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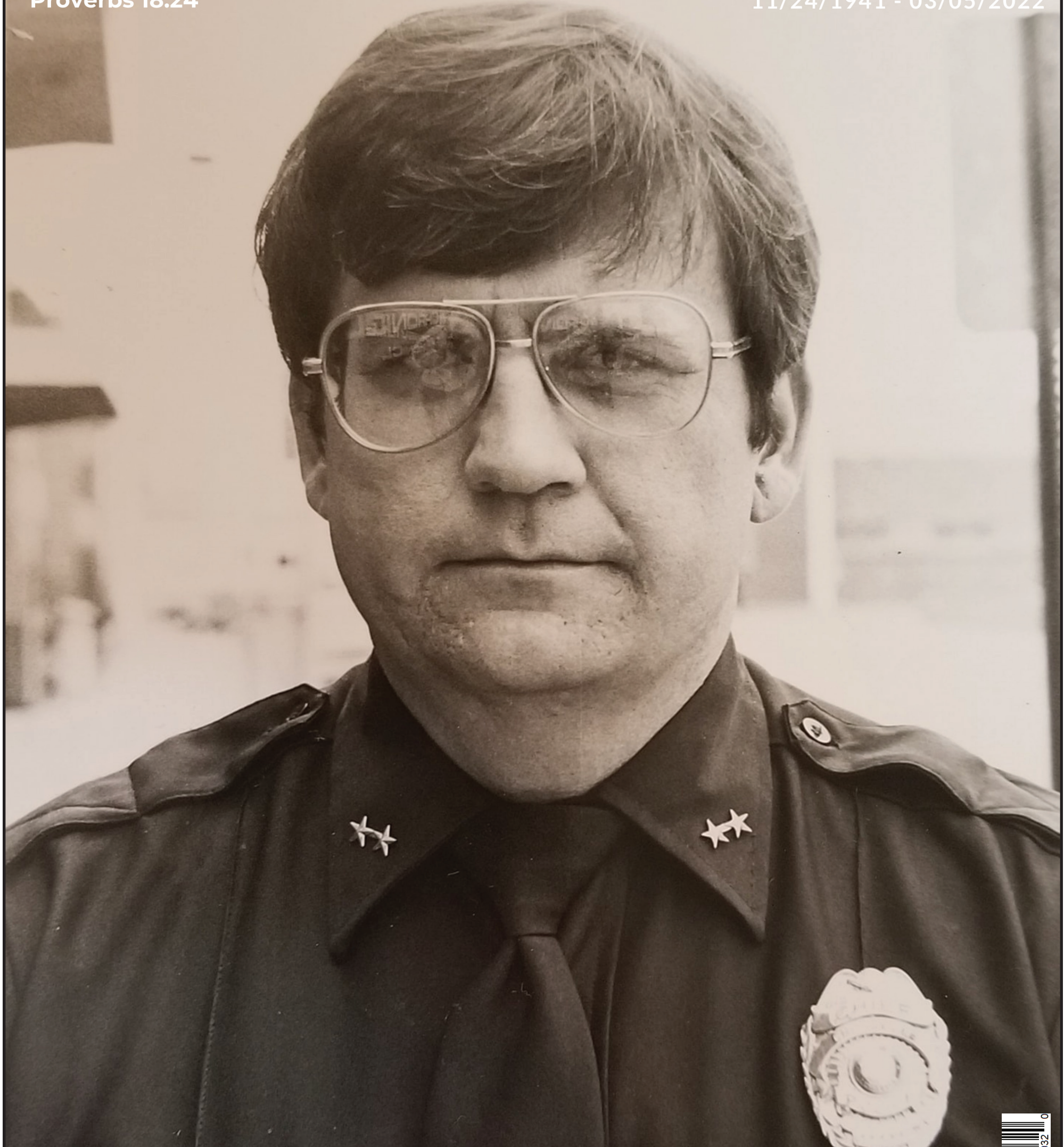
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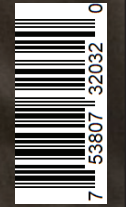
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Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl



Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

So, Mimi and Pap have been talking about Day-Light Savings Time. They also keep saying time changes, Sunday.



they take it out of your check or do you have to pay it at the stores, like sales tax? Maybe, you have to pay it at the courthouse when you pay property taxes.

How do you save day-light? Do they have a light bank where you withdraw daylight after the dark time? Who withdraws it everyday? When the days are not bright, does that mean they didn't have enough daylight saved to make a withdrawal? Does the bank charge a fee for an insufficient light fund? Is there an IRS for daylight savings? How much tax do they charge for it? Do

Boy, when they say the government taxes everything, they really mean everything.

Don't forget to Like and Follow me on Facebook @ Ms Avery Pearl for more of my pet perspectives.

Charles "Chuck" Shadden, 80



Charles "Chuck" Shadden 80, of Wartburg, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 5th 2022.

wife Amanda.

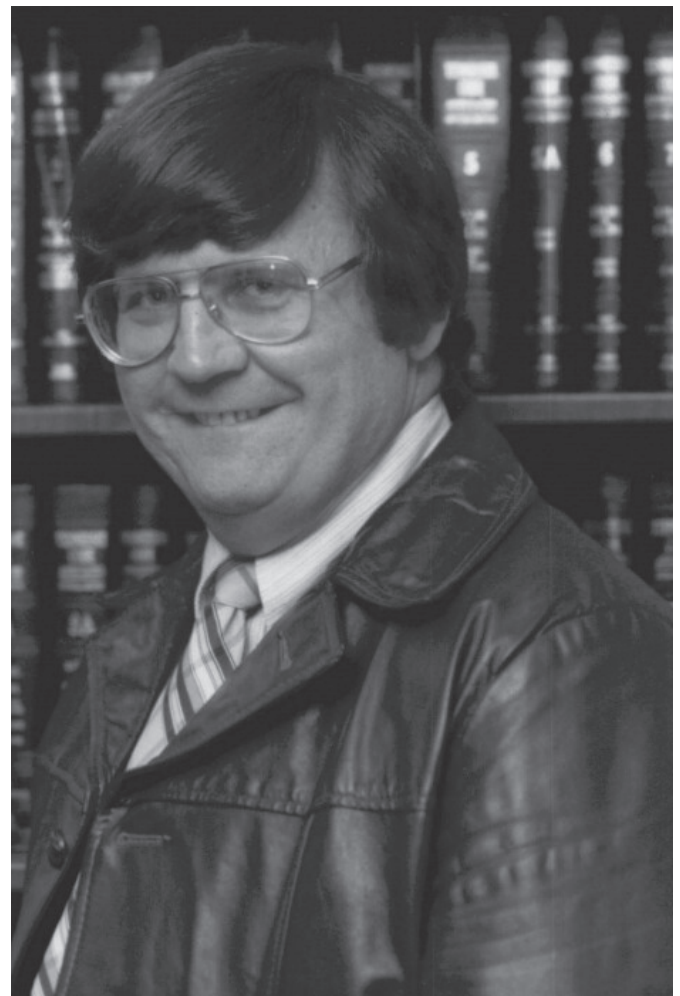
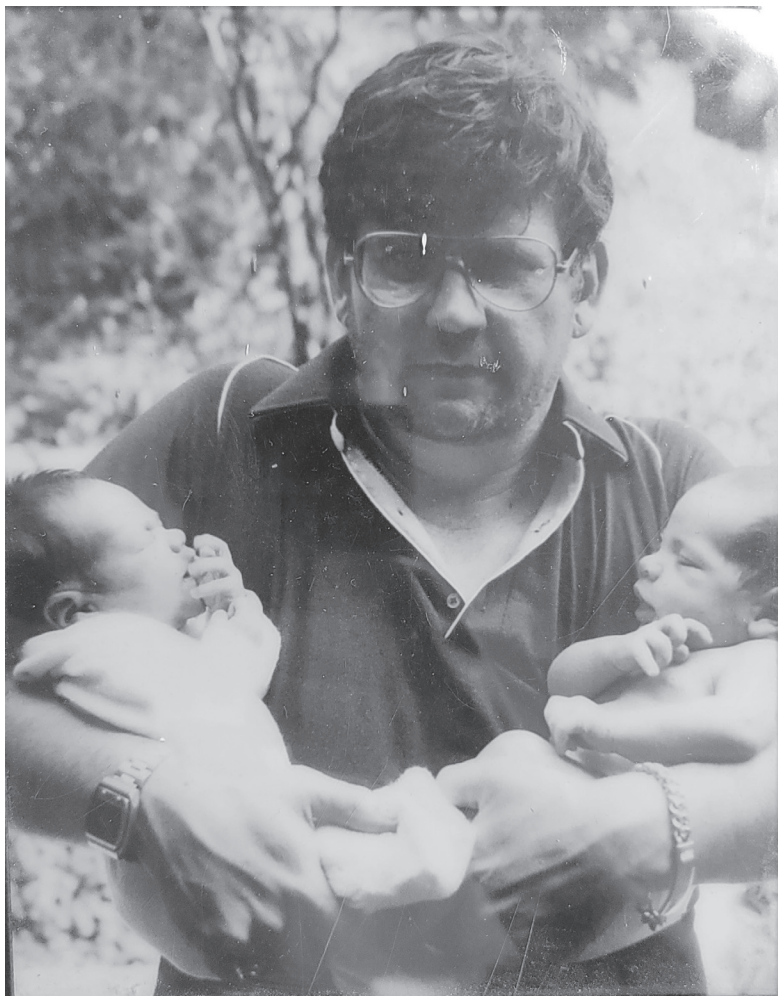
He is proceeded in death by his wife, Brenda Shadden and his parents Herbert and Juanita Shadden.

We would also like to say a special thank special to Tommy and Heather Francis for their kindness shown to our Dad/Pappaw.

He is survived by his children Erik Shadden, Jada Phipps and her husband Jonathan, Damon Shadden and his wife Michelle. His grandchildren Savannah Richardson and her husband Jeremy; McKayla, Maddison, Morgane Shadden and Ryker Phipps; Great grandchildren Beau and Aylah Richardson. His nephew Trevor Shadden and his

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 7th, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg with the funeral service to follow at 6:00 p.m. with Bro. Matt Ward officiating. Military Honors will follow provided by American Legion Post 149.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Charles "Chuck" Shadden.



WEEKLY WEATHER



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## In Loving Memory

### Icy Edith Miller, 85

Icy Edith Miller, age 85 Passed away peacefully on Friday March 4th, 2022

She was a faithful member of Oak Grove Church in Lancing, TN.

Icy dedicated her life to taking care of others. She enjoyed working in her yard, growing her daylilies, and watching her hummingbird's. She was a loving Wife, Mother, and Grandmother. She was Mimi to her Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 44 year's Kenneth Miller, her parents Samuel and Flora Howard of Lancing Her brother's Lewis and Perry Howard and Sister Oma Howard She is survived by her children Holly Redmon husband Brad,

Kimberly Miller, and Kennith Miller Jr., Grandchildren Kenney Osborne Wife Rayann, Kelli Osborne, Chelsea Helton husband Aaron

Great Grandchildren Athena and Ares Osborne, Emily, Annabelle, and Grant Helton

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Hospice of Chattanooga caregivers Stephanie Wilson and Amanda Anderjec.

Graveside will be held Sunday, March 6, 2022 2pm Clear Creek Cemetery, Lancing with Bro. Avery Brown officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Icy Edith Miller.

### Linda King Cottrell, 77

Linda King Cottrell, age 77, died Monday, February 28, 2022, at her Oakdale home with her family by her side.

Linda was born October 17, 1944, in Alexandria, Louisiana to G. Mac & Betty Simpkins. She married John Cottrell on July 11, 1965. They were blessed with 1 daughter, Sharon. Linda was an avid reader, gardener, and animal lover.

She is survived by her husband, John Cottrell; daughter, Sharon

(Cottrell) Grillett; brother, Donald & sister-in-law, Barbara Simpkins.

Linda will be remembered for her loving support for her family and her gift of gardening.

The family is honoring her wishes to be cremated. No services scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Linda King Cottrell.

### Robert H. Briggs, 74

Robert H. Briggs, age 74, of Harriman, TN. passed away February 26, 2022, at Roane Medical Center in Harriman. Robert was a devoted Christian who loved animals, fishing and giving to charities over seas for Children. He also was a retired Navy Veteran who took great pride in his services for our Country.

Robert is preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary L. Briggs; mother, Mary Francis Briggs; father, James Lee Briggs; brothers, Nelson Dale Briggs & James Douglas Briggs; sisters, Melinda Pearl Briggs & Darla Lee Randolph.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Dean Briggs; daughters, Pamela Lee Briggs & Tammy (Don-

nie) Manis; grandson, Timothy Robert Benson and wife, Beth; sisters, Bitsy Sheldon, Martha Briggs, Shirley Briggs; half-sister, Charl Hunter and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews and extended family members.

The family will receive friends Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11:00-12:00p.m. with the funeral to follow at 12:00 p.m. with Bro. Danny Jenkins officiating. Interment will follow in the White Oak Cemetery in Oakdale with full military honors performed by American Legion Post 149.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Robert Briggs.

### Willie Ruben (Bill) Smithers, 77

Willie Ruben (Bill) Smithers, 77, of Sunbright, Tennessee, went home to be with the Lord on March 2, 2022, at his home.

Mr. Smithers was born October 31, 1944, in Robbins, Tennessee, to Willie and Thelma Smithers. He was of the Church of God faith. He will be best remembered for his love of farming and his horses.

Mr. Smithers (Bill) is survived by his sisters, Judy (Kenny) Hughett, Lois (Ricky) Hutson, five children, Greg (Debbie) Smithers, Tim (Dianna) Smithers, Jodi Long, Scott (Lori)Smithers, William (Rachael) Smithers; 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins.

