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Oakdale's Spring Play Divine Stella Devine by Eddie McPherson

The OHS Drama Club will be performing the hilarious southern comedy Divine Stella Devine by Eddie McPherson. Stella Devine is the aging star of the popular Ritz Theatre. She and her fellow company of actors are preparing for the epic play 'Civil War Darlin's,' written by the theatre's acclaimed playwright in residence, Micollel, who has written starring roles for Stella for 20 years. Ginger, a 'sweet Southern belle' from Georgia, visits a rehearsal to watch her favorite star up close. She adores Stella, she idolizes Stella, she worships Stella and, most of all, she's there to steal Stella's starring role. Pretending to be a struggling waitress who's trying to raise money to get back home, Ginger lies and cons her way into the part written for the famous star.

Meanwhile, Billy, an unscrupulous newspaper reporter looking for a scoop, would love nothing more than to catch Stella throwing a tyrannical fit so he can sensationalize her in a national paper. But in the midst of collecting facts, Billy and his girlfriend Loeta uncover Ginger's evil ploy and set out to uncover her diabolical scheme. Throw in Brad and Chad, a set of twins played by the same person; Trevor, a bad actor (with a bad toupee) who thinks he really is fighting the Civil War; a dim-witted beauty of the stage; an intense director; an overbearing stage mother; and a host of other characters, and you have a fun, delightful comedy that's different than anything you've ever seen before!

Showtimes will be as follows:

- Date
- Time
- Cost
- Audience
- Monday, March 28, 2022
- 1:00 p.m.
- \$2.00
- K-4 Student Show
- Tuesday, March 29, 2022
- 1:00 p.m.
- \$2.00
- 5-8 Student Show
- Wednesday, March 30, 2022
- 1:00 p.m.
- \$2.00
- 9-12 Student Show
- Thursday, March 31, 2022
- 7:00 p.m.
- \$6.00
- General Admission*

Friday, April 1, 2022

6:00 p.m.

\$18.00

Dinner Theater**

Saturday, April 2, 2022

6:00 p.m.

\$18.00

Dinner Theater**

*General Admission Shows will have Concessions available at additional cost, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**To make reservations for Dinner Theater, call Oakdale School at 423-369-3885. We will begin taking reservations on Friday, March 4, 2022.

Menu for Dinner Theater - Catered by Kelly Shepherd

and The Flying Pig BBQ

Pulled Pork/Bun

Grilled Chicken pieces

Cole Slaw

Mac & Cheese

Baked Beans

Banana Pudding

Sweet/Unsweet Tea

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In Loving Memory

Violet Holder Hall, 85

Violet Holder Hall age 85 of Mossy Grove passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2022. She joined her parents, Rev. Jim and Jean Holder, in God's Home on the first day of spring when her beloved flowers were beginning to bloom, and her birds had gathered at her feeder.

She is survived by her 5 children. David E. Hall, Yolanda Hall Grubbs husband Bob, Eddy Hall,

Wayne Hall wife Regina, and Keith Hall wife Gina 6 grandchildren 5 great grandchildren The family will have a service at a later date. Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Violet Holder Hall.

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Manuel Lynn Armes, 57

Manuel Lynn Armes, age 57, passed away Thursday, February 17, 2022 at home in Cherokee, NC. Manuel made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior, and was baptized into the Annadell Baptist Church in his teenage years. He was a graduate of Central High in Wartburg, Class of 1982. He was employed by Shoffner Construction, where he worked in Tennessee and North Carolina for many years. He was known for his hard work ethic and his love for racing.

He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Rev. Dave and Beulah Armes of Lancing, TN., and his biological parents Paul and Carol Jones of Chestnut Ridge, TN., along with a sister Paula Jones, and adoptive sister Mildred Forrester.

He is survived by his wife, Chris Turpin Armes of Harriman, TN. and significant other Denise George of Cherokee, NC. He

is also survived by one daughter, Maggie (Armes) Monroe, two grandchildren, Blake and Landon Monroe and a step-son, Lee Turpin. Also surviving are a biological brother and sister, Stevie (Julie) Armes, and Ginger Howes both of Strawberry Plains, TN. Adoptive Brother, Bro. Buster (Margaret) Armes of Lancing, TN, and adoptive sisters, Retta (Lou) Langdon of Strawberry Plains

Also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, co-workers and two special friends, Bryan Maden and Ricky Lowe.

Internment was in the Annadell Church Cemetery, Lancing, TN with Bro. Buster Armes officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Manuel Lynn Armes.

Douglas Lee Gray, 79

Douglas Lee Gray, age 79, passed away March 22, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Woody Gray and Manie DeHass McIntosh; son, Craig Gray; brothers-in-law: Herman (Mona) Davis, Calvin (Bobbie) Davis, Alvin Davis, and sisters-in-law: Billie (Tommy) Woods and Lois Davis.

He is survived by his wife, Gayle Davis Gray; daughter, Ginger (Tony) Keener; sister Janet Smith of Lexington, KY; brother-in-law, Jack Davis; daughter-in-law Chrissy Gray; grandchildren: Brock (Amanda) Keener, Brittany (Aaron) Hutchinson, Brent Keener, Brett (Emily) Keener, Chancellor (Chelsey) Gray, Christopher Gray, and Cody Gray;

9 great-grandchildren; special friends and caregivers: Marie Miller, Elizabeth Burns, Bobby Moon, and the Craig Family; along with several nieces, nephews and extended family.

The family sends a special thank you to everyone who stopped by to visit and sent well wishes to Doug during his life.

The family will receive friends Friday March 25, 2022 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, TN with the funeral service to follow. The graveside will immediately follow at Western Cemetery in Coalfield, TN

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Tennessee College of Applied Technology Oneida/Huntsville will host a Career and Technical Education signing day on Thursday, April 14th.

A National Career and Technical Education Signing Day will be held Thursday, April 14th at 10 a.m. at TCAT Oneida/Huntsville, located at 355 Scott Highway in Huntsville, TN. The event is open to all are high school seniors. Students sign letters of intent for the CTE Programs of their choice. Students also have an opportunity to connect with local employers and instructors during the event. All area high school seniors are eligible to attend if interested in enrolling in one of TCAT's Programs register at www.tcatoneida.edu.

For more information contact Kristi Cornelius at kristi.cornelius@tcatoneida.edu or call 423-663-4900.



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Cold snaps in Spring are called "little winters."

Here are the five little winters and when they occur in Tennessee:

1. 1. Redbud Winter: early April
2. 2. Dogwood Winter: late April
3. 3. Locust Winter: early May
4. 4. Blackberry Winter: mid May
5. 5. Britches Winter: late May

They were named for the most common bloom at the time, except for "Britches Winter." That particular cold snap refers to the need to have kept your homespun linen wool long underwear (linsey-woolsey britches) handy. There is a 6th little winter called Whippoorwill Winter. It is not usually as cold or damaging as the rest.

Dinner Theater is back this year at the Oakdale School Drama Club! General admission for the community will be Thursday, March 31 at 7:00. Cost will be \$6.00. General Admission Shows will have Concessions available at additional cost, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for the dinner theatre can be made by calling Oakdale School at 423-369-3885 to make your Friday (April 1) or Saturday (April 2) reservation to see the hilarious southern comedy Divine Stella Devine! Cost is \$18 for dinner and a show. Dinner will be at 6:00 and the show will start at 7:00.

Menu for Dinner Theater - Catered by Kelly Shepherd and

The Flying Pig BBQ: Pulled Pork/Bun, Grilled Chicken pieces, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Banana Pudding, Sweet/Unsweet tea, Water/Lemonade.

The Town of Oakdale will hold their 7th annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 9 at Oakdale Park beginning at 12:00 noon. This event is for all ages.

The Clothes Closet at Pine Orchard Baptist Church will be open Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 – 12:00. Everything is free.

Morgan County Schools will have Spring Break April 8-14 and observe Good Friday on April 15. Students will return to school on Monday, April 18.

Congratulations to the Top Graduates for the OHS Class of 2022. They are Ethan Hoskins, Caroline Mayo, Jacob Nance and Danielle Reynolds.

Congratulations to OHS Senior Amelia Miller who has signed with Roane State to play basketball.

Attention small business vendors! Oakdale School will be hosting a vendor event on Tuesday night, April 5 from 3:00-6:00. Table set up will be \$10. Contact Phyllis Langley or Kim Erickson at Oakdale School, 423-369-3885 to reserve your spot!

Brooke Mullins is doing fantastic on the Cherokee Golf Team. She has consistently had the best score of the girls. She shot a 48 in her match at Emory Golf Course last Thursday and parred one hole. Brooke is the daughter of Cheyenna Hawn and

Jason Mullins.

Oakdale Area Volunteer Fire Department will host a pulled pork dinner and silent auction Saturday, April 23 from 3:00 – 7:00 at Pine Orchard Community Center. This will be the first fund raiser in several years so make plans to attend for an evening of food and fun. Anyone wishing to donate items for the auction can contact a volunteer fireman or Sandra Helton.

For those who don't know, I am the Morgan County Community Engagement Coordinator. I work for Save the Children and with our Morgan County Community Collaborative known as Together Morgan County. The Collaborative works to support students and families in our area. Together Morgan County will meet this Friday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. at Morgan County Schools Central Office. I welcome everyone to attend and learn more about the work of the collaborative.

Roane County Paws will have an indoor yard sale Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 – 3:00 at 1889 South Roane Street in

Harriman.

Condolences to the friends and family of Angela (Angie) Abston Bass who passed away Thursday, March 24. She is survived by her husband Johnny, son Adam (Alicia) Abston, brothers Steve, Randy (Kathy) and Scott (Angie) and her sister Teresa (David) Croft. She is also survived by her granddaughters Kitanna and Gwenvere, Aunt Linda Kilby and mother in law Janice Bass.

Sympathy to the family of Evelyn Hatfield who passed away Friday, March 25. She is survived by her sons Scotty and Matthew (Katie) Hatfield and four grandchildren Mason, Shelby, Briar and Ella. She is also survived by three brothers Claude (Ann) Redmon, Danny (Sue) Redmon and Stanley (Patti) Redmon and three sisters Rita (Austin) Turner, Stella (Tracy) Beach and Ellen (Mike) Lassiter and a host of other family and friends.

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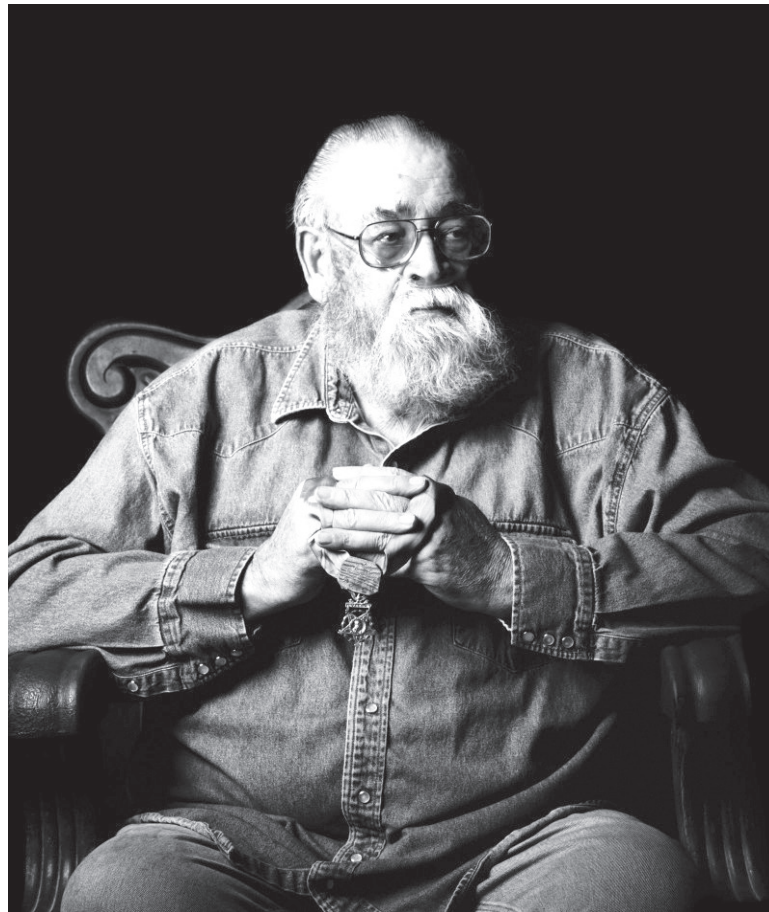


Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army Sergeant David Bruce Bleak was assigned to Medical Company, 2D Battalion, 223D Infantry Regiment, 40TH Infantry Division. He fought in the Korean War as a medical aidman and received the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in combat on June 14, 1952.

