. I appreciate our administration putting the safety of students, staff and bus drivers first.

Happy Birthday to Granny Irene Helton who will turn 99 years young, Friday, March 4. Along with daily help from her loved ones, Granny Irene is blessed to still live in her home. I am sure she would enjoy receiving birthday wishes via cards, phone calls and visits.

Belated birthday greetings to Karen Pridemore Eble who celebrated her birthday yesterday, February 28. I hope someone treated Karen to a birthday cake because she has made a lot of people happy with her baked goods. She has a Facebook page called "Karen's Kitchen." Check it out or give her a call to place orders. You won't be disappointed.

Happy Birthday to County Executive Brian Langley who is celebrating his birthday today, March 1. We wish you a wonderful day Mr. Mayor.

Happy Birthday to Rita Turner and Lois Wilder who are celebrating their birthdays today, March 1, Kimberly Bingham Hall and Amelia Comer Guenther who will celebrate their birthdays tomorrow, March 2 and Judy Bingham, Misty Beach and Kristy Smith who will celebrate their birthdays Friday, March 4.

Crusade Ruppe will celebrate his 10th birthday Saturday, March 5. Happy Birthday Crusade!

Bunt and I enjoyed a weekend trip to visit with Joe, Valerie and Maura in Fayetteville, NC. As we traveled through the Smoky Mountains, we saw beautiful snow topped mountains. While visiting with the Lakes, we worked a jig saw puzzle, ate, played games, ate, walked through the neighborhood, ate, decorated a bunny cake and did I mention.....ate? Maura had a Movie Night themed birthday party later that week. She had a real popcorn popper and practiced making popcorn for us. It was a good visit and we are grateful for the opportunity to make the trip.

Make plans to check out the online auction supporting Oakdale School Alumni Association this weekend, March 4 - 6. 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. They are also making plans for an Alumni Banquet to be held later this year.

Remember to spring forward on March 13. It won't be long until we will hear the sound of lawn mowers, weed eaters and tractors.

There will be no school for students on Friday, March 18. This will be a teacher in service day.

Roane County Paws will have an Indoor Yard Sale this Friday and Saturday, March 4-5 from 9:00 - 3:00 at 1889 South Roane Street in Harri-man. This will be in the former Ichiban Restaurant. They have been working hard collecting and organizing items. Please try to support this organization and get some good deals as well.

Oakdale baseball is excited to announce the first Oakdale Baseball Leadoff Banquet. The guest speaker will be Oakdale Alumnus and former Tennessee Volunteer, Neal Dulling. Everyone is welcome to come help leadoff the 2022 season on March 5th at 6:30 in Oakdale School Cafeteria. The cost is \$10 per person. All proceeds benefit Oakdale Baseball.

The Clothes Closet at Pine Orchard Baptist Church will be open Saturday, March 12 from 10:00 - 12:00. Everything is free.

March hours for Oakdale Public Library are 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Story time is each Tuesday evening from 5:30 - 6:30. Middle School Book Club will be on March 14 and March 28 from 5:00 - 6:00.

On Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30, there will be special activities at the library. The schedule is as follows:

March 2 - Adult Craft Hour: Bring your scrapbook supplies and pictures and spend time visiting while you create. There will be some donated scrapbook packets to give away. If you don't scrapbook, you're welcome to help tie a quilt for Project Linus, a non-profit that provides comfort blankets to children in need.

March 9 - Preschool Playtime

March 16 - Adult BINGO

March 23 - Preschool Playtime

March 30 - TBA

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Jacqueline Langley. Ms. Jackie passed away Monday, February 21 at the age of 95. She is survived by her children and their spouses Frieda (Bob) Bennett, Sharon (Steve) McBay and Doug (Debbie) Langley, grandsons Jeffrey (Amber) Lewis, Darren Langley, Matthew (Erica) Hall, granddaughters Jennifer (Barry) Liam, Allison Gann, Kayla (Justin) Walls, Britney Hall (Reyes Rodriguez), 12 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. She is also survived by 2 sister in laws, Vera Scarbrough and Lena Mae Langley Basler and a host of other friends and family. Services were held Wednesday, February 23 at Piney Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Sandra Grant who passed away Monday, February 21. She is survived by her father, Minuard Grant, daughter Sonya Lowery, sisters Kay Farner and Teresa Jensen, brother Dale Grant, 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Services were held Friday, February 25. Interment was in Rankin Chapel Church Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Robert "Bobby" Briggs who passed away Saturday, February 26. He is survived by his wife Barbara Ooten Briggs, daughters Pam Briggs and Tammy Manis Briggs and grandson Timothy (Kara Beth) Benson. The family will receive friends Saturday March 5, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. The funeral will follow with Bro. Danny Jenkins officiating. Graveside services will immediately follow the funeral at White Oak Cemetery in Oakdale, TN. Full military honors will be performed by American Legion Post 149.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Friday, March 4-6

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

## Saturday, March 5

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## Saturday, March 5

There will be an Oakdale Baseball Leadoff Banquet Saturday, March 5th at 6:30 at Oakdale School Cafeteria. The guest speaker will be

OHS Alumnus and former Tennessee Vol, Neal Dulling. The cost is \$10 per person which includes a meal. All proceeds will benefit Oakdale Baseball. Everyone is welcome.

## Friday, March 11

Together Morgan County will have their monthly meeting Friday, March 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

## Saturday, March 12

The Pine Orchard Church Clothes Closet will be open Saturday, March 12 from 10:00 - 12:00. Clothes, toys and household items. Everything is free.

## Undated Events

Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society Meets the second Tuesday of every month Senior Citizens Building at 6:00pm

## Disappeared: Chapter 19

### Nick and Chris-Day 6-



**Carol Hall**  
Author

Morning broke sunny and warm. The sun shone down through the trees unto the ground around the overhang where Nick, Chris and Les were curled up around a small fire.

Nick woke with a start. He bolted up into a sitting position, startling Chris and Les.

"Hey, what's wrong," Chris asked Nick groggily, as he sat up and faced him.

"Nothing," Nick said. "I guess I had a nightmare." He began patting himself all over before

seeming satisfied. He looked around their rustic accommodations and let out a long sigh. "Just as I thought. No monster spiders."

Les let out a laugh and got his feet. "You're afraid of spiders?" he asked. "What self respecting man is afraid of spiders? Especially a man who spends so much time in the great outdoors?"

"Hey," Nick said. "I'll have you know, those were no normal spiders I dreamed about. They were huge and had ape faces. You would have been afraid of them too if you could have seen them."

Chris and Les busted out laughing.

"That must have been terrifying," laughed Chris, with a full body shiver.

"Ok, shut up already," Nick said, though he was laughing himself. "I'd like to see one of you guys fight them off. They were vicious."

They all started laughing. It was good to spend a moment thinking about something other than their quest.

Chris reached for his backpack and pulled it onto his lap.

"Who's ready for some breakfast?" he asked.

"I am," said Nick.

"Me too," said Les. "I want pancakes, eggs and toast, please."

"Oh, I didn't know we got to order what we wanted," Nick said. "In that case, give me some French toast with lots of syrup."

Chris tossed them each a breakfast bar and a bottle of water.

"Well, in my kitchen, this is all you get, so enjoy."

Laughing again, they sat around the fire and began to eat their breakfast.

"I need to use the little boys room," Les said as he got to his feet. Dropping his water bottle on the ground next to his pack, he headed off along the rock wall until he disappeared among the trees.

"So, what's the plan for today?" Chris asked Nick. "Do we scout around the cliffs to see if we can find a way up or try to go around them?"

"I say we search around the base of them to start with. We need to see if we can pick up any tracks or evidence that the Bigfoot might have left behind. We really aren't sure which way they went from here."

"Uh...guys?" Les called to them from among the trees. "You might want to come look at this."

Nick and Chris quickly got to their feet and followed the sound of Les's voice. They found him leaning over something on the ground not far from where they had camped for the night.

"What's going on?" Nick asked.

"I'd say we were being watched last night."

"Being watched? By who?" Chris asked.

"Well, judging by the size of these footprints here, I'd say it's our buddy, Mr. Bigfoot." He indicated the enormous prints left in the soft, muddy earth under the tree he was standing by.

"How did we not see him here? This is awfully close to where we camped," Nick said.

"Bigfoot is the world champion of Hide-n-Seek. I'm just surprised he didn't attack us or kill us while we slept, but he obviously knows we're here," Les said.

"What does that mean for the women?" Chris asked. "If he knows we're here, that could mean trouble for them."

"Let's not assume the worst just yet," Les said.

"Well, if he was here watching us last night, then they can't be far away," Nick said. "They must be around here somewhere." He began

scanning the rock face in all directions. "They must be up there in the cliffs somewhere."

"Well, that is why we came this way. The map Chris made and the tracks by the river all led us in this direction," Les said. "The question is, where exactly in the cliffs are they?"

"And, if they are, how do we get to them?" Nick asked.

"Let's walk around the base of the cliffs a little ways in each direction and see if we can find any sort of cave or overhang or something that they may be staying in," Chris suggested.

They all stood there silently. None of them making the first move to head toward the cliffs.

"Uh...the fact that we marched all the way over here and now don't have any real plan on how to get Maggie and Evie back is finally starting to make me realize that this may not have been the smartest of ideas," Nick said.

"I was just thinking the same thing," said Chris.

"Hey fellas..." Les said. "Did you forget that I brought a gun?"

"No, but I'm a little worried that that little gun may not take down a nine foot, nine hundred pound Bigfoot," Nick said.

"Oh, ye of little faith," said Les shaking his head. "It's all in where you shoot him."

"Well, let's go and see if we can find anything," Chris said, rather reluctantly. "Les, you go first since you have the gun."

Les led the way as they trampled through mud and dense underbrush to get to the base of the cliffs. Once there, they turned and headed off to the right, following the easiest path around the foot of the cliff. The rock face rose high into the air. It was hard to see all the way to the top. Even if there was a cave or an alcove of some sort, it would be very hard to see from where they were.

Nick knew Maggie had to be up there somewhere. He was getting nervous and scared all at the same time. How would they climb up the side of the cliff? And if they did manage it somehow and found the women, how would they rescue them and get back down? If they didn't find them, what would they do then? His mind was a jumbled mess of "what ifs".

As they traversed their way around the cliff base, they stumbled along over rock debris and thorny bushes.

Nick began calling out Maggie's name as they went.

"Maggie!" he yelled through his cupped hands. "Maggie, are you out there? Can you hear me?"

Chris joined in and began calling out Evie's name as well.

Les listened to them calling, but didn't join in. He used that opportunity to see if he could hear any returned calls or sounds. After Nick and Chris made several more calls to the women, he thought he heard a low pitched, deep growl, but couldn't be sure.

"Shh," he said to Nick and Chris. "Listen for a minute. I thought I heard a growl."

They all froze in their tracks. No one moved a muscle as they listened intently for any noise, but nothing came. Just the sound of the wind gently rustling the trees behind them and the occasional twitter of a bird.

After several long moments, they resumed their search and began calling out for the women again.

They eventually had to change directions when they got to a place where huge boulders blocked their path and they were unable to go around them.

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

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

# A KING'S RANSOM

By Carol Hall



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# Oakdale's Norris Flies High in Peter Pan Jr. at the Cumberland County Playhouse



Joining the talented troupe of volunteer youth and teen triple threat performers as they bring the magic of this classic tale to the stage is 13-year-old Oakdale native Sarah Kate Norris. Sarah is one of the two young girls portraying female protagonist Wendy Darling. "Peter Pan Jr." is her seventh CCP production, having previously played such roles as Molly in "Annie" (2018), Jemima Potts in "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr." (2020) and Kathy Cratchit in "Scrooge" (2021).



Running February 18 – March 27 on the Mainstage, "Peter Pan Jr" is rated G and is sponsored by Crossville Tile Outlet. Tickets can be purchased online at [ccplayhouse.com](http://ccplayhouse.com) or by calling the Playhouse Box Office at (931) 484-5000.

By Julia Norris

On February 18, The Cumberland County Playhouse kicked off their 2022 season with "Peter Pan Jr." on the Mainstage. In this familiar tale, Peter and his mischievous fairy sidekick, Tinkerbell, visit the nursery of the Darling children late one night and, with a sprinkle of pixie dust, begin a magical journey across the stars that none of them will ever forget. It's the perfect show for the child in all of us...who dreamed of soaring high and never growing up.