Mr. Smithers (Bill) is preceded in death by his father, Willie Smithers; mother, Thelma Smithers; sister, Mary Pauline Carroll; brother-in-law, Martin Carroll and niece, April Hutson.

Services will be held at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg TN, March 4, 2022. The family will welcome visitors from 12:00-1:00pm. Funeral services will begin at 1:00pm in the funeral home chapel. Graveside service will be immediately following the funeral at Black Creek Crossroads Cemetery in Robbins TN.

Mr. Smithers (Bill) will be greatly missed by family and friends.

### Toni Lavender, 28

Ms. Toni Lavender age 28 of Wartburg, passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

She attended Sunbright High School and she was one that loved life.

She is preceded in death by her Grandmother: Helen Kimery

Grandfather: Warren Lavender Sr.

She is survived by her parents Warren Lavender Jr. & Lisa Lavendre

Children: Isabella & Sophia 2 brothers: Warren Lavender III & Richard

Grandmother: Mary Bosley Also surviving are several other cousins and aunts, uncles and friends.

Them family is honoring Toni's wishes to be cremated.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Toni Lavender.

### Bobby Ray Dagley, 78

Bobby Ray Dagley 78, of Puyallup WA, went home to the lord on February 10, 2022. He passed away while hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital also in Puyallup WA. Bobby had valiantly battled cancer for over a year.



Preceded in death by parents, Roy J. and Ina Hickman Dagley, sisters Ina Mae Hope, Una Faye Huffman, all of Tennessee, and Brother Roy J. Dagley Jr. of Auburn WA.

Survived by sister Margaret R. Larue of Corryton, Tennessee, a host of nieces and nephews, in-

cluding special nephew and caregiver Joe Dagley of Algona WA. Bobby (Bob) grew up in the local Morgan County community of Lancing, and later traveled to Washington State in search of opportunity. He became a member of Teamster Local 117

and later retired from SCS Refrigerated Services after 18 years of service. His opinion and candor will be sorely missed.

The family is honoring his wishes to be cremated, and there are no scheduled services at this time.

### Ron Adams, 68

Ron Adams, age 68, passed away Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Roane Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Addie "Sissy" Adams, his siblings, Alvie Adams (Mabel Beazley), Vaughn Adams, and June Sanders, his sister-in-law, Libbie Adams, his brother-in-law, Leroy Broyles, his children, Sean Adams and wife Erica, Dustin Patton and wife Hannah, Kristy Patton (Dustin Braden), Craig Patton, and Kayla Patton (Brandon Bowling), his grandchildren, Prince Penick, Stetson Patton, Dakota Patton, Teegan Seaton, Braylee Patton, Ryder Patton, Addie-jo Bowling, and Jacklyn Patton, and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Bertie Adams, his siblings, Douglas Adams and Wanda Broyles, and his grandson, Korbin Knight.

He was a member of Hillview Baptist Church in Chestnut Ridge, TN. He lived his life in the example of Christ Jesus. Ron loved his church and loved the Lord with all of his heart.

He was an example of integrity and a man of his word. Ron was honorable, strong, wise, and

loving. He loved his family; especially his grandchildren.

He was an extremely talented man. If he wasn't at work, he was likely in his garage "piddlin." He could build tables, toy boxes, picture frames, or anything you could imagine. He could take a chunk of wood and turn it into a bowl, plate, or even a mushroom just because he could.

Ron made an impact on anyone he met. His personality and his wit left us all with stories that we will forever recollect with a smile or laugh. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends but we rest in knowing that he is in the presence of Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:1).

The family will receive friends Tuesday March 1, 2022 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. The funeral will follow with Bro. Jeffery Durham officiating. Graveside service with Full military honors will be performed by American Legion Post 149 will be Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ron Adams.



# I'm Happy for You Ole' Friend

By Fred Mize



I mourn that I'll no longer see you come through the door.  
 I mourn that "your" chair will remain empty.  
 I mourn that I'll never again see you wear your old Army hat.  
 I mourn that we'll no longer watch T.V. together (New Day USA commercials).

I mourn that we'll no longer enjoy lunch together.  
 I mourn that I'll no longer hear your voice or laughter.  
 I mourn that I'll no longer hear you ask for help with your latest phone.  
 I mourn that I'll no longer clean up after you've eating a lion's share of popcorn or peanuts.

No matter that I mourn, I'm happy for you ole' friend.  
 I'm happy because you'll never again be in pain.  
 I'm happy because you'll never again be sick.  
 I'm happy because you'll never again lose your breath.  
 I'm happy because you'll never again worry for others.  
 I'm happy because you'll never again be lonely.  
 I'm happy because you'll never again worry about worldly affairs.

I can only imagine what you now see.  
 I can only imagine the welcome you received upon entering Heaven's gate.  
 I can only imagine the heavenly garments you now wear.  
 I can only imagine the warm embrace of Jesus' arms you've felt.  
 I can only imagine the sound of Jesus' voice that you now hear.  
 I can only imagine the heavenly mansion you've received made by Jesus' hands.  
 I can only imagine the homecoming you've enjoyed with long lost friends and family.  
 I can only imagine seeing you again but I will my friend.  
 I will brother Chuck.



# SHERIFF SHADDEN THE BATTLE OF THE HOME GROWN



Verse: When the Sheriff was elected, a promise he did make.  
 To clean up Cumberland County, and not be on the take.

He also made a statement on the day he raised his hand,  
 "There's crime in this county and I'm gonna take a stand."

So, listen all you pot heads, and growers of the grass,  
 If you see the County comin' boy – the Gipper's got your ass!

Chorus: Well... they climbed thru the briers and they climbed thru the bushes,  
 A knocking down the trees and a making them a road.

They were looking and a searching if they find'em – gonna burn'em,  
 Trooper Dover is a flying – gonna get ourselves a load!

Verse: Then Shadden said, "We're gonna take'em by surprise,  
 So, he called up Trooper Dover and they headed for the sky.

They climbed aboard the chopper and they flew around the town,  
 Gonna get some Marijuana boys before we set her down.

So, hear me felon farmers, if Marijuana you grow tall,  
 Around these parts the "Gipper" is another name for LAW.

Chorus: (Repeat Chorus)

Verse: There's a moral to this story so you better hear me thru,  
 Sometimes you get the Gipper, and sometimes he gets you!

So, here's to all you Gippers, we wish you all the luck.  
 And all we want to tell you Sheriff is CLEAN IT UP CHUCK!

But hear me all you farmers, who think no one can watchya,  
 If the whirly is a flying, then you know "the Gippers gotcha!"

Chorus: (Repeat Chorus)

**We're gonna miss you Chuck.  
 Thank you for all the memories  
 but most of all your friendship.**



# First Baptist Church in Wartburg Receives Pro Patria Award

By Vanessa Taylor

First Baptist Church of Wartburg celebrated the return of Pastor Matt Ward on Sunday, March 6th from a yearlong military deployment. During morning worship, First Baptist was honored to receive the Department of Defense Pro Patria Award. This award is given through the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and was presented by Jim Munganest State Chair for the ESGR and Leslie Purser (Knoxville Area ESGR Chair). Receiving the award on behalf of the church was Jerry Williams who serves as a Trustee of the Church. Also pictured is Pastor Matt Ward.



Pastor Matt Ward nominated the church for the Freedom Award during his military deployment. The church has been nominated as the Small Organization Nominee to represent the State of TN on a national level. The nomination is currently being reviewed by the national selection committee. This is the first time in the history of the TN ESGR that a church has been nominated or received an award. Also, while deployed, Pastor Matt nominated 7 individual members for the Patriot Award. Doyle Haynes (Chairman of the Deacons), Alfred Branim (Deacon), Jimmy Lloyd (Deacon), Jamie Pemberton (Deacon), George Wright (Deacon), Vanessa Taylor (Church/Financial Secretary) and Rev. Doug White (not pictured) who served as Interim Pastor while Pastor Matt was deployed were recognized with a certificate given by Leslie Purser and an ESGR Patriotic Pin given by Jim Munganest. Also pictured is Pastor Matt and Lori Tucker. WATE will air a special on these awards and the ESGR during her "Positively Tennessee" segment this Friday March 11th at 6pm.



# Clear Fork Area Fire Department To Receive Additional Fire Engine

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March 6, 2022:

After the donation of an Engine and Equipment by Commack Fire Department last year we are pleased to announce that Clear Fork Area Fire Dept. in Rugby has received a second Donated Engine and equipment from J.S. Koster Hose Company, Port Leyden Fire Dept. from upstate NY. This will double the pumping capacity of the department and triple the amount of water available.

The Engine that was donated is a 1986 Pierce that was donated to Port Leyden Fire Department from South Salem Fire Department in New York. Port Leyden being a department that struggles financially was happy to have the opportunity to help another struggling Department. With the Engine they donated gear, self-contained breathing apparatus, hose, and hydraulic rescue tools.

With the donated equipment and new experienced firefighters that recently moved to Morgan County, Clear Fork Area Fire Department will be able to provide a much





# Morgan County Sheriff's Department lead a Multi Agency Effort To Serve 20 Arrest Warrants

Members of the Morgan County Sheriff's Department, along with Wartburg Police Department and Tennessee Department of Corrections dog team came together to serve approximately 20 arrests warrants throughout Morgan County. These warrants consisted of felony thefts, violation of probation, Felony drug warrants, Felony drug buys, Felony burglaries, and a theft of a vehicle that occurred this past week. This operation went on throughout the night. While executing these warrants, officers received information of a large quantity of drugs being transported through our county from the southern part of the United States. Officers were able to successfully stop and seize approximately 2-3 pounds of compressed drugs, keeping them from hitting

the streets here in Morgan County. This drug seizure is still under investigation and will be presented to the Grand Jury. Seventeen of the twenty warrants were executed successfully and most of all, executed with no injuries to anyone involved.

Sheriff Wayne Potter states, "it's unfortunate that Morgan County has issues like these, however I'm very thankful to the hard working men and women here at the Sheriff's Department. I can't say enough about how dedicated each one of them are to keeping Morgan County a safe place. Chief of Police Teddy Bales, along with his staff at Wartburg Police Department, and Mike Parris, along with his staff at TDOC have always been here to help us in anyway needed. They are two great departments to work along side of. I would like to send a BIG thank you to the 911 Director



Matthew Brown and his dispatchers who work behind the scenes to keep our officers safe. The Morgan County Sheriff's Department is working closely with Attorney General Russell Johnson and his staff to see that these suspects are successfully prosecuted. I also cannot thank the citizens of Morgan County enough for the support that they give me, as well as the men and women at my department. Morgan County is a great place to live. Let's all continue to work together to keep it this way."



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## Disappeared: Chapter 19: Part 2

### Nick and Chris-Day 6-



**Carol Hall**  
Author

Heading back the way they came, Nick and Chris continued calling for their wives. Les followed along behind, straining to hear any return calls or noises that the other two might not hear. He was aware that if the women could hear them calling, so could Bigfoot. He was beginning to realize that Nick and Chris might not be thinking of that. Their

calls were loud and seemed to echo off the rock walls in every direction. Anything within a mile knew they were there. The thought occurred to him that the Bigfoot may not take too kindly to all the yelling, so he was being extra vigilant to keep his eyes and ears peeled for any warning sign that their presence was not welcome.

When they made it back to where they had started, they stopped for a short break. After guzzling down a bottle of water each, they got back to the search.

They headed off to the left this time, following a crude path that wound its way along the bottom of the cliff.

Rounding a sharp turn, the path began a steady incline up the trail along the rock face. It had just begun to level out when Nick cupped his hands around his mouth and called out loudly for Maggie. His voice echoed off the rock wall to his right and reverberated through the forest around them.

Suddenly, a loud thumping sound came from somewhere behind them. The earth rumbled beneath their feet with each thump.

Les quickly came running up behind Chris and shoved him in the back trying to get him to hurry along.

“Must go! Must go now!” he said urgently. He pushed Chris harder and more insistently as Chris glanced over his shoulder.

Nick was in the front of the line. He turned and called back to Les, “What is it?”

Chris rushed up behind Nick and began shoving him hard in the back. “Just go! Don’t look back! JUST GO!” he yelled.

Nick glanced over Chris’s shoulder just in time to see what the commotion was about. The Bigfoot was rapidly gaining on them. He was sprinting up the path at an unbelievable speed.

Nick turned and bolted up the uneven path, tripping and stumbling, but not stopping. His heart was pounding. Panic and fear spurred him on. He knew Chris and Les were right behind him, but so was Bigfoot. He could hear its huffing and puffing getting closer by the second.

Just as Nick thought they were running out of hope, he noticed a small crevice in the rock face up ahead. It didn’t look very high or wide, but he hoped it was deep enough for him and the other two to squeeze into to get away from the Bigfoot.

“There’s a crevice just up ahead. Maybe we can get in it,” he yelled back to Chris and Les.

Sprinting along the path as fast as his legs would carry him, he finally reached the crevice. Dropping to his knees, he quickly squeezed through the hole and shimmied his way to the back as far as he could go, leaving room for Chris and Les. Chris squeezed in right behind him and squirmed his way back to

where Nick was. They scrunched up against the back wall and waited for Les, but he didn’t enter the small hole. They held their breaths and waited for a few more seconds, but still no Les.

Suddenly, from somewhere outside the hole, they heard Les let out a blood curdling scream.

“LES!” Nick yelled. No answer. “Les, are you out there?”

A deep roar sounded from somewhere outside, then all went silent.

Nick and Chris sat rigidly still, holding their breaths. They waited to see if Les would come through the hole. They waited for any sound from outside. They waited to see if Bigfoot would come for them, too.

