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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Pappy let me out to do my business at 4:00 a.m.

The man gets up before the chickens. I knew as soon as I was out the door

something wasn't right. There was an invader.

My ears went up, my tail curled, and then I saw it. It was a giant rat!

I flew off the porch and across the yard. It gave me a serious case of the barks. I got to it and it was on Ms Mary's side of the fence. Where's Ricco when I need him?

Well, the thing went scurrying across Ms Mary's yard, towards her car.

Ms Mary's dog, Ricco should have heard

my alarm and came out to help me scare it off. Come on Ricco, we have to work together to keep the invaders out of our kingdom!

Well, Pap told me to hush before I woke the neighbors. Doesn't he know that I am just protecting all of us? He told me to come back in the house. That is when Pappy told Mimi that

I chased a POSSUM away.

Possum, what a weird name. Who would have thought that someone would name a giant rat? Let alone, name it Possum. Well, I did my job. I ran him off. Hopefully he will tell his friends that they don't stand a chance against Ms Avery Pearl and Ricco (if Ricco will wake up and help me, that is). Surely between the two of us we can keep the

invaders away. Ain't that like a man, sleep right through all the excitement?



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday May 13th

Together Morgan County will hold their regular monthly meeting Friday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in person at Morgan County Schools Central Office with an option to attend virtually. To receive a Zoom link for the meeting, contact Sandra Helton at heltons@msced.net. Everyone is encouraged to

attend to learn more about the Collaborative and take part in future actions supporting Morgan County students and families.

Wednesday, April 27

A Staff member from the office of State Representative John Mark Windle will be in Morgan County on Wednesday, April 27, to assist with constituent claims and

questions. John Robbins, field representative, will be at the Morgan County Court House from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Those needing assistance are encouraged to visit with Rep. Windle's assistant or phone (931) 879-1695.

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

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

Undated Events

WCHS Theatre Arts Class Presents Romeo and Juliet: 500 Years Later

Roman Morris (Nick Moore) is headed to the state tournament with his team, the Hidden Valley Ranchers. His heart just isn't in the game though. It is with Rose (Meagan Drake), his unrequited love who left him for Toothless Terry (Kyle Williams), a smooth talking romance king who needs a few crowns. Julie Carter (Emma Bradley) is enjoying life as a star basketball player for Heinz City, but she is more concerned that her parents are playing match-maker by setting her up with Pete (Dakota Davis), the new redneck in town.

The stars align for both Roman and Julie when they meet at a basketball banquet, and they fall in love at first sight. Unfortunately, the stars soon cross for the two love birds when they realize that Roman's dad, Coach Morris (Daniel Garrett), is the mortal enemy of Coach Carter (Paige Pickett), Julie's dad. They have been fighting it out through their feuding basketball teams

for years. Hence, Julie and Roman are doomed. Or are they?

Roman and Julie seek help from Preacher Louie (Daniel Garrett), the local minister with a serious KFC addiction, and Nurse Poppy (Mavry Sutton), a New York transplant who dishes out love advice from cheap romance novels. Despite major efforts

to stop the rivalry, it only deepens when Tyson Carter (Austin Griffith), Heinz City's star player, attacks Murphy (Keaton Swint), a Shakespeare quoting Hidden Valley player. Add an itching powder bandit (Finnley Nance), a sheriff who thinks he's in a Western (Konner Carpenter), and a beard-growing concoction to the mix, and the situation grows out of control.

Will preacher Louie be able to stop the drama or will he choke on a chicken leg? Will Roman lead his team to win in the

state championship or will a plague strike his intestines? These questions and more will be answered on Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Dallas Reed Davis Gymnasium when the Wartburg Central Theatre Arts Class performs Romeo and Juliet: 500 Years Later, a class-created play. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

Invitation To Bid

Morgan County Schools is accepting bids for the following:

Patching, sealing, Oakdale School

Sealing, patching and new paving, Central Elementary School

Sealing pavement, Central Middle School

Sealing, resurface paving and new paving, Petros Joyner School

Sealing, resurface paving, and new paving, Coalfield

Sealing, patching and new paving, Central High

Sealing, patching and new paving, Sunbright School

Sealing, patching and new paving, MCCTC

Bids must be submitted for each individual location and may additionally be submitted as a total package. Bids are to install new pavement at Oakdale School (approx. 3500 sq ft patching). Central Elementary (approx. 17,500 paving and patching). Petros Joyner (approx. 6600 sq ft of paving and patching). Coalfield (approx. 22000 sq ft of paving and patching). Central High (approx. 9100 sq ft of paving and patching). Sunbright (approx. 13500 sq ft paving and patching). MCCTC (approx. 19600 sq ft paving and patching)

Other specifications can be obtained by contacting Jim Aytes, Maintenance Supervisor, Morgan County Schools at 423-539-8801. Sealed bids should be delivered to Morgan County Schools, 136 Flat Fork Road, Wartburg TN 37787 and should be identified as "2022 Morgan County Schools Paving Bid"

Bid opening will be Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room of Morgan County Schools, 136 Flat Fork Road, Wartburg TN 37787. Morgan County Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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In Loving Memory

Oscar Phillips, 85

Oscar Phillips, age 85, of Wartburg went to his heavenly home surrounded by his family on April 17, 2022. He was born July 2, 1936.

He was a retired coal miner & electrician. He enjoyed going hiking in the mountains, ginseng, and spending time with his family. He is known for his beautiful flowers and shrubs and playing his orange Gretsch guitar in local churches in the area. He will be greatly missed by his children, family, and friends.

He is preceded in death by daughter, Joyce Ann Phillips; his parents, Dewey & Bessie Phillips; grandmother, Sallie Carroll Phillips; siblings, Elmer, Estle, Omer, Edna & Hazel; son-in-law, Orval Brandenburg.

He is survived by his children, Doug & Arlene; Cindy, Glenna, Crystal & Jody and Susan & Joel; grandchildren, Gloria, Jessica & Orval Glenn (Boo) Brandenburg, Daniel, Ashley, Jared, Jacob, Joe and Mercedes; great grandchildren, Hannah, Lily, Chelsea, Samuel, Vincent, John, Kolson and Mason.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Gary Armes officiating. Interment will follow in Anderson Memorial Gardens.

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

Sondra Marie Dean, 72

Sondra Marie Dean, age 72, of Lancing passed away April 10, 2022, at her home. Sondra loved cooking for her family, loved roses, hummingbirds but most of all she loved the love her life her husband John.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Cleo (Schwalbauch) Will; father, Paul R. Will, Sr. and 1 brother.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, John Dean; 2

daughters, Theresa Dean (Clint Green) & Tracy Jock (Freeman); 9 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren; 5 brothers and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

The family will have an all-day celebration of life at the home of John & Sondra's, April 17, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sondra Marie Dean.

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

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Oakdale School Wins \$100,000 Grant Through TVA School Uplift Program

CITY, State. – Morgan County Schools announced today that Oakdale School won a \$100,000 Building Energy Upgrade or Learning Environment grant through Tennessee Valley Authority's School Uplift program.

Tight budgets and aging buildings leave many schools facing a difficult decision between funding learning programs and making needed facility upgrades. TVA's \$7.3 million School Uplift program is helping 160 public schools in seven states solve that problem.

School Uplift is a 12-month behavior-based energy management training program developed with the State of Tennessee's Energy Efficient Schools Initiative that helps public school districts make smart energy choices that improve the classroom learning environment and save money through decreased energy use.

"School Uplift is another great example of TVA and Harriman Utility Board's work to enrich our community," said Misty Marsh "We are so excited to have earned this grant, which we will invest in needed upgrades that will improve our facility and make Oakdale School more efficient, healthy and comfortable. That means our teachers can focus more on teaching and our students can thrive."

Sixty schools have completed the School Uplift pilot over the past two years, competing to earn grants for building upgrades and other learning environment improvements. On average, participating schools have saved more than 10% on their annual energy bills from behavior changes alone.

"Every dollar invested in our schools helps districts allocate resources to where it matters most – educating our children – and we're excited to bring School Uplift to the communities we serve," said Cindy Herron, vice president of TVA EnergyRight. "Helping schools save money on their energy costs and improve learning environments is an important investment in the Valley's future. I look forward to seeing how this program makes an impact for years to come."

TVA EnergyRight and Harriman Utility Board will continue to recruit public K-12 schools for the 2023-2024 program later this year. Visit <https://energyright.com/business-industry/school-uplift/> to express interest in participating in this exciting program.



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Cherokee Oral History, and Crossing of the Bering Strait



Michael Nance
Columnist

Reviewing the traditional scientific explanation about the inhabitation of North America, you may remember the answer from a high school, or even a grade school class. As it goes, the indigenous people of North and South America first arrived in the Western Hemisphere by crossing over a land bridge from Russia into Alaska some 15,000 years ago. These two landmasses are now separated by the Bering Strait, but at a distant time in the past were connected by a land bridge that allowed travel by foot.

In modern times this theory has come into question by scholars, academics, and archaeologists. Just recently, I read an article that claimed the land bridge theory was a simplistic theory and assumed that primitive peoples did not possess the knowledge to construct the necessary sailing vessels required for long-distance migration.

Unwittingly, I recently stumbled on information that supports the original theory that we all were taught in school, that Native Americans have origins from descendants that crossed the land bridge that is now the Bering Strait. The information I speak of comes from a book authored by Alexander Long in 1725.

Alexander Long was a fur trader who operated a bartering post in the Euchee Indian town of Chestowee during the early 1700s. Chestowee was located in Bradley County, Tennessee near the City of Cleveland. The Euchee Indians accumulated a huge debt at his trading post. When Long pressed the Indians for the debt, a fight broke out that left Long partially scalped. An infuriated Long decided to hatch a deal with members of the Cherokee tribe to attack the Euchee and ultimately sell them as slaves. The Cherokee, at Long's bidding, attacked the Euchee in 1714, many women and children of the Euchee tribe were sold off as slaves. When South Carolina authorities learned of Long's actions they immediately rescinded his trading license and issued a warrant for his arrest. When Long heard the news he fled and hid out among the Cherokee Indians from 1714 until 1724. During his time of exile with the Cherokees, Long wrote down many of the Cher-

okee traditions and stories told within the tribe. It is a fabulous resource to understanding early Cherokee traditions.

In one excerpt of the now edited work Longs asks a wise Cherokee priest: "how they came on this maine [main] of America or by what means they got here?" (author's note: Main in this context appears to be referencing North America) The answer he gets, although worded primitively is a telling answer.

The Priest replies:
(Author's note the following reply is edited for spelling) on this way for our coming here we know nothing but what was had from our Ancestors and has brought it down from generation to generation. They way is thus we belonged to another

went through darkness for a good space, and then pressed the sun again and going on we came to a country that could be inhabited and there we multiplied so much that we overspread all this main.

We brought all manner grains with us as corn and peas, pumpkin and muskmelon and watermelon. As for all sorts of wild fruits we found here naturally growing. As we were on our journey over these mountains, we lost a vast quantity of our people by the unseasonable cold and darkness that we went through. When we come on this main first, we were all one language; but the pride and ambition of some of our leading men that caused a civil war amongst the tribes. They separated from one and the other and the language was corrupted.

Moreover, we are told by our ancestors that when we first came on this land that the priests and beloved men was writing but not on paper as you do but on white deer skin and on the shoulder bones of buffalo for several years but the proudness of the young people being so great that they would not obey the priests nor learning but let their minds run after hunting of wild beasts, that the writing was quite lost and could not be recovered again. So much for their coming on this main!

Reading the Cherokee Priests reply, it certainly describes an account that would be con-

sistent with crossing

the land bridge of the Bering Strait. Also considering this account was written in 1725 and most accounts of the land bridge migration theory seem to surface circa 1937, makes this story all that much more believable.

Longs account of the Priests explanation is eerily similar to the traditions of Montana's Blackfoot tribe, which supports that their ancestors arrived in the Americas on a journey which crossed the far north.

In any event, the Cherokee Priests account of how the tribe arrived in the Americas absolutely settles the debate for me. I hope you enjoyed this article!

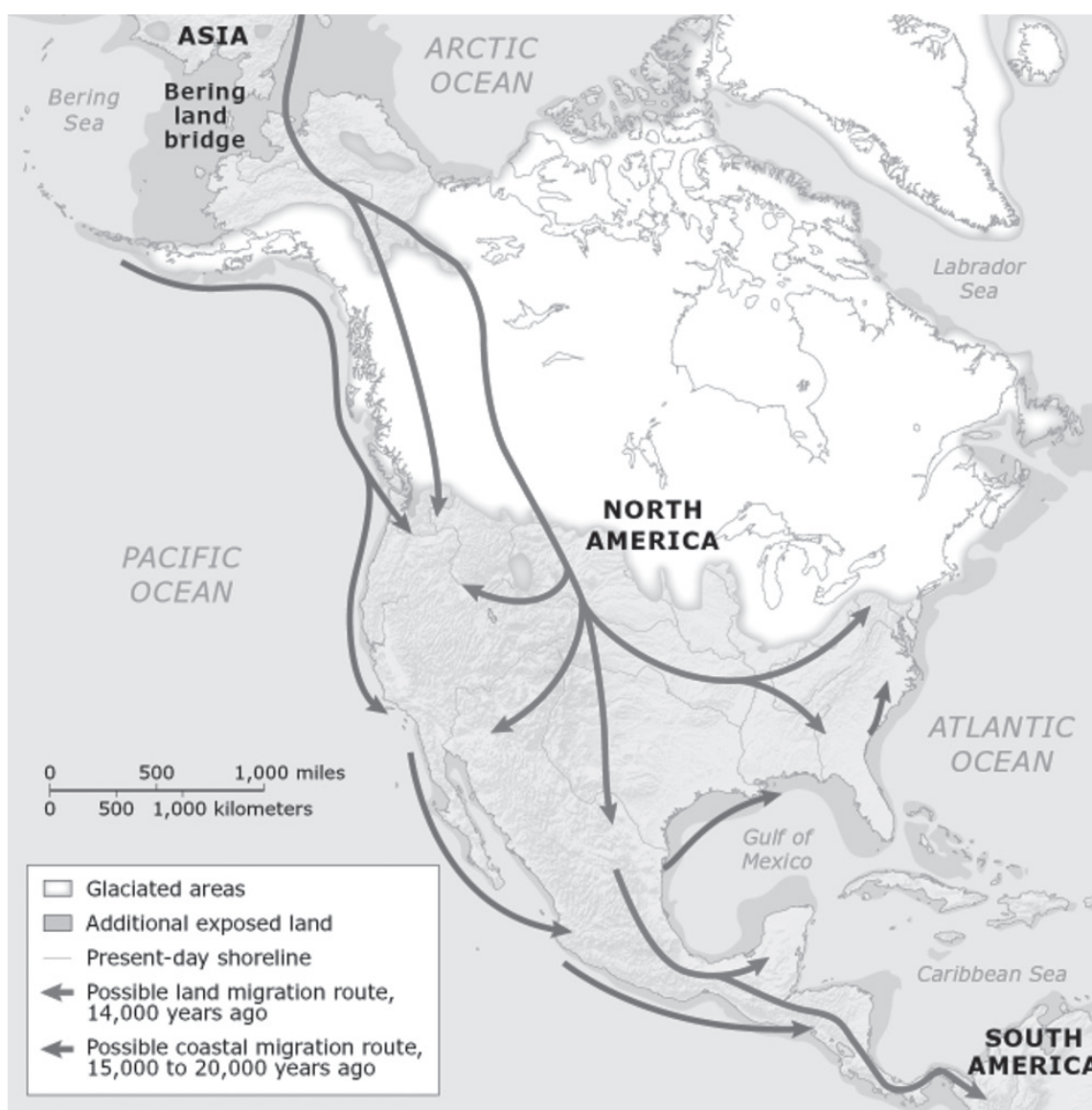


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land far distant from here and the people Increased and multiplied so fast that the land could not hold them so that they were forced to separate and travel to look out for another country they traveled so far that they came to a country that was so cold that it was un-sufferable, yet going still on they came to mountains of snow and Ice the priests held a council to pass these mountains, and that they believed that there was warmer weather on the other side of those mountains because it lay nearer to the sun setting which was believed by the whole assembly we were forced to make Rackets to put on our feet could and voyage .. and being all loaded with provisions and fat lightwood we pressed on our journey and at last found ourselves so far gone over these mountains till we lost the sight of the sun and

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April 2022 is almost over. Can you believe we are already 4 months into 2022? It will be Christmas before you know it!