He was presented the Medal of Honor by President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the White House on October 27, 1953.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: Sgt. Bleak, a member of the medical company, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. As a medical aidman, he volunteered to accompany a reconnaissance patrol committed to engage the enemy and capture a prisoner for interrogation. Forging up the rugged slope of the key terrain, the group was subjected to intense automatic-weapons and small-arms fire and suffered several casualties. After administering to the wounded, he continued to advance with the patrol. Nearing the military crest of the hill, while attempting to cross the fire-swept area to attend the



wounded, he came under hostile fire from a small group of the enemy concealed in a trench. Entering the trench he closed with the enemy, killed two with bare hands and a third with his trench knife. Moving from the emplacement, he saw a concussion

grenade fall in front of a companion and, quickly shifting his position, shielded the man from the impact of the blast. Later, while ministering to the wounded, he was struck by a hostile bullet but, despite the wound, he undertook to evacuate a wounded comrade. As he moved down the hill with his heavy burden, he was attacked by two enemy soldiers with fixed bayonets. Closing with the aggressors, he grabbed them and smacked their heads together, then carried his helpless comrade down the hill to safety. Sgt. Bleak's dauntless courage and intrepid actions reflect utmost credit upon himself and are in keeping with the honored traditions of the military service.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Pennsylvania State Police, Trooper Martin Mack III and Trooper Branden Sisca were struck and killed by a suspected drunk driver near mile marker 18 on southbound I-95 in Philadelphia, shortly before 1:00 am.

They had stopped a female driver on suspicion of DUI when they were notified of a male pedestrian walking along the interstate. They located the man and were assisting him into the back of one of their patrol vehicles when an approaching car drove by and attempted to pass the police vehicles by driving onto the shoulder. The vehicle fatally struck both troopers and the pedestrian they were assisting.

The driver who struck them was charged with three counts of third-degree murder, three counts of homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence, and two counts of second-degree manslaughter of a law enforcement officer. It was the same driver that had been pulled over for suspicion of DUI.

Trooper Mack III, thirty-three-years-old, was a Pennsyl-



vania National Guard veteran and had served with the Pennsylvania State Police for 7-1/2 years. He was assigned to Troop K and is survived by his wife and two children.

Trooper Sisca, twenty-nine-years-old, had served with the Pennsylvania State Police for 13 months and was assigned to Troop K. He is survived by his expectant wife.

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

Farming Over the Years

It doesn't happen much like this anymore. Especially the way it has happened to Margaret's grandson,

Jamie Gibson.

Jamie is the grandson of coach Jimmy Gibson, and the great grandson of Love Heidel. More than once, James had his sight set on coaching football. Jimmy coached here in Morgan and Roane Counties and was popular every place that he went, especially at Kingston. He became popular using his nickname "Hoot," and his son Mark was called "Little Hoot."

Jimmie and Margaret raised and cared for Jamie (James) from babyhood on and adopted him at the age of twelve. They loved this child as much as they loved their own children and Jamie loved them dearly. His Pawpa was his hero and he was seen at many ballgames with Jimmy.

Love Heidel bought the large farm on Liberty Road in the 1930's. He couldn't purchase it all at once so he bought it in three increments. He and his wife Mina lived in their smoke house while they were constructing their home on the five acres they had purchased. The house was finished in 1937 and this is where they lived the rest of their lives and where their only child Margaret was born. The house is still standing today.

Love Heidel was a hard worker. When he bought the next piece of land; thirty acres mostly of woods and grown-up hillside. He and his wife, Mina cleared this land off with axes and cross-cut saws. It wasn't easy but Love wanted a bigger farm. Later he purchased a really large piece of land which today lies behind the middle school.

At first Love had to use mules and horses to till the land. For a man of little stature this was hard work but Love was out there sweating and yelling at those mules. When the farming part was done in the fall Love would grab his axe and head for the fields where the woods were trying to take over. Life wasn't easy but Love like most of the Heidel's of German descent loved the soil and were not afraid of work. Later Love sat up a saw mill and ran off many house patterns. This too was hard work.

Love, Mina and Margaret Ann always had a big garden. They raised about everything

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they would eat, and they had chickens, hogs, and cattle. One year Margaret raised a big patch of strawberries to sell. In the 50's Love was able to buy him a John Deere tractor. It was easier but still not like modernized type of farming. Still Love loved the soil.

When Love got disabled, his son-in-law took over the farming. Jimmy had to purchase some up-to-date machinery. He was still coaching at Rockwood and volunteering at Wartburg. Jimmy's farming consisted of raising cattle and track farming. He grew a lot of hay for the cattle. Now we come to Mark's son and Jimmy's grandson. After graduating from Wartburg Central High Jamie worked as a security guard and a guard at the prison. He decided to get a college degree so he could teach and coach football. In 2016 he finished work on his degree and graduated from Bethel College. His degree was in Criminal Justice.

While working on his degree he got jobs coaching in high school and college. He coached at Kentucky Christian University and Margaret and I said, well he's looking more like "Little Hoot" every day.

But life made a drastic turn for Jamie. He talked to his mamma (Margaret) into letting him get into farming in a big way. The land was there

and no one else in the family was able to take hold of the plow hands.

Jamie started out with goats, mainly to help clear the land off. At the same time, he bought him a few cattle for raising calves and selling for beef. It was a start but he wanted to keep an eye on the internet and find some good deals. He has purchased some Belted Galloway cattle that I have never seen before. They are real good beef cattle and he sold beef last spring and hopes to do the same this spring. His cattle have also delivered many calves.

Jamie started thinking that cattle alone would not bring in enough to live on, so he began to look for other enterprises. So about three months ago he purchased, (with a lot of money, no doubt) a machine called a forestry mulching machine. Instead of clearing land

with saws and axes he can, in a few hours clear a whole field off. He has gotten jobs in Maryville, Oneida, Kingston, and many other places. He has other jobs lined up but he wants to keep busy. To see this forestry mulching machine work is something else. I remember Margaret Ann telling me about how her Daddy and Mother worked hard for several weeks clearing the thirty acres of land near their house on Liberty Road. It was some chore to even think about. Now Jamie can clear it in days, not weeks.

So, you see how farming has changed. The farmers who have been at it for years can probably make it but the new ones, if they are not willing to work hard at it might have to do with Jamie has done. You can be an entrepreneur and assume the risks of a business or enterprise. You'll never know how much Margaret and I have prayed for Jamie to be a success in his enterprise.

If you want to learn more about this enterprise, go to www.crookedforkfarms.com you will see actual pictures of land that Jamie has cleared. It is amazing how good the land looks if you want work done you can find his number to call on his website.

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl



Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist

I went to the Pet Spa, yesterday. I had a mani-pedi, shampoo and blow-out. Mimi says I smell so good. I had my tail fluffed and my fur trimmed. But, I think Ms Ann missed a spot on my belly. Can you tell?

All the women are saying they are gonna have to shave, because shorts weather is here.



They say they need a lawn mower to cut the hair on their legs. Ladies, please! If you need a lawn mower, I need a hay bailer.

For more of my Pet Perspective like and follow me on Facebook @ Ms Avery Pearl.

Go to Morgan County Today on Facebook for Ms Avery Pearl's Spring Pet Photo Contest.

A King's Ransom: Chapter 2



Carol Hall
Author

An odd tickling sensation caused Bronwyn's nose twitch. Ignoring it, she rolled over onto her side. The tickling moved along her cheek and down her neck.

Reaching up to rub the spot, she felt a large, squirming lump move under her hand.

With a loud shriek, she jumped up and began swatting at her neck.

"Bronwyn?" her mother asked, alarmed. "What is it?"

Bronwyn saw a large, black spider drop to the ground and let out another terrified screech. "A spider!" she screamed at her mother. "A spider was crawling across my face!"

"Oh Bronwyn," her mother laughed. "When are you going to get over your fear of spiders? They are a natural part of life. They live in the fields and forests all around here. I'd think by now, you'd be used to them."

"I'll never get used to them," Bronwyn said, vehemently, shaking out her clothing and patting down her hair. "They're the creepiest things ever!"

"Did you ever think they're more scared of you than you are of them?" her mother asked, still amused.

"That spider didn't seem the least bit afraid of me," Bronwyn said, still checking herself over. "It was marching across my face without any regard for fear."

Her mother got up off her bed, and after finding the spider, scooped it up into her cupped hands and set it outside the door. "There," she said, turning back to Bronwyn. "It's gone. You can relax now."

Bronwyn gave a full body shiver. "I don't know how you pick them up. What if it had bitten you?"

"It was just a garden spider," her mother said. "They're harmless."

"Whatever you say," Bronwyn said, as she rolled up her bed. "But I'll never pick one up. Ever."

As Bronwyn went about her morning chores, her mind wouldn't let go of the fact that a spider had paraded across her unsuspecting body while she was peacefully sleeping. The mere thought made her skin crawl.

Every time a hair blew across her cheek, or her skirt lightly brushed against her ankle, she swatted at it believing it must be the spider returning to finish her off.

"Bronwyn, for heaven's sake," her mother said, exasperated, after watching her daughter smack the back of her ankle for the fifth time in under an hour. "The spider's gone."

"I know," Bronwyn said, sighing. "But I can still feel it crawling on me."

"Well, you're never going to get your chores done if you keep fussing about it so much," her mother said. "Why don't you take Nickers over to the blacksmith's shop and have them put new shoes on him. I told Mr. Mowbray I'd be bringing him over today, so he should be expecting you."

"Sure," Bronwyn agreed. "Anything would be better than staying here and waiting for Mr. Eight Legs to come back and eat me."

Rhoslyn laughed as Bronwyn straightened her skirt and ran her fingers through her mussed up hair. There wasn't anyone in the village that she cared to impress, but she never knew when a handsome stranger might come wandering in. And when that happened, and she was sure it would someday, she was going to be prepared.

"Don't be too long," her mother warned. "I'll need your help getting supper ready today. I'm making pottage."

Bronwyn wrinkled up her nose and groaned. "Pottage? I hate pottage."

Pottage was a simple stew made from the beans, peas and onions that grew in the small garden next to their house.

"Don't turn your nose up at it," her mother chided her. "You need to be grateful for whatever you're lucky enough to have to eat. Remember the nights we went to bed hungry during the winter?"

"Yes," Bronwyn said, remembering all too clearly. "You're right, Mama. I'm sorry."

Bronwyn winced at the memory of the nights they had lain in their cold house snuggled up next to the fire with empty stomachs. The recollection of the hunger pains still haunted her. It had been a long, cold winter, and many families suffered with little, or no food for days at a time. It wasn't something she ever wanted to experience again.

Returning her thoughts to the present moment, she swung around to face her mother. "Do I look alright?" she asked, fluffing her hair with her hands.

"You look as beautiful as always, my dear," her mother said adoringly.

"I'll be back just as soon as Mr. Mowbray finishes putting the shoes on Nickers. I promise."

"You'd better be," her mother said pointedly. "No running off to hide upon that hill. Come straight home."

"Yes, ma'am," Bronwyn said. She gave her mother a quick peck on the cheek and stepped outside.

It was a beautiful day. The sun was slowly beginning to warm the ground, drying up all the dew that covered the grass. Fluffy white clouds drifted by overhead, and a soft breeze was blowing.

Bronwyn breathed in a deep lungful of the sweet smelling air. Her gaze wandered up over the rooftops of the nearby houses to the hill on the other side of the village. She longed to lay in the grass and stare up at the clear blue sky, daydreaming of rich banquets of food, wine in every cup, and a handsome stranger sitting across the table from her. But her mother's warning about coming straight home replayed in her mind. She knew if she was late getting home again today, her mother might very well pull out the switch and give her a good lashing. So she pushed the thought aside and made her way to the small, fenced in enclosure where the horse was kept.

"Hey, Nickers," she called out as she approached the gate. "Ready to get some new shoes?"

Nickers lifted his head from chewing on a stubborn stalk of grass and neighed. Bronwyn laughed. He always nickered at her when she came over to his enclosure. That was how he got his name.

Tying a rope around his neck, she led him out of the paddock.

As they headed down the dusty, dirt road toward the blacksmith's shop, Nickers seemed to know where they were headed. He began to prance around, causing Bronwyn to have to tighten her grip on his lead rope.

"What's gotten into you?" she laughed at him. "Since when do you get excited about getting new shoes?"

She struggled to hold onto him the closer they got to the shop. He kept jerking his head up, nearly pulling her off her feet several times.

"Whoa, there," came a voice from the other side of Nickers. Someone had reached out and grabbed the lead rope, jerking the horse to a stop.

"Hey!" Bronwyn shouted, outraged. "What do you think..."