Finally, Nick let out the breath he was holding. “Les is gone,” he said flatly.

“Yeah...” Chris said. He was in shock. He didn’t want to believe it.

“We have to continue our search for the women.”

“Are we just going to leave Les out there?”

“What choice do we have?” Nick asked.

“We need to at least go outside and see if he’s laying out there hurt...or dead.”

“Yeah...ok,” Nick agreed.

They crawled back to the opening of the crevice and stuck their heads out. They looked around, but didn’t see Les anywhere. They listened for any sounds, but didn’t hear anything.

Without warning, a huge, massive arm swung down from above them. It crashed into the side of Nick’s head causing him to be thrown up against Chris. The impact was so hard, Nick lost consciousness and fell to the ground face first.

Chris, realizing what happened, quickly grabbed Nick by the collar of his shirt and jerked him back inside the hole. He dragged him to the back of the small cave as Brutus roared and began beating on the wall outside. Dust and small pieces of loose rock from the ceiling showered down on them.

Brutus then jumped down from his perch above the hole and landed on the path just outside the crevice, causing the ground to shudder under his enormous weight. Leaning over, he glared in at them, menacingly. He tried to force his way into the hole, but he was too large. Instead, he reached his arm in and began groping and swinging it around trying to grab ahold of them. Trying to avoid being grabbed, Chris pulled his legs up to his chest and plastered himself against the wall.

Suddenly, the wall behind him collapsed, crumbling away to nothing. Still having a tight hold on Nick, the two of them fell backward into the void.

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

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

# A KING’S RANSOM

By Carol Hall



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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

- - \* Lettuce will last longer if you store it in the crisper drawer in a clean paper bag.
  - \* "Try using an empty glass wine bottle (remove the label) for rolling out pie crust or any dough. It is the best thing I've ever used ... nothing sticks to the glass, unlike my wooden rolling pin, which is now in the back of my cabinet for good after using it for decades!" -- L.F. in Texas
  - \* Peas, spinach, sweet potato, squash and carrots can be pureed and added to baked goods to increase fiber and nutrients. They are especially useful in soups to thicken a broth without adding fat. You can sneak some veggies into unexpected places, too -- like cookies, pancake batter and pasta dishes, or make a flavorful sandwich spread.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- \* The shamrock, called the "seamroy" by the Celts, was considered a sacred plant that symbolized the arrival of spring. According to legend, St. Patrick used it as a visual guide when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 17th century, it had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism.
- \* There's a doughnut shop in Clare, Michigan, that's owned entirely by cops.
- \* A long-haired tortoiseshell cat named Towser holds the Guinness World Record for catching mice -- an estimated 28,899 in 24 years -- as the pest control expert at the Glenturret whiskey distillery in Scotland.
- \* Between 1912 and 1948, Olympic medals were given out for sporting-inspired masterpieces of architecture, music, painting, sculpture and literature.
- \* Subaru WRX owners are the most likely in the U.S. to have a prior speeding citation.
- \* The average energy expended during the ladies Wimbledon tennis final match adds up to 1.56kWh, which is enough power to keep an iPhone charged for a year.
- \* Hackers were prevented from stealing nearly \$1 billion after misspelling the word "foundation" as "fandation" on a payment transfer. However, they were still able to swipe roughly \$80 million before their typo tipped off the banks.

insides with spray starch. We have always done this, and it keeps them fresher longer." -- S.M. in Indiana

\* Tubes make it easy to access toothpaste when they are full, but it's sometimes hard to get that last bit out. Here's a tip from C.W. in Oregon: "To get the last bit of a tube of toothpaste to come out, run the tube under warm water for a few seconds. There's more still in there than you think!"

\* It's easy to sort hardware using a muffin pan. If you get a pan that has 12 depressions, you can line up nails and screws and such according to size, making it even more convenient.

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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\* Nineteen-year-old Shayla Wiggins, of Wyoming, found a man's corpse in a river while she was playing Pokemon Go.

\* In 2014, South Korea produced an alternative version of their national anthem "Aegukga," which was two keys lower in order to make it easier for kids in school, especially boys going through puberty, to sing.

\* When actor Dwayne Johnson was in high school, his height of 6-foot-4 and weight of 225 pounds had some of his classmates suspecting he was an undercover cop.

Thought for the Day: "One who knows how to show and to accept kindness will be a friend better than any possession." -- Sophocles

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Taj Mahal city  
5 Chatter  
8 Pugilist's weapon  
12 Regrets  
13 Half of bi-  
14 Bygone Peruvian  
15 Diamond parts  
17 Miles away  
18 Thai or Korean  
19 Oscar contenders  
21 Leaves  
24 Medit. nation  
25 Buckeye State  
28 Take five  
30 Yoga pad  
33 Mafia boss  
34 Emulate Lincoln  
35 Bedazzle  
36 Dict. info  
37 Nick and Nora's pet  
38 Arm bone  
39 Fireplace residue  
41 Luminary  
43 Charlton Heston film  
46 Seraglio  
50 Aware of  
51 Endless time or space  
54 Burning heap  
55 Automobile

**DOWN**

1 Met solo  
2 Weaponry  
3 Mortgage again, for short  
4 Italian cheese  
5 Actor Brynner  
6 Moreover  
7 Galileo's birthplace  
8 Decrees

9 Casual planet  
10 Cicatrix  
11 Old salts  
16 Rock's Brian  
20 Refer to  
22 Messes up  
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26 Garden tool  
27 Foot soldiers  
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40 Loafers, e.g.  
42 Sashimi fish  
43 Conks on the head  
44 "May It Be" singer  
45 "Casablanca" cafe owner  
47 Teeming  
48 Harrow rival  
49 Island in a computer game  
52 Scot's refusal  
53 Saute

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# FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

OXL  
ICXMAL  
♥ DABEL  
NAUL  
BIOCEX  
LLA  
COID  
LIXEE  
♥ DBU  
LUDEMA  
EXAWN  
OBLI

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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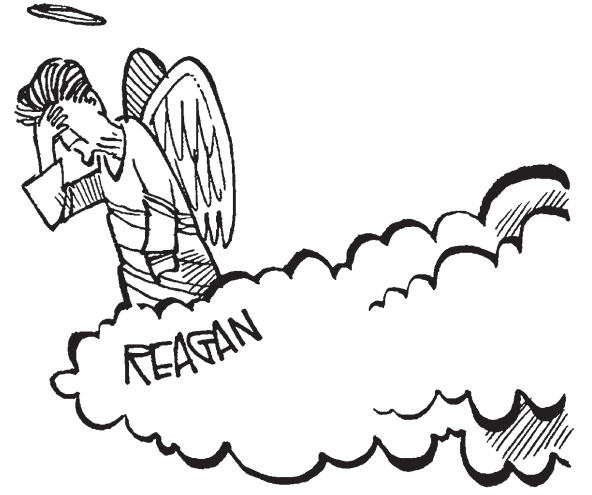
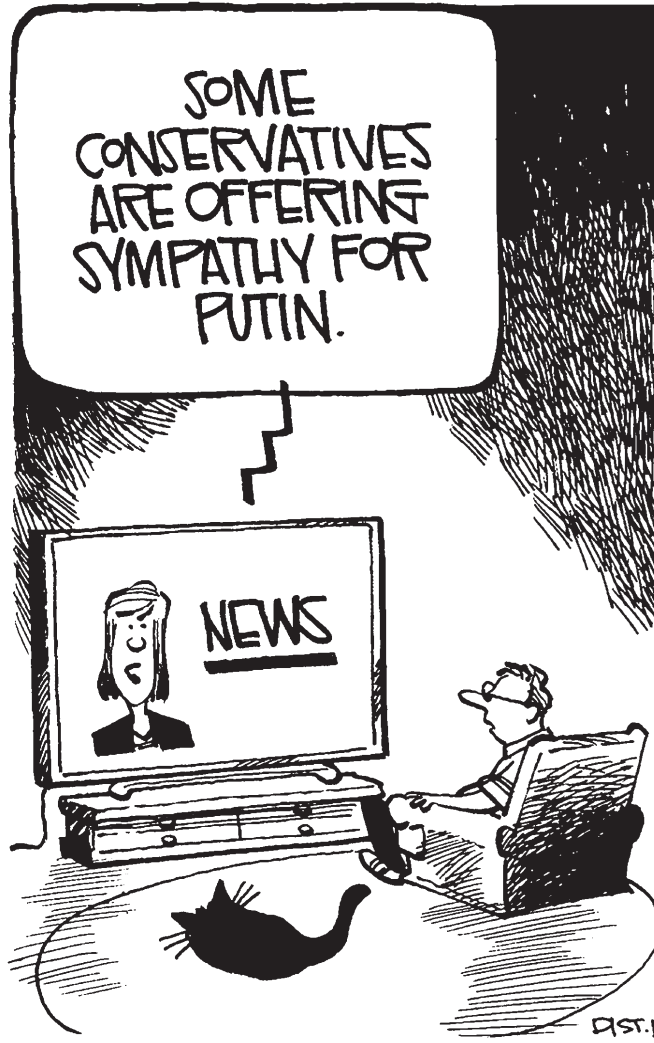
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Zacharias in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. According to church tradition dating from the 2nd century, who wrote the book of Acts? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
3. Which book's first verse is, "How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people?" *Judges, Ruth, Ezra, Lamentations*
4. Who is the only Old Testament person mentioned as being buried in a coffin? *Adam, Eve, Moses, Joseph*
5. From Hebrew 7, what priest was without a mother or father? *Jehoiada, Melchizedek, Eleazar, Leviticus*
6. Who ended many of his letters, "Grace be with you"? *James, Paul, Titus, Jude*

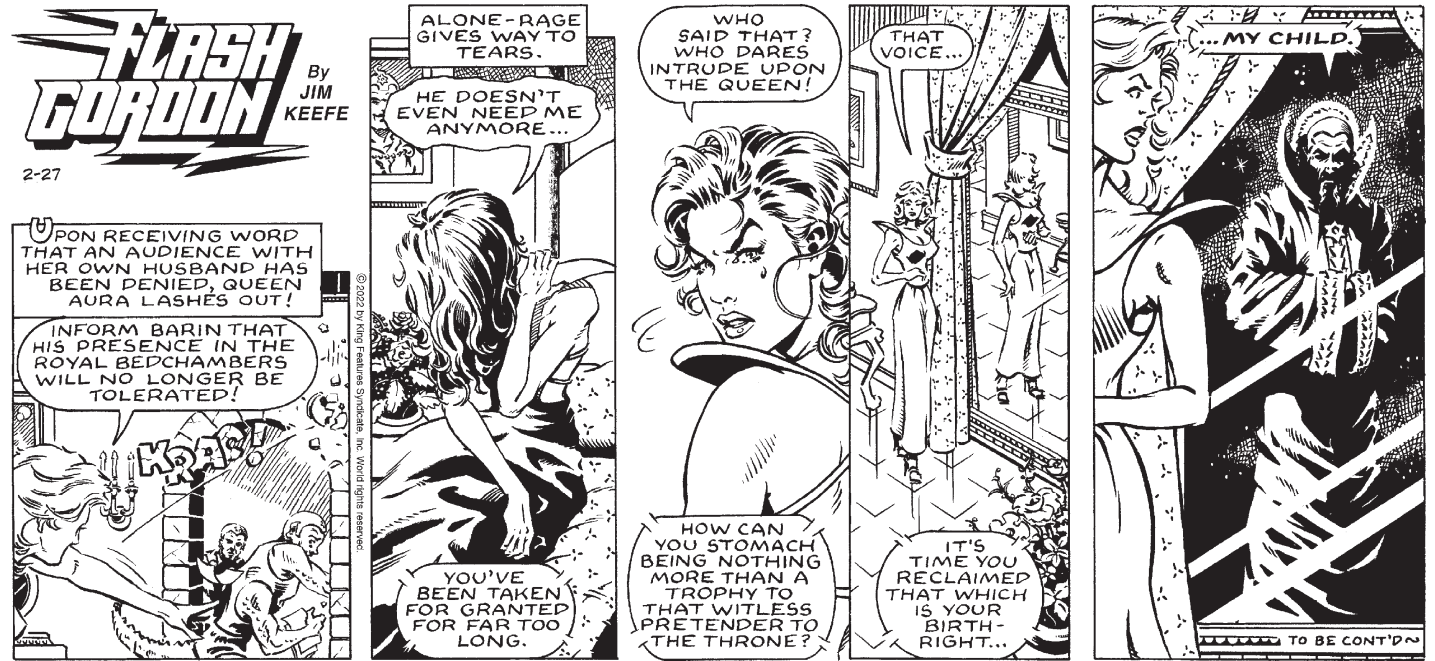
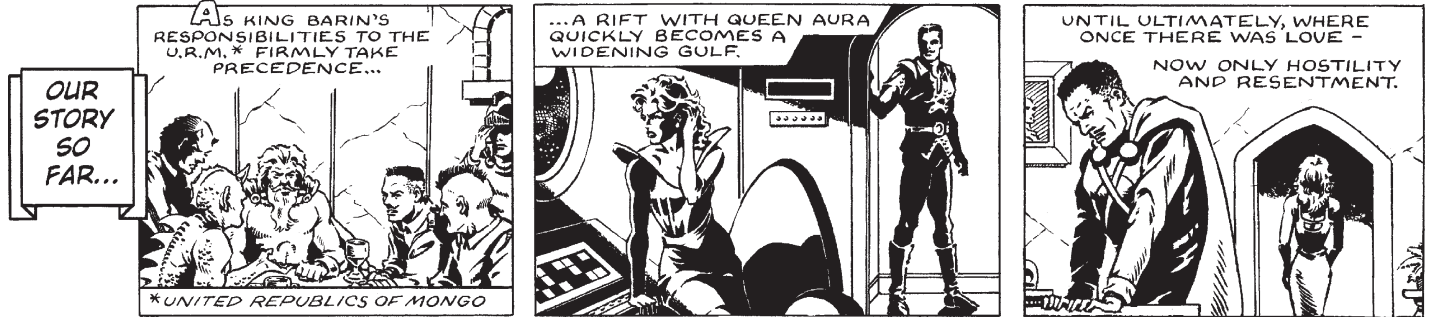
ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Luke; 3) Lamentations; 4) Joseph; 5) Melchizedek; 6) Paul

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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# Comfort foods

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by Healthy Exchanges

## Meatballs and Gravy on Colcannon

On St. Patrick's Day, you don't even have to be Irish to be part of the clan! Just wear green, put a shamrock in your hair and stir up this great dish. Before you know it, your "Irish Eyes" will be smiling!