There will be a May Day Festival on Saturday, April 30 in downtown Harriman from 10:00 – 4:00. There will be over 80 vendors, a classic car show and more.

Jon, Amber, Cian, Teagan and Lochlan Kirby took a spring break trip to Atlanta to enjoy the sights. They loved the Georgia Aquarium and were able to watch dolphin and seal shows. Teagan loved tasting all the different types of Cola at Coca-Cola World. Amber tried an Italian soda and after that was afraid to try anymore. They had a wonderful trip and enjoyed the city but are very happy to be country folk.

Ethan Helton was honored with a surprise birthday party Saturday, April 16 by his mom, Jenny Wright and his fiancée, Bailey Roland. The party was held at Pine Orchard Community Center. Many friends and family were there. They all enjoyed a wonderful time together.

Zelma Bingham, AKA Iney, had 35 at her house for Easter lunch. All three of her children and their spouses attended. They are Terry (Kathy) Bingham, Lavanna (Harry) Miles and Donna (Mike) Tilson. Grandchildren and great grands from Oakdale, Pine Orchard, Kingston, Cookeville, Nashville and Memphis, along with their guests, attended.

Bunt and I loved having our granddaughter, Maura Lake, with us last week. However, Clara and Hattie Ruppe loved spending time with her even more than we did. Since I had to work, Maura traveled around with me and was a tremendous help at a couple of events. She has gone home now and we sure do miss her.

Last week, I took my granddaughters, Maura, Clara and Hattie to Dollywood. We had a great day. Clara stepped out of her comfort zone and rode things she had been too afraid to try before. Hattie isn't afraid to ride anything but was pretty upset when a few rides required her to be a little taller than she is. The weather was beautiful and we had safe travels. Thankful!

The Oakdale Area Volunteer Fire Department dinner and silent auction held last Saturday night was a great success. It was wonderful to get together again after three years. Everyone enjoyed the good meal and had some fun bidding against their friends and neighbors in the silent auction. It was nice to see our elected county officials Cheryl Collins, Cindi Jones, Joe Henry Miller and Brian Langley. It was also great to meet so many new people from all over the county. Thanks everyone for making it a good evening.

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There will be open horse shows at Morgan County Fairground on April 30, July 23 and September 24. The gates open at 4:00 and the shows start at 6:00. For more information about participating or about being a class sponsor, contact Jeremiah Johnson at Jeremiah_Johnson32@yahoo.com.

My little preschool group had a special guest last week. Courtney Gardner and her son, Curtis, brought baby chicks to Oakdale Park for a "Touch-a-Chick" program. After giving some information about the baby chicks, Courtney gave the children some mealworms and let them feed the babies. The children loved it. Each child also got a chicken book and a chicken life cycle activity to take home.

Don't forget to register to vote or make necessary address changes if needed. We have a county election coming up in August.

Remember to support our local cemetery funds. Mowing season is upon us.

Please continue to pray for Ukraine. Pray for our nation and our leaders. Pray for local government. Remember all of the sick and their caregivers, those who are grieving, our churches and pastors, our schools, teachers and students, our homes and families, our military and most of all, pray for the lost.

Advice from a Chicken: Hatch Good Ideas. Cackle With Your Friends. Give Your Sweetie a Peck. Start From Scratch. Stick Together. Look After Your Brood. Don't Let Life Ruffle Your Feathers!

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A King's Ransom: Chapter 4: Part 2



Carol Hall
Author

"You're missing spots," Marta informed her, reaching for the rag. "Give it to me."

Grudgingly, Bronwyn handed her the cloth.

Having her stand up, Marta went to work scrubbing every inch of Bronwyn's skin from the top of her head to the bottom of her feet.

Bronwyn was embarrassed as she stood uncovered in front of Marta while she ran the washing cloth over her exposed body.

Relieved when it was time to sit back down in the tub again, she gratefully let the water

cover her nakedness once more.

"There," Marta said, ignoring Bronwyn's discomfort. "Now for your hair."

Marta worked up a thick lather of soap into Bronwyn's curly locks. Using her fingertips, she worked the bubbles deep down into her scalp. Once she was satisfied that she had removed every speck of dirt, she had Bronwyn duck under the water to remove the suds.

When Bronwyn came up out of the water, she had to admit she felt fresh and new. This whole bathing thing was surprisingly pleasant.

Marta reached over and pulled another, much larger, piece of cloth from a hook on the wall and handed it to Bronwyn. "Dry off with this," she told her. "There's a smock hanging behind you on the wall. Once you've put that on, come over to the fire, and we'll get you further dried and then start working on that hair."

Bronwyn obeyed and was soon sitting in front of the blazing fire on a stool in front of Marta. Her less than modest attire almost forgotten.

"How long have you been doing this?" Bronwyn asked, as Marta ran a comb made of animal bone through her damp hair.

"I've been a ward of the king's going on six years now," Marta said, working on a stubborn knot on the back of Bronwyn's head.

"Six years?" Bronwyn asked, shocked. "How much longer will you have to be here?"

"I'll probably never leave," Marta said, matter-of-factly.

"Why not?" Bronwyn asked, wincing, as Marta tugged and pulled on the comb that had gotten tangled in one of her curls.

"My family will never be able to pay back the debt they owe," she said. "I'll have to stay here and continue to work until the king is satisfied."

"How long do you think that will be?" Bronwyn asked, scared of hearing the answer.

"He'll never be satisfied," Marta said with a sigh. "He gets free labor out of me as long as he feels my family still owes him."

"That's terrible," Bronwyn said. "I would think six years was plenty long enough."

"I've just accepted the fact that I'll never leave this castle," Marta said. Bronwyn could hear the sadness in her voice.

"I'm so sorry," Bronwyn said. "That's so sad."

"You'll never get to leave either," Marta said. "Since you're now a ward of the king's, he'll never let you go. You'd better just get used to it."

Bronwyn sat in silence as Marta finished combing out her hair. Was that true? Would she be expected to spend the rest of her life as a servant to the king? What about her mother? What would she do if she never got to see her again? What would happen to her mother the next time the soldiers went to the village to collect taxes? Would she be brought to the castle as a servant, as well? Bronwyn's mind was spinning with all these questions. Her heart felt heavy, and tears began to threaten behind her eyes.

"All done," Marta exclaimed, standing back to admire her handiwork. "Now all we have to do is find a pretty dress that fits you, and you'll be all ready. Sit here while I go bring out a few dresses for you to try on."

Bronwyn stretched her weary back and yawned. Even though it was still in the early evening hours, the warm bath had relaxed her sore muscles some, making her feel like she could sleep for several days.

It wasn't long before Marta returned carrying several gowns in her outstretched arms.

Bronwyn gasped when she saw the colorful, silky material.

"Beautiful, aren't they?" Marta asked, laying the dresses down on a table near the fire. "It's a shame you don't get to keep the one that fits you, but you're only allowed to wear it to meet the king. Once he assigns you your job, it's back to the outfit you came in. Well...depending on the job he assigns you, of course."

Bronwyn ran her fingers over the soft fabric and asked, "What kind of jobs does he normally assign?"

"Oh, it could be anything from working in the kitchens, to working in the stables," Marta said. "It depends on whether, or not, you make a good impression on him."

"How do you make a good impression on him?" Bronwyn felt her nerves tighten. So her job would depend on whether, or not, the king liked her? She was going to make certain he liked her very well.

"Just be polite and kind," Marta advised. "Don't get mouthy or rude. That's the surest way to end up in the dungeon. He's assigned plenty of folks to work down there, and trust me, you do not want to wind up down there."

Bronwyn shuddered at the thought. She'd never seen a dungeon before, but she'd heard that they were horrible places. Not somewhere you ever wanted to be.

"Ok," Marta said. "Let's start with this one." She pulled a red dress from the pile and held it out to Bronwyn.

Instantly, Bronwyn knew this wasn't the dress for her. The red color clashed with her skin tone, making her look pasty and pale. "I don't think I like that one," she told Marta, shoving it back toward her.

"Ok, how about this one?" Marta asked, holding up a peach colored gown.

Bronwyn just shook her head.

After trying on several gowns, none of them suited Bronwyn. They were either too big, too small, or simply the wrong color.

Finally, they reached the end of the pile. The only dress left was an emerald green gown with a gold brocade pattern woven into the bodice. Bronwyn knew immediately this was the dress for her.

Slipping the soft, velvety material over her head, she let the gown slide down her body until the hem touched the floor. Marta got to work securing the row of tiny buttons up the back of the dress.

Bronwyn ran her hands lovingly over the bodice and down the skirt portion of the gown. She had never seen, or worn, such a fine dress before. The tiny, soft soled slippers Marta slipped onto her feet were made of the same velvety material as the dress.

"It's so beautiful," Bronwyn said, in awe.

"You make it look beautiful," Marta said. "It's the perfect color for you with your red hair and fair skin."

"I feel like royalty," Bronwyn said, still unable to believe she was wearing something so fine.

"Let's get your hair done," Marta said. "It's almost time for your meeting with the king."

Bronwyn sat down on the stool in front of the fireplace as Marta began twisting, weaving and twirling her hair until it was piled high on top of her head. She then began to weave sprigs of tiny white flowers into the folds of her hair and finished by lacing thin strands of gold across, and through, her curls.

Bronwyn stood up to let Marta assess the results. Marta clapped her hands to her mouth and squealed. "I do believe this is the best job I've ever done. You look stunning!"

Bronwyn blushed at the praise. She just wished she could see for herself what she looked like. "I wish I could see what you see," she told Marta.

Marta's eyes lit up, and she dashed from the room. Within moments, she returned carrying a large, square item in her hands.

"What is that?" Bronwyn asked.

"It's a mirror," Marta said, turning it around for Bronwyn to see. "It shows your reflection."

Bronwyn gingerly took the mirror from Marta's hands and gazed into the odd, silvery object. The image reflected back at her was of an alluring, young, red-headed woman in an exquisite green gown.

"Beautiful, huh?" Marta asked.

Bronwyn stared at the mirror and nodded. She didn't have words for how stunning, how breathtaking, she looked. Was that really her? Was she truly that beautiful? Her mind couldn't comprehend it. She slowly handed the mirror back to Marta.

"You're going to make a very good impression on the king," Marta said. "He's going to give you one of the best jobs around here. Mark my words."

"Thank you, Marta," Bronwyn said, sincerely. "Thank you so much."

"You're welcome," Marta said, smiling at her. "Now...are you ready to meet the king?"

Bronwyn swallowed the lump that seemed to have gotten lodged in her throat and wiped her sweaty palms down the front of her dress. "As ready as I'm going to be," she said.

She offered Marta a weak smile as she was led through the door that Marta had appeared through earlier that evening.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* "If you add a teaspoon of sugar to your biscuit mix or to the dough for rolls, it will help them to brown well, and they will come out of the oven with golden tops." -- J.R. in Michigan

* Two ways to save money on laundry expenses: First, spring and summer are an excellent time to get into line-drying clothes -- especially towels and jeans that take longer to dry thoroughly in a dryer. Then, clean out and shorten your dryer's vent hose to make your machine more energy efficient. It cuts down on drying time, too, saving you time AND money.

* "Got an odd job coming up? Before you go out and purchase an expensive limited-use tool, check with friends and neighbors to see if you can borrow instead of buying. Check with local hardware stores to see if

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* In 2013, Belgium created five limited-edition stamps that smelled and tasted like chocolate (but were not, in fact, edible).

* Gambling slips from ancient China that date to between 201 BC and 187 BC are the first recorded instance of a lottery. It's believed these lotteries likely helped finance large government projects, such as the Great Wall of China.

* There are more tanning salons in major American cities than McDonald's or Starbucks.

* A parenting tradition in Maharashtra, India, involves tossing babies from the side of a 50-foot temple and catching them in a sheet. The practice is thought to endow newborns

with courage and intelligence.

* The person who graduates last in his class from West Point Military Academy is called "the goat" and receives a dollar from each classmate, as well as membership in a club that includes Gen. George Custer.

* The average woman wears six different bra sizes throughout her life.

* While Merriam-Webster defines "hussy" as "a girl or woman who behaves in a disrespectful or inappropriate way or who has many casual sexual relationships," the word is actually derived from the 13th-century "husewife," meaning mistress of the household.

* To help combat driver fatigue and boredom on long, straight roads of up to 90

miles in Australia, the government posted signs labeled "Fatigue Zone" featuring trivia questions and answers.

* In 2009, Patricia Demauro brought \$100 to a craps table in Atlantic City. Four hours and 18 minutes later, she had rolled 154 times, setting a world record for craps rolls. The odds of her accomplishing such a feat? One in 1.56 trillion!

* Ice cream was invented in 7th-century China and originally consisted of buffalo milk, flour and camphor.

Thought for the Day: "Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's party!'" -- Robin Williams

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it's cheaper to rent, too." -- S.L. in Kentucky

* "I have pets that leave hair and dirt on the couch. When I wash my cushion covers, one thing I always do is put them back on the pillows when they are not quite dry. They stretch better when they're a little bit damp. I had a terrible time a few years ago when I let them dry all the way and couldn't get them back on!" -- H.P. in Arizona

* "To clean burned-on bits from your cast-iron skillet, scrub with a plastic scrubbie and salt as an abrasive. Dry immediately and rub with oil to keep moist." -- R.T. in Ohio

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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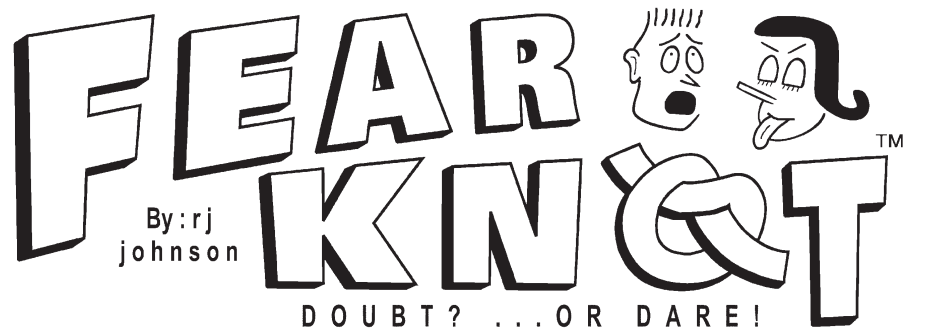
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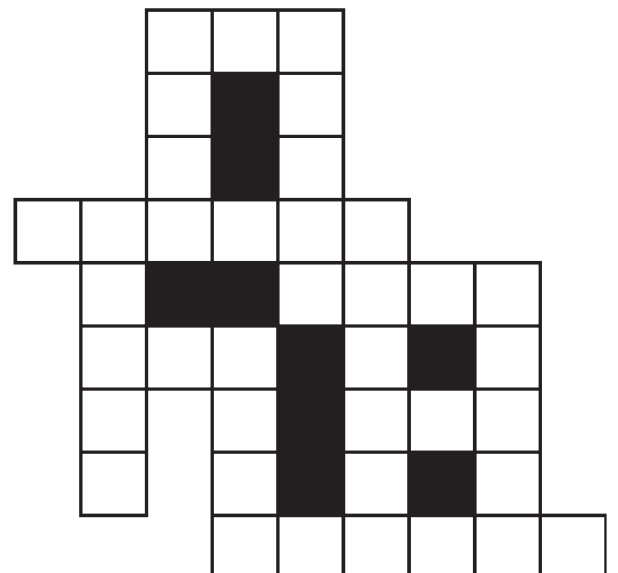
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Judas in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From Exodus 16, what bird served as miracle food for the Israelites? *Raven, Dove, Quail, Duck*
3. In Genesis 29:17, what part of Leah was tender (weak)? *Foot, Hand, Mind, Eyes*
4. From Jonah 1:15, how did he (Jonah) end up in the sea? *Drunkenness, Fell in, Capsized ship, Cast in*
5. In Matthew 17, what size faith did Jesus say was needed? *Mountain, Mustard seed, Ant hill, One's heart*
6. James and John were the sons of ... ? *Bartholomew, Zebedee, Zadok, Barnabas*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Quail; 3) Eyes; 4) Cast in (thrown); 5) Mustard seed; 6) Zebedee

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

Mexicali Tenderloins

This recipe guarantees a kiss for the cook every time!