Garrick ducked his head under Nickers' neck and chuckled. "It's just me, Bronwyn."

Bronwyn stifled her less than ladylike response. Instead, she glared at him and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Helping out a lady," Garrick said. "I thought you'd be grateful."

"I can handle my own horse," she said, indignantly.

"Sorry," Garrick said, taking a step backward. "I didn't mean to offend you. It looked like he was giving you a hard time. I just wanted to help."

"Garrick, I'm sorry," Bronwyn said, feeling ashamed of her rude behavior. "I appreciate you trying to come to my rescue, but I'm used to Nickers. He's just excited about going to the blacksmith's. He seems to know he's getting new shoes."

"Mind if I walk along with you?" Garrick asked, hopefully.

"Sure," Bronwyn said. She would have preferred to walk alone, but she didn't want to be unkind to Garrick. He was, after all, just trying to be helpful. She had to constantly remind herself that he was a friend and didn't deserve to be treated so poorly. She just got tired of him always being shoved in her face as a marriage prospect. She'd likely enjoy his company more if she didn't feel so much pressure to fall in love with him. That just wasn't going to happen. Every time they were seen together, she noticed the looks the other women in the village gave her, the whispers behind their hands to each other, and the constant questions about when the wedding date was to be set for. If it happened today, she was going to scream.

They arrived at the blacksmith's shop just as Mr. Mowbray was swinging the large wooden doors open, announcing that he was open for business.

"Good morning, Mr. Mowbray," Bronwyn greeted him. "Mama said you'd be expecting me."

"Ahhh, Bronwyn," he said. "Yes, yes. Time for Nickers to get his new shoes, eh?"

"Yes, sir," she said. "How long will it take?"

"Give me about thirty minutes," Mr. Mowbray said, scratching his chin. "That should be plenty of time. Old Nickers here never gives me any trouble."

"Thank you, sir," Bronwyn said. "I'll be back in half an hour."

"Good, good," said Mr. Mowbray, taking Nickers lead rope and guiding him into the shop. "Tell your mother I'll expect payment at the end of the week."

"I will," Bronwyn said.

Turning to look at Garrick, she raised her eyebrows in question. "So," she asked. "What do you want to do for thirty minutes?"

A KING'S RANSOM

By Carol Hall



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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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- * When you make a meringue, be sure to spread it all the way to the crust on all sides. If you do, it will not shrink.
- * After your dishwasher has run its course, open up the door and let the dishes air dry. On cold days, there's the added bonus of humidifying the house with the steam that escapes.
- * Research says that the best time of day to exercise is in the morning, but the truth is that the best time for YOU to exercise is when you will go through with it. So, try out different times of the day, and when you find one that fits, schedule it in your daily planner and block the time out at least three times per week.

* Making your own flavored yogurt is cheap and much better for you. You can avoid a lot of added sugar.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * Maurice Sendak's beloved kids' classic "Where the Wild Things Are" was originally titled "Where the Wild Horses Are." Why the change in title? Sendak realized he was unable to draw horses.
- * Rapper Lil' Wayne originally went by the moniker "Shrimp Daddy."
- * Not ones to marry in haste and repent at leisure, a Paraguayan couple set up house-keeping in 1933. After 80 years, eight children and 50 grandchildren, the 103-year-old groom finally said a formal "I do" to his 99-year-old bride.
- * The prize money for winning the Monopoly World

Championship is \$20,580 -- the same amount of money there is in the game's bank.

* Modern students who complain about the amount of homework they're issued might well wish they'd lived in the late 1800s and early 1900s, when doctors crusaded against it because they believed it was causing children to become wan, weak and nervous. In 1901, California even banned homework for anyone under the age of 15.

* Over a 24-year career, Roman charioteer Gaius Appuleius Diocles amassed an astonishing fortune worth 35,863,120 sesterces (an ancient Roman coin), or roughly \$15 billion in today's dollars, making him the highest-paid athlete of all time.

* In January 2021, the first

commercial 3D-printed house in the U.S. went on sale for \$299,000.

* The term "rum bubber," which originated in the 16th century, referred to a thief who specialized in stealing silver tankards from inns and pubs.

* An actual "chill pill," which could even be made at home, was used in the late 1800s to remedy chills associated with a high fever.

Thought for the Day: "We should live, act, and say nothing to the injury of anyone. It is not only best as a matter of principle, but it is the path to peace and honor." -- Robert E. Lee

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Start with plain, unflavored yogurt and add: pureed fruits, toasted oats, honey, vanilla or almond extract, or plumped-up raisins (add enough hot water to cover a tablespoon of raisins and let sit for a minute or two). Yummy.

* "If you stick the end of your celery stalks in a cup of water and rocks (or in some very damp dirt), they will begin to regrow. This is a great way to have a never-ending supply of celery. You also can regrow scallions from the root end." -- Y.L.J. in Missouri

* Metal shower hooks can be used in the sewing basket to hold safety pins. They can be used in a jewelry box to corral costume rings as well.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
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- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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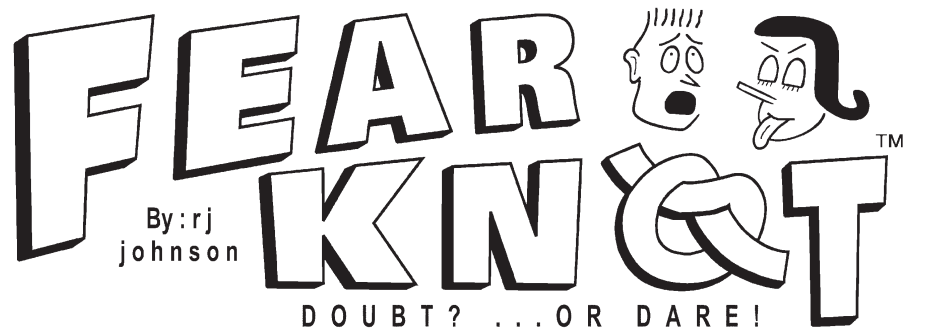
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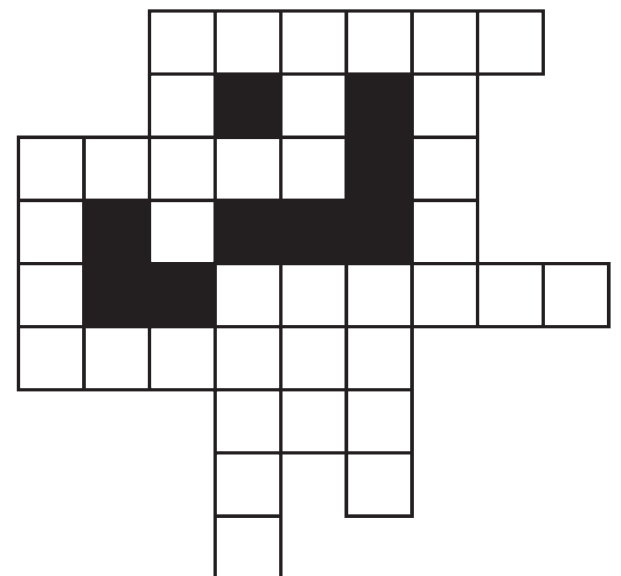
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- 35 Nintendo princess
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- 40 Snitch
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- 36 Figure skater, at times
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Unscramble these twelve letter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

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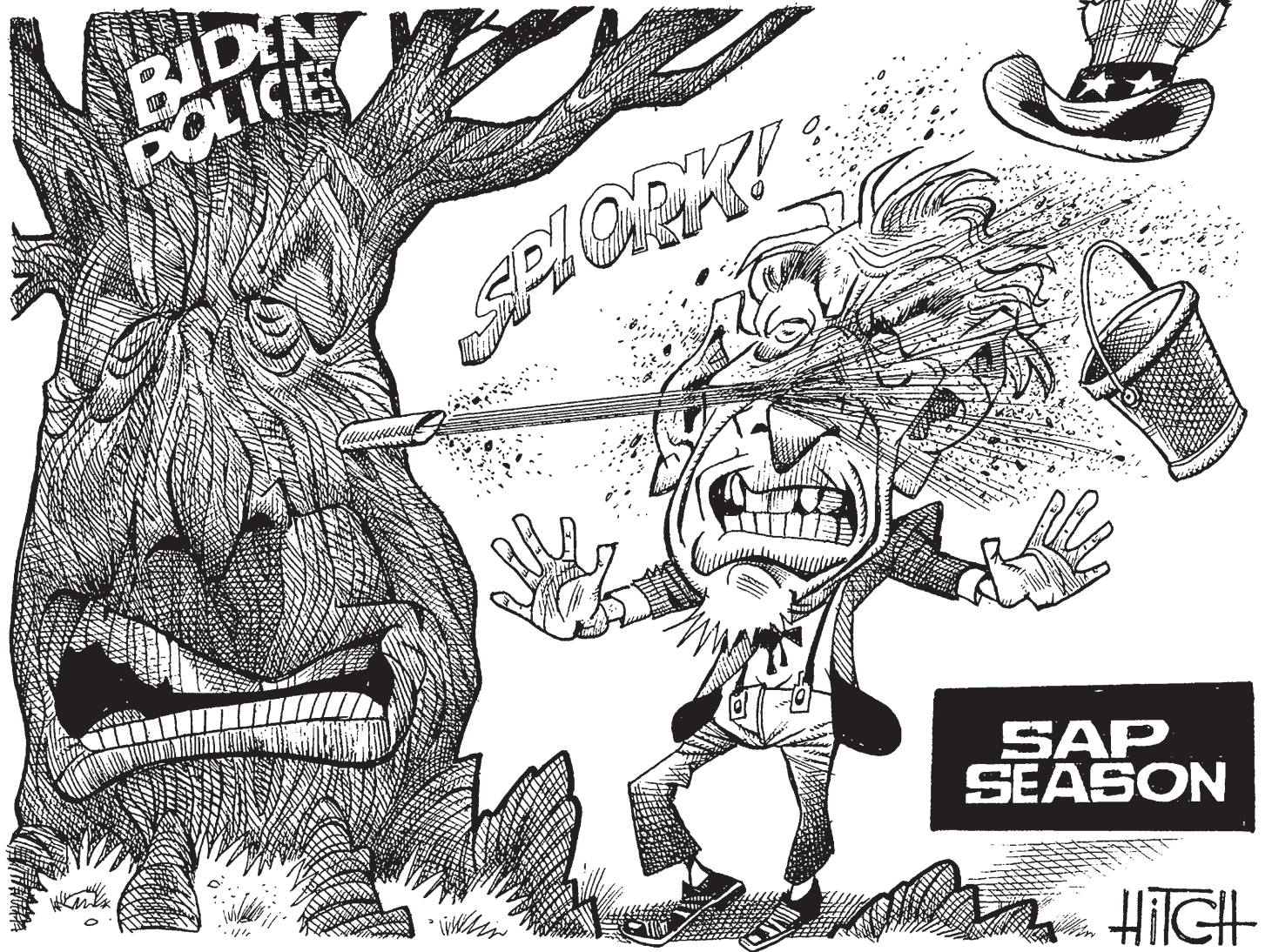
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Revelation in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From Deuteronomy 18, who prophesied that Jesus would speak all the Father commanded? *Abraham, Aaron, Moses, Noah*
3. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? *Smyrna, Bethany, Antioch, Cana*
4. In Hebrews 7, which priest was the "King of peace"? *Ezekiel, Seraiah, Melchisedec, Haggai*
5. How old was Methuselah at his death? *200, 617, 969, 1,102*
6. From 2 Samuel 8, who was commander of David's army? *Amasa, Joab, Joshua, Julius*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Moses; 3) Bethany; 4) Melchisedec; 5) 969; 6) Joab

