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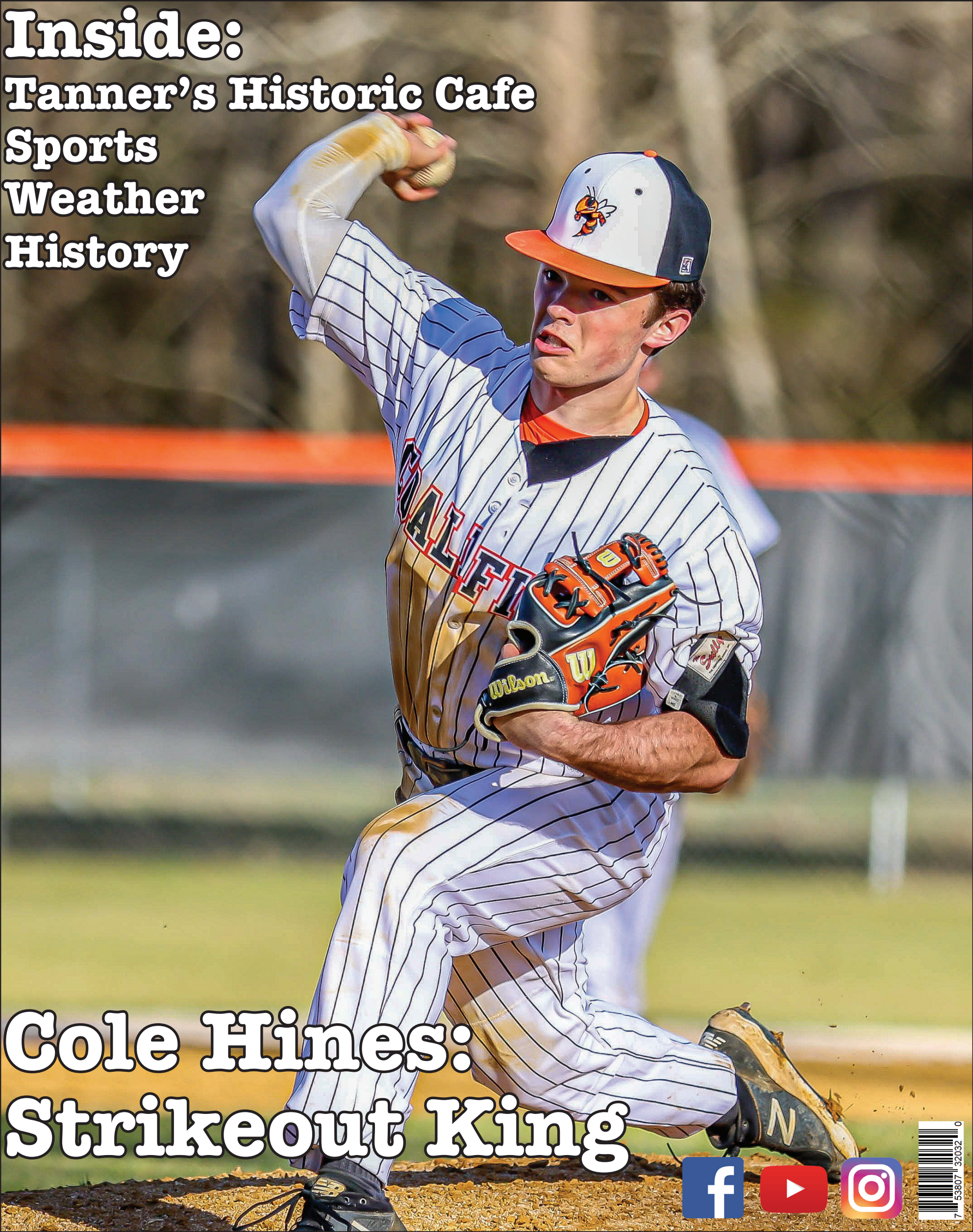
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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

This week we celebrate the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Mimi and Pap say he suffered and died on the Cross, for us. So, that those who believe in him will go to Heaven.

They also say that God made all things that are good. That means God made bacon, ham, and turkey. God has given me so many good things. All that a dog could ever ask for.

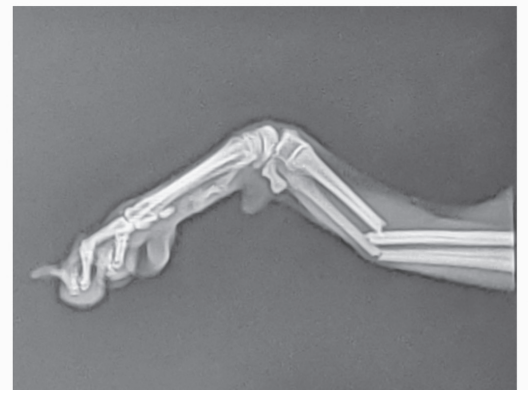
My people love me. I get to run and play with Mr Squirrel. I get to chase the birds. I have all the food and treats that a girl could want. I have all my toys. How much better could Heaven be?

I know there will be no more pain, in Heaven. So my leg will never break again! The doctors fixed my leg. So, that means that God made doctors, too. Wow! God made all these things and Heaven. How awesome is that? Is there anything that

God can't do? I'm thinking, the answer is no. There's nothing God can't do.

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

Keep an eye out for all of my Pet Picture Contests on the Morgan County Facebook Page.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 17

On Sunday, April 17th, Bro Ralph Nance will be bringing the Easter Sunrise Service message at Elizabeth Baptist Church at 6:30 am, outside, weather permitting. Everyone is invited to attend.

American Legion Post 149

April 21, 2022 – Will be conducting our monthly Legion members meeting. We will start promptly at 7:00 pm. This meeting is where we will vote for officers. Also, Morgan County Agriculture will provide dinner. To make sure we have enough food please call the office at 423-215-1734 by April 14, 2022.

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

**Cover Photo
by Cathy Bird**

gation invite everyone to attend

Undated Events

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

Morgan County Republican Party meets the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at the American Legion in Wartburg

The Grand Opening is Friday, Apr 22 from 10am-4pm. Then, the Cafe will be open Saturday, April 23 from 10am - 4pm and Sunday, Apr 24, noon - 4pm. Thereafter, we

will be open Thursday - Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday noon - 4pm. Tanner Takeouts, previously conducted on the first Thursday of each month have been discontinued.

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APRIL 2022

Morgan County Schools

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>4</p> <p>Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Juice Lunch Spaghetti or Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Caesar Salad Veggie Sticks & Dip Garlic Sticks Side Kick</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Breakfast Breakfast Burrito Fresh Smoothie Lunch Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Garden Salad Sister Schubert Roll Fruit Parfait</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Banana Lunch Hot Dog/ Chili Tater Tots Pasta Salad Cole Slaw Fresh Veggies & Dip Watermelon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Breakfast Eggs, Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Parfait Lunch Holiday Meal Fish or Ham, Colored Egg Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Garden Salad Hot Roll Fresh Strawberries, Dessert</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Breakfast Lunch MANAGER'S CHOICE</p>
<p>11</p> <p>SPRING BREAK</p>	<p>12</p> <p>SPRING BREAK</p>	<p>13</p> <p>SPRING BREAK</p>	<p>14</p> <p>SPRING BREAK</p>	<p>8</p> <p>SPRING BREAK</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Breakfast Pancake on a Stick Juice Lunch Mini Corn Dog or Nugglets Tater Tots Broccoli & Cheese Garden Salad Fresh Veggies & Dip Strawberry Blueberry Cup</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Fruit Parfait Lunch Mandarin Chicken Noodle Steamed Rice Steamed Vegetables Garden Salad Side Kick</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Berry Cup Lunch Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Garden Salad Strawberry Shortcake</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Breakfast Steak Biscuit Banana Lunch Frito Chili Pie Lettuce, Tomatoes Cheese, Onions Steamed Corn, Garden Salad Fruit Parfait</p>	<p>15</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Juice Lunch Pizza Steamed Corn Caesar Salad Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh Berries Baked Cookie</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Breakfast Breakfast Pizza, Cereal Fresh Fruit Lunch Chicken Sandwich Seasoned Fries Baked Beans Pasta Salad Tossed Salad Jell-O Cup w/ Fruit</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Breakfast Mini Cinnamon Rolls Fruit Smoothie Lunch Eggs, Gravy & Biscuit Chicken or Sausage Potato Fresh Berries Fruit Parfait Bar</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Breakfast Eggs, Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Smoothie Lunch BBQ or Hamburger on Bun Trimmings Baked Potato Wedges Baked Beans Tossed Salad Cool Tropics</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Breakfast Peaches- N-Cream Waffle Lunch Mini Calzones or Mozzarella Cheese Dippers Cheese Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fresh Garden Salad Fruit</p>

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Mabel Monza Ooten Webb, 82

Mabel Monza Ooten Webb age 82 of Wartburg passed away in Friday, April 1, 2022 at the Life Care Of Morgan County. Mabel was preceded in death by her Parents: Clyde and Atha Jones Ooten, Husband: Sam Webb, son: Jerry Wallace, sister: Minnie Ooten Hall, brothers: Lewis Ooten, Parnell Ooten, Ronald Ooten, Arlen Ooten and Cletis Ooten.

Elizabeth, and Craig and wife Anne Marie, and Kayla and Cody.
Great grandchildren: Breanna, Aiden, Allie, Maryanna, Julieann, Emily, Lilly and Payton.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 from 12-1 pm Schubert Funeral Home Sunbright. Funeral Services will follow with Bro. Roy Langley officiating. Internment will follow in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Deer Lodge, TN. Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mabel Monza Ooten Webb.

Surviving is son: Cecil Ooten and friend Christyal Daughter-in-law: Darlene Wallace
Brother: Parlin Ooten and family
Grandchildren: Clyde and wife

Sharon Younker

Mrs. Sharon Younker, passed away Tuesday, April 5 2022 at Methodist Medical Center in Oakridge, TN.

Maddox, Chris Moyer, Shannon Moyer, Wesley Sadzewicz, Brett Sadzewicz, Tabitha Younker, Heather (Jeremy) Saladi and a host of extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 9:00-10:00 am with the funeral to follow at 10:00 am. Interment will follow in Petros Cemetery in Petros.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sharon Younker.

She was preceded in death by her son Homer Younker Jr, her parents Andrew and Sue Gall, her parents-in-law Homer and Rosemarie Younker, nephew Ken Gall; brother, Ron Gail.

She is survived by her loyal and loving husband of almost 55 years. Two daughters Angela (Ron) Difuria and Amy (Jerry) Moyer. Grandchildren Joseph (Tricia) Scarbo, Amber (Often)

Arthur Lee Manis, 55

Arthur Lee Manis, born February 20, 1967, passed away April 7, 2022, at his home.



Kensley Hitchcock, Saryeah Mitchell, and Kaylani Benford; brother, Allen (Gaylan) Manis; sister, Betty Moore.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Mossy Grove Baptist Church in Harriman from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with the funeral at 4:00 p.m. with

Rev. David Goodman officiating. Interment will follow in the Mossy Grove Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Arthur Lee Manis.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Bonnie Manis; father, Chester Manis.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Paige Manis; sons, Brad Manis and significant other Bell Borez, Fate (Shanda) Manis, Dustin Manis, Johnathan Manis and fiancé, Kayla Potter; daughters, Lindsey Mitchell and Heather Manis; grandchildren, Mikayla Yaudes, Abby Manis, Lucy Manis, Aubree Smith, Jasmine Potter, Nathaniel Potter, September Hitchcock,

Sheena Morgan, 30

Sheena Morgan, age 30, of Rocky Top passed away April 7, 2022 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. She was born December 18, 1991.

Brittany Reynolds; cousin, Big Sheena Myrick and a host of cousins and extended family.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 7, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-5:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sheena Morgan.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Crystal Nation; papaw, Robert Picca.

She is survived by her husband, Jordan Morgan; daughter, Jayla Skye Morgan; father, Robby Picca; aunt, Michelle Lowe; cousin,

Buster Jimmy "Jim" Jones, 87

Buster Jimmy "Jim" Jones born May 1, 1934, passed away April 4, 2022.

He is preceded in death by his father D.W. Jones; mother Daisy Wyatt Jones; brothers, John D. Jones, Bob Jones, Ben Jones and Henry Jones.

He leaves behind his sisters, Martha Hall and Betty Smith; brother, Bill Jones and a host of nieces, nephews and extended

family members who will miss him greatly.

The family will receive friends Thursday, April 7, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 10:00-11:00 a.m. with the funeral to follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Clear Creek Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Buster Jimmy "Jim" Jones.

Carol Ann Williams, 67

Carol Ann Williams, age 67, of Lancing passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at Roane Medical Center in Harriman.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James & Vivian Brown; mother & father-in-law, Sam & Edith Williams; brother Larry Brown; sister, Betty Potter.

She is survived by her husband, Dwight Williams; daughter, Melissa Williams; son, James Williams and wife, Sonya; daughter, April Jessup and husband David; 4 grandchildren; 10 great grand-

children and a host of nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11:00-12:30 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 12:30 p.m. with Rev. Russell Jones officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Carol Ann Williams.

Doyle Patterson, 56

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Doyle Patterson, age 56, of New River, TN. He passed away April 4, 2022, at Methodist Medical Center. He was a member of Red Oak Baptist Church in New River. He is preceded in death by his parents, Mindy and Walter Patterson; sister, Mable Young; and nephew, Charles Patterson.

He is survived by his nephew, Jamie Young; special aunt, Inez Carroll. He also leaves behind a host of extended family and friends.

The family has chosen cremation, with a celebration of life at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Doyle Patterson.

Lonnie Lyn Brown, 36

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lonnie Lyn Brown age 36, of Harriman, TN. Lonnie was a kind gentleman that loved the Lord, his family, friends and the UT Football team.

