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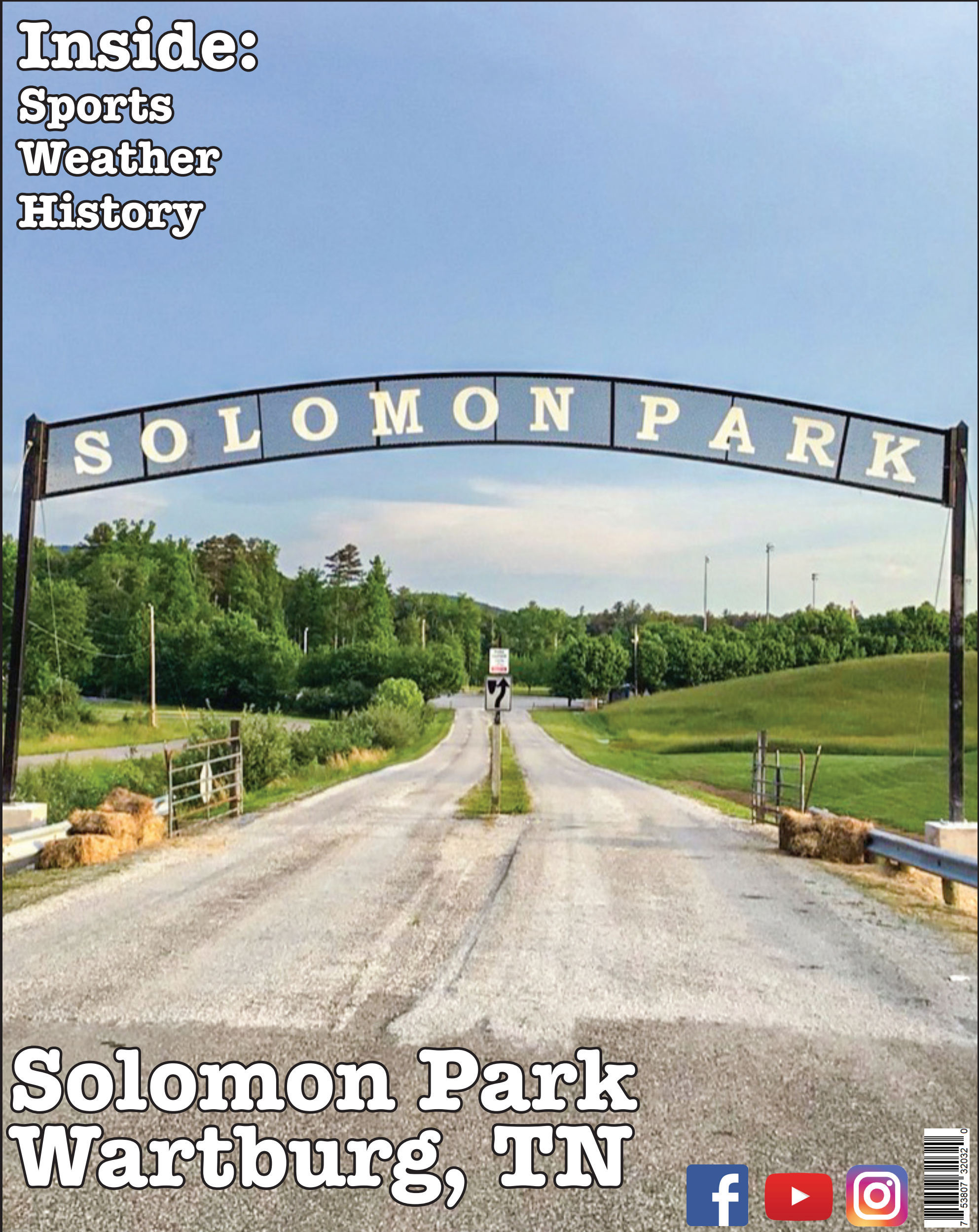
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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Just want to say Thanks to Ricco, NOT.

Ms Mary said I was a hero for saving Ricco and Mimi said she was

Ms Mary and Ricco saw me with my fur all wet and stuff. Is there no end to the humiliation?

Mimi always says I am the best girl when, I stay so still during bath time and while my fur is brushed.

proud of me, too. So what do I get for doing such a good deed? A BATH! Mimi gave me a bath, I tell ya. Not just any bath, either. She gave me a bath outside, for everyone to see.