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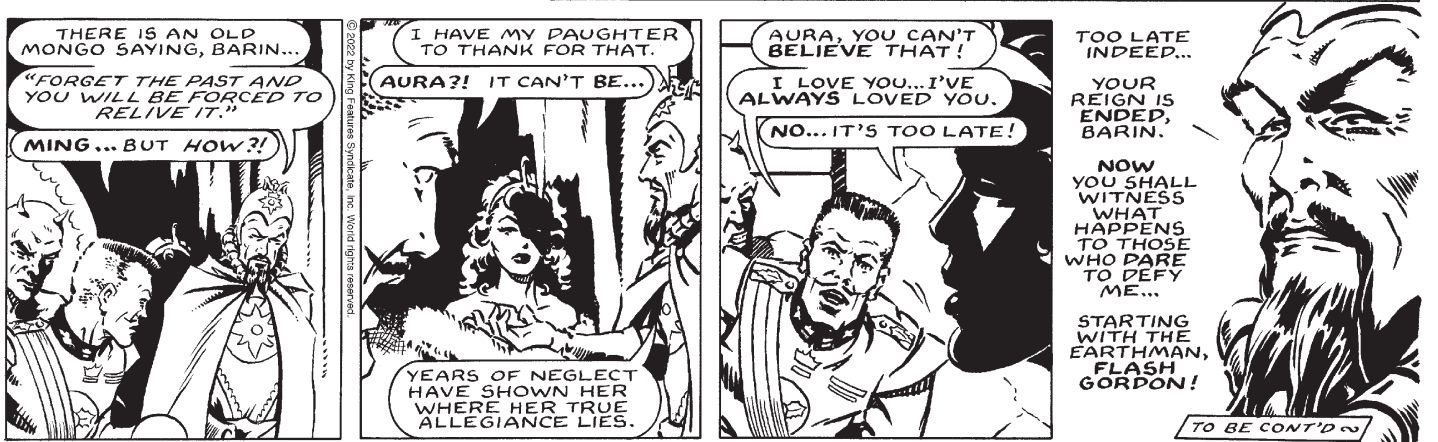
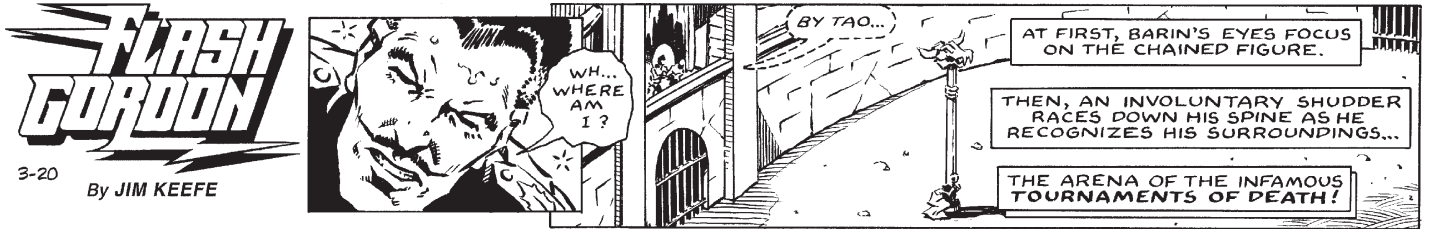
Green Bean Salad

When you think of salad, you probably think of a lettuce salad with store-bought dressing drizzled over top. Well, you'll never think that way again when you put this delicious green bean salad on the menu!

- 2 (15-ounce) cans whole green beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons fat-free sour cream
- 1 tablespoon Dijon country mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1. In a large bowl, combine green beans, mushrooms and walnuts. In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard and black pepper. Add mayonnaise mixture to bean mixture.
 2. Mix gently to combine. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Gently stir again just before serving. Makes 4 (1 cup) servings.
- Each serving equals: 104 calories, 4g fat, 4g protein, 13g carbs., 886mg sodium, 4g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Vegetable, 1 Fat.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Ron DeSantis and the New Republican Party

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis had another moment that lit up the right, this time pushing back against Disney's critique of the so-called "Don't Say Gay" bill.

In his statement, DeSantis was absolutely stalwart, saying that the chances are "zero" that he's going to back away from his support for the law. And he didn't hesitate to go on offense against Disney. He said it had made a fortune off being family-friendly so should understand that families don't want inappropriate material injected into the curriculum at schools and smacked the company for making money in China without denouncing the brutal practices of the Chinese Communist Party.

DeSantis had been equally forthright a few days earlier, contesting the dishonest "Don't Say Gay" characterization by a reporter at a news conference. "It's why people don't trust people like you," the governor said, "because you peddle fake narratives, and so we disabuse you of those narratives."

This is the voice of the new Republican Party.

Which is not to say that the party wasn't socially conservative before (George W. Bush ran against gay marriage in 2004), or that it didn't criticize the media (one of George H.W. Bush's best moments in 1988 was slamming Dan Rather during a live interview). But there's a new combativeness that is clearly a reflection of how Trump underlined the power of cultural issues and changed the rules around how you deal with controversy -- by doubling down and hitting back harder. Perhaps DeSantis would be just as inclined to rumble if Donald Trump had never emerged -- Chris Christie, for instance, had considerable success with a "bring it on" attitude toward criticisms during his governorship.

What feels new, though, is the zest for combat on cultural issues, as well as a willingness to bring to bear public power to the fight where possible (government has every right to control what is and isn't taught in government schools).

There's also a complete intolerance for playing along with false media narratives.

And, lastly, there's zero hesitation to stand up to corporations siding with the left in policy disputes. It seemed several years ago in the debates over religious-freedom restoration acts at the state level that corporations held the whip hand over state officials. Not anymore. Not after Republicans have learned that the appropriate response to such pressure is, "No. Hell, no."

If this new approach draws on Trump, it should vitiate one of the arguments long made for Trump: "At least he fights." Now, the party is full of people who want to fight in a broadly similar fashion -- however, with important differences from Trump.

In the "Don't Say Gay" controversy, DeSantis isn't relitigating what happened in the last election; he is freshly litigating a defense against a cutting-edge progressive cause.

He isn't defending the indefensible; he's defending the eminently defensible, in fact the unfairly maligned.

He isn't dragging anyone through a fight occasioned by his personal failings or dubious practices; he's standing up for a well-considered conservative initiative.

And he isn't jousting with reporters who know more about the contested topic than he does; no, on this and pretty much everything else, he knows more than any of his antagonists.

So, DeSantis opens up a vista offering an important element of Trumpism without the baggage or selfishness of Trump.

The same can be said of Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton. He gave a speech the other day at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library that thoughtfully integrated Trumpian populist themes with traditional GOP thinking.

Here is another vista, of a policy vision with a strong element of Trumpism that might have broad appeal to GOP voters of all stripes without the distracting obsessions of the former president.

This gets at what could be one of the most persuasive arguments to Republican voters for Trump not running again -- not that he needs to go away so the old party can be restored, but that he's unnecessary because a new party has emerged.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Papier Mache Offers Goopy Hands-On Fun

Stir together a simple, goopy recipe, add some newspaper, and you're on the way to a fun activity the whole family will enjoy. When you make these papier mache pot covers to dress up small plants, you won't have to wait for days before you paint them, because the microwave speeds up the drying.

To make plant covers you'll need:

- Microwave-safe jars with lids removed, such as empty pasta sauce or canning jars with a 3-4 inch base.
- Microwave-safe plastic food wrap
- Newspaper
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups water
- Large rubber band
- Acrylic or poster paints and brushes

Here's the fun:

1. For each cover, wrap plastic wrap around the base and outside of a jar. (The wrap makes it easier to remove the project when it is dry.)
2. Cut newspaper into 12-inch-square sheets.
3. In a large mixing bowl, stir the flour and water together until smooth.
4. Now comes the mess that makes papier mache such a fun and tactile craft. Set one sheet in front of you. Spoon about 2 tablespoons of the mixture on the sheet and spread with your hands like you're finger painting. Use

just enough to thinly cover the sheet. It should not be soggy. Center a second sheet on top and spread more mixture. Repeat with a third sheet.

5. Set the jar upright in the center of the stack. With both hands, gather the wet paper stack evenly around the pot while your child places the rubber band around it, about 3 inches from the base of the jar. Add more mixture to the outside layer so that it is completely covered. Fan out edges.

6. An adult should place the jar upside-down in the microwave and heat on high for 1 1/2 minutes. Use a pot-holder to pat down any air bubbles that have formed. Microwave again for 1 1/2 minutes, watching to make sure that the paper does not begin to scorch. Pat down any bubbles. Continue in a couple of 30-second bursts until it is almost dry, keeping an eye on it at all times.



Dress up small plants with colorful pot covers.

7. Cool. Remove the jar. When completely dry, remove the rubber band, then paint.

8. To use, set a draining tray and plant in the pot cover.

NOTE: Instead of the microwave method, let the flowerpot cover air-dry a day or two.

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

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Contaminated Drinking Water at U.S. Bases

We've known for years about the dry-cleaning chemicals and leaking fuel tanks contaminating the water at Camp Lejeune. It went on for decades (1953-1987) with multiple generations being affected before the Department of Veterans Affairs finally allowed claims for disability from all the illnesses caused by the water. But Lejeune isn't the only one.

Last year, word started surfacing about chemicals in the water at the Pease Air Base with enough of a hue and cry that health officials called for people to sign up in a health study by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Then there's Fort Ord. It was put on the Superfund's National Priorities List in 1990 due to leaking petroleum tanks underground.

Now there's news from Hawaii, where families at Pearl Harbor-Hickam Field are concerned about petroleum and lead in the drinking water, in-

cluding in a child-development center. Then there's the fuel in the drinking water in 9,000 of their homes, leading to families being cleared out and sent to motels. Even after the lines were flushed, petroleum remained. Now residents are asking that the VA cover them as Camp Lejeune was (finally) covered, except they don't want to wait for so many years.

If you and your family were stationed at any military base (especially if it had an airport and the use of fire-suppressant foam) and if any of you have health problems, dig into the cause. Start online with the Environmental Working Group (EWG.org) and put "military bases" in the search box. Find the map showing 678 military installations with suspect PFAS in the water, and click on any base on the map to see test results for that location.

Do a search online for bases with contaminated water. You'll be shocked at the list.

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Historically Speaking

Atomic City Sportsmen Club: Part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

As we continue our look at the Atomic City Sportsmen Club, Inc. of Oak Ridge, and before we examine some of the major projects they have undertaken over the years, let's first take a look at their logo. That will help us better understand the basic tenants of the organization.

The idea for a logo for the Atomic City Sportsmen Club originated with the late E. H. Upton, an Oak Ridge City Councilman and former member of the organization. Mr. Upton enlisted help from the late Nat Johnson, a DOE graphic designer, to complete the logo.

The concept for the logo was "to bring all people together." The design shows this by the two hands on the right side, one shaded and one unshaded. The arrows around the sides depict the directions of north, south, east and west. The underlying focus is that no one should be excluded.

As mentioned in the last article, this group formed in 1969 by a group of African American men who came to Oak Ridge when hired by the major employers here as they sought to meet their Affirmative Action initiatives. From this unusual and somewhat urgent beginning on the part of these young professionals, a great and lasting tradition has been generated, much to the benefit of our community.

What started out as a "club" to help these men form and sustain companionship relationships quickly evolved into a viable and effective organization that could raise money for the causes they chose to support. This realization led them to do even more for their newly found community.

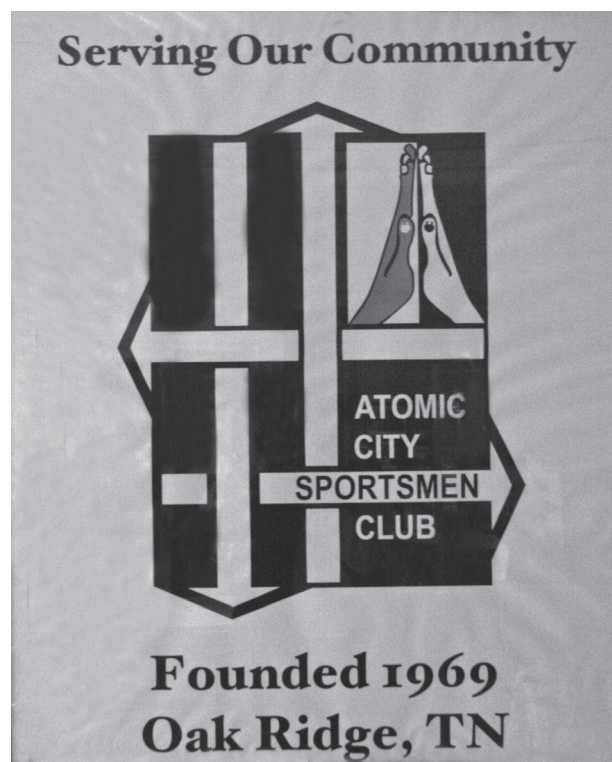
Their stated purpose was and remains today, "to aid the youth, underprivileged, and charitable organizations in the Oak Ridge area." Fundraising is a primary method to accomplish these goals. They continue to meet these goals today as they have over the years since 1969.

Examples of some of the many successful fundraisers they hold are: the Annual Golf Tournament, the Diversity Celebration Luncheon, fashion shows, various social events, auctions, football classic trips, theatrical play trips, blues concerts, ethnic food tastings, barbeque sales and many other activities have all contributed to the good of the community.

These men who form the officers and membership of this special club in our community over the years have all been engaged in some of the most effective fundraising efforts that have existed in

Oak Ridge as well as supporting a host of charitable activities. They rightfully deserve to feel pride in their accomplishments!