All CCP productions are made possible through sponsor support, with additional support provided by the Tennessee Arts Commission, The National Endowment for the Arts, Playhouse media sponsor The Crossville Chronicle, and Playhouse Season Partners Plateau Pediatrics, Tim and Susan Tewalt, Ken and Grace Patton, Bob and Jaye Emrick, and Dr. Edward and Karen Thornblade.




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# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army Sergeant Gary Burnell Beikirch served our great country honorably during the Vietnam War. He was assigned to Detachment B-24, Company B, 5th Special Forces Group (AIRBORNE), 1st Special Forces.

On April 1, 1970 Sgt. Beikirch went above and beyond the call of duty by risking his own life to save the lives of those whom served beside in hellacious combat.

On October 15, 1973, Sgt. Beikirch was awarded the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Richard M. Nixon for his actions on April 1, 1970.

Sgt. Beikirch's Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sgt. Beikirch, medical aidman, Detachment B-24, Company B, distinguished himself during the defense of Camp Dak Seang. The allied defenders suffered a number of casualties as a result of an intense, devastating attack launched by the enemy from well-concealed positions surrounding the camp. Sgt. Beikirch, with complete disregard for his



personal safety, moved unhesitatingly through the withering enemy fire to his fallen comrades, applied first aid to their wounds and assisted them to the medical-aid station. When informed that a seriously injured American officer was lying in an exposed position, Sgt. Beikirch ran immediately through the hail of fire. Although he was wounded seriously by fragments from an exploding enemy mortar shell, Sgt. Beikirch carried the officer to a medical aid station. Ignoring his own serious injuries, Sgt. Beikirch left the relative safety of the medical bunker to search for and evacuate other men who had been injured. He was again wounded as he dragged a critically injured Vietnamese

soldier to the medical bunker while simultaneously applying mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to sustain his life. Sgt. Beikirch again refused treatment and continued his search for other casualties until he collapsed. Only then did he permit himself to be treated. Sgt. Beikirch's complete devotion to the welfare of his comrades, at the risk of his life, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

San Jacinto County, Texas Deputy Constable Neil Adams was just a few hours from finishing his last shift at PlazAmericas on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 when he was shot and killed.

The 62-year-old law officer had been working mall security as an extra job. San Jacinto County Sheriff Greg Capers reported that Adams told his wife it was too dangerous. Wednesday was supposed to be his last day. He just had a few hours left from finishing his last shift at PlazAmericas when he was shot and killed.

A few minutes before 4:00 p.m., he was called to the Casanova Collezioni store for a disturbance involving a man identified by sources as 35-year-old Czyz Harrison. During the disturbance, Harrison managed to get ahold of Adams' gun and shot and killed him, said Houston Police Chief Troy Finner.

Minutes before the shooting, Harrison posted selfies on his social media. The final postings on his Instagram page show him trying on multiple outfits inside the store on his 35th birthday.

According to sources, something went



wrong when he tried to make a purchase and store staff called mall security. A short time later, Adams was shot and more gunfire followed.

"We heard five shots right there too and that's when we started just running to the back of the store," said one worker who shared cell phone video of gunshots. "There were kids here too, with families."

The worker who witnessed the gunfire said Adams was a constant presence at the

PlazAmericas mall, working as a security officer. Sheriff Capers was not sure how long he had worked the extra job. Precinct 1 Constable Roy Rogers, for whom Adams worked, said he had to work extra jobs to supplement his less than \$40,000 a year salary.

"It's a shame you can't make a living doing what you love doing," said Rogers.

Finner said Harrison, who identified himself as an MMA fighter and runs a nearby boxing gym, lunged at Houston Police Department officers, who responded to the scene, with a knife. The officers fired and Harrison died at the hospital.

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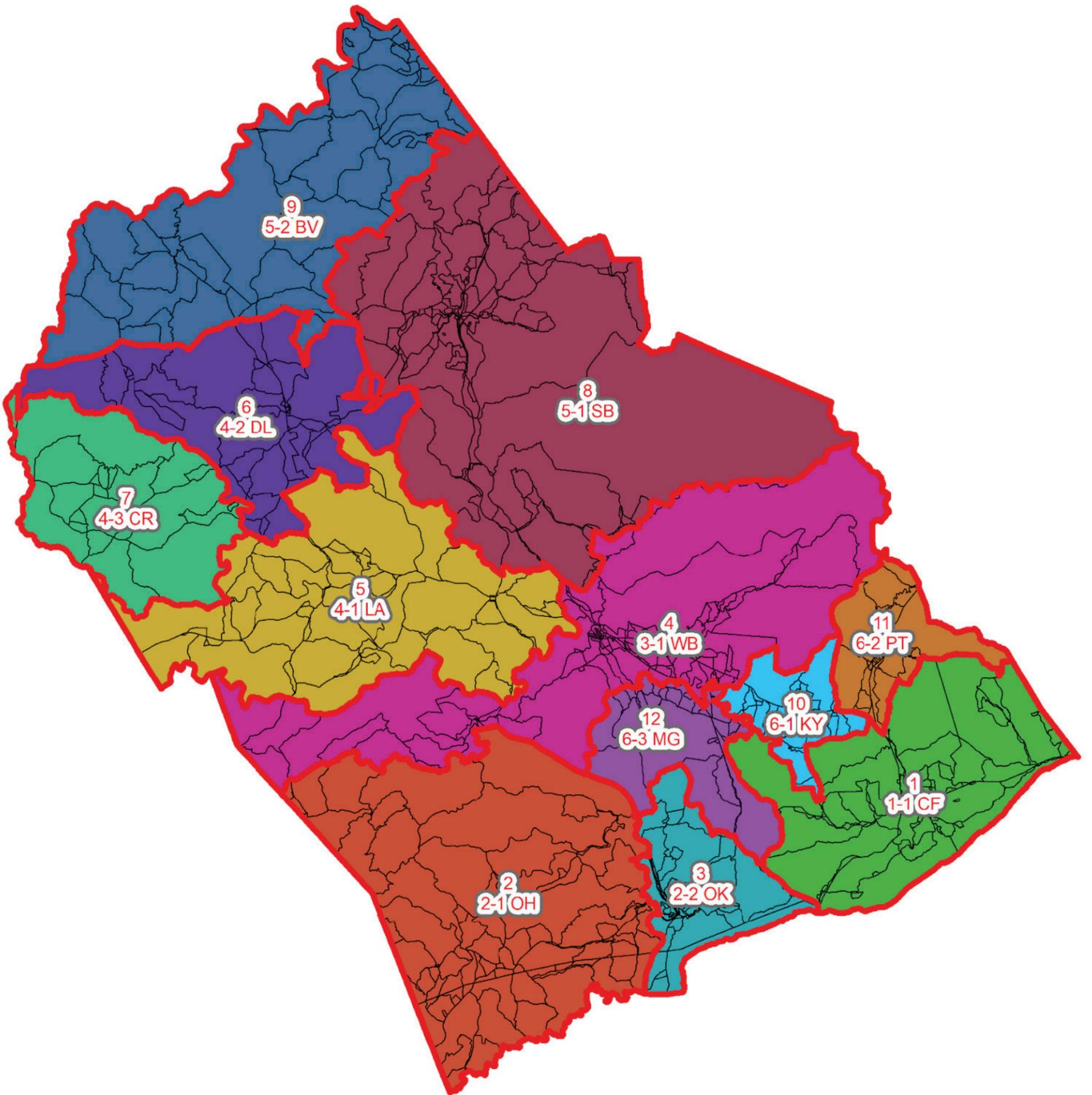
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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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 \* Sometimes, despite the cold weather outside, we're still looking for an icy treat inside. In my family's dessert experiments, we've come up with some doozies, but here's one you may not have tried: If you put pop-sicles in the blender, the creamy result tastes just like yummy sherbet. -- JoAnn

\* If your lunchbox could be fresher, here's a tip from S.W. in Texas: Spray a piece of bread with vinegar and zip it up in your lunchbox overnight to clear out smells.

\* "You don't need to buy a special brush to get at high ceilings and skylights: Simply cover a broom with a pillowcase to clean cobwebs off the ceiling. To clean a skylight, cover a mop with a double layer of paper towels or newspaper, and secure with clips. Spray the paper with window cleaner and heft it up!" -- M.E. in Arkansas

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

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 \* The movie "The Godfather" does not contain the words "mafia" or "la cosa nostra" because of a deal struck between the producer and the mafia.

\* Limping became a fad in Victorian England when young women admired the genuine limp of Alexandra of Denmark, bride of the Prince of Wales, and went around fake limping (the "Alexandra Limp."). Shopkeepers even sold pairs of shoes with one high and one low heel!

\* The stick -- as in a small tree branch -- was inducted into the U.S. National Toy Hall of Fame in 2008.

\* In 1858, a brawl involving

50 congressmen broke out on the U.S. House floor. It ended when someone knocked off a man's wig, which was then accidentally put on backwards, causing both sides to laugh and stop fighting.

\* God and Jesus are the only characters in "The Simpsons" to have five fingers on each hand and five toes on each foot.

\* New Zealand is not part of any of the world's seven recognized continents but is instead situated upon the submerged continent of Zealandia.

\* Former NASCAR driver Dick Trickle drilled a hole in the front of his safety helmet and installed cigarette lighters in his race cars so that he could smoke while racing. NASCAR permitted it during

race caution periods.

\* A startup company called Juicero lost \$120 million of investor money after customers realized the contents they put in their \$700 juicing machine, which squeezed bags of pre-sliced vegetables into juice, could actually be squeezed faster by hand.

\* In South Korea, children under 17 are banned from playing online games past midnight, which is monitored by their KSSN (Korean Social Security Number).

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 Thought for the Day: "To dare is to lose one's footing momentarily. To not dare is to lose oneself." -- Soren Kierkegaard

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\* "Here are two more uses for orange peels: Remove all labels and hard parts of the peels. Toss orange peels in a quart Mason jar. When full, fill with vinegar and set in warm place for two weeks. Strain into spray bottle, then discard peels. Makes an excellent disinfectant and ant killer. Or, dry orange peels. When crisp-dry, break into pieces and toss in a blender, then blend to a powder. Put in airtight container to sprinkle on fruit salads or use for orange zest." -- B.C. in New Hampshire

\* Pinprick hole in your rubber glove? Put the glove on and paint the hole with nail polish. It'll seal up a small hole, making the glove usable again.

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

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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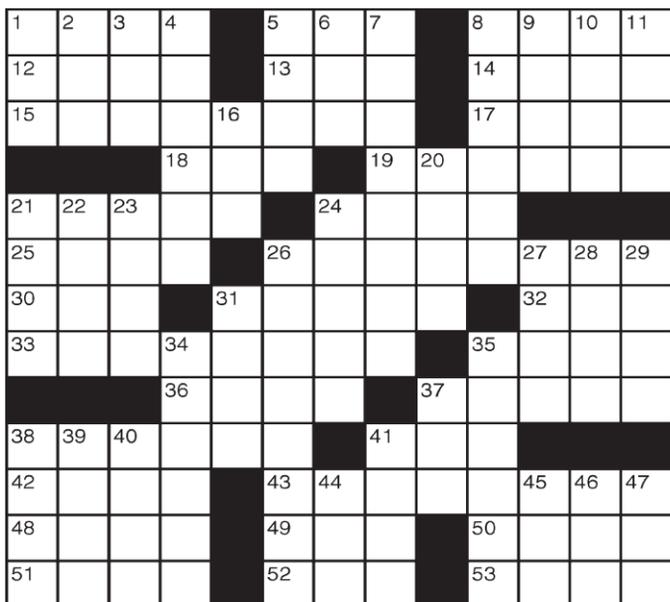
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**  
 ♦ Moderate    ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!  
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Offend
- 5 Vegas lead-in
- 8 Biting remark
- 12 Jacob's twin
- 13 Antlered animal
- 14 Latin love
- 15 Printout
- 17 Earring site
- 18 Roscoe
- 19 More slothful
- 21 Filled fully
- 24 — colada
- 25 Cupid's alias
- 26 Street vendor's vehicle
- 30 Sawbuck
- 31 Attorney's load
- 32 Bee follower
- 33 Barber's offerings
- 35 Panache
- 36 Aachen article
- 37 Utter impulsively
- 38 Architectural style
- 41 Hero sandwich
- 42 Actress Perlman
- 43 Ski lodge cupful
- 48 "A Room of — Own"
- 49 Prior night
- 50 Not so hot?