Lonnie is preceded in death by his parents Gems France Brown, Sr and Judy Ann Maxwell Brown, Brother; Dewey Wayne Brown, Nephews: Dakota & Nathan Brown

Lonnie is survived by his wife Tierney McCroskey of 17 years , Daughters; Cloei & Tegan Brown. Brother; James (Barbara) Brown, Brother; Gems France Jr *Spunky* (Amie) Brown all of Harriman, TN. Sister; Regina (Michael) Kilby of Grandview, TN. Father & Mother in Law; Rodney and Brenda McCroskey, Sisters in laws, Malina McCroskey and Kiara(Justin) Loveday; Brother in law, Dakota (Brittany) McCroskey all of Sevierville Tn.

Nephews & Nieces: Austin Brown, Josh (Kiah) Brown, Patricia (Hiro) Okabe, Ashley (Andrew) Reynolds, Brittany (Joseph) Davis, Miranda (Matthew) Stout, Kimberly (Derrick) Justes, Trisha (Anthony) Rutherford, Kara Brown, Tiffany (Austin) Hanner, Katy Kilby, Keagan, Joshua, Elijah, Malakai, & Bryson McCroskey, Alden & Aralyn Loveday, Jayden Bersch, & Gabriel Gordon. A very special male role model, Gilbert Howard. Also, Numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends.

The family will receive friends on Monday, April 11 from 4-6:00 pm at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg with funeral service immediately following.

Graveside service will be Tuesday, April 12 at 11:00 am, Mt Calvary Church cemetery, 2811 Harriman Highway, Harriman, TN

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lonnie Brown.

Other Siblings; Buffy Myrick , Brandon(Crystal) Lowe, Jeremy Lowe and their families.

Morgan County Takes Notice of Putin's War Against Ukraine



Michael Nance
Columnist

Driving through Morgan County last week I witnessed something that I cannot remember occurring in the past. I noticed Ukrainian flags

flying from both homes and businesses. These flags are a historical road sign that confirms that the war against Ukraine is pulling at the heart strings of rural America. It really made me proud to recognize that our local businesses and citizens understand (maybe better than Washington D.C.) what a threat Putin is to world peace.

Putin's invasion of Ukraine has several parallels to Hitler's invasion and later takeover of Czechoslovakia. Putin appears to be testing the resolve of Ukraine's allies in the same fashion that Hitler tested France and England in the late 1930's. In the case



Ukrainian Flag Flying from Paxton House in Lancing, (Photo author's collection)

of Czechoslovakia, English Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, who was eager to avoid war visited Hitler and proclaimed to the world that he had achieved peace

flying in Morgan County are one sign of genuine empathy and support of the Ukrainian people!

by his policy of appeasement. History stands as evidence that those policies did not work then, and they will not work now.

The U.S. support of Ukraine has been sluggish and cautious; however, it does appear that the world is finally recognizing the consequences of appeasing Putin, and as of late, the support of Ukraine is growing and these flags

Are Sanctions Working Against Russia?

By Michael Nance

The recent sanctions against Russia earn a lot of media headlines, but are they really working? If so, how long will it take before the Russian people overthrow the crazed autocrat and come to their senses?

Well don't hold your breath! It is true that sanctions are hurting Russia, but to what extent is debatable. Reports out of Russia indicate that the sanctions are beginning to create an economic crisis of sorts. Recent sanctions targeted major Russian banks banned them from SWIFT- (an international financial messaging system). This accomplished a major step in ratcheting up the pressure concerning many basic financial functions. According to Moody's, international companies are leaving Russia by the droves. Making the exodus includes, McDonald's, Starbucks, and even the financial giant Goldman Sachs. This will certainly lead to layoffs and in the long-run public discord with the Putin administration.

The Russian stock market has also paid a steep price, it has effectively been brought to its knees. Looking at the abroad financial markets Russian companies have seen their companies value plummet on most markets, and we cannot forget that many of Putin's puppets (the Oligarchs) have seen their many properties and yachts seized.

Considering all the sanctions and their impacts one would think that Russia would quickly reconsider its position on Ukraine..., but that notion leaves out



some important points.

First, Putin has been preparing for these sanctions since the 2014, Russian invasion and subsequent annexation of Crimea. In 2014, the European Union (EU) and the United States imposed targeted sanctions on Russian government officials and specific sectors of the Russian economy. Russia lost about 1.3 billion in goods or revenue during that time, a drop in the bucket of the Russian economy, but it gave Putin a preview and time to develop a playbook about how to prepare for future sanctions.

Between 2014 and the Invasion of Ukraine he sought out substitutes for sanctioned products, loaded up on foreign cash, and developed strengthened relationships with China, and India. Both China and India are currently accused of

providing an outlet for Russian exports. Those relationships and Putin's strategy of energy dominance in the region, is effectively providing Russia with the financial resources to keep the former Soviet State viable during this latest round of sanctions. These are just a few reasons that Putin is not yet succumbing to the pressure.

Another reason that Putin will remain politically viable for longer than the world would like is his brutal history of squashing internal opposition within Russia's borders. Anyone inside Russia who has opposed or spoke out against Putin has either been poisoned, disappeared, or sentenced for an inconspicuous crime and imprisoned in a remote gulag. It is clear that Putin has planned for the international fallout of the Ukrainian invasion, albeit with a very unprepared and unformed military

It is for these reasons, that sanctions alone will not unseat Putin in the near-term, although according to most experts the Russian economy will certainly be handicapped for a minimum of a decade. In conclusion, NATO should immediately provide Ukraine with all the modern weapons including the MIG-29 jets that President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been begging for. Arming Ukraine with a viable air strike element will entice Russian troops to leave Ukraine providing they begin to attack targets inside Russia. This will serve to remind the Russian people of what war looks like up close and personal. Sanctions and a Ukrainian military with offensive power is the only way this war ends in the near-term!

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What about this crazy weather? Rain, Sleet and Snow over the weekend and now we are back to springtime weather. We just experienced what is known as Dogwood Winter.

Sunday, April 17 is Easter. Egg hunts are fun, pretty clothes are nice but I hope everyone remembers why we celebrate this day. We celebrate a Risen Savior. A sinless Savior who died on a cross so we could have eternal life. Remember.

The town of Oakdale officials would like to thank everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday and a big thank you to everyone who came out in the cold to participate in the egg hunt. The weather wasn't the best for an egg hunt but there were a lot of smiling faces. Approximately 2,000 eggs were filled and hidden. Attendance was down from years past but there were still about 100 people there. Potter's House provided hotdogs and snow cones, Karen's Kitchen donated beautifully decorated sugar cookies and Mayor Miller and the city alderman provided a lot of other snacks. City workers had the park looking nice.

I can attest to the fact that the children enjoyed the egg hunt. I took my granddaughters, Clara and Hattie Ruppe, and they loved it. They enjoyed seeing their friends and racing around to look for the golden eggs. They didn't find a golden egg but they came home with a lot of eggs and candy. We appreciate the hard work and organization that went into this event.

Happy Birthday to Fayette Helton who will celebrate her birthday tomorrow, April 13. Wishing you a wonderful birthday Granny!

Happy 1st Birthday to our little niece, Mariah Redmon. She will be 1 on April 16. Mariah is the daughter of Caleb and Keeli Redmon.

Congratulations to Lucas and Briley Bingham Johnson on the birth of their son. Beckham Neal Johnson was born Friday, April 8 weighing 7 lbs 7oz. Beckham's grandparents who live locally are Wade and Molly Bingham and his great grandparents are Tom and Billie Bingham.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, April 13, Oakdale Library will have Easter texture crafts/art for children from 10:30 – 11:30. Wednesday, April 20 will be adult BINGO from 10:30 – 11:30.

Pre K and Kindergarten registration will be Monday, May 9 at Oakdale School from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The following are requirements for registration:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Proof of Residence
3. TN form immunization/shot record
4. Social Security Card
5. Court Documents
6. Pre-K enrollment requires proof of income. Kindergarten doesn't require this.

The Spring Thing at Oakdale United Methodist Church will be Friday, April 15 from 3:00 – 6:00. There will be a bounce house, games and fun. Everyone is welcome.

Westside Baptist Church will have an Easter Egg Hunt with a bounce house and more fun activities on Friday, April 15 at noon. Everyone is welcome.

The City of Harriman and Harriman Fire Department will have an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. at Flour Mill Flats Ballfield. There will be lots of spring fun, prizes and the Easter Bunny!

The Roane County Children's Theatre presented "Law and Disorder: The Case of B.B. Wolf, The Stolen Tarts and Mass Confusion" at the Princess Theatre last week. Clara, Hattie and I attended on Saturday afternoon. The cast did a phenomenal job. Thanks to everyone who worked to make this production happen and we look forward to future performances.

Kelsey Smith, daughter of Will and Kristy Smith, had a fun weekend. Her sister and brother, Taylor and Liam, were away on a Church Youth Trip and Kelsey enjoyed having her parents all to herself. One of the highlights of her weekend was a visit with her Great Grandmother Ruth Headrick. She also attended the very cold egg hunt at Oakdale Park. She got to eat out at Cracker Barrel and El Cants too.

Communities in Schools and Save the Children will host a Mental Health Awareness Event to kick off testing on Monday, April 18 from 3:30 – 6:00 at Oakdale School. "Express to Destress" by painting a canvas, planting seeds in your home garden and learning coping skills. There will be lots of give aways, prizes to win and Gus the Bus will be on campus with a healthy snack. All families are welcome to attend.

Oakdale Area Volunteer Fire Department will host a pulled pork dinner and silent auction Saturday, April 23 from 3:00 – 7:00 at Pine Orchard Community Center. Cost for the dinner will be \$6 and takeout will be available. This will be the first fund raiser in several years so make plans to attend for an evening of food and fun. Anyone wishing to donate items for the auction can contact a volunteer fireman or Sandra Helton.

Come get a better night's sleep and support the 1st annual Oakdale High School Football Mattress Sale Fundraiser, held in the High School Gym Saturday, April 23 from 10:00 – 5:00. The team is raising money for uniforms, helmets, travel and day to day football operations that cost upwards of \$30,000. The community's support is needed now more than ever due to COVID drastically cutting fundraising opportunities. Please help to spread the word by inviting all of your friends! There will be display of name brand mattresses like Simmons Beautyrest with prices beginning at \$199. Financing options are available.

There is a new story in the storybook trail at Solomon Park in Wartburg. The book for April is sponsored by Morgan County Litter Program and Litter Grant Coordi-

nator Sumer Evans. There is a new contest. Details can be found in the story walk. Congratulations to Tori England, Joshua Pehrson, Evinrude Hansen and Maisey Hansen who were the winners for the month of March. They each won a pair of passes for a Pigeon Forge attraction.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Wayne Neal who passed away Saturday, April 2. He is survived by his wife, Katy, children Chuck Potter, Chris Potter and Kathy Helms, six grandchildren, five great grandchildren and many cousins and friends. There was a graveside service Wednesday, April 6 at Crab Orchard Cemetery.

Condolences to the friends and family of Algia Nichols who passed away Sunday, April 3. She is survived by her friend R.L. Lawson, son Danny Nichols, daughters in law Carmen Nichols and Sheila Nichols, seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Services were held Friday, April 8 and burial was Saturday, April 9 in New Hope Cemetery in Rockwood.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11: 25-26



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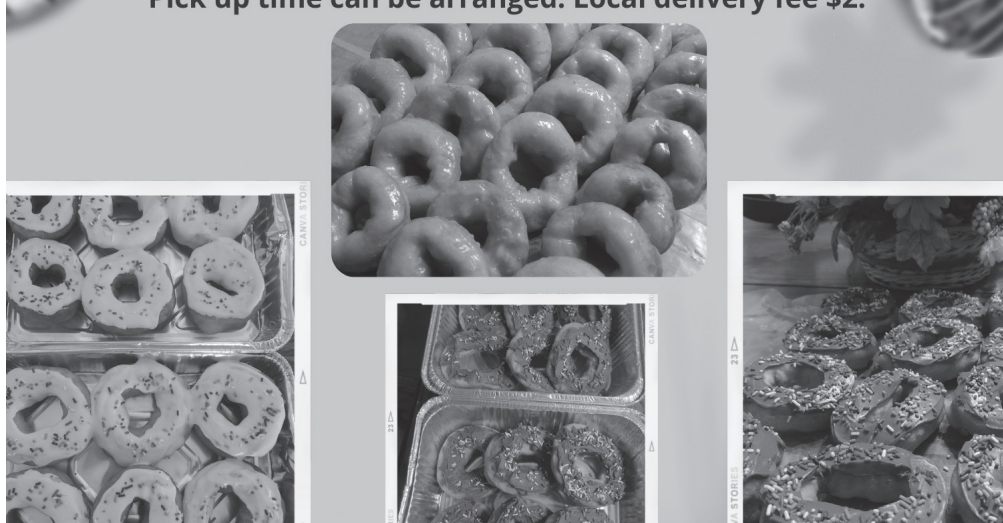
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A King's Ransom: Chapter 3



Carol Hall
Author

Bronwyn slid down off of Nickers' back and quickly tied him to the fence that surrounded his enclosure.

"Mama!" she called out, looking around frantically for her mother.

Racing around to the front of the house, she found her mother scrounging around through the meager belongs they possessed.

"What are you doing?" Bronwyn asked her. "The king's men have arrived. They're in the village. We need to brush Nickers and wipe him down to make him look good if we want them to take him."

Her mother was bent over a small chest, digging around desperately for something. "I can't find it," she said to Bronwyn. "I can't find the necklace your father gave me on our wedding day."

"What are you talking about?" Bronwyn asked. "What necklace?"

"Your father made me a beautiful gold necklace as a wedding gift," Rhoslyn said. "I've never worn it because I was afraid of losing it. I thought perhaps if I found it, we could offer it as payment for the taxes. It might be worth more than Nickers."