Some of the projects the club has sponsored over the years have been the Sickle Cell Testing Program, voter registration drives, the Annual Scholarship Program, the Annual Fun in the Sun event, the Annual Children's Christmas Party, the Annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast, the Million Man March trip, the Black history Bowl, support of Oak Ridge Boys and Girls Club teams, senior citizen activities and many more similar projects.



The logo of the Atomic City Sportsmen Club represents their desire to "Bring all people together" and proudly demonstrates the ideals of their organization (Photo Submitted)

The men I met with who shared this story with me were, Chris Hammonds – past president of the club, Horace Miller and Jim Barnes – both founding members of the club, Nelson Stephens, Al Guidry, Dennis Venable and Larry Gipson. These men have humble spirits and are interested in doing good things for the youth of their community and other charitable organizations.

It was hard to draw out of them the details of the organization's accomplishments. They are humble men. They just do what needs to be done without ceremony or other self-promotion. They don't seek accolades for what they do and it is obvious that they love to see the results of what they do. They are obviously uncomfortable with praise for their many accomplishments. It is refreshing to talk to them!

One of the most significant club accomplishments is their scholarship program started in 2001 that has provided financial help to youth to help them go to college. The program started with one student and the club supported her throughout her four years in college to graduation. Since then, the club usually supports several students each year based on available money.

Many of the recipients might not have

been able to complete college without the help of these scholarships. Several thousand dollars in scholarships has been provided thus far and even more scholarships are planned.

Another aspect of this unique organization is the ability they have to bring well-known personalities to speak in Oak Ridge. Over the years they have succeeded in bringing such renowned speakers as: The Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, former congressman and president of the National Black Leadership Roundtable; Attorney Thomas Todd, Chicago, Illinois - Nationally Acclaimed Civil Rights Leader; The Rev. Harold Middlebrook Sr.; Congressman Harold Ford Jr.; Congressman Zack Wamp; Congressman James E. Clyburn; The Reverend Joseph Lowery; Dr. John Turner, TVA's Senior Vice President of Education, Training and Diversity; Joe LaGrone; The Honorable Nathaniel Mosby, Dekalb County Commissioner; Bob Booker; Edye Ellis and many others.

The Atomic City Sportsmen Club, Inc. is one of the great success stories of Oak Ridge. It is a part of our historic fabric and epitomizes the type of caring attitudes that often are associated with clubs and organizations in our city who seek to help others.

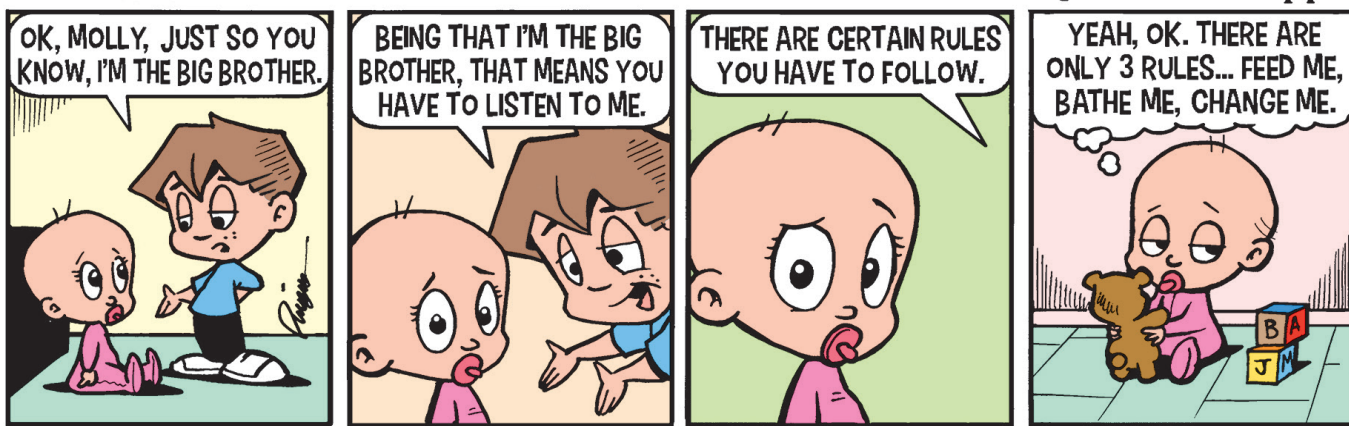
These men who founded that club have now become leaders in our community, a far cry from the days when they came to this city. They have made their place and rightly deserve to celebrate the many years of charitable services to youth and others in need in Oak Ridge and the surrounding community.

I am proud to have gotten to know these men. Their humble yet powerful spirit of honor and service has obviously become a primary hallmark of their organization. Each of them, in their own way, contribute to the continued success of this venture from the late 1960's, an era long gone - but not yet forgotten, but one that produced a lasting organization that has continued to lead the way to diversity and effective fundraising.

The Atomic City Sportsmen Club, Inc. is an example of what can be done when a few highly motivated leaders decide to bond together in helping others. We need more of these type organizations! Thank you, men, for showing us the way through your personal example of "servant leadership." You are among my many heroes of Oak Ridge!

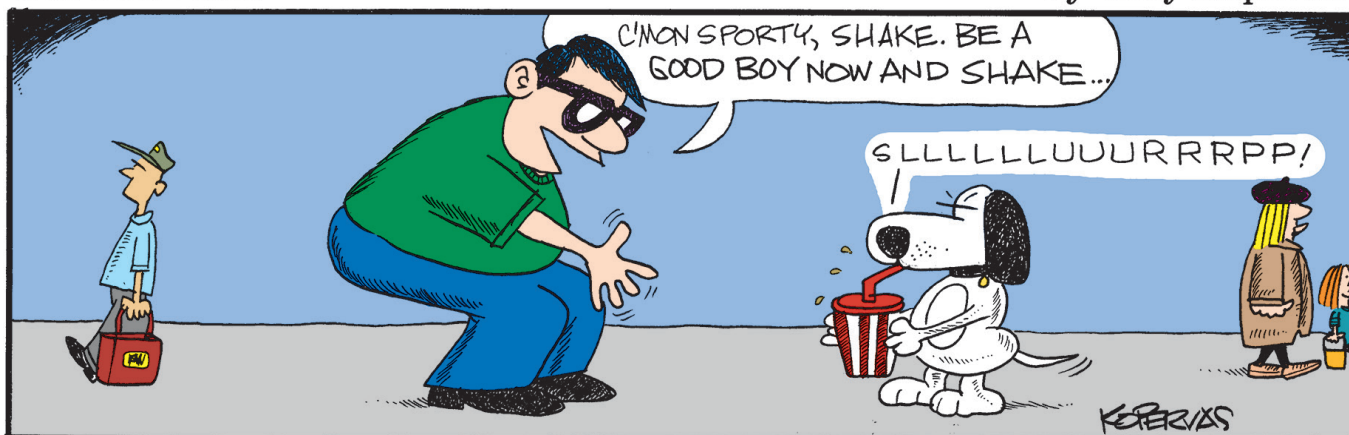
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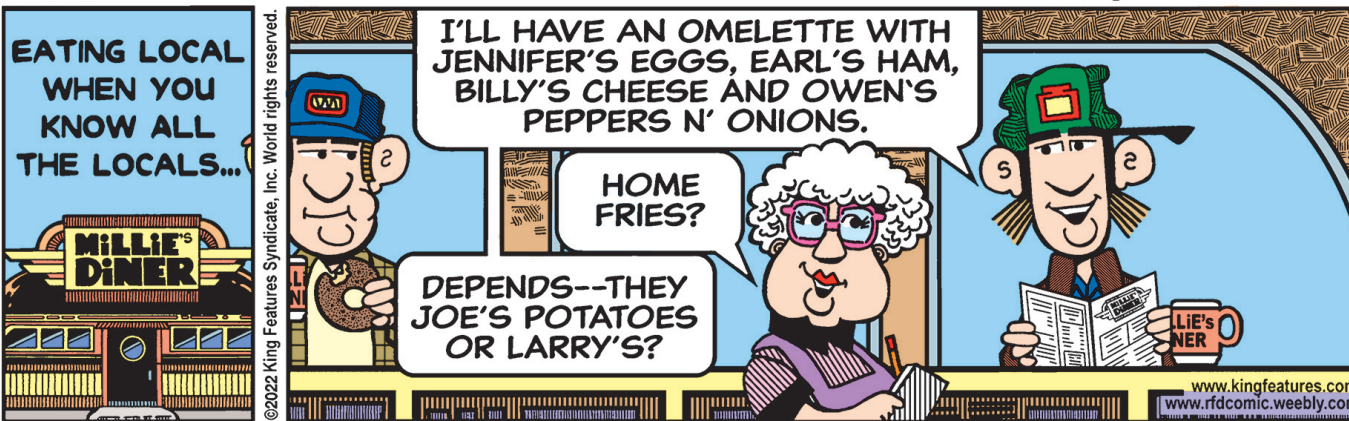
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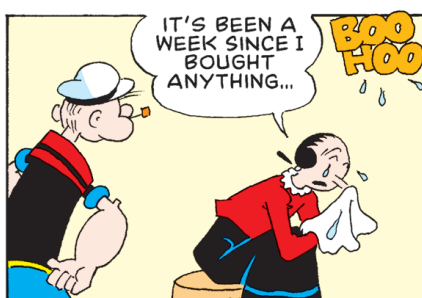
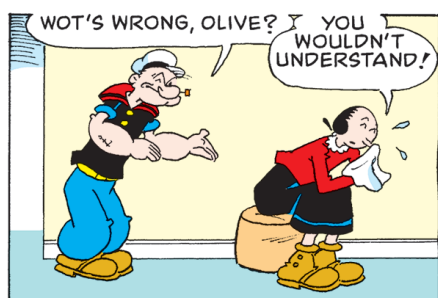
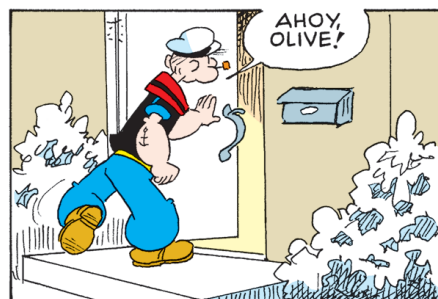
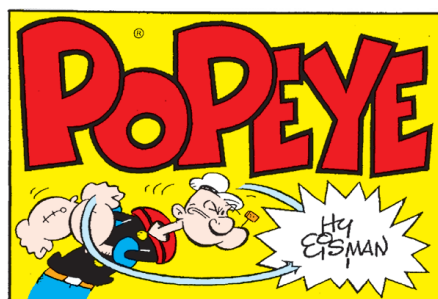
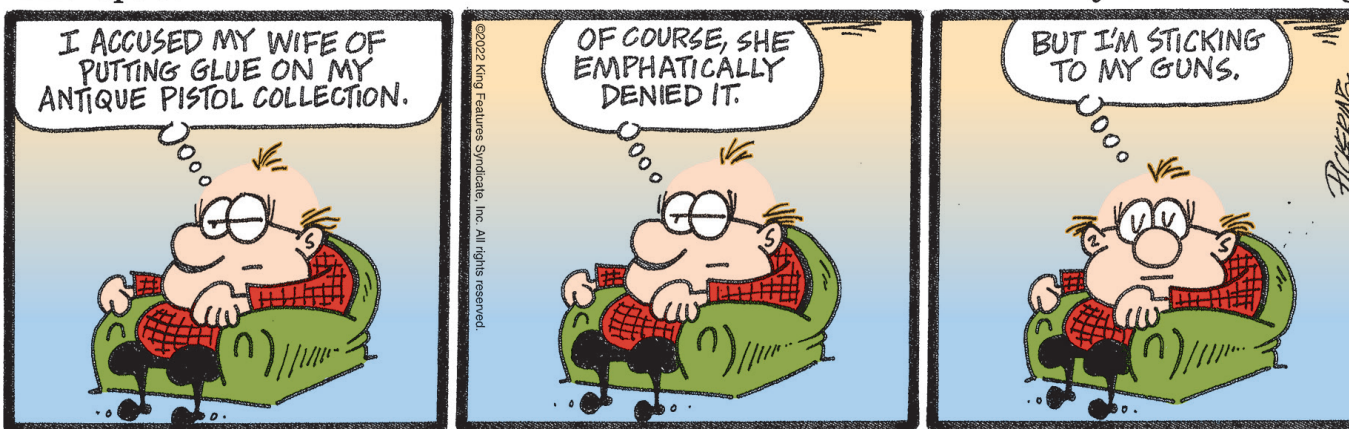
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On April 17, 1882, several copies of Sheriff Pat Garrett's wildly inauthentic, fictionalized biography, "An Authentic Life of Billy the Kid," arrive at the Library of Congress. The first full, realistic biography of William Bonney (the Kid's principal alias) was not published until 1989.

