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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Mimi, Pap, and me went exploring our neighborhood. I was so excited! I went sniffing every single

yard.

I would have ran ahead if it wasn't for that ol' leash and harness that Mimi puts on me when, we are out on the road. She says she does it so I won't get squished.

Well, we finally made it to the most beautiful yard with all these pretty flowers and green, fluffy grass.

You know how it is, when you get excited and you all of the sudden have to do your business? Well it hit me. I usually tell Mimi when I have to go but, I didn't have time. So what did I do? I did my business in the corner of the most awesome yard.

Well, the lady of the house saw me. She yelled, "I would appreciate it if you wouldn't let that dog do that in my yard." Mimi and Pap were so embarrassed. Mimi already had a poo bag, opening it up. She

told the lady she was sorry and didn't know I was going to do it but, had a bag and was picking it up.

Mimi keeps the bags on the leash. So if I leave my business, that she calls Tootsie Rolls, she and Pap are always prepared to pick it up. They never leave it laying around for someone to step in. Mimi says that is rude and nasty when people don't pick up their dogs business.

Mimi said she was going to leave a card in the lady's mailbox, apologizing for me dropping a tootsie roll in her yard. Pap told her that she better not because someone would think she was a mailbox pirate, stealing Amazon packages.

So if the neighbor lady is reading this...I'm so sorry I left a "tootsie roll" on your pretty grass. Mimi and Pap did pick it up. I promise we are good neighbors and apologize for making a bad first impression.

For more of my Pet Perspectives, Like and Follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

American Legion Post 149

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Undated Events

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Morgan County Republican Party

Cover Photo by Terry Futrell

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 Take-outs, previously conducted on the first Thursday of

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11 SPRING BREAK	12 SPRING BREAK	13 SPRING BREAK	14 SPRING BREAK	15 GOOD FRIDAY
18 Breakfast Pancake on a Stick Juice Lunch Mini Corn Dog or Nuggets Tater Tots Broccoli & Cheese Garden Salad Fresh Veggies & Dip Strawberry Blueberry Cup	19 Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Fruit Parfait Lunch Mandarin Chicken Noodle Steamed Rice Steamed Vegetables Garden Salad Side Kick	20 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Berry Cup Lunch Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Strawberry Shortcake	21 Breakfast Steak Biscuit Banana Lunch Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese Frito Chili Pie Lettuce, Tomatoes Cheese, Onions Steamed Corn, Garden Salad Fruit Parfait	22 Breakfast Eggs, Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Smoothie Lunch BBQ or Hamburger on Bun Trimmings Baked Potato Wedges Baked Beans Tossed Salad Cool Tropics
25 Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Juice Lunch Pizza Steamed Corn Caesar Salad Fresh Veggies & Dip Fresh Berries Baked Cookie	26 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza, Cereal Fresh Fruit Lunch Chicken Sandwich Seasoned Fries Baked Beans Pasta Salad Tossed Salad Jell-O Cup w/ Fruit	27 Breakfast Mini Cinnamon Rolls Fruit Smoothie Lunch Eggs, Gravy & Biscuit Chicken or Sausage Potato Fresh Berries Fruit Parfait Bar	28 Breakfast Breakfast Burrito Banana Lunch Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Tossed Salad Hot Roll Berry Cup	29 Breakfast Peaches- N- Cream Waffle Lunch Mini Calzones or Mozzarella Cheese Dippers Cheese Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fresh Garden Salad Fruit

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Colleen May Hamby, 74

Colleen May Hamby, age 74, of Lancing went to her heavenly home surrounded by her family on Monday, April 11, 2022.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Burton & Darlene Vincent; brothers, Alfred & Jamie Vincent; sisters, Donna Bradshaw, Delores Hamby, Ann Smith and Sandra Osterhoudt.

She is survived by her family that loved her very much, husband Leland Hamby; children, Greg & Melinda, Todd & Leena, Cheryl & Ted; grandchildren, Ashley & Brandon, Hayley & JD, and Taylor; great grandchildren, Abigail, Eli & Delaney; brothers, Richard

Vincent & Don Brickey and several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and special friend Brenda Groom.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 8:00 p.m. with Rev. Jeff Price and Rev. Kelly Swint officiating. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. at Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Colleen May Hamby.

Bonnie Webb Bowling, 87

Bonnie Webb Bowling passed away April 8, 2022, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She was born May 10, 1934, to Ruby & Elihue Pemberton in Glenmary, TN.

She is survived by her daughters Debra Workman and husband John of SC., DeLois Skidmore and husband Richard of Robbins, TN., Glenda England of MI.; daughter-in-law, Sharon Webb Winters of GA., and 1 son Lionel Webb and wife Katrina of Wartburg, TN.; sisters, Wanda McNeely of AR., and Juanell Wartena of OR.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husbands Lloyd Webb, Gleason England, and Lester Bowling; 1 daughter Kathy Vanover and 5 sons Larry, Wayne, Leabert, George, and Lonnie Webb; 7 brothers and 2 sisters. She was a grandma, great grandma, and great-great grandma in addition

to nephews and nieces and their children.

Bonnie believed in God and attended church until her health prevented her from doing so. She had a love for flowers, travel, gardening, jigsaw puzzles and word search. She was a friend to all and all of those who loved and cared for her will miss her greatly.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. David Brewster and Rev. Dale Webb officiating. Graveside services will be Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Webb Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bonnie Webb Bowling.

Mary Elizabeth "Beth" McHaffie Coale, 38

Mary Elizabeth "Beth" McHaffie Coale, 38 of Oliver Springs passed away at home on April 2, 2022.

Beth was born March 20, 1984 to Rhonda Iverson and Mark McHaffie in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Beth was preceded in death by daughter Samantha Morgan Coale, nephews Matthew Harris and Cameron Jones, cousins Renee Bridges and Richard Welch, Aunt Tina Bell, Uncle Robert Adams, grandparents Mary Johnson, RL Koontz, Carl McHaffie and Bertha Stalsworth.

In addition to her parents, Beth is survived by her children Mindi Lynn Horner with husband and 3 children, Khloe Farver, Brylee McHaffie and Allie McHaffie, step-father Leland Iverson, sisters Michelle Moore, Melissa Shillings, Kylie McCarter, Taya Shillings and Mariah McHaffie. Special nephew Austin Robinson, special cousins Mark Bell and Shauna Hines, and many family and friends.

Beth grew up in Oliver Springs, playing sports in the community and attending Oliver Springs Schools. Her sense of humor and generous heart is something we will always remember her for. To tell her life, we must also tell of the unpleasant parts. Beth began experimenting with drugs in her teens using drugs to treat her depression and self image issues. After losing custody of her first born child, Dolly Lynn, Beth made the decision to change her life. She met and would marry Jesse "Justin" Coale and welcome a daughter, Samantha, into the world in 2004. Tragically, Samantha was killed in a vehicle accident in 2006 at just 2 years old and Beth sustained

serious injuries. This sent Beth into years of drug use to numb the pain from the trauma she endured. Her desire to be loved led to her being the victim of domestic violence and felt there was no way out. Many times she got clean and relapsed. In January she had the courage to leave that life behind and February 2022, Beth entered Cornerstone for Recovery and re-dedicated her life to God. In what would be her final days, Beth worked to repair relationships to make up for all the years away from her family and began putting her life back together. Through sober eyes Beth proudly watched her son play sports and her toddler daughter crawl and learn new things. She spent so many hours making her Mom laugh with her witty sense of humor and her personality that was so much like her Aunt Tina's. Beth hoped to rebuild relationships with those she loved, most especially her children, that was taken away when drugs consumed her life. Know that she loved each and every one of you even when she battled addiction. Beth wanted to show the world that through God recovery is possible and there is a life outside of addiction. Unfortunately, Beth suffered from several medical conditions, her body was tired and her heart stopped beating peacefully in her sleep. Her family is thankful for the time that they had her and find comfort in knowing she is reunited with her daughter Samantha in Heaven.

The family honored Beth's wishes of cremation and a Celebration of Life will be held privately.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mary Elizabeth "Beth" McHaffie Coale

Lynda C. Larue, 68

Lynda C. LaRue, age 68, of Rocky Top passed away April 11, 2022 at Summit View of Lake City.

She is preceded in death by her father, Johnny Brewster; brother, Johnny Michael Brewster.

She is survived by her only daughter Alicia Ellis and husband Kevin Ellis and her 3 precious grandchildren Justin Dale Ellis, Cody Derris Wayne Ellis, and Kaden Dewayne Ellis.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-6:00 p.m. EST with the funeral to follow at 6:00 p.m. EST with Bro. Jamie Brewster and Bro. Larry Brewster officiating. Graveside services will be Thursday at 11:00 a.m. EST at the Brewstertown Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lynda C. LaRue.

Helen P. Mize, 81

Mrs. Helen P. Mize, age 81, passed away peacefully Friday April 15, 2022, at Roane Medical Center in Harriman. Helen was born on November 22, 1940, in Morgan County, Tennessee.

Helen loved spending time with her boys – whether it was at the lake fishing, cooking one of her favorite meals or cheering them on at the races. She was also an avid gardener and loved to use the fresh vegetables from her garden to make canned goods for friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Arnold & Sophronia Potter. And her loving dogs whom she considered pals: Misty and Dazee.

She is survived by husband: J.D. Mize. Two sons: Scott & Kim of Franklin, and Jeff & Cindy of Harriman. Four grandchildren: Kelsey Gentry (Christian) of Fort Worth, TX, Caitlin Mize (Doyce of Tulia, TX, Peyton Mize of Columbia, TN,

and Baylee Mize of Harriman. Three great-grandchildren: Lillian, Colt and Ava. Two sisters: Hazel Dixon of Crossville and Bessie James of Harriman. On brother: Ralph Potter of Crossville.

The family will receive friends Tuesday April 19, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Davis Funeral Home in Harriman. Graveside services will be Wednesday April 20, 2022, at 11:00 AM in Roane Memorial Gardens in Rockwood with Bro. Vic Davis and Bro. Matt Cannon officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude's.

Davis Funeral Home, Harriman, is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Helen Mize during this difficult time.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.davisfuneralhomes.com.

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Remembering Lancing and its Local Artisans



Michael Nance
Columnist

Growing up near the town of Lancing I recall thinking how rural the area was and almost devoid of the commercial amenities available in towns like Oak Ridge or Harriman, Tennessee. My father worked in Knoxville, and I helped him in the summers, so I had more exposure to the big cities than most of my schoolmates. Now looking back, I recall a completely different town and recognize that my views were flawed to say the least.

One item that immediately come to my mind is the availability of real mechanical craftsmanship within the community. Lloyd Paxton operated a garage with his sons Lloyd Allen and Jimmy. There was always a crowd of men at the garage with a hood of a car opened working to fix some illusive mechanical problem. There was literally no automotive problem that could not be solved under the direction of Lloyd Paxton. The trio had a real passion for stock car racing, and I could fill up many pages of an article concerning some of their dangerous but mutually entertaining exploits. There was one real burden that a customer could encounter at the Paxton's shop, and I faced this challenge many times in my youth. If you had a Ford automobile, you had to brace for harassment at the expense of Henry Ford.

Another great resource the citizens of the Lancing Community had at their disposal was a first-rate welding shop. Junior (shorty) Hurst, Bissel Hurst and his son Waldo all worked a welding shop just east of the old railroad crossing of Highway 62. Junior was a talented welder who in his career had worked in some of the toughest environments for welders, often on machinery and devices that required the greatest amount of skill. The trio could literally make something out of almost nothing and were often a great source of entertainment.

If plumbing was your problem, there was always one person who got the call, Clifton Hines. Clifton was a big burly man who seemingly had unlimited knowledge of plumbing and water well

pumps. When your water well pump lost its prime, or just flat went paws up, it was a real morale killer for the household. I vividly remember carrying water from a creek bringing it to Clifton in order to prime our well pump at home. Often these problems happened at the most inopportune times, but he always arrived shortly after receiving the call.

My grandfather, Stobert Nance was a local carpenter who lived just outside Lancing on Shady Grove Road. He had worked on the railroad for over a decade in his younger years and after returning from the life of a traveling railroad worker, he became a well-respected carpenter of the area. I can still remember as a small boy asking him. "Why do you have that

tious about asking about his tools! Even the most troublesome problems in the community were solved close to home.

If you were digging a foundation, or a grave and encountered rock, a solution was just around the corner. No, it wasn't going to the Rent-A-Center and renting a jackhammer, rather a quick call to Lum Webb and sons. There is a plethora of stories of Lum and especially his son Doug blasting rock with dynamite to remedy the issues of local families. These events were also dangerous, but entertaining. On one occasion a local family asked Lum if he could blast a stump near where a house was being built and he and his son Doug gladly accepted the challenge. In about

10 minutes and one large BOOM the stump airlifted and politely landed 40 feet on the other side of the house. Without any fanfare the father and son team displayed all of the confidence of a job that went to plan, but many suspect they may have loaded just a bit too much explosive in this case!

One thing that was a problem in Lancing was the approach up Shady Grove Road on Kubley's Hill. I recall several times in the snow and ice riding with my father or grandfather attempting to negotiate this hill.

With the benefit of age, I now recognize that the small community of Lancing was just that, a real community. The underpinnings of that statement infer that Lancing was a community that was able to solve almost every need of its citizens. No matter what the problem you encountered there was always someone in the community that could help, and honestly how much money you had or the clothes that you were

wearing had no effect on

the service you received. Only now do I realize that I grew up in a town that had something that the big towns did not have, a real sense of community.