- 4 (4-ounce) lean pork tenderloins or cutlets
- 1 (10¾-ounce) can reduced-fat tomato soup
- 1/2 cup chunky salsa
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 cup frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed

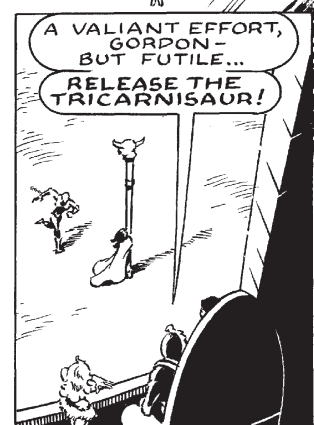
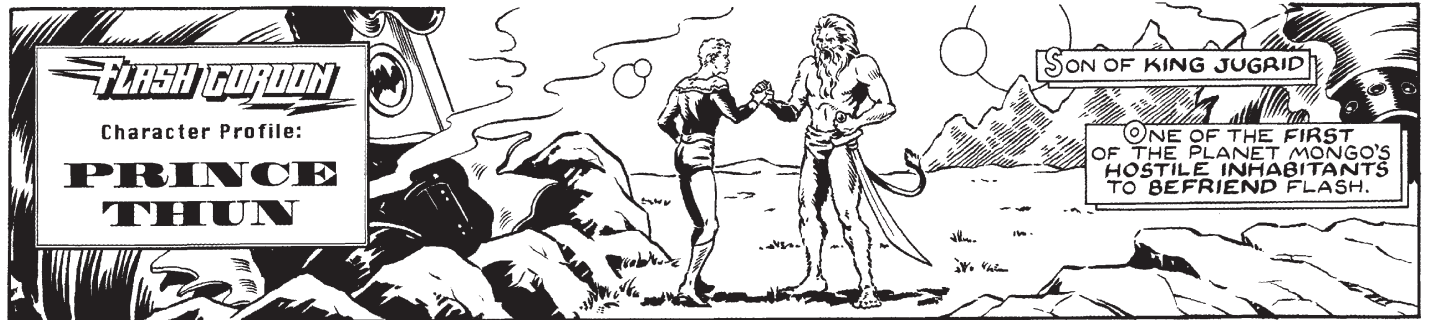
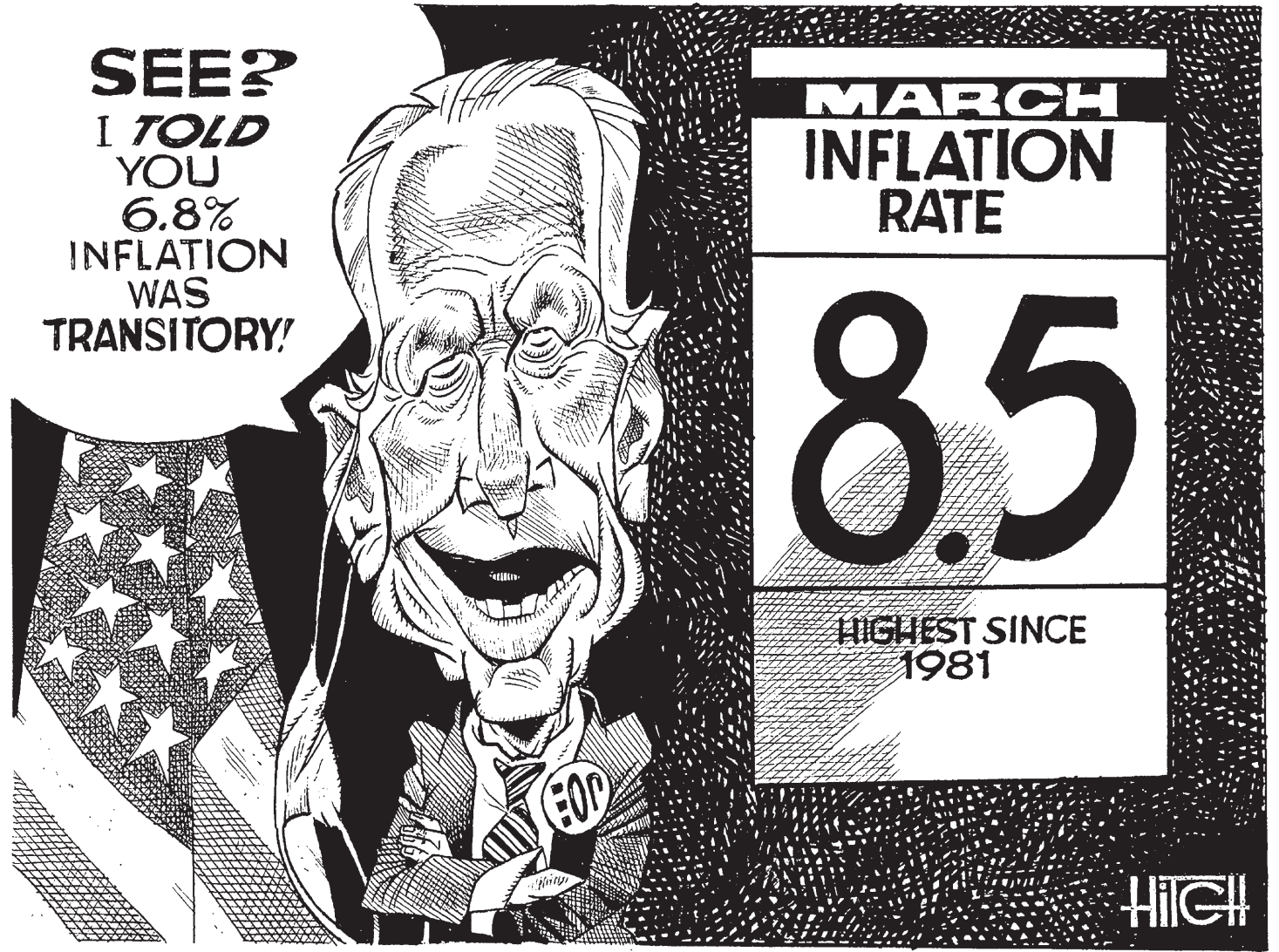
1. In a large skillet sprayed with olive oil-flavored cooking spray, lightly brown meat on both sides for about 3 minutes. In a medium bowl, combine tomato soup, salsa, parsley flakes and corn.

2. Spoon soup mixture evenly over browned meat. Lower heat, cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Uncover and continue simmering for 5 minutes.

3. When serving, place a piece of meat on a plate and spoon about 3/4 cup sauce mixture over top. Serves 4.

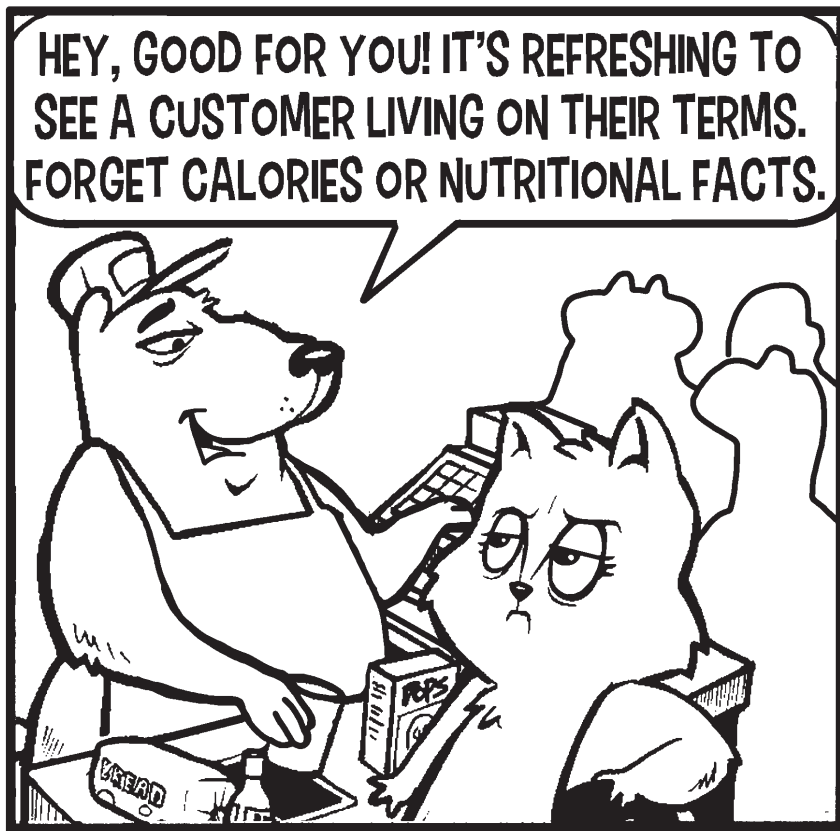
• Each serving equals: 243 calories, 7g fat, 27g protein, 18g carbohydrates, 417mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 3 Meat, 1 Starch.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

In Defense of Elon Musk

A year after being named Time magazine's person of the year, Elon Musk is attempting to acquire Twitter.

To listen to Musk's critics, you'd believe it's an act almost on par with Hitler invading Poland not long after being named Time's man of the year in 1938.

A writer for the left-wing website Salon worried that a Musk takeover of Twitter would enable fascism in America. A New York University journalism professor lamented that posting on Twitter with the threat of Musk looming feels like partying at a Berlin nightclub "at the twilight of Weimar Germany." Former Labor secretary Robert Reich warned, "This is what oligarchy looks like." And so on.

A report for the news site Axios compared Musk to "a movie super-villain," and related -- accurately -- that journalists who break news and opine on Twitter "really don't want to be working in Elon Musk's private playpen."

No, they much prefer to be working in a playpen whose ever-shifting rules -- constantly changing to keep up with the latest progressive priorities -- are written by the kind of people who thought the story of Hunter Biden's laptop should have been suppressed.

In their eyes, Elon Musk is guilty of a thought crime -- namely, believing that thought should be free, and should be freely expressed on a social media platform with outsize influence on the nation's public life.

Not too long ago, this would have been considered a core American belief, especially welcome to journalists whose work depends on the First Amendment. That was before content moderation, weaponized against one side of the political spectrum, supposedly became the thin line protecting American democracy from the onset of misinformation-driven dictatorship.

Who knew that so much could depend on policing what pronouns apply to trans people or cracking down on users who believed in the lab-leak theory early in the pandemic?

Musk presents a clear and present danger to the use of Twitter as a one-sided instrument to impose progressive rules on the public debate. From one point of view, Twitter should be beneath him. In contrast to many other Silicon Valley giants, Musk has focused on creating revolutionary physical products in the real world, whether electric cars or rockets. Transforming the American space program makes figuring out a better way for people to share their opinions 280 characters at time seem quite puny in comparison.

Musk is firmly in the tradition of great American entrepreneurs whose audacious vision, business acumen, and showmanship have made them larger-than-life celebrities. Think Thomas Edison. They have usually been willing to think for themselves, a quality now in short supply.

In today's America, world famous entrepreneurs and the companies that they've created, which are supposed to be all about innovation and disruption, happily let themselves get pulled along in the slipstream of progressive group think.

Companies built on great risks are deathly afraid that they might have to weather a critical hashtag or a tantrum by their woke millennial employees.

People who would presumably object to the government telling them what to say and think are too willing to let free-floating social media mobs effectively dictate to them.

Musk, a kind of libertarian who has a puckish sense of humor and willingness to defy authority (just ask the SEC), rejects this thoughtless and often cowardly conformity.

Like podcaster Joe Rogan, another recent target of progressive ire, his fundamental offense is being uncategorizable and willing to question conventional wisdom. Like Dave Chapelle and J.K. Rowling, he is too rich and famous to be canceled or cowed -- to be more precise, he's the richest man in the world who enjoys a public fight and genuinely disdains the censors and scolds.

All of this makes him a very dangerous man indeed, and perhaps just the guy to make the statement against intimidation and in favor of free speech that this moment so desperately needs.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review...

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Make a Handprint Bloom Card for Mom

Young kids can let Mom know she's the best, hands down, with this personalized Mother's Day poster card. Their own handprints will create the blooms for an artful flower that Mom will treasure. Get started now, since Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8.

Here's what you'll need:

- 1 large, 12-inch-by-18-inch sheet of sturdy construction paper or poster board in a light color such as yellow, pink or lavender
- several sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- colorful tissue paper, cut into thin strips
- white household glue
- empty recycled margarine or deli tub
- paintbrush, pencil and scissors

Here's the fun:

1. With the pencil, outline your child's hand with fingers slightly spread apart on a piece of construction paper. Cut out tracings (you'll need at least three per flower).

2. Pour glue into the tub, and dilute with a few drops of water. Brush glue mixture on the cutout. Wad the tissue strips and press on cutout to decorate. Make and decorate several hand shapes using at least one hand from each child in the family. Glue the cutouts on the top half of the large sheet of construction paper in a circular pat-

tern (with palms at center). Or arrange three hands with one hand pointing to the right, one to the left and one straight up. The pattern should resemble a flower.

3. Cut and glue on green paper in shapes of a stem and leaves. Add a circle in a contrasting color for the center of the flower.

4. Make a border on the poster card and write a personal greeting, such as "Best Mom, Hands Down!" or "From your little blossoms: Janelle, Mia and Emily."



Kids lend a "hand" to create Mother's Day poster card

Variation: Instead of cutting a hand shape, simply place a child's hand in poster paint (palm down) and guide the hand on the card. Gently press the hand on the paper, making sure that the palm and five fingers make a print. Repeat with another child's hand until the flower is complete. Add paper stem, leaves and center.

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

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Can VA Puppy Program Help Combat PTSD?

The Department of Veterans Affairs has published its plan for starting up a pilot program for the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers for Veterans Therapy Act. In the PAWS Act, the VA will do a five-year pilot program to train dogs as a means of assisting veterans with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), with the veterans doing the training.

Five VA medical centers will be part of the pilot program: San Antonio; West Palm Beach, Florida; Anchorage, Alaska; Asheville, North Carolina; and Palo Alto, California.

There are three requirements for veterans to be eligible to join the pilot program: be enrolled in VA health care, be diagnosed with PTSD and get a recommendation from a VA mental health-care provider.

Veterans getting care from a non-VA provider will need to contact the VA facility where they get authorization for the non-VA care and ask about

taking part in the pilot. Additionally, the veteran must have had an appointment for some type of care within three months of asking to join the program, and then continue with appointments every three months.

The VA would be required to provide the dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility problems with training provided by certified trainers. Veterans would not be allowed to be around the dogs unless the trainer is present, nor to use any shock collars.

At the end of training, the veteran can adopt the dog if the trainer believes it's in the veteran's best interest, and additional training will continue for the life of the dog. However, some of the training involves getting a dog ready to be a service animal for someone else, so a veteran might work with multiple dogs.

To read all the fine print about the dog program, go to the Federal Register (www.federalregister.gov) and search for PAWS Act, then look for Implementation of the PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act.

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Historically Speaking

Tennessee hosted German POW camps during World War II

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Carolyn Krause decided to include this additional information about Prisoner of War camps in Tennessee during World War II. She draws on my good friend Bill Carey's article for the information about the Camp at Crossville.

During World War II, Tennessee was the host for several camps that housed and fed German prisoners of war. In her recent talk to the League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge, Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Sharon Lee mentioned, in response to a question, the German prisoner-of-war (POW) camp in Tellico Plains, the birthplace of her father, who was an American POW imprisoned in Germany.

The German prisoners interned in the Tellico Plains POW camp did farm work, growing green beans on land owned by the Stokely Van Camp company, she said. The company sold canned beans. She added that some German POWs did work on her grandmother's farm in Tellico Plains.

"She always fed the German POWs very well," Justice Lee noted. "My grandmother said, 'I'm going to feed them well because I hope someone in Germany is feeding my son well.'"

After the Tellico Plains camp closed in 1945, some of the liberated German soldiers remained in Tennessee after the war. They didn't want to return home to a devastated Germany and they apparently liked the opportunities available to them in the United States.

There were at least four other German POW camps in Tennessee during World War II, according to a 2015 article in The Tennessee Magazine. In the article by Bill Carey entitled

"Former German soldier recalls life at Crossville POW camp," he reported that German POWs were interned at Camp Forrest, near Tullahoma; Camp Campbell, near Clarksville; Camp Tyson, in Henry County; and Camp Crossville, in Cumberland County.

Most of the POW camps in the state have disappeared but the land where the Crossville POW camp was is now the site of the Clyde York 4-H Center. The long, white building near the entrance used to be part of the POW hospital. The center has been used for church retreats, and each summer hundreds of children spend time there learning archery, swimming and teamwork skills.

Carey's article focused on Gerhard Hennes, a

German officer who was captured in North Africa on May 13, 1943. "Five months later, after short stays in a dozen different holding facilities, he entered the gates of Camp Crossville," Carey wrote. "He was imprisoned there for two years.