* On April 16, 1897, Frederick William Winterbotham, one of Britain's top code breakers, is born. Winterbotham would play a decisive role in the World War II Ultra code-breaking project, enabling MI-6 to intercept top secret messages transmitted to and between German armed forces.

* On April 14, 1912, just before midnight in the North Atlantic, the RMS Titanic fails to divert its course from an iceberg, ruptures its hull, and begins to sink. The Titanic's hull was divided into 16 presumed watertight compartments, and the ocean liner was considered unsinkable.

* On April 11, 1921, KDKA in Pittsburgh broadcasts the first live sporting event on the radio, a boxing match. Radio had been used primarily for two-way communication, but KDKA became the first licensed radio station in 1920. Months later the first Major League Baseball game was broadcast.

* On April 12, 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt dies of a cerebral hemorrhage at his home in Warm Springs, Georgia. The only man to be elected to four terms as president, Roosevelt is remembered for his New Deal social policies.

* On April 15, 1967, a massive parade to protest Vietnam War policy is held in New York. Police estimated that 100,000 to 125,000 people listened to speeches by Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dr. Benjamin Spock. Prior to the march, youth burned nearly 200 draft cards in Central Park.

* On April 13, 1978, opening day at Yankee Stadium, the New York Yankees give away thousands of Reggie! candy bars to fans, who toss them onto the field after star outfielder Reggie Jackson homers in his first at-bat.

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Oakdale's Amelia Miller Signs with Roane State

By Terry Futrell

Oakdale senior Amelia Miller signed on Friday to play basketball for Roane State Community College in a ceremony held at Oakdale School. The ceremony was attended by Roane State Raiderette Coach David Harnish, Miller's family, and many students and staff.

The Roane State Raiderettes are coming off a highly successful season in which the team earned a 22-8 record and made it to the semifinals of the TCCAA/NJCAA Region VII Tournament. The Raiderettes have won 20 games or more in 29 of Harnish's 32 years as coach.

During her four years as an Oakdale Lady Eagle, Miller scored 1,094 points, even though she played in only five games her freshman year.

Miller scored almost half of her career points during her senior year, pouring in 494 points for the Lady Eagles, averaging 19 points per game. Miller also averaged 9.1 rebounds, 3.2 assists, and 2.2 blocks per game. Miller's productive senior season came while continuing to recover from a previous injury.

Congratulations to Amelia Miller for proving once again that hard work and commitment pay off and open the door to future opportunities.



Amelia Miller signs to continue her basketball career by playing for the Roane State Community College Raiderettes. Miller is shown with her parents, Doug and Erin Walls Miller, Oakdale Coach Fred Snow, and Roane State Raiderette Coach David Harnish. [Photo by Terry Futrell]



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Lady Bulldogs Roll Over Oakdale 16-0

By Terry Futrell

The hosting Oakdale Lady Eagles were a bit too hospitable Thursday evening as the visiting Wartburg Central Lady Bulldogs blitzed to a 16-0 victory in three innings.

Oakdale's three pitchers had trouble finding the strike zone and gave 12 Wartburg batters a free ride, eight on walks and four hit by pitches. Wartburg's five hits drove in eight runs, and an additional eight runs resulted from steals, bases-loaded walks, and hit batters.

On the flip side, Wartburg's freshman pitcher Lily Kamer went the

distance, striking out six in three innings while walking none. The Lady Eagles were limited to two hit singles in the game.

Wartburg took a 5-0 lead in the top of the first. The first three batters walked, and Oakdale committed errors on the next two batters. Oakdale pitcher Rhylan Hicks then got into rhythm and retired the side with two strikeouts and an infield grounder.

Oakdale's Hunter Bailey led off with a single to left field in the bottom of the first. Later in the inning, Amelia Miller singled to right field. Both Bailey and Miller were stranded as Kamer put the remaining Oakdale batters away with an infield popup and a strikeout.

Wartburg's offense kicked into high gear in the top of the second. After

an initial strikeout, Sydney Aytes singled to center, Edey-Anne Williams drew a walk, and both Caleigh Crouch and Jade Brooks hit doubles. Maelee Hamby walked, and Cassidy Anderson doubled to center. After two more walks, Oakdale finally closed out the Lady Bulldogs on an infield grounder, but the damage had been done as Wartburg scored six runs in the inning.

It was four up and three down for Oakdale in the bottom of the second. After Lily Brasel reached first on a catcher's interference call, Kamer struck out two batters and the third flied out to left field. Wartburg led 11-0 after two complete innings.

Wartburg loaded the bases in the top of the third on an error, a hit batter, and a walk. Brooks stepped to the plate and hit a long fly ball to the left field fence, scoring three runs and advancing Brooks to third. Brooks later stole home on a passed ball, and Taylor Collins scored when Ella Monroe was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Wartburg added five runs in the third.

Kamer continued her excellent pitching performance in the bottom of the third, putting away the side with two strikeouts and a fly ball to left field. The Lady Eagles were again scoreless, and Wartburg earned a

16-0 victory.

Baseball and Softball Roundup

BASEBALL

Coalfield

3/21 – Lost to CAK 0-7
3/22 – Defeated Harriman 4-1
3/24 – Defeated Rockwood 11-1
3/25 – Defeated Rockwood 12-2
3/26 – Lost to Pigeon Forge 5-11

Oakdale

3/21 – Defeated Rockwood 14-12
3/22 – Defeated Rockwood 10-0
3/24 – Lost to Knoxville West 2-15
3/25 – Lost to Clarksville NW 3-6
3/26 – Lost to Plainfield Central (IL) 1-11
3/26 – Lost to Halls 2-16

Sunbright

3/21 – Lost to Wartburg 7-14
3/22 – Lost to Wartburg 6-16
3/24 – Defeated Scott High 6-4

Wartburg Central

3/21 – Defeated Sunbright 14-7
3/22 – Defeated Sunbright 16-6
3/25 – Lost to Tellico Plains 2-12

SOFTBALL

Coalfield

3/21 – Lost to Hardin Valley Academy 1-13
3/22 – Lost to Anderson County 8-21
3/24 – Lost to Oneida 1-18

Oakdale

3/21 – Lost to Rockwood 0-14
3/24 – Lost to Wartburg 0-16
3/25 – Lost to Greenback 2-17

Sunbright

3/21 – Lost to Wartburg 2-17

Wartburg Central

3/21 – Defeated Sunbright 17-2
3/22 – Lost to Oliver Springs 0-6
3/24 – Defeated Oakdale 16-0



Wartburg's Caleigh Crouch steals home as Oakdale pitcher Rhylan Hicks attempts the tag. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

Track and Field

By Tara England

Four athletes from the Sunbright Track and Field Team competed Saturday at the Hardin Valley Invitational in the strong winds and cold temperatures. Those athletes were Jonah Freels, Caleb Quinney (from WCHS), Kendra Massey, and Emerson Nichols. The opportunity to compete at this level is a wonderful accomplishment. They all competed very well. None of these athletes came out victorious in their events, however, they competed like high-level athletes. They represented our county extremely well!

The next track meet will be at York Institute on Thursday evening. Field events begin at 5:00 and running events begin at 6:00 eastern standard time. This team loves competing at York Institute. York meets are like home meets since York is the closest track for them to compete on each season.

Then on Saturday, April 2nd, many of the athletes on the track and field team will travel to Farragut for yet another invitational meet. The athletes that have qualified to participate on Saturday are Kendra Massey in the shot put and discus, Haylee Morgan (from WCHS) in the shot put and discus, Emerson Nichols in the 100 and 400 meters, Jonah Freels in the long jump, 100 meters, and 300-meter hurdles, Caleb Quinney (from WCHS) in the 100, 400, and 1600 meters, Isaac Jones in the 100 meters, and Noah Cox (from WCHS) in the 1600 meters. These events will



Jonah Freels as he jumps to 1st place in Long Jump.

be taking place throughout the day on Saturday field events

beginning at 9:00 AM and running events beginning at 12:00.

The TRACK & FIELD TEAM thanks everyone for their support!

Highlanders Blow Away Campbell, Fight Roadrunners to Tight Finish

By Richard Spears

Scott soccer started the regular season Tuesday (March 15) by skinning the Campbell County Cougars, in a 6-0 decisive shutout win on the road that impressed Highlander Head Coach Eric Henry, and made Highlander fans glad they took the short trip to Lafollette to see the victory.

“We had six different guys score, and shut them out. Can’t get much better than that,” Henry said. Phoenix Norris hit Scott’s first goal, off an assist from Skye Babb. Babb followed with a score, assisted by Toby Garrett. The Highlanders went up 3-0 on a Conner Stanley goal, with an assist from Josiah Fladie. Dominyc Lewis booted in the last goal of the first half, assisted by Stanley to put Scott up 4-0 at the break.

The second frame was all Scott, as the Highlanders added first a rocket shot by Hugo Henry, on an assist by Fladie, then a score by Fladie assisted by Henry to go ahead of the

Cougars 6-0. That would be the final, in a game that was also marked with some stellar defensive play by both Scott Goalkeepers, Adrian Parra and Luke Bowling.



ners, who were over an hour late, pulling out a 2-1 win.



“Adrian had a ton of saves, and Luke did well coming in to see some minutes at keeper also,” Coach Henry said. “Our subs did well, and we moved the ball very effectively. I was also happy that I got to give playing time to a lot of our younger guys. Our freshmen played well, and we had great defense by everyone, especially Andy Blevins, Ira Marcus, Nolan Cotton and Gaven Terry,” Henry added.

In Thursday’s (March 17) contest at home, Scott played defending State Champs Austin East to almost a standstill, with the Roadrun-

“We ended up playing two 30 minute halves because they ran late,” Henry told the Morgan County Today. “I was very proud of the way our team played. I’ve been coaching for over 20 years, and I can’t remember seeing the Highlanders play a better game. We missed a few close shots, or the outcome could have been different. Dominyc scored our goal on an assist by Hugo. None of Adrian’s saves were easy, but he really kept it close with his defensive effort. I can’t be more proud of how hard we played today,” Henry said. Scott was scheduled to play Clinton (March 22) Gap (March 24) on the road, before coming back to play a home contest against Oneida, scheduled for Tuesday, March 29.

Indians Send Wildcats Back to Sweetwater with Tucked Tails

By Richard Spears

Oneida and Sweetwater fought a tight battle for the first 3/4 of last Tuesday’s (March 15) game at Oneida’s Hoffman Field, as Gabe Hacker’s lone goal, on an assist by Luke Barna made the difference until Sweetwater knotted it up, 1-1 with the first goal of the second half, at the 27 minute mark. Five minutes later, the Indians opened up a huge can of offense.

with Mason Keeton booting in a go ahead goal assisted by Hacker. The game stood at 2-1, Oneida until Hacker blasted in two consecutive laser guided missiles, at the 11 minute mark, and a minute later, to give Oneida a 4-1 edge and Hacker a hat trick for the game.

Oneida held Sweetwater scoreless until the whistle, for a victory that Oneida Head Coach Derek Keeton said “this was a well deserved win against a tough team.” Keeton added, “Our guys did all they were supposed to do, and we played a great defensive game, We missed almost

30 shots, and many of those were just off frame. Sweetwater’s got a really good team. Looking forward to playing Knox Central next Tuesday (March 22). We’ll find out a lot about ourselves in that one. Central is always loaded with athletes.”

After the road contest against Central, the Indians travel to Gatlinburg to play the Smokey Mountain Cup, March 25-26, then return to play the Highlanders at Scott on Tuesday, March 29.





Photos by Cathy Bird

A Fun Night of Coalfield Carnage

By Corbin Rogers

A packed house Friday night inside coalfield gym saw JCP wrestling promotions bring a stacked card and enjoyable show for all the fans. The show saw The Stew Crew welcomed home with arms wide open. A wild steel cage main event headlined by Danny Vegas vs Coach Spank where The Spank got his revenge on Vegas with a rock bottom through thumb tacks for the win.

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



Job Interviewing: How to answer, “Why do you want to leave your job”?