L-R Denny Hickman, Lloyd Paxton- (Photo courtesy of Lloyd Allen Paxton)



Shady Grove Road at Kubley's Hill (Photo Submitted)

long board in your truck." His reply was telling, "you will see what that board is for this weekend." As it would turn out my grandfather kept a 12' foot 2 x 4 strapped to his truck and it was used to squeegee the surface of concrete. After spending a day finishing concrete, I was always cau-

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George Orwell, 1984

Please think long and hard before you vote in the upcoming election. Choices have Consequences.



Jerry Zorsch
County Commission 5th (Sunbright)
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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#9. District 11 Map 086 Parcel 13.00 Minimum Bid: \$2,317.17
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- Property #20. District 7 Map 071 Parcel 20.00 Minimum Bid: \$7,317.17
- Property #18. District 10 Map 156 Parcel 005.00 Minimum Bid: \$3,328.66
- Property #16. Map 161 Parcel 017.00 Minimum Bid: \$11,601.75
- Property #99. Map 148 Parcel 061.00 Minimum Bid: \$3737.42
- Property #98. Map 073 Parcel 015.00 Minimum Bid: \$564.37

The Morgan County Government will be taking SEALED BIDS on each property until 10 A.M. April 21, 2022. As of 10 A.M. April 21, 2022, the highest bid will be considered. The minimum bid price is seen above next to each property. This is the amount the County has invested in paying fees and taxes for each property. According to the law, there is then a 10 day window when someone can bid 10% more than the highest bid for a property. These properties will be ran in the local newspaper(s) again, giving any citizen the opportunity to bid 10% higher than the highest bid. If such a bid is received, there will be a bid off for the property. If no such bid is received, the original highest bid will be considered for property ownership.

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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Sandra Helton's weekly column
Oakdale Area News
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I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. I hope those that had spring break last week had a good week.

Kinley and Sophia Hamby were also here. Another good time with family.

Wanda Powers celebrated her birthday Thursday, April 14. Her good friends, Bobbie Smith and Susan Summers honored her with lunch at Six Blessings the day before. Lunch was followed by cake and ice cream. Happy belated birthday Wanda!

Mariah Elise Redmon celebrated her 1st birthday with family and friends at The Barn on Saturday, April 16. Mariah is the daughter of Caleb and Keeli Redmon. Her grandparents are Chris and Missy Redmon and Keith Helton. Her great grandparents are Junior and Shirley Ruppe, Fayette Helton and Bobby Jackson and her great great grandmother is Irene Helton.

Happy Birthday today, April 19, to my Uncle Tom Bingham, my good friend Valerie Mathis and one of our all-time favorite guys, Joshua Smith. Wishing each of you a great day.

Oakdale Public Library will have BINGO for adults Wednesday, April 20 from 10:30 – 11:30. Bring a friend for some fun.

Our niece Heather DeVaney will celebrate her birthday Thursday, April 21. Happy Birthday Heather.

Cheyenne and Caroline Sirmans, along with their parents, Matt and Gina, visited the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga during Spring Break. They saw a fairly astonishing array of fresh water creatures and Cheyenne had a butterfly land on her head! They had a great time.

Happy Birthday to Randy Chapman who will celebrate his birthday on April 22 and to Alan Jones and Kinley Hamby who will celebrate their birthdays on April 23.

On Friday, I traveled to North Carolina to meet our daughter Valerie. Our granddaughter Maura came home with me and is spending her spring break in Oakdale. Before returning home, we visited the House of Mugs in Collettsville, NC. It is a very unique place way off the beaten path. We met the owner and thoroughly enjoyed our time there. After we parted ways with Valerie, Maura and I stopped at the CO-OP in Waynesville to see Frederick Shelton. Then we stopped at a campground to visit with Janine Shelton and Elaine, Sarah and Luke Hensley. We decorated some eggs while there. We are thankful for safe travels and the opportunity to see some family.

Ava, Landry and Sawyer Smith enjoyed spending part of spring break in the Smoky Mountains with their parents, Stanley and Bridget Smith. They hiked to Abrams Falls, Laurel Falls and Clingmans Dome. They drove through Cades Cove and Roaring Forks Motor Trail. They saw turkeys, deer, momma bears and cubs. They also saw some cold temps and snow. The girls enjoyed some shopping and Sawyer enjoyed a day of riding go carts with his dad. A highlight of their trip was the UT/TTU Baseball Game at Smokies Stadium.

On Saturday, Cady and Ezri Chapman and Clara and Hattie Ruppe had an Easter Egg Hunt at our house. Maura and I hid 60 eggs, 4 different colors and each girl was given 1 color to find. As I write this column, 1 egg is still missing. Amy Chapman, Kayla Ruppe, Tabitha,

Taylor, Liam and Kelsey Smith enjoyed a short trip to Pigeon Forge with their parents, Will and Kristy Smith. They stayed in a cabin. They watched the baseball Vols, did some shopping, rode go carts and walked around Gatlinburg. They rode a mountain coaster for the first time and found it to be fun. They did a family escape room, played putt putt and the kids enjoyed Top Jump with trampolines

and rock climbing.

This is an election year. Make sure you are registered to vote!!

If April Showers Bring May Flowers.....We Should Have a Beautiful May! - Sandra Helton

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. A limited number of Ms. Dolly's fried pies will be available to purchase. 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.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jeannie Powers who passed away Thursday, April 14. She was the daughter of the late Raymond and Shirley Powers. Her brothers were the late Dennis and Dewayne Powers. She is survived by her daughter and son in law, Christy and Dolan Sandifer and her grandchildren Jacob Roberts and Leah Sandifer. Services are private.

Letter To The Editor:

Oakdale Area Volunteer Fire Department will host their first fund raiser in over three years on Saturday, April 23. The pulled pork/bbq dinner and silent auction will be held at Pine Orchard Community Center from 3:00 – 7:00. The cost of the meal will be \$6. Carry out will be available.

Ms. Dolly's fried apple pies will be for sale. Auction items include but are not limited to attraction tickets including Smokies Baseball, Wonderworks, Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, Tennessee Aquarium, The Muse and Ober Gatlinburg. Restaurant gift certificates include Cracker Barrel, Texas Roadhouse, Bojangles, Dunkin Donuts, Gondolier and Downtown Pizza. There are many other items including jewelry, tools, baked goodies, t-shirts and car washes.

OAVFD would like to thank everyone who has already donated to the auction and those who have volunteered to provide sides and desserts for the meal. Community support is very important. OAVFD looks forward to seeing everyone Saturday, April 23 for a time of food and fellowship.

Sincerely,

Oakdale Area Volunteer Fire Department.



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A King's Ransom: Chapter 4



Carol Hall
Author

The courtyard they entered was huge. In the center was an expansive grassy area surrounded by large, stone buildings reaching high into the sky. Several arched doorways exited off the common area leading to places Bronwyn could only imagine.

Her jaw dropped as she gazed up at the tall, stone turrets that stood erect in each corner of the castle. She marveled at the large, long windows that seemed like black, gaping holes leading to nowhere.

She was still surveying the castle when the soldier she was riding with suddenly reined in his horse. Bronwyn's attention snapped back to what was happening around her.

A small group of guards had entered the courtyard on foot

from one of the many doorways. They quickly made their way to the group of soldiers, blocking their path.

"Halt," the man in front of the group called out. "What is your business?"

"It is I," said the lead soldier, removing his helmet. "Sir Gamel. I have returned from collecting taxes in the northern region."

"Aye," said the man on foot, nodding up to him. "The king's been waiting for you."

The soldiers all began to dismount, including Bronwyn's captor. She swung her leg over the back of the horse preparing to jump down when his strong hands encircled her waist, lowering her to the ground.

"Behave yourself now, Missy," he growled in her ear. "There will be no kicking or biting, you hear?"

Bronwyn threw him a scathing look over her shoulder.

As she began straightening her skirts, the lead guardsman sauntered over to them. With a carnal look on his face, he raked his eyes over her from head to toe in a slow, methodical way. The look on his face made Bronwyn's skin crawl.

"What have we got here?" he asked.

Bronwyn was surprised when her captor stepped in front of her and gave the man a sharp look. "She's to be a ward of the king's, and my responsibility, until I turn her over."

"Ahhh," the man drawled in disappointment. "Someone couldn't pay their taxes, huh?"

"Yeah," her captor said. "That's right. She'll be paying off her debt to the king for years to come."

Both men laughed. Bronwyn felt her stomach tighten. Would it really be years? Why did it take so long to work off your debt to the king? She thought it would only be a few short months. A sickening feeling landed in the pit of her stomach.

"Well, take her inside," the man said. "The handmaid will need to get her ready, I suppose."

"Ready for what?" Bronwyn asked.

"To meet the king, of course," her captor answered, snidely.

Bronwyn didn't have a chance to respond as a small group of boys suddenly appeared and began leading the horses out of the courtyard. Bronwyn noticed that most of them couldn't have been any older than ten or twelve. Were these kids wards of the king as well? Or were they sons of the soldiers and guards? She watched as they skillfully maneuvered several horses at a time across the field and disappeared through one of the wide doorways.

The soldiers all seemed to scatter in different directions, including their leader, Sir Gamel. He snatched a large, leather bag from his horse's saddle as one of the boys took hold of the reins and began to lead the horse away. Bronwyn imagined the bag was full of the plunder they had gotten from the villagers. As she watched him tuck the bag under his breast plate, she wondered how many of the other villagers hadn't been able to pay. Did Garrick's father pay the fee? What about Mr. Mowbray? She hadn't noticed anyone else being dragged off by the soldiers, so she figured they had all been fortunate enough to have gathered up the necessary funds needed.

"Come on," her captor said, grabbing her by the arm, bringing her thoughts back to the current situation. "Time to get you all prettied up."

Bronwyn stumbled several times as he hastily strode across the grounds toward one of the doorways. His legs were twice as long as hers, and she was having a hard time keeping up with his strides.

"What's going to happen to me?" Bronwyn managed to ask between gasps for breath and being jerked along.

"You'll find out soon enough," he said, evading her question.

He drug her through one of the tall, stone doorways that led into a long hallway. The temperature dropped a few degrees once they were inside the castle walls. Flaming torches hung in heavy, wrought iron brackets every few feet. The flickering blazes cast the long, stone tunnel in a soft, yellow light that gave the impression of warmth despite the coolness of the air. Bronwyn noticed how damp and chilly it was though. The cold seemed to seep into her bones and raise goose flesh on her arms.

They rounded a corner where the tunnel came to an abrupt end at a large, wooden door. Thick, metal hinges attached it to the stone wall, and a heavy, black latch kept it closed.

Lifting the latch, her captor swung the door open and shoved her inside.

Bronwyn surveyed the room she had been thrust into. It was circular in shape with a high ceiling. On the wall across from the door was a huge fireplace, which warmed the room and also offered up much needed light.

Before Bronwyn could react, her captor placed his hand on the small of her back and shoved her forward a few steps.

"Marta will take care of you from here," he said, gruffly.

He stepped out of the room, pulling the door closed behind him. Bronwyn heard the unmistakable sound of the latch slide back into place. She knew she was locked in and would not be able to leave the room of her own accord.

"Hello?" she called out cautiously, looking around the room.

A side door opened, and a young woman about her own age stepped through.

"Hello," she said, stepping closer to Bronwyn. "My name's Marta. I'll be helping you this evening."

Feeling nervous and a bit frightened, Bronwyn took a few steps backward. She groped behind her until she felt the hard, wooden door beneath her fingertips.

"You don't have to be afraid," Marta said. "I'm not going to hurt you."

Bronwyn swung around and grabbed the door handle, giving it a jiggle, but it didn't open.

"What's your name?" Marta asked. Bronwyn turned around and faced the girl.

"Bronwyn," she said, around a catch in her throat. "Bronwyn Dumont."

"It's nice to meet you, Bronwyn," Marta smiled at her.

Bronwyn visibly relaxed some, but was still on edge. What was going on here? What was Marta supposed to help her with? Why was she dragged down to this tiny, dark room that didn't have a single window?

"Is this the dungeon?" Bronwyn asked, a tremor in her voice.

Marta laughed, "No, silly. It's one of the rooms where you'll be cleaned and scrubbed to prepare for seeing the king."

"Cleaned and scrubbed?" Bronwyn asked. "Why do I need to be cleaned and scrubbed?"

"The king inspects each one of his new wards," Marta said. "He won't see you unless your presentable."

Bronwyn looked down at herself and shrugged. Well, she was mess, she had to admit. Her skirt was torn and stained, and she had mud caked on her feet. Running her hands through her hair, she felt the tangles twist around her fingers.

"I guess I am quite a sight," she admitted. "But if I'm only here to work off my debt, why does it matter what I look like?"

"The king insists," Marta said. "He doesn't like to meet his new wards if they're dirty and scroungy. It's my job to help get you clean and put you in some new clothes."

Marta took a step toward Bronwyn.

Bronwyn took a step backward and held up her hands in front of her.

"Stop," she warned Marta. "What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to help you get undressed so you can take a bath," Marta said, looking at Bronwyn with a confused look on her face. She pointed to the corner of the room where a large tub full of water sat. "Haven't you ever bathed before?"

"No," Bronwyn said, looking at the tub suspiciously. "What's in the water?"

"Just some rose petals," Marta said. "They make your skin soft, and they smell good."

"You expect me to get undressed in front of you and get into that tub of water?" Bronwyn asked, aghast.

"Um, yes," Marta said. "How else are you supposed to get clean?"

"I can do it myself, thank you," Bronwyn said, still eyeing the tub of water. "I don't need any help."