- 51 "Holy cow!"
- 52 Enervate
- 53 Trade
- DOWN**
- 1 "I'm not impressed"
- 2 "This — recording"
- 3 Distant
- 4 Fakes, as figures
- 5 Author Uris
- 6 Jungfrau, for one
- 7 Urban silhouettes
- 8 French novelist
- 9 Mine, to Marcel
- 10 Judicial garb
- 11 Rabbit's title
- 16 Cow's chaw
- 20 &&&&
- 21 Actor Rogen
- 22 Location
- 23 Singer Braxton
- 24 Stickum
- 26 Hindquarters
- 27 Rights advocacy org.
- 28 Bring up
- 29 Bivouac shelter
- 31 Roman 202
- 34 Go over again
- 35 Macaroni shapes
- 37 Tampa Bay NFLer
- 38 Pirate's drink
- 39 "It can't be!"
- 40 Golf props
- 41 Dance move
- 44 Eggs
- 45 Cornfield noise
- 46 Mouths (Lat.)
- 47 Music booster

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# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- EBG
- BOTMEN
- ♥ GEURA
- ♥ CDEI
- ♥ ALMGEN
- ♥ ODT
- ♥ AGTO
- ♥ DYEBA
- ♥ NSI
- ADEFLU
- TOALD
- ♥ TBSU

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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

## BLM is a Political, Moral and Policy Disaster

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The Democratic party is finally realizing its vulnerability on culture issues, and perhaps no group better exemplifies the problem than Black Lives Matter.

The group's eponymous slogan swept all before it in recent years. It was repeated by Democrats around the country. Corporate leaders paid obeisance to it. Sports leagues displayed it. Such was its totemic power that a more inclusive version of the three words -- all lives matter -- was considered a dangerous heresy.

The BLM agenda on criminal justice -- based on the idea fewer criminals should be arrested and held in jail -- took hold in blue jurisdictions, and the slogan "defund the police" got traction despite its utter impracticality and obvious political destructiveness.

Now, it's obvious how shortsighted and foolhardy all this was. The rise in violent crime is a clear and present danger to the Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, and progressive prosecutors allied with BLM who have pursued soft on crimes policies in the midst of a crime wave are under fire, facing either recalls or heavy criticism. BLM the group is continuing to find ways to underline its own extremism as it withers under scrutiny for its dodgy finances.

If a right-wing purveyor of internet misinformation wanted to discredit BLM and its allies, he couldn't do much better than concoct a story where a disturbed activist attempts to shoot and kill a local politician and immediately gets bailed out by his BLM brethren spouting cliched attacks on the criminal justice system.

It's what happened in Louisville, Kentucky, though. After 21-year-old Quintez Brown allegedly shot at -- and missed -- mayoral candidate Craig Greenberg, the BLM chapter in Louisville quickly posted his \$100,000 bail. From attempted murder to walking free a couple of days later is quite the turnaround.

The BLM organizer in Louisville, Chanelle Helm, explained it was necessary to bail out Brown because: "They are calling for this individual, this young man who needs support and help, to be punished to the full extent. It is a resounding message that people are down for the torture that has taken place in our jails and prisons."

Everyone agrees that Brown has mental health problems and needs treatment, but given the violent act he's accused of, common sense dictates that he receives it while confined.

In the wake of George Floyd's death, BLM's radicalism was very good business. The group's co-founder, Pattrisse Cullors, said the other day that the money raised itself, as practically every entity in America that wanted to bolster its "social justice" credentials tried to buy its way into BLM's good graces. "People have to know we didn't go out and solicit the money," Cullors explained. "This is money that came from white guilt, white corporation guilt, and they just poured money in."

If that sounds a tad defensive, it's because BLM raised \$90 million in 2020 and it's unclear who has stewardship of the funds or how they're being spent. BLM has gone from a sainted group to one that's on the run. California and Washington have ordered BLM to stop fundraising in those states and, in a telling symbolic blow, impeccably woke Amazon has kicked BLM off its charity platform, AmazonSmile. Cullors has the explanation that you'd expect for the new focus on BLM's lack of financial controls -- "anti-Black racism." Yes, good accounting is racist, now.

Democrats wonder how they can blunt GOP attacks on culture issues and believe that if they explain their positions better, they'll be fine. But the party is positioned so far left that it needs bold gestures. If it wanted to send an unmistakable signal of change, it would denounce the leadership of BLM, call for investigations into its finances, declare that the group's priorities aren't those of the Democratic Party, and wear the ensuing furor from the left as a badge of honor.

But Democrats won't do that and can't do that -- which is why they are in such trouble.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Enjoy Taste of Summer With Tomato Pie

It tastes like summer when it's not. Looks like pizza, but it's not. So, what is it? Tomato pie! It's our new family favorite for a winter supper when we long for something with a fresh and zesty Italian flavor. I serve it with a healthy green salad and crunchy French bread. Hungry yet?

Just pick up fresh tomatoes, garlic cloves and rub some fresh basil leaves between your fingers, and be transported to a warmer season as you prepare a tasty meal with your kids.

#### TOMATO PIE

- 1 9-inch refrigerated ready-made pie crust, or prepare an easy homemade crust (see below)
- 1 1/3 cups shredded Italian-blend cheese or mozzarella
- 2 - 4 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons fine dry Italian-season breadcrumbs
- 2 pounds fresh ripe tomatoes, cut into slices or wedges (about 6 cups)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

#### Here's the fun:

1. Unfold pie crust. On a lightly floured surface, roll crust to a 12-inch circle. Place in a 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish. Flute edges with fingers. Bake according to product instructions until set and dry.
2. Remove from oven and sprinkle 1/3 cup cheese evenly over shell.

## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### Hidden Talent Found in Veterans Village

Another blast of arctic weather was expected any minute and David, the project manager for the tiny homes in the Veterans Village, pushed the trades to bring all three homes under roof before the storm hit. Everyone hustled, knowing that lunch would be provided as soon as they finished their part of the work.

Sarge stood in the coffee shop kitchen talking to one of the veterans employed as a carpenter assistant, who basically carried, toted and measured.

"Can you put together some burgers and coffee for the guys coming in?" Sarge asked. "Nothing fancy, just hot food."

"That I can," the carpenter said and got to work pulling ingredients out of the cabinets and fridge.

David blew through the back door, looking for his lost employee. Sarge explained: burgers, coffee, hungry guys.

David nodded and stood watching his carpenter expertly flip burgers, add a pinch of cinnamon

Sprinkle garlic and 2 teaspoons of crumbs over cheese. Top with one third of the tomato wedges or slices. Let kids repeat sequence to form three layers topped with the remaining 1/3 cup of cheese. It will be full!

3. Sprinkle with salt and bake in a 375 F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until tomatoes are just starting to brown. Remove from oven and place on a wire rack.

4. Sprinkle with basil leaves. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.



This may look like pizza, but it's not.

#### ALTERNATE HOMEMADE CRUST

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- Pinch of salt

1. Place the cream cheese and butter in a large bowl. Add flour and salt. Work together with a pastry blender. Gather the soft dough into a ball with your hands and press into a 9-inch pie pan. This is a perfect job for your child to do. Simply set the ball in the middle of the pan, and press the dough out in all directions to extend slightly over the rim. Flute the edges with fingers. Prick holes with fork. Bake at 425 F for 8 minutes, then follow step 2 above.

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

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to the coffee pot and create a crudite platter with three different dips. "He looks pretty darn confident in this kitchen," David whispered to Sarge. "Notice that?"

Sarge called out to the carpenter veteran. "Son, what was your MOS in the Army?"

The veteran turned and smiled, spatula in hand. "MOS 92G, sir," he said. "Culinary Specialist."

David scratched his head. "Then what are you doing working as a carpenter assistant?"

"Taking care of my family," the carpenter replied as he moved a burger onto a toasted bun. "I got two kids. Moved here and didn't know anybody. You had a job. I needed one."

Sarge pulled out his phone, tapping numbers. "I got a cook here," he said when the call was answered, "in the guise of a junior wanna-be assistant carpenter. How much could this boy be making at your restaurant? He's Army trained, so he'll need a good salary ..."

Ten minutes later, Sarge came back down the stairs and handed the carpenter a piece of paper. "You got an interview tomorrow for sous chef ... whatever that is."

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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Malachi in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. How many times was Naaman dipped into the Jordan River when healed of leprosy? 1, 2, 4, 7
3. In the new creation, the wolf shall feed with the ... ? *Children, Fishes, Lamb, Ox*
4. Which prophet referred to hell the most often? *Amos, Jonah, Habakkuk, Isaiah*
5. What did Noah begin to be after the flood? *Husbandman, Shepherd, Carpenter, Teacher*
6. 1 Peter 5 compares Satan to what animal? *Serpent, Roaring lion, Beheaded calf, Horse*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 7; 3) Lamb; 4) Isaiah; 5) Husbandman; 6) Roaring lion

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## Comfort foods

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by Healthy Exchanges

### On-a-Budget Tuna Loaf

Just because your pocketbook might be empty — with having to pay higher gasoline prices — doesn't mean that you have to eat like you're broke! Look inside your cupboards and you'll probably find that you have most (if not all) these ingredients already on hand.

- 2 (6-ounce) cans white tuna, packed in water, drained and flaked
- 3/4 cup dried breadcrumbs
- 1 cup finely diced celery
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sweet pickle relish

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine tuna, breadcrumbs, celery, onion, mayonnaise and pickle relish. Pat mixture into prepared baking dish.

2. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and continue baking for 20 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Makes 4 servings. Freezes well.

• Each serving equals: 236 calories, 4g fat, 23g protein, 27g carb., 823mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 3 Meat, 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Vegetable.

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### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## Historically Speaking Oak Ridge Associated Universities Museum of Radiation and Radioactivity – a most unique collection

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

This Historically Speaking column is intended to introduce readers to one of Oak Ridge's prized museums that is not usually included when I mention Heritage Tourism assets in the "Secret City" of Oak Ridge. The reason I do not include it is that the museum is used for training and research purposes and not intended for public access. It is in a controlled area and security requirements prevent casual access by the public.

The Museum of Radiation and Radioactivity was created and is operated by Oak Ridge Associated Universities as an educational and research facility. The artifacts are owned by the ORAU Foundation. The museum is located on ORAU's South Campus in the Health Physics Training facility at the corner of Bethel Valley Road and Pumphouse Road. There it is an integral part of Health Physics training programs. The entire museum collection is available online at: <https://www.orau.org/health-physics-museum/>

The museum exists to chronicle the scientific and commercial history of radioactivity and radiation. It has been deemed the official repository for historical radiological instruments by the Health Physics Society. While the original purpose of the museum was to capture the history of Health Physics instrumentation, many other most interesting and unique radiation related artifacts are also included.

Among the unusual items are: Atomic Toys (an Atomic Train, a box of Atomic Fire Balls candy, an Atomic Robot Man, a model Simpson's Nuclear Waste Truck, and even the first issue of the Atomic Bunny comic book); Consumer Products (Fiesta ware, Depleted Uranium dice, Vaseline and Uranium glassware, and Check-up Gum); and many more technical instruments and historical artifacts.

The item Frank Munger found fascinating when he was given a tour, a few years ago before his retirement, for his Knoxville News Sentinel Atomic City Underground, [http://knoxblogs.com/atomiccity/2012/01/20/worlds\\_best\\_collection\\_of\\_ever/](http://knoxblogs.com/atomiccity/2012/01/20/worlds_best_collection_of_ever/) was a most unusual one. It is a special set of eyeglasses lens that were said to help eye conditions by being worn 10 minutes twice a day and keeping the eyes closed when wearing them. Here is a link to these "glasses" on display in the museum: <https://www.orau.org/health-physics-museum/collection/radioactive-quack-cures/pills-potions-and-other-miscellany/degnens-radio-active-eye-applicator.html>

Paul Frame is the key person who has led the creation of the most unusual museum collection I have ever seen. I have been privileged to be able to tour the museum and have taken a few people there who had special reasons for gaining access. It is my hope that this unusual museum may one day be available to the public through organized tours. But for now, online access is the best and only public option.

Paul says of his involvement in creating such an outstanding unique collection, "When I joined Professional Training Programs (then located on Laboratory Road) as an instructor in 1984/85 I went about opening closets and drawers to get an idea of where things were and what we had. In the process I ran across some old, ca 1930 x-ray tubes. Thinking these might be of interest to the course participants, I requested a display

cabinet for the tubes and other items related to the course material.