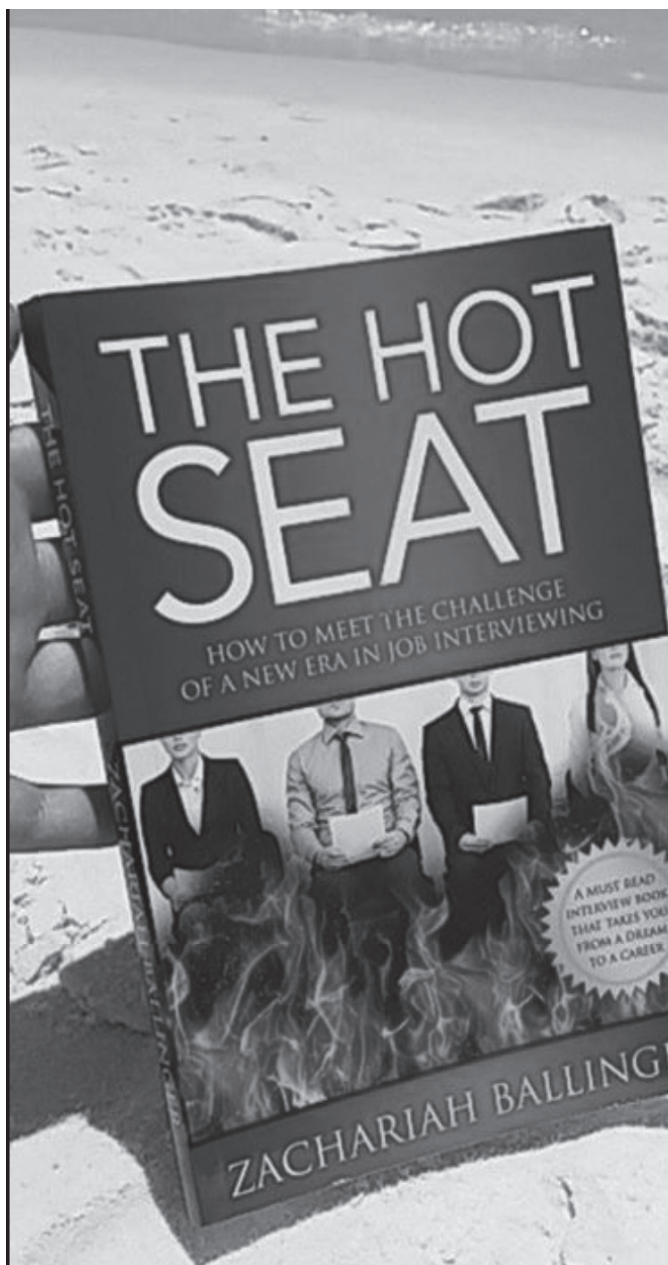
People change jobs for many different reasons throughout the course of their career, either due to their own accord or through a possible company downsizing. The first thing you need to be aware of is it’s okay for you to want a new job, but you need to have a reason for it.

“I really would like to make more money and you guys are paying \$1,000 more a year.”

“I am bored and I hate my job.”
“My boss sucks and he is a real pain to work for.”

“I hate my current job and I am miserable.”

All of the above statements in quotations should not be stated as a reason for leaving a current job. The second thing you need to be aware of is the potential for you to put your foot in your mouth big time. There is never an appropriate time to start bad-mouthing current employees, your boss, upper management, former colleagues, or the organization as a whole. I’ve actually dedicated



an entire chapter in the book to this topic, because it’s that important.

Finally you will **Zack Ballinger** need to give clear explanation on why you are looking to leave your current position and why the new job would be a lot better fit for you.

Sample answer: “My current job as a financial advisor has taught me many things over the past five years. I have learned extensively about financial management tools, investment vehicles, analyzing mutual funds, and how to communicate with individuals and offer financial products that will satisfy my client wants and needs.” I feel like I am ready to take the next developmental role in leading and managing people. I have taken leadership development courses through my company, as well as enrolling in a college course, entitled, “Leadership Development and Organizational Management”, and I have been reading books on leadership styles. I have had the opportunity to train new hires, as well as conduct training for employees on maximizing ROI with their current investment clients. I think this new opportunity would better suit my talents, because I have the experi-

ence, education, and skills to lead my team. I have been a financial advisor for the past five years and have learned valuable knowledge about the financial sector. I have enjoyed my time at my current company, but I am ready to move up from a traditional investment advisor. The duties and description of this opportunity precisely fit what I’ve been looking for, career-wise. This experience, along with me being a team leader in my current role, has prepared me to be one of the best financial management leaders for your organization.”

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

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



Ice Cream Cones Minus the Ice Cream

One of my favorite things to do is find inexpensive products we all know and love and find new uses for them. Lately, ice cream cones have been on sale for less than \$1.50. It got me thinking, what else can we do with these inexpensive, whimsical holders of happiness?

Turns out, lots of things! Here are some fun ideas to get your wheels turning.

Make a breakfast cone — Alternate layers of fruit, granola and yogurt, like a parfait, into the cone and serve for a fun breakfast treat.

Bake ice cream cone cupcakes — Place flat-bottomed cones in each well of a mini-muffin tin. Prepare a boxed cake mix and pour batter 3/4 of the way up the cone. Bake at 350 F for 20 to 25 minutes. Decorate as desired.

Make individual treats for kids — It’s perfect because every child gets their own portion, they eat the bowl so there’s no clean up, and it keeps their grubby little hands out of the communal candy dish. Great for trail mix, popcorn, pretzels, candies and rice crispy treats.

Mix savory with sweet — Surprise your next lunch guests with waffle cones filled with curried chicken salad with fruit.

Make waffle cone cannoli — Who

loves cannoli? Everyone! Who likes to make cannoli? People with extra time on their hands! This Italian classic literally means “little tube,” named for the deep-fried tube of pastry filled with sweetened and flavored ricotta cheese. The filling is easy to make. The fried pastry tubes, not so much. So, let’s take a shortcut by substituting waffle cones for the pastry.



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- 1 (32 ounce) container whole milk ricotta cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Zest of one orange
- 1 (10 ounce) bag mini semi sweet chocolate chips; divided
- 8-10 waffle cones
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate baking wafers (optional)

1. For best results, drain the ricotta overnight. Place ricotta in a strainer lined with cheesecloth or a coffee filter, placed over a mixing bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and put a plate on top, weighted with a small can (like a tuna can) to press out the liquid.

2. Make the filling: Mix together ricotta, sugar, vanilla, salt and zest.

Fold in 1/2 cup of the chocolate chips — but before you do, if you’re going to use a piping bag with a star tip to finish the cones (as pictured), remove about 3/4 cup of the filling and set aside. The chips always get stuck in the tip and make us cranky. Place the filling in a zippered plastic bag and refrigerate.

3. Meanwhile, dip the cones in chocolate. It’s optional, but why wouldn’t you? Melt the chocolate wafers in a bowl just large enough to accommodate the top of the waffle cone. Dip the top of the cones and let the excess drip off. Let the chocolate begin to firm then roll the chocolate into some mini chocolate chips. If you have extra chocolate, drizzle some in the bottom of each cone.

4. To assemble: Cut the corner off the zippered bag and squeeze the filling, dividing between the cones. If finishing with a piping bag, place the reserved filling without chips in a piping bag fitted with a star tip. Swirl the top of each cone. Sprinkle with mini chips. Serve immediately. If you still have cones left after all this, buy some ice cream!

TIP: Have stale cones in your cupboard? Feed the birds by spreading cones with peanut butter and rolling in birdseed.

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David Zubler
Columnist

Choosing best option if you own a vacation rental property

If you own a vacation rental home choosing the best tax option can provide significant tax savings.

A rental activity can be reported on a Schedule C or Schedule E when filing your tax return. However, your rental activity determines which Schedule is used when filing your taxes.

A sole proprietor uses schedule C to report the profit and loss from a business. Hotel owners are generally required to report their rental activity as a business because it is more like a business than renting a residential home.

Schedule E is normally used to report the profit and loss from a rental house which is considered to be a passive activity.

Sole Proprietors are required to be use Schedule C when reporting their profit or loss. Sole proprietors are pay self-employment tax and income tax. Self-employment tax is a tax consisting of Social Security and Medicare taxes.

The self-employment tax rate is 15.3% of net earnings. Reducing your self-employment tax can have a significant impact on your tax liability.

If you usually have a rental loss and own another business, reporting your rental activity on a Schedule C will help to reduce your self-employment tax. Reporting your rental activity on a Schedule E will increase your self-employment tax if you typically have a business profit.

If you have taxable income on the rental, Schedule E is the best option because you don't pay any self-employment taxes on Schedule E profit.

The IRS does not allow a landlord to choose their Schedule depending on which one provides the most tax benefit. Tax laws

determine whether a rental activity is reported on a Schedule C or Schedule E.

The services provided by the landlord determine whether the rental activity is reported on a Schedule C or Schedule E. If the services offered are substantial, the rental profit is subject to the self-employment tax.

The supplying of maid service, for example, constitutes a service. However, cleaning of public entrances, lobbies, and trash collection are not considered services that subject the rental profit to self-employment tax. The IRS has advised that rentals of living quarters are not subject to self-employment tax when no services are provided for the occupants.

If your rental property has a profit, it is better to report the rental activity on Schedule E to avoid paying self-employment. You can determine whether your rental activity is reported on a Schedule C or Schedule E by the services that you provide when renting your vacation home.

This article provides the essential concept for determining which Schedule offers the best tax strategy. For more details regarding which activities classify a vacation home rental as a Schedule C or Schedule E, contact a tax professional with expert knowledge.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Living on Social Security

We've now experienced our 2022 Social Security benefit amount for a couple of months, the 5.9% increase. How are you doing?

The problem is that the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) is calculated from July to September the year before. Yes, prices were inching up then, but by December, we were seeing the writing on the wall when the annual Consumer Price Index was already up 7%.

Add to that the hefty Medicare Part B increase to cover the cost of Aduhelm, the Alzheimer's drug most of us will never take. Even though the price was forced down (from \$56,000 per patient per year to \$28,200 per year), our increased Medicare cost per month won't come down.

Seniors, especially those who only have Social Security

for income, are struggling, and not only at the grocery store. Heating costs, gas for our vehicles, furniture, clothing ... they've all gone up.

The dilemma, some say, is that the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (which establishes the Cost of Living Adjustment) doesn't take into consideration our spending patterns. We don't have the same needs as wage earners and clerical workers, and spend much more on medical and housing, for example.

If you haven't retired yet or if you still have a paycheck coming in, reconsider any plans you have for retirement until your savings are substantial. When you think you have enough, do an experiment before you stop working: Calculate your expected Social Security benefit per month and live on that amount for a long time, at least several months. Six months would be better. What looks fine on paper might not actually be fine when it comes to living on those limited dollars.

And remember that the longer you wait before claiming Social Security, the higher your benefit will be when you do.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. What was "Hootenanny" in the Sixties?**
- 2. Who originally released "I'll Take You There"?**
- 3. Name the group that released "Sowing the Seeds of Love."**
- 4. Who wrote and released "Bring on the Night"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Talking is cheap, people follow like sheep, Even though there is nowhere to go."**

Answers

- 1. An ABC television musical variety show, hosted by Jack Linkletter, running from April 1963 to September 1964. It ran into problems when it started banning left-wing performers such as Pete Seeger, leading to boycotts by other entertainers.**
- 2. The gospel group The Staple Singers, in 1972. The song was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1999, and Chevrolet used it in their Malibu ads.**
- 3. Tears for Fears, in 1989. The song reached Top 10 charts around the globe and the video won awards in multiple categories, including Best Special Effects.**
- 4. Sting and the Police, in 1979.**
- 5. "Silence Is Golden," by the Four Seasons in 1964 and the Tremeloes in 1967. The Four Seasons' original (as a B-side to "Rag Doll") didn't do as well as the Tremeloes' version, which went to No. 1 in numerous countries.**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, March 25

the Legion will be hosting a free chili dinner with all sorts of sides and desserts and are planning to have live music from the Chill Factor from 6:30 pm until 8:30pm. While this event is free to all, donations are always welcome and always appreciated.

Wednesday, March 30

A Staff member from the office of State Representative John Mark Windle will be in Morgan County on Wednesday, March 30, to assist with constituent claims and questions. John Robbins, field representative, will be at the Morgan County Court House from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Those needing assistance are encouraged to visit with Rep.

Windle's assistant or phone (931) 879-1695.

March 28: Back Tax Committee at 5 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room

March 29: Solid Waste Board at 6 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room

April 5: Road Committee at 5 p.m. at the Road Department
April 5: Solid Waste Committee at 6 p.m. at the Road Department

Thursday, March 31

Wartburg Senior Citizens Yard Sale

The Wartburg Senior Citizens will host a yard sale beginning Thursday March 31 thru Saturday April 2nd from 9 am until 5 pm on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday it will be from 9am until 1pm at the Wartburg Senior Citizen building. All proceeds go toward upkeep of the building.