"Sorry," Marta said, looking apologetic. "But you don't have a choice. And neither do I. If I don't help you, then it's the dungeon for me. The king demands that you be spotless from head to toe, and due to past experiences of peasants not knowing how to properly clean themselves, I've been given the job to oversee the process and help where needed."

"I know perfectly well how to clean myself," Bronwyn said, angrily. "I've washed before."

"But you've never taken a bath before," Marta reminded her. "It's more thorough than just dousing some water over yourself and calling yourself clean. We need to scrub every inch of you from top to bottom."

Bronwyn stared at her like she'd lost her mind. "You mean, you have to scrub me? You have to wash me from head to toe?"

"I have to help, yes," Marta said. "To make sure you do it right."

Bronwyn stormed over to the tub and looked down into it. She stuck her finger in the water and was amazed to find it warm.

"It's warm," she said, turning to look at Marta.

"Well, yes," Marta said, the look of confusion on her face again. "It would be horrible to sit in if it was cold."

Bronwyn splashed the water around with her hand for a moment. The water felt toasty and comforting. As she stirred the water, the scent of freshly cut roses filled the air.

"If you'd just let me help, we could get it over with a lot quicker," Marta said. "It really is a nice experience. You'll love the warmth of the water, and being scrubbed actually feels pretty good."

Marta leaned over and grabbed a small, square piece of cloth off of a stool that sat at the end of the tub. "I'll be washing you with this," she said, handing the cloth to Bronwyn.

Taking the rag from Marta, Bronwyn rubbed it between her fingers. The fabric was slightly rough, but not abrasive.

"See?" Marta said. "It won't hurt you. I don't scrub too hard."

Bronwyn looked skeptically at Marta, but eventually nodded her head in consent. "Ok, fine," she said. "Let's get this over with."

A broad smile stretched across Marta's face. "Great," she said. "Let me grab the soap while you undress."

"Keep your back turned till I'm in the water," Bronwyn said. "Don't be looking at me."

Marta chuckled. "Of course," she said. "But I'll be seeing all of you anyway once I start to clean you."

"I...well...whatever," Bronwyn stuttered. "But I still don't want you seeing me undress."

"Suit yourself," Marta said.

Bronwyn stripped out of her soiled, stained clothes and dropped them on the floor. Throwing a glance at Marta to make sure she wasn't looking, she slipped into the tub. As she sat down, the warm water lapped over her in a gentle wave. She slid down under it until everything but her head was covered. The water felt soft and pleasant against her skin.

"Ok," she said to Marta. "I'm in."

Marta turned around and laughed. "I've never seen anyone as prudish as you."

"Well, I'm not used to having other people see me naked," Bronwyn said, defensively.

"Most people aren't," Marta said. "But the thought of a warm bath usually makes them a lot less self-conscious."

"I'm not self-conscious," Bronwyn argued. "Just...well...modest, I guess."

"Whatever," Marta chuckled.

Bronwyn glared at Marta, but didn't say another word.

As Marta rubbed the small bar of soap into the washing cloth, Bronwyn got a good look at her. She was close to her own age. Her hair was dark brown and pulled back into a tight braid. Her dress was plain, but serviceable. But it was her eyes that got Bronwyn's attention. They were the brightest shade of violet she had ever seen. Marta may have been a little plain in her general appearance, but her eyes were arresting. They alone made Marta quite beautiful.

Once Marta laid the bar of soap aside, she held the cloth out to Bronwyn. "Start by scrubbing your face, neck and arms."

Bronwyn gingerly took the cloth from Marta's hands and held it up to her nose. The pungent scent of the soap caused her to scrunch up her face. "What is this made with?" she asked.

"The usual stuff, except we add chamomile and lavender to make it smell good," Marta said.

Bronwyn began rubbing the cloth over her face and arms. The tingling left behind let her know she was doing a good job, or so she thought.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

 * A good non-slip bathmat is essential in the tub to prevent accidents. Grab an extra one to drape over the edge of the tub for help when entering and exiting.

* "To remove residue left over from price tags, use hairspray. Remove as much paper as possible, and then give it a good squirt. Use a plastic scraper to lightly scrape off the adhesive." -- L.P. in Ohio

* "Guacamole is a precious commodity at my house, but sometimes I want a snack, not a whole bowl. I have struggled with how to save the leftovers, because once it browns, it's done. I learned a new trick, though. Simply put the leftovers in the smallest container possible and tamp down to press out all the air. Then carefully add a thin layer of water. Seal and refrigerate for up to three days. When you're ready to dip,

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Queen Elizabeth II is the only person in all of Britain allowed to legally drive without a license.

* Charles Darwin once conducted a study to discover whether more people with brown hair existed because they were more dependable and likely to settle down and get married. The results were inconclusive.

* In Australia, Speedos are called "Budgy Smugglers."

* In the 1940s during World War II, interest in continental knitting, or knitting with the yarn in one's left hand, decreased because of its origins in Germany, while English knitting, or knitting with the yarn in the right hand, gained popularity.

* Many of us will not be surprised to learn that approximately five months of a person's life is spent waiting in a car at red lights.

* Looking to retire at age 65? You might want to reconsider, as scientists have noted that employees should keep working until they turn 80, but the good news is that for optimal productivity, they should also only work 25 hours a week.

* The Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan denounced the Beatles as atheistic, and Klan members picketed the band's concerts during their 1966 U.S. tour.

* 7UP was originally called "Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda" and, until 1948, contained the mood-stabilizing drug lithium citrate. One theory claims its abbrevi-

ated moniker originated from its seven ingredients -- sugar, carbonated water, essence of lemon and lime oils, citric acid, sodium citrate and lithium citrate, with "UP" referring to the lithium-induced mood lift.

* Speaking of product name changes, L'Oreal was founded as the French Harmless Hair Dye Company.

* A 1991 study revealed that female politicians who employed Hollywood makeup artists were 30% more likely to win their elections. ***

Thought for the Day: "A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a detour." -- Anonymous

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Facts and figures
- 5 Bygone jet
- 8 Son of Seth
- 12 Latin love
- 13 Historic period
- 14 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 15 "No problem!"
- 17 Darkens
- 18 Skip
- 19 "Delicious" crop
- 21 Three, in Rome
- 22 Hold sway
- 23 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 26 Stitch
- 28 Justice Ruth -- Ginsburg

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- 35 Shriill barks
- 36 Toy (with)
- 38 Prattle
- 40 Make lace
- 41 Beer, slangily
- 43 Capote nickname
- 45 Black Sea port
- 47 Indigenous
- 51 Accomplishes
- 52 "Yes?"
- 54 Garfield's pal
- 55 Napoleon's
- 7 Early Mongolian
- 8 Bridge tactic
- 9 Aced a test
- 10 "My treat"
- 11 Lip
- 16 Partially mine
- 20 Tavern
- 23 Sprite
- 24 Book-spine abbr.
- 25 "In my view ..."
- 27 Witty one
- 29 Clean air org.
- 30 Trio after Q
- 32 Bridge supports
- 34 Short snoozes
- 37 Super Bowl stats
- 39 Unruly kid
- 42 Cut lumber
- 44 Of service
- 45 Scent
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- 48 Author Dinesen
- 49 Tarzan's com-muter line?
- 50 LAX guesses
- 53 Med. plan

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

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Astaroth in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. In Exodus 4, from what tribe of Israel did all priests come? *Judah, Ephraim, Levi, Manasseh*
3. From Matthew 7, upon what did the wise man build his house? *Bush, Sand, Rock, Sea*
4. Which book first accredited Jesus as the Prince of Peace? *Isaiah, Daniel, Luke, Romans*
5. What does the Epistle of Jude primarily warn against? *Stranger cruelty, Gossiping, False teachers, Lusting*
6. Who was the father of Moses? *Chemosh, Jacob, Marduk, Amram*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Levi; 3) Rock; 4) Isaiah 9:6; 5) False teachers; 6) Amram

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

Hello Dolly Snack Bars

I was always partial to the famous Hello Dolly Bars back in the day. Now, I can enjoy the flavors of those bars, but keep the fats and sugars in check! Who could ask for more?!

- 1/2 cups reduced-fat biscuit baking mix
- Sugar substitute to equal 1/2 cup sugar, suitable for baking
- 2/3 cup fat-free milk
- 2 tablespoons non-fat sour cream
- 1 egg or equivalent in egg substitute
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 1/4 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup flaked coconut

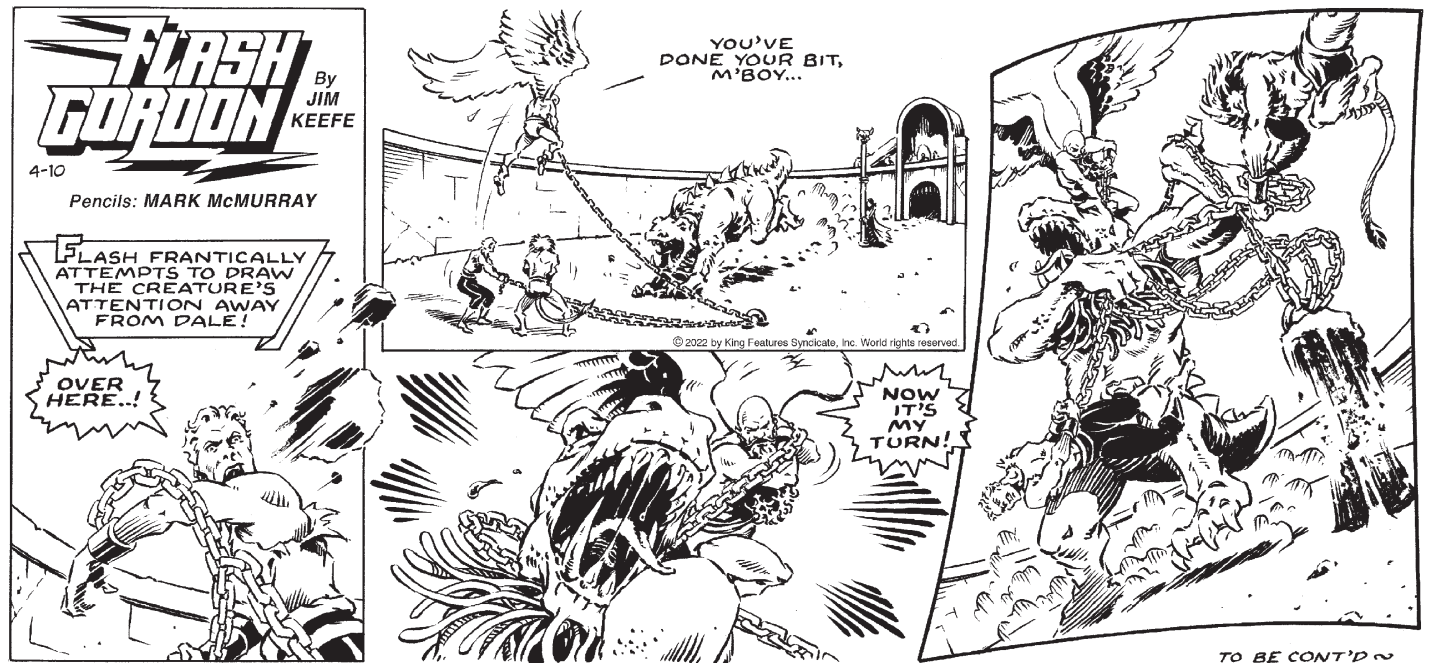
1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine baking mix and sugar substitute. Add milk, sour cream, egg and coconut extract. Mix gently just to combine. Fold in chocolate chips, pecans and coconut. Spread batter into prepared baking dish.

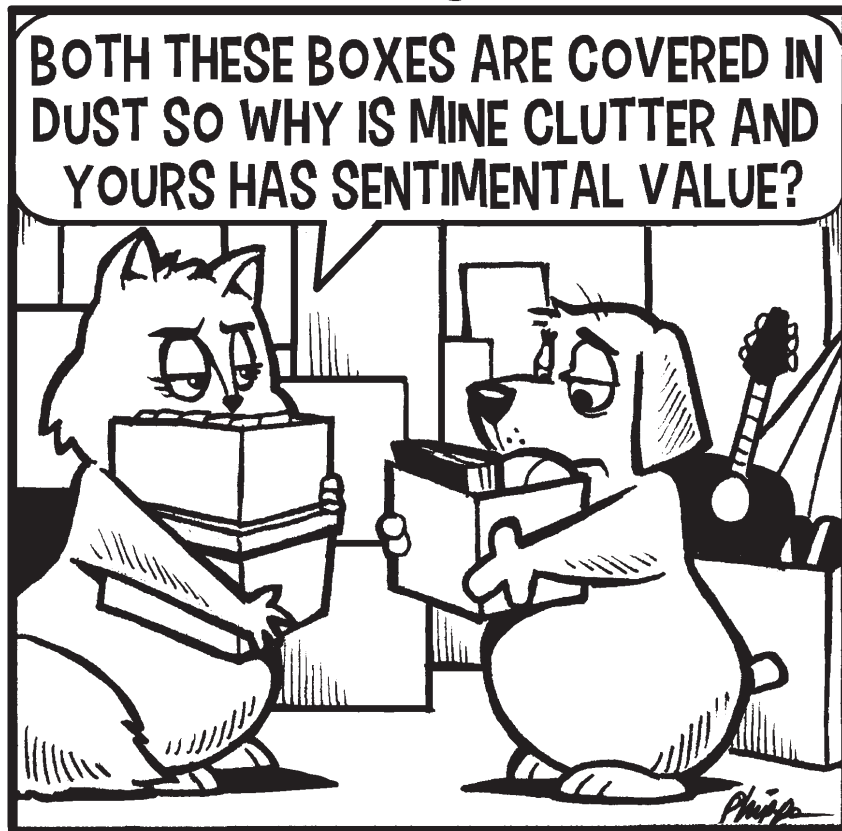
3. Bake for 20 to 24 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for at least 5 minutes. Cut into 24 bars. Makes 12 (2 bars each) servings. Freezes well.