"After World War II, Hennes would become an American citizen and in 2004 published 'The Barbed Wire: POW in the USA.' In it he gives a detailed description of life at Camp Crossville."

Carey stated that Hennes and his fellow prisoners were treated relatively well, adding that, "They were given new uniforms, they were not interrogated and they were mostly left to the authority of their own German officers."

Unlike the German camps for American POWs, including the ones Justice Lee portrayed in her recent talk, Camp Crossville offered three square meals a day – presumably plenty of nutritious and delicious foods. In his book Hennes wrote, "Breakfast included long-forgotten or newly cherished things like scrambled eggs, crisp bacon, fresh orange or V8 juice; all kinds of cereal; and hot cakes soaked in maple syrup."

Hennes wrote that all the German POWs were paid. As a lieutenant, Hennes received \$20 per month. "The German prisoners used this money to buy beer, cigarettes, books and just about whatever they chose to order from the



A former hospital building at the Crossville POW camp at the Clyde York 4-H Center. Photograph courtesy of "Tennessee History for Kids." (Photo Submitted)

Sears catalog," Carey wrote. "They passed the time taking classes taught by other prisoners, participating in tennis and soccer leagues they organized, playing cards and drinking beer."

Because of the manpower shortage in the area during World War II, the German prisoners were routinely allowed to leave Camp Crossville to work in factories and help farmers bring in the crops. That apparently was also the situation at the POW camp in Tellico Plains.

Carey noted from reading Hennes' book that there was "a turning point in his experience. It came in the spring of 1945. After Germany's surrender, all the POWs were

herded into a Crossville movie theater where they saw a film containing footage from the liberation of the Nazi-run concentration camps."

"We saw the emaciated bodies and empty eyes of the survivors," Hennes wrote. "We saw the piles of naked bodies, starved to death. We saw the mass graves. We saw the ovens where tens of thousands had been cremated. We saw and stared in silence, struggling but unable to believe what we Germans had done to Jews, gypsies, prisoners of war and many others deemed inferior or expendable. None of us in Crossville will ever forget that documentary."

Hennes wrote that he and his fellow soldiers and officers were shocked to learn about the Holocaust. Viewing that film was "the day when I turned in one profound transformation from being a hero to being a villain."

Carey noted that "it was also the day the treatment of German prisoners of war changed at Crossville – and at probably every prisoner-of-war camp in the United States. The quality and amount of food were reduced, and the treatment of the prisoners by the guards was changed. "Some of this appears to have been a deliberate policy change on the part of the U.S. military. It may have also reflected the attitude of the prison guards, who were no doubt also moved by the images of the mass genocide.

"Shortly after Thanksgiving 1945, Hennes and the other prisoners of war were sent by train to New York, then by ship to Europe. Hennes then spent two more months in a POW camp in Attichy in France. There, the food was scarce, the conditions were overcrowded and treatment was rough.

"Life as a POW ended for Hennes on Jan. 30, 1946. The war behind him, he moved back to the town where he grew up in Germany. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1953 and became a citizen five years later. Hennes later became an administrator for the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Jersey and spent many years providing disaster relief through an international organization called Church World Service."

Carey ended the article with a quote from Hennes, who at the time of the magazine's publication seven years ago was 92 years old and living in Crossville: "For most of my life, I have been an American citizen. I am very proud of that and thankful for the opportunities the United States gave me."

For more information on the American wars, visit the free Military Memorial Museum, 20 South Main St., Crossville. <https://militarymemorialmuseum-tn.org>

*** Thanks Carolyn for adding this information. And also glad Bill Carey's research was helpful. History for Kids web site is: <https://www.tnhistoryforkids.org>

For the full article Bill Carey wrote for Tennessee Magazine: <https://www.tnmagazine.org/former-german-soldier-recalls-life-at-crossville-pow-camp/>

Hike MoCo sponsored and participated in the Annual Save The Smokies Clean up



Wallend, Tennessee – Several members of Hike MoCo, the local Morgan County Hiking Group participated in the Great Smoky Mountain Spring Clean on April 23, 2022 and working with approximately 170 other volunteers, removed almost 2 1/2 tons of trash from Smoky Mountain National Park and the surrounding area. The event was organized by Save Our Smokies and Responsible Stewardship and sponsored by several area businesses and organizations including Morgan County's Hike MoCo, Lilly Pad Hopyard Brewery and Lone

Mountain Sound. The over 4500 pounds of trash removed on April 23 was actually a partial total as one of the other groups participating did not submit their weight totals as of this release. Previous Save Our

Smokies Clean Up events have removed over 11,500 pounds of trash from the park.

Hike MoCo

Co-founders Cathy Howard and Erin Howard started the group back in 2017 as a way to promote hiking the beautiful trails in and around Morgan County. Primarily, an on-line entity on Facebook, the group organizes hikes and events such as the Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival Hiking Marathon, Summer Hike and Swim Series, Fall Frenzy and Winter Waterfall Wander. The Hike MoCo Facebook page also provides members a place to network and organize their own hikes, share pictures, events, trail and gear information, or any items of interest

pertaining to outdoor activities. The group has grown to over 1,500 members. Hike MoCo is a part of the Morgan County Tourism Alliance and members function as trail ambassadors to promote Morgan County parks and trails through social media and by inviting hikers they meet outside of the county to visit Morgan County.

The co-founders are avid hikers and share a disdain for people who litter and destroy the scenic beauty of our county and region's natural areas. The groups philosophy of "Leave No Trace" is reflected on one of the group's popular t-shirt designs which boldly proclaim, "Leave No Trace you jerk-face poop heads....you know who you are."

Even though the message uses humor to convey its message, the group is serious about eliminating litter and regularly carries trash bags in their packs and more often than not, hauls out trash discovered along the trail, to ensure they leave the great outdoors better than they found it.

The Hike MoCo team was paired with other groups and assigned to clean up pull offs on the southern section of the Foothills Parkway near Wallend, Tennessee. Reacting to the tremendous amounts of trash discovered in the Smokies during the Spring Clean, including a water heater, a television and part of a bed frame, Erin Howard lamented, "I am incredibly saddened by the amount of trash people have thrown out. I will never understand why people think it's

okay to litter and dump trash."

Hike MoCo member George Hawver added, "Most of the items we removed weren't carelessly discarded trash, like a candy wrapper or an accidentally dropped water bottle. It was deliberately dumped trash by someone too lazy to take it to the dump. Instead, they pulled up to a scenic overlook and ruined the view and endangered wildlife by throwing household garbage off the roads or parking areas into a natural habitat.

In addition to participating in the Save Our Smokies Spring Clean, the group has a record of giving back whenever possible. The group partnered with Frozen Head State Park to get members trained as Trail Maintainers to help out when needed and are planning additional classes to get more members trained. Hike MoCo has already set its sights on the next give back event on May 14, when they will help with the clean up of Potters Falls in Wartburg organized by the Emory River Watershed Association.

For more information on what you can do to help, visit saveoursmokies.org, responsiblestewardship.org, lnt.org, or sign up for the Potters Falls Cleanup on May 14 by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/EmoryRiverWatershedAssociation> and registering for the event.

For more information on Hike MoCo, visit mctamoco.com/hikemoco or find them on Facebook!



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army veteran First Lieutenant Vernon Joseph Baker fought and served in World War II against the German Army.

1LT Baker served in the Weapons Platoon, Company C, 370TH Infantry Regiment, 92ND Infantry Division. On January 13, 1997 he was awarded the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Bill Clinton for his heroic actions on April 5-6, 1945 in Aghinolfi, Germany.

1LT Baker's Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty: First Lieutenant Vernon J. Baker distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action on 5 and 6 April 1945. At 0500 hours on 5 April 1945, Lieutenant Baker advanced at the head of his weapons platoon, along with Company C's three rifle platoons, towards their objective; Castle Aghinolfi - a German mountain strong point on the high ground just east of the coastal highway and about two miles from the 370th infantry Regiment's line of departure. Moving more rapidly than the rest of the company, Lieutenant Baker and about 25 men reached the south side of a draw some 250 yards from the castle within two hours. In reconnoitering for a suitable position to set up a machine gun, Lieutenant Baker observed two cylindrical objects pointing out of a slit in a mount at the edge of a hill. Crawling up and under the opening, he stuck his M-1 into the slit and emptied the clip, killing the observation post's two occupants. Moving to another position in the same area, Lieutenant Baker stumbled upon a well-camouflaged machine gun nest, the crew of which was eating breakfast. He shot and killed both enemy soldiers. After



Captain John F. Runyon, Company C's Commander joined the group, a German soldier appeared from the draw and hurled a grenade which failed to explode. Lieutenant Baker shot the enemy soldier twice as he tried to flee. Lieutenant Baker then went down into the draw alone. There he blasted open the concealed entrance of another dugout with a hand grenade, shot one German soldier who emerged after the explosion, tossed another grenade into the dug-

out and entered firing his sub-machine gun, killing two more Germans. As Lieutenant Baker climbed back out of the draw, enemy machine gun and mortar fire began to inflict heavy casualties among the group of 25 soldiers, killing or wounding about two-thirds of them. When expected reinforcements did not arrive, Captain Runyon ordered a withdrawal in two groups. Lieutenant Baker volunteered to cover the withdrawal of the first group, which consisted mostly of walking wounded, and to remain to assist in the evacuation of the more seriously wounded. During the second group's withdrawal, Lieutenant Baker, supported by covering fire from one of his platoon members, destroyed two machine gun positions (previously bypassed during the assault) with hand grenades. In all, Lieutenant Baker accounted for nine enemy dead soldiers, elimination of three machine gun positions, an observation post, and a dugout. On the following night, Lieutenant Baker voluntary led a battalion advance through enemy mine fields and heavy fire toward the division objective. Lieutenant Baker's fighting spirit and daring leadership were an inspiration to his men and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

We honor fallen Harris County, Texas Constable's Office, Precinct 7, Deputy Jennifer Chavis who was killed in the line of duty on April 2, 2022.

Deputy Chavis was sworn in as a Harris County Constable Precinct 7 deputy on November 20, 2020, and was assigned to the Toll Road Division.

According to Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Deputy Chavis, was responding to reports of a driver who fled the scene of a crash while allegedly intoxicated. While she waited to attempt a traffic stop, the driver rear-ended her while inside the patrol unit, which burst into flames, killing Deputy Chavis.

Deputy Chavis died at the scene, and the driver was taken into custody.

Prior to joining the department, Deputy Chavis served in the United States Army.

Deputy Chavis was only thirty-two-years old and leaves behind her husband and their 4-year-old son. She also

leaves behind an eleven-year-old nephew that the couple was raising.

Rest in peace Sister... My thoughts are with your family, friends, and the

members of your agency during this most difficult and tragic time....

LT. Joseph Ward, Ret
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Tom Redmon
Columnist

Growing Up in Gobey

I've talked to a lot of kids about living in Gobey and I've never had one to tell me that they didn't like living up there. Peggy Ryan

who now lives in Gainesville, Florida told me that

we were like a big family in Gobey. Every one got along well and they helped each other out.

Howard (Hooney) Walls said, "boy it was fun growing up in Gobey" we had a lot to do and we were never bored. We had a field to play ball in, a river to swim and fish in, and we watched a movie every Saturday night. Billy Wayne Garrett said they always showed westerns because that was what everybody wanted to see. That was certainly true because the Princess in Harri-man always showed a double feature on Saturday's and they were bang-up westerns.

The Walls family lived at Gobey and the father was a minister. He had a bunch of boys and one I got to know pretty well was Joe. Now Joe was a handsome gentleman and a lady's man. One night my sister Rosella Redmon stayed all night with Virgie Hamby who lived in Scutcheon. A boy by the name of Lee Roy Frazee asked Joe if he would like to walk some girls home after church. Joe said yes, before he realized how far Scutcheon was. He said again I found out how far you had to walk if you walked a girl home in Gobey. He was one tired boy when he got back home. Both Virgie and Rose were star basketball players at Central. Gobey was the only place you had to walk a long way when you walked a girl home from church but since the settlement was settled over a large area it probably was the longest journey. Cars were scarce back then and young people didn't seem to matter when they had company on their walks.

Peggy Ryan was telling me about the ball teams they had; both boys and girls. She said her cousin was the pitcher on the girl's team and she was the hind catcher. We played Fort Mountain and those girls were rough. As a matter-a-fact they were so rough we got scared and quit. The pitcher had such a wind-up and fastball that she scared us to death and we quit.

Peggy said they had different places to swim in the Emory River and they would go swimming about everyday in the summer time. She also said they had a boat that they paddled all over the river. I remember Joyce Garrett Bardill telling me about how her and Doyle Loved to get into the river and swim. They all had their favorite swimming hole.

Another form of recreation was the movie they could see once a week. The Emory River Lumber Company built the theater and some said it was laid out just like the theaters today. I think it cost a quarter to get into the movie and purchase a bag of popcorn. Gobey was the only place in the county that had this type of entertainment. The Wartburg folks had to either walk or drive to Gobey to see the movies or other shows. I'm sure Gobey was a popular place when a movie was playing.

I remember that the railroad track that ran from Gobey to Flat Fork crossed my grandpa's property. Flat Fork had a lot of virgin timber and my dad worked up there pulling a cross-cut saw.

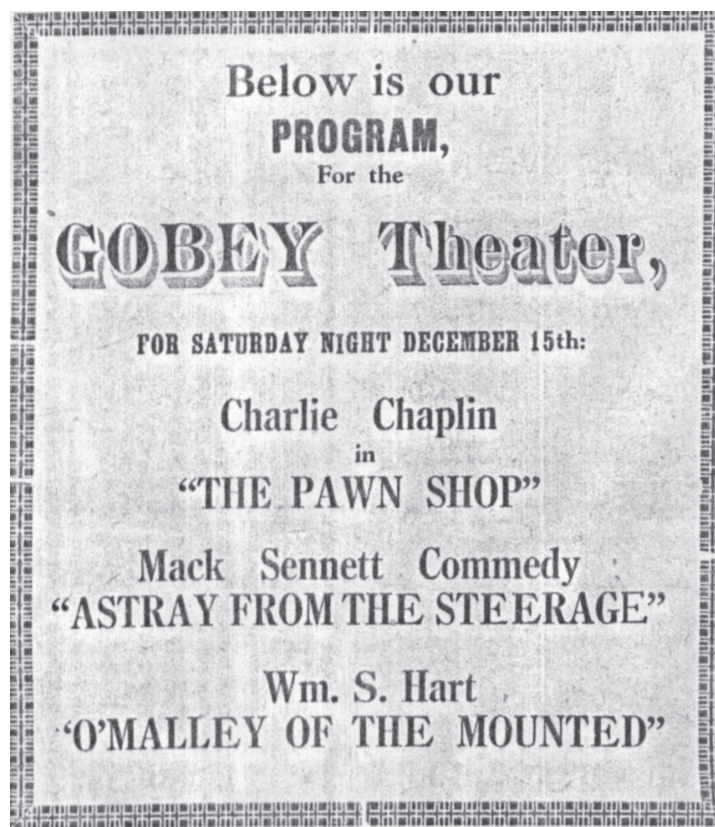
I was born too late to see the train on the track but the raised bed was still evident when I was grown.

I remember Odessa Redmon Woolum telling me in her interview that the most exciting time in her life was when her dad, Martin Redmon took her to work with him on the Gobey train. Dave Redmon was the engineer and Beula his daughter was allowed to go with him.

Many men who lived and worked in Gobey were called into the Army during World War II, (1941-46). Garnet Sanderson joined the U.S. Army Air Force in September 1942. He was the waist gunner on a B-17 in which he flew 25 missions over enemy territory over Europe.



Emory River Railroad Steam Engine (Photo Submitted)



Old Gobey Movie Theatre Flyer (Photo Submitted)

Garnet received several metals and ribbons and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Edna Sanderson, wife of Garnet had a tremendous amount of respect for all soldiers. Ray Perkins was another soldier from Gobey who served in World War II. The wives of the WWII soldiers formed a close-knit group while their husbands were overseas.

Like many places in Morgan County the churches of Gobey and Elizabeth were the central part of many people's lives. Clifton Wall who was the pastor of Emory Baptist Church in Gobey raised a large family in Gobey and Coalfield.

As you know Gobey was started in 1918 by Emory River Lumber Company and during its operation during the depression years many churches were built there. Just about everyone

went to church. Two of the churches were the Emory Baptist Church and Elizabeth Baptist Church.