"Roger Cloutier, who oversaw Professional Training Programs, arranged for the case with the admonition that I do not get any ideas, but I didn't know what he meant since I had no ideas. Shortly thereafter, I started getting offers



Alan Lowe shows how this machine examined a person's foot to get the proper fitting shoe (Photo Submitted)



The radium glasses tried on by Frank Munger (Photo Submitted)



Trinitite from the Trinity Site of the first atomic explosion (Photo Submitted)

of donations from the participants. This led to me researching the history behind the displayed items so that the latter were not simply objects in a case. That was the beginning. I can't remember the exact date, but the collection moved to the Scarboro facility around 2005. That move was a lot of work but not so much for me – Howard McCloud and Marsha Worthington did the heavy lifting.

The collection has always been in a Department of Energy facility. As you know, access for members of the public has become more problematic since 9/11. In the past we had regular displays at AMSE. We also had displays at Health

Physics Society meetings (e.g., 1995 in Boston – celebrating 100th anniversary of the discovery of x-rays and radioactivity), and displays in Washington DC at the National Building Museum, etc. etc. It was a lot of trouble. There was no money to do this. Items got broken or lost. Arranging such displays sounds nice if you are not the one doing it.

"However, the collection can be seen online by anyone who can access the internet. When parts of the collection were at AMSE (for example) the audience was limited to those who knew about the exhibit and could get there. And they would be charged admission.

"The website describing the collection has a much larger potential audience, it is free, and the online descriptions are more informative than what you could put on a card in a display case. Because of the online availability, we frequently get permission requests to use photographs of various items in books, displays, presentations, etc.

"Also, I often get requests for help/information from the public. Today I responded to an email from someone trying to find a home for a major collection of x-ray equipment. Yesterday I responded to an email from a woman who accidentally ran a piece of uranium glass through her washer and drier.

"A major audience is found in the various state and federal radiation protection programs – these folks often encounter unknown radioactive items as part of their job, and they use the website to help identify these objects. This is just one of many ways the collection is used.

Pam Bonee, ORAU's Director, Communications and Marketing, realizes the importance of this unusual museum for training purposes. Without the actual equipment and components of radiation instrumentation to view, students would have trouble envisioning the history of radiation research and development over the years. She agreed to do this article to help the public also better realize some of the history of radiation and radioactivity through virtual access online.

Oak Ridge Associated Universities has recently upgraded the website: <https://www.orau.org/health-physics-museum/> which will take you to the entire collection online with exceptional descriptions for each unique item.

You will want to take time to examine this phenomenal collection which is now more user friendly and inviting online. I have enjoyed it and found the website to be state-of-the-art and amazingly well done.

This museum is yet another example of the extraordinary resources available to researchers and training programs in Oak Ridge. ORAU provides innovative scientific and technical solutions for the U.S. Department of Energy and other federal agencies to advance national priorities in science, health, and education. This is done by integrating academic, government and scientific resources globally. ORAU is recognized as an organization that produces results when national and global priorities require innovative scientific and technical solutions.

I am pleased to bring you readers insights and online access to this marvelous and unique resource of Health Physics related artifacts contained in our most unusual museum. Enjoy your virtual tour by going online at: <https://www.orau.org/health-physics-museum/>



**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

## Deer Lodge Boys Take a Trip They Will Never Forget

I was a first-year teacher in 1962-63 when the principal of Deer Lodge School came to me and said he would coach the girls in basketball and I would coach the boys.

He didn't ask me if I wanted to coach the boys, he told me. I told him the only thing I knew about basketball was that the ball was round and it bounced better than a football.

I don't think we had any tall boys in the 7th and 8th grade, but we sure had some tall girls. I wanted to say, "Now Charlie you've got the tall players so why don't we go half and half." All I could hope for is some fast boys with some basketball skills.

I couldn't remember when the elementary basketball season started but I did know that we played all the elementary schools in the county. Wartburg should be the best team because they had a lot more boys, and some of them were taller. Stone Hennessee had asked Gene Buxton, a real coach to lead them. I had heard about the school in the far western part of the county by the name of Chestnut Ridge and how good their girls' team was. They were little but they wore loud.

I think I met with the eight boys who wanted to play sometime in October. I said, "boys I was hoping for some seven footers or at least six footers, but we'll do the best we can do. One thing for certain we'll have some fun and maybe win some games.

I asked, "how many of you have played in a real basketball game?" About every one of them raised their hand. I think about five of them were 7th or 8th graders. I was hoping that at least one of them would be a good leader.

My job in the classroom was my major focus, but I knew I had to learn something about basketball so I wouldn't embarrass the school. I had three of the boys in class and I asked Kenny Davis if they had a good team last year? He said, "Mr. Redmon I can't remember but I think we won about half the games." So, I was going to shoot for 60%. I could say I beat the team the year before. Kenny said we have a good guard who is fast and can dribble the ball. I asked, "can he shoot?" He said, "most of the time."

I got the boys together and asked them how many could come out on Saturday mornings to practice? We had a good little gym and at the time I was unmarried with a lot of free weekends.

I ended up driving sixteen miles one way to Deer Lodge many weekends. The kids loved it and I didn't mind it at all. As a matter of fact, I went out many times after the basketball season was over. These were well behaved kids who had little organized sports, who really appreciated me

opening the gym for them.

It didn't take me long to figure out who would be the starters, but everybody would get to play. As a student in elementary school too many times I had seen students be passed over because they lacked the skills to play. Its no fun to be a bench-sitter.

I cannot remember many of the scores of the ball games but our boys did okay. Brent Morgan was the leader that I hoped for. He was fast and he could dribble better than most high school boys. He did lose the ball some but I've noticed that so do the players at U.T.



1962-63 Deer Lodge Basketball Team - 24 - Jerry Robinson, 10 - Brent Morgan, 12 - Kenny Davis, 14 - Billy Jones, 11 - Mike Hurst, 20 - Rex Hohn, Back Row Middle - Unknown, and Back Row Right - David Lavender (Photo Submitted)

I remember when we played Lancing, we never did get to play a full boys' game. We would be in the 4th quarter and Lancing could get two points ahead and their coach would stop the game and say it's getting late so you need to get back to Deer Lodge before time for school lets out. The truth was we had plenty of time, but no one said anything. It was my first year in the system so it was not my place to say anything with our principal there.

When the season was over, I asked the boys if they would like to go see a college game of basketball and around five of them said they would. I was dating a coed from Cookeville who I went to see often. I had been in touch with her and got the dates of the next three home games Tennessee Tech would be playing.

I met with the five boys and gave them the date of the game. It was on a Friday night and Tech would be playing Eastern Kentucky. I gave each of the boys a letter with all the details of the trip; the date and the time we would be leaving and what time we would be back at the school where their parents would pick them up. The let-

ter was to be signed and returned to school. The five boys who were to go with me were Jerry Robinson, Brent Morgan, Kenny Davis, Rex Hohn, and Mike Hurst.

I could tell the boys were excited when they got into the car. At the time there was no interstate highway so we went on Hwy 62 to Monterey and hit Hwy 70 there. As we drove to Cookeville I thought back when I was the age of these five boys (10-13 years old) and how little traveling I had done. I had been to Harriman in Roane County and that was it. I hadn't seen a college basketball game until I went to LMU in 1955 when I was eighteen-years-old. That thought struck me, these boys probably like I was, had not been out of the county much and if they had it wasn't to see a ball game.

We went by the dorm to pick Wonda up. We had to park a good way from the gym. I believe the boys were floating on air as we walked to where the 6,000-seat gym was located. Now this was nothing like the Thompson-Boling Arena at the University of Tennessee but as we walked into the gym, I looked at the faces of all the boys and their eyes were as big as saucers. You would have thought that they had entered Madison Square Gardens in New York City. We all sat together in the bleachers and the boys were sitting there like they were students. I've never seen students so quiet at a ball game.

I told the boys this is where I went to college before I went into the Navy and this is where I'll return this summer. One boy said, "boy Mr. Redmon it sure is a big college."

I asked if they were scared, after all this was their first trip away from home without their parents or relatives. I think a couple of them said a little but this is something else. I believe by half time their feet had finally touched the ground.

I don't remember who won the game that November night in 1962. That is not the important thing that happened that night. The important thing was that five Deer Lodge boys had experienced something that they would remember the rest of their lives. If you were to ask them what was the most exciting thing that happened to them that they remember about Deer Lodge School I'm pretty sure they would say the trip to Tennessee Tech to see a basketball game.

I have some fond memories of my only experience in coaching. I can close my eyes and see Brent Morgan, the flash, taking the ball down the court and some of the other boys scrambling for the loose ball.

I taught school thirty-three-years, both elementary and high school, and I found out that the extra things you did with the kids is what makes your special memories.

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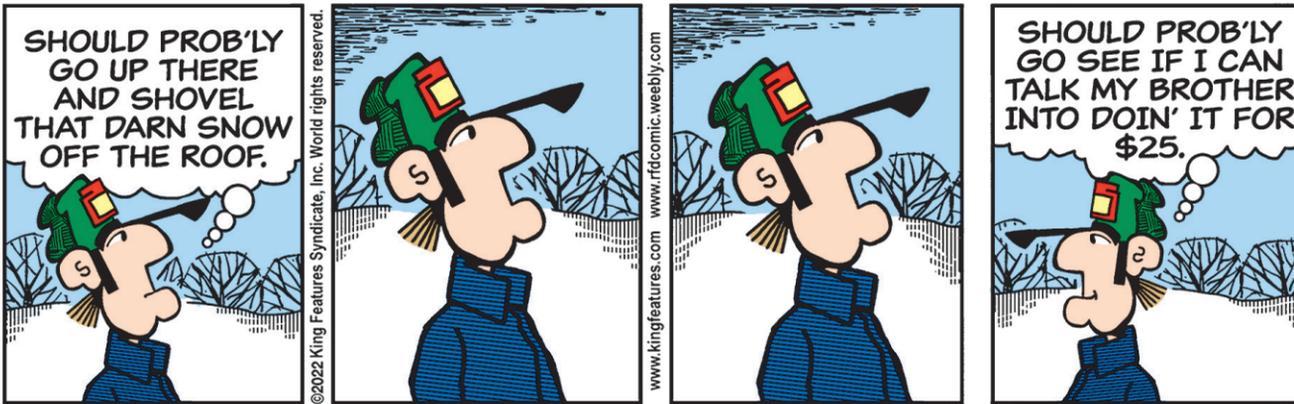
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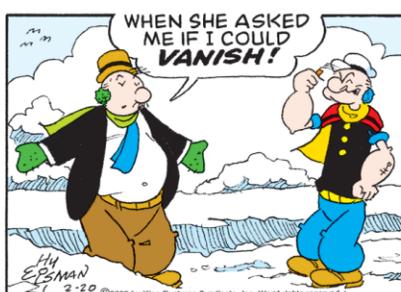
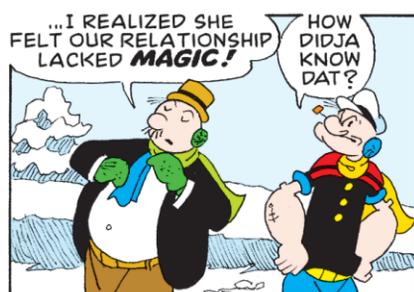
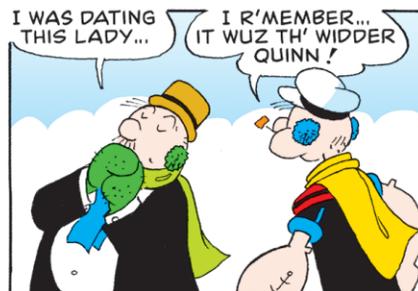
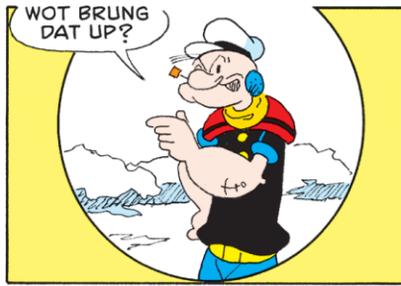
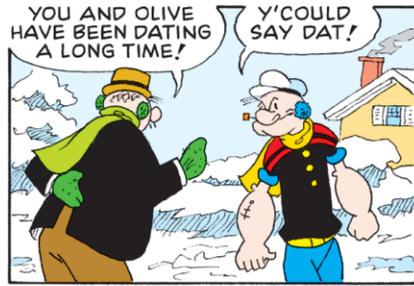
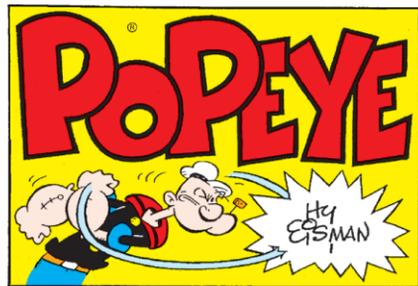
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# MOMENTS IN TIME

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 \* On March 17, 1601, the first parade honoring the Catholic feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is held in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City was held in 1762.