• Each serving equals: 108 calories, 4g fat, 2g protein, 16g carbohydrates, 192mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1/2 Fat.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Where Russia Goes, Brutality Follows

Russia has found just the man to lead its ongoing assault on Ukraine, Gen. Aleksandr Dvornikov.

The top-level general takes over a war that had no single overall commander and as the Russian military has suffered embarrassing setbacks, retreating from its planned siege of Kyiv.

Dvornikov has led the Russian forces in the south and east of Ukraine, which Moscow will now make its main objective, and perfectly encapsulates the remorseless and long-running brutality of the Russian military.

He became known as the Butcher of Syria for his role leading the Russian campaign in Syria, most notoriously the reduction of Aleppo.

A United Nations human rights official called that city, after the Russians were done with it, “a slaughterhouse.” He depicted “a gruesome locus of pain and fear, where the lifeless bodies of small children are trapped under streets of rubble and pregnant women deliberately bombed.”

That ghastly description, of course, sounds all too familiar. Naturally enough, the Russian government honored Dvornikov for his bloody handiwork in Syria as a “hero of the Russian federation.”

Bucha is another tragic place name in a long catalogue of Russians atrocities -- perpetrated against foreigners and its own people, perpetrated when the Soviets struggled for control during their rule, and afterward, perpetrated with relatively primitive military technology and with the most up-to-date modern firepower.

Where the Russian military goes, war crimes are sure to follow. It is a reflection of a twisted Russian political culture that has never developed an appreciation for individual worth, democratic accountability, or humanitarian norms. Vladimir Putin is not to be confused with Lenin or Stalin -- he paints his horrors on a much smaller canvas. But his cold-eyed brutality is characteristically Russian.

For the last 100 years, Russia has been a brutalized and brutalizing country. It suffered nearly 3.5 million deaths in World War I, another 8 million dead in the Russian Civil War, and then 27 million more in World War II.

The founder of the Soviet state, Lenin, was a theorist and practitioner of “mass terror.” After the Revolution, the civil war between the Bolsheviks and their opponents was a series of atrocities. Then came the cataract of unspeakable violence in the death struggle with the Nazis.

The Red Army’s decisive march to Berlin at the end of the war was one long, pitiless war crime. The Russians raped 2 million German women. According to historian Antony Beevor, author of “The Fall of Berlin 1945,” one doctor believed that of 100,000 women raped in the city, 10,000 died as a consequence, many by suicide.

The English-speaking world features its share of shameful and brutal acts, but nothing on the mind-numbing scale of such depravities. And the crimes in the U.S. and elsewhere are looked back on with shame, whether slavery or the expropriation of indigenous people. In contrast, in the 21st century, when more civilized practices are supposed to have prevailed, Putin is adding more disgraceful blots to Russia’s woeful record.

What kind of force considers a hospital a legitimate military target? Terrorist groups -- and the Russian military.

In Syria a few years ago, Russia bombed four hospitals in 12 hours, a savage performance forecasting the treatment they’d mete out to Ukraine. According to The New York Times, Syrian health care workers believed that a United Nations “humanitarian deconfliction” list containing the locations of hospitals was used as a target list by Russian forces.

Of course, Russia leveled the city of Grozny in the late 1990s, killing thousands of civilians. Its soldiers raped and tortured. What the Russian lacks in planning and proficiency, it makes up in barbarity and utter disregard for humanity. War is hell, but almost all advanced nations try to keep it within some bounds of decency. Russia is an outlier. For it, the cruelty is the point -- and the reflexive practice.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Bake Super-Easy Soft Pretzels

Enjoy the smell and feel the warmth of something special baking in your oven this week. These Austrian-style soft pretzels are a healthy and satisfying snack dipped in yummy mustard or as a unique accompaniment to a big bowl of soup.

They also can be sliced in half while still warm for a tasty slider-style Reuben sandwich.

Making them is so easy, even your preschoolers can get in on the action, twisting and turning the soft dough. If you provide daycare in your home, the kids will keep busy creating their own shape or design for a unique treat fresh from their imagination. They are fun to make and bake at a birthday party or a sleepover, too.

My shortcut method uses prepared bread dough from the freezer section of your grocery store.

EASY SOFT PRETZELS

(Makes 12)

All-purpose flour for flouring work surface

- 1 pound frozen white or whole-wheat bread dough, thawed
- 1 slightly beaten egg white
- Coarse salt, sesame seeds, caraway seeds or cinnamon sugar for toppings
- Mustard, for dipping (optional)

1. Place the thawed dough on a floured cutting board or kitchen count-

er. Cut it into 12 equal pieces, and let the creativity begin.

2. Sprinkle flour on your hands and roll the pieces into a 1/2-inch thick by 18-inch-long rope. Hold the ends with two hands and flip it around and around like a jump rope to help lengthen it. For a standard pretzel design, make a U shape with the rope and set it on the surface. Hold each end of the U, cross the rope over and twist the ends around each other one time, leaving about 2 inches from the crossing point to the tips. Lift and press the ends onto the curved bottom of the U to form the pretzel. For a variation, make alphabet letter shapes or simple designs like a heart.



Get creative when shaping these soft pretzels. Even preschoolers can join in the fun.

3. Transfer pretzels to a greased or parchment paper-lined cookie sheet. Cover and allow to rise for about 20 minutes.

3. Preheat oven to 400 F. Let your child brush each pretzel with egg white and top with salt or other toppings.

4. Bake for about 15 minutes, or until browned. Cool slightly on a rack. Serve warm. Best if eaten the same day.

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

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

More VA Scammers Nabbed by OIG

The Department of Veterans Affairs investigative arm has been busy.

Thanks to the VA’s Office of Inspector General, a group of Georgia men have been convicted of stealing monthly Social Security and disabled veterans benefits and diverting them to their own accounts, starting in 2012. Some of the cash was put on prepaid credit cards and mailed to the creator of the scheme in Jamaica. Using personal information gathered from their victims, the scammers contacted the VA and Social Security to have the monthly benefit money redirected to their own accounts.

In all, 18 thieves were nabbed, and so far, they’ve been sentenced to over 600 months in prison. Several of them will be paying back \$1 million apiece in restitution. The maximum penalty for each could have been 30 years in prison. Unfortunately, it wasn’t.

Then there was the

Rhode Island woman (a VA employee) who held herself out as being a wounded Marine Corps veteran and ... you guessed it, a Purple Heart recipient. When will they ever learn? Genuine Purple Heart recipients are known. This particular thief forged military discharge documents (DD-214) and committed wire fraud for the purpose of cashing in on the benefits and help that would come to her. She used her personal VA email account to order a Purple Heart, which she wore on a Marine Corps uniform.

Then she started in on her cash collection endeavors, which included \$207,000 from the Wounded Warrior program; \$18,472 from another group for mortgage payments and a gym membership; and \$4,700 from a web fundraising for her alleged cancer, which she claimed she got from burn pits in Iraq.

Meanwhile, as her schemes and scams unfolded, she served as commander at the local VFW, wearing her uniform (and the Purple Heart) at many events. She was tripped up when she asked for more money from another organization, and someone thought to (finally) check her info in the VA database.

Nope, it didn’t exist.

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Historically Speaking

American POWs: “We must never forget their sacrifices”

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Here is Carolyn Krause’s second article in the two-part series on the stories Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Sharon Lee told and her concluding comments in her slide show recently presented virtually to the League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge.

As the proverb goes, “it’s not what you know but who you know” that often leads to a desired job and successful career. In many cases, who you know can inspire and drive you to learn more to increase what you know about certain topics. That has been true of Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Sharon Lee, whose father was a prisoner of war (POW) in Germany during World War II.

When she talked about him, she learned that some of her lawyer and judge colleagues also had fathers who were POWs in the 1940s during the world’s most devastating war. She did considerable research (books, military websites, National Archives, interviews) to learn more about these POWs, the conditions they endured and their lives after returning to the United States as members of the Greatest Generation. And then she shared her knowledge and stories about a dozen POWs with multiple audiences in her slide-show presentation “American Heroes with Common Bonds.”

Jewish prisoners of war were often separated from and treated more harshly than other POWs by Germans during World War II, Justice Lee told her League of Women Voters audience. “They had to wear dog tags marked with the letter ‘H’ for Hebrew.”

Consider the experience of Pvt. David Goldin, a Jew from Richmond, Va., who, according to Justice Lee, “was a POW for the shortest time but got the worst treatment of the five POWs” whose stories she told. His son Arnold Goldin serves as a judge on the Tennessee Court of Appeals. Goldin, who died in 2002 at age 91, was drafted into the Army on Mar. 9, 1944.

“He left his wife and son and fought in the Battle of the Bulge starting on Dec. 16, 1944, one of the largest and bloodiest battles ever fought by the U.S. Army,” the justice said. “Americans were outnumbered and caught off guard by the Germans’ surprise attack.” But the Allies won the battle and the Germans lost 120,000 people and lots of military supplies.

“When the battle ended on Jan. 25, 1945, nearly 20,000 American soldiers had lost their lives,” the justice said. “Some 47,000 were wounded and more than 23,000 soldiers were captured or missing in action. Goldin was captured on Jan. 8, 1945. The next 104 days would be the worst days of his life.”

Because of the relentless Allied bombing of German jet fuel supplies, the Nazi leaders sought to create a secret, underground synthetic fuel production facility near Berga in eastern Germany. The plan was to get forced labor to bore tunnels that would lead to an underground chamber where the aviation fuel could be made.

“Hitler ordered thousands of concentration camp prisoners to bore the tunnels,” the justice said. “But they were so weak they could barely work.” So, in violation of Geneva Convention rules, a plan was conceived to force Jewish-American POWs to perform the difficult tasks of digging through the hills on the banks of the Elster River.

Goldin and 350 other POWs were rounded up, packed into boxcars and taken on a five-day journey to Stalag IX-B in Bad Orb, Germany. There Jewish-American POWs were segregated before being removed to a labor camp near Berga.

On Feb. 13, 1945, Goldin and other Jews were marched up a hill to the labor camp. Its four one-story, unheated barracks had triple-deck bunks infested with bed bugs, fleas, lice and vermin. The POWs, including troublemakers and unlucky prisoners, as well as Jewish Americans, were forced to work in the tunnels 12 hours each day with little food and rest. The work in mine shafts as deep as 150 feet exposed them to considerable dust but they had no protective gear. If they slowed down, they were beaten.

Goldin kept a diary on a small scrap of paper using a silver fountain pen he was given at his bar mitzvah. On Feb. 19, his fifth day in the mine, he wrote, “Had a serious accident. Got hit by a large rock falling from the ceiling on top of my head and was knocked unconscious.”

“He had a compound skull fracture and was unconscious for four days,” Justice Lee said. “He returned

to work in the mine shaft nine days later without receiving medical attention.”

She said the American POWs were so desperately hungry that they stole food from the pockets of dead men. Goldin got some bread that he held securely in his pocket with his hand and then ate one small bite at a time.

Out of 350 men taken to Berga, 70 died in 69 days. Berga workers were required by Germans not to talk about the camp. POWs had to sign a security agreement that stated: “Some activities of American POWs within German prison camps must remain secret not only for the duration of the war but in peacetime as well.”

Asked why the Berga project was long kept a secret, Justice Lee said, “The Germans didn’t want Ameri-

cans to know how bad U.S. soldiers were treated.”

On April 4, 1945, Germans began to evacuate the prison camp as the Allies advanced on them. Two days later, 295 remaining prisoners, including Goldin, started on a death march that would last 19 days; 50 POWs died during the march.

On April 23, 1945, Goldin and other POWs were liberated by American soldiers. He was taken to a U.S. Army hospital in Germany. He kept the silver fountain pen for years and then gave it to his grandson at his bar mitzvah.

Bruce Foster left a promising law practice in Knoxville to join the U.S. Army to serve his country. His son, Bruce Foster Jr., is a Knoxville attorney.

Foster was captain of the 106th Infantry for the 122nd Regiment. After a year of training, he was sent to England in October 1944. His regiment entered combat on Dec. 10, 1944, as it guarded the American line in Belgium. On Dec. 16, 1944, the day that the Battle of the Bulge started, German soldiers surrounded his unit. Foster and his fellow soldiers became POWs.

“They were marched into Germany without food in the bitter cold,” Justice Lee said. “They were loaded into crowded boxcars and carried deeper into Germany.” On the night of Dec. 23, 1944, the boxcars were sitting idle in a Limburg railway yard when many of them were bombed by British airmen. But the boxcar Capt. Foster was in was spared.

He was then confined in a prison camp near Hammelburg. It so happened that General George Patton’s son-in-law, Lt. Col. John Waters, was held at that camp so the American military gave it special attention.

In March 1945, according to Justice Lee, Patton sent the 4th Armored Division to liberate the camp. “It was a poorly planned maneuver,” she added. “Patton denied ordering the move to free his son-in-law. A special unit opened the gate, asked for Waters, but had no way to transport all the prisoners out. Waters was shot in the raid and was in the prison hospital. The task force was ambushed and forced to surrender to the Germans.”

Capt. Foster was able to escape but was apprehended a few days later and became a POW again. He was incarcerated for five more months and then liberated in May 1945. He returned to his law practice in Knoxville and served his clients for the next 43 years until his death in 1988.