"Mama, you can't give away something Papa made for you," Bronwyn said, coming over to still her mother's hands from their work. "It's the only thing you have left of him."

"No, it isn't," her mother said. "I have you. If Nickers isn't worth enough to make the payment, I'll have to give them something else. The necklace is all I have left to offer. I don't want us to lose our land, or end up in the dungeons."

"Oh, Mama," Bronwyn said, sadly. "I hate that you'd have to give up something so precious."

"If it allows us to keep our home, then it's worth it," Rhoslyn said.

She let out a cry of triumph as her searching fingers found a small wadded up piece of cloth in the bottom of the chest. "I found it!" she exclaimed. Gently unwrapping the material, she pulled out a long, gold chain and held it up for Bronwyn to see.

Taking the necklace from her mother's hand, Bronwyn examined the fine, gold piece. The tiny links were intricately woven together, and the hefty weight of it indicated it was made of solid gold.

"Ohhh, Mama," Bronwyn breathed out in awe. "It's so beautiful."

"Yes, it is," Rhoslyn said. "Your father spent months laboring over it. He wanted it to be perfect when he gave it to me."

"It is perfect," Bronwyn said, turning it over in her hand.

The sound of men approaching on horseback drew their attention back to the matter at hand.

Bronwyn slipped the necklace around her neck for safe keeping, tucking it down into the neckline of her dress. She wasn't about to turn it over unless they had no other choice. It hurt her heart to think her mother might have to part with something so dear to her.

Stepping outside, Rhoslyn and Bronwyn were startled by the fierceness of the men who came galloping up to their house. Jerking their horses to a halt just inches from the two women, Rhoslyn instinctively shoved Bronwyn behind her.

The riders were dressed in battle armor. Silver breast plates were worn over thick, heavy chain mail. Pointed metal helmets covered most of their faces except for their mouths. Some of the men had even drawn their swords.

Bronwyn looked at the men over her mother's shoulder. A small tremor raced along her spine. This wasn't the normal way the tax collectors came. These men looked like they were ready for battle.

"Good day to you, gentlemen," Rhoslyn said calmly, though Bronwyn noticed a tension in her stance. "How may we be of service to you?"

The man at the head of the group leaned forward in his saddle and eyed Rhoslyn from head to toe. Seeming satisfied with what he saw, he leaned back, then turned his head to the side and spat on the ground next to her.

"We're here to collect your taxes," he said in a gravelly voice.

"You're early," Rhoslyn dared to say. "We weren't expecting you for months."

"Yeah, well," the man said. "King decided he wants his dues paid now."

One of the men behind him snickered and said in a low voice, "And probably later, too."

Rhoslyn glared at the second man, but turned her attention back to the first. "And what do we owe you this time?" she asked, trying not to let fear overtake her.

The first man spat on the ground again and quoted the price to her. Rhoslyn gasped audibly.

"That's outrageous!" she exclaimed. "How are we supposed to pay such an outlandish fee?"

"Not my problem," the man said, staring down at her with a callous look on his face. "Pay up, or else."

Rhoslyn turned to Bronwyn. "Go get Nickers, please."

Turning back to the man, she took a step forward. "I don't have that much money, but I have a fine horse you can have as payment."

Bronwyn stepped out from behind her mother, intending to go around to the paddock. But as she turned to glance over her shoulder at the men, the leader threw his hand up in the air to stop her.

"Halt," he said, loudly. "Where do you think you're going?"

"I was going to go bring our horse around for you," she answered him, slightly shaken.

"We have no interest in your horse," the man said. "Get back over there with your mother."

Bronwyn quickly retraced her steps and ducked behind her mother again.

"Sir," Rhoslyn pleaded. "Nickers is a good horse. Surely he's worth something. Couldn't you take him as payment?"

"We're not here to gather up livestock, ma'am," he said, unkindly. "We're here to collect money, and only money."

Rhoslyn dipped her head and said a silent prayer, then turned to look at Bronwyn. "Give him the necklace."

Bronwyn shook her head, but her mother gave her a stern look. "Bronwyn," she warned. "We have no other choice."

Bronwyn glowered up at the man. He gave her a twisted, wicked looking smile and held out his hand. She jerked the necklace out from under her collar and hurled it up to him.

He snatched it out of the air as it came flying toward his face.

Turning it over in his hand, he scrutinized the gold links and tested the necklace's weight by bouncing it up and down in his palm.

"You expect me to take this as your payment?" he asked. "This...this worthless bauble?"

He pitched it to the ground at Rhoslyn's feet. Scrambling to pick it up, Rhoslyn clutched the necklace to her chest. "It is not worthless," she shouted. "My husband made this. It's of the finest quality, and it's made of pure gold! It's worth more than all the finery the king has!"

"You think so?" the man sneered. "You have no idea what finery is, you stupid peasant woman. Now, you either pay the fees in coins, or I'll have to take something from you that will equal the amount due."

"I've offered you a fine horse and a gold necklace," Rhoslyn said, her tone rising in anger. "You've accepted neither. I have no coins to give you."

"Well, then," the man said, glancing menacingly at Bronwyn. "I guess we'll have to take her as payment!"

Rhoslyn swung around to stare horrified at her daughter. "What? No! You can't take her!"

The man nodded to the soldier who was seated on his horse just to the left of him. "Get the girl," he commanded.

Rhoslyn cried out, "No!" She turned and shoved Bronwyn away from her. "Run!"

Confused, Bronwyn stared up at the man, unsure of what to do.

"Bronwyn, run!" her mother shouted again.

Bronwyn's mind clicked into gear. She grabbed up her skirts and started running down the road toward the village.

Rhoslyn jumped in front of the man's horse and began waving her arms around to divert him from chasing after Bronwyn. The horseman raised his booted foot and planted it in her chest, shoving her backward with a mighty thrust of his leg. She landed hard on her back in the dirt. Ignoring the pain, she scrambled to her knees and watched in horror as the soldier ran Bronwyn down. As he came abreast of her, he reached down, grabbing the fabric on the back of her dress and hauled her, kicking and screaming, up across the front of his saddle.

"Let me go!" Bronwyn cried, trying to loosen his grip on her.

All her efforts got her was for him to slam his arm down over her back and hold her firmly in place. He galloped, with Bronwyn laid across his lap, back to the knight in charge.

The lead soldier looked disgustedly down at Rhoslyn, who was still kneeling on the ground, whimpering. "Since you can't pay your taxes, your daughter will now become a ward of the king's until you can afford to do so," he said, cruelly. "She'll work off your debt in the castle until you can come forward with the full amount due, plus interest."

"I have no way of getting that kind of money," Rhoslyn said, in full tears now, sobs racking her body. "How will I ever afford to pay the king what I owe?"

"That's your problem," he said. Turning to his men, he shouted, "Let's go!"

Bronwyn writhed under the man's arm as he turned his horse around and galloped away from her home. She caught a glimpse of her mother slumped on the ground crying uncontrollably with her arms outstretched toward the retreating riders. A fierce anger rose in Bronwyn at the sight. Kicking for all she was worth, she began pummeling the knight's leg with her fists. A quick, sharp slap to the back of her head stopped her assault. She then pressed her mouth to his thigh and sunk her teeth deeply into his flesh. He howled in pain as he grabbed a handful of her hair and yanked her head up off his leg. Tears began to flow down her cheeks. It was no use. He wasn't going to let her go. She released the air from her lungs as she slumped over his legs and gave in to defeat.

The horses picked up speed and rode hard out of the village. Bronwyn's stomach and ribs were starting to ache from the jostling of the horses movements, compounded by her awkward position.

After what felt like hours, the group of riders began to slow their pace. Bronwyn shifted her position trying to get a look at the surrounding area.

Suddenly, the man holding her released his grip and shoved her off his lap, allowing her to land with a thud on the ground.

"Don't even try to escape," he warned her. "I'll just run you down."

Bronwyn glared up at him scathingly. "You're a horrible man," she said.

"And don't forget it," he said, jumping down out of the saddle to stand next to her. "Try anything and I'll knock your block off."

Bronwyn trembled at the threat. She knew he was telling the truth. She didn't doubt for a minute that he would hurt her if she tried to make a run for it. She didn't even know where they were. Looking around, nothing looked familiar. She wanted so badly to cry, but knew she needed her wits about her right now.

She hobbled over to a tree and slid down the trunk, landing on her rump at its base.

She was hot and tired. Her hair was sticking to her neck, and sweat was running down her back. Her stomach and ribs still hurt from the long, uncomfortable ride. She knew she would be sore for a few days after the pounding she took in the saddle.

She leaned her head back against the tree and watched the goings-on around her. After a quick count, she realized there were over thirty men in the group. Why would it take so many to ride to the villages to collect the taxes? Normally, there were only a few who showed up to do the job.

It was obvious they had only stopped for a quick break. The men had dismounted, and many had chosen a place to lay down in the shade, while others had gathered in groups and were talking quietly among themselves. Bronwyn stole a quick glance at her captor, but he was leaned up against the tree next to her with his eyes closed. She wanted to demand answers from him, but knew he wasn't likely to oblige her with any. She let out a deep sigh and leaned her head back against the tree again. Looking up at the sky, she realized it wasn't as late as she thought it was. The sun wasn't anywhere close to setting yet. Bronwyn estimated it was around mid-afternoon. That meant several more hours of riding. She sure hoped that this time she would be allowed to sit properly in the saddle. She didn't know how much more her body could take being flopped over the man's legs.

She must have dozed off for a moment. The sharp kick to her thigh brought her around with a jolt.

"Time to go," her captor said, grabbing her by the arm and hauling her to her feet.

"Let me ride in the saddle this time," she demanded, daringly.

"And just where am I supposed to ride if you're in the saddle?" he asked, sarcastically.

"Then let me ride behind you," she said.

The man pondered over the thought for a moment, then slowly nodded his head. "Ok, fine," he said, grudgingly. "It'll be a lot more comfortable for me with you riding behind me instead of you bobbing around on my lap."

Grabbing the saddle horn in his hand, he swung his leg up and plopped down in the saddle. Holding out his arm for her to grab, he hoisted her up behind him.

She settled onto the horse's rump and wrapped her arms around the man's waist. The thought of touching him in this manner was repulsive, but it beat being draped over his legs.

As the rest of the party mounted up, the man gave the horse a swift kick in the ribs. The sudden bolting of the animal almost caused Bronwyn to lose her grip and slide off the back, but she clung tightly to the man's midsection, preventing her from falling off.

The day drug on. The heat had risen to an almost unbearable degree. Sweat rolled down her neck and back, soaking her clothing. She leaned into the man's back and rested her throbbing head against his shoulder as the horse plodded along. The gentle, rhythmic swaying of the horse's gait almost put her to sleep.

The surrounding terrain hadn't changed much from what she was used to around the village. Thick, wooded miles passed by on each side of the trail they were following. The ground was rocky and steep in some places, while low-lying and flat in others, but the constant forest of trees never changed.

Just when Bronwyn was about ready to drop off the back of the horse from exhaustion, the quickening pace of the animal brought her to full alert. The trees were beginning to thin out and the trail had widened enough to allow carts and buggies to pass.

She looked anxiously over the shoulder of the man in front of her and gasped.

The trees disappeared, and in their place, a huge meadow opened up. Flowers of every color dotted the landscape. Green grass stretched out as far as the eye could see. And off in the distance, a massive stone structure rose up out of the earth.

Dunforth Castle.

They had reached the home of King Radomir.

The sun was starting its decent, but there was still enough light to see the magnificent fortress looming up before them. Bronwyn had only dreamed of what this place would look like, but in her wildest imagination, she never thought it would be so grand, so regal...so imposing!

She sucked in her breath at the beauty, and the intimidating aura, of such a place.

The man spurred his horse into a gallop. They raced across the field, Bronwyn grasping the man's tunic firmly in her hands to keep from falling off.

As they reached the enormous drawbridge, Bronwyn's heart skipped a beat. The initial awe of seeing the castle slipped away. A wave of dizziness overcame her as she scanned the broad expanse of the moat. Her gaze then traveled up the heavy, black chain that was lowering the bridge to the ground. A sense of foreboding overwhelmed her as she heard each link clang through its metal holdings. And then, with a loud jarring crash, the bridge slammed to the earth. Bronwyn held her breath as the group of riders made their way into the castle grounds.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* A great idea for mini ice packs: Freeze ketchup packets you get from takeout food. They are great for icing small bumps or bug bites.

* Spread a teaspoon of peanut butter thinly on a paper plate. Then when the dog is busy with its treat, you can trim its nails. Or sometimes just having it nearby as a promised treat can do the trick to distract your pet. Good luck!

* "One of the things I do each spring (and fall) is to go through my makeup and toss the old items. I also restock my first-aid kit and get new bottles of sun-screen and bug spray to keep in my car kit, so I will always have it around." -- E.A. in California

* Love beans but trying to save a little money? Don't be intimidated by dry beans; just rinse them and chuck them in the slow cooker. Add water according to pack-

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Now, here's a good reason not to neglect checking your spam email folder from time to time: A Michigan woman bought a lottery ticket online but forgot about it until, opening said folder days later in search of a missing message, discovered that she'd won \$3 million.

* In 1985, a sting operation dubbed Operation Flagship mailed letters offering free tickets for Washington Redskins games to fugitive criminals. More than 100 arrests resulted, including two of America's top 10 most wanted.

* Domino's Pizza Group has its own registered Tartan in its brand hues of red, white and

blue.

* In 2007, Ben Carpenter got the most terrifying ride of his life when his wheelchair's handles were caught in the grill of a semi-trailer. Carpenter was pushed for several miles at a speed of over 60 mph before a pair of police officers followed the truck to its place of business and informed the stunned driver. The chair's wheels had to be replaced, but Ben survived without injury.

* FedEx's founder nearly bankrupted his company with a Las Vegas trip, in which he used the corporation's last \$5,000 to play blackjack. Fortunately, he managed to turn the sum into \$27,000 and keep things running until he obtained more funding.