\* On March 20, 1823, Ned Buntline, the "dime millionaire" and discoverer of Buffalo Bill, is born. More than any single writer, Buntline was responsible for creating a romanticized and misleading image of the American West. He once said, "I found that to make a living I must write 'trash' for the masses."

\* On March 18, 1852, in New York City, Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with other investors to launch their namesake business. In July 1852, their company Wells Fargo shipped its first loads of freight from the East Coast to mining camps in northern California.

\* On March 15, 1901, paintings by the late Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh are shown in Paris, causing a sensation across the art world. Van Gogh had died by suicide, and in his lifetime he had sold only one painting.

\* On March 19, 1916, eight Curtiss "Jenny" planes of the First Aero Squadron take off from Columbus, New Mexico, in the first combat air mission in U.S. history. They flew in support of the 7,000 U.S. troops who invaded Mexico to capture revolutionary leader Pancho Villa.

\* On March 16, 1945, the west Pacific volcanic island of Iwo Jima is declared secured by the U.S. military after weeks of fierce fighting. More than 6,000 Marines died fighting for the island, along with almost all the 21,000 Japanese defenders

\* On March 14, 1950, the FBI institutes the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list. Since its debut, hundreds of criminals on the list have been apprehended or located, many as a result of tips from the public.

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## 2 Corinthians: Chapter 7

(2 Cor. 7:1) An appeal for cleansing: Blessings ought to motivate obedience, and Paul makes this point. Having already received wonderful promises (6:17-18), they were to cleanse themselves (obedient response in accessing divine cleansing power) of defilement, both of flesh and spirit, bringing holiness to a state of maturity in profound reverence for God. Note the distinction between “flesh” and “spirit.” Man is not wholly mortal as materialists suppose. “Flesh” stands for carnal appetites. Some of the Corinthian brothers, under Greek influence, felt it was permissible to indulge the flesh so long as the spirit remained genuine. Divine cleansing would occur only when the offenders submitted to the conditions for such. In the case of erring Christians, this would require repentance (sorrow for sin and a resolution to change) and prayer (Acts 8:22).

(2 Cor. 7:2-4) An appeal for reciprocal affection: The apostle appeals tenderly to those who may have fallen under the influence of the anti-Paul faction. “Open your hearts to me; we have not wronged, corrupted, or taken advantage of anyone, as we have been charged.” He was not trying to be harsh; they were in his heart, to live or die together (v. 3). He does not hesitate to speak highly of this church. He is comforted by what he knows concerning most of them, and even in his affliction his heart overflows with joy when contemplating.

(2 Cor. 7:5-16) The effect of his earlier letter: When he came into Macedonia, the same sort of afflictions he had endured elsewhere (in Ephesus) (1:8) and Troas (2:2-13) continued to plague him, surrounding him on every side. There were adversities externally and emotional stresses internally (v. 5). Nevertheless, the God of comfort blessed him by the providential arrival of Titus (for whom he had been so concerned) (2:13). His comfort was compounded by the news Titus brought of the love the Corinthian saints had for their “father” in the gospel (1 Cor. 4:15). They missed him, were sad for him, and were still zealous about him (6-7).

Paul brings up the matter of his former epistle. An older generation of scholars viewed this as 1 Corinthians; others hold it to be a lost letter. The difference does not affect the principle. He acknowledges the epistle caused them sorrow (which he temporarily regretted with natural human emotion), but no longer does, for it made them sorrowful (for a sufficient period of time), producing a deeper sorrow,

that of a godly nature, that produced the fruit of their repentance (for their lack of discipline regarding the fornicating brother (1 Cor. 5).

Genuine sorrow for sin, motivated by a love for God, will motivate and activate a change of conduct necessary for forgiveness (Mt. 3:8). True repentance, even for the straying child of God, is “unto salvation” (v. 10)---clear testimony that it is possible for a Christian to fall away and lose his salvation. It is strange indeed how Calvinist expositors can write as if this text were not even there. There is a difference in godly sorrow and worldly sorrow, which produces no fruit (as in the case of Judas (Mt. 27:3-5) and worldly sorrow, which produces no fruit (as in the case of Judas (Mt. 27:3-5) and yields only “death” (eternal separation from God (Rom. 6:23).

Their godly sorrow issued in such wonderful results--for the offender, for themselves, and for Paul. They truly had exonerated themselves (v. 11). The apostle wanted them to realize that his letter had not been solely (the sentence is elliptical) concerned for the worldly brother, or even his offended victim; it also was motivated by his desire that their care for him might be invigorated and that God might be pleased (v 12). He wanted them to know he had been “comforted” even more by the good news from Titus that, while he was among them, they wonderfully refreshed his spirit (v. 13). Paul hints that he had bragged on the Corinthian church to Titus, and their embracing of him demonstrated that the apostle’s confidence had been well placed. His whole association with Corinth had been in the interest of truth, both his teaching and actions, and their response had confirmed his high regard of them. Titus agreed with this assessment (v. 14).

The respect of Titus for the Corinthian church had grown significantly (suggesting he likely had some earlier trepidation). “His affection is truly genuine and he constantly remembers (the verbal force) how obedient you were to his instruction, so they graciously received him with deep respect and trembling (in the prospect of divine punishment).” Paul was overjoyed and was encouraged at the prospect of this church.

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*When he was in distress, he entreated the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. When he prayed to Him, He was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.*

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# For If Thou Hold Thy Peace



**John Burns**

**Opinion Columnist**

In Esther 3, Haman has convinced Ahaseurus that the Jews are a people who will not follow the kings' decree for it violates the law of their God. Ahaseurus has no idea that Haman is targeting his wife, and his most loyal Jewish advisor, Mordecai.

Esther had waited the time allotted for her purification, which under the Medo-Persians, was twelve moon cycles. She enjoyed a commonality with Ahaseurus which was

as simple as how they each rendered time. The Persians and Jews had twelve lunar months making a lunar year. Ahaseurus continued the traditions of Babylon.

When Ahaseurus' decree to kill all of the Jews within his realm, word gets to Mordecai who does the Jewish thing, and exhibits a voluntary humility in donning sackcloth and ashes. This is how a Hebrew was taught to mourn openly. He approaches the king's gate to hopefully get word to Esther that her time has now come, to rescue her people from the coming inquisition. If she remains quiet, then all of the Jews would be killed.

This is where Esther became an allusion to the true Christian church of Jesus Christ. Always willing to defend the plans of God, to include the Jewish people, even if it means we should be killed with them. Esther was now willing to reveal her faith and lineage to save her people. Would you do the same as a Christian? Persecution is your lot. Your rewards outweigh living in the flesh!

In 1932 Adolph Hitler came to power in Germany. He too was an Amalakite. He was descended from evil king Haman. Once again God raised up an Esther, and it was not the denominational or Catholic church in Germany. Their silence led to the murder of 6 million Jewish men, women and children and Christian pulpits were silent! Shame on us.

The modern Esther was the true bride of Christ who waged war on Haman. They came from Puritan America, Christian Rome, and Jewish believers in God's plan from throughout the world. If Hitler would not have been stopped, Israel would never have fulfilled God's will for them as a nation. God saw it all coming. The Nazis, were prophesied to reappear in the book of Esther. They still have not been killed to the last Amalakite!

The future will see another Amalakite seize the throne of revived Rome very soon. He will unite the ancient Babylonian religion of moon worshippers, with western sun worshippers, and the cult of Abednego. This is the illusion to Lucifer, who controls pagan government in any form. He will unite under the banner of the Shahada of Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the Shiite Mufti in Mosul Iraq, as they convince the world it is time for peace in Israel.

Ten Arab nations will unite with the Eagles of every nation on earth to stop the plans of God. Their headquarters will be Babylon on the Euphrates. This is the true reason American presidents wage war in Iraq, Syria, and the Levant. To unite the Satanic trinity on earth from its religious center in Babylon. Their banners will all be Red, Black, White and Green. Just like the banners of the four horsemen of the apocalypse.

Revelation 13:2 reveals the ancient patterns united to stop the plans of God. The Lion is reference to ancient Babylon, both its religion and secular power held by its kings. The bear is a reference to Medo-Persia which devoured everything in its path to unifying 127 provinces from Ethiopia to India and north to Uzbekistan and Afghanistan. The Leopard is the reference to the Greek empire of Alexander the Great. No need to mention the voracious last beast of Rome in its second advent. The Romans were Greek pilgrims who settled the Italian peninsula in 653 BC. Everything Roman became everything

Greek with Latin names and latinized priests.

Rome is the empire with the symbol of the Eagle. It encompasses everywhere the Roman influence of empire has gone. Russia, Turkey, Germany, Eastern Europe, England, France, Africa, America, and every other nation that was settled under the banner of the Roman Eagle.

The delusion is that we do not understand the eagles are gathering right before our eyes for the final showdown in Israel with the God of creation.

Esther has a problem that Mordecai warns her will not save her as a Jewish queen. The king's decree was absolute and could never be rescinded under Persian law unless it affected the entire realm. She could not even approach the king unless he extended the scepter to receive her into his inner chamber.

God prepares the heart of Ahaseurus once again, and he will eventually receive Esther to hear her appeal. Esther turns out to be a cunning woman, no doubt under the influence of God's Holy Spirit. But not before Ahaseurus remembers Mordecai and his loyalty, further infuriating the enemy, Haman.

Ahaseurus poses a question of Haman his number one advisor. He asks Haman what should be done with a man who has served the king with incredible loyalty. Haman is blinded by pride thinking he is to be the recipient of the king's gratitude.

He gives a response that highlights why church and state should be separate. He believes the man should receive what Esther is endowed with, up to half of Ahaseurus kingdom. The Church hordes incredible wealth and property. While the world around them does not receive Jesus Christ's mercy and grace. Blasphemy!

Esther comes up with her own plan as Mordecai is rewarded by Ahaseurus for saving his life in an earlier plot. Esther plans to have a banquet for Haman and Ahaseurus. Once again Haman's pride blinds him to the possibility that Esther is up to something. As a Jewish queen, and believer in YHWH, Esther would have had her Jewishness on display through dietary restrictions and how she dressed.

Haman never catches on that Esther too is Jewish to his own future peril. The Church of Jesus Christ in all of its forms has done the same thing in not recognizing the Jewish nature of our Messiah. The time for repentance, and return to the understanding God's plans for the Jewish people is right now!

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

He is alive forevermore and returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 1-29-2021

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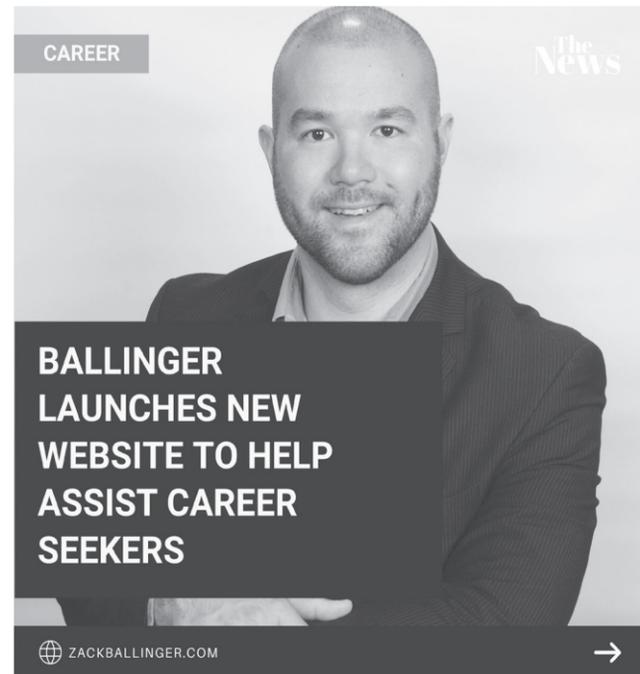
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# Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

## I Didn't Get The Job, Now What? Part 3



One hiring manager was really honest and told me that I didn't have enough experience for the job. He went on to say if I had a couple more years of work experience, he would have considered extended an offer of employment. Another hiring manager wanted to hire me, but there was an internal candidate who beat me out.

I was runner-up and he would consider me for later job opportunities because he thought I was a strong candidate.