From all her research, Justice Lee came to this conclusion: “Once liberated these American heroes returned home very different yet very much the same. They had physical problems caused by the war that stayed with them the rest of their lives. They had emotional and mental scarring that never left them. While prisoners in camps, they were all cold, hungry and homesick. In the dark, lonely hours of the night, they wondered if they would ever see their families again.

“They returned home, they raised families, and they were hard-working, productive members of their communities.

“What were the common bonds that helped them endure and survive the war? They never gave in or gave up. They were determined to be reunited with their families. They had an enormous love for their country and their families. During the war they had seen so much death and violence that after that experience, each day was a gift. Each day was a great day that had to be lived to the fullest. They were grateful to be alive.

“They were forgiving, they did not harbor grudges or resentment. They were optimistic. They did not complain or whine. They did not waste food. They instilled in their children respect for their country and a desire to serve. They were true American heroes.”

Justice Lee said that the experiences of the Greatest Generation offer lessons for Americans today as we face adversity on a lesser scale. “We should face each day with optimism and hope and a determination to succeed and we must never forget the sacrifices that all our veterans have made for our freedom and liberty.”

Thank you Carolyn. Readers be looking for an upcoming article by Carolyn that will feature Tennessee prison camps for German prisoners of war during World War II.



Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Sharon Lee (Photo Submitted)



Private David Goldin (Photo Submitted)



Captain Bruce Foster (Photo Submitted)

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



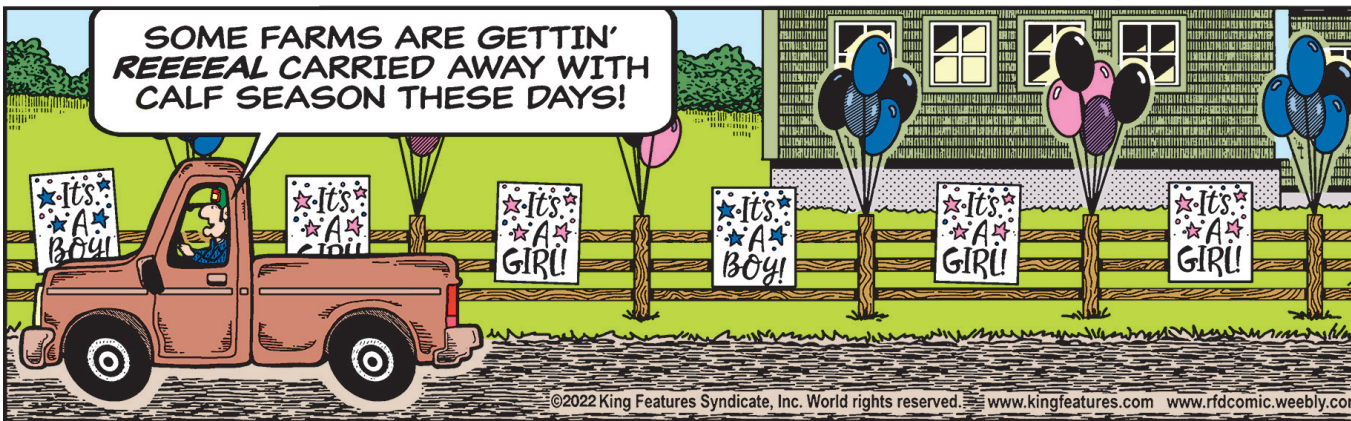
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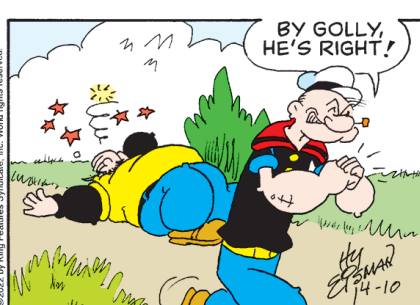
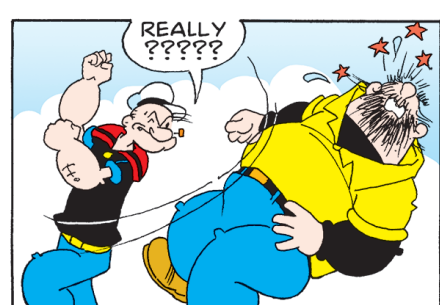
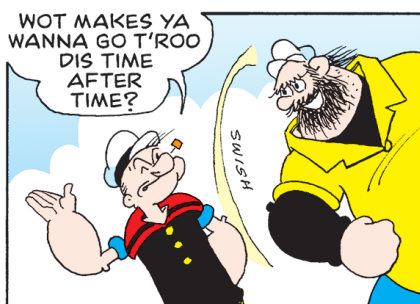
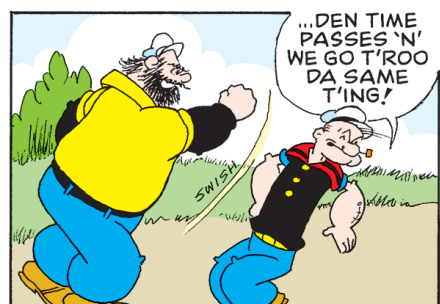
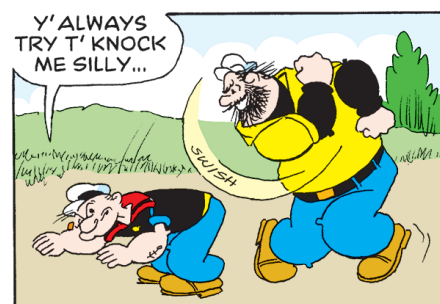
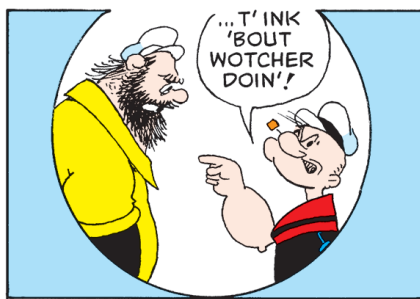
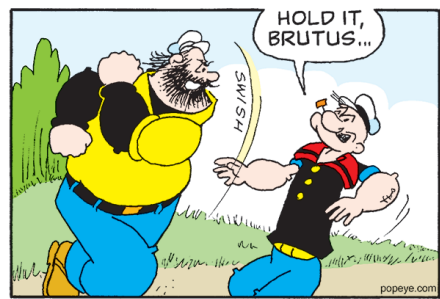
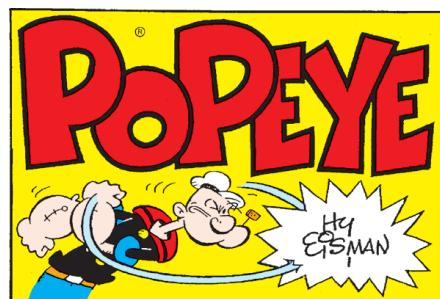
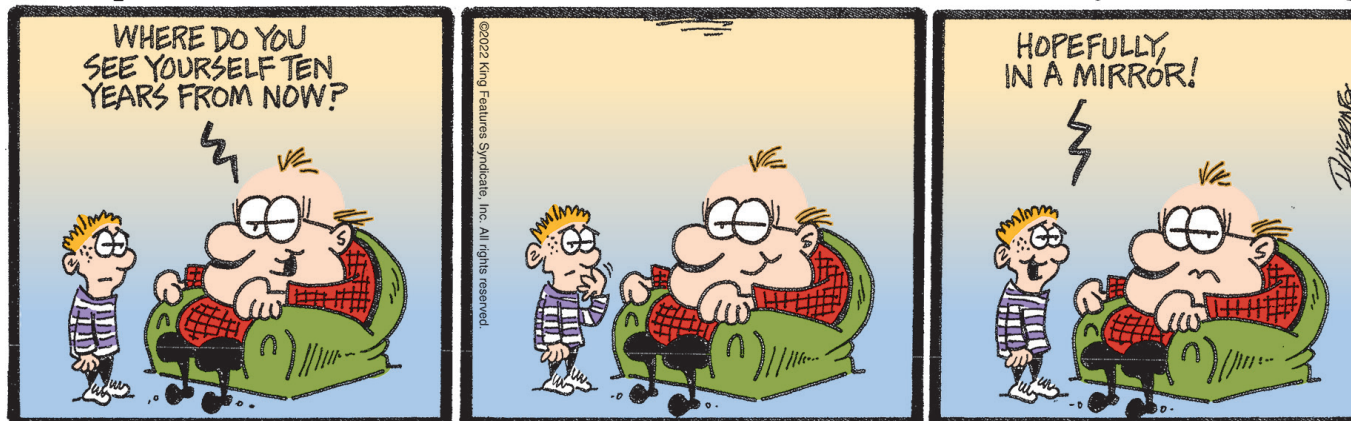
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by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On May 7, 1824, Ludwig van Beethoven's ninth and final symphony debuts at Vienna's Theater am Karntnertor. Having lost his hearing years earlier, the celebrated composer nonetheless appeared to conduct the first performance of his Ninth Symphony, while the real conductor stood in the wings. Beethoven was several bars off the actual music by the time the piece concluded.

* On May 5, 1904, Cy Young pitches the first perfect game in modern Major League Baseball history as the Boston Americans defeat the Philadelphia Athletics, 3-0. Young's perfect game was part of his then-record 45-inning scoreless streak.

* On May 4, 1916, Germany responds to a demand by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson by agreeing to limit its submarine warfare. However, on Feb. 1, 1917, Germany announced the resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare, and the United States formally entered World War I.

* On May 8, 1933, the first police radio system, connecting headquarters to patrol cars and patrol cars to one another, is installed in Eastchester Township, New York. The system consisted of one transmitter of 20 watts for the headquarters and two transmitters of 4.5 volts each for the two patrol cars.

* On May 3, 1952, a ski-modified U.S. Air Force C-47 becomes the first aircraft to land on the North Pole. Aboard the flight was Dr. Albert P. Crary, an American scientist who in 1961 traveled to the South Pole by motorized vehicle, becoming the first person in history to have stood on both poles.

* On May 2, 1972, Steven Spielberg begins filming "Jaws." The production, which used three mechanical sharks, enthralled audiences and grossed \$458 million in its theatrical release.

* On May 6, 1991, 51-year-old race car driver Harry Gant better his own record as the oldest man ever to win a NASCAR event in the Winston 500 in Talladega, Alabama.

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Midway Takes Two from Sunbright as Buckner Throws Perfect Game

By Terry Futrell

With several players out of town on spring break, including three starters, Sunbright Tiger Coach Kit Rogers did not have a lot of options as his team faced the tough Midway Greenwave in a Tuesday evening double-header.

Midway took the first game 14-0 behind the pitching of Braden Buckner, who threw a perfect game against the Tigers. Buckner pitched four full innings, striking out 11, with no hits and no walks. Buckner had the full support of his teammates, who hammered Sunbright pitcher Noah Bunch for 11 hits and 14 runs in three innings. Bunch walked six Midway batters, while striking out three.

Heavy hitters for Midway included Caiden Brewer (2 for 3 with two runs), Buckner (1 for 1 with two runs), Evan Lemons (2 for 3 with two runs), Ethan Melton (2 for 2 with three runs), and Rylan Brewer (2 for 3 with one run). Melton led off the second inning by hitting the ball over the left field fence. Lemons hit a 3-run homer in the bottom of the third, and Melton immediately followed suit by putting another one out of the park.

Midway took the run-rule victory 14-0 in three and one-half innings.

Finn Rogers took the mound for Sunbright in the second game, and Coleman Ellison toed the rubber for

Midway.

Midway took an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a single by Rylan Brewer. Sunbright got on the board in the bottom of the first when Bunch singled on a line drive to right field, scoring Houston Bryant.

Midway added one run in the top of the second, with Rogers limiting the Greenwave to one hit, a single by Travis Shaw. Sunbright put two batters on base who were hit by pitches in the bottom of the second but left them stranded with Midway leading 3-1.

Brewer singled in the top of the third and later stole home for Midway's fourth run. Sunbright went 3 up and 3 down in the bottom of the third and Midway's lead remained 4-0.

Midway batters Shaw, Holt Owens, and John Kevorkian singled in the top of the fourth. Add in a walk, three consecutive errors by the Tigers, and a hit batter and Midway exploded for five more runs. Levi Walker took the mound for Sunbright and closed out the fourth inning. Owens took the mound for Midway and Sunbright failed to reach base. Midway led 9-1 after four innings.

Walker held Midway hitless in the top of the fifth. Sunbright's Rogers reach base on a Midway error, stole second, then advanced to third and home on two additional Midway errors. Owens

struck out the two remaining Sunbright batters and Midway took the victory 9-2.

For Sunbright, Rogers allowed nine runs on six hits and five walks in 3.2 innings, while striking out four. Walker pitched 1.1 innings and allowed no

hits with no walks and struck out one. Midway's Ellison pitched 3 innings and allowed one run on one hit and no walks with five strikeouts. Owens pitched 2 innings, allowing no hits with one run and no walks, striking out six Sunbright batters.



Sunbright first baseman Zade Shannon stretches as Midway batter Rylan Brewer attempts to beat the throw. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

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Jackets Outscore Opponents 49-16 Winning Five of Six

Hines Throws No-hitter against Moore County

By Terry Futrell

It was a very successful week for Coalfield baseball as the Yellow Jackets chalked up five victories before losing to Division II Franklin Road Academy, outscoring their opponents 49-16.