- 16 ounces extra-lean ground sirloin beef or turkey breast
- 6 tablespoons dried fine bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 (12-ounce) jar fat-free beef gravy
- 3 cups hot water
- 3 cups shredded cabbage
- 2 cups instant potato flakes
- 2 teaspoons dried onion flakes
- 1/4 cup fat-free sour cream

1. In a large bowl, combine meat, breadcrumbs and parsley flakes. Mix well to combine. Form into 24 (1-inch) balls. Place meatballs in a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray. Brown meatballs on all sides. Spoon gravy evenly over meatballs. Lower heat, cover and simmer while making colcannon.

2. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, bring water and cabbage to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir in potato flakes and onion flakes. Add sour cream. Mix gently just to combine.

3. For each serving, place 2/3 cup

## Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



## GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



"Prove my innocence ... or else!"



# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## Nationalism's Finest Hour

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If anyone had any doubt that Ukraine has its own national identity, the early days of the Russian invasion should have eliminated it. There's been the stiff resistance of Ukraine's fighters, the former president giving interviews in the streets of Kyiv in battle gear, the ordinary men and women insulting and defying Russian soldiers, and above all, the comedian-turned-president, the now legendary Volodymyr Zelenskyy, refusing to leave his capital as Russian forces bear down on the city seeking to capture or kill him.

This is all so compelling because there is something inherently stirring about a people defending their homeland from a would-be imperial overlord.

The fight to save Ukraine represents a righteous nationalism. The Ukrainians aren't defending democracy per se or freedom in the sense of abstract rights -- although Vladimir Putin's Russia is a threat to both -- but their land and birthright. They are struggling for national self-determination, and even national survival.

Even in a globalized world, even when patriotism is not nearly as strong a force as it once was, even among Eurocrats who want to subsume Europe's nations in an EU superstate, Ukraine's struggle still strikes a profound chord.

In his speech prior to the war, making a direct appeal to the Russian people, President Zelenskyy spoke of his memories of Ukraine. "No one in Russia knows the meaning of these places, these streets, these names, these events," he said. "These are all alien to you, unfamiliar. This is our land, and this is our history."

"We are not part of one whole," he explained. "You cannot swallow us up. We are different. But this difference is not a reason for enmity. We want to determine our own course and build our own history -- peacefully, calmly and honestly."

Zelenskyy was speaking a nationalist's language of love for his people's history, land and traditions. As G. K. Chesterton once wrote, "Cosmopolitanism gives us one country, and it is good; nationalism gives us a hundred countries, and every one of them is the best."

Of course, Ukraine's status as a nation is contested by Vladimir Putin, who claims that it rightfully belongs to Russia. His revanchist vision is often described an aggressive nationalism, but it is really a drive for empire. In his own lurid speech before starting the war, Putin laid out a spurious version of history wherein Ukrainian nationhood was an invention of the Soviet Union. He attacked "the virus of nationalist ambitions," and claimed after the invasion began that Russian troops were only fighting against "nationalist groups" in Ukraine.

Putin is armed with newer weapons, but he's acting every bit the traditional Russian imperialist. Already in the 15th century, a crude Russian state ruled an enormous swath of territory. By the end of the 19th century, it had become one of the largest empires ever in terms of sheer landmass. This empire was lost with Russia's defeat in World I, reconstituted by the Soviets, and lost again at the end of the Cold War. Putin seeks to revive a version of this project and notably referred in his pre-war speech to "the collapse of the historical Russia known as the USSR."

Zelenskyy and the Ukrainians are fighting for independence against this behemoth and, in so doing, giving Ukraine new national heroes and national lore that will sustain it even if the worst comes.

The philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau once wrote of Poland, another country constantly under threat from imperial Russia: "The virtue of her citizens, their patriotic zeal, the particular form that national institutions can give to their spirit, that is the only rampart always ready to defend it, and which no army could breach. If you arrange things such that a Pole could never become a Russian, then I can assure you that Russia will never subjugate Poland."

The Russian tanks may roll into Kyiv, but Russia won't ultimately triumph over Ukrainian nationalism.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Make a Decorative Paper Shamrock

For those of us who don't claim Ireland in our lineage, it's a stretch to dance a jig, much less remember to wear something green on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. No wonder I was pleased when I shared a photo of this paper strip shamrock craft idea with my neighbor, who replied, "Your shamrock warms my Irish heart!"

The shamrock has traditionally been the national emblem of Ireland, so why not display it with creativity as a sign not only of the coming holiday, but also a welcome to the green of a long-awaited spring?

Grab some green construction paper and basic supplies from your home office. Enjoy this messless art project with your school-age kids. Your preschooler also can lend a hand, when you make it together.

#### Here's what you'll need:

- 2 sheets of construction paper in two different colors. (I chose a light and a dark shade of green for these directions.)
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Household glue
- Thread or fishing line for hanging
- Paper cutter (optional)

#### For each heart:

- Measure, mark with a pencil and cut with scissors or a paper cutter:
- 2 strips of light-green construction paper cut 1 inch by 3 inches;
- 2 strips of dark-green construction

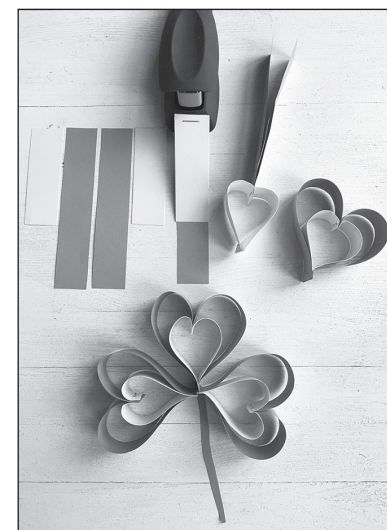
paper 1 inch by 5 inches.

1. Pile the 4 strips starting with one light-green short strip, the two dark-green long strips and end with the remaining light-green short strip on top. They should be evenly stacked up at one end. Carefully staple this 1-inch-wide stack about 1/4 inch from the even end.

2. Bring the loose ends of the short light-green strips away from the pile (and over the staple) to form a heart shape. Hold with one hand as you pull back the long strips in the same manner.

3. Staple the four strips together near the pointed end of the hearts.

Make two more.



The shamrock is Ireland's national emblem.

#### To make the shamrock:

Arrange three completed paper strip hearts on a work surface to make a shamrock. Staple the pointed heart ends together. Bend the paper near the staple to spread out the sides. Cut out and glue on a thin paper stem. Make several paper strip shamrocks and hang in a window or from a chandelier.

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

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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## Top-Secret Ghost Army: The Stuff of Legends

It takes a certain kind of soldier to create diversions on the spot, pretend to be a much larger unit than they are and believably impersonate others, but that's exactly what the top-secret Ghost Army did in World War II. Over 1,000 men, with their actions, saved the lives of an estimated 30,000 soldiers during the war.

Their deceptions were stuff of legend, with 1,000 men pretending to be over 20,000. The 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133rd Signal Service Company created make-believe headquarters, whole divisions and fake convoys, all with the purpose of deceiving the enemy about the size and location of Army units. Using recordings, they created the impression of large armored units and faked radio traffic, even copying the Morse code style of others. They used inflatable airplanes, rubber tanks, troops and jeeps that they'd pump up with air compressors,

laid down fake tank tracks in the dirt and told tall tales in local cafes to spread false information to the enemy. They could turn on a dime, suddenly appearing miles closer than the enemy believed they were.

Now, years after the fact, they are finally being acknowledged and recognized. In February, the Congressional Gold Medal Act was signed, awarding the medal to both groups, after they were declassified in 1996.

To read more about the Ghost Army, go to the Ghost Army Legacy Project ([www.ghostarmylegacyproject.org](http://www.ghostarmylegacyproject.org)). Be sure to see the Archives for journals kept by the soldiers from those units, as well as the Secrecy and Leaks file. See [ghostarmy.com](http://ghostarmy.com) for even more information. (Don't miss the pictures of all their gadgets and equipment.) Look for "The Ghost Army" documentary on PBS stations and on Netflix. It was first shown in 2013. Additionally, look for the future film that's to be directed by Ben Affleck.

At this writing, there are only nine surviving Ghost Army veterans, all of them nearly 100 years old.

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# Historically Speaking Barkley Marathons 100 – the elite ultramarathon trail race that “eats its young”

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Oak Ridge is fortunate to have some of the most exclusive and unique surroundings. Some are historic record setting venues for physical sports. We have the Clinch River that provides a one-mile rowing course that is sought out by all who know of it for its exceptional characteristics making it one of the very best competitive courses in the world. We are becoming known as a great bicycle racing venue.

And, of course, we have the unique history of the Manhattan Project and the enormous scientific legacy of medical isotopes, solid state circuits, and much of what we know today as advanced scientific technology. And we are rightly proud of that scientific research and application history. We are even closely associated with the most recent scientific advance – the discovery of a new element, number 117.

In addition to these things unique to Oak Ridge, right in the back yard of this scientific community are also some of the most uniquely remote and isolated terrains imaginable. The Barkley Marathons 100 is maybe THE most unusual and unique of them all. It began with James Earl Ray’s escape (if you can call it that) from Brushy Mountain Federal Penitentiary on June 10, 1977. You will recall that James Earl Ray was convicted of the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. - a charge to which he confessed and later denied.

Ray and six other prisoners managed to escape the remote Brushy Mountain prison and headed north up Brushy Mountain... a mistake for sure. After three days, actually 55 hours, Ray was found hiding under some leaves less than eight miles from his starting point. Imagine that! There might just be some rough terrain and steep slopes he was trying to climb. He appeared to his captors to be glad to be caught! Keep this in mind as I transition to the modern-day equivalent of James Earl Ray’s escape attempt.

When Gary Cantrell, an ultra marathon runner (someone who routinely runs trail races

more than the standard marathon length of 26 miles), said, “That’s pathetic, I could have easily gone 100 miles in that much time!” His close friend, Karl “Raw Dog” Henn, a local coal mine inspector pointed out the terrain surrounding Brushy Mountain Federal Penitentiary and Frozen Head State Park and Natural Area on topographic maps and suggested that Gary just might be mistaken.

Thus began the collaboration that has



AGary “Lazarus Lake” Cantrell, the brainchild of the Barkley (Gary also credits Karl Henn “Raw Dog” as helping conceive the race). (Photo Submitted)

resulted in the world’s most difficult 100-mile trail race. Read that again and know that I did not make a mistake by using the term “world.” Gary and Karl began the Barkley Marathons in 1986. Since then some 700 runners have attempted the seemingly easy 100 miles in 60 hours (less than 2 miles per hour!). Many of these runners are accustomed to completing 100 miles in closer to half that time! Are they ever in for a surprise at the Barkley!

In the 36-year history of the Barkley Marathons, only 15 individuals have finished the 100-mile run by 2021. So, something is surely different in this trail race. The run consists of five loops of approximately 20 miles per loop. The only aid allowed is water at two spots along the route and whatever can be provided at the start finish line campsite at the Big Cove Campground at Frozen Head State Park.

To qualify to continue the 100-mile run, the first three 20-mile loops must be completed within 36 hours. To continue to the second loop, the first loop must be completed in 13 hours and

20 minutes. To continue to the third loop, the first and second loop must be completed in 26 hours and 40 minutes. The “fun run” of 60 miles (three 20-mile loops) must be completed in 40 hours. A most unusual feature of the Barkley Marathons is the extremely difficult route that consists primarily of cross-country routes that require the runners to use map and compass to determine directions and landmarks. Navigation is made extremely more difficult during the night.

Also, the route that circumnavigates the Frozen Head State Park boundary touches the park at points where maintained trails descend to the park entrance and the Big Cove Campground, enticingly close and easily recognized as taking the runner away from the extreme ordeal that is the Barkley.

The few runners who after attempting and some completing the first 20-mile loop and who continue into the second 20-mile loop spend much of that loop in the dark of night. The route is difficult enough in broad daylight, but if a runner is on the course for the first time, getting lost at night is inevitable.

The stories told by the runners of getting turned around and taking the wrong route are as varied as there are runners, yet the stories all have a familiar ring to them. Each story starts with a minor mistake that leads to more and more difficulty. Many stories contain incidents of hallucinations from sleep deprivation and often a runner’s story contains familiar voices being heard off in the distance and most unusual visions of people that turn into mere objects upon closer scrutiny.

The test of each runner’s endurance is really what is being done here. It is not a course designed to be finished. Rather it is intended to demonstrate for everyone attempting the mighty Barkley just how far they can go and remain in control of their bodies and minds. It truly is a test of the will and muscle, like none other.