* The movie "Babe" required

one animatronic and 48 real pigs, due to their rapid growth rate.

* Remember playing "Simon Says" in your youth? In France, it's "Jack Says"; in Norway "The King Commands"; in Japan "Teacher Says" and in Ireland "O'Grady Says."

* In 1920, Anoka, Minnesota, became the first U.S. city to put on a Halloween celebration, in an effort to distract kids from playing Halloween pranks.

Thought for the Day: "Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before." -- Speedskater Bonnie Blair

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age directions and cook on low for up to eight hours. After they cool, you can bag them in freezer-safe, zipper-top bags and freeze them for easy use later.

* "On a health kick: Step one is to keep a food and activity diary for a week. You can get an idea of what you eat, what times of the day you are overeating and the areas where you can make improvements. Knowledge is power!" -- V.R. in Oregon

* J.D. of Massachusetts writes: Mix 1/2 cup vinegar and a chamomile tea bag in a pan of medium hot water. Let cool slightly and soak feet for up to 10 minutes. Follow up with foot powder or deodorant.

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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King Crossword

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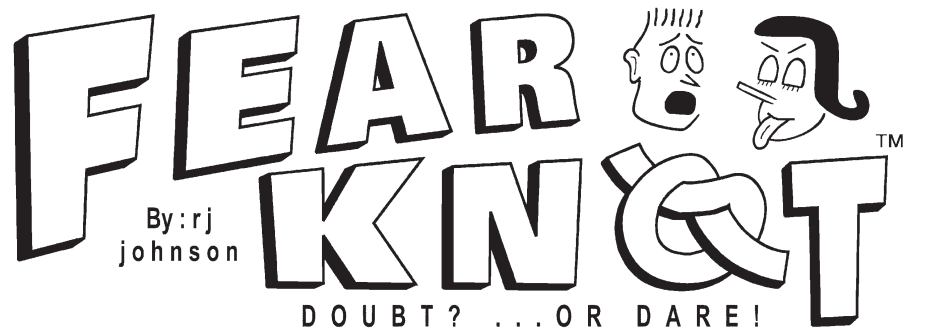
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- 30 B — boy
- 31 Grass shack
- 32 "Closer" actor Clive
- 33 "Blue Bloods" actress Moynahan
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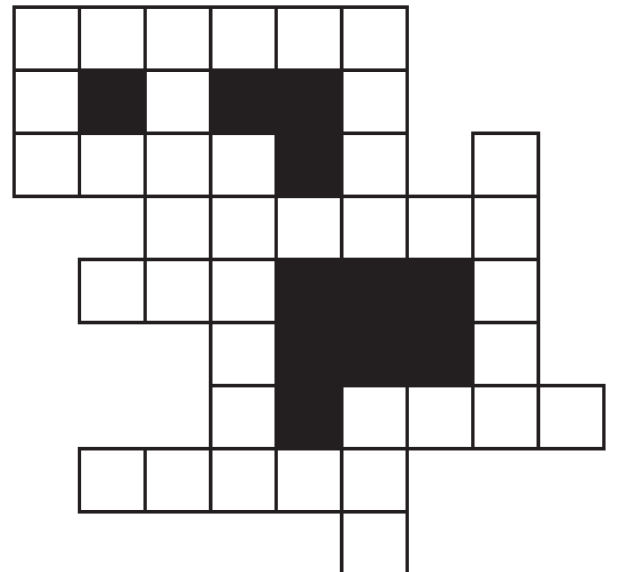
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of John in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 17, from where did Peter get money to pay the temple tax? *Mountaintop, Cupboard, Fish's mouth, Ground*
3. What did the angel who met Joshua outside Jericho tell him to remove? *Belt, Cloak, Guilt, Shoes*
4. From Mark 2 and Luke 5, what was Matthew's other name? *Simon, Levi, Nergal, Ammon*
5. Who/what was Caesarea Philippi? *Julius Caesar's wife, Town, Tomb, Mountain*
6. From Luke 3, how old was Jesus at His baptism? *A baby, 7, 12, Around 30*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Fish's mouth; 3) Shoes; 4) Levi; 5) Town; 6) Around 30

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

Lemon Supreme Pie

This recipe can be prepared with such ease, you'll be able to join in the Easter egg hunt and still have dinner on the table on time.

- 1 (9-inch) refrigerated unbaked piecrust
- 1 (4 serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix
- 1 (4 serving) package sugar-free lemon gelatin
- 1/4 cups water
- 1 (8 ounce) package fat-free cream cheese
- 1 cup reduced calorie whipped topping
- Sugar substitute to equal 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 2 tablespoons flaked coconut

1. Preheat oven to 450 F. Place piecrust in a 9-inch pie plate and flute edges. Prick bottom and sides with a fork. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until crust is lightly browned. Place pie plate on wire rack and cool completely.

2. Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, dry gelatin and water. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring often. Place saucepan on wire rack and let set 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3. After both piecrust and filling have cooled, in a medium bowl, stir cream cheese with a spoon until soft. Stir in 1/2 cup whipped topping, sugar substitute and coconut extract. Spread cream cheese mixture evenly into piecrust.

4. Fold remaining 1/2 cup whipped topping into pudding mixture. Spread pudding mixture evenly over cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle coconut evenly over top. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Cut into 8 pieces.

• Each serving equals: 179 calories, 7g fat, 5g protein, 24g carb., 362mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Fat, 1/2 Meat.

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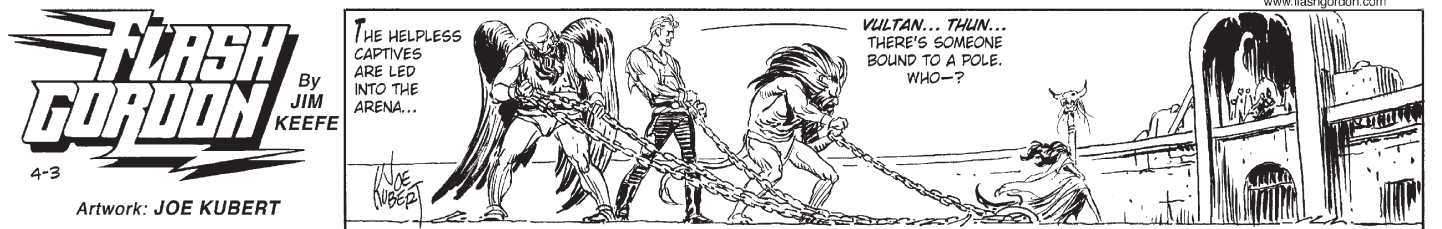
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Clarence Thomas Is Better Than His Critics

Clarence Thomas is, by far, our most abused Supreme Court justice.

His confirmation hearings in 1991 were, as he memorably put it, a high-tech lynching. Once on the Court, he was allegedly incapable of thinking for himself and was Antonin Scalia's "lawn jockey," as *Emergence* magazine shamefully put it. He rarely participated in oral arguments, supposedly because, in the words of an attorney at the Georgetown Law Center, he "either does not care about the cases or can't compete intellectually with his colleagues."

Your sensitivity meter doesn't have to be in overdrive to detect the racial condescension in these depictions of Thomas. Fair-minded legal analysts long ago abandoned this slighting view and have acknowledged the originality, consistency and influence of Thomas's work. But here come the media and the Democrats to tell us that his intellectually courageous jurisprudence is all about serving the narrow interests of his political activist wife, Ginni.

In the aftermath of the 2020 election, she sent hair-on-fire texts to then-White House chief of staff Mark Meadows urging him to fight what she believed was a stolen election. This proves, we are told, that Clarence Thomas' work on the Court is corrupt, and he either has to recuse himself from election- or Jan. 6-related cases or be impeached.

The recusal argument is absurd. Ginni Thomas wasn't party to any election-related litigation. She didn't write an amicus brief in any of the litigation. She didn't even give Meadows any legal advice, besides to keep Sidney Powell front and center (a bad idea that wasn't acted on).

Ultimately, Ginni Thomas didn't have any more or any less interest in election-related litigation than any other Republican who believed Trump's claims of fraud, and there were countless millions of them.

Critics of Thomas point out that he dissented when the Court turned away a meritless challenge by the state of Texas of election practices in other states. Yes, but the dissent reflected Thomas' well-considered view that the Court shouldn't summarily dismiss so-called original jurisdiction cases, and he was joined by Justice Samuel Alito, who shares his view. Both Thomas and Alito also dissented when the Court turned away a suit filed by Nebraska and Oklahoma to prevent Colorado from legalizing marijuana, and in another such case, *Arizona v. California*.

Thomas dissented, too, from the Court's rejection of Trump's emergency application to block the release of White House records regarding Jan. 6. In this, Thomas was alone. We can't know his reasoning because he didn't explain himself. Thomas has a robust view of presidential power, though, and it's not unusual for him to go his own way. In the 2020-21 term, Thomas authored more concurrences and dissents than any other justice, including more solo concurrences and solo dissents.

As Nina Totenberg of NPR put it not too long ago, in a passage dripping with disapproval, "He is the only justice willing to allow states to establish an official religion; the only justice who believes teenagers have no free speech rights at all; the only justice who believes that it's unconstitutional to require campaign funders to disclose their identity; he's the only justice who voted to strike down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act; and the only justice to say that the court should invalidate a wide range of laws regulating business conduct and working conditions."

But we are supposed to believe that his unexplained sole dissent in the Trump records case must be corrupt.

A while ago, the respected Supreme Court watcher Tom Goldstein wrote that if "the measure of a Justice's greatness is his contribution of new and thoughtful perspectives that enlarge the debate, then Justice Thomas is now our greatest Justice."

At the end of the day, this latest controversy won't dent Thomas' formidable reputation as a jurist, but it's another mark against his perfervid critics who have no decency or scruple.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Edible Bird Nests Imitate Nature

Make simple no-bake bird's nest treats with your kids to celebrate spring. Drop peanut M&Ms or natural-looking candy eggs in each one. Or for Easter, substitute jelly beans, tucking the nests in Easter baskets or setting them at each table setting for Easter Sunday dinner. Either way, these nests that imitate nature are adorable to look at, and with the chocolate-peanut-butter combo, they taste so good too.

BIRD'S NEST TREATS

- 2½ cups plain crushed natural shredded wheat cereal (young kids like the job of crushing it in their hands)
- 1½ cup chopped nuts, such as almonds and pecans (optional)
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips or butterscotch chips
- 1½ cup creamy or crunchy peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Jelly beans, peanut M&M's or candy that resembles speckled bird eggs

1. Stir together the crushed shredded

wheat and chopped nuts in a large mixing bowl.

2. An adult should melt the chips, peanut butter and butter in a double boiler or heavy saucepan to a smooth consistency, stirring frequently. Pour the mixture over the shredded wheat cereal mixture and stir lightly until well-coated.

3. Drop 2 tablespoons of the "nest" ingredients in muffin pan cups lined with aluminum foil. Let your child shape the mini nests by making an indentation using their clean fingers or the back of a spoon. Chill to set.



No-bake bird nests are kid-friendly.

4. Carefully peel off the foil and arrange molded nests on plates or set into baskets. Set "eggs" in the nests. Keep extra nests refrigerated until ready to serve. Makes about 18 small nests.

TIP: Instead of candies, fill the nests with "fruity" bird eggs. Try red or green grapes, blueberries or melon balls.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Patient Surveys Show VA Hospitals Improving

In the latest Medicare Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems patient survey, the Department of Veterans Affairs outperformed community hospitals in 10 of 11 different categories.

The report said that 54% of VA hospitals earned four or five stars, while only 35% of community hospitals did. That's a hefty increase; just a few years ago, only 26% of VA hospitals rated four or five stars.

The categories included cleanliness of the hospital, care transition, communication with nurses, discharge info and more. Questions were wide ranging, from "Did doctors treat you with courtesy and respect?" all the way to "If you were given new medication, were you told what it was for?" and "Was your personal information treated in a confidential way?"

The VA questionnaire, called the Survey of Healthcare Experience of Patients, is based on Medicare's Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Pro-

viders and Systems surveys. Results for all hospitals can be found at Medicare.gov and are updated quarterly. The latest release of the data, however, includes results from July 2020 through March 2021.

One worrying detail: Staff selects veterans to fill out the surveys based on the kind of care they got and the last time they filled out a survey. These can be either veterans who were admitted and had surgery or a treatment and then were sent home, or veterans who had care during a medical visit. Shortly afterward, they're sent the survey packet (questionnaire, cover letter, return envelope).

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS.gov) website says that the survey is for a "random sample" of patients. How, one wonders, is it truly random if staff is selecting the patients to ask? Additionally, since all hospitals have a different mix of patients, it appears that those who finalize the reports average out the results in areas such as age, education, health status and so forth in what they call patient-mix adjustments.

What would the results be if they weren't making adjustments?

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Historically Speaking

WWII POWs remembered as heroes by their Tennessee children

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Carolyn Krause provides this Historically Speaking series of two columns featuring a talk given by Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Sharon Lee on prisoners of war.

At the most recent meeting of the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Oak Ridge, Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Sharon Lee presented compelling stories of five American soldiers captured and held as prisoners of war (POWs) by the Germans in World War II. One of the soldiers was her father, Charles James Lee. The other four were James Hugh Ross, Harold Leibowitz, David Goldin and Bruce Foster, Sr. All five had children who became lawyers and judges in Tennessee.

Her presentation, entitled “American Heroes with Common Bonds,” was inspired by her father’s story and the stories of her colleagues – lawyers and judges – who also had fathers who had been captured in Germany during the war. She did considerable research to understand the conditions these POWs endured and the ways their experiences shaped their lives after release. Here is the first of two summaries of Justice Lee’s presentation.