If I had blown up in frustration, it would not have done any good. What if I hadn't called him and asked him for feedback? If he had another opening, the possibility he would call me back would be very slim. He recommended me to a hiring manager at his company. A few months later, I interviewed and was extended a job offer. I still have his phone number and, to this day, we communicate on a frequent basis.

I want to give you a quick and easy summary of why it is critical to reach out to a hiring manager when you don't get a job offer.

People decline job offers all the time. A manager may identify the two best candidates. One will be named the winner and the other, the runner-up. If the number one candidate declines the job offer, the runner-up is next in line.

Forming a relationship with a hiring manager can lead you to other opportunities or positions in the future. If the hiring manager thinks you're a good candidate, they may be more apt to tell their colleagues about you and recommend you to another organization. If the company is growing and more positions open up, you may be

first in line to be considered for the job.

They can offer you constructive feedback **Zack Ballinger** on what you did right and wrong in the interview process. Don't be defensive when they offer you feedback. The hiring manager will be apprehensive to provide feedback if the candidate becomes argumentative. Even if you don't agree with what they are saying, refrain from commenting. Learn from the hiring manager. Take notes on what they say and tell them you appreciate their time. Remember, they don't have to do this. Please note we live in a very litigious society. In other words, people are looking to bring a lawsuit for spilling their own hot coffee on themselves in the drive-thru at McDonalds. The hiring manager may not be able to offer you constructive feedback based on company policy. The company may fear a lawsuit on post-interview follow-up. All you can do is ask.

You create an opportunity to network with people inside the industry. Ask the hiring manager if he or she has any contacts or recommendations for your next job opportunity. Ask if you can add them to your Linked In connections and if they would be willing to consider you for future opportunities. If you came across as a strong candidate, they will likely be willing to help you.



### Light and Luscious Fish in a Flash

Sometimes I get requests for meal solutions that seem to ask the impossible. We need a dinner that's healthy, simple to prepare, fast enough to make on busy weeknight and so flavorful that it will please the whole family. Oh! And totally inexpensive! OK, I've gotcha covered.

I'd like you to meet my little friend, tilapia. A firm textured white fish so mild it takes on the flavor of any seasoning. Tilapia is the most popular fish around the globe. With over a billion pounds responsibly farm-raised annually, there's no risk of overfishing. I recommend buying frozen tilapia as the price is most affordable. At 185 calories and 34 grams protein per 6 ounce serving, this is a fish dinner winner!

Tilapia is best broiled, baked or pan fried. When it reaches 145 F, or it's opaque and flakes easily with a fork, it's done. When it comes to seasoning tilapia, the world is at your fingertips. Every culture has recipes using tilapia, so there are thousands of recipes floating around. You can substitute tilapia for most firm white fish in any recipe.

The quickest way to prepare tilapia is to broil it with a drizzle of olive

oil and a squeeze of lemon. Place the desired number of filets on a rimmed baking sheet and broil on HIGH for 5 minutes, or until the fish is done. Sprinkle on a few capers or fresh herbs, add a heap of steamed veggies and dinner is done.

To oven bake tilapia, preheat oven to 400 F. Place tilapia, seasoned as desired, on a rimmed baking sheet or baking dish for 12-15 minutes, or until the fish is done.

To add a crunchy coating to tilapia without frying, dip the filets in egg wash and cover in panko or seasoned breadcrumbs and bake as directed above. Add parmesan to the crumbs for a real treat.

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#### SKILLET TILAPIA WITH WARM AVOCADO SALSA

**Yield:** 4 servings **Time:** 25 minutes

- 1½ pounds tilapia fillets — about 4 pieces, thawed if frozen
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1½ tablespoons lime juice (See tip)

#### For Salsa:

- 1½ cups, or one large, or two

- small avocados, diced
- 2 tablespoons green onion, sliced
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, minced; or substitute parsley or your favorite herb

1½ tablespoons lime juice

**\*TIP** — If limes are cheap, juice fresh lime and add the zest. If they're off-season, use lime juice from concentrate. Both are delicious!

1. Heat a large non-stick skillet to medium. Mix melted butter with lime juice and brush both sides of the fish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. You won't use all the butter mixture. Place the remaining butter into the skillet. Add tilapia and cook for 4 minutes and carefully turn over. Cook 4 minutes more or until the fish is done. Remove to platter and keep warm.

2. Place the avocado, green onion, cilantro and lime juice into a small bowl, stir to combine. When you remove the fish, put the salsa into the skillet and stir it around to mingle with the pan juices until just warmed through. Serve the salsa over the fish. I like to serve this with brown rice and a green vegetable, or with warm tortillas like a fish taco.

**NOTE:** According to the FDA, 6 ounces is a serving, so 1 1/2 pounds makes four servings. My family's appetites are bigger than this, so I double the recipe and enjoy any leftovers for lunch the next day. Bon Appetit!

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## Americanisms



"We are monkeys with money and guns."  
— Tom Waits

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Columnist

## Correctly reconcile your advance Child Tax Credit for a faster refund

Making a mistake reporting your advance Child Tax Credit will increase the time it takes the IRS to process your return and delay your refund.

Some taxpayers have been making mistakes entering their advance Child Tax Credit when filing their tax returns due to various reasons.

Couples filing married jointly have made the mistake of entering the wrong amount of advance Child Tax Credit on their tax return. The IRS sends a Letter 6419 to both the husband and wife. The amounts from both letters must be entered on a joint return. Don't make the mistake of only including the amount from one letter.

A recent separation or divorce can also cause complications. If the couple is no longer filing married filing jointly, only one of the parents can claim a child. The credit can become more complex since both received the advance, but one parent may not be able to claim a child. Some people are making the mistake of thinking that they aren't required to enter the advance on their return if they gave the amount of their credit to the other spouse.

You must report the amount of the advance reported on your Letter 6419 even if you gave your advance to the other spouse. The IRS will correct the advance according to the amount reported on Letter 6419.

Some people can't find their Letter 6419 and incorrectly calculate the amount of their advance. If you can't find Letter 6419, you can use the IRS's Child Tax Credit Update Portal or your IRS Online Account. If you are a new user, you must create an account.

The IRS will not automatically figure the Child Tax Credit for you on your 2021 tax return. Use IRS Schedule 8812 to claim the Child Tax Credit.

If you make a mistake when determining the amount of your

Child Tax Credit on your 2021 tax return, the IRS will automatically fix that amount and correct your return. However, the correction will increase the time it takes to process your return and delay your refund.

The IRS will send you a letter explaining any change to the amount of Child Tax Credit that you claimed. If you have any questions about the change, call the number on the upper right side of the letter.

If the total amount of your advance Child Tax Credit is greater than the amount you are entitled to claim on your 2021 tax return, you may need to report the entire excess amount on your return. However, if you are eligible for repayment protection, you will not be required to repay some or all of your excess advance Child Tax Credit.

The full repayment protection amount is \$2,000 multiplied by the following:

The number of qualifying children that the IRS took into account in determining the IRS's initial estimate of your advance Child Tax Credit is less than the amount of your Child Tax Credit payments.

The number of qualifying children taken into account in determining the amount of Child Tax Credit that you can properly claim on your 2021 tax return.

The amount of the repayment protection will be reduced or phased out based on your modified Adjusted Gross Income.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Rebuilding Lost Muscle

*A show of hands: How many of us feel that we've lost muscle strength during the pandemic? Unfortunately, the answer is that many of us have, and we're going to have to fight to get it back.*

*There we were, with regular workout and walking routines, on top of all our other daily activities. Along came COVID and its "stay home" restrictions. There were no more early morning walks at the mall, no more visits to the gym for weight training, no more workout or dance classes ... not even any Tai Chi at the senior center. And there went our muscle mass.*

*Getting back to where we were is going to be tough ... but we need to try. Here are a few thoughts on re-*

*building our muscle strength:*

- *Look to YouTube for exercise videos designed for seniors. You'll find thousands: seated exercises, workouts at home, walking workouts, low impact, beginners and so many more.*

- *Sit in a kitchen chair and stand up. Sit down again. Stand up. Repeat 10-12 times.*

- *Invest in hand weights (order them from Amazon and they're delivered right to your door). Don't kid yourself and assume you're ready to wield a pair of 10-pound weights. Start small with 2-pound weights. If you need to order heavier ones, again, be cautious and don't jump up more than 1-2 pounds.*

- *Try increasing the number of repetitions day by day. If necessary, use 1-gallon plastic jugs (one in each hand), partially filled with water, as weights.*

- *If you have stairs in your home, use them to help your leg muscles. Increase the number of times you go up and down each day.*

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Which album contains "Transylvania Boogie" and "Twenty Small Cigars"?**
- 2. Name the group that wrote and released "Tequila Sunrise."**
- 3. Edgar Winter is best known for two songs. What are they?**
- 4. Who released "You Were on My Mind" and "The Pied Piper" in 1966?**
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "They say that you're a runaround lover, Though you say it isn't so."**

## Answers

- 1. "Chunga's Revenge," by Frank Zappa in 1970. It was his third solo album. In all, Zappa released 62 albums during his career.**
- 2. The Eagles, on their 1973 "Desperado" album. The title came from the popular alcoholic drink of the day.**
- 3. "Frankenstein" and "Free Ride," both released in 1972 on his "They Only Come Out at Night" album. "Frankenstein" was released as a b-side single that caught on when DJs started getting requests for it.**
- 4. Crispian St. Peters.**
- 5. "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes," by Bobby Vee in 1962. The song climbed charts around the world, but the only place it reached No. 1 was in Ireland. Vee had 38 Hot 100 chart hits during his career, 10 of which reached the Top 20.**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR MORGAN COUNTY TENNESSEE

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF:  
BENTLEY EDWARD LEE WALTON  
DOB: 10/26/2020

) Docket No. A-6-22  
)  
)

Non-Resident Notice

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition, which is sworn to, that the Respondent, Unknown and Unnamed Father, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee or whose whereabouts are unknown so that ordinary process cannot be served upon him. Said Respondent must file an Answer in the Chancery Court for Morgan County, Tennessee, and with Petitioners' attorney, Jennifer L. Chadwell, whose address is P.O. Box 4038, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831, within 30 days of the last date of publication or a Judgment by Default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to Respondent. This notice will be published in the Morgan County Today for four consecutive weeks.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2022.

Attorney: Jennifer L. Chadwell

Entered this the 16 day of Feb, 2022

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I certify that a true and exact copy of the judgement or action of the Court has been served on all parties or counsel of record not signatories hereon by depositing a true and exact copy of same in the U.S. Mail postage prepaid, to the last known address of counsel of record and/or parties not signatories hereon.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, yr 2022

ANGELA ANDERSON, CLERK AND MASTER

BY: *Tallesse Alley*

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INVITATION TO BID

The Morgan County Solid Waste Department will be accepting bids to purchase 3 new compactors and 3 new 40-yard Octagon Receiver boxes-7ga/10ga. These Compactors must meet the following specifications. The Compactors must be a Stationary 4 yd Compactor, 230 voltage, 3ph-Hydraulic Connections, Disconnects-Right Side, Remote Power Unit with weather cover, soft shift Hydraulics and Calibrating Technology with key lock start, reverse and e stop control panel, warning lights 80% and 100% Pressure gauge on Power Unit-Multicycle Hold to Run Ground Feed Side Load Hopper- (84 Rule Compliant) will be loading from both sides SC Guide (110") with Large Stops, or something compatible with the description. Bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 9th at the Morgan County Courthouse on the Third floor in the Conference Room. Bids must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 9th.

Bids can be mailed to: Morgan County Solid Waste, P.O. Box 250, Wartburg TN 37887 or turned into the Morgan County Office of Finance, Third Floor of the Morgan County Courthouse, or at the Morgan County Solid Waste Office located at 337 Flat Fork Rd, Wartburg TN 37887. Morgan County Government reserves the right to refuse and/or reject any or all bids.

Chancery Court

NOTICE TO

Case Number

Morgan County

CREDITORS

P-11-22

Wartburg, Tennessee

In the matter of the Estate of WILLIAM CLIFFORD CATE  
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 16TH day of FEBRUARY 2022, Letters of Testamentary in respect to the Estate of WILLIAM CLIFFORD CATE who died on the 30TH day of DECEMBER 2021, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents, and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

(1)

Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2)

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

This 16TH day of FEBRUARY 2022.