The motto that is found on tee shirts, bumper stickers, and web pages pertaining to the Barkley is “the Barkley Marathons 100 is the trail race that ‘eats its young.’” The reality is that most everyone who enters this race fails to complete it. Many fail to complete even the first 20 miles. It is by far the most difficult race in existence, and it is in our community. It is where runners learn the true meaning of pushing themselves to the extremes of their endurance.



Tom Redmon  
Columnist

## The Day I Almost Got Whipped November 1960, New Zealand

We were on detachment at Ohakea, New Zealand for about four months and about thirty-five sailors had a lot of free time on their hands.

We were there to photograph the coastline of the beautiful country down below. This turned out to be my best month of my four years in the Navy.

Ohakea was an Air Force base and they had several Air Force personnel stationed there; men and women.

There was a little Sheila (New Zealand for young girl) there by the name of Jenny Watson that I really wanted to get to know better. The only trouble is Jerry Cosmo, one of the VCP-61 personnel got to her first. Well Jenny went on leave to her home in Auckland, and while she was gone Jerry got another little gal by the name of Kathy. She was a nurse in the New Zealand Air Force. Well, Jenney came back and seeing that Jerry had another girl I asked Jenny to join me for a cup of tea (they didn’t drink coffee in New Zealand) and Jenny and I hit it off. We

were together almost every night after that. Low and behold Kathy, Jerry’s 2nd girl went on leave about a week after I started going with Jenny. Jerry thought he should get Jenny back.

I guess he and two buddies were out drinking and they decided to come to the barracks



and whip my tail.

I was polishing my shoes when Jerry came in with his two big muscled buddies. He came right over to me, got in my face, and said, “Redmon we are going to mop the floor with you.

You stole my girl and you’ll be sorry when we get through with you.”

I said Jerry, this wouldn’t be a fair fight. I’ll take you on outside but your buddies must be neutral. Jerry got louder. He said, no we are all going to whip your tail.

I knew if I hit Jerry one of the other two would be on me. I looked back in the barracks where about thirteen men were getting ready for liberty. I had no idea how they felt about me or whether they would come to my aid. But I was about to get whipped so I called out to them.

I said fellas you see what is happening, is anyone back there on my side?

All thirteen boys came forward and surrounded Jerry and his two big buddies. They said very little. In a minute they were out the door and I didn’t have any more problems with Jerry, as a-matter-a-fact I didn’t see him again when we got back to Guam.

I said, thank you fellas and they all smiled. It pays to be liked and respected, even in the military.



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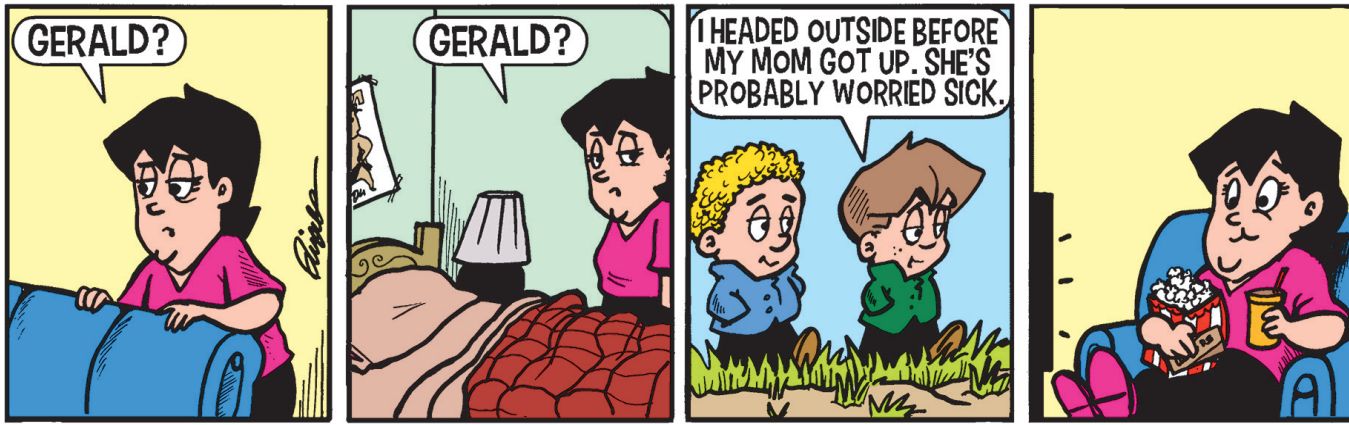
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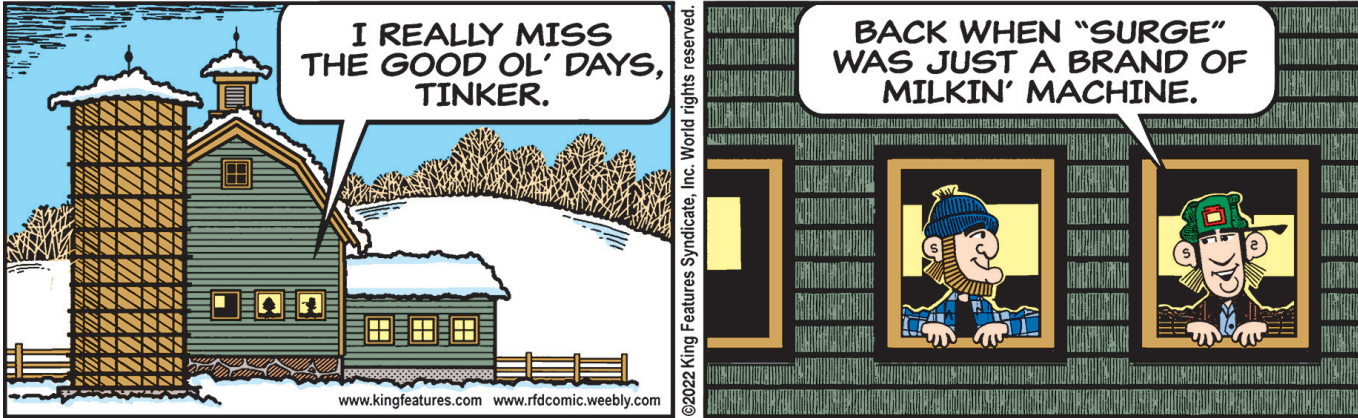
# Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



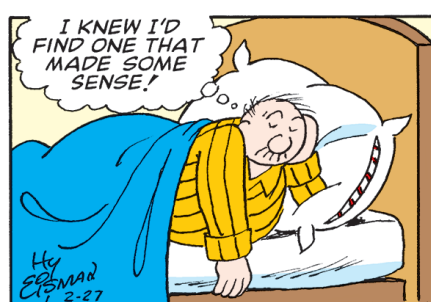
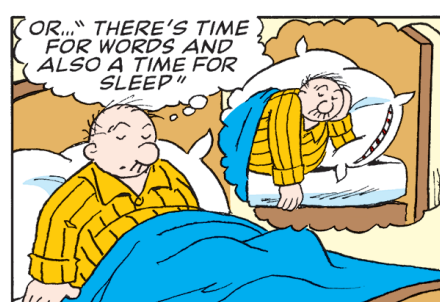
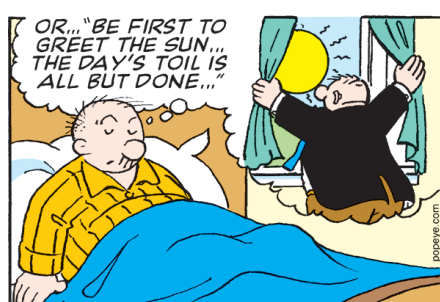
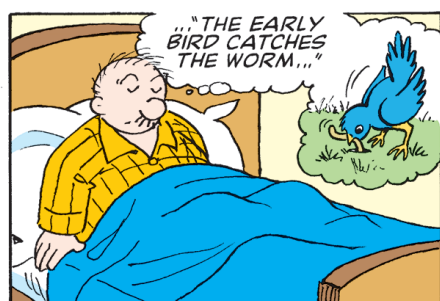
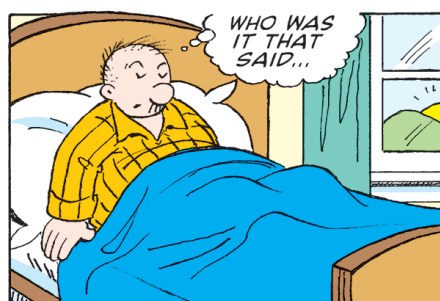
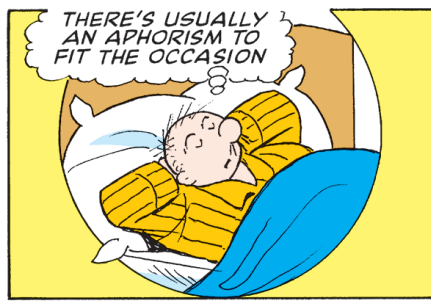
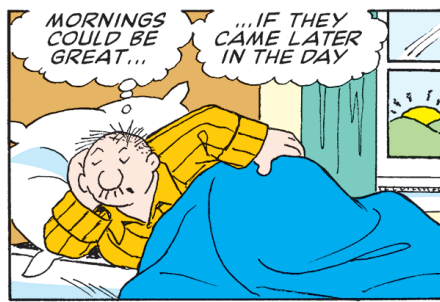
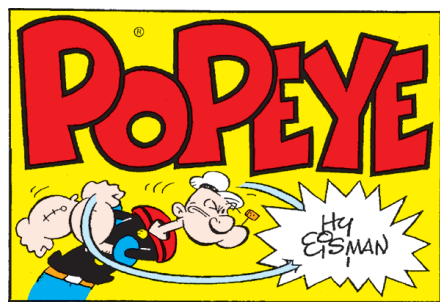
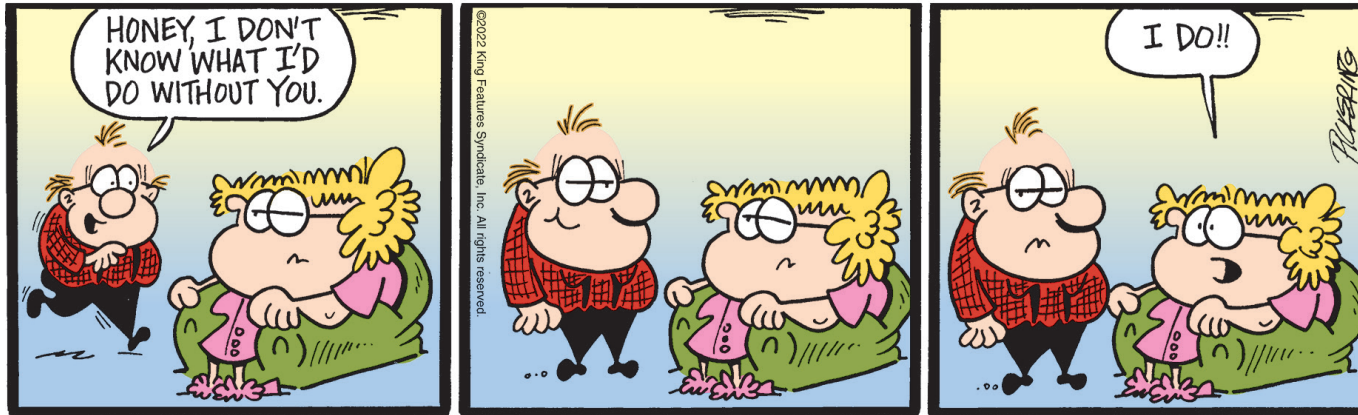
# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



# The Spats

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# MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

\* On March 24, 1603, after 44 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth I of England dies. Elizabeth had repealed pro-Catholic legislation, established a permanent Protestant Church of England and encouraged voyages of discovery.

\* On March 21, 1871, journalist Henry Morton Stanley begins his famous search through Africa for the missing British explorer Dr. David Livingstone. When Stanley found him on Oct. 27, he stepped forward and stretched out his hand: "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

\* On March 22, 1893, the first women's college basketball game is played at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Each made basket counted as one point with the game lasting two 15-minute halves. The game had been invented in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith, with rules for men and women the same.

\* On March 27, 1912, in Washington, D.C., first lady Helen Taft and the Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, plant two Yoshina cherry trees on the northern bank of the Potomac River, near the Jefferson Memorial. The event was held in celebration of a gift, by the Japanese government, of 3,020 cherry trees to the U.S. government.

\* On March 23, 1962, Pakistan's governor Ayub Khan gives first lady Jacqueline Kennedy a horse she nicknamed Black Jack. Jackie chose Black Jack to serve as the ceremonial riderless horse during Pres. John Kennedy's funeral.

\* On March 26, 1950, ever on a witch hunt, Sen. Joseph McCarthy charges Johns Hopkins University Professor Owen Lattimore with being a top spy for the Soviet Union. Lattimore's career was ruined, even though no evidence ever surfaced to support the charges.

\* On March 25, 1983, during filming of the television special "Motown 25," Diana Ross, formerly of the Supremes, shoves Mary Wilson out of the spotlight. It later had to be edited out. Smokey Robinson stepped in onstage to keep between the two warring Supremes.

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# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Charles W. Shadden  
U.S. Army, 1/61-1/64



Morgan County's own Cold War Veteran Charles W. Shadden served with the United States Army from January, 1961 through January, 1964. Shadden worked (with the) Army Security Agency, serving in Turkey, on the Black Sea. Shadden worked in a highly integral part of the security division, where he specialized in Electronic Intelligence. Among other classified tasks, Chuck helped to monitor Russia's missile sites.

Shadden was sent to Frankfurt for temporary duty and training, and upon completion of that assignment, he returned to continue to serve in Turkey. Upon finishing his mission there, Chuck was to return to the United States, specifically to Arizona. Chuck Shadden had attained the rank of E5, after 4 years of service, and was honorably discharged in January, 1964.