Friday, April 1

Together Morgan County will hold their monthly meeting Friday, April 1 at Morgan County Schools Central Office at 9:00 a.m. est. The meeting will be hybrid with both an in person and virtual option. Anyone wishing to receive the link to join virtually can contact Sandra Helton at heltons@mcsed.net

Monday, April 11

Meadowview Baptist Church will begin a revival April 11th thru 13th at 7pm each night. Bro. Allen Johnson will be the evangelist. Pastor Ralph Nance and congregation invite everyone to attend

Undated Events

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

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2 Corinthians: Chapter 12

(2 Corinthians 12:1-10) Paul’s celestial journey: The apostle continues his “boast motif”, though he concedes such is not expedient ideally; nonetheless, the circumstances warrant it (“I must needs”). He will speak of “visions” and “revelations” of the Lord. The following factors were crucial: (a) It’s source was divine, the manner of conveyance visual. (b) It involved a Christian man; though the third person is used, subsequent information identifies the man as Paul himself. (c) The vision was historical; it happened fourteen years prior to the composition of this letter. The specific occasion is not revealed. (d) The experience was inexplicable; he could not tell whether his spirit left his body, or if it was a body and soul event. He did know his spirit and body were not the same. (e) The environment was non-earthly; he was “caught up” from this planet. (f) It was informative (he heard things), but restrictive (he could not reveal the information). (g) It was consequential; he was given a “thorn in the flesh” to insure his humility. The expression, “messenger of Satan,” probably is employed in the sense that all physical ailments are traceable ultimately to the devil (Lk. 13:16; Jn. 8:4-4).

In the Greek Old Testament (LXX) the term “paradise” is employed of the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:8; Ezek. 31:8). Paradise is mentioned explicitly three times in the New Testament: (a) While hanging on the cross, Jesus promised the penitent robber that the two of them would be together in Paradise later that day (Lk. 23:43). The reference is to that intermediate state of the righteous dead that precedes the final day and the resurrection of the body. (b) In this text, Paul alludes to the earlier experience at which time he was caught up “into Paradise” (v.4). (c) In the book of Rev., “paradise” is the residence of the “tree of life” (2:7), the equivalent of heaven itself (22:2).

There is a difference of opinion among scholars concerning whether or not this is the “intermediate state” or “heaven” itself. Some argue that it is the same as heaven; others note the distinction between “as far as” the third heaven and “into” Paradise, thus suggesting that the intermediate state is here referenced, as in Luke 23:43. That issue is immaterial to Paul’s argument.

Under normal circumstances Paul says he would never have spoken of this event, but since his enemies considered him “weak,” he would accommodate their condescending assessment and reveal certain details. He confidently affirms that he speaks the truth (v. 5-6). Concerning the “thorn” (which is not identified, and speculation is useless), three times he asked Christ to remove it, but the Lord responded: “No, but I will give you grace to endure it” He thus gloried in the fact that the power of Christ assisted him. Amazingly, there was a sense in which he could affirm that he took pleasure in weaknesses, injuries, deprivation of necessities, persecutions, and distresses---on behalf of Jesus---for ultimately these difficulties made him stronger! What a marvelous attitude.

(2 Cor. 12:11-13) The apostle’s “boasting” in perspective: All of this “foolishness” (the boasting and self-deprecation) was unpleasant for a man of his caliber, but he was compelled by the occasion to yield to it. If they had treated him fairly, such would never have been necessary. In his humble view he was “nothing “(on account of his past); but in terms of

his authority, he was not inferior to the most preeminent apostles (11:5). There was no excuse for their disputing his apostleship (as the anti-Paul set had done), for the “signs of an apostle” had been done among them. These things were so unique that none but an apostle could have accomplished them, thus different from the ordinary spiritual gifts of some Corinthian church members. Certainly the “false apostles” could not rival him in signs. His patience (v.12) with these antagonists was remarkable. He pointedly asks: “Were you inferior to other congregations? Well, yes, in one way: I refused to take your support. Forgive me this wrong.” Or, to say it in the tone of his ironical argument, “Excuse me!”---though Paul’s demeanor was more polite!

(2 Cor. 12:14-18) His voluntary service to Corinth: Paul is now planning his third trip to visit them. The first was when the church was established (Acts 18); the second may be implied earlier in this letter (2:1) by the term “again,” a visit that caused “sorrow.” He is not coming out of any selfish interest; he introduces a parental principle. Parents take care of the children---not vice versa. Paul was the “father” of this church (1 Cor. 4:15), and he had nothing but their welfare in his heart. He would happily “spend” and “spend himself up” for their sakes. Breathtaking love! But there is a haunting question: since he loves them so much, why is such not returned in equal measure?

The apostle again alludes to the charges of his backbiters. “Maybe you didn’t take our money, but you acted unscrupulously, snaring us with bait or in trap” (v. 16); 4:2). The charge was false, but what else could they say? They were about to get him no matter what. He responds with several questions, each of which has an implied answer, as indicated by the Greek text. (a) “I did not take advantage of you by any of the men I sent to help you, did I?” (Some suggest that these references are to the trip planned in the transport of this letter and anticipate the reader’s response. Such is a common feature of Paul’s writing.) (b) “Titus did not take advantage of you, did he?” (c) “Haven’t I exhibited the same spirit and walked in the same way?”

(2 Cor. 12:19-21) Paul’s concern about the coming trip: The apostle further asks a rhetorical question. “Do you suppose that I keenly feel the need to defend myself to you, offering a litany of excuses? Wrong! I stand before God and speak with Christian integrity.” He had been interested only in building them up. He is concerned, however, that when he arrives in Corinth some of them may be a disappointment; in fact, they may be surprised at Paul. He may not be the weakling his defamers have portrayed (v.20)!

Paul strongly suspects that he will find the same conglomerate of sins that he had partially censured earlier, fussing, jealousy, anger, rivalry, slandering, gossiping, haughtiness, and disorderly conduct (v.20). “I may be humiliated before God by your condition. I may be deeply saddened when I discover that some of you have not repented of your gross sins of the flesh (moral uncleanness, lasciviousness, and fornication).” Obviously, he suggested, they may not have altered their conduct. That is what true repentance demands (v.21).


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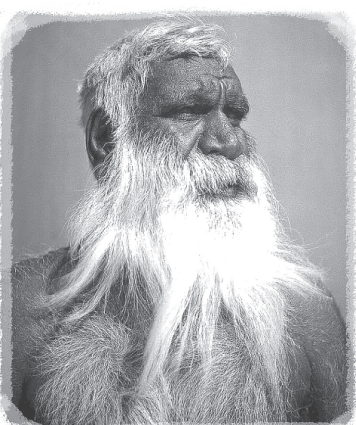


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...He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us...

— Acts 17: 26, 27

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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Touching the Hem

Haman has convinced Ahaseurus that the Jews in his realm are a people who will not worship the gods of Persia. This includes bowing at the feet of the deified king's feet. Mordecai understood Jewish history. The Amalakites will never change for their master is Lucifer. The word Amalakite transliterates into English as antisemite. These were the original haters of the Jewish people. Their hatred ran deep. Their gods were the fallen angels who had lost their exalted position in heaven prior to God creating man in his own image. Jealousy is at the heart of their hatred.

The history of the nation of Israel needs careful study. Presuppositions must be lost, to understand their exalted position in God's eyes. They were to be the mechanism by which Messiah would enter our world, they were to be the men who took the Gospel to the entire earth. Religion became more important than faith to do what God intended. A gradual compromise with everything pagan, ended up with their being deported over the face of the entire earth, for 1878 years.

This should not diminish how God feels about his people. I am the Lord and I change not. The Jews have a future where they will accept Jesus Christ. This will happen after the bride has been removed from earth, while God destroys every gentile nation who has worked to stop his plan of redemption.

The Jews will be chastened for 1260 days as they have never been chastened before. A future desert wondering in Midian is their future. God will hide the remnant at Petra while he destroys the enemies of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

This is a warning to believers and unbelievers. Very soon God will instruct Messiah to sound his trumpet. Jesus Christ will appear in the clouds, and holler "come up here." This is the removal of the bride. The dead in Christ will rise, and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet him in the clouds. The bride of Christ is made up of believers who have forgone the three-dimensional church model, to take the message of the gospel to the entire world. The bride is willing to be persecuted unto death for her testimony of saving faith in Messiah. She exists, only to glorify Jesus Christ with every thing she owns. She has made Messiah her pearl of great price!

When Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem to begin his ministry, he was confronted with a woman with the issue of blood. To the Jewish mind she was unclean. She would have to remain outside of the city until her time of bleeding had passed. She had been kept from God for twelve years.

Her situation had become untenable. She entered Jerusalem because she was at the end of her faith. This woman must be a gentile, for the Jews were steeped in religion, and they had forgone their call to be the witness of God on earth. No mercy or grace had come from these religious folks.

She was desperate. Her desperation had reached the throne room of God. Messiah was there for her cleansing and healing. If she could just touch the hem of his garment? Are you dealing with illness? Will you believe you have access to the same hem and garment as this woman?

He was bruised for our iniquities, he was wounded for our

transgressions, the chastisement of us was upon him, and by his stripes, we are healed. This deals with faith to believe you have access to supernatural healing from God, however, God does not heal anyone for their purposes! He will heal you once you commit to him as Lord and Savior. Will you accept his hand in marriage?

In our story about our heroine Esther, the pagan world around her had long ago forgotten God as creator. Their religions practiced in 127 provinces was more important than faith in God's plan of redemption. They had extreme wealth, and people were subservient to the priests who were leading society down a wide road toward their eventual destruction. Esther was on the narrow path that one day would lead to her salvation. She had fasted and prayed with her chamberlains for three days. Resurrection awaited.

She prepared herself according to Persian custom, and entered the outer court of Ahaseurus' throne room. Ahaseurus extended the scepter of his kingdom. She had found favor with the king based upon unwavering faith, courage, and loyalty to his realm. She gained access behind the veil of Ahaseurus' heart. Ahaseurus greets her with an incredible offer: My queen, up to half of the kingdom is yours, what is your request? He was a king who governed under the anointing of God. His feelings toward Esther were unwavering. Our king holds those same feelings for you. Will you have the courage to serve the King's purposes?

While God was exalting Esther and Mordecai, Israel's enemy Haman was at work preparing the gallows to destroy Mordecai. He had gone home to relish in the favor he had gained at the court of Ahaseurus. His riches were most important. His pride would lead to his eventual downfall.

Jesus Christ penned seven letters to his churches. The last church, Laodicea is warned that it has profited from the gospel, and their wealth has become more important than the mercy and grace Messiah first showed you. They had become antisemitic believing God had replaced the Jews with gentile Christians. This heresy has kept the modern church from recognizing Jesus Christ's future as Israel's coming King.

Teshuva is required in modern Christian churches. It will come when they ask God for mercy and they allow the Holy Spirit to correct their doctrines. Teshuva is true Biblical revival. Repentance and correction always precede blessing in God's true kingdom. God has two hands: one for blessing and one for correction!

He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood. He is alive forevermore, and he is returning for his bride very soon. John Burns 2-1-2022

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

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

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT WARTBURG

In the matter of ESTATE OF ARTTIE MELHORN P-48-20

In obedience to decree of the Chancery Court for Morgan County, Tennessee made on the 15th day of December, 2021 in the above styled cause, I will on Saturday, the 9th day of April, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, at the Morgan County Courthouse on Main Street (jail side) Wartburg, TN 37887, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand and in bar or any equity of redemption, the following piece of described real estate, to-wit:

Tax Map 108 Parcel 064.00
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SUBJECT to the Restrictions but including the privileges as duly recorded in the Register's Office of Morgan County, Tennessee, in Miscellaneous Book 11 at Page 217-219.

TERMS OF SALE: Sale will be ten (10%) percent down on the day of the sale, balance due in full within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the Court. There will be a ten (10) day raised bid period. Bidders may register the day of the sale. If you have any questions regarding said property and sale, contact the Clerk & Master's Office at (423) 346-3881. The Clerk and Master does not make any representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of the above property description or title.

This the 18th day of February, 2022.
Christopher Cronk, Office of General Counsel, Division of TennCare
Scott A. Hodge, Administrator for the Estate

BY: ANGELA R. ANDERSON, CLERK & MASTER
Publish: March 15th, March 22nd, March 29th, & April 5th

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
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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 16th day of Feb, 2022.

Attorney: Jennifer L. Chadwell

Entered this the 16 day of Feb, 2022

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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.
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Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	NOTICE TO CREDITORS	Case Number <u>P-15-22</u>
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In the matter of the Estate of VADA IRENE LOWE
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2022, Letters of TESTAMENTARY in respect to the Estate of VADA IRENE LOWE who died on the 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

- (1) (A) 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
(B) 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 the 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2022.

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