Several people said the Emory River Baptist Church was built back when the coal mines were going strong. The mines and timberlands do not last forever and things have to be closed down. That's what happened to Emory River Baptist Church and the little church was torn down but that didn't happen to Elizabeth Baptist Church in Wartburg the church was established in 1887 and the Reverend John Webb was called as the first pastor. The church has occupied four different buildings and many men have served as pastors. I believe Elizabeth Baptist Church is still

going strong because it was established more than 20 years prior to the booming success of the town of Gobey. Many of the families stayed in the community long after the lumber mills and coal mines had closed down, and many who moved away from the community still came back to worship at the church they loved. Rev. Buster Armes has been the pastor since 1991 and this man of God is a good leader of the flock. Like a lot of churches of today attendance might be down but I believe Elizabeth Baptist Church will last as long as we have people who love the Lord and can get to that beautiful setting in Gobey. In the fall and summer, it is such a beautiful drive up there. It

has to get you in a thankful mode ready to worship.

When I think of Gobey I have to think of what Peggy Ryan and others said about the community. She said "I loved living there because the people of Gobey were just like a big family. Everyone got along so well."

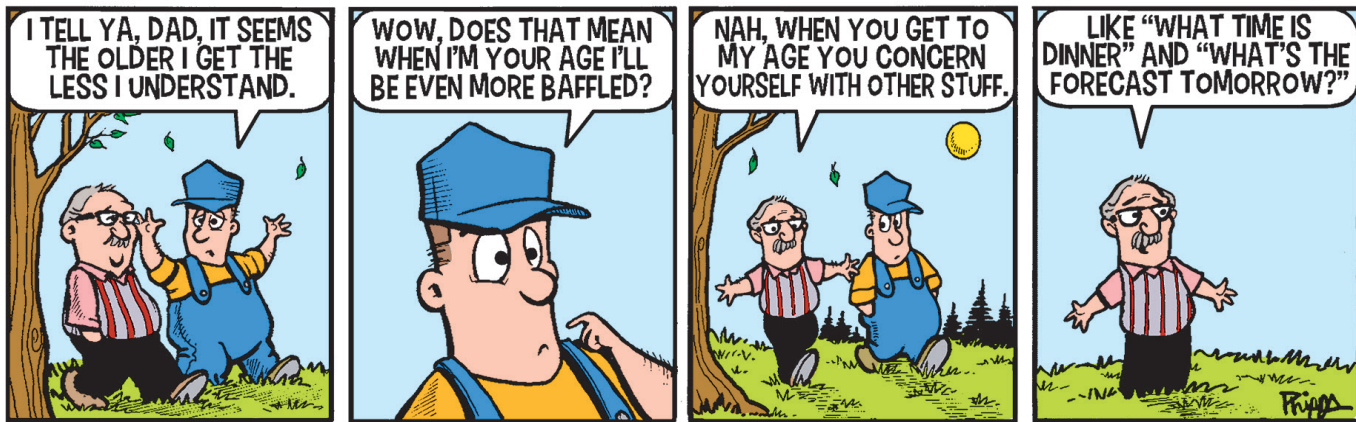
Verda Hall McPeters who grew up in the Elizabeth community talks about her dad getting killed and her mother being willing to take in people's washing and also willing to stay with people to help out. Carl Garrett also offered Verda a job in his store. If someone saw a need, I'm sure they wanted to help their neighbor out. Yes, Gobey was a great place to grow up. It was one big family.

Epilogue
I was wrong about Gobey being the only community with a movie house. At one time when Oakdale was booming, they had a theater, a YMCA, and a big train station. At one time Gobey had two doctors, Dr. Love and Dr. Hurling when Wartburg had none. I have heard that during the 1930's or 1940's Elizabeth Baptist Church once had a revival that was supposed to last two weeks but it went on for thirteen weeks. I hope its true.

I think the time was just right for the community of Gobey to spring up. At first timber and coal was plentiful and so were workers. It put families together who were perfect for a new settlement. It had leaders who made it grow and they stuck with it. The lumber and coal companies were willing to work with residents by helping them with their needs like a company store, two medical doctors, a movie theater and churches. I wish I could have been part of this experiment.

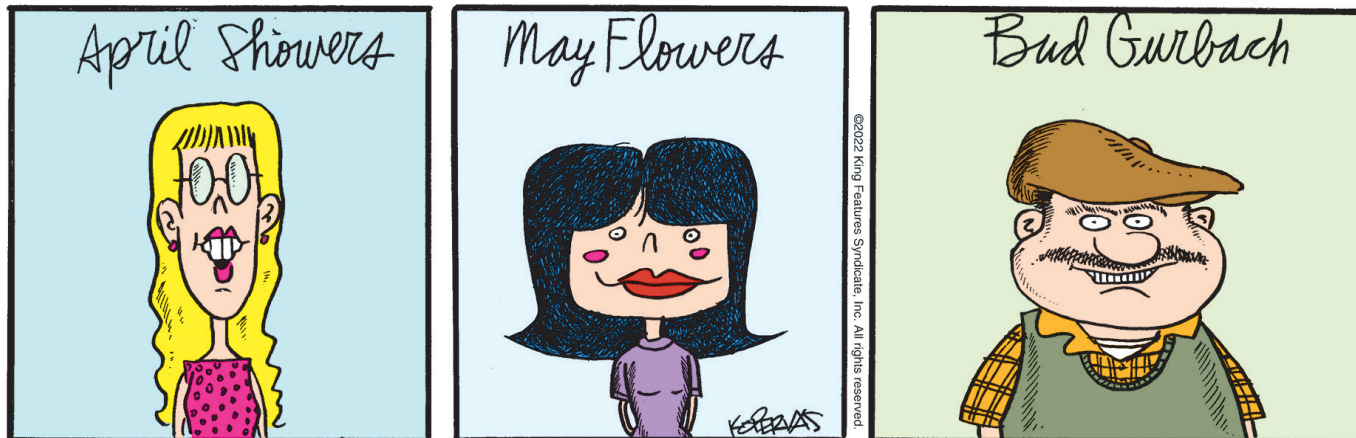
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by Dave T. Phipps



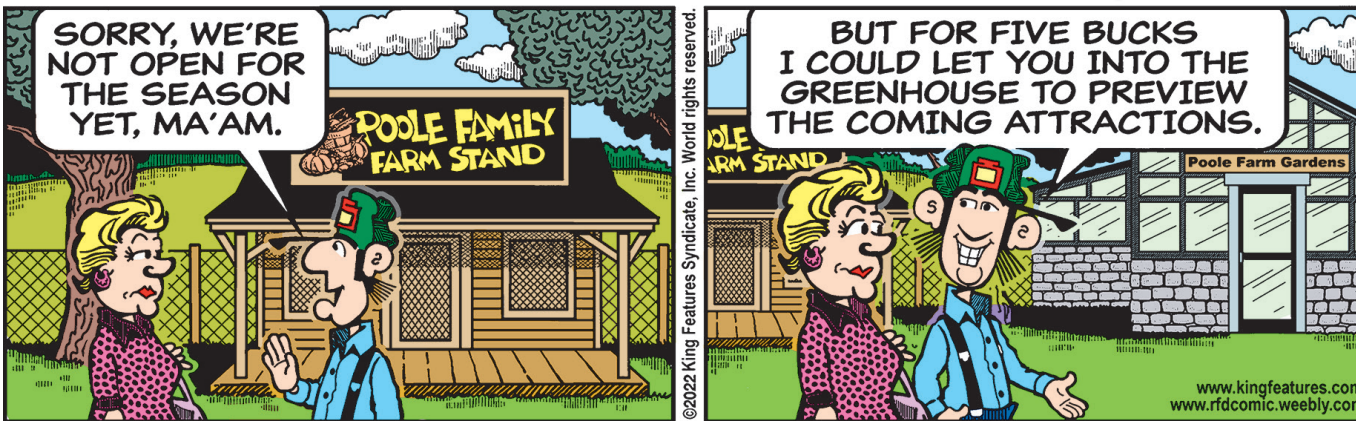
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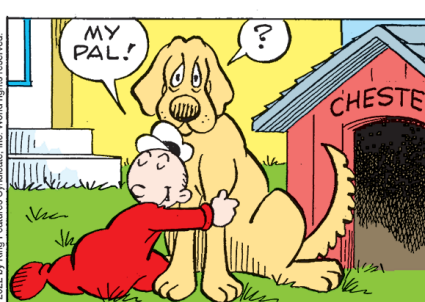
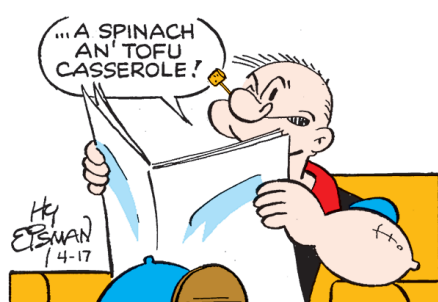
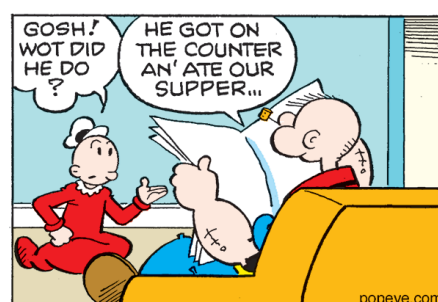
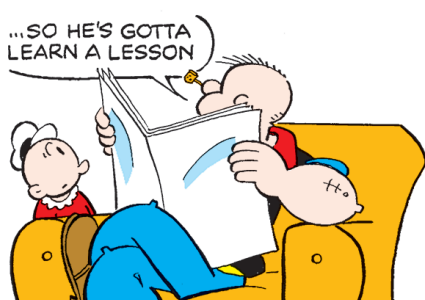
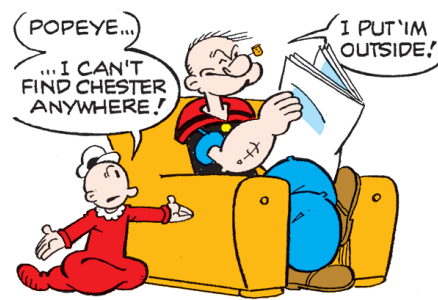
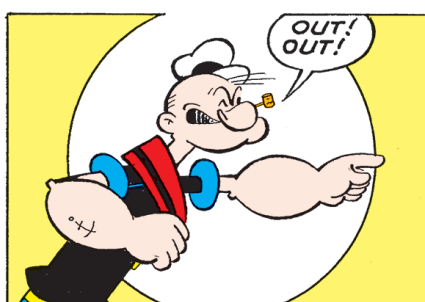
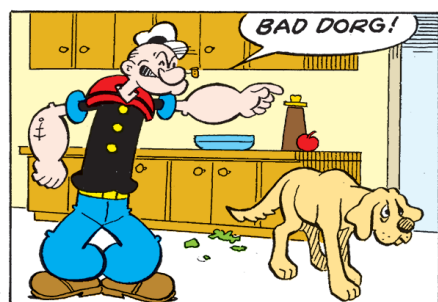
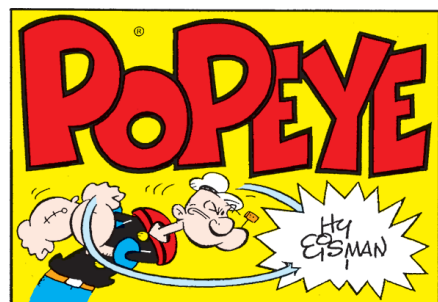
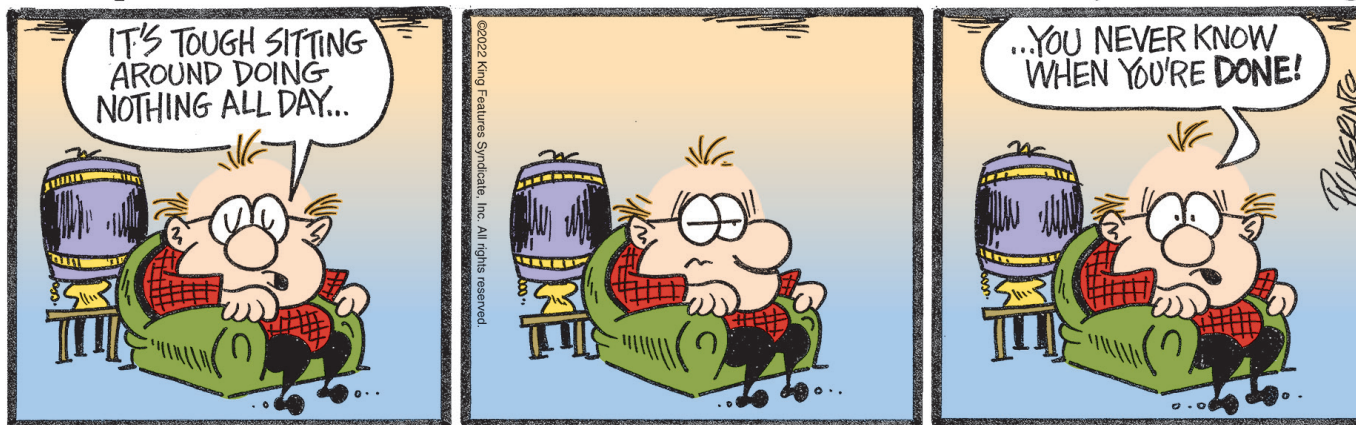
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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On May 13, 1607, some 100 English colonists arrive along the east bank of the James River in Virginia to found Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America. Dispatched from England by the London Company, they had sailed across the Atlantic aboard the Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery.

* On May 14, 1796, Edward Jenner, an English country doctor, administers the world's first vaccination as a preventive treatment for smallpox. Scientists following Jenner's model developed new vaccines to fight diseases such as polio, whooping cough, measles and tetanus.

* On May 12, 1932, the body of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh's baby is found, more than two months after he was kidnapped from his family's Hopewell, New Jersey, mansion. Kidnapping was made a federal crime in the aftermath of this high-profile crime.

* On May 15, 1942, gasoline rationing begins in 17 eastern states to aid the American war effort during World War II. By the end of the year, President Franklin Roosevelt had made gas rationing mandatory in all 48 states.

* On May 9, 1960, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves the world's first commercially produced birth-control pill, Enovid-10, made by the G.D. Searle Company of Chicago. Clinical tests of the pill had begun in 1954.

* On May 10, 1980, Treasury Secretary G. William Miller announces the approval of nearly \$1.5 billion in federal loan guarantees for the nearly bankrupt Chrysler Corporation, at the time the largest rescue package ever by the U.S. government to an American corporation. The loan terms required Chrysler to raise another \$2 billion on its own.

* On May 11, 1997, chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov resigns after 19 moves in a game against Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer developed by IBM scientists. It was the sixth and final game of their match, which Kasparov lost two games to one, with three draws. (c) 2021 Hearst Communications, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Sunbright Track and Field Team Slays Giants

By Terry Futrell

Tiny Sunbright High school with an enrollment of 152, fifth smallest school with a Track and Field Program in the State of Tennessee, is making its presence felt by several larger schools in the Knoxville Area. In an invitational meet held at Powell High School on April 19, Sunbright's boys placed fourth among eight schools. Sunbright was surpassed only by Gibbs (enrollment 988), Powell (enrollment 1290), and Carter (enrollment 802). Sunbright's boys scored higher than Clinton (enrollment 1125), Scott (enrollment 815), Paideia Academy, and Knoxville Ambassadors. Sunbright's boys and girls won first place in two events, placed second in one event, and placed in the top five in four additional events.

So, isn't this to be expected considering the vast amount of money invested in track and field facilities at Sunbright? Wrong! There are no track and field facilities at Sunbright, which adds even greater significance to the outstanding

performance of Sunbright's track and field athletes. Sunbright Head Coach Tara England and Assistant Coach Sara Trail have done a phenomenal job preparing their athletes using makeshift facilities.

To practice high hurdles, the team sets up hurdles in the parking lot and simply practices jumping over the hurdles. There is no facility for running the full length of a hurdles race. The result – Sunbright captured first, fourth, and seventh place in the boys 300 meter hurdles and the girls captured fifth place in the eight-school meet at Powell.

Sunbright has no long jump pit. The result – Sunbright captured first, sixth, and seventh place in the boys long jump and the girls captured sixth place in the Powell meet.