Upon his Army discharge, Shadden immediately made his way back to his beloved Tennessee, settling in Chattanooga. He quickly found work, and was employed at Dupont to start his civilian life. It didn't take long for Shadden to find his new job at Dupont rather mundane, and he knew that wanted a change.

Shadden subsequently found a successful niche for himself for the next 8 years when he joined the Chattanooga Police Department. Although he really loved the job and truly enjoyed his service to the public, as the 8 years wore on, Shadden again felt the need to grow. He applied to fill an opening for a Chief of Police job in Crossville and was ultimately chosen for the position. 4½ years passed with Shadden serving well as the Crossville Chief of Police, and again, Shadden began looking to branch out. He

started to ponder the idea of running for Cumberland County Sheriff. In positively deciding to run for the position, Shadden went forth and not surprisingly won the election. For the next 4 years, Sheriff Shadden served admirably in that position. As the next term's campaigning began, and the new election neared, a previous Sheriff decided to run



again in this election against Shadden. He turned into a formidable opponent, and this time, Shadden was defeated. This turn of events found Chuck ready for another change, and he decided that he wanted to move back to Morgan County, back to his roots, where he was born and raised.

After arriving back in Morgan County, Shadden started work

at Brushy Mountain Prison as a Correctional Officer, determinedly ranking up to the level of Lieutenant, and staying on for 8 years at this occupation. Chuck Shadden then went to work at what is now known as The Morgan County Correctional Complex (MCCCX), where he continued to work his way up and rose from beginning his employment there as a Lieutenant to eventually being a Captain. After an interesting, ever-evolving career, Shadden retired in 2010. "Now," Chuck says, "I'm just enjoying retirement, just coolin' it." Shadden has 3 adult children that he is very proud of, and he spends his days among family and friends, in the place he loves, his home town, in Morgan County.

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Chuck was also a Lawman by trade. He spent nearly his whole adult life serving others. He was on the side of that thin blue line and served proudly.



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# 2 Corinthians: Chapter 8

(2 Corinthians Chapter 8:1-6) The noble Macedonians: The apostle now wishes to discuss the “grace” (favor) that was “given” (with abiding effect) to the churches of Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea) (Acts 16:12-17:12). These churches had suffered significantly, having been subjected to economic deprivation, probably resulting from their faith. In addition, several wars had devastated the region. But these saints were undaunted. Paul’s use of contrasts is interesting. There was “much proof of affliction” versus “abounding joy,” “deep (down to the bottom) poverty” versus “richness of beneficence.” They were trophies of self-sacrifice and love (v. 2).

As noted earlier (1 Cor. 16:1), there was a segment of poor people among the saints in Jerusalem (Rom. 15:26; Acts 24:17; 2 Cor. 8:13-14; 9:12-13; Gal. 2:10), and churches throughout the Mediterranean world were encouraged to help with a relief fund. Such would assist with the Jews’ material needs and also aid in cementing relations between the varying ethnic segments of the multi-cultured church (Rom. 15:14). The Philippian Christians had already assisted with the benevolent enterprise, giving even beyond their ability (Acts 11:29). The apostle implies that they were so generous that he resisted taking their full gift initially, but they persisted in begging him that they might be blessed with this “grace” (the favor) of ministering to the needy saints (v. 4). They even exceeded Paul’s expectation (v. 5)! Their generosity may seem inexplicable to give themselves to the Lord and to the apostolic effort, consistent with the will of God (v. 5).

Now to the business at hand: Titus had been at Corinth, and there was a wonderful relationship between him and the church. Consequently, Paul was going to send Titus back to them, encouraging the brothers to “complete” their previous pledge (v. 10) regarding the grace of assisting the Jews in Palestine (v. 6). At the same time, Titus would convey this current correspondence (16-17; 12:17-18). It was hoped that their resolve to assist would be accomplished speedily (9:4).

(2 Cor. 8:7-15) The appeal to Corinth: With consummate teaching skill, the apostle commends them on the admirable qualities in which they excelled: (a) “faith” (strong and active); (b) “speech” (teaching (2:17); 4:2; 5:19; 6:7); (c) “knowledge” (understanding of the gospel); (d) “earnestness” (zeal and vigor for truth); (e) “love for us” (devoted affection for Paul and his co-workers). “In view of these acknowledged traits, let your generosity in this matter (the contribution) overflow as well” (v. 7). He was not browbeating them with a command, but trying to bring out the best in them: in addition, he was using the dedication of others (the Macedonians) to motivate the Corinthians (v. 8).

Let us reflect upon the greatest example of generosity in the history of the world. The Corinthians “know” (are constantly aware) of the “grace” (favor) of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich

(Rom. 10:12), in a heavenly sense, prior to his incarnation, yet he became poor (with no material substance as a man). And what did he gain in this process? Nothing that enhanced him. It was not for self, but on behalf of others. By means of his sacrifice, therefore, we are blessed with the richest treasures of which humanity is capable. If this does not motivate, would anything?

Paul expresses his apostolic judgment. “It is appropriate that you now complete what you pledged a year ago (they had lagged behind in a promise).” The road of good intentions alone does not lead to reward (10-11). Does Paul anticipate an objection---“We will give when we are able”? If so, he counters: “It is acceptable to give of what you have, not what you do not have” (v. 12). He was not pressuring them to contribute so that others might be cased (of their giving) while they were distressed. Rather, there ought to be a more level playing field among givers---those with abundance should give more than those with less; later the tables might be turned (v. 14). This was illustrated by the manner in which Jehovah regulated the distribution of manna in the wilderness (Ex. 16:18). This is not a demand for the prosperous to liquidate their assets, giving them to the poor, so that a socialist economy might prevail.

(2 Cor.8:16-24) Commendation of the messengers: Paul expresses thanksgiving to God that Titus feels the same concern for the Corinthians as he does. The apostle did not even have to exhort him; he anxiously accepted this role and would be coming to them shortly. A highly respected “brother” would accompany Titus on this journey. Some have rather confidently speculated that brother was Luke, but the Holy Spirit left him anonymous and we should as well. He was one of the messengers endorsed by the churches to convey the contribution to Jerusalem. In view of those “vulture” critics, so anxious to “pick his bones,” the apostle wanted to avoid any suspicion at all concerning the contribution to be transferred to Jerusalem. He made it his practice to act honorably in all potentially vulnerable situations---first in the Lord’s sight (who observes all that we do), and also before men (v. 20-21).

Another unnamed brother, who had proved reliable on many occasions, would also accompany the other two to Corinth. This brother had great confidence in the Christians in Corinth, which should please them. Paul wanted to express a final note of confidence to Titus. He is commended as “my partner and fellow-worker.” Who wouldn’t love to have that descriptive applied to him? He and his travel partners are “messengers” of the churches who glory in Christ, obviously selected for good reason, and known for their spirituality. He thus exhorts the Corinthian saints to exhibit love to these brothers and let their confidence trickle back to the churches, documenting Paul’s praise of them.



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...Those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you.” Then he began to curse and swear, saying, “I do not know the Man!” Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” So he went out and wept bitterly.

“A Rooster”  
by Pablo Picasso  
(1938)

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The Garden Bug

**Rosemary** has been used since ancient times for many different purposes. Greek scholars often wore a garland of it on their heads to help their memory during examinations. Charlemagne grew it in his royal gardens. The cologne that Napoleon Bonaparte used contained it. Shakespeare mentioned it in five of his plays. A sprig of the herb was often placed with the dead at funerals, and brides wore it at their weddings. – Brenda Weaver

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# The Bride's Favor

**John Burns**  
*Opinion Columnist*

Persian law forbade anyone from petitioning the king in person, without the king first sending for you. Esther the queen was no different. She had an obstacle to overcome, so she fasted for three days and had everyone in her court pray with her. What an example.

As Persian custom required, Esther prepared herself to present herself to the king. She weighed her options. God's will for her people was more important than even her life. She adored herself in proper Persian attire and made headlong for the King's court. God intervened.

Ahaseurus had not petitioned her for 30 days. He no doubt missed Esther, when he saw her seated in the outer court of the king's throne-room. He immediately saw Esther, and extended her the royal scepter. She was ok to enter the king's inner chamber. God had made a way because of the faith of Esther.

Ahaseurus offers Esther anything she would like, including up to half of his kingdom. This same promise is what Haman will suggest to Ahaseurus as an award to his most loyal servant in chapter 6. For now, Ahaseurus is only concerned with Esther's petition.

The queen then shocks her husband and has him invite Haman to a banquet in his honor. Ahaseurus tells his guard to give Haman the news and that dinner at Esther's is tomorrow evening at moonrise. Haman is to be the guest of honor. He was completely shocked but filled with pride and narcissism.

Esther is excused and returns to the house of her chamberlain to prepare for her dinner and showdown with Haman. Haman heads home to relish in his own exalted position, he just cannot let go of Mordecai the Jew not bowing down to worship him. He is filled with antisemitism.

Haman orders his ten sons to erect gallows fifty cubits high to hang Mordecai upon on the morrow. Haman has no idea how much his hatred will be punished completely by God in his life and in the lives of all those who mock God's covenant people. They are the Jewish remnant currently living in every country of the Roman empire.

Israel as a people hold a place in God's economy that can never be overstated. 87% of Bible content involves the chosen people known as the nation of Israel. God is not done with the Jewish people. The Book of Revelation after chapter 4, is solely about God chastening the Jewish people and destroying all gentile peoples who deny Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.

The servitude of the nations begins in 605 BC. With the destruction of the northern kingdom of Israel, and the deportation of the people who make up the northern tribes. Judah will suffer the same fate in 586 BC when Judah and her king are deported to Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar. This begins the times of the gentiles as recognized by Daniel in chapter 2 and chapter 7 and Jesus Christ in Matthew 23.

Our story is set between 485 BC and 465 BC. The Jews have been given the ok to return to Jerusalem to begin the building of their temple. They are cleared to return to Jerusalem. The command to build the walls and the city is yet future. God has gone to extreme measures to ensure every word of his love drama plays out exactly how he wrote the script in eternity past.

Medo-Persia is in control of the largest population of peoples in history. Ahaseurus has united the empire and he now has a queen he can trust. His advisors are keeping his realm together, or so he thinks.

Haman has hatched a plot to kill his wife. Haman must surely know Esther is Jewish? She spent a year being closely monitored by every pagan advisor Ahaseurus had. She kept Jewish purification rituals, and modesty was her guide while she went through the selection process. This would have been a totally different attitude than the other pagan girls vying for Ahaseurus' hand in marriage.

Mordecai had raised Esther in a Jewish home. Dreams of returning to Israel and their temple in Jerusalem, would have been their nightly prayers. Returning home to Israel was now impossible, for she was the queen to the greatest pagan king in all the world. His capital was Babylon.

Babylon is the city of man and the place where men rebelled against monotheism given us by God the creator. This city gave birth to all pagan religions, and all pagan governments in any form. Babylon is a city our God and creator is at odds with, and it will be judged most harshly by God when Jesus Christ returns to set up his messianic kingdom on earth. He does it from Jerusalem.

Before he establishes his eternal kingdom, he must first find a bride. This is the pattern of every king in history, King Jesus Christ is no different. The Holy Spirit has been searching for 2000 years and counting. Have you given your hand to Messiah in marriage?

Is Babylon your home or Jerusalem? You too can have the courage of Esther, and become a willing bride. Choose Jesus Christ this day, and your life as a virgin bride begins. Receive the courage of young queen Esther, and testify of your love for Jesus Christ with everyone you encounter.

Esther dreamed of a future day when God would offer himself as a lamb to pay her sin debt once and for all. Her Jewish upbringing in turbulent times prepared her for her perfect time. She became the queen of Babylon, and still managed to keep her faith in God completely intact.

Esther is a shining example of what we can all become. The courage to defend God's covenant people is a very real probability in our near future. Will you develop the courage of this Jewish princess turned queen to the ruler of the entire known world? Choose this day whom you will serve!

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

He is alive forevermore and returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 1-29-2022

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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# Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



## Don't be Repetitive During Job Interviews



**Hiring Manager:** Give me an example of when you had to overcome adversity.

**Repetitive Randy:** I had something major come up at the workplace last week. I wanted to let you know that I always bring my "A game".

**Hiring Manager:** Why should I hire you over all the other candidates?

**Repetitive Randy:** Because I bring my "A game" every day.

**Hiring Manager:** What do you know about our company?

**Repetitive Randy:** The company was established in 1989. It has a long history of success. The company culture is work hard, play hard. It's perfect 'cause I bring my "A game" every day.

**Hiring Manager:** We don't play football here.

Repetitive answers become frustrating for a hiring manager. Here are three ways a candidate can be repetitive.

**#1. Repetitive Randy**  
People like Randy drive hiring managers nuts. Don't repeat the same answer for every single question. Why does Randy

keep insisting that he "brings his A game"? Randy is trying to tell the hiring manager he works hard every day. It's not the best slang term to use during the interview, but even worse, Randy keeps repeating it in every, single answer. The hiring manager is distracted by this behavior, and has become focused on the annoying habit, rather than Randy's answers. Hiring managers may also wonder, "Why does Randy keep reminding me he brings his A game? Is he trying to convince me he works hard? Does Randy really bring his A game?" I completely understand Randy may have been nervous, but again pre-interview practice could have helped him avoid making this mistake.

**#2. Same example for each scenario**  
During the job interview, you will be asked a series of behavioral/situational questions. Avoid using the same examples for each question. You will recall to best answer these type questions you will be using the STAR format (Situation, Action, Task, and Result). You will want to have multiple examples to use for your situational questions. This is where your preparation will pay off. Practicing examples will help in your real-world job interview. Use a different example for each situation/behavior question that is asked.