When Sharon Lee was six years old, she looked into a closet and pulled out a light blue mug inscribed with a Nazi symbol. She asked her mother, “What’s this?” Her mother replied, “Put it back. It’s your dad’s from the war. We don’t talk about the war.” So, Sharon never mentioned it again for years but the incident kept alive her curiosity about her dad’s war experience.

When he reached his 80s, he first talked about the war in an invited speech to the Kiwanis Club of Madisonville, the county seat of Monroe County. “I went to hear him,” Justice Sharon Lee said. “He talked about the long, crowded ride to the prison camp in the cattle car and broke down. I had never seen my dad cry before. After so many years, the thought of this war experience was so painful that he couldn’t get through his speech without tears.”

During her virtual slide presentation, the justice told the LWV audience about her father and four other POWs she learned about from some of their children – lawyer colleagues of hers. Her father, Charles J. Lee, died less than a year after Justice Lee was appointed in 2008 to the Tennessee Supreme Court. (She was Chief Justice from 2014 until 2016.)

Staff Sgt. Lee, the oldest of eight children who grew up on a farm in Tellico Plains in Monroe County and worked at the Fontana Dam for the Tennessee Valley Authority, joined the Army Air Corps at age 19 in January 1943. He was stationed at a base camp in England where he was trained to serve as a waist gunner and flight engineer on a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber.

“My dad and his crew began flying missions over Germany in a B-17 bomber they nicknamed Smokey Stover,” Justice Lee said. “The crew had to fly 25 missions before they could go home. The average number of flights American airmen made before being shot down was five.”

On May 12, 1944, the Army Air Corps launched one of the biggest air campaigns of the war in preparation for D-Day. The purpose was to bomb Germany’s synfuel production facility, which converted coal to oil for use in making jet fuel. On that day, 935 B-17 bombers flew from London to Germany.

“Of the 26 planes in my dad’s squadron, only 12 returned,” she said. “This was his sixth and last bombing mission because an enemy fighter aircraft targeted his plane. Dad was shot and suffered wounds to his head, shoulder, back and wrist. With the help of a fellow airman, he was able to bail out of the plane.”

After he parachuted to the ground, he was captured by

members of the German home guard. He was driven in a truck to a jail in a small town outside of Frankfurt and held in solitary confinement for 10 days; he was never given medical care for his injuries. Then he was transported by train to the newly opened prison camp in Poland called Stalag Luft IV, which held nearly 10,000 prisoners. The food they were provided consisted mostly of “a soup made from rotten cabbage and bread made from sawdust,” Justice Lee said. “American Red Cross food packages often were not delivered there.”

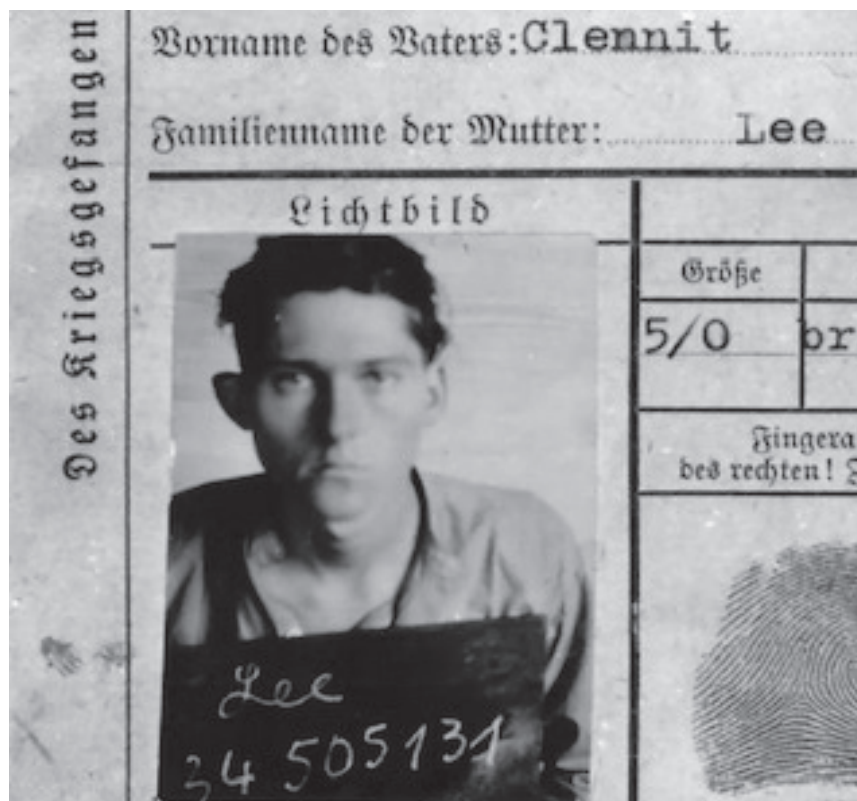
The justice said that each barrack at the camp was designed for 16 prisoners but usually 25 POWs were forced to live there, meaning that some had to sleep on hard wooden



Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Sharon Lee (Photo Submitted)



Airman Charles Lee (Photo Submitted)



Charles Lee Prisoner of War (Photo Submitted)

floors or bare shavings. “There was very little heat in the barracks. My dad was never given anything to wear. He wore the bloodstained clothes he had on when he was captured. Due to his untreated injuries and battle with hepatitis, he became very sick. He only survived due to the persistence of his fellow prisoners who helped him get up and walk each day.”

By late May 1944, the Lee family was notified of his capture by Western Union; a few days earlier, the POW’s father Clement Lee had a vivid dream about being in an airplane attacked by three other planes. The family did not know how much Sgt. Lee suffered during the worst part of his incarceration – the 10-day train trip to another prison camp in Barth, Germany.

He was packed with 60 other POWs into a boxcar (also called a cattle car, just like the train cars used to transport Jews and other targeted groups to the concentration and extermination camps). The prisoners had to stand all day and night in cramped conditions. Many suffered from dysentery and other illnesses. They were cold because they had no coats. They had to share a single toilet – a metal container in the middle of the boxcar.

While Lee was imprisoned, his family in Tellico Plains received his medal from Army Air Corps representatives in a somber ceremony. On May 13, 1945, one year and one day after his capture, Staff Sgt. Lee and the other prisoners were liberated by Russian soldiers and taken to France to

be flown home. Lee’s first meal was a cheeseburger. He was six feet and three inches tall and weighed only 86 pounds. He was hospitalized in Florida where his starved body learned to eat again. He later acknowledged that food was scarce in Germany during the war; he knew German guards who endured hunger.

“My dad got married, raised a family, ran a trucking company and real estate business, became a general contractor and served as city administrator for Madisonville,” Justice Lee said. “For 12 years he was county commissioner for Monroe County. He died on Feb. 27, 2009, when he was 86.”

Justice Lee spoke movingly about four other POWs whose children she knows; two of her stories are presented here.

James Hugh Ross of Etowah, Tenn., was a radio operator on a B-17 bomber that was hit by German ground fire and crash landed in the Sahara Desert in November 1942. The crew’s assignment had been to bomb a Nazi base on the Mediterranean Sea in North Africa. On his way to a prison camp near Munich, Ross was forced to sleep in an ancient Roman catacomb. He suffered from cold and very little food (soup made of water and fish heads). After 14 months in captivity, he returned to Etowah and had four children, including a now-retired criminal court judge. Despite losing his eyesight as a result of wartime malnutrition, he was elected tax assessor for McMinn County and served as postmaster of the Etowah post office.

Lt. Harold Leibowitz, a Jewish volunteer for the Army Air Corps from Brooklyn, N.Y., and father of retired Criminal Court Judge Mary Lou Leibowitz of Knoxville, parachuted into a field in Poland. Two engines of his aircraft had caught fire during a bombing run on Sept. 12, 1944, on a synthetic fuel plant in Germany. Polish farmers turned him over to the Nazis. At an interrogation camp in Frankfurt, he was forced to wear a dog tag marked with an “H” for Hebrew. He was asked, “Why are you here, Jew? Don’t you know what we do to Jews?” He replied, “I am an American soldier fighting for my country.”

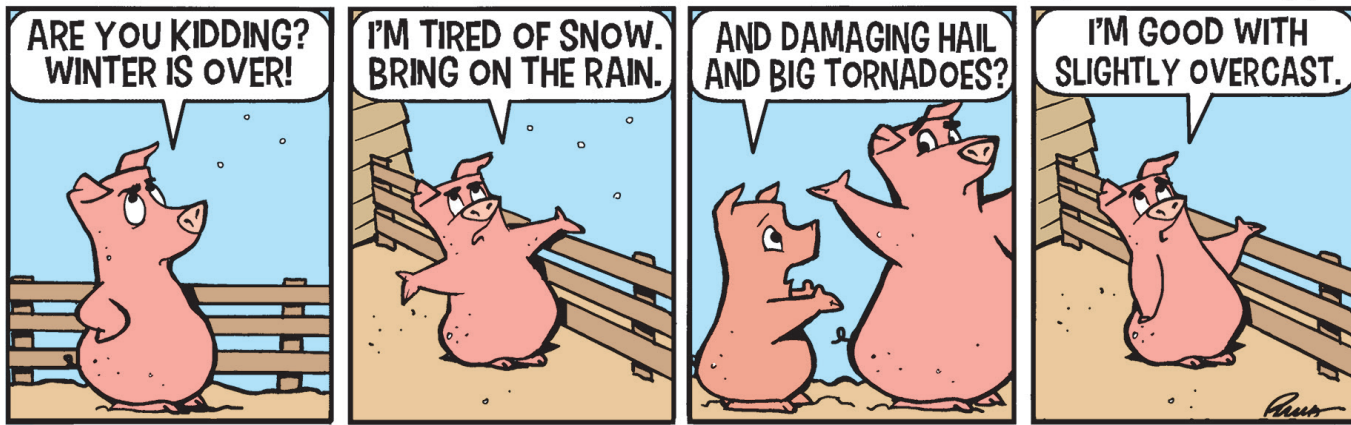
Liberated with 9000 American airmen by Operation Revival in mid-May of 1945, Lt. Leibowitz came home, raised a family, and worked as a special agent with the Internal Revenue Service. He died when he was 86.

In the second and last article in this series, Justice Sharon Lee tells the stories of two more fathers of her colleagues who became upright citizens and fathers after being POWs in Germany during World War II. She will also describe the common bonds of the POWs whose stories she has learned and shared with many.

Thanks Carolyn. Look for the conclusion of Justice Lee’s talk next.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