Come on woman, we have to hurry up. There is no telling who will see me.

Oh please don't let Ms Pat stop by with Mr Murphy. I would just die if he saw me looking like this! Good grief. My fur is a mess. Please hurry up! I am so embarrassed. After the bath she brushed out my fur. You guessed it, OUTSIDE!



She told me that if I had not rolled in the twigs and grass, I wouldn't have gotten it stuck in my tail. She says that is why I had to get a bath. Rubbing my back on the ground in the warm sun feels so good. I guess getting a bath is a small price to pay for a roll in the grass.

My fur finally is dry and Mimi is giving me lovins'. She says I smell so good and

that I am so soft. She also says I am such a pretty little thing.

I am one happy girl to have that experience behind me. Until the next bath anyway.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center has changed its meeting date. We will now meet on the 3rd TUESDAY of the month at 6 PM. All are invited to attend.

A Staff member from the

office of State Representative John Mark Windle will be in Morgan County on Wednesday, May 25, 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 assis-

tance are encouraged to visit with Rep. Windle's assistant or phone (931) 879-1695.

Undated Events

Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society Meets the second Tuesday of every month Senior

Citizens Building at 6:00pm

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

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Thu 26 **69°/54°**

Fri 27 **75°/54°**

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Sun 29 **83°/64°**

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Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	NOTICE TO CREDITORS	Case Number <u>P-25-22</u>
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In the matter of the Estate of MARSHA ANN HAMBY
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 17TH DAY OF MAY 2022, Letters of ADMINISTRATION in respect to the Estate of MARSHA ANN HAMBY who died on the 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

(1)

(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2)

Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 17TH DAY OF MAY 2022.

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In Loving Memory

Helen (Granny) Basler, 75

Mrs. Helen (Granny) Basler, age 75 passed away Monday, May 16, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family.

Granny Helen was the perfect Granny. She was the mother, sister and grandmother everyone wished they had. She loved her children and grandchildren with all her heart. Once you were hers, family by blood or, you were a child of her heart. She loved her animals especially her "Mutizy" and she also loved summertime. She never failed to put out hummingbird food and never failed to offer her guest food. She put everyone first and herself last. She enjoyed traveling with her children growing up. They traveled to horse shows and traveled many places in an old school bus. She enjoyed her motorcycle trips. Her labor of love for many years working/running the Morgan County Fair. She spent her later years helping raise her grandchildren and sitting on the front porch swing. She loved to watch the grandchildren play sports and attended all school programs. The last wish she had was her swimming pool to watch the kids play. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents Walter & Edna Cross Heidel; grandson Dakota Heidel; brother Ray & sister-in-law Nickie Heidle; special uncle John Cross, Jr.

She is survived by the love of her life Clarence Basler, Jr.; daughter Rose (Clark) Tucker; son Trampas (Stacie) Basler and Stacey (Rob) Heidel; grandchildren Mikki (Dusty) Basler Taylor, Derek Heidel & Vanessa Smith, Chandler Tucker, Megan (Boone) Davidson, Logan (Kristie) Heidel, Destiny Basler and fiancé Timothy Luketich; brothers Roy (Pat) Heidle, Rex (Rita) Heidle; great grandchildren Abigail Heidel, Harper and Henry Davidson, Dominic Jones, Landon, Rylee, Lincoln Taylor.

The family will receive friends Thursday, May 19, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4-6:00p.m. with the funeral to follow at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Herman Woods and Bro. Dustin Heidel officiating. Interment will follow in the Basler Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Helen (Granny) Basler.

Calvin Edwards Zacharias, 92

Calvin Edwards Zacharias, age 92 passed away May 18, 2022, at North Kansas City Hospice in Kansas City, MO. He was born April 16, 1930, in Hastings, OK.

He was a Deacon/Elder for over 50 years in the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents, D.W. & Stella Zacharias.

He is survived by his children Mickey Zacharias & Timmy Zacharias both of Kansas City, Sherri Lynn Zacharias & Jimmy Zacharias both of Georgia and Jamie

Zacharias of Florida; 10 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; siblings Eola Cross of California, Harold Zacharias of Georgia and Dan Zacharias of Texas.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at Meister Memorial SDA Church in Deer Lodge from 10-11:00 a.m. EST. Interment will follow in the Meister Hill Church Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Calvin Edwards Zacharias.

Charles Brian Overton, 45

Charles Brian Overton, age 45 of Deer Lodge went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Brian was born in Scott County, TN on July 16, 1976.

He was the son of Charles & Sharon Overton. He was a member of the Deer Lodge First Baptist Church. He was employed by Norfolk Southern Railway until his health declined. Afterwards, he worked on the family farm until his death. He loved hunting, fishing, ATV riding, Gardening and basically anything outdoors. The biggest blessing in his life was his children and grandchildren, he loved them so much. He was the best papaw, who took time to teach them so many things even though they were so young. He had a caring heart and was always trying to help anyone he thought was in need. The love he had for his family and friends was unconditional. He will forever be missed and loved.

He is preceded in death by his brother Andrew Overton; grandparents Arvil Overton, Mack & Columba Harness and Ancil Hut-

son; cousin JD Chambers III.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his daughter Breanna Overton; son Chad Overton; grandson Brice and "Little" Brian Adkins all of Sunbright; sister Patricia (Jackie) Norris of Deer Lodge; brother Matthew (Brandy) Overton of Robbins; nephews Riley Norris of Deer Lodge, Gabe & Dylan Overton both of Robbins; nieces Andrea Overton of Deer Lodge, Cassie (Zack) Lewis of Jamestown and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home/Sunbright from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Sunday at Schubert Funeral Home/Sunbright at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Wayne Matthews and Bro. Dudley Harness officiating. Interment will follow in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Robbins.

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

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Congratulations to all Morgan County Graduates. Amid tears and laughter, High School Graduations were held last week. To all graduates, your family, friends and teachers are proud of you and wish you the very best.

May 25 will be an administrative day for Morgan County teachers and the last day of school will be May 26 with schools dismissing at 11:30.

There will be a Summer Kick Off at Solomon Park in Wartburg on Wednesday, June 1 from 10:00 – 12:00. This free family event will kick off the Summer Reading Program for Morgan County Public Libraries, the Summer Feeding Program of Morgan County Food and Nutrition and National Dairy Month with the Dairy Alliance. Everyone is invited to attend. Gus the Bus will be on site along with many Morgan County agencies. There will be free food, free books, free resources for families, games, give aways, a bounce house and more. WECO will do a live broadcast. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Ruth Headrick enjoyed a visit with her grandson, Benjamin Headrick, last Monday. Benji recently graduated from TTU with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Our family attended the graduation of our niece, Sophia Rose Hamby, from Wartburg Central High School on Saturday. Following graduation, we gathered at the home of Dennis and Tabitha Hamby for a cookout with the graduate. Those attending were James and Sandra Helton, Kayla, Clara and Hattie Ruppe from Oakdale and Frederick and Janine Shelton, Jimmie, Elaine, Sarah and Luke Hensley from NC. Sophia had a special guest drop by. She was excited to see Robert Weatherford who visited with everyone for a while.

Congratulations to Wayne Wilder and Morgan Smith who were married Saturday afternoon at Piney Baptist Church. Parents of the newlyweds are Marty and Ann Wilder and Taylor and Tammy Smith.

Belated Birthday Greetings to Shaylyn Melhorn, and sisters Sandy Cook Helton and Jeannie Cook Wittibslager who celebrated birthdays Sunday, May 22.

Happy Birthday to April Langley and Cindy Pollard who are celebrating their special day today, May 24. Happy Birthday Ladies!

Happy Birthday to one of our little sisters, Melinda Massey, who will celebrate her birthday tomorrow, May 25. We love you!

Happy Birthday to Zach Collins and Sawyer Smith who have birthdays on May 27 and there is someone else having a birthday on May 27.....Oh Yeah! Natalie Rogers! Happy Birthday to each of you.

Donnie and Tiffeney Yeary will celebrate their birthdays on May 28. I remember when they were born. Have a great day!

Happy Birthday to our niece, Victoria Claybough who has a birthday on May 29.

Birthday wishes to Missy Clark and Doug Miller who have a birthday on May 30

and to Todd Smith and Stone Stewart who have a birthday on May 31.

May 31 would be my Mother's 82nd birthday if she were still with us. The last birthday we celebrated with her was in 1997 when she was 57 years old. May 22 would have been my parent's 63rd wedding anniversary. I sure do miss them.

Happy Birthday to Aunt Zelma "Iney" Bingham who will turn 92 years young on June 1. She is definitely the youngest 92 year old person I know! We wish you a wonderful day Iney.

The June hours for Oakdale Public Library have been posted. The library will be open on Mondays from 10:30 – 3:00, Tuesdays from 3:00 – 7:30 and Wednesdays 9:00 – 12:00. The library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30. Summer programming will be announced soon.

First Baptist Oakdale will have their 5th Sunday night singing on May 29 at 6:00 p.m. Singing will be White Oak Trio and Josh Banken. Everyone is welcome to join them as they worship in song.

Piney Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School beginning Sunday, June 5 with family night on Friday, June 10. All ages are welcome. Supper will be at 6:00 each evening and classes will begin at 6:45.

First Baptist Oakdale will have Vacation Bible School June 13-17 from 6:00 – 8:30 for ages Pre K through 6th Grade.

Mt. Vernal Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 13-17 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for ages Pre K – High School.

White Oak Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School July 11-15 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for preschoolers - High School.

Pine Orchard Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School July 18 – 22 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for ages 3 - High School.

Attention OHS Classes of 1959, 1960 and 1961. A reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 17 from 11:00 – 5:00 at Pine Orchard Community Center. For further information, contact Dub Jones at

865-410-2575.

Brian Langley welcomes everyone to join him for a Meet and Greet at Central Elementary School on Friday, May 27 at 6:00. A meal will be provided. Brian looks forward to visiting with everyone and discussing the future of Morgan County.

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2022 will occur on Monday, May 30.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

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Solomon Park Gets New Sign at Entry

Downtown Wartburg Revitalization (DWR) is proud to finalize our latest project, the Solomon Park sign. This sign was a year long project that we all felt was definitely necessary for several reasons, but primarily to state our true respect for Wayne Solomon and all he did for this county.

The following organizations and personnel designed, manufactured, coordinated and installed this massive sign and they all

deserve recognition for a job well done:

Dana Fox and Roger Long presented a design sketch, the Morgan County Career Center instructors Scott Stevens and Tim Steelman plus their talented students manufactured the sign, the City of Wartburg employees Craig Mathis and Denny Richardson prepared the site and coordinated the installation and Plateau Electric Cooperative employees Foreman John Guinn, Arron Silveira, Hunter Henry and Mike Nance assisted the final install.

It is clear that a project of this magnitude required a lot of people to work together for a greater good. DWR could not be more proud of all the effort and time to make a substantial difference to this county. The city park is a community place of recreation and fun. We hope everyone will thank all those involved.

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

A Young Marine Gave Me Hope for Our Country's Future

Thank you for your service, Corporal Dawson

I saw him coming out of Walmart as I waited on my wife to join me. He was dressed in the Marine's dress uniform and I just wondered what would a Marine be doing here and would he come by me. I would really like to talk to a service man about our country and see if he felt the same way as I do.

As I stood at the rear of my SUV, I saw that he was going to come down row 5 where I was parked. When he got close, I said to him "Thank you for your service, sir." I had my Navy hat on and when he saw it, he said, "I didn't give to my country like you did. But maybe I will because I'm going to be a career man."

The corporal stopped in front of me and I could see he wanted to talk. I introduced myself and told him how much I loved my country and how concerned I am about how things were going. I also said, "I really love your uniform. I've always felt like the Marine uniform was the most attractive of all the services, especially the dress uniform. I

like the Navy but I never did like the uniform. He told me he was a recruiter here in Oak Ridge and he was so glad to be in the South. He said, "I'm from Massachusetts and the people here are friendlier and they seem to be more patriotic."

I asked him if he cared if I asked him a few questions. He said he didn't and he would answer them the best he could. The first one I asked was, "how do you feel about your Commander in Chief?" He answered without hesitation, "I think we

talked to some older men in his hometown who had been in the Marines and they told him how rough the training was. I told him in March 1958 my Navy commander was in WWII and he sure didn't ease up on us. The corporal said that many men in his division he couldn't count on in war. He said with some hesitation, "I believe I will be killed