DAVID A. MONTGOM-

ERY  
ATTORNEY

WILLIAM ALLEN CATE

Executor

ANGELA R. ANDERSON

Clerk and Master

TALLESSE ALLEY  
Deputy Clerk

INVITATION TO BID

The Morgan County Solid Waste Department will be accepting bids to purchase a 3 / 4 ton 4X4 pick-up truck. This truck must meet the following specifications. It must not be older than a 2019 year model, must have at least a 6.2 liter gas engine, must be a crew cab, must be 4X4, truck must not have over 52,500 miles. Sealed bids must be submitted by 9:00 a.m. Friday March 11th. Bids can be mailed to: Morgan County Solid Waste, P.O. Box 250, Wartburg TN 37887 or turned into the Morgan County Office of Finance, Third Floor of the Morgan County Courthouse, or at the Morgan County Solid Waste Office located at 337 Flat Fork Rd, Wartburg TN 37887. Morgan County Government reserves the right to refuse and/or reject any or all bids.

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# Oneida Batters Coalfield 57-44 for District Championship

By Terry Futrell

Think basketball is not a contact sport? Just ask any of the players from Oneida and Coalfield and they will tell you otherwise. The District 3-1A girls championship game between the two teams was a battle in every meaning of the word. From the scoring battle to harsh physical contact, it was definitely not your grandmother's game of basketball. The physical nature of the battle was evidenced by more than 30 fouls being called in the game. Perhaps even more important were the fouls not called. As the battle drew to a close, Oneida was the victor, defeating Coalfield 57-44 for the District 3-1A championship.



Coalfield's Gabbi Lowe shoots from the lane as Oneida's Ali Smith defends. Lowe scored a game-high 22 points for the Lady Jackets and was second-highest scorer in the tournament with 43 total points. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

An interesting storyline of the game was the scoring battle between Coalfield's Gabbi Lowe, second highest scorer in the tournament with 43 points, and Oneida's Kelsey Pike, who was fourth highest scorer with 39 total tourney points and who was selected tournament MVP. For half the game, Coalfield held Pike scoreless, but she exploded for 22 points in the second half. In contrast, Lowe's scoring was distributed throughout the game as she matched Pike with 22 points.

Both teams got off to a slow start offensively, with Oneida taking a 9-6 first quarter lead. The offenses kicked into higher gear in the second quarter, with Oneida taking a slight 13-12 scoring



Lady Indian Kelsey Pike struggles to find shooting room as Coalfield's Isabella Armes defends. Pike was held scoreless for two quarters but exploded for 22 points in the second half. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

edge. For the Oneida Lady Indians, Raylie Bush led with 4 points, with Faith Cross adding two points. For the Coalfield Lady Jackets, Lowe, Kadence Jackson, and Alexis Morrison each scored six points in the quarter. Oneida led 22-18 at the half.

Oneida expanded their lead to 41-31 in the third quarter as Pike burst into the scoring column with 13 points. Carolyn Keeton added six points for the Lady Indians. The Lady Jackets scored only two baskets in the third, one by Lowe and one by Jackson. Each had six total points in the quarter.

In the final quarter, it was Oneida that scored only two baskets, but the Lady Indians shot 11 of 12 from the free throw line for a total of 16 points. Lowe poured in eight points for Coalfield, and Alexis Morrison added four points for a total of 13 points in the quarter.

Oneida led 57-44 as the final horn sounded and the Lady Indians chalked up another district championship. Oneida will host visiting Oakdale Friday evening in regional quarterfinal action. Midway, the third-place team in District 4-1A will travel to Coalfield Friday evening to face the Lady Jackets.



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# Sunbright Defeats Wartburg 47-40 in Consolation Game

By Terry Futrell

Sunbright led 22-16 at the half.

Wartburg matched the Lady Tigers point-for-point in the third quarter, with each team scoring 15 points. Both teams achieved greater balance in scoring, with four players contributing points for each in the third. Newport again led the way with seven points, and both Alexis Northrup and Lindsey Brown buried treys

action. Wartburg travels to Harriman where they will face the District 4-1A champions.

# Oliver Springs Up- sets Onei- da 56-52 for District Crown

By Terry Futrell

The top-seed Oneida Indians found the Oliver Springs Bobcats a bit too much to handle in their bid for the District 3-1A boys basketball championship Tuesday evening, losing a hard fought battle to the Bobcats 56-52.

The Indians played without two of their starters who had contributed a combined 19 points in Oneida's semifinal victory over Wartburg four days earlier. Fortunately, Oneida's Rylan Duncan stepped up his game and poured in 17 points for the Indians – 13 points more than he scored against Wartburg. Mason Keaton and Hayden Brawner combined for 20 points for Oneida.

Oneida held Bobcat Keaton McDonald, tournament MVP, to 10 points, only half of his scoring output against Sunbright in the semifinals. But Bobcats Tanner Melton and Javan Barger carried the load for Oliver Springs, combining for 30 points against the Indians.

Oliver Springs took an early 10-2 lead in the game with Melton leading the Bobcat charge. Slowly, Oneida fought back and closed the Bobcat lead to 13-11 at the end of the first quarter, with five Indians putting points on the board.

Oneida almost immediately took the lead 14-13 in the second quarter. The Bobcats fought back and regained the lead at 21-19. The score was tied three times during the second quarter, with the final tie of 23-23 at the half.

Oliver Springs took the lead 29-27 in the third, but Oneida quickly bounced back and led by eight points late in the third. The Bobcats managed to get one more basket, but Oneida led 45-39 at the end of three.

Oneida continued to lead by five, 48-43 with 6:14 remaining, but the Indians would manage only four more points in the final six minutes. Meanwhile, Oliver Springs kept chipping away and regained the lead 54-52 with 1:46 remaining. The Bobcats added one more score with 4.1 seconds remaining and won their first district championship since 2010 by a score of 56-52.

Oliver Springs moves on to host Midway in regional quarterfinals Saturday evening, and Oneida hosts Rockwood in the opening round of regional play.



*Sunbright's Casie Newport shoots from the paint for two of her 24 points. Newport led all scorers in the District 3-1A tournament with 46 points. [Photo by Terry Futrell]*

It may have been only the consolation game for third place in District 3-1A, but the competition between the two top scorers in the district tournament added a level of excitement that kept fans on edge. Sunbright's Casie Newport was the top scorer in the tournament with 46 points, followed closely by Wartburg's Olivia Davis with 43 points (play-in game excluded). As the two teams battled, Newport and Davis were always near the action, each determined to lead their team to victory. Ultimately, it was Sunbright's defense that made the difference as the Lady Tigers defeated Wartburg 47-40 to take third place in the tourney.

Sunbright jumped out to an 11-6 first quarter lead, with Newport pouring in nine points. Davis quickly was called for two fouls and sat out much of the quarter. Elizabeth Keathley led Wartburg in the quarter with six points.

With Davis back on the court, the second quarter was a much more even battle, with Sunbright taking an 11-10 scoring edge. Newport kept charging with eight points for the Lady Tigers. Davis scored seven points for the Lady Bulldogs and Keathley buried a trey.

at a critical time. Davis scored seven points for Wartburg in the quarter, and Edye Ann Williams broke her scoring drought with four points. Sunbright led 37-31 going into the final quarter.

Both Newport and Davis went scoreless in the hotly contested fourth quarter, and their teammates had to pick up the slack. Brown led Sunbright in the quarter with five points, including her third 3-point basket. Callie Smith also buried a trey and Northrup added a basket. Jayden Armes got into the scoring action with two baskets in the fourth. Williams buried a trey and Selena Byrge added a basket. Sunbright edged out Wartburg by a 10-9 scoring margin in the fourth.

Ultimately, Sunbright claimed the victory 47-40 and third place in the district tournament. Newport finished with 24 points and Davis scored 14 points for the Lady Bulldogs.

Sunbright travels to Greenback Friday evening to play the Lady Cherokees in Region 2 quarterfinal



*The Oliver Springs Bobcats captured the District 3-1A championship by defeating Oneida 56-52. It is the Bobcats first district championship since 2010.*

# Wartburg Takes Third Place with 64-52 Win over Sunbright

By Terry Futrell



*Tiger Colton Nitzschke drives for a layup as Wartburg's Caleb Quinney defends. Nitzschke scored 15 points for Sunbright. [Photo by Terry Futrell]*

Wartburg boys coach Joe Layne must have thought to himself "finally!" as his Bulldog team delivered one of its most balanced performances of the season with a 64-52 victory over Sunbright in the District 3-1A consolation game.

Unlike the slow, half-court game that many expected, both teams ran at full speed with transition offense dominating. With six players contributing scores, the Bulldogs took a 22-14 lead in the first quarter. Bulldog Caleb Quinney led the charge with two 3-point baskets. Elijah Heinz and Taner Branstetter added four points each. Jonah Freels led Sunbright with four points in the quarter.

Sunbright's defense was much more effective in the second quarter, holding Wartburg to 12 points. Meanwhile the Tiger offense put 10 points on the board. The Tigers held Wartburg's scoring ace Tanner Johnson to only three baskets in the entire first half. Wartburg led 34-24 at the half.

Sunbright's defense continued to dominate in the third quarter as they held the Bulldogs to only three baskets and seven total points. Cole Branstetter led the Sunbright offense with four baskets in the period and the Tigers outscored Wartburg 13-7 and trimmed Wartburg's lead to 41-37.

They say you can't keep a good man down,

and so it was with Wartburg's post player Taner Branstetter as he came up big for the Bulldogs with four baskets in the final quarter. Tanner Johnson also added eight points in the final period as Wartburg outscored Sunbright 23-15. Cole Branstetter buried two treys and scored eight points for the Tigers in their losing effort.

Wartburg chalked up a 64-52 victory over Sunbright and earned third place in the district, having been seeded in last place coming into the tournament. With the victory, Wartburg travels to Oakdale Saturday evening to play the Eagles, who finished in second place in District 4-1A. Sunbright travels to Harriman Saturday evening to face the District 4-1A champs.

## Region 2-1A Girls Basketball Quarterfinal Action

### Lady Jackets Only Morgan County Team Remaining

By Terry Futrell

It wasn't a good night for Morgan County girls basketball teams as three of the four schools suffered defeat in quarterfinal action in Region 2-1A. Only the Coalfield Lady Jackets remain to carry the torch for Morgan County into regional semifinal action on Monday.

**Coalfield vs Midway**  
District 3-1A runner-up Coalfield hosted District 4-1A third place finisher Midway Friday evening but proved to be a rather inhospitable host as they decimated the Lady Waves 57-34. Midway played tough early in the game and Coalfield led by only three points at the end of the first period, 14-11. The Lady Jackets gained a slight additional advantage and expanded their lead to 28-20 at the half.

Midway continued to play tough in the third, with Coalfield leading 40-31 going into the final period. The Lady Jackets exploded for 17 points in the final period while holding Midway to only three points and closed out with a 57-34 victory. Coalfield will play District 4-1A champion Harriman in Region 2-1A semifinal action Monday evening at Harriman at 7:30 pm.

**Oakdale vs Oneida**  
District 4-1A fourth place finisher Oakdale traveled to Oneida where they faced the District 3-1A winner Lady Indians. Oneida took a 13-8 first quarter lead over Oakdale. Behind the shooting of Annaleah Terry, who scored 14 points in the first half, the Lady Indians pulled away to a 36-18 lead at halftime. After the break, the Lady Indians cruised to a 64-38 win over the Lady Eagles and a semifinal berth to play District 4-1A runner-up Greenback at Harriman Monday evening at 6:00 pm.

**Sunbright vs Greenback**  
The Sunbright Lady Tigers, third place finisher in District 3-1A made the long trek to Greenback to face the District 4-1A runner-up Lady Cherokees. After Sunbright took an early 6-0 lead, Greenback went on a scoring run and led 21-15 at the half.

The Lady Tigers fought back and took the lead 36-32 with just over one minute left in the game. After a foul by Greenback and an associated technical foul call against Sunbright, the Sunbright lead was cut to 37-34. Greenback hit a 3-pointer to tie the score at 37-37 with 48 seconds remaining in the game. Sunbright was unable to score, then fouled Lady Cherokee Kierra Bishop as she attempted a shot with 11 seconds to go. Bishop hit both free throws and gave Greenback a 39-37 victory over Sunbright. Greenback moves on to play District 3-1A champion Oneida in Region 2-1A semifinal action at Harriman on Monday at 6:00 pm.