Coalfield 18 Wartburg 2

The Yellow Jackets began their week with an 18-2 victory at home over the Wartburg Central Bulldogs. Levi Brasel was the winning pitcher for Coalfield, giving up two runs on only one hit, while striking out four. Luke Treece was the heavy hitter for the Jackets, hitting a double in the first, a triple in the third, and a single in the fourth inning. Treece accounted for six of the Jackets 18 runs, driving in four runs and scoring two runs.

Coalfield 7 Wartburg 1

Coalfield again faced Wartburg on Wednesday on the Bulldogs home field with Levi Heidel taking the mound. Samuel McCarty was the opening pitcher for the Bulldogs. The Jackets led 3-0 after three innings and pulled away for a 7-1 victory over the Bulldogs.

Coalfield 6 Harriman 3

Coalfield played in the Yellow Jackets Classic tournament at Lookout Valley on Thursday and Friday, overpowering Harriman 6-3 in their opening game on Thursday.

Coalfield 4 Lookout Valley 2

The Jackets moved on to take a 4-2 victory over an always tough Lookout Valley team on Friday. With the game

tied at one in the bottom of the fifth, Levi Brasel hit a single and drove in two runs to give Coalfield the lead. Brasel was also on the mound for Coalfield, giving up only two runs on six hits in 6.2 innings, while striking out six. Brasel was Coalfield's leading hitter in the game as well, going two for two at the plate.

Coalfield 10 Moore County 0

The Jackets topped off their play on Friday as Cole Hines pitched a no-hitter in Coalfield's 10-0 victory over Moore County. Hines faced 15 Moore County batters in five innings, striking out seven while walking only three. Hines had the strong support of Coalfield's fielders who committed no errors in the game. Hines and Levi Brasel were perfect at the plate, each hitting one for one and earning two walks. Reilly Brown led Coalfield batters, going two for three at the plate. Brown also reached base on his third at bat on an error by the Moore County shortstop. In 25 at bats, the Yellow Jackets tallied seven hits and eight walks, while scoring ten runs, including eight RBIs.

Coalfield 4 Franklin Road Academy 8

Coalfield closed out the Yellow Jacket Classic with an 8-4 loss to Division II Franklin Road Academy. The Jackets took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Reilly Brown singled on a line drive to right field, driving in Cole Hines who had led off with a walk. Franklin Road Academy scored on a 3-run homer in the top of the second to take a 3-1 lead. Coalfield immediately responded by scoring two runs to tie the game 3-3. Hines and Luke Treece both singled and were driven home on singles by Levi Brasel and Brayden

Burgess. Franklin Road Academy scored two more runs in the top of the third to take a 5-3 lead. Hines homered in the bottom of the sixth to bring the Jackets within one, but Franklin Road Academy scored on a 3-run homer off relief pitcher Brayden Burgess in the top of the seventh to increase their lead to 8-4 and seal the victory. Levi Heidel was the starter and losing pitcher for Coalfield.

The Yellow Jacket Classic afforded Coalfield the opportunity to face tougher competition, both in terms of batters and pitchers. Coalfield used six different pitchers in the six games played this week. The experience gained is sure to be a big factor in making a deep run into postseason play.

Baseball and Softball Roundup

BASEBALL

Coalfield
4/11 – Defeated Wartburg 18-2
4/13 – Defeated Wartburg 7-1
4/14 – Defeated Harriman 6-3
4/15 – Defeated Lookout Valley 4-2
4/15 – Defeated Moore County 10-0

Oakdale

4/15 – Lost to Campbell County 4-5
4/15 – Defeated Campbell County 8-7

Sunbright

4/11 – Lost to Midway 0-14
4/11 – Lost to Midway 2-9

Wartburg Central

4/11 – Lost to Coalfield 2-18
4/13 – Lost to Coalfield 1-7
4/14 – Lost to The King's Academy 0-11
4/15 – Lost to The King's Academy 4-19

SOFTBALL

No Games Reported



Yellow Jacket Cole Hines seems to have an affinity for dirt. Hines literally took a bath in the moist dirt as he slid head first into home at Wartburg. [Photo by Terry Futrell]



Coalfield's Levi Heidel was one of six pitchers taking the mound for the Yellow Jackets in their five victories this week. Heidel pitched the Jackets to a 7-1 victory over Wartburg. [Photo by Terry Futrell]


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Track and Field

By Tara England

Jonah Freels a junior from Sunbright and Caleb Quinney a senior from Wartburg Central competed at the Vol Classic track meet today (Saturday). This meet had top athletes from across Tennessee plus nine other states. So the competition was high and these young men shined.

Finally, back to 100 percent healthy, Jonah ran the 300-meter hurdles like the amazing competitor that he is. Jonah finished the event in 43.75 seconds. That time puts him within 0.5 seconds of his state-level time from last year.

Caleb had a malfunction with his starting blocks in his 400-meter (quarter-mile) race but recovered beautifully. He finished the race in 57.84 seconds. Even with the difficult take off he still finished the race just barely over his usual time. Caleb showed great composure and grit today.

The entire track and field team's next meet is Tuesday at Powell High School at 5:00. This meet is a regular-season meet. The

team does not have another invitational meet until their sectional meet (Sub-state level meet) on May 11th at Jefferson County High School. This team has a 10-year tradition of making it to this level and the plan is for this year to be no different. Stay tuned for further track and field updates.



Jonah Freels after he finished his 300-meter hurdle race at the Vol Classic Saturday.



Caleb Quinney after he finished his 400-meter race at the Vol Classic Saturday.

Indians Take Two Huge Wins During Spring Break

By Richard Spears

Oneida soccer went 2-0 over Spring Break week, defeating Campbell County 7-1 on Monday (April 4) at Hoffman Field, then going on the road to best the Clinton Dragons 8-3 Thursday, April 7.

In their win over the Campbell County Cougars, Oneida led 3-0 at the half, as Mason Keeton scored in the game's first 5 minutes off an assist from Game Hacker. Indian Luke Barna booted in the game's second score, with another assist by Hacker. Sam Bell drove home Oneida's third goal of the half, with 8 minutes left in the frame assisted by Barna. In all, the Indians took 15 shots on goal in the period, with the Cougars taking 6 attempts.

Barna scored the Indians' first goal of the second half, to put Oneida up, 4-0. Mason Keeton followed with two goals in succession, completing a hat trick for the game as Oneida went up 6-0 with about 20 minutes left in the game. Oneida scored one more time, and allowed one Campbell goal in the final minutes as Oneida Head Coach Derek Keeton

emptied his bench and the entire team got playing time. Coach Keeton said, "Coach Phil Newport's defense just keeps getting better and better each game. I am very pleased with how they improve. Luke Barna's game is getting better every game. This was our best passing game of the year. Hacker had four assists and is closing in on the school record, held by Grant Swain. Sam Bell, Levi and Noah James all had great offense tonight. Gavin finished with eight saves. Wes



Hurst, Aiden Love, Wyatt Yancey, Matt Brown and Isaac Martin played some stout defense and limited them to eight shots before I substituted for our starters. A good complete game win for our team."

The Indians took 43 shots on goal in their win over Clinton at Clinton, with Five Star Preps media looking on, as Oneida downed the Dragons 8-3. In the first half, Oneida Coach Derek Keeton said, "It took a little while to get going. I don't think we scored the first goal until about the 18 minute mark, and then finished the first half with three more to put up 4 goals by halftime." Gabe Hacker score twice, Levi James drove in a score and Mason Keeton scored in the first frame, to give the Indians a 4-2 lead at the break.

In the second half, Sam Bell finished with two goals, Mason Keeton and Luke Barna each scored to complete Oneida's impressive road win. Coach Keeton said, "Clinton is a team that has improved from when we scrimmaged them in late February, and they definitely contributed to preventing us from finishing on a lot of our shots. They did a good job of clogging the goal. This was a solid game. Gabe Hacker got 3 assists, to put his career total at 49. I believe the Oneida record is 51, so Gabe should break that soon. We are 6-1-1 going into next week, which begins our district play. I'm happy with that."

Oneida was scheduled to play Harriman at home on Monday, April 11 followed by a road game at Cumberland Gap Thursday, April 14.



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



SAM BELL



LEVIANCE WEATHERFORD



Results from April 16 th

Mod Mini

- 1.2B Shane Bullock
- 2.39 Tim Ladd
- 3.R26 Tom Patterson
- 4.13 Terry Boshears
- 5.70 Greg Everhart
- 6.21 Justin Farless- Dq
- Light at scales
- 7.04 Jake Callebs -DNS
- 8.J18 James Brindenbaker
- DNS

Sportsman

- 1.22 Jaylon Shannon
- 2.24 Anthony White Jr
- 3.D22 DJ Shannon
- 4.122 Jeremy Shannon
- 5.777 Eric Jones
- 6.D5 Joby Jones
- 7.30 Gary Livley

Open Wheel

- 1.18 Brandon Kinzer
- 2.10 Chris Wilson
- 3.50 Amos Bunch
- 4.15 Jeff Hamby
- 5.5X Joe Freels
- 6.92 Matthew Hopper
- 7.70 Tony Garber
- 8.77 Robby Reagan
- 9.26 Adam Ogle
- 10.3 Caleb Trent
- 11.91 Dale Nance

- 12.11 Reese Ogle
- 13.99 Blake Brown
- 14.72 Walter Walsh
- 15.2 Jimmy Dalton
- 16.36 Billy Palmer
- 17.14 Skylar Douglas
- 18.327 Ricky Tinch
- 19.20 Justin Maxwell
- 20.M6 Jay Metcalfe
- 21.4D Dave Lester
- 22.88 Justin Parker-DNS
- 23. 172 Troy Braden- DQ

Dwarfs

- 1.28 Wes Jones
- 2.96 Cody Norris
- 3.7 Ryan Hawn
- 4.15 David Dunlap
- 5.07N Sam Nichols
- 6.12S Selena Byrge
- 7.21 Mason Ferguson
- 8.25 Brian Spurling
- 9.22 Hunter Rich
- 10.66 Blake Nagy
- 11.92 Nick Hopper
- 12.1 Jimmy Dalaney
- 13.45 Dylan Sise-DNS

Street

- 1.48 Reagan William
- 2.88 Mike Duncan
- 3.51X Pete Wright
- 4.18 Dale Brummitt
- 5.H5 Riley Phillips
- 6.14 Lloyd Singleton

- 7.44 Micheal Owneby

Late Model

- 1.12T Dan Tipton
- 2.2X Anthony White
- 3.Z1 Zach Shannon
- 4.06 Wesley Lester
- 5.23 Tim Damron
- 6.16 Brad Lowe
- 7.00 Ted Lowe
- 8.44 Chris Marcum
- 9.44 Caleb Marcum
- 10.4 Austin Langley
- 11.Benjamin TYwalley
- 12.18X Richard Green
- 13.39 Eddie King Jr
- 14.7 Darrick York
- 15.20 Dalton Jones
- 16.23 Justin Meri-deth-DNS

Pony

- 1.20 Daniel Boles
- 2.40 Raygen Shepherd
- 3.J40 Jaxen Camron
- 4.K3 Kyle Todd
- 5.H40 Hunter Cameron
- 6.David L
- 7. 20 Nikita Wright- DNS

Thunder

- 1.T2 Matthew Lloyd
- 2.4 Dwayne Wilkerson
- 3.Billy Scarbrough
- 4.28 Raymond Hamby
- 5.B15 Tommy JO Barber
- 6. 8 Jeremiah Byrge
- 7. 112 Billy Asberry

FWD

- 1.60 Blake Hall
- 2.39 Bradley Owens
- 3.D3 Isaiah Duncan

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

Getting Ready for Retirement

Recently someone told me that I should write about, "being ready for retirement."

It is an important subject because it is estimated that around sixty-five percent of

people over fifty-five are not ready for retirement. That is why a gentleman by the name of Dave Ramsey has made a business out of telling people how to get ready for retirement. Most of it is common sense.

Now I'm going to tell you mostly about how I prepared for retirement. I was a school teacher and a principle after I got my college degree and military service over. I was never in what they called big money. I started out in 1962 making \$4,000.00 per year and ended retiring in 1995 making \$85,000.00. My wife also a school teacher who because of cancer had to retire early.

I want to tell you up front that from 1962 on I always had a good house to live in. We always ate good and drove pretty good cars. We sent all three of our children to college. I believe in being frugal but you don't deprive yourself and your family of an enjoyable life. I lived most of my working days in Florida so we had lots of vacation places to visit and spend our money like Disney World in Orlando and Busch Gardens in Tampa. We lived close to Tampa so we have been there several times. Sarasota was about ten miles away from our home and has many sights to see and we saw them all.

Now that I've given you some insight into what style of life, I lived I'll give you a rundown of how I handled my finances. When you start your job, you probably will not be paid a high salary, but you should start planning for the future in your first paycheck. In making out your budget you not only include your house payment but you list insurance, taxes, utilities, upkeep, and emergency funds for unexpected expenses. You never know when your refrigerator or stove will need repair. You never know when you or one of your children will have to go to the dentist or doctor.

Today I believe you should have at least \$1,000.00 in your rainy-day fund. Making out a budget is important. Trying to stick to it is also important but you will find it will need to be adjusted at times.

When you start having children you need to start thinking about their education. Weather they go to college or choose some vocational field you should put something back for their future. You will be glad you did when that day comes.

At the end of the month know where your money went.

I know some people who make good money but at the end of the year they have no idea where it went. Making out a budget will help you in this respect.

After you have been working a few years, you should increase the amount you can save.

Have two separate accounts. Savings account, should be for short term needs like buying a better car.

Another savings account, should be put somewhere it is hard to withdraw and where it will be drawing a higher interest rate.