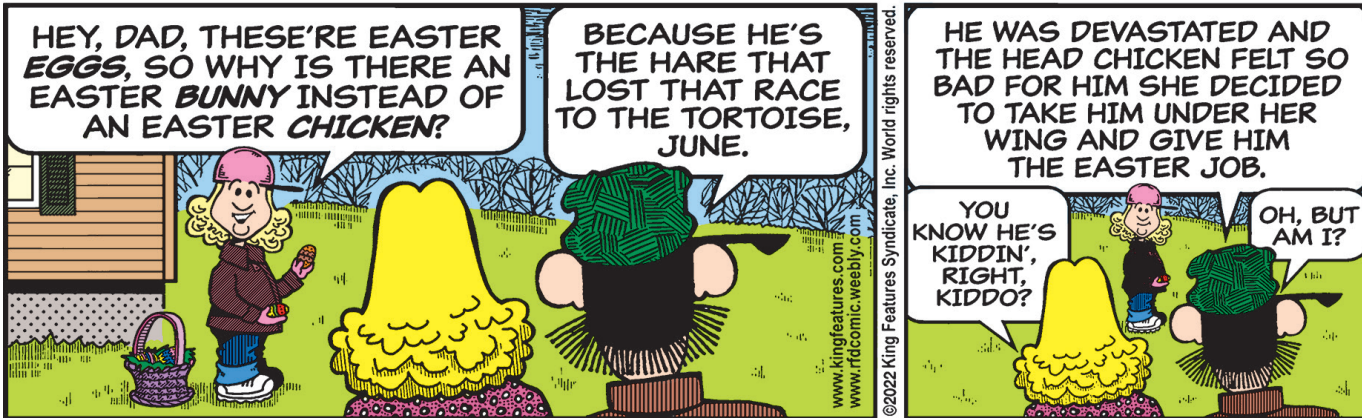
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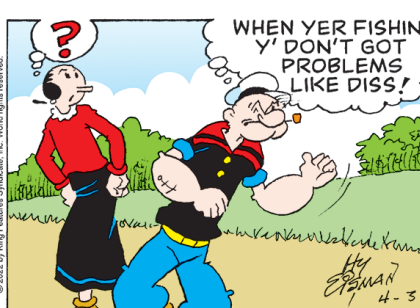
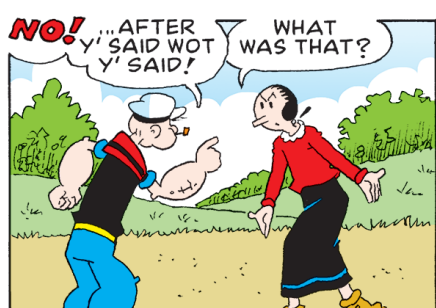
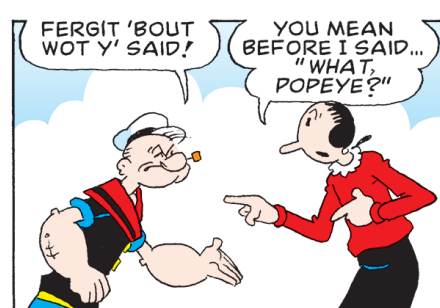
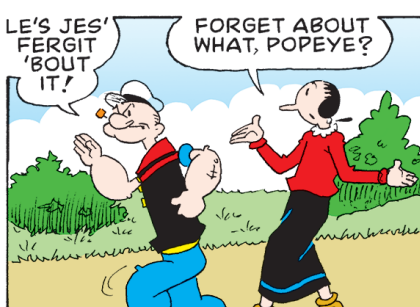
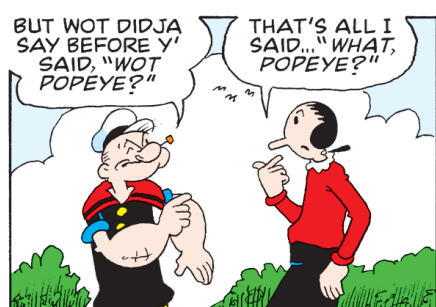
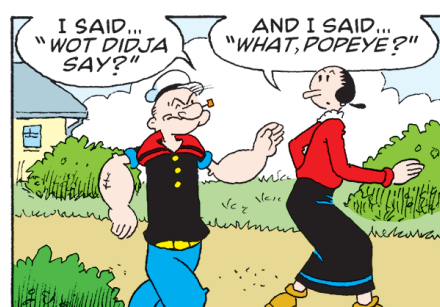
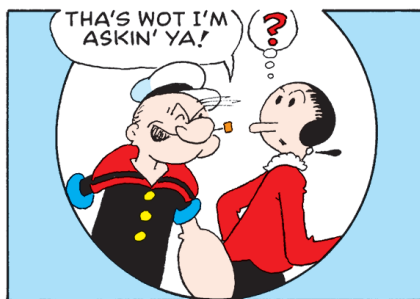
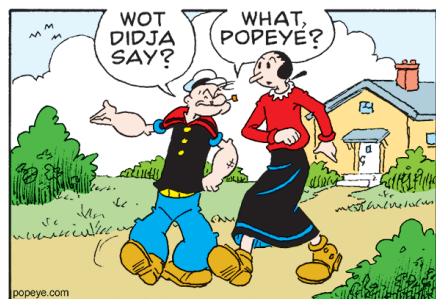
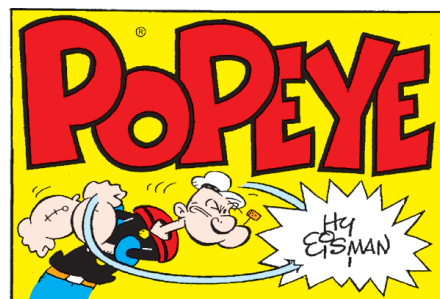
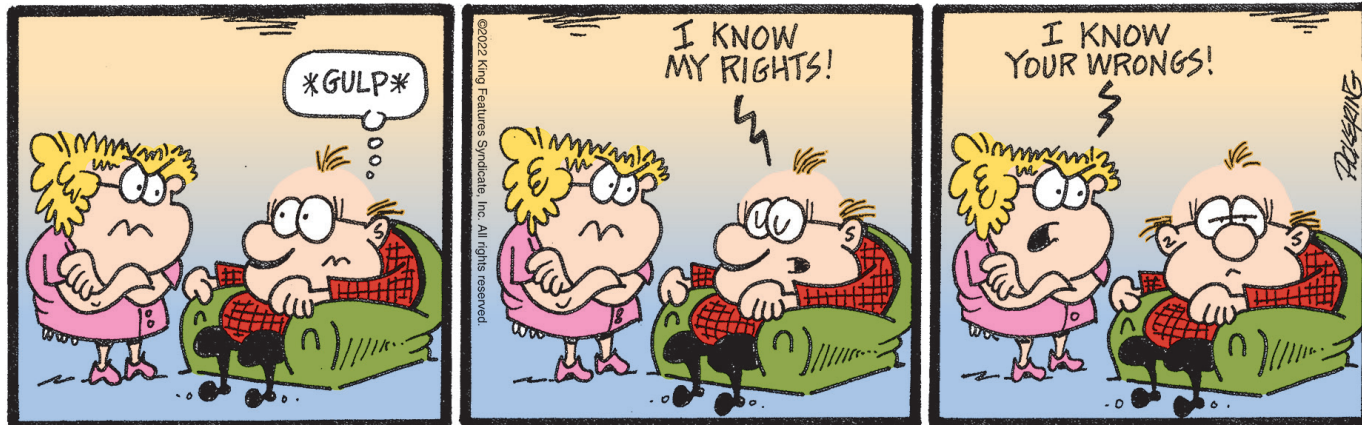
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MOMENTS IN TIME

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* On April 27, 1773, the British Parliament passes the Tea Act, a bill designed to save the faltering East India Company from bankruptcy. Many colonists viewed the act as yet another example of taxation tyranny, because it left in place an earlier duty on tea entering the colonies, while removing the duty on tea entering England.

* On April 28, 1916, Ferruccio Lamborghini is born in Italy. After experiencing mechanical difficulties with his Ferrari, Lamborghini decided to start his own rival sports car company. The Lamborghini 350 GTV, a two-seater coupe with a V-12 engine, debuted in 1963.

* On May 1, 1960, an American U-2 spy plane piloted by Francis Gary Powers disappears while on a flight over Russia. The CIA reassured the president that the plane was equipped with self-destruct mechanisms, but Russia produced not only the intact wreckage, but also the captured pilot -- very much alive.

* On April 26, 1977, Studio 54, which would soon become the most famous nightclub in the world, opens at 254 West 54th Street in New York City. It was known for excluding all but the most chic, famous or beautiful patrons.

* On April 25, 1983, Russian leader Yuri Andropov writes to Samantha Smith, an American fifth-grader from Manchester, Maine, inviting her to visit his country. Smith had sent Andropov a note in December 1982, asking if the Soviets were planning to start a nuclear war.

* On April 30, 1993, computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee releases the source code for the world's first web browser. Originally called Mesh, the browser he dubbed World Wide Web became the means of exploring the emerging information network that developed into the Internet.

* On April 29, 2004, the World War II Memorial opens in Washington, D.C., providing overdue recognition for the 16 million American men and women who served in the war.

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Tanners Historic Cafe Grand Opening set for April 22, 2022

Wartburg, Tennessee – After two and a half years of repairs and restoration with delays caused by the Pandemic, The Morgan County Tourism Alliance is excited to unveil Tanners Historic Cafe during the Grand Opening to be held from 10 am – 4 pm on April 22, 2022. Following the 10 am Ribbon Cutting on Friday, April 22, Tanners Historic Cafe will once again assume its place as a gathering spot for citizens and visitors to Morgan County. The cafe will then be open from 10 am – 4 pm on April 23, and from noon – 4 pm on April 24, 2022. Beginning the following week, the cafe will be open Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm and Sundays from noon – 4 pm.

Initially, the Cafe’s offerings will include Chicken salad sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, grilled cheese paninis, grilled ham and cheese paninis, soups, hot dogs, brats, ice cream sundaes and cones, sodas and coffee. Diners will be able to sit at the original century-old counter, one of two antique booths or tables where they can check out the historic furnishings and examples of merchandise once sold when the cafe served as a drug store and general store. Visitors can also tour the adjoining heritage room featuring a restored vault from when the building served as a bank in the early 1900’s.

Tanners Historic Cafe once featured the town’s first heated running water and a shower that local miners would pay five cents to use to wash off the dirt and coal dust. The restoration included a new shower that will be available to

through-hikers passing by on the nearby Cumberland Trail. Wartburg is currently the only town along the planned 300+ mile trail route which crosses Tennessee from near Chattanooga to the Cumberland Gap Park in Virginia. The cafe hopes hikers will also be able to get information and directions and one day resupply with essential supplies to be available in the cafe in the near future.

The Cafe is on the National Registry of Historic Places and as such, the repairs and restorations attempted to preserve the original style and appearance of the building whenever possible. Due to years of neglect, much of the building had to be rebuilt after the roofing system was replaced and leaks repaired. The electrical and plumbing was brought up to code and the damaged ceilings, walls and floors were repaired or replaced.

The Morgan County Tourism Alliance hopes to re-ignite the memories of locals who grew up visiting Tanners over its nearly 100-year history (next year will be the centennial anniversary) and provide a place for visitors to begin new memories in this historic building.

For more information about Tanners Historic Cafe, visit mctamoco.com.



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Coalfield Yellow Jackets Have a New Strikeout Record Holder in Cole Hines

By Dalton Roberts

Tuesday, March 22nd, Junior pitcher Cole Hines of Coalfield achieved something that has not happened in Morgan County since Brad Howard did so in 1994. In a game against Harriman, Hines set a new school record by striking out 18 batters. Hines pitched all seven innings for the Yellow Jackets allowing one run on four hits in a 4-1 victory. Hines' performance was nothing short of spectacular from the very beginning of the game.

Hines allowed only two base runners through six innings, one walk, which was his only walk of the night, and a single, both coming in the bottom half of the third, while striking out 16 of the 20 batters he had faced through 6 innings. The remainder of Harriman's hits came in the bottom of the seventh inning, as Hines closed out the game with two more strikeouts in the final frame. When asked about his performance, Hines was quick to share credit for the accomplishment with his freshman catcher, Luke Treece.

Congratulations to Cole Hines on his incredible pitching performance and for setting a new school record for strikeouts in a single game!

Baseball and Softball Roundup

BASEBALL

Coalfield

4/4 – Defeated Oliver Springs 9-1
4/5 – Defeated Oliver Springs 13-0
4/7 – Lost to Oak Ridge 6-7

Oakdale

4/4 – Lost to Harriman 2-3
4/4 – Lost to Harriman 1-4
4/7 – Lost to Oliver Springs 7-9
4/9 – Defeated Thomas Nelson (KY) 5-2

Sunbright

4/4 – Lost to Greenback 0-15
4/4 – Lost to Greenback 3-14

Wartburg Central

4/4 – Lost to Oneida 4-15
4/5 – Lost to Oneida 5-10
4/8 – Defeated Clarkrange 13-8

SOFTBALL

Coalfield

4/4 – Lost Oliver Springs 1-16
4/7 – Defeated Sunbright 10-9

Oakdale

4/4 – Defeated Sunbright 9-6
4/5 – Lost to Harriman 0-18

Sunbright

4/4 – Lost to Oakdale 6-9
4/7 – Lost to Coalfield 9-10

Wartburg Central

4/4 – Defeated Scott 14-1
4/4 – Defeated Scott 9-1



Cole Hines [Photo by Cathy Bird]

Track and Field

By Tara England

Last night (Monday) the track and field team competed at Lenoir City. The meet was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but due to the weather predictions, it was moved up. It was a good, warm, and fast-moving evening to be at the track. Below are some highlights from the meet.

Boys 4x800 Relay team won 1st place, set a new personal record,

and set a new school record. The team was made up of Jonah Freels, Josh Nestle, Noah Cox, and Caleb Quinney.

Jonah Freels was 1st in the 300 hurdles.

Caleb Quinney was 3rd in the 400 meters.

Kendra Massey was 3rd in the Shot Put.

Haylee Morgan was 2nd in the Discus with a new personal record.



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Highlanders Charge ahead to Defeat Harriman

By Richard Spears

Thursday's (March 31) game at Scott saw the Harriman Blue Devils play a fast, competitive contest, and end the first half tied with Scott, 1-1. Highlander Josiah Fladie scored Scott's first goal, assisted by Connor Stanley. The second half was controlled by the Highlander defense and offense, with Scott's Skye Babb putting the Highlanders up, 2-1 on an assist from Andy Blevins. Scott scoring machine Connor Stanley sealed the game minutes later, taking

an assist by Hugo Henry and drilling in a goal, to put Scott up, 3-1. That would be the game's final score.

Scott Head coach Eric Henry said, "We had a lot of corner kicks, and didn't score on any of them. We'll need to work on that. Harriman has a good keeper. We had several of our guys do an excellent job tonight. True freshman Leviance Weatherford played well, so did Clayton Carroll and Haiden Blevins. Our younger guys are coming along well. We play Anderson County at AC Monday (April 11). Can't wait. That starts our district play." Scott's record is now 4-2, marking one of the Highlanders best starts in several years.



Oneida Defeats Scott in Energy Charged Contest

By Richard Spears

A game that always figures heavily on emotion, physicality, every player on the field giving 110 %, Scott fell last Tuesday (March 29) to Oneida at Highlander Field. Indian Nick

Gilbert broke the ice midway in the first half, scoring on a corner kick assisted by Gabe Hacker. Then, Oneida's Mason Keeton scored the next two goals assisted by Levi James and Hacker to give Oneida a 3-0 lead at the half.

Scott played a tough second half, with the score still 3-0 and 22 minutes left in the

game, while Highlander goalie Adrian Parra made some spectacular saves to keep the game close, but at the 15 minute mark, Hacker drilled in a goal off an assist by Luke Barna to put the Indians up 4-0. Eight minutes later, Hacker and Barna teamed up again, as Hacker scored the final goal of the contest to give Oneida a 5-0 win. Scott Coach Eric Henry said, "Our defense had some breakdowns, and Oneida has some very good players. Maybe this will shake our guys up, and get us going in the right direction as we prepare to play our district schedule. We made some adjustments at halftime, and we'll improve. We've got to learn from this one."

Oneida Head Coach Derek Keeton said, "This was just the first of two games we play Scott this season. We played a solid game. Scott is a solid team. The Highlander goalie is very good, and Scott played us well defensively."

Indians Blank AC, Release Offensive Firepower

By Richard Spears

Oneida played a fast and furious game at home on Thursday (March 31), shutting out the Mavericks and battering the nets for 7 goals, as their record on the season improved to 4-1-1. Oneida's Gabe Hacker scored on a sensational pass from Nick Gilbert to open the game. Hacker then returned the favor, assisting Gilbert on the second goal of the game. Hacker then completed a hat trick, scoring two more goals before the half to put the Indians up, 4-0.

In the second half, Indian Sam Bell got his first (of many more to come) goal of the season, scoring unassisted in the first 9 minutes of the frame. Noah James scored from about 26 yards out, with an assist by Hacker to put Oneida up, 6-0. The game's final score was by Bell, with an assist by Levi James, to give the final, 7-0.