**#3. Repeating yourself**  
Avoid rambling when giving your answers. Rambling or babbling during the interview can be detrimental to your success. Repeating your answers and blathering on often fall in the same category. A candidate may demonstrate this by taking too long to answer a question. They may also talk in circles and say the same thing in four different ways. With situational/behavior questions, keep your responses straight to the point, give answers that clarify the situation, task, action, and result, and make sure you provide answers to the hiring manager's specific question.

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**Example:**  
**Hiring Manager:** Tell me a little bit about yourself.

**Repetitive Randy:** I bring my "A game" to work every day.



### Mark St. Paddy's Day With a Very Irish Stew

There are few things more universally comforting than a melt-in-your-mouth beef stew. The world is full of regional variations. France has Boeuf a la bourguignonne. Hungary has Goulash. Ireland has Guinness Beef Stew. What sets Ireland's stew apart is the addition of stout beer, namely Guinness.

Made in Dublin since 1759, when we think of Guinness we think of Ireland. In this stew, the alcohol evaporates, leaving a rich and robust depth of flavor that complements the succulent beef, hearty potatoes and sweet carrots. When choosing your beef for this (or any) stew, don't buy pre-cut meat labeled "stew beef." You're paying a premium for someone to cut your food for you. Plus, you have little control over what cut of meat you're getting. Don't waste a tender cut on a stew that's going to simmer low and slow because the lean meat will cook to the point of drying out. Choose a tougher cut with plenty of connective tissue, collagen and fat, such as chuck, short rib or point cut brisket. Those cuts become tender, juicy and flavorful when slowly simmered in liquid, giving stew that velvety mouthfeel.

#### GUINNESS BEEF STEW

**Yield:** 12 servings **Prep:** 20 minutes **Cook:** 2 hours

- 4 slices bacon — chopped
- 2-3 pounds stew beef (see text above)
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Vegetable oil
- 2 medium yellow onions, chopped
- 1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste
- 1 bottle (11.2 ounce) Guinness Extra Stout
- 1 can (14.5 oz. or 1 1/2 cups) beef broth
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 pound carrots, peeled and chopped
- 3 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, chopped
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup peas



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#### Stout beer sets Ireland's stew apart.

1. Prepare the meats by chopping the bacon and cutting the beef into big bite-sized chunks. Chop up all the veggies. In a large soup pot or Dutch oven on medium heat, cook bacon until crisp, remove with a slotted spoon and set aside, leaving the drippings in the pan.
2. Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl, mix the flour, garlic, salt and pep-

per, and toss the beef cubes to coat. Working in batches, being careful not to overcrowd the pan, brown the beef in the bacon drippings on all sides. Add cooking oil if the pan gets dry. Set aside. (By now you'll have lovely brown bits on the bottom of the pan. Don't burn this! Lower the heat to low.)

3. Add the onions, stirring frequently, adding oil, if necessary, until just softened. Add the tomato paste, stirring into the onions to evenly coat. Add the Guinness and bring it to a simmer, scraping up the browned bits, deglazing the bottom of the pot. Add the beef broth and Worcestershire. Boil for 2 minutes.

4. Return the bacon and beef to the pot along with the carrots and potatoes. Add water and stir to combine. (At this point you can throw everything into a slow cooker if you wish. Cook on LOW for 6-8 hours or on HIGH for 3-4 hours.)

5. To continue cooking on the stovetop, bring the stew to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cover and simmer for 2 hours, stirring occasionally. In the final 10 minutes, add the peas. Adjust salt and pepper to taste.

When you host your St. Patrick's gathering, take a cue from classic Irish pub grub, and serve big mugs of stew, with soda bread slathered with butter and a pint of beer on the side. Should you have any leftovers, they'll freeze beautifully. Erin go Bragh!

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## New Earned Income Credit rules for people with children

Several new rules can enable people with children to qualify for more Earned Income Credit (EIC).

According to the IRS, approximately 25 million workers and families got about \$62 billion in EIC in 2019. The new rules will affect a lot of people. Couples filing married jointly can have up to \$57,414 income and qualify for EIC in 2021.

One new rule is that parents who file married filing separately who have qualifying children can now claim the (EIC). However, there are several requirements to claim EIC when using this filing status.

The qualifying child must have resided with that parent for more than half the tax year. Additionally, they must have either lived separately from their spouse during the last half of the year or have a written separation decree/agreement and lived separately from the spouse as of the end of the tax year.

As a result of the new tax law, a taxpayer filing separately who separated from their spouse around the end of the tax year (with a written decree) will now be eligible for the EIC. In previous years a separated spouse who wanted to claim the EIC had to qualify to file as head of household. The head of household status required that the taxpayer had to live separately from their spouse during the last half of the tax year.

Two more changes apply to taxpayers with qualifying children.

The first change is advantageous if your income was more in 2019 than 2021. Since many businesses were still financially impacted by the pandemic, this option will help many people whose income has declined since 2019. In tax year 2021, you can look back two years and use 2019 earned income instead of 2021 earned income when calculating the credit. This is an option if the 2019 earnings

## SENIOR NEWS

## LINE

By Matilda Charles

### Before You Sign Up For Senior Discounts

We all want to save a dollar every place we can. Discounts aimed at seniors are a good way to get our attention, but now and then it's just not a good idea to sign up.

For example, if you're low income, Amazon Prime offers a reduced-price membership. With Prime you get free shipping, access to movies and music, and more. Your membership is only \$5.95 per month -- after you furnish an image of your Social Security, Medicaid (not Medicare), TANF or SNAP card. You'll need to renew this every year to keep getting the discount to ensure you're still on the program. You can stay on this reduced rate for four years.

The dilemma is that you're providing your personal information -- Medicaid number, Social

Security number and so on -- to people you don't know. Where does that information end up? If you cancel your membership, is that information destroyed?

Reduced prescription costs are available at certain drugstore chains, but generally on a limited basis, perhaps one day per month. One chain will offer to let you link a new account with them to your existing AARP membership. With another one, should you prefer not to give them your email address, they're more than happy to take your name and phone number instead.

A number of phone companies have reduced plans for seniors. But they do verify your age. With two of them you need to go into the store with a valid ID. With another they'll use the information they already have on file from when you started your original service with them. How securely have they kept that information?

Before you snap up a senior discount deal, consider what you need to give up to get that discount. Think about whether the information you give can be used for identity theft.

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will increase the amount of credit that can be claimed.

The second change increased the cap on investment income for purposes of qualifying for the EIC. In 2021 you can have investment income of up to \$10,000 and qualify for the EIC. Previously, the investment limit had been \$3,650 for qualifying for EIC. Generally, the amount of EIC will be increasing for most people for the 2021 tax year. Some people who did not previously qualify in previous years may now qualify due to reduced income due to the pandemic. And people whose income dropped due to the pandemic will have the option to use their income from 2019 to increase their EIC.

If you qualify for EIC, be sure to compare your income from 2021 and 2019 to receive the greatest amount of the credit. The maximum amount of EIC for 2021 is \$6,728. Claiming the maximum amount of EIC by calculating the amount based on the most advantageous year could make a big difference in the amount of your refund. If you have already filed your 2021 return, you can file an amended return if you did not claim the maximum EIC that you were eligible to receive.

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## FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. What was Brook Benton's final No. 1 chart-topper?
2. Name the Irish artist who wrote and released "Alone Again (Naturally)" and "Clair."
3. Who was "Stewball" in the song by Peter, Paul and Mary?
4. Who wrote and released "Green Onions"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "They're cousins, Identical cousins all the way, One pair of matching bookends, Different as night and day."

### Answers

1. "Rainy Night in Georgia," 1970 on the R&B chart. The song first appeared on Benton's "Today" album.
2. Gilbert O'Sullivan, in 1971 and 1972. In the 1990s, he was involved in a lawsuit against a rapper who had sampled one of O'Sullivan's songs without permission. He won, and it increased copyright protections for songwriters everywhere.
3. Stewball was a famous racehorse in 18th-century Britain and was originally called "Squball" or "Skuball," as well as Stewball. "Skewball" likely comes from "Skewbald," a tri-color coat pattern in horses.
4. Booker T. & the MG's, in 1962.
5. "Cousins," the theme song for "The Patty Duke Show" (1963-1966). Actress Patty Duke played dual parts in the show: American and Scottish cousins. In 2009 Duke created public service announcements for the Social Security Administration, again playing two roles.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Friday, March 11

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

### Saturday, March 12

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

### Undated Events

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

### American Legion Events

**Saturday, March 12,** Monthly big breakfast. We will have an assortment of food plus we now make fresh omelets all for \$9.00 per adult, \$5.00 per kid under twelve or \$9.50 per to go box. We will start serving at 8:00 am and go until 11:00 am.

### Thursday, March 17,

the Legion will hold their members monthly meeting. We will start promptly at 7:00 pm. We will also celebrate the Amer-

ican Legion's 103rd birthday at this meeting with an Irish dinner and a birthday cake. Bring your appetite and your ideas for the meeting.

### 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.

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# WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!



The Coalfield Lady Jackets and their student fan base gather on the floor to celebrate winning the Region 2-1A championship. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

## Coalfield Defeats Oneida for Region 2-1A Championship

By Terry Futrell

For the first time since 2010, the Coalfield Lady Jackets captured the regional basketball crown by defeating Oneida Wednesday evening for the third time this season. After losing the District 3-1A championship to Oneida just nine days earlier, the determined Lady Jackets fought off every attempt by the Lady Indians to get and maintain the lead. Despite Oneida burying four 3-point baskets in the final period, Coalfield used balanced scoring by Kadence Jackson, Alexis Morrison, and Jayleigh Bunch to hold off the Indians' attack and win the game and the Region 2-1A championship 51-46.

Oneida led off with a bang, quickly taking a 6-0 lead in the first 28 seconds of the game. Even though fans may have experienced some uneasiness at this point, the Lady Jackets were unshaken. Morrison and Bunch began to work inside to close the gap to 8-4 with 4:48 on the clock. Coalfield's smothering defense held the Lady Indians scoreless, and the Lady Jackets tied the score at 8-8 on a 3-point basket by Gabbi Lowe with three minutes left in the first. Oneida went up 10-8 with 2:30 left – that would be the last time the Lady Indians would find the basket in the first quarter. Coalfield again tied the score at 10-10 with 2:13 on the clock and went ahead 12-10 on a basket by Jackson with 1:16 remaining.

The Lady Indians tied the score at 7:46 in the second on a driving shot underneath by Kelsey Pike and then took a 15-12 lead when Pike buried a 3-pointer. Oneida then expanded its lead to 17-12 before the Lady Jackets began to chip away at the Lady Indians' lead. Coalfield regained the lead at 21-20 when Isabella Armes sank two free throws with 2:33 on the clock. Oneida regained the lead 22-21, but Coalfield closed out the half with a basket and led 23-22. Lowe led Jacket scoring with six points in the quarter, including 4 for 4 at the free throw line.

Oneida once again took the lead at 26-25 two minutes into the third quarter, but Coalfield regained the lead 27-26 half a minute later. The Lady Jackets pulled away to a 7-point lead at 33-26 with 2:19 remaining in the third. Oneida trimmed Coalfield's lead to 33-31 with 49 seconds remaining. Each team added two more points and Coalfield led 35-33 at the end of the third quarter.

At this point in the game, either team could possibly gain the victory.

Oneida's excellent 3-point shooters had connected on only three treys in the first three quarters. Could Coalfield's defense continue to shut them down?

That question was answered just seconds into the final period as Oneida took the lead 36-35 on a 3-point basket. The Lady Indians would bury three more treys in the final period, but it wasn't enough.

Coalfield regained the lead at 37-36 a minute later. Oneida tied the score at 37-37 with 6:04 remaining, but Coalfield once again went ahead 39-37 at 5:51. Oneida closed the gap to 41-40, but Coalfield jumped to a 45-40 lead at 3:34. Baskets underneath by Morrison and Bunch expanded Coalfield's lead to 49-43 with 1:12 remaining. Lady Jacket fans were finally beginning to smell victory. Oneida cut the lead to 49-46 with 44 seconds remaining, but that would be their last score. With a smile on her face, Jackson sank a free throw with 38 seconds remaining to close out the scoring.

Coalfield fans erupted as the horn sounded and the Lady Jackets marched into history as the 2021-22 Region 2-1A champions.

Jackson led Coalfield's balanced scoring with 15 points, including 8 points in the critical fourth quarter as Coalfield held off the Lady Indians' final attack. Morrison scored 14 points, including four in the final period. Lowe scored 11 points for the Lady Jackets, and Bunch added seven points, including four points in the fourth quarter stretch.

Oneida was led by District 3-1A regular season MVP Kelsey Pike with 16 points, Annaleah Terry with 10 points, and Raylie Bush with nine points.

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# Harriman Defeats Oliver Springs for Region 2-A Crown

By Terry Futrell



The Harriman Blue Devils and cheerleaders celebrate their victory over Oliver Springs and the Region 2-1A championship. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

It was a battle that electrified fans from both communities – District 3-A champion Oliver Springs Bobcats facing off against District 4-A champion Harriman Blue Devils for the Region 2-A championship. While both teams had already earned a berth in sectional play, the winner would get the advantage of playing at home and the loser would have to travel more than 100 miles to face the Region 1 winner.

Perhaps even more important was the community pride at stake in the cross-county rivalry. It was not surprising to see the Harriman gym packed to capacity with supporters of both teams. Many who closely follow local high school basketball expected a barnburner, and they were not disappointed. Both teams fought with determination and displayed unbelievable basketball skills, but it was the Blue Devils who pulled ahead in the last few minutes of play for a 64-56 victory over Oliver Springs.