**Wartburg vs Harriman**  
The Wartburg Central Lady Bulldogs, fourth-place finisher in District 3-1A, played the District 4-1A champion Harriman Lady Devils on their home court. The Lady Bulldogs came out blazing and took an early 10-4 lead. With Skyler Johnson hitting three baskets, the Lady Devils fought back to a 10-10 tie at the end of the first period. Harriman's offense kicked into gear as four players put a total of 13 points on the board in the second, while Wartburg could only muster eight points. Harriman led 23-18 at the half.

Wartburg came out in a zone defense that temporarily stymied the Lady Devils, holding them to six points in the third. Wartburg tied the game 23-23 at 6:29 in the third on a 3-point basket by Elizabeth Keathley but could only score one additional basket in the final six minutes of the third. The Lady Devils outscored Wartburg 18-10 in the final period for a 47-35 victory. Harriman moves on to play District 3-1A runner-up Coalfield Monday evening in semifinal action at 7:30 pm at Harriman.

With their losses, the season ends for Oakdale, Sunbright, and Wartburg. Coalfield is the only Morgan County girls team remaining in Region 2-1A competition.



*Elizabeth Keathley led Wartburg with 15 points in their 47-35 season-ending loss to Harriman. [Photo by Terry Futrell]*

# Region 2-1A Boys Basketball Quarterfinal Action

## Oakdale Advances to Semifinals

By Terry Futrell

The Oakdale Eagles are the only Morgan County team to advance beyond the Region 2-1A quarterfinals. Their quarterfinal losses ended the season for Sunbright and Wartburg.

### Oneida vs Rockwood

The Oneida Indians, runner-up in District 3-1A, took a 19-11 first quarter lead over District 4-1A third-place finisher Rockwood and cruised to a 64-50 victory over the Tigers. Rockwood gave the Indians all they could handle for the next two quarters, almost matching Oneida point-for-point. Oneida led 36-25 at the half and 48-37 after three quarters. The Indians added to their lead in the fourth and closed out the game with a 64-50 victory. Rockwood's Ty Pryor led all scorers with 27 points, while Mason Keeton led the Indians with 17 points. Oneida advances to play Harriman in the Region 2-1A semifinals Tuesday evening at Harriman.

### Oliver Springs vs Midway

The Oliver Springs Bobcats, District 3-1A champions, jumped on the Midway Greenwave early, taking an 11-7 first quarter lead and expanding that to 33-16 at the half. Midway came roaring back in the third quarter, trimming Rockwood's lead to 47-41. The Greenwave cut the Bobcat lead to four points at 50-46 early in the fourth period. Oliver Springs then went on a 15-4 scoring run to take a 65-50 lead with 2:40 remaining. Midway closed the gap to 11 points, but Oliver Springs took the victory 68-57. Oliver Springs advances

to play District 4-1A runner-up Oakdale in the semifinals on Tuesday at Harriman.

### Sunbright vs Harriman

For the first half of the game, it looked like the Sunbright Tigers might pull off the upset of the tournament as they faced the District 4-1A champion Harriman Blue Devils. The tigers led 15-14 at the end of the first period, then trailed Harriman by only three point, 28-25, at the half. Harriman jumped ahead by 11 points, 41-30,

Bulldog's season, 71-56. There were no superheroes wearing capes or leaping tall buildings, just five players working as a unit, each giving their all and fulfilling their role on the team. With a combination of fast break and smothering zone defense, the Eagles stymied every offensive attack by the Bulldogs.

The first period was close, with the Eagles taking a slight 13-11 lead. Oakdale pulled ahead by six, outscoring the Bulldogs 19-

14 in the second period for a 32-25 halftime lead. The ethird period brought more of the same as Oakdale's potent offense put 15 more points on the board, while Wartburg could muster only 11 points. In spite of 11-points by Wartburg's Caleb Quinney and six points by Taner Branstetter in the final period, the Eagles outscored the Bulldogs 24-20 as Sydney Gregory scored 10 points and Joseph Summers added six points. The

Eagles converted 9 of 13 free throws in the final period.



Oakdale's Sydney Gregory drives inside Wartburg's Elijah Heinze for a basket. Gregory score 24 points for the Eagles, including four 3-point baskets. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

midway through the third quarter, but the Tigers closed the gap to six points, 46-40, with just over a minute to go in the third. Harriman then went on a 19-0 scoring run to increase their lead to 65-40. The Blue Devils closed out the game with a 70-50 victory over Sunbright. Harriman advances to play Oneida in the semifinals Tuesday evening at Harriman.

### Oakdale vs Wartburg

In one of the finest displays of teamwork that we have seen all season, the District 4-1A runner-up Oakdale Eagles brought a crushing end to the Wartburg Central

Oakdale was led by Gregory with game-high 24 points. Summers added 18 points, Roy Huskey scored 11 points, and Nehemiah Cooney added 10 points. Caleb Quinney led the Bulldogs with 16 points, Tanner Johnson scored 14 points, and Branstetter added 10 points.

Oakdale advances to the semifinals to play District 3-1A champion Oliver Springs on Tuesday evening at Harriman.

## GIRLS DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SCORING LEADERS

Player	School	Points
Casie Newport	Sunbright	46
Gabbi Lowe	Coalfield	43
Olivia Davis	Wartburg Central	43
Kelsey Pike	Oneida	39
Kadence Jackson	Coalfield	30

\*excludes play in games

## BOYS DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SCORING LEADERS

Player	School	Points
Tanner Johnson	Wartburg Central	45
Cole Branstetter	Sunbright	35
Tanner Melton	Oliver Springs	33
Mason Keeton	Oneida	31
Keaton McDonald	Oliver Springs	30

\*excludes play in games

# Seymour De-feats Scott High Lady Highlanders 47-28 to End Their Season

The Lady Highlanders finished their season with a 13-19 record. They worked extremely hard all season especially improving during the latter half of the season winning 9 out of their last 11 regular season games.

The post season was not as special for the Scott High Lady Highlanders as they were denied any victory in the tournaments.

Overall they have a lot to look forward to next year as many of their players will be returning to play another year.



(Photos By Sherry Strunk)

# Scott High Dominates Gibbs 72-32

Highlander Trey Morrow scored 30 points in the victory helping his already history making career point total even greater.

He is 18th on the all time scoring list for Tennessee secondary school career scoring.

Gibbs only had the lead for a short moment in the beginning of the game but it was all Scott High after that.

Up next for Scott High will be the Clinton Dragons in Clinton.




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PLATEAU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Plateau Electric Cooperative is accepting applications through Friday, March 11, 2022 from qualified candidates for the position of journeyman lineman. Position performs all types of skilled work relative to the construction and maintenance of Plateau Electric Cooperative's overhead and underground electric system. Climbs poles or steel structures and works from aerial lift devices to install conductors, transformers, crossarms, insulators and other related equipment. Must be willing to work in adverse weather conditions. Position requires a high-school diploma or GED. The successful candidate(s) must have a valid driver's license, and be able to obtain a Class "B" Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Those interested may pick up an application at either of the Cooperative's offices in Oneida or Wartburg.

Plateau Electric Cooperative is an Equal Opportunity and Drug Free Workplace Employer

**INVITATION TO BID**

The Morgan County Solid Waste Department will be accepting bids to purchase a new roll-off truck. This truck must meet the following specifications. The truck must be a 2022 year model, tandem axle, automated manual drive, with a 60,000 lbs. cable hoist, with a rack and pinion hydraulic tarping system. The truck must not have no more than 260 miles on the odometer. The truck must have at least a 425 horsepower diesel engine. The truck must be delivered within 45 days of the sealed bid opening. Bid opening will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday March 4th at the Morgan County Courthouse on the Third floor in the Conference Room. Bids must be turned in by 9:30 a.m. Friday March 4th.

Bids can be mailed to: Morgan County Solid Waste, P.O. Box 250, Wartburg TN 37887 or turned into the Morgan County Office of Finance, Third Floor of the Morgan County Courthouse, or at the Morgan County Solid Waste Office located at 337 Flat Fork Rd, Wartburg TN 37887. Morgan County Government reserves the right to refuse and/or reject any or all bids.

**INVITATION TO BID**

Morgan County Emergency Medical Services is accepting bids for the following:

**Metal Building to be EMS Station in Sunbright**  
This Building will be (W)x(L) 40X62 this building will have 2 36" walk in Doors, 2 14x14 Garage Doors with automatic openers, 2 36"x36" windows for living quarter area, it will be 16ft tall, and have insulation to all walls and roof. Price is to include delivery and set up. For any additional questions you can contact EMS Director Doug Lamance at 423-346-0746 or 423-539-8373 or contact the County Executive at 423-346-6288. Bid opening will be on Friday March 11th, 2022 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of the Morgan County Courthouse in Wartburg, Tennessee. Morgan County Reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Morgan County does not discriminate based race, color, or national origin in federal or state programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d).

Bids should be addressed to:  
Morgan County Office of Finance  
Morgan County Courthouse Room 304  
P.O. Box 250  
Wartburg, TN 37887

**INVITATION TO BID**

Morgan County Emergency Medical Services is now accepting bids for the following:

**One (1) New Ambulance Type III Class 1, 2 door, Chevrolet G-3500 cutaway van with a transferable modular ambulance body, Mini Mod that must meet or exceed KKK-1822D Requirements. AM/FM Radio, Vinyl High Back Captains Seats. Electric Windows and locks, on entire ambulance, four-wheel disc brakes, must have dual rear wheels. Must have a console with glove box holders in the cab and glove box holders in the back for three sizes of gloves. Must not have any carpet in any location in the ambulance. ALS Cabinets must accommodate a Lifepak 15 Heart Defibrillator/Monitor. Must meet Tennessee requirements for securing monitor and other ALS equipment and cot. The box must be 142 inches long and 90 inches wide. Must have CPR seat, must have cabinetry above doorway into the cab with adjustable vertical dividers, and must have vertical adjustable or removable dividers in all cabinets. All cabinets will be able to open on front with full hinge for ease of access and cleaning. Must have some type of Chrome Wheel Covers that bolt on, no hubcaps. Aluminum running boards and mud flaps behind rear wheels, and rain guards over cab windows. Two portable Oxygen brackets for rear and heavy-duty flooring, no linoleum. Must have an installed Inverter and a reading light on passenger side of the cab. Must have exterior cooling system for AC mounted above the cab that will meet our requirements, must provide Technical and repair services that will respond to our location for repairs. Must include a Stryker Power Cot with accs. #6506, Stryker Stair Chair Pro w/accs. #6252, LifePak 15 Monitor, Lucas Device, Medical Supplies meeting Tennessee Requirements, UV Lighting disinfecting system. Lettering and paint to match current fleet. Warranty information must be submitted with bid. Bid must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked in the lower left corner: Full Bid specs are available at the Morgan County Office of Finance or by contacting Doug Lamance (423-346-0746 or 423-539-8373) Bid Opening will be March 11th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Morgan County courthouse in Wartburg, Tennessee.**

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CITY OF WARTBURG, TENNESSEE  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) CONSULTANT SERVICES

The City of Wartburg, Tennessee seeks to retain the services of a professional consultant firm to advise the City on complying with all ARPA Grant requirements. The City is requesting qualification-based proposals for the following ARPA consultant services:

- Project Development
- Public Notification & Involvement
- Project Eligibility
- Bidding
- Contracts/Wages
- Project Management
- Financial/Accounting Management/Reporting

The consultant's role will be to provide strategic recommendations, verify eligibility, provide guidance, review, and recommendation of the City's processes with respect to ARPA compliance. The City of Wartburg anticipates utilizing consultant services throughout the life of ARPA process for a performance period through December 2024.

To be considered, firms must submit a proposal to the City of Wartburg City Recorder, PO Box 386, Wartburg, TN 37887. All proposals must be received by the City of Wartburg Recorder on or before 3:30pm EST Friday, March 8, 2022, and the project name (ARPA Consultant Services) should be referenced on the submittal.

The proposal will be evaluated based on the following factors:

1. Consultant's Capabilities/Experience/References for the requested services.
2. Project Team-Personnel who would work with the City and experience of each team member.
3. Method of Approach-Firm's approach to working with similar projects.
4. Understanding of Requested Services and Experience with Comparable Municipalities.

The City of Wartburg evaluation proceedings will be conducted within the established guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscriminatory action based upon the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, creed, age, and disability. All firms submitting proposals must be willing and capable to immediately enter a contract with the City.

Proposal shall be submitted to:  
Courtney Griffin, City Recorder  
PO Box 386, Wartburg, TN 37887  
Or electronically by email: Wartburg@highland.net

For additional details regarding this project, please contact Courtney Griffin, City Recorder at (423) 346-2323 or by email at Wartburg@highland.net

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