Indian Defensive Coach Phil Newport said, "Proud of our defense pitching another shut-out. We're heading in the right direction."

Oneida Coach Keeton said, "We moved the ball well offensively, and played unselfish soccer, which is starting to become a staple with these guys. Gavin had another fantastic game, with 13 saves overall. Gabe Hacker put on a show in the first half. Very proud of Sam Bell. I told him tonight was his night, and he came through with two goals. Very proud of this team and their maturity even though we are still relatively young in some areas." Oneida was scheduled to play Campbell County at home on Monday (April 4), then go on the road to play Clinton on Thursday, April 7.



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Oakdale's Good Doctor



Tom Redmon
Columnist

The good doctor had served in the Army Medical Corp during WWI as a Captain. When he was discharged in 1919, he left his home in Wood Tunnel, Georgia and came to Oakdale. His brother Sam Carr who was a dentist in Harriman told Jim about the booming railroad business in Oakdale and that it sure looked like a good location for a doctor to get some good business and make some money. His first office was about where the telephone office is now but soon, he and some others occupied the upstairs for their businesses and Bill Headrick had the bottom floor for his business. Later Jim and Sam built the building where Tom's grocery store is now.

Dr. Carr and Mona Goldston were married in 1923. Mona would become his long-time nurse and together they would deliver over 6,000 babies in Morgan County. My wife, Margaret Ann was one of them. He came to the home of Love Heidel on October, 19, 1941 and the pretty baby came into this world before Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Rising Sun.

Dr. Carr was like Dr. Love and he went all over the county and over in Roane County to doctor the sick and afflicted. He also was a great sportsman and at first, he liked to bird hunt but gave it up for coon hunting with his coon dogs.

Dr. Carr was the Oakdale boys' first coach in 1925. He played a little ball himself in 1907-1910. There must have been a lot of Goldston's in Oakdale because there was three on his small team and he married a Goldston. The good Doc had to doctor his players on what they called "Bowel running" or the green apple belly. He treated them with a mixed concoction of paregoric and lactose pepsin.

For most of us we only get to see a doctor when we are hurting. And I recall I had seen Dr. Carr once and I thought I was about to die. He looked at me and noticed the way I was holding my right side. He told mom and dad, "you had better take this boy to the Harriman Hospital because he has pancreatitis." He was right because in less than an hour Dr. Bowman was operating on me.

A story was told of a man from Oliver Springs brought in a fella who was pretty sick. He said he thought the man had pneumonia and was going to die. He asked, "what do you think Doc?" the Doc said, "I think he's going to die too."

Dr. Carr had been sent some penicillin to use on the prisoners in Brushy Mountain Prison. The man had heard about this medicine and he asked the good doctor to use it on him. But Dr. Carr was afraid to use it on him. The man who had brought him said, Doc you believe he's going to die anyhow so if you use it on this fella, it won't be the penicillin that killed him. Dr. Carr said, "that's right" so he went ahead fixed some up and gave it to the sick man. In twelve hours that man got up out of

back porch sewing the dog up when Lib Stone, the teacher fainted and fell through the French doors. I guess she was watching Dr. Carr and Ralph work and it was too much for her. So, Ralph held the dog while Dr. Carr pulled Lib up and stretched her out on the floor. He would tend to her after he got the dog sewed up. Here was a teacher who whipped about every student at Oakdale School who went to her in seventh grade fainted dead as a doornail when she saw the dog being sewed up.



Dr. Jim Carr like Dr. Love would go any place he was needed. Most babies back then were delivered in homes. Dr. Carr rode a horse before he got his Model T. He hated that old horse but if called he rode her all over the county to doctor the sick and afflicted. He and Dr. Love are from the last generation of doctors who would go to the homes. Now due to the advent of all kinds of transportation available and because of hospitals being

built in the 1950's and 1960's.

Jim Carr's life story had a tragic ending for on February 19, 1972 a man broke a window in his home and entered with a gun. Dr. Carr made an attempt to run for his gun but the assassin shot him four times. He died from the wounds and his wife was pistol whipped by the assassin before he left the home.

Two men were arrested by the aid of blood hounds from Brushy Mountain Prison. Sheriff Cecil Byrge questioned the two men and declared their motive was robbery. The men were sentenced and served time.

Dr. Carr was certainly a legend in his own time. In the 1970's the citizens of Oakdale named the most famous landmark in Oakdale, the Emory River Bridge after him. Dr. Carr was 81 years of age when he died.



his bed and began doing everything he had before. The doctor used it all the time when he saw what it would do to infections.

Dr. Carr not only doctored people but would try to help them when they brought in their dogs or other animals. Some fella called him a horse doctor because of this and he told them that's alright I'd rather be a horse doctor than a Jackass.

A story was told about the good doc, doctoring a dog that a school teacher brought in that had been hit by a car. Doc and his son Ralph were on the

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army Veteran Staff Sergeant Nicky Daniel Bacon fought and served in the Vietnam War while assigned to Company B, 4TH Battalion, 21ST Infantry, 11TH Infantry Brigade, Americal Division.

On November 24, 1969, SSG Bacon was presented with the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Richard M. Nixon for his heroic actions in combat on August 26, 1968.

SSG Bacon's Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. S/Sgt. Bacon distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader with the 1st Platoon, Company B, during an operation west of Tam Ky. When Company B came under fire from an enemy bunker line to the front, S/Sgt. Bacon quickly organized his men and led them forward in an assault. He advanced on a hostile bunker and destroyed it with grenades. As he did so, several fellow soldiers, including the 1st Platoon leader, were struck by machine-gun fire and fell wounded in an



exposed position forward of the rest of the platoon. S/Sgt. Bacon immediately assumed command of the platoon and assaulted the hostile gun position, finally killing the enemy gun crew in a singlehanded effort. When the 3d Platoon moved to S/Sgt. Bacon's location, its leader was also wounded. Without hesitation S/Sgt. Bacon took charge of the additional platoon and continued the fight. In the ensuing action he personally killed four more enemy soldiers and silenced an antitank weapon. Under his leadership and example, the members of both platoons accepted his authority without question. Continuing to ignore the intense hostile fire, he climbed up on the exposed deck of a tank and directed fire into the enemy position while several wounded men were evacuated. As a result of S/Sgt. Bacon's extraordinary efforts, his company was able to move forward,

eliminate the enemy positions, and rescue the men trapped to the front. S/Sgt. Bacon's bravery at the risk of his life was in the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Lieutenant William Lebo was shot and killed on March 31, 2022 while he and other officers responded to a domestic-related burglary.

The owners of the house had returned home to discover that an emotionally disturbed relative had broken into their home and remained inside. The man was still inside when officers arrived on the scene. As a reaction team entered the home the man opened fire with a handgun, striking Lieutenant Lebo and two other officers.

Despite their wounds, the officers returned fire and shot the subject, who was later found deceased inside the home.

Lieutenant Lebo served forty-years with the Lebanon City Police Department in Pennsylvania and was scheduled to retire only 30 days later, on May 1, 2022.



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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



Zack Ballinger

Don't Be a Zombie: Discover your Passion and Purpose Part 2

You should discover your passion for whatever brings you the most happiness in life—and you need to do this before you start interviewing for a job. If you are not passionate about your career, you will become bored, miserable, and will hate your life. I understand you may need to take an entry-level job to work your way up the ladder, but the ladder should lead to your dream job. I think one of the best career counselors and coaches in America is Dan Miller.

Dan has written one of the best job books out there called, *48 Days to the Work You Love*. In this book, the underlying theme is your “vacation needs to be your vocation”. The time is now to discover what you want to do with your life. If you are going to the interview just because you see a good job opportunity—but

you know you would hate this particular job day in and day out—then don't go to the interview. I don't care how much money you think you are going to make, eventually you will burn yourself out and be looking for another job. Then you will read this book again to refresh your mem-

ory about successful interviewing. Find your passion in life and once you do it will lead you to happiness and financial peace.

For years, I read many self-help books on trying to discover my passion in life. What was my calling? What could I do that would bring me the most joy? I grew very unhappy in my job as the years progressed. I would search for answers from friends, relatives, books, TV, prayer, self-help articles, etc. No matter how much time I invested reading, soul-searching, pondering, studying, and meditating, the answer never came and it seemed like all hope was lost. I kept praying and begging God to let something hit me like a ton of bricks to alert me to my calling for life. Days, weeks, months, and years passed. I looked up and it had been eight years since meeting with David. Nothing had changed in my life. I was still stuck in the same industry with a job I really didn't

like. I was making a decent living, but dreaded work. I never had my “aha!” moment. I grew more depressed each day, but I never gave up. I continued to wait for my moment.

I've learned by talking to many people that David is an exception to the rule, rather than reality. Most people whom I have interacted with don't like their day job. Most of them say the same cliché statements: “It pays the bills.” “I am just glad I have a job.” “I don't really like it, but there's nothing else out there.” “This is all I know how to do.” I don't like my job, but I have no choice.”

I know these statements very well. In fact, I've recited them to everyone I knew and even to random strangers.

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

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Schmaltz Adds Richness to Matzo Ball Soup

Ah, matzo ball soup. The very words conjure soothing comfort to the soul. Rich chicken broth with tender chicken and pillowy dumplings made from matzo crackers.

This recipe calls for schmaltz, which is rendered poultry fat, and it's luscious. Schmaltz adds richness and flavor to the matzo balls. Should you choose not to use schmaltz, you can substitute olive, vegetable or coconut oil.

MATZO BALL SOUP

First, we make a rich broth, as we render schmaltz for the matzo balls. Then we prepare and cook the matzo balls in the soup.

Yield: 10 (1½ cup) servings

Time: 2 hours, 1 hour unattended

For the Broth:

- 3 chicken breasts — must be bone-in, skin-on
- 1 entire stalk celery, divided
- 1 pound carrots, peeled, divided
- 1 yellow onion, skin on, washed
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 teaspoon Kosher salt
- Fresh dill (1/2 ounce)

For the Matzo Balls:

- 1 cup matzo meal (or crushed matzo crackers)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder

- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 eggs
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup schmaltz

1. In a stockpot with lid, heat 5 quarts water. Remove the skin and fat from the chicken breasts and reserve. Place chicken breasts in the pot.

2. Reserve 4 ribs of celery and roughly chop the rest. Reserve 3 carrots and roughly chop the rest. Smash the garlic cloves. Cut the onion into quarters, reserving about a tablespoon for the schmaltz. Put the chopped veggies and garlic in the stockpot. Once the water boils, lower the heat to maintain a gentle simmer for 30 minutes.



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This comforting, traditional soup can be enjoyed year-round.

3. Meanwhile, in a saucepan set on very low heat, place the chicken skin, 2 tablespoons water and 1 tablespoon minced onion and simmer to render the fat.

4. At 30 minutes, remove the chicken breasts and let cool enough to touch. Separate the breast meat, and refrigerate, then put the bones back in the pot. At this point, you can walk away for an hour while the broth simmers and the fat renders.

5. After an hour, remove the fat saucepan from the heat, let cool and measure the amount rendered. We're hoping for 1/4 cup. If it's less than that

add your oil of choice (olive, vegetable, coconut) to make 1/4 cup.

6. In a mixing bowl, whisk the matzo meal, salt, baking powder, onion powder and garlic powder. In another bowl, whisk together the eggs, 1/4 cup cooled broth and the schmaltz. Add that to the matzo mixture, stirring until combined. Cover the matzo mixture and refrigerate for 20 minutes to absorb the moisture until quite firm.

7. Meanwhile, remove and discard the veggies and bones from the broth. Strain the broth through a mesh strainer to remove any rogue bits. Place the broth back in the pot and heat to a simmer. Slice the reserved carrot and celery, shred the chicken breast, and add them to the broth. Add salt and a few sprigs of dill.

8. Retrieve the matzo mixture and form it into 24 walnut-sized balls. Drop the balls into the simmering soup and cover for 30 minutes without removing the lid. (Seriously, don't peek. They need the steam.) Make sure the soup is gently simmering the entire time. The balls will double in size as they cook.

9. To serve, place two matzo balls in a bowl and ladle soup over the top. Garnish with fresh dill.

Every family has their own way of making chicken soup, this is my family's favorite. Now, I don't pretend that this recipe would fool the folks at Katz's Delicatessen, but it's really delicious.

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website "Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous!" Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

Better to file an extension than incorrect return



David Zubler
Columnist

If you don't know the amount of stimulus or advance child tax credit that you received, it's better to file an extension than a tax return with the wrong numbers. Filing a return with incorrect amounts of stimulus or advance child tax credits could delay your refund for months.

The IRS will not fine or penalize you for filing an extension.

Many people think that filing the extension will anger the IRS or cause an audit. This simply isn't true. In fact, there was a time when filing an extension reduced your chances of being audited. Many people who knew this would always file an extension just to reduce their odds of being audited. However, filing an extension no longer reduces the chance of being audited.

You may get better service from your tax professional after the April 18 deadline. Tax professionals are normally much less busy after the deadline and won't be as rushed to get tax returns finished.

Filing an extension is quick and easy. There are several options for filing an extension.

You can go to the IRS website and use Free File to e-file an extension regardless of your income. You can also print the form and mail it.

You can also get an extension by paying all or part of your estimated income tax due and indicate that the payment is for an extension using Direct Pay which is the IRS electronic payment system. You can also use a credit or debit card. Doing it this way you won't require you to file a separate extension form and you

will receive a confirmation number for your records.

If you use a tax professional, you can ask them to file an extension for you.

Filing an extension does not postpone your tax liability. If you owe the IRS, you are required to pay at least 90% by the deadline. Otherwise, you will pay late-payment penalties and interest on any unpaid amount.

If you don't file an extension by the deadline, the IRS can charge a 5% failure-to-file penalty each month your return is late. The maximum penalty is 25% of the amount due. Failing to file an extension is a much larger penalty than the penalty for not paying the IRS on time.