Make sure wherever you put your money it is safe. The stock market is not a safe place to invest. If you get way ahead in your savings account you could invest a few

ing years. This can be in the form of a pension, social security, and investments. You will not have to have what you made during your working years.

Here is how your retirement picture can look. 65% of your retirement income may come from your pension, 25% from social security, and another 10% from investments.

Of course, your plan can look different. Its also very important to always have a good health insurance plan regardless of cost.

I taught a course in economics at Cookeville Senior High and also at Southeast

High in Bradenton, Florida. I hope my students took something out into the world that would help them, more so than the college professors taught me.

Below you will find the precepts of building a retirement account.

Start your financial world by making a workable budget.

Start your retirement savings plan soon after you start working.

Add to that savings account every year.

Watch your credit. Your home and car should be the only credit most of the time.

Pay credit cards off monthly.

Invest wisely. Study all investments regarding rate and risk.

Never risk more than ten percent of your savings in the stock market.

Look for safe risks in real estate or other investments.

Try not to touch the money you have put back for retirement.

Have a rainy day fund of at least \$1,000.00. Shop wisely – buy used when it will do. Flea markets, yard sales, Goodwill, thrift stores, etc.

Husbands and wives should be together on spending and savings plans.

Always be looking for other ways you can make extra money.

Some things I did extra:

Worked part-time for a newspaper.

Taught summer school.

Wedding photography.

Fixed up houses and resold them.

Random part-time jobs.



thousand but never more than ten percent of your savings. I invested in real estate and I never lost on a house or piece of land.

Credit is easy to get and you will be tempted many times. Credit is sometimes necessary, especially in purchasing a house or car. But credit can get you into trouble and that credit card is so easy to use. I can buy \$30,000.00 of goods on mine but I've never used over \$700.00 in one month. I pay it off at the end of the month and never pay a penny of interest. Before you go in debt be sure you have a plan to pay it off and do not use high interest rate credit.

Another way to add to your savings account is by paying your mortgage off early. If possible, make double payments. I had a thirty-year loan on my house and paid it off in twenty years. I saved \$25,000.00 or more in interest.

The secret to having a good retirement is increasing your savings as your salary increases and using the intelligence God gave you in buying wisely and never touching the money you put back for retirement.

When you retire you need to have available seventy-five percent of what you made during your work-

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army, Veteran, Specialist Fourth Class Michael Reinert Blanchfield served during the Vietnam War while assigned to Company A, 4TH Battalion, 503D Infantry, 173D Airborne Brigade.

At the young age of just nineteen, on July 3, 1969, Sp4c. Blanchfield gave his life in combat to save his fellow brothers-in-arms and several Vietnamese civilians. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in battle. His family was presented with his Medal of Honor at the White House by President Richard M. Nixon on April 22, 1971.

His 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. Sp4c. Blanchfield distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company A on a combat patrol. The patrol surrounded a group of houses to search for suspects. During the search of one of the huts, a man suddenly ran out toward a nearby treeline. Sp4c. Blanchfield, who was on guard outside the hut, saw the man, shouted for him to halt, and began firing



at him as the man ignored the warning and continued to run. The suspect suddenly threw a grenade toward the hut and its occupants. Although the exploding grenade severely wounded Sp4c. Blanchfield and several others, he regained his feet to continue the pursuit of the enemy. The fleeing enemy threw a second grenade which landed near Sp4c. Blanchfield and several members of his patrol. Instantly realizing the danger, he shouted a warning to his comrades. Sp4c. Blanchfield unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his safety threw himself on the grenade, absorbing the full and fatal impact of the explosion. By his gallant action and self-sacrifice, he was able to save the lives and prevent injury to four members of the patrol and several Vietnamese civilians in the immediate area.

Sp4c. Blanchfield's extraordinary courage and gallantry at the cost of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

We honor fallen Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Wildlife Officer Doug Lamb who died on April 4, 2022 while off-duty and the agency is mourning the man considered among his peers as, "a true game warden." Authorities said Doug Lamb was working on a building that collapsed.



A graduate of Tennessee Tech University, Lamb started his career with the agency in Bradley County in 1992 and moved to Fentress County in 1999. He received six "Officer of the Year" awards at the district, regional and statewide level in his career.

"Regardless of these and other awards throughout his career, Lamb considered his family his greatest achievement," the TWRA said.

Lamb was a familiar figure in the Fentress County community, attending Jamestown First Baptist Church. He also taught hunter education and was admired for his woodworking skills.

TWRA Lt. Tim Singleton said in a statement: "Doug had a passion for his career. He didn't consider it a job. He managed the most difficult tasks of a wildlife officer, that is, balancing work and family. He cherished both."

He is survived by his wife Brenda, son Silas and daughter Kathryn.

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



Don't Be a Zombie: Discover your Passion and Purpose Part 3

David knew what he wanted to do since he was a child. He majored in elementary education, and volunteered at the local church, tutoring children. If he weren't around children, he would live a very miserable life. My goal was to one day be David—joyful and fulfilled in my career—but how could I ever achieve this goal? I never had a passion for a career when I was growing up. I had pretty much picked my college major because time was running out and I had to choose something in order to graduate in four years. Business seemed liked the easiest route to make the most money. I figured magically, one day, I would wake up and the answer to my life's calling would flash before my eyes. For years, I waited, but the epiphany never came. At this point in my life, I doubted it would ever appear. My revelation of my calling never came as an "aha" moment, like I always as-

sumed it would. I spent years reading, praying, and meditating. I spent most of my free time reading books on career decisions, because I hated my day job. I recall reading a book called Start by renowned career author and speaker John Acuff. I read Acuff's first book, Quitter.

Acuff said in the book Start, "I always wanted to be in a plane crash". When I first read this, I thought, "Wow! He was really suicidal about his career at the time." As I read farther, Acuff explained that he never heard a story from someone who had survived a plane crash and then come home and not fulfill dreams. After coming so close to death, they didn't waste the precious small amount of time they actually had on earth. "His point was how many people [who] had a near death experience, that survive, come back in life and say, 'Wow! I really wished I had watched more television!'" People who survive a near-death experience often come back and live a more fulfilled life. It was time for



Both of his books helped me along my journey. I was a big fan of his thoughts, ideas, and advice. This was my second time reading his book, and a simple statement spoke to me the second time (it usually takes me two reads, then studying, to have true comprehension).

me, personally and metaphorically, to crash a plane in my life and come back. It was time for me to start investing every single waking moment thinking, meditating, pondering, and soul-searching with a renewed vigor to identify the ultimate career path. I wanted to mentally have a

near-death experience that would ignite a fire that would light the way through the path of a better life for me.

I went back to the drawing board to find my passion and calling in life. Over eight years, I had accumulated a wealth of self-help books, articles, and handwritten notes to myself. I thought maybe something would speak to me through the books, journals, and articles the second time around reading and studying. I remained diligent and focused, but once again, another year had passed without any significant progress. I never gave up searching to find my passion.

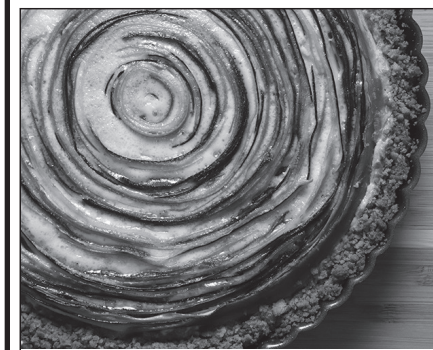
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Visit www.zackballinger.com for more of Zack's travels and events.



Thinly Sliced Vegetables Star in Colorful Tart

Spring has sprung! When I saw these beautiful multi-hued rainbow carrots as I was wandering the produce department, I immediately started pondering recipes to exploit those vibrant colors.



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A vegetable peeler is key to this zesty spiral tart.

Here's a zesty spiral tart using ultra-thin ribbons of carrot and zucchini nestled in a savory cheesecake-like base. Honestly, the best part about this tart is that it's beautiful. But make no mistake, it's also delicious. It's a perfect appetizer, side dish or a colorful main dish served alongside a salad. Regarding rainbow carrots, they're lovely, but no need to purchase them unless they're on sale. You can use this spiral technique with zucchini,

summer squash, carrots, parsnips, eggplant, potato, sweet potato, even purple potato! If it can be peeled with a vegetable peeler, you're in business.

SPIRAL VEGETABLE TART

Yield: one (9-inch) tart
Servings: 8 appetizers

- 1/2 cups rich buttery cracker crumbs
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup heavy cream or half-and-half
- 1 egg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (8-ounce) tub whipped cream cheese (garden vegetable flavor)
- 1 pound (about 4 large) carrots
- 1 large zucchini
- Drizzle of olive oil

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. To make the crust, crumble the crackers into a fine meal and blend with melted butter until all the crumbs are evenly moistened. Press the mixture firmly into a 9-inch tart pan, ideally with a removable bottom. Bake the tart shell for 10 minutes. Leave the oven on.

2. Meanwhile, make the filling. In a small bowl, whisk the cream, egg and salt. In another bowl, stir the cream cheese to soften. Add 4 tablespoons of the egg mixture and stir to completely combine. Set aside. Reserve the remainder of the egg mixture.

3. To prepare the vegetables, cut both ends off the carrot. Using a vegetable peeler, peel the skin off the carrots and discard. Using the peeler, continue to slice long, wide, lengthwise layers from the carrots until it's a lovely pile of strips. Repeat with remaining carrots. Peel the zucchini in the same manner as the carrots. It's important that the strips of veggies be similar in width. I sliced some of the

zucchini in half to match the carrots.

4. When you have your veggies sliced, place them in a big bowl and toss with a drizzle of olive oil. Microwave the veggies for 2 minutes to soften. (This is the secret to making this technique work. You are now a keeper of the secret. Shhhh.)

5. To assemble the tart, using an offset spatula or back of a spoon, carefully spread the cream cheese mixture on the bottom of the tart shell. There will be some rogue crumbs, but don't worry. The spiral will cover a multitude of sins.

6. Roll a strip of zucchini into a tight spiral, followed by a strip of carrot. Continue adding slices, alternating colors, forming a tight spiral. When this becomes too big to hold in your hand, you can carefully place it in the center of the tart. Continue arranging alternating layers of vegetables around the spiral until you reach the outer edge of the crust.

7. Spoon the remaining egg mixture over the spiral, encouraging the mixture to sink in between the layers of veggies.

8. Place the tart pan on a baking sheet and bake for 25 minutes. Test for temperature of 140 F to ensure the egg has cooked. Cool and serve. It slices nicely with a serrated knife.

This tart requires some effort, but it's such a showstopper, it's definitely worth doing.

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David Zubler
Columnist

A Health Savings Account is a valuable retirement strategy

Very few people realize that a Health Savings Account (HSA) may be the ultimate retirement account.

The HSA was initially established to help people pay for medical expenses. Because it was called Health Savings Account, many people often assume it is only useful as a method of tax savings related to medical expenses. However, an HSA may be your best option for a retirement account.

No other retirement gives you the advantage of a tax deduction for contributions, tax-free growth, and tax-free distributions. An IRA provides a tax deduction but has the disadvantage of being taxable when the money is withdrawn. ROTH IRA distributions are tax-free after five years but have the disadvantage of not providing a tax deduction.

An HSA is also a valuable strategy for deducting medical expenses. It's a tax-advantaged medical savings account for people with a high-deductible. An HSA requires a minimum annual deductible of \$1,400 for self-only coverage and \$2,800 for family coverage. It also requires a maximum annual deductible of no more than \$7,050 for self-only coverage and \$14,100 for family coverage.

A high-deductible health plan is a good strategy if you don't require much medical care. However, an HSA may not be your best strategy if you or your family have substantial medical expenses.

Many employers offer HSAs and high-deductible health plans as a fringe benefit. If your employer doesn't provide health benefits or you are self-employed, you can open an HSA. You

will need to find an HSA provider, which can be an insurance company, broker, bank, or credit union.

You can enroll in an HSA-qualified high-deductible plan through your Affordable Care Act health insurance exchange. You can't open a new HSA when you are on Medicare. However, you can keep an existing HSA when you enroll in Medicare.

Since an HSA has the best tax benefits, you should contribute the maximum amount each year before putting any money into an IRA or 401K. In 2022, the HSA contribution limits are \$3,650 for individual coverage and \$7,300 for family coverage.

A family that contributes the maximum HSA contribution for 30 years will have almost \$1 million after 30 years, with an annual 7 percent growth rate. A couple that opens an HSA at 50 could have a balance of over \$200,000 in their account by the time they are 65.

Another benefit of an HSA is that you are not required to take minimum distributions, unlike other IRAs. Don't overlook the advantages of an HSA when creating your retirement strategy.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Odds Are Your Pantry Holds Expired Food

Is it time to go through your pantry and look for any expired food items that might have been purchased over the past two years? You might be surprised. I sure was.

I'd been careful, with new items lined up behind old ones in my cabinets. The problem I just discovered, after picking up a load of curbside items, is the expiration dates of newer items aren't necessarily better than items that have been in the cabinet for a while. They might be worse.

Why, I inquired of our store manager, was a box of crackers due to expire sooner than the box I bought two months ago? With a sigh, he admitted the problem: The warehouse is having a terrible time getting in anything. And

managers have set up their own grocery swap with other nearby stores in the chain, basically bidding on items another store might have. "I'll give you six boxes of crackers for six half-gallons of whole milk!"

Additionally, he said, he's having a heck of a time getting trained people to work the night shift to stock the shelves correctly. Then, when the curbside pickup people race through the aisles to select items for each order, they grab from the front ... without looking at expiration dates.