With no running track on which to practice, Sunbright captured second place in the boys 400 meter dash and fourth in the girls 400 meter dash. Sunbright also captured fourth place in the boys 4 x 800 meter relay with a time that was less than



Josh Nestle clears a hurdle on his way to a fourth-place finish in the boys 300 hurdles. [Photo by Robert Freels]

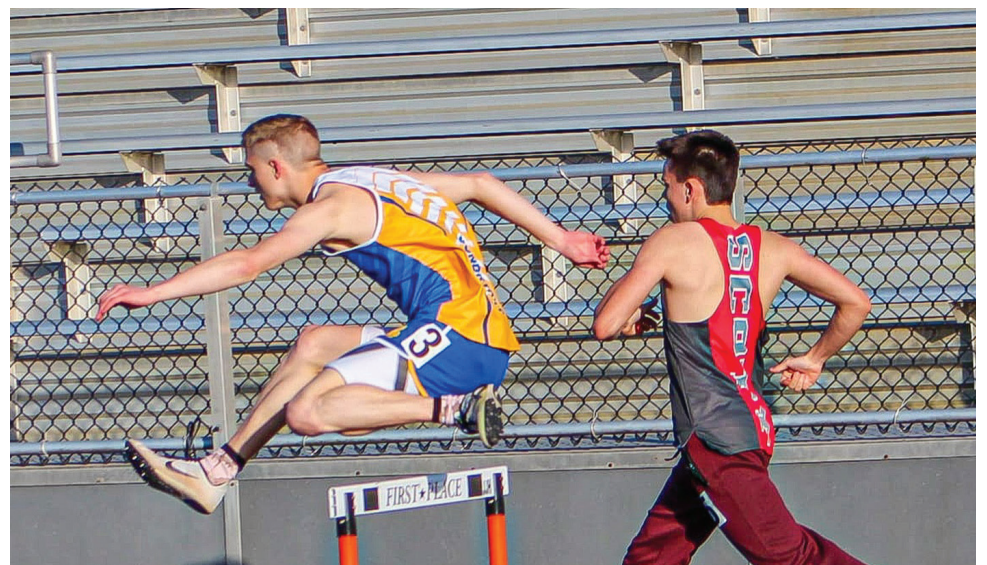
one second behind third place.

Top performers of the day were Jonah Freels and Caleb Quinney. Freels won both the long jump and the 300 meter hurdles. Freels long jump was two feet longer than the second-place finisher. His winning

margin in the hurdles was almost three seconds. Quinney placed second in the 400 meter dash with a time that was only .09 seconds behind first place. Because Wartburg Central, Quinney's home school, has no track program, Quinney participates on the Sunbright team.



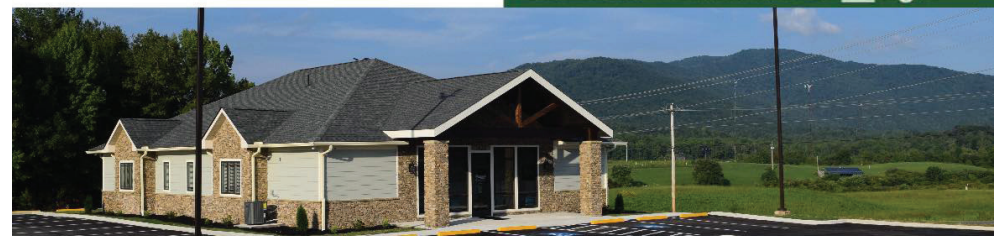
Emerson Nichols races to a fourth-place finish in the girls 400 dash. [Photo by Robert Freels]



Jonah Freels races ahead to win the boys 300 hurdles, finishing almost three seconds ahead of the second-place finisher. [Photo by Robert Freels]



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Track & Field Results

Boys 100 Dash

13 - Isaac JONES - 13.82

Girls 100 Dash

9 - Emerson NICHOLS - 15.64

Boys 200 Dash

10 - Isaac JONES - 28.90

Boys 300 Hurdles

1 - Jonah FREELS - 44.99
4 - Josh NESTLE - 51.15
7 - Grant CARROL - 1:10.27

Girls 300 Hurdles

5 - Haylee MORGAN - 1:03.47

Boys 400 Dash

2 - Caleb QUINNEY - 55.48
11 - Kent ENGLAND - 1:11.59
12 - Charles CONNER - 1:12.62

Girls 400 Dash

4 - Emerson NICHOLS - 1:15.13
9 - Kendra MASSEY - 1:18.01

Boys Discus Throw

7 - Nathan WARD - 77' 8"
10 - Noah COX - 60' 0"
11 - Kent ENGLAND - 55' 9"

Girls Discus Throw

6 - Haylee MORGAN - 62' 5"
11 - Kendra MASSEY - 49' 2"

Girls Long Jump

6 - Emerson NICHOLS - 11' 9.25"

Boys Long Jump

1 - Jonah FREELS - 19' 2"
6 - Josh NESTLE - 13' 7"
7 - Grant CARROL - 10' 9.50"

Boys Shot Put

9 - Nathan WARD - 29' 8"
10 - Isaac JONES - 27' 11"
12 - Charles CONNER - 17' 2"

Girls Shot Put

6 - Haylee MORGAN - 23' 7"
10 - Kendra MASSEY - 21' 0"

Boys 4 x 800 Meter Relay

4 - Jonah Freels, Josh Nestle, Noah Cox, Caleb Quinney - 9:53.79

Baseball and Softball Roundup

BASEBALL

Coalfield

4/19 - Lost to Harriman 4-7
4/21 - Defeated Northview Academy 6-2
4/22 - Defeated Northview Academy 14-7

Oakdale

4/19 - Lost to Greenback 1-2
4/20 - Defeated Greenback 6-0
4/21 - Defeated Pickett County 8-1
4/22 - Defeated Sunbright 12-1
4/22 - Defeated Sunbright 10-0

Sunbright

4/20 - Lost to The King's Academy 0-11
4/22 - Lost to Oakdale 1-12
4/22 - Lost to Oakdale 0-10
4/23 - Defeated Caverna (KY) 7-4

Wartburg Central

4/18 - Defeated Midway 2-1
4/19 - Lost to Midway 1-15
4/21 - Lost to Scott 7-11
4/22 - Lost to Rockwood 7-12

SOFTBALL

Coalfield

4/18 - Lost to Wartburg 0-13
4/19 - Lost to Clinton 0-14
4/21 - Lost to Oneida 3-22

Oakdale

4/20 - Lost to Greenback 0-10
4/22 - Lost to Midway 0-7
4/22 - Lost to Midway 2-12
4/23 - Lost to Cosby 1-2
4/23 - Lost to Cosby 5-18

Sunbright

4/19 - Lost to Oliver Springs 0-15

Wartburg Central

4/19 - Defeated Oneida 4-1
4/20 - Defeated Coalfield 13-0
4/21 - Defeated Rockwood 11-6

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 style="text-align: right;"> <u>ANAMARIA RODRIGUEZ DIXON</u> ADMINISTRATOR <u>ANGELA R. ANDERSON</u> Clerk and Master <u>TALLESSE ALLEY</u> Deputy Clerk </p>		

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Scott Takes Key District Win At AC

By Richard Spears



The Highlanders put themselves in place to win their regular season district title with a crucial, 2-1 overtime win at Anderson County Tuesday (April 12). In a game that Scott Head Coach Eric Henry said was “ugly, but we got the win. And that’s so important,” the Highlanders and Mavericks finished in a 1-1 tie at the end of the second half. But, also importantly, Scott overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit to knot the game up in the second frame with a shot from Phoenix Norris.

Both teams went scoreless in the first overtime. The game winner would be determined by the first team to score in the next overtime, called a “golden goal” OT.

Early (in the first 3 minutes) in the second OT, Scott sophomore Skye Babb took an assist from Hugo Henry and nailed the winning score, and the Highlanders achieved a victory over Anderson County, one that has eluded them for several years.

Scott coach Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today, “We squandered a lot of opportunities but got the win anyway. We played on our side of the field most of the time. We got a district win, and that’s what counts.” Scott was scheduled to play Greenback on Monday, April 18, followed by a district contest at home against Clinton on Thursday, April 21.



Oneida’s Hacker Ties Assist Record - Indians Win Regular Season District Title



The Indians beat Harriman in the rain at Hoffman Field in Oneida, Monday (April 11), missing plenty of opportunities, but finishing with a 5-0 shutout of the Blue Devils. Oneida had 32 shots on goal in the game, 14 in the first half, but only led Harriman 1-0 at the end of that period, as Gabe Hacker assisted Luke Barna for his 50th assist at the 30 minute mark of the opening frame.

Oneida scored four more times in the second half, as Hacker (off an assist by Nick Gilbert) and Luke Barna padded the Oneida lead to 3-0. Hacker got his 51st career assist, tying the mark set by former Oneida player Grant Swain, setting up Aiden Love for Oneida’s fourth score. Then, with 5 minutes left in the game, Matthew Brown assisted Landon Terry for the Indian’s fifth goal, to go up over Harriman, 5-0. That would be the final. In comments after the game, Oneida Head Coach Derek Keeton said, “We had good response to adversity tonight.

We were playing without Mason Keeton and Levi James left early in the second half due to a cut above his eye. Our defense played very well. I am very happy for Gabe Hacker tying the assist record. This is a tremendous accomplishment because Grant Swain was an amazing player. Luke came through with 2 huge goals.”

Oneida won the regular season District title, with a 5-0 shutout at Cumberland Gap on Thursday

(April 14). Oneida Defense coach Phil Newport said, “I loved that Gavin Keeton stayed on task from his keeper spot. He was able to hold on to our shutout with a couple of spectacular saves. The defense was solid in front of him, but Gavin was really active on dangerous balls tonight.”

Oneida’s Gabe Hacker scored twice in the first half, off assists from Levi James and Luke Barna. In between those goals was a score by Nick Gilbert, with an assist from Mason Keeton, as Oneida took a 3-0 lead at the half.

The Indians completed the shutout, as Mason Keeton scored unassisted in the first 8 minutes of the second half. Levi James put the finish on the night’s scoring to give Oneida a 5-0 win. Indian Head Coach Derek Keeton said with 14 minutes left in the contest he was able to play everyone on the team, allowing them to get some good playing time. Keeton said, “C-Gap played extremely well and very physical, but our guys were focused and they stuck to the process. This team is fun to coach and they have great team chemistry.” With the win, Oneida gets to play the District Tournament title game in May at home. Oneida was scheduled to play Knox Central at Oneida on Saturday, April 23 at 1:00.



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



MASON KEETON
NICK GILBERT



HUGO HENRY
SKYE BABB



Results from April 23rd

Mod Mini

- 1.2B Shane Bullock
- 2.7 Jeff Russell
- 3.13 Terry Boshears
- 4.J18 James Bridenbaker
- 5.1 Mike Cassada
- 6.R26 Tom Patterson
- 7.39 Tim Ladd-DNS

Sportsman

- 1.22 Jaylon Shannon
- 2.24 Anthony White Jr
- 3.777 Eric Jones
- 4.76 Joe Bray
- 5.122 Jeremy Shannon
- 6.Y3 Jimmy York
- 7.5 Coby Jones-DNS

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- 1.51X Pete Wright
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- 3.H15 Riley Phillips
- 4.18 Dale Brummitt
- 5.21 James Weave

- 6.20 Scotty Atkins
- 7.44 Micheal Ownby
- 8.88 Mike Duncan

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- 1.2X Anthony White
- 2.7 Darrick York
- 3.06 Wesley Lester
- 4.23 Tim Damron
- 5.44 Chris Marcum
- 6.00 Ted Lowe
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- 8.44 Caleb Marcum
- 9.7 Jimmy Smith
- 10.20 Dalton Jones
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- 3.40 Raygen Shepherd
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- 5.78 Spencer Boda
- 6.D3 Charles Smith

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- 3.D3 Todd Duncan
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- 5.315 Jody West
- 6.22M Jeremy Manning
- 7.14 Jason Brown
- 8.13 Ryan Harness

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- 3.67 Billy Scarbrough
- 4.D3 Dalton Russell
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- 6.2020 Micheal Carroll
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- 6.12S Selena Byrge
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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



Don't Be a Zombie: Discover your Passion and Purpose Part 4

That moment of enlightenment won't come if you are sitting on the couch, reading people's Facebook posts, some other activity that steals your focus from your goal. It takes hard work and effort to uncover that passion, but the reward from your effort and commitment is a priceless discovery that will lead you to a life of joy. Be patient, yet diligent, when it comes to discovering your passion in life. When you get frustrated, read something encouraging, keep a positive spirit, and remain fervent in finding your dream.

I finally found the answer when I mentally crashed my plane, combined with selling my house. I kept a career journal. I took the advice of some of my previous sales managers. They always recommended their sales teams at the beginning of the year to set realistic, measurable, achievable goals with a certain timeframe attached to each. These managers were also

adamant about the importance of hand-written goals. I completed a questionnaire similar to the one found later in this chapter (page 17) and I never thought anything more about it. Fast-forward five years: I sold my house and moved to a bigger city. Before the move, I began packing up

toring, and coaching. I would love one day to write a book about my past experiences and speak to an audience to try to help motivate them to achieve ultimate happiness."

"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life?"

You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." (James 4:14) We aren't promised life tomorrow. I was recently attending church service at Passion City Church in Atlanta, Georgia. In his sermon

titled, "Goliath Must Fall", Pastor Louie Giglio said one simple quote that really resonated with me. "Life is short God is great" We don't have very long to live on earth. We graduate high school, college, or vocational school and begin a job. The majority of people become complacent in their line of work. They get comfortable following a routine and get used to a certain amount of money. When people become complacent, they are stuck doing the same job everyday, until they retire or die. They never find their passion in life. Complacency sneaks up on each one of

us. We must not become complacent in our careers. Life is so short. It's worth the time to try to discover our passion, calling, and purpose in life. Don't let life pass you by with so many regrets. Do what it takes to find what you love doing each and every day.

I discovered that my passion was teaching, speaking, and writing. Reading that list motivated me to write *The Hot Seat*. Even if you don't know what you want to do in life, begin by taking career assessments and questionnaires, and starting journals. If the answer doesn't speak to you instantly—like it did for me—then maybe the answer will resurface eventually. Never stop trying to find the answer.

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miscellaneous items around the house. I started in my home office, cleaning out some things from my desk. I found a journal and opened it up to find some answers to questions that I had written seven years ago. My passion, dreams, and goals were etched in stone. My journal read something like this:

"I love to teach, write, speak, and help people achieve success in life. God's blessed me so much with the gift of speaking in front of large audiences and I actually enjoy it. I am good at teaching, men-



Easy Pork Carnitas a Cinco de Mayo Classic

Melt-in-your-mouth, flavorful and juicy with irresistible caramelized crunchy bits, carnitas means "little meats" in Spanish. If you like carnitas brimming with classic flavors like Mexican oregano, cumin, chili powder and a surprising bright note of citrus, you're going to love this divine recipe, just in time for Cinco de Mayo.

This recipe yields restaurant-quality pork carnitas at a fraction of restaurant costs. It uses historically inexpensive cuts of heavily marbled pork that are slow cooked for hours until the meat is completely tender. After cooking, it falls apart and practically shreds itself. Before serving, the meat is broiled to make those signature delicious crispy bits.

Carnitas can be the star of your Cinco de Mayo festivities, but don't wait for a party, they make any day a celebration. Carnitas are equally at home in your nacho platter, a build-your-own taco or burrito bar, or served simply with a fork, corn tortillas, salsa and lots of napkins.

Choosing the right cut of pork is essential for the tender, juicy quality we're looking for. This recipe doesn't work with lean meats, so no lean pork loin, and please don't try this with chicken breast!

You'll want pork shoulder or pork butt, with or without bone.

cut of meat from the shoulder of the pig. The name "butt" comes from Colonial America, when butchers in the Boston area would pack the pork shoulder in barrels they called "butts."

Lastly, this recipe calls for Mexican oregano, which is entirely different from regular Mediterranean oregano. Mexican oregano is earthy and grassy with citrus notes and is related to lemon verbena. Mediterranean oregano is subtle and related to the mint family. You can find Mexican oregano in the ethnic spice section of the grocery store, usually for under a dollar.



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Serve up restaurant-quality pork carnitas at a fraction of the cost.

SLOW COOKER PORK CARNITAS

Yield: 6 to 8 servings **Prep:** 10 minutes **Cook:** 4 hours

- 4 pounds pork shoulder (also known as "pork butt")
- 1 lime — juice and zest
- 1/2 orange — juice and zest
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon dried Mexican oregano
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder

1. Cut the pork shoulder into big chunks, about 4-inches cubed, and place in the slow cooker. Add the zest and juice of the lime and half an orange, and stir to coat the meat in the liquid.

2. In a small bowl, mix the cumin, oregano, salt, chili powder, garlic powder, onion powder and black pepper. Sprinkle the seasoning evenly over the meat, stirring until the meat is well-coated.