I've seen people who were panicked about the deadline when they were getting a large refund. They didn't realize that there is no penalty for filing late if you don't owe. However, if you file longer than three years after the deadline, the IRS isn't normally required to give you your refund.

People who overlook the deadline and fail to file an extension should file as soon as possible.

If you are penalized for filing late, your tax professional may be able to easily get your penalties abated.

David Zubler is a tax accountant and Enrolled Agent in East Tennessee representing clients before the IRS and has over 25 years of tax experience. He is the author of four tax books and is the founder and president of Your Tax Care. The company provides business and tax education to the public at its website, YourTaxCare.com. David can be reached at (865) 363-3019 or contacted by email at zublerdavid@gmail.com.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

COVID Phone Scams

Thieves and scammers will do nearly anything to help us part with our dollars. In the latest one, as I write this, the thieves want to help me get the free COVID tests the government is sending out.

I signed up months ago and received my shipment of four tests. The scammers, however, think I should have more on hand and have offered to help me order them ... for a small handling fee. That handling fee for the free tests? Thirty dollars, and giving them my banking information.

No, I don't think so.

We need to be on our toes with these thieves. No matter what topic is on the news, they'll find a way to turn it into a scam.

You might get a call supposedly from a COVID contact tracer who asks too many personal questions, such as for your banking information. You might get a call saying we're now supposed to get an additional booster and you can be put at the head of the wait list for a small fee. Or you might get a call saying you're due to get another government relief check, but you have to pay the taxes first out of your checking account.

Why, oh why do they target seniors? The answer is that we are perceived to have lots of money and that we're not likely to report fraud. We're also, unfortunately, too trusting and too polite.

If you don't recognize the phone number when someone calls, don't answer. If someone hasn't left a message, don't call them back. If someone does get you on the phone and the conversation involves any pressure, time-limited offers or questions about your personal information, hang up. Remember, you are not obligated to be polite!

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NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 67-5-2507, Notice is hereby given by the Back Tax Committee of Morgan County, Tennessee that it intends to sell the Following Property. Person who purchases property is responsible for any residual taxes incurred from 2020 through 2023. these would only be a partial year of taxes.

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- Property #7. District 10 Map 155C Group A CTL Map 155C-A Parcel 4.00 Minimum Bid: \$2,356.67
- Property#9. District 11 Map 086 Parcel 13.00 Minimum Bid: \$2,317.17
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- Property #2. District 1 Map 142 Parcel 76.02 Minimum Bid: \$3,030.79
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- Property #20. District 7 Map 071 Parcel 20.00 Minimum Bid: \$7,317.17
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- Property #16. Map 161 Parcel 017.00 Minimum Bid: \$11,601.75
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Person interested in bidding on a property can mail or personally deliver a sealed bid to Bret Pallotta in the County Executive's Office at the Morgan County Courthouse. If mailing, send to:

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P.O. Box 387

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Galatians: Chapter 1

(Gal. 1:1-5) Salutation: Right out of the starting gate, Paul vigorously asserts his role as an apostle of Christ---not in a genetic sense (Acts 14:14), but on an equal level with the original twelve. His authority was not derived “from men” (as a source or conferred “through man” (as a conduit). Rather, it was directly from God through the risen Christ (Acts 9:1-9; 1 Cor. 15:1-11). Certain unidentified “brothers” joined in the apostle’s greetings (v.2), though they had no part in the composition. The traditional “grace” and “peace” greeting from God and Christ is posted. Jesus is identified as he who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the realm of this “present evil world” (a sphere of evil), according to God’s will, to whom glory is due (v.4).

(Gal. 1:6-10) A stern rebuke: It was an amazing thing that they were “so quickly”---either from the time of their conversation or from the commencement of their exposure to certain teachers (Judaizers Acts 15:1)---“removing” (a present process) from God who had “called” them (by the gospel) (2 Thes. 2:14) in the grace of Christ. They were leaving the grace-centered salvation and being attracted to a different “gospel,” which was not entirely novel; it was an amalgamation of two regimes---Mosaic and Christian---and was labeled a “perversion.” Many modern “Christians” sects have fallen prey to this ideology by seeking to justify their practices by the Old Testament.

Absolutely no one (not even an angel (a hyperbolic illustration) was allowed to tamper with the gospel; to do so is to incur the wrath of God (v.8). Paul is known for rhetorical questions, and two are here framed: “Am I seeking man’s favor, or God’s? Am I striving to please men?” He was not! He had sought to please others as a persecutor of Christ. He would no more, for now he was a servant (a slave with all personal rights forfeited) of Christ (v.10).

(Gal. 1:11-17) Biographical details: Paul wants to remind his readers of the background behind his work as an apostle of Christ and a gospel preacher. The message he proclaims is not of human origin or substance. It is not a patchwork philosophy of varying components, crafted over the centuries by the “wise.” It was not something learned in the rabbinic schools (Acts 22:3), but it was given through the revelation from Christ. There was no intermediary between him and the Lord (11-12)

His past reputation was widely known, even in Asia Minor. The Galatians had heard of his past (v.13). He had persecuted Christianity and ravaged it (both verbs reflect sustained rage). Someone has called him a wolf in the Lamb’s fold. The word “humane” was not in his vocabulary (Acts 8:3; 9:2; 22:4; 19; 26:9-11). As a Jewish scholar, he had advanced beyond many of his Hebrew contemporaries---an expert in Scripture and the “traditions” of the rabbis as taught by the Pharisees, the sect with which he was identified (v.14; Acts 23:6). Many of these traditions would be incorporated later into the Talmud.

Saul (as he originally was known) believed that he had been selected providentially by God for his noble calling. His own willpower was not bypassed, but he was overwhelmed by his interview with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9) that subsequently led to his conversion---not on the Damascus road, but when he was immersed by Ananias (Acts 22:16 “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”) He was not supernaturally overpowered beyond his control, but “called” through God’s grace (favor), the “gospel of grace” (Acts 20:24), to which he was not “disobedient” (Acts 26:19), There is not the slightest

hint of Calvinism or Catholicism in this process.

He was chosen to reveal the message of Christ to his contemporaries, with a special emphasis among the Gentiles. He became affiliated with the Damascus disciples for a brief while (Acts 9:19), but did not ask their advice about his upcoming plans, nor did he go to Jerusalem to consult the other apostles (v.17). He is making a statement regarding his apostolic independence. Instead he went to Arabia, a vast desert region to the east and south of Palestine, most likely not for mission work, but to study and commune with God in preparation for the great work upon which he was to embark. When this period of solitude expired, Saul returned to Damascus (v.17). Thus far he has had contact with no apostle.

(Gal. 1:18-24) Paul’s independence: Three years go by from the time of Paul’s conversion until he finally returned to Jerusalem (how it was divided between Damascus and Arabia is unknown). Even then his trip to the holy city was not to “confer” (v.16) on matters of apostolic policy, but to become acquainted with Peter, who was a powerful Christian influence. The visit was brief (fifteen days) and informal; he saw no one else of prominence except James, the Lord’s brother (v.19). Note concerning James: (a) He was not one of the twelve, thus not an apostle in the technical sense of the term, but merely a messenger (Acts 14:4, 14; 1 Thes. 2:6). (b) He was one of Mary’s sons (Mt. 13:55; Mk. 6:3); she was not a perpetual virgin (shame on Catholicism for this evil). (c) He was influential in the Jerusalem church (Acts 15:13, 19), but not the head of it, as some contend. (d) He authored the book of James, and according to historical records (Josephus and Eusebius), eventually was murdered for the cause of Jesus.

The apostle bound himself under an oath concerning the integrity of this written document---a most serious declaration for one raised as a Hebrew (v.20). Paul taught the gospel during his abbreviated visit in Jerusalem, and opposition mounded. For his own safety, the brothers brought him to Caesarea and dispatched him toward the city of his youth, Tarsus of Cilicia (Acts 9:29-30; 22:17-21). He passed through Syria to the north and turned westward across Cilicia, arriving at Tarsus (situated about ten miles off the Mediterranean Coast). While working in this area, he still remained unknown to the churches of Judea. They knew him mostly by his bloody reputation. However, they had heard of his conversion and glorified God for it (v.23). Paul is making the point that he was far removed from association with the other apostles; his ministry did not depend in any way on them.

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Then God said, “Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.” God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1: 20, 21



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Flesh Versus Spirit in Esther



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Our God can not be caught off guard. He wrote the bible before he brought forth man in the garden. In the story of Esther, God continues the pattern of mercy and grace. The battle between God and Lucifer continues in the lives of our villains and heroes.

Enter Mordecai. The descendant of Kish, back to the son of the right hand, Benjamin. He is in our story because of Gods' grace over King

David's life.

King Saul was chosen by men in Israel. David was chosen by God in his gentile mothers' womb. Saul failed to do what God said, while David did only what God said. Saul is a descendant of Benjamin. David is the descendant of Judah and the authorized line of Jewish kings.

Saul failed God, while David is a man after Gods own heart. Saul would persecute David and chase him in the wilderness for many years after David was anointed by Samuel to replace man's choice, King Saul.

David showed mercy to Saul's descendant Shimei. Saul allowed Agag to live after God told him to put the Amalakite's to the sword. Every man, woman, and child. Agag is the great grandfather of our villain Haman. The Amalakite's are descended from Israel's most ancient enemy, Esau. Jacob, I have loved, Esau I have hated. These are the words of our God. He is sovereign. He expects obedience when he gives us a mission. He is omniscient and knows every thought of man before we think them. Saul walked with man, while David walked wholly with Gods' plan of redemption.

David's Mercy led to grace in the life of Shimei. David understood Gods' sovereignty over the lives of men. Israel was the nation through which God would bring our messiah into the world. He was anointed to be their King and to show the mercy and grace of God. Mordecai is our hero because David showed mercy to Shimei, thus saving the bloodline of Benjamin.

Haman is our villain because Saul failed God and Israel. The word Amalakite transliterates from Hebrew to English as antisemite. Interesting paradox, how two sons who shared their mother's womb as twins, could have such different lives. Once again, the sovereignty of God is on full display.

God knew history in advance. He knew the majority of the body of Christ, would move away from sound Hebrew interpretation techniques taught by the prophets of old, in the pages of the Old Testament. He knew Esau would be the progenitor of the people calling themselves Palestinian. He knew King Herod was the descendent of Haman. The Edomites have and will always persecute the Jews until Messiah establishes the millennial kingdom in Jerusalem.

Why has God illustrated his plan of redemption through people groups? The answer lies in the knowledge of God's greatest jealousy. As creator, our God is most jealous over his attribute as sole creator. To know God as creator, is the key to understanding who was crucified for the sins of man.

The true worship of God in antiquity, revolved around the knowledge that he alone is sovereign over the affairs of creation. Ever wonder why Jesus Christ was able to calm the wind and speak the sea into absolute obedience to his word? Because Jesus Christ as God is sovereign over the creation. It was the trinity who created our world. True monotheism is to understand mercy and grace from God's perspective.

Why does God say he hated Esau in the womb? Esau is the son of Isaac and Rebekah. Where did Isaac hail from? The answer contains the

clue to what has been going on in our world since Eve first responded to Satan by questioning the sovereignty of God's word. Creation worship began with Eve when she believed the created fallen angel Lucifer. He is the Nachash, or, serpent in the garden.

God's war is with those who purvey in creation worship. God created four thing's men falsely worship. The Heavens, The earth, angels, and other men. Prostitution in God's eyes is to worship things he created more than worship him as creator. Every deity worshipped by the ancestors of Abraham, can be traced to the perversion of creation at the tower of Babel. All religions emanated from Babel.

At Babel fallen angels began to again reproduce with human daughters. They created fertility cults for the worship of women as goddesses. They convinced these cults to worship the sun, the moon, and the 12 constellations of stars God placed in the heavens to tell his plan of redemption. Haman is the descendant of people in Canaan who began the worship of the moon god at Jericho.

Lucifer has a pattern of who he exalts as kings over men. God alone tells him who he can use, and it is always for God's purpose even when we think God would use these pagan peoples.

God's thoughts are never man's thoughts. That is why he gave us the characters of the Old Testament. To prove the war for our souls has always involved the perversion of God's infallible word. It is only in the pages of the Old Testament that we can learn if what our preacher teaches is actually wholly scriptural.

You can- not interpret the New Testament properly, without understanding the lessons of allowing priests to teach you more than God can with his word. We are all without excuse. We became the sons of Haman when we began to practice replacement theology first practiced by moon worshippers in Canaan and continued though the modern Edomites at odds with God's plan of redeeming his people, Israel.

Isaiah 28;6 reveals how God hid his entire message over two testaments. The Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament, and the New Testament is concealed in the Old Testament. From the mouth of two witnesses God perfects praise. This is an allusion to proper interpretation techniques used by Jesus Christ when he wrote the Bible in eternity past.

In the beginning was the Word, or in Greek, Logos, and the Logos was with God, and the Logos was God. That Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us, and all for the purpose of dying to pay humanities sin debt.

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

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

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

Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five countries on five continents and all but two states while serving in the military.

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

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	NOTICE TO CREDITORS	Case Number P-19-22
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In the matter of the Estate of **VIOLET VEREEN HALL**
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2022, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of VIOLET VEREEN HALL who died on the 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents, and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

- (1)
 - (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2022

DAVID E. HALL
EXECUTOR

ANGELA R. ANDERSON
Clerk and Master

KATIE VANWITZENBURG
Deputy Clerk

Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	NOTICE TO CREDITORS	Case Number P-16-22
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In the matter of the Estate of **SUSAN A ROMAN- RAIFORD**
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of MARCH 2022, Letters of Testamentary in respect to the Estate of SUSAN A ROMAN- RAIFORD who died on the 28TH day of SEPTEMBER 2021, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents, and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

- (1)
 - (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 21ST day of MARCH 2022.

MICHAEL W. RAIFORD
Executor

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