Which is a long way of saying: Check your groceries. Either when you pick them up curbside and bring them home or when you take something out of your cabinets, look at the expiration dates and store them accordingly.

A helpful note in seeing those expiration dates at home: A black marker is very handy to write expiration dates on packages and cans that can be seen at a glance. No more turning jars over trying to find a date; no more squinting at the tiny print. *You'll have all the dates in large black letters.*

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. How many No. 1 chart toppers have Stray Cats had?
2. Which group released "How 'Bout Us"?
3. What city was "Leroy Brown" from?
4. Who had his first hit with "Splish Splash"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Look at us baby, up all night, Tearing our love apart, Aren't we the same two people, Who lived through years in the dark?"

Answers

1. Just one: "Runaway Boys," in 1980 ... in Finland. The song, from their debut album, also did well in Belgium and the U.K., but not the U.S.
2. The R&B group Champaign, in 1981, off their debut album. The song charted around the world and reached No. 1 in the U.S. on the Adult Contemporary chart.
3. "The baddest man in the whole downtown" was from the south side of Chicago. Songwriter Jim Croce wrote the song about a soldier he met in the Army who went AWOL but was arrested when he came back to pick up his paycheck.
4. Bobby Darin, in 1958.
5. "I Can't Tell You Why," by the Eagles in 1980. The rock ballad went to the Top 10 on multiple charts and was the first Eagles' song to feature bass guitarist Timothy B. Schmit on lead vocals.

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Galatians: Chapter 2

(Gal. 2:1-10) Paul's relationship to the Jerusalem church: The apostle mentions that after fourteen years he again went to Jerusalem, along with Barnabas and Titus. Scholars are divided concerning how this corresponds to events in the book of Acts. Some believe it was the visit on behalf of famine victims (Acts 11:27-30). Others contend it was the visit to deal with the matter of circumcision (Acts 15:1-30). The matter cannot be pursued in a discussion this brief. He had been assigned this mission by the Lord (v.2), the purpose of which was to rehearse the gospel which he had declared to the Gentiles. It was not a public encounter, but only before those "of repute," the other apostles. Paul discussed the issue with the others to make sure they were on the same theological page, so that his efforts might not be compromised (v.2).

A key issue was whether Gentiles should be required to submit to circumcision to become a Christian. Circumcision might be administered as a matter of expediency (Acts 16:3), but to do so as a salvation requirement was an act of rebellion (Gal. 5:2). Consequently, when Judaizers attempted to "compel" Titus (a Gentile) to yield to the rite, they were rebuffed vigorously (v.3). These were "false brethren" who had been brought in duplicitously with the design of binding the Mosaic ritual, thus robbing Christians of their liberty and subjecting them to the bondage of an abolished system (v.4). It is not clear whether these men were Jews who had not obeyed the gospel genuinely, or whether they had regressed into apostasy. Nonetheless, Paul dug in, and would not give in---not even for an hour! Gospel truth must be maintained (v.5).

Reference again is made to those "reputed to be somewhat" (v.6). He appears to refer to the other apostles generally, and he will focus on Peter, James, and John in particular. He is not denigrating these noble men; rather, he is correcting the attitudes some have regarding them; and especially he is asserting the equal credibility of his own apostleship. His office was independent of theirs; they added nothing to the revelation he had received from Christ. In fact, just as Peter's important role among the Jews was respected, even so was Paul's among the Gentiles. "We were equally endowed" (v.7-8).

When, therefore, James, Peter, and John understood that Paul's "grace" of apostleship (his apostolic favor with the Lord) was the equivalent of theirs, these "pillars" of the church extended to Paul and Barnabas the "right hands of fellowship," fully endorsing their evangelistic labors among the Gentiles. (Peter is not given priority in this brief list, nor is he more of a "pillar" than John and James.) The Jerusalem apostles did encourage Paul and Barnabas to continue remembering the poor, which they were happy to do (v.10).

(Gal. 2:11-21) Paul's authoritative rebuke of Peter: Paul now presses an important point regarding his authority as an apostle. It was not meant to damage Peter, but to underscore the independence of his own apostleship. At some point, Peter came to Antioch. As a result of his experience with Cornelius (Acts 10), Peter knew there was to be "no distinction" (Acts 15:9) between Jews and Gentiles, and he had mingled freely with Gentile Christians. But when certain Jews arrived from Jerusalem (who quite obviously did not share the socialization view), he withdrew himself, being afraid of the circumcision faction. Unfortunately, even the generous Barnabas fell under Peter's influence, being carried away with their "dissimulation" (v.11-13).

Consider the following: (a) Peter was fearful and hypocritical (the meaning of "dissimulation"). He was "condemned" by his actions, by his conscience, and by others who knew better (including Paul). (b) His decision to show prejudice certainly was not infallible, nor was it exempt from censure on account of his stature. (c) His influence was damaging. (d) He was not walking "uprightly according

to gospel truth" (v.14).

No responsible Bible student can possibly conclude that had Peter continued in this mode of conduct, he would have been saved in spite of it. Paul could not stand by and see the gospel compromised in such a flagrant fashion. It was probably a very difficult thing to do, but Peter had to be confronted and rebuked. Paul would accept the challenge and do it with grace, and yet publicly (v.14).

Paul's admonition was to this effect: "Peter, you, a Jew, have been living among the Gentiles, fraternizing and socializing with them, which was altogether proper. You did not conform to the common Jewish practice of stigmatizing them. Why is it now the case that you want to bind the Gentiles to those former restrictions? We are Jews by background; we are not out of that sinful Gentile culture. But we both know that the Mosaic system has been abolished, and that justification is not by the works of that law system. Instead, our justification has been effected through the redemptive mission of Christ, and our obedient faith in him. No one, either Jew or Gentile, can be justified by the works of that law (v.14-16).

He continued to press the point. "Our submission to Christ to obtain justification was, in a manner of speaking, a confession of our sinful past. We were lost, just as the Gentiles were (note the "also"). Does the fact that we are on the same redemptive level as the Gentiles suggest that Christ is somehow 'a minister of sin'? Absolutely not!" The apostle's next argument turns on the matter of consistency. If one builds up again what he knew needed to be torn down (abolished), he is an inconsistent transgressor (v.18). Peter had compromised in this fashion; Paul would not!

The apostle affirms that it was "through the law" that he "died unto the law" (v.19). The law of Moses taught him two things: (1) He could not keep it perfectly and thus was hopelessly condemned by it (3:10). (2) He finally understood the prophecies in their various formats as pointing to Jesus, hence knew he needed the Lord as his Savior. Thus, he "died to" (separated himself from as a means of justification) the law that he might "live unto God" (through the gift of Christ). Paul so identified with Jesus that it was as if he had been "crucified with him." No longer would he live for himself; Christ could take control, and the apostle's life would be directed by his Master. His earthly life became invigorated by his Savior who so loved him that "he gave himself for me." Paul considered the sacrifice of Christ very personal, as if: "If no one else in the world had sinned, Jesus would have died for me!" (v.20). There are serious consequences to the notion that the Mosaic system is still binding: (a) the grace of God is nullified, and (b) Jesus' death was for nothing (v. 21)! Who can live with such a consequence? Yet many unwittingly attempt such. A happy footnote to this is the fact that Peter never held this rebuke against his fellow apostle, commending Paul in his second epistle (2 Pet. 3:15).

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Isaiah 61:11



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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Casting The Lot

Haman has been promoted by Ahaseurus. The enemy of the Jewish people is now in charge of their destiny. Mordecai has refused to worship Haman, and Esther has hidden her identity as a Jewess. Mordecai requests of Ahaseurus to destroy the Jews in his empire for they have mocked his authority.

On the first of Nisan in the 12th Year of Ahaseurus reign, Haman began to cast lots as to when he would carry out the command of the king. The year was 474 BC. To cast lots is to say, flip a coin. This went on for an entire year and 12 days.

On the 13th of Nisan in the year 473 BC, Haman convinced the king that the execution of all the Jews in his realm should be eliminated. This would be the preparation day in Jewish homes. On the 10th of Nisan, the lambs would be inspected by the high priest for worthiness as the acceptable sacrifice.

Jesus Christ would fulfill this paradigm when he rode into Jerusalem on the foal of a colt. The Son of God was inspected first by the people as he entered the city. It was the first Palm Sunday. The people cried Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of Yes-hua ha Messiach. The common people recognized their King, now off to the temple for the priests to accept me as the Lamb.

He entered the courts of the money changers and overturned their tables. These guys were the original prosperity preachers. Only Judas got paid for the message of the Gospel. Haman begins the paradigm of a traitor accepting silver to persecute God's people, and stop the plan to reveal Messiah.

The executions would begin on the 13th day of the 12th month. In Hebrew, it is the month Adar. The year was 473 BC. The execution orders were sent throughout the land, and Haman began to gloat that the king gave him his ring of authority. He had just received 10000 silver coins for doing the bidding of Lucifer. Our God had other plans.

Ahaseurus had begun to have problems sleeping. He kept remembering how his life and his kingdom were saved from imminent destruction. However, he never rewarded the man who had the courage to inform the king of the impending conspiracy. Esther provided his answer.

As the king and Haman were talking about kingdom business, Ahaseurus posed a question to our villain. What would you award the man who served the king with incredible courage? Haman began to dream of just how he would reward himself. He informs the king to adorn this man in royal clothing, seat him upon the king's white horse, and parade him throughout the empire to receive homage and monetary gifts.

What a great idea. Go get Mordecai, for tomorrow you shall do to him as you have inspired me to reward him. He saved my kingdom. Imagine the look on Haman's face? The plot thickens.

By now Mordecai has begged Esther to inform the king of what Haman is up to. She has instructed her chamberlains to begin their fasting and prayer. Mordecai is summoned to the king, and Haman is about to swallow his pride. The grace of God on full display.

Haman is humiliated so he returns home to his wife who has been overseeing her sons as they prepare to execute and display Haman on a Tree. The English transliteration of gallows is an inaccurate way of portraying what was being considered. The Persians killed no

one by hanging.

The Persians invented crucifixion. They executed a condemned man by disemboweling him. Then they would nail him to a cross, place a sign above his head revealing his crime. For all the empire to see. Haman's wife can feel his disgust over the king's revelation of Mordecai. The enemy of God has been used to glorify the man of God. Haman's wife reveals the fate of her husband and his sons.

The following day, as Haman carries out the king's command to exalt Mordecai, Esther has completed her fast of three days. The king has welcomed her into court, and she has a proposal for the king and Haman. Come to a dinner I have prepared for you and Haman? It is the month of Adar.

Esther entertains the king and Haman and requests that they be invited a second time. This is the future of the Jewish people. The first time they knew not the hour of their visitation. The second time they will recognize Messiah and worship and accept him as their King. But first, God must deal with all the people who have come against his plan and his people.

Haman is executed on the very day he requested the king to issue decrees to kill all the Jewish people. Mordecai is exalted to the position Haman once held. Esther inherits Haman's wealth and property. Mordecai is placed over the house of Haman. What will become of them?

In the third month of Sivan on the 7th day of the month, Ahaseurus grants Esther's request to deal with the people in the empire who intend to carry out the decree to kill all of the Jews. He orders the Jews to defend themselves, and kill everyone who conspired to kill them throughout Ahaseurus' entire realm. This is God's idea of mercy for his people. Remember, God's thoughts are never man's thoughts.

The story of Esther should put to bed how God feels about the Jewish people. His feelings toward them have never changed, for that is the meaning of grace! They have a future on earth that is different from the bride of Christ's future. Their eternal promises are the same. We have been grafted into the living Jewish vine that God alone has been tending, manicuring, and preparing, to meet Jesus Christ as Messiah, at the end of the great tribulation.

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

He is alive forevermore and returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 2-13-2022

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

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

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Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	NOTICE TO CREDITORS	Case Number <u>P-13-22</u>
In the matter of the Estate of PATRICK RODRIGUEZ Deceased		
<p>Notice is hereby given that on the 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2022, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of PATRICK RODRIGUEZ who died on the 24TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents, and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.</p> <p>This the 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2022</p> <p><u>ANAMARIA RODRIGUEZ DIXON</u> ADMINISTRATOR</p> <p><u>ANGELA R. ANDERSON</u> Clerk and Master</p> <p><u>TALLESSE ALLEY</u> Deputy Clerk</p>		

Public Notice

Morgan County has been petitioned to remove a section of road from the end of Ernie Hurst Rd. The length is approximately 225 ft.

Anyone with any concerns about this closure needs to contact the Morgan County Highway Dept. at 423-346-6661 or email to morhancohwy@highland.net, there will be a public hearing at the Morgan County Courthouse just before the regular County Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm. On May 9th. 2022

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for more information contact:
Keith Duncan at 423-346-3730

Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	NOTICE TO CREDITORS	Case Number <u>P-19-22</u>
In the matter of the Estate of VIOLET VEREEN HALL Deceased		
<p>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.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.</p> <p>This the 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2022</p> <p><u>DAVID E. HALL</u> EXECUTOR</p> <p><u>ANGELA R. ANDERSON</u> Clerk and Master</p> <p><u>KATIE VANWITZENBURG</u> Deputy Clerk</p>		

Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	NOTICE TO CREDITORS	Case Number <u>P-16-22</u>
In the matter of the Estate of SUSAN A ROMAN- RAIFORD Deceased		
<p>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.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.</p> <p>This 21ST day of MARCH 2022.</p> <p><u>MICHAEL W. RAIFORD</u> Executor</p> <p><u>ANGELA R. ANDERSON</u> Clerk and Master</p> <p><u>KATIE VANWITZENBURG</u> Deputy Clerk</p>		

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