On a smaller scale, the battle was really between two giants, although one was almost a foot taller than the other. Oliver Springs was led by Keaton McDonald, the point guard who is not tall by any means. But when it comes to basketball skills, McDonald is a giant who ranks with the best. In the battle with Harriman, McDonald was seemingly unstoppable, pouring in 13 baskets from practically every spot on the court, including four 3-point baskets. Some of McDonald's baskets while driving the lane were almost beyond belief.

Across the battle line was Harriman's Jordan McCullum, giant in both stature and in basketball skills. Although listed as a power forward, McCullum spends much of his time out front directing the actions of his team. Like McDonald, McCullum also has some nifty moves driving the lane and can shoot from outside. It was given that both McDonald and McCullum would be major players in this battle, but the outcome would likely

depend on the support of their teammates.

Harriman took the lead early in the first, but the Bobcats stayed with them. The score was tied three times in the period, and the lead changed twice. Carter Smith buried three treys for the Blue Devils, and Nick Pelfrey added one. Xavier Hickman was a beast under the basket and scored four buckets. McDonald hit two treys and two 2-point baskets for 10 points in the quarter. Tanner Melton also hit a 3-pointer

and added two free throws for five points. The game was tied with 45 seconds remaining, but Harriman added another 3-point basket to lead 20-17.

Oliver Springs got on the board first in the second quarter, but Harriman pulled away to lead by eight, 27-19 at 6:11. The Bobcats refused to go down and tied the score at 32-32 with 54 seconds remaining in the half. Each team added another basket, and the score was tied 34-34 at the half. McCullum and Talan Moore each scored five points for Harriman in the quarter. McDonald put eight points on the board for the Bobcats, and Michael Tuck added five points.

Harriman kicked off scoring in the second half, but Oliver Springs tied the score at 38-38 with 4:23 on the clock. Again, Harriman pulled away to a 45-38 lead at 2:21, but the Bobcats closed the gap 45-43 at 1:50. Harriman held the lead and closed out the quarter leading 49-45. McCullum scored five points for the Blue Devils, Hickman added four points, and Camyan Campbell got on the board with three points. McDonald continued to magically drive the lane and scored four baskets, and Melton added another trey.

Harriman quickly moved out to a 52-45 lead in the fourth when Moore buried a trey. Slowly, the Bobcats fought their way back and tied the score 56-56 with 2:14 remaining in the game. The Bobcats would not find the basket again, and Harriman pulled away to win the game and the Region 2-1A championship by a score of 64-56. McDonald led Oliver Springs with five points in the quarter, and Bryson Marler, Melton, and Kane Gouge each added a basket. Moore carried the load for the Blue Devils with seven points in the final period. McCullum added four points, and Pelfrey and Matthew Scarbrough each added two points.

McCullum and Hickman combined for 30 points inside for Harriman (16 points and 14 points), while Moore and Smith each add-

ed 12 points for a balanced attack. McDonald carried the load for the Bobcats and led all scorers with 31 points, while Melton added 10 points for Oliver Springs.

Harriman will host a tough Hampton team Monday evening in sectional play, and Oliver Springs travels to North Greene. Section winners will advance to the state tournament and the season will end for the losers.

# Lady Jackets Suffer 2 OT Substate Loss to Cloudland

By Terry Futrell

Facing a team with a height advantage, amazing speed, and a smothering, full-court defense that totally shut down Coalfield's outside shooting, the Lady Jackets put forth a valiant effort against the Cloudland Lady Highlanders in substate basketball action Saturday evening. Coalfield came from behind in the game to tie Cloudland and force the game into overtime. In an about face, the Lady Highlanders came from behind in overtime to tie the Lady Jackets and force a second overtime. At this point, effort simply wasn't enough for the Lady Jackets, and Cloudland closed out a hard-fought 53-49 victory to advance to the state tournament in Murfreesboro.

The game kicked off in John Jackson Memorial Gymnasium with Coalfield getting on the board first. Cloudland immediately responded to tie the score. The Lady Jackets then appeared to be shocked by the ferocity of the Cloudland defense, and the Lady Highlanders built a 9-2 lead in the first minute and a half of play. Coach Ronnie Wilson quickly settled his players down and they responded by trimming Cloudland's lead to 16-13 with 25 seconds remaining in the period. Cloudland closed out the quarter with an additional basket and an 18-13 lead. Jayleigh Bunch led the Lady Jackets with six points in the quarter and Kadence Jackson added five points. Karah Fields led the Lady Highlanders with seven points and Kendall Birchfield scored five points.

The second quarter was much the same, with Coalfield outscoring Cloudland by two points. Jackson poured in eight more points for the Lady Jackets and Alexis Morrison added three points. Ella Benfield stepped up for the Lady Highlanders and scored all nine of their points in the quarter by working inside against Coalfield's defense.

The third quarter can best be summed up with one word, "defense," as each team scored only one basket in the period, Cloudland successfully shot four free throws to take a 6-2 scoring advantage in the quarter and expanded their lead to 33-26 at the end of three.

Cloudland immediately expanded their lead to ten points in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Jackets refused to go down without a fight. Coalfield trimmed Cloudland's lead to 36-31 midway through the period and tied the score at 39-39 with 58 seconds remaining, outscoring the Lady Highlanders 13-6. Neither team added to their score and the game was tied 39-39 at the end of regulation play. Gabbi Lowe and Morrison each scored six points for Coalfield in the quarter. Benfield and Fields each scored three points for Cloudland.

Coalfield took an early lead in the first overtime period and led Cloudland 45-42 with 57 seconds to go. The Lady Highlanders tied the score at 46-46 with 34 seconds to go. Neither team could score again, forcing a second overtime.

Cloudland took a one-point lead 47-46 with 2:33 remaining in overtime. Coalfield responded by taking the lead 48-47 with 1:49 remaining. Cloudland took the lead for the final time at 49-48 with 1:23 on the clock and held on for a 53-49 victory.

Cloudland's Benfield led all scorers with 21 points, and Fields added 10 points for the Lady Highlanders. Jackson led Coalfield scorers with 14 points. Morrison added 13 points and Bunch contributed 11 points.

With the win, Cloudland advances to the state tournament to face Wayne County on Thursday. For the Lady Jackets, it was a bittersweet ending to a very successful season that culminated with the Region 2-1A championship, their first since 2010.



Coalfield's Jayleigh Bunch drives through Cloudland's Ella Benfield and Saharra McKinney for a shot. Bunch scored 11 points in the game. [Photo by Terry Futrell]



# Coalfield and Oneida Advance to Region 2-1A Girls Finals

By Terry Futrell

District 3-1A teams Coalfield and Oneida swept District 4-1A teams Harriman and Greenback in Region 2-1A semifinals Monday evening. Coalfield defeated Harriman 66-61 and Oneida defeated Greenback 55-44.



Oneida's Ali Smith led the Lady Indians with 11 points in their victory over Greenback. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

## Oneida vs Greenback

The Oneida Lady Indians got off to a terrible start in their game with the Greenback Lady Cherokees. After Annaleah Terry hit a 3-point basket early in the first quarter, Oneida turned the ball over every way known to mankind, and probably invented a few new ways. Meanwhile, the Lady Cherokees were putting points on the board and built a 16-3 first quarter lead. At one point, Oneida Coach Marv West was observed kneeling at side court with his face in his hands. It is unknown whether he was praying or simply refusing to view the carnage being suffered by his team at the hands of Greenback.

Miracles do sometimes happen, and the Lady Indians began to mount a comeback early in the second quarter. Reversing their play of the first quarter, the Lady Indians rattled off 17 points in the second quarter while holding Greenback to only four points. The teams were tied 20-20 as the first half ended.

Oneida took a 33-31 lead in the third quarter, outscoring the Lady Cherokees 13-11 as Ali Smith, Raylie Bush, and Annaleah Terry each buried a 3-point shot. Oneida's defense continued to keep Greenback in check.

Oneida pulled away in the fourth quarter as Bush and Rachel Elmore each connected on 3-point

shots. The Lady Indians converted 8 of 10 free throws in the stretch to seal the 55-44 victory.

Two Lady Indians scored in double figures – Smith scored 11 points and Bush added 10 points. Greenback was led by Keri Alexander with 13 points and Madison Graves with 12 points.

## Coalfield vs Harriman

Any fans who might have fallen asleep during the earlier game between Oneida and Greenback were quickly awakened as the two strongest offensive teams in the region, Coalfield and Harriman, went after each other with a vengeance. Due to the vagaries of bracketology, these two teams met in the semifinals, but their performance is likely the best we will see in the entire tournament.

The offensive performance of both teams was illustrated by four players combining for 102 points! Coalfield's Gabbi Lowe poured in 35 points for the Lady Jackets and Kadence Jackson added 17 points. Not to be outdone, Addison Oliver put 26 points on the board for Harriman and Skyler Johnson added 24 points.

It wasn't as if the teams played poor defense. Coalfield was charged with 22 fouls in the game, while Harriman was charged with 18 fouls. Coalfield converted on 17 of 22 free throw attempts, while Harriman converted 24 of 32 attempts. In the critical fourth quarter, Harriman converted 11 of 17 free throws, and the Lady Jackets converted 11 of 13 free throws.

Coalfield took a 15-13 lead in the first quarter as both offenses performed well. Jackson led the Lady Jackets with six points, while Oliver shouldered the load for Harri-



Coalfield's Gabbi Lowe drives for two of her 35 points. Lowe hit six 3-point shots in the game. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

man with nine points in the quarter.

Coalfield outscored the Lady Devils 18-15 in the second quarter as Lowe poured in 11 points, includ-

ing three treys. Jackson also hit a 3-point shot and added five points for Coalfield. Oliver continued to lead Harriman with six points.

The teams continued to battle in the third quarter, with Coalfield taking a 1-point scoring advantage, 13-12. Lowe, Jackson, and Alexis Morrison each came up big for the Lady Jackets. Coalfield's defense held Oliver to only two free throws in the quarter, but Harriman's Skyler Johnson stepped up big with eight points. Coalfield led 46-40 after three periods.

Both teams stepped up their game, both offensively and defensively, in the fourth quarter. Both Jackson and Lowe fouled out for Coalfield, but not before Lowe scored 13 points, including 8 of 9 from the free throw line. Meanwhile, Johnson poured in eight points for the Lady Devils and Oliver added nine points, including a perfect 7 of 7 free throws. Harriman outscored Coalfield in the quarter 21-20, but it was not enough to overcome Coalfield's lead.

## Oakdale Zoned Out by Oliver Springs 66-53

Putting forth a valiant effort, the Oakdale Eagles found that effort alone is not enough. Faced with the formidable zone defense of the Oliver Springs Bobcats, the Eagles had to rely on outside shooting in their semifinal matchup. Even though Oakdale poured in 11 3-point baskets, the Eagles simply could not get an inside game going against the Bobcat defense and made only six 2-point baskets in the game.

Meanwhile, the Bobcats were also raining 3-pointers, connecting on 10 baskets from long range. The Bobcats also made 10 2-point baskets. Free throws were also a real difference maker in the game. Oliver Springs hit 14 of 20 free throws, while Oakdale was 8 of 10 from the free throw line.

Oakdale dominated the first quarter of play, outscoring the Bobcats 19-12. But the Bobcats found their rhythm in the second, pouring in five 3-point baskets and outscoring the Eagles 26-8. Oliver Springs led 38-27 at the half.

Oakdale mounted a comeback in the third period with 3-point baskets by Jacob Nance, Joseph Summers, and Sydney Gregory. The Eagles outscored Oliver Springs 13-8 and trimmed the Bobcat lead to 46-40.

The Eagles hit three more treys in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Bobcats 9-7 in baskets. But Bobcat Keaton McDonald hit 8 of 8 free throws down the stretch to help seal the 66-53 victory for Oliver Springs.

Oakdale was led by Sydney Gregory with 16 points, Joseph

Summers with 14 points, and Nehemiah Cooney with 12 points. Jacob Nance also scored nine points for the Eagles. The Bobcats were led by McDonald with 23 points, Tanner Melton with 18 points, and Bryson Marler with 15 points.

## Harriman Overpowers Oneida 65-48

The slow-starting Harriman Blue Devils fell behind the Oneida Indians 21-15 in the first quarter, and it looked as if the Indians might pull off the upset. Oneida's Jacob Perry was on fire and poured in three 3-point baskets and scored 14 points in the first period.

The Blue Devil defense kicked into gear in the second period and held Oneida to three baskets and eight points. Harriman put 11 points on the board and trimmed Oneida's lead to 29-26 at the half.

Two words describe what happened after the break – Jordan and X-man! The two big men from Harriman literally took over the game. Jordan McCullum went inside and scored five baskets in the period, with Xavier Hickman adding four baskets. Harriman's defense held the Indians to only two baskets in the third. The Blue Devils outscored Oneida 20-5 and took a 46-34 lead.

McCullum upped his game even more in the fourth quarter, scoring 13 points. Even though Oneida connected on four 3-point baskets, Harriman's scoring advantage in the period was 20-14 and the Blue Devils took the victory by a 65-48 margin.

Harriman was led by McCullum with 29 points, 23 of which were scored in the second half of the game. Hickman added 16 points for the Blue Devils, including 10 second-half points. Perry led the Indians with 19 points, and Mason Keaton added 14 points.

## Scott High Loses to Clinton 72-57 to End Season







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 DOB: 10/26/2020 )

Non-Resident Notice

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

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

Attorney: Jennifer L. Chadwell

Entered this the 16 day of Feb, 2022

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 Case Number P-11-22

In the matter of the Estate of WILLIAM CLIFFORD CATE  
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