3. Cover and cook on HIGH for 4 hours or LOW for 7-8 hours. Just wait until you can smell this slice of heaven! When it's cooked, using a slotted spoon, remove the pork to a rimmed baking sheet that's been covered in foil or with cooking spray.

4. Pour the liquid from the slow cooker into a small saucepan and boil to reduce until thickened. Pour this lovely liquid over the pork and shred with two forks, coating the meat with the sauce.

5. Turn on the broiler and place the pan o'goodness under the broiler until some of the edges are brown and crispy, about 5 minutes. But keep your eye on it, because burning a pan filled with this amazing stuff would be a crime.

This recipe is so easy, but please don't skip the last step. Caramelizing the meat under the broiler to concentrate the flavors is what takes this dish over the top. Buen Provecho!

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Minimizing IRS late penalties



David Zubler
Columnist

If you missed the IRS deadline, you might have several options for reducing your late filing penalties.

You should file your tax return and pay any taxes you owe as soon as possible to reduce penalties and interest. However, you should file your return even if you don't have the money to pay your taxes.

The late-filing penalty is 5% of the tax owed for each month or part of a month up to five months. If a return is filed more than 60 days after the due date, the minimum penalty is \$435 or 100% of the unpaid tax, whichever is less.

The failure to pay penalty rate is generally 0.5% of the unpaid tax owed for each month or part of a month until the tax is fully paid or until 25% is reached. However, the rate is subject to change.

The failure to file penalty is ten times as much as the late-paying penalty. As an example, if you owed \$4,000 and filed five months late, the failure to file penalty would be \$1,000. The late paying penalty would only be \$100.

If you are late filing your return, file as soon as possible to avoid the larger late filing penalty.

An extension to file is not an extension to pay. However, filing the extension avoids the more significant late filing penalty. An extension extends the deadline for an additional six months.

You may qualify to have your penalties abated. The IRS provides relief from late filing penalties with the IRS First Time Abatement policy. You may qualify if you had no penalties for the three previous tax years. You can call the IRS and request first-time abatement if you believe you qualify. The IRS will let you know if you qualify.

Late filing penalties can also be abated for reasonable cause.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Surviving Inflation

Recent government figures outlined food price increases for one month. The numbers are grim.

Fruits and vegetables went up 2.3%, the highest since 2010. Dairy went up 1.9%, the highest since 2011. Cereals and bakery items went up 1.1%.

Averaged over the past 12 months, food prices have risen 8.6% (the highest increase since 1981), with poultry and fish climbing 13% and beef soaring 16%.

Wow! We knew it was bad because each time we go to the grocery store, we're spending more to get less. But to see the figures laid out in print just brings home how bad things have gotten.

Bloomberg (www.bloomberg.com), whose econ-

omists we need to keep an eye on, predicts that this year we'll pay an additional \$5,200 for all household items (including gas, heating fuel and everything else) and services, which it calculates at \$433 per month.

We need to reconsider how we feel about food banks. We seniors generally don't want to do that, saying, "Oh, others need it more." Well, at this point, maybe we are those others?

In a few days, I'll be driving three of my senior neighbors to the food bank for the weekly pickup. It will be their first time, and they are nervous. But I made a scouting trip last week, parking across the street from the line of cars and walking over to talk to the person in charge. I was able to report back: No, they don't take your name or ask questions (except maybe to ask if you'd prefer apple or orange juice). No, they're not judgmental. No, it's not left-over expired food, and the fruits and vegetables were fresh and lovely. The people were friendly and welcoming, happy to do what they were doing.

Just go to the food bank. You won't be judged.

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The IRS will consider any sound reason for failing to file a tax return, make a deposit, or pay tax when due. Good reasons for reasonable cause abatement include natural disasters such as fire and casualty, inability to obtain records, serious illness, or death. Most reasonable cause explanations require that you provide documentation to support your claim.

If you have successfully had your late filing penalties abated, the failure-to-pay penalty will continue to accrue until the tax is paid in full.

In and of itself, a lack of funds is not reasonable cause for failure to file or pay on time. However, the reasons for the lack of funds may meet reasonable cause criteria for the failure-to-pay penalty.

People who owe no taxes or are due are not penalized for filing late. I've seen many people panicking about the deadline even though they knew they were getting large refunds. They believed that everybody was required to file their return by April 15. Unfortunately, they were panicking for absolutely no reason. However, if you wait more than three years to file your return, the IRS generally won't allow your refund.

If you missed the IRS filing deadline and failed to file an extension, you should file as soon as possible to avoid additional penalties.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Name the artist who released "Maybe I Know" in 1964.
2. Who wrote and released "In Dreams"?
3. What group released "Big Girls Don't Cry"?
4. Which Gene Pitney song was released for a film by the same name?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "When tears come down like falling rain, You'll toss around and call my name."

Answers

1. Lesley Gore, on her "Girl Talk" album. The Seashells released their own version in 1972 in the U.K.
2. Roy Orbison, in 1963. The notes, which Orbison hit effortlessly, spanned two octaves, which meant the song wasn't picked up by other artists who didn't have his range.
3. Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, in 1962.
4. "Town Without Pity," in 1961. It nabbed a Golden Globe Award for Best Song the following year.
5. "Your Cheatin' Heart," by Hank Williams in 1952. The song, released weeks after Williams' death from a sudden heart attack, topped the charts for six weeks. The song was covered by Kitty Wells, Patsy Cline and Ray Charles, among others. Elvis Presley's 1958 version went to No. 1.

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Galatians: Chapter 3

(Gal. 3:1-14) Justification by faith: We now enter the doctrinal section of this book. Paul minces no words. The Galatians (no term of endearment attached) are “foolish” (lacking in spiritual depth). Someone (the Judaizers) had mesmerized them, distracting their attention from the most widely known event of history, that which had been impressed on their minds from the beginning---the crucified Christ. This question was appropriate: “How did you receive the Holy Spirit? Was it through the Old Testament law, or by the message that produced faith in Christ?” (v.2). The answer should have been clear enough. “Spirit” may refer to a miraculous measure with which these churches had been endowed initially (Acts 8:14-15), or it could denote the ordinary possession of each believer (Acts 2:38; Gal. 4:6).

Again with sharp rebuke: “Are you senseless? Having begun your Christian lives under the guidance of the Spirit, do you now think you can bring it to completion by reverting to the Mosaic law?” This was a dumb maneuver! Had their persecution on behalf of the Lord been for nothing? Was the supply of the Spirit and the demonstration of supernatural powers bestowed through Old Testament law, or by means of the gospel system?

Consider the example of Abraham, the father of the nation. Abraham was accounted “righteous” with God because he exercised obedient faith in him (Heb. 11:8), not by keeping the law (which did not come until five centuries later) (v.6). Those who follow the same principle are the “sons of Abraham” (v.7); 29). The Old Testament Scriptures even foretold that God would justify the Gentiles by means of the faith---obedience principle (Gen. 12:3). There was no suggestion that the Gentiles would be required to submit to the Mosaic regime for salvation, contrary to the doctrine of the Judaizers (Acts 15:1). Those who act upon the “faith” system are blessed, just as Abraham was (v.9).

Everyone who yields himself to Moses’ law labors under a curse, Why? Because “all who are under” that justification-by-law system are cursed. No one can continue being perfectly obedient to “all things” contained in that law. It is thus “evident” that no one is accounted “just” with God by means of the Old Testament code. Instead, as even the prophet proclaimed, “the righteous shall live by faith” (Hab. 2:4). The law of Moses was a different sort of system. It demanded a person to faithfully, consistently, perfectly do (sustained obedience) the commandments, in order to live as a consequence (v.12)---which none could do.

Paul declared that “Christ redeemed us.” The Sin enslaves (Jn. 8:34), and only the death of Jesus could deliver from that heinous bondage. The curse of not being able to keep the law perfectly is death (Rom. 6:23). But by his own death (as a perfect human being) Jesus became the curse for us. How breathtaking! Paul adds to his point, quoting from the Mosaic law” Cursed is everyone that hangs

on a tree” (v.13). There was a certain analogy between the manner in which executed criminals were displayed in the Old Testament and the death of the Lord. They were hanged on a tree as a sign of divine wrath against their crime. This foreshadowed the death of Christ, demonstrating his reception of punishment, in the place of spiritual “criminals.” This redemptive price also provided salvation for the Gentiles and for the “promise of the Spirit through faith” for all Christians. (see v23; 1:23; 1 Tim. 4:6; Jude 3).

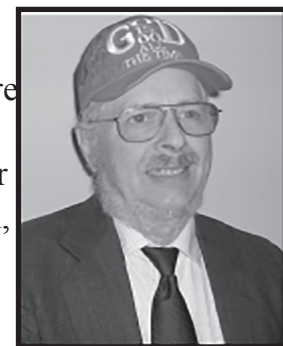
(Gal. 3:15-22) God’s covenant with Abraham: The apostle wished to introduce a common legal illustration. An ordinary human contract, once it has been validated, may not be altered, unless by the mutual agreement of the respective parties. God made a covenant with Abraham that involved his “seed.” By using the singular term he referred to Christ, not the nation at large. Thus, even though the law of Moses was given subsequent to the promise, such did not annul the original promise (v17). If the “inheritance” comes through the Mosaic law, then it did not come as a result of God’s promise to Abraham. But that cannot be the case, for the Lord’s promise cannot fail. Thus, the inheritance is not accessed through Moses’ law.

Since that is the case, what was the purpose of the law (v.19)? It was added because of transgressions. Not to remedy them, for it had no power to do that (4:4-5; Heb. 10:4); rather, the law defined sin and sharpened the recognition of the horrible nature thereof (Rom. 7:7, 13). The law was: (a) “added,” hence did not extend back to the commencement of creation; (b) intended to continue only until Christ should accomplish his earthly mission (thus, is not binding in the Christian age); (c) inferior to the Christian system (the former was implemented is obscure, giving rise to scores of speculations, but it somehow reinforces the apostle’s argument that the Christian economy is superior to the Mosaic by virtue of its lack of an intermediary agent.

Gal. 3:23-29) The law as a tutor: Paul now speaks of “the faith” (with the article, found twice in v. 23), by which he means the gospel, the Christian system. Before the gospel system came, the Hebrews were “in prison” under the law. They looked forward to the Christian regime. It came into fruition on Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus’ death.

The Mosaic law was like a “tutor” (v.24) or “schoolmaster”. The law was intended to bring the Hebrews to the supreme Teacher, Christ. It is by him that we are “justified by faith.” But now that the faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor (v.25), the law A conclusion could not be clearer. Christians are not amenable to the law of Moses.

We become children of God through the faith in Christ Jesus. “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ” (v.27). In Christ, all stand equally before God in the matter of salvation---Jew and Greek, slave and freeman, male and female. (Mt. 21:43; 1 Peter 2:9).



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The Garden Bug
Grape hyacinths

These plants start from small bulbs. Place them in groups of ten or more, with the bulbs twice as deep as they are tall and a couple of inches apart. They grow in sun or light shade. Don’t plant them where it’s too wet or too dry. They spread very quickly, and can be quite invasive; plant them where they can spread freely. The flower spikes don’t appear until mid-spring. Smoky blue is the most common color. Once their leaves die off, you can cut them back.

— Brenda Weaver
 Source: www.gardeningknowhow.com

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For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

— Matthew 6: 14,15 —

“Jesus Forgives the Adulteress” by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1794-1872)

Understanding the Times



John Burns

Opinion Columnist

Esther is taking place as the people of Israel have ended the servitude of the nation in Babylon. Ezra has been busy as scribe recording the history of the Jews returning from Medo-Persia to build the temple in Jerusalem. These are troublous times for the returning remnant.

Isaiah prophesied about Cyrus fulfilling his role as a man being used by God, even though he does not know or serve the God of the Hebrews. Daniel introduces us to Cyrus in the 70th year since Jeremiah prophesied how long the captivity would be. The desolations of Jerusalem would not end until 445 BC.

Esther has come to the throne between the decree of Cyrus and the decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus allowing the remnant to begin building the walls of the city. What patterns in scripture can a gentile Christian glean as a teaching tool for their own life?

We are all exiles while we exist in the flesh. Beulah is the true home for professing believers in God's plan of redemption. We must trust the providence of God as it pertains to the men God chooses to use for his purposes. Our job is to know and teach the entire Bible. Then we will all know the times we are living in.

Courage is needed in our Christian testimony. We must never be afraid to question the ruling powers over our lives when it violates God's morality. Evil prevails when righteous men and women say nothing. The providence of God is alive and orchestrating every aspect of human action. God's thoughts are never man's thoughts.

The religion of the Medo-Persians incorporated the religion of Babylon. Fertility cults based on human sexuality and reproduction permeated the lives of the ancients in Babylon. The sun, the moon, and the cult following fallen angels were all being worshipped. The wise men of Babylon had kept their religion intact and were now at odds with the monotheistic Hebrews returning to Jerusalem.

Today, sun worshipping denominational Christians, Roman Catholic sun worshippers, Islamic moon worshippers, and Jewish secular leaders, have united in mystery Babylon here in our America. Government has once again become the god of America and men who worship Mithras the Bull.

Paganism, and violation of God's covenants established at creation and in Genesis, are misunderstood, leading to antisemitism, and the denial of Jesus Christ being a Jewish Rabbi, and returning King over all the nations of the earth. The house of Esau is winning in our houses of worship.

Ahaseurus worshipped Ahura Mazda. He is the creator the Persian's venerate. Esther worshipped the God of her uncle Mordecai. Both believed in a deity responsible for every aspect of creation. There are commonalities in who Ahaseurus and Esther prayed to. I wonder if Ahaseurus ever converted to the God of Mordecai?

There are many things the modern Church claiming faith in Jesus Christ, must confront before revival begins in the world. Will we continue allowing their gods of the Medo-Persians to permeate our faith walk or will we return to the God of Esther, and return Jesus Christ to his exalted position of creator worthy alone of our worship?

At odds in our story are the house of Jacob and the house of Esau. God alone made the statement Jacob I have loved and Esau have I hated. God being all knowing, had the future of Esau and Jacob in mind. The feud between these twin brothers that began in Rebekah's womb, will go on until God exalts the offspring of Jacob, and destroys the offspring of Esau. The Psalm 83 war is the culmination of this battle and is yet future.

Haman was a descendant of Esau. He is the grandson of Ama-

lek. Amalek is the progenitor of Agag, and the Agagites. They are the offspring of Canaanite women and fallen angel males. They are known as the Nephillim. Israel first encounters these pagans in the Negev desert after leaving Egypt.

Saul refuses to do exactly what God says. He allows Agag to live, and his descendants escape. Samuel eventually kills Agag, David kills Goliath, and his four brothers, thus giving our world a reprieve from dual DNA bloodlines.

They are on the verge of returning to our world very soon. Will you recognize the fallen angels trying to court your daughters? Jesus Christ warned us of their return when he prophesied "such as in the days of Noah, so shall the coming of the son of man be." Genesis 6 is our scripture reference.

Esther continues the war between Jacob and Esau, God and Lucifer. We are all just pawns in this cosmic drama begun in eternity past. God wins in the end. However, the fight is far from over. The descendants of Haman and Mordecai, are on a collision course once again in Jerusalem. The Edomites will stop at nothing to halt the plans of Esther's God.

The Palestinians currently occupy the land God promised to Abraham, and his descendants forever. This same land, is where Gentile Christians will inherit with Israel at the end of the great tribulation prophesied by Daniel, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Haggai, Obadiah, and many other prophets in the Old Testament of our Bible. Learning these patterns in scripture gives us the blessed hope of the return of Messiah to receive us unto himself.

We are the virgin bride of Messiah. We should follow the lead of the heroine in our story, and set our minds to serving only Jesus Christ as the risen King of Israel. Esther said no to the gods of Medo-Persia while still providing her king with amazing loyalty, and courage to his mission. She was willing to endure persecution to the point of death for her people and family. This is an incredible lesson for believers today.

Amalakites are present in our America. Soon our nation will turn on the nation of Israel as the eagles prepare for the ill-fated invasion of God's Holy Land. The Satanic trinity will soon manifest and the gentile age will come to a violent close for all unbelievers. Repent and return to the entire word of God found in both testaments of our most holy Bible.

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

He is alive forevermore and he is returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 2-14-2022

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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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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Customer Service Supervisor
Highland Telephone Coop., Inc.

JOB TITLE: Customer Service Supervisor
DEPARTMENT: Management
SUPERVISOR:

Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., is a provider of local and long-distance telephone service, broadband access, and digital television services.

GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION

Customer Service Supervisor is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of CSRs in three locations, as well as responsible for achieving sales, customer service satisfaction and retention goals.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Achieving sales, customer service satisfaction and retention goals. Proactively leads HTC's transition from "regulated telephone company" to "Broadband provider of choice".

MINOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Develop, employ, and drive sales plans and teams that meet or exceed sales goals.
Implement customer service standardization to ensure all offices are working as one unit.
Develop a "Refuse to Lose" mindset to meet customer satisfaction and retention goals.
Ensure customers have an outstanding experience both on the phone and in person.
Implement customer service standardization to ensure all offices are working as one unit.
Identify and present areas for improvement including pricing, bundles, and services.
Implement Company's transformation strategy
Optimize workflow/process to maximize both human and system resources.
Develop and implement metrics to continuously improve performance and identify tools or training requirements.
Develop and implement communication strategy and plan to ensure all employees are informed as needed.
Communicate daily CSR goals and monitor individual work performance toward those goals.
Implement sales forecast/reporting for both new and add on sales.
Must be able to work at any HTC location providing support and training.
Assist in selection process and training of new hires and employees transitioning into new CSR positions.
Conducts regularly scheduled department meetings. Occasional travel may be required for meetings and training classes held at another location.
Requisitions CSR materials and supplies as needed.
Set up and work at various regional fairs, etc.
Performs all other related duties as assigned by management. *

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOB

Education
B. S. degree in Business or similar field or equivalent work experience

Experience
5+ years of management experience; Telephony experience not a must, but preferred.

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Excellent sales and customer service skills.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Excellent time management skills with a proven ability to meet deadlines.
- Strong analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Strong supervisory and leadership skills.
- Ability to prioritize tasks and to delegate them when appropriate.
- Ability to function well in a high-paced and at times stressful environment.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite or related software.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS*

Prolonged periods of sitting at a desk and working on a computer.
Must be able to lift fifteen pounds at times.

*These tasks do not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act definition of essential job functions and are usually less than 5% of time. However, these tasks still constitute important performance aspects of the job.

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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

Bus Drivers Needed

Now hiring **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS** with on-site CDL training. Must be able to pass a drug screening and have a clean background check. Please apply in person at:
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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 P-20-22
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In the matter of the Estate of **RONALD A. ADAMS**
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2022, Letters of ADMINISTRATION in respect to the Estate of RONALD A. ADAMS who died on the 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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

This the 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2022.

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ATTORNEY

ADDIE ADAMS
ADMINISTRATOR

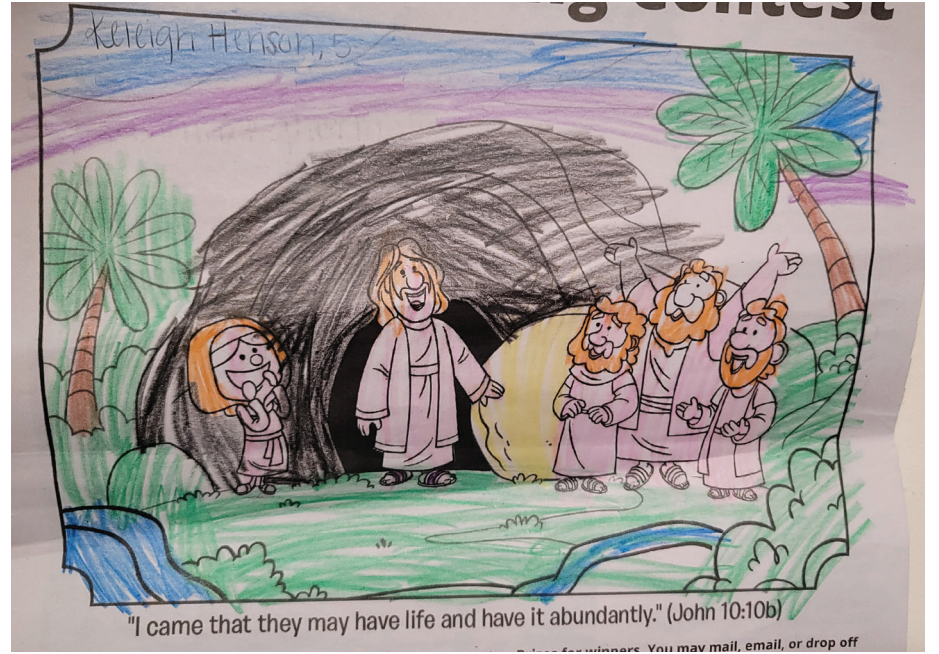
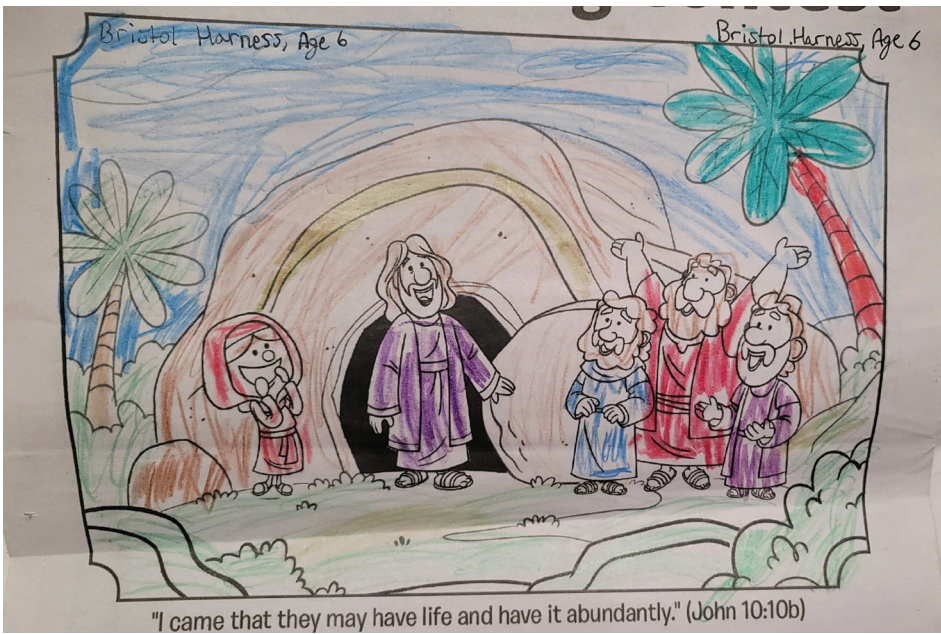
ANGELA R. ANDERSON
Clerk and Master

KATIE VANWITZENBURG
Deputy Clerk

The City of Wartburg is now accepting sealed bids on the following:

The Culvert Replacement and road repair on Coon Rd. in Wartburg.
The Repair of the Roof for City Hall located at 407 Eliza St. in Wartburg.
Bids will be accepted at City Hall until Monday May 9, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. The bids will be open at 7:00 p.m. and a decision will be made at that night at the monthly City Council meeting to accept or reject the bids. The City of Wartburg reserves the right to accept or reject all received bids.

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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)
District

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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.

- Property #1. District 10 Map 130 Parcel 7.02 Minimum Bid: \$2,897.03
- Property #6. District 7 Map 052 Parcel 60.01 Minimum Bid: \$2,002.53
- Property #7. District 10 Map 155C Group A CTL Map 155C-A Parcel 4.00 Minimum Bid: \$2,356.67
- Property#9. District 11 Map 086 Parcel 13.00 Minimum Bid: \$2,317.17
- Property #10. District 11 Map 074 Parcel 8.08 Minimum Bid: \$1,666.28
- Property #2. District 1 Map 142 Parcel 76.02 Minimum Bid: \$3,030.79
- Property #21. District 7 Map 071 Parcel 20.01 Minimum Bid: \$2,101.88
- 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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EVERY KID HEALTHY WEEK

Active Learning Opportunities

Overview

Teacher Leading Class In Yoga PoseStudy after study shows that kids who get regular physical activity experience improvements not just in their fitness levels but in brain function, too. Beginning the day with a walk or bike to school or moving before starting schoolwork at home can prime the brain for learning. It makes sense – kids need to move more. When they do, they are better positioned to succeed in the classroom and at home.

Take Action

Creating active learning opportunities can be as simple or grand as you make them. Whether in the classroom or while studying or spending time as a family at home, active learning is just as important. Try these activities for different subjects or come up with your own.

Social Studies: Take a deeper dive into the sports, games, and dances of other cultures around the world or during different time periods being studied. See if you can find a free online class or video to try your hand in the classroom or at home.

Math and Science: Integrate simple movement tasks such as jumping jacks, squats, and running in place into various math concepts (counting, equations, and graphs). Monitor heart rates before and after a short burst of exercise and predict heart rate responses for other forms of exercise. Create relay races that include math and science problems.

Reading: Ask kids to spell words using their bodies to mimic the shape of each letter. Read books that include physical action verbs such as wave, wiggle, jump, skip, shake and slither, and invite students to demonstrate the movements. Ask kids to act out a story after it's been read out loud. This not only promotes physical activity, it helps children summarize and demonstrate understanding. Or, assign children characters and re-read a story. Every time their character is mentioned in the story, ask children to perform a movement that is associated with the character.

Spelling: Write each letter of the alphabet on multiple sets of bean bags and spread the bean bags throughout the classroom or home. Give each child a word to spell by

finding the correct lettered bean bags to spell out the word.

Gardens: Gardening can provide opportunities for physical activity while learning about nutrition and agriculture education. Gardening requires children to carry items, bend and stretch, dig, rake, and weed. Create a child-led garden plan, incorporating skills on soil and water safety, safe food practices, record keeping of seeds and harvest items, and storage of garden equipment.

Songs & Music: Add motions to songs you already sing at home and in the classroom. Alternatively, find songs that children know and rewrite the words to incorporate physical activity. Stick to simple movements and minor changes for younger kids and let older kids impress you with their creativity! See what they come up with!

All children need regular physical activity! It is particularly important for children with special needs to be included in activities that improve physical fitness. Variations and modifications of movements and activities should be offered to children to create a learning environment that is welcoming and respectful of all abilities. Adapted physical activities will ensure that children learn and achieve success at their own pace regardless of physical limitations or fitness level.

Empower children to suggest and choose which activities, games and movements they find enjoyable and accessible. Encourage them to be a part of the learning and planning

process.

Demonstrate modifications of simple movement skills such as jumping jacks, squats, and push-ups, and allow children to choose what's best. For example, show them a wall push-up, a kneeling push-up, and a full push-up.

Adapt the game or activity rules by reducing the number of players on a team, modifying the activity area, eliminating time limits, or lowering or enlarging targets or goals. Try creative or team-building games where success is only possible when the whole group works together. Integrate various types and sizes of equipment such as tactile balls, juggling scarves, numbered spot markers, and foam noodles.

40 Tips for an Active Family

Cut out each tip below. Place in a bag/jar. Have your children draw from the jar each night to help plan the family's activity for the next night!



Go for a family walk or bike ride	Shoot hoops	Play catch	Try roller blading
Try a new park in your area	Sign up for a run/walk promoting health	Plan active vacations	Plant a garden
Check out the library for books on family fitness and activities for kids	Take a picnic	Take the family bowling	Head to the zoo, park, or putt-putt course
Create an obstacle course in your yard or living room	Let your child be your personal trainer	Create some healthy snack ideas	Board Game Night!
Write a script, dress up and act out a play	No screen time night!	Make crafts to give as gifts	Go outside! Hopscotch, sidewalk chalk, hide-n-seek, tag, etc.
Get out the blocks, erector sets and fiddlesticks to build	Play Go-Fish	Crank up the music and dance	Cook dinner together as a family. Find tasks for even the little ones
Read to your children, or let them read to you	Go to the local pool for the day	Go to the driving range or batting cages	Find out about your local farmer's market – even during the winter
Get crazy and fun during household chores	Go on a nature walk and discover new things	Take the family out for a special treat	Arrange a play date with friends or neighbors
Organize a neighborhood game of kickball	Clean out your closets and donate unwanted items	Make puppets from construction paper or old socks	Take a class at a local art supply store or the library
Play soccer or football	Get involved in local community family activities	Make up a card game	Enroll in a recreational sport

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MCTA Hosts Successful Grand Opening of Tanners Historic Cafe on April 22, 2022



Gathering of people enjoying Tanners opening day. (Photo by Terry Futrell)

Wartburg, Tennessee – 10 am on April 22, 2022 marked the beginning of a new era for Tanners Historic Cafe with a welcoming speech and placement of a Welcome to Morgan County Door Mat that greeted dozens of first-time visitors, and hundreds of those those that had grown up visiting this historic community icon over its 99 years of existence.

As each person entered, they signed a guest book to commemorate this historic event. The first signer, was appropriately, Charles Tanner, the former owner and grandson of the original 1920's owners of Tanners Cafe and Drug Store, John Everett and Maud Tanner. The

Morgan County Tourism Alliance purchased the building two and a half years ago with the intention of reopening the cafe and to also offer additional services, such as tourism information, souvenirs and a place for hikers passing by on the nearby Cumberland Trail to get trail information, supplies, internet access, and perhaps take a hot shower in the rebuilt facility that replaced the original shower put in to allow local miners to pay a nickel to

utilize the town's original and only shower with hot running water.

One of the most important goals of the reopened Tanners Historic Cafe is to provide a glimpse into the past and simpler times when places like Tanners Historic Cafe served as community gathering places, where friends and family came together to share news, stories, gossip and memories in the years before television and the internet became pervasive. As the crowds swarmed into the cafe during the Grand Opening, this goal was clearly met as friends and families were seen

hugging, and sharing stories of their first time in the cafe and the cycle repeated itself as modern day parents and grandparents brought their own children and grandchildren in for an ice cream or milk shake.

Morgan County Tourism Alliance Mark Keck commented, "People came in with their memories and they shared those memories and they were looking forward to making new memories with their kids and grandkids just like their parents and grandparents made with them."

The cafe's menu, which consisted of Chicken salad sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, grilled cheese paninis, grilled ham and cheese paninis, soups, hot dogs, brats, ice cream sundaes and cones, sodas and cof-

fee was prepared and served by Morgan County High School Career and Technical Center Culinary Arts teacher Sarah Shanks and six of her culinary arts students.

While the Culinary Arts students waited and bussed tables and served ice cream, MCTA



MCTA Chairman Mark Keck (Photo by Terry Futrell)

volunteers circulated amongst the visitors to greet them and solicit their stories of past visits to Tanners. Two of the most vested volunteers, Restoration Project Co-managers Marta Monroe and Pam Gunter oversaw the entire restoration process and planned the Grand Opening, working as a team to accomplish the herculean task of restoring a nearly 100 year old building that had fallen into disrepair.

"It was a great day," Marta Monroe said, "We had a lot of folks that came out and it was so great to see people visiting with each other and ordering food and just hanging out. Everyone seemed to have a really great time today."

Pam Gunter agreed, "I think everyone really appreciated the work that went into this place. They talked about how it had that good cafe vibe, but it was also clean and new and they liked it and that made us feel good. We feel that all the work we did was appreciated by the people that have been coming in and out of her for years."

Now that the cafe has reopened, the Tourism Alliance is planning on initially opening four days per week with limited hours. The planned schedule will be Thursday - Saturday from 10am - 4pm and Sunday from noon - 4 pm. The Alliance hopes that hours and days can be extended based on community interest and sales and volunteer staffing.

Chairman Keck summarized, "We do this, not for us, but for our future generations - the little ones. That's what it's all about. There's a lot more to see and hear from Tanners Historic Cafe."

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

Open Letter from Morgan County Executive

Brian Langley



It has been my great privilege to serve the people of Morgan County in my first term. With the help of so many good people, we have seen much accomplished:

- Purchase and Remodel of Pre-Arrest facility to assist individuals and family members with mental health issues, drug abuse issues, and alcohol abuse issues – all through a state grant
- Over \$600,000 in grants to construct a state-of-the-art RV Park on Morgan County property which will allow visitors to stay in Morgan County – bringing consumers to local businesses and keeping the property tax burden low on Morgan County citizens by providing a revenue stream through rental fees
- The LOWEST PROPERTY TAX RATE in Morgan County history – while the State of Tennessee raised our property appraisals in many cases, I worked together with our county commission to set the lowest tax rate ever in Morgan County
- In the process of building a satellite EMS station in Sunbright with plans for one in Oakdale to bring faster and more efficient service to the North and South ends of the county

These are just a few of the things we have done together. But there is so much more to do. I humbly ask for your vote for Morgan County Executive in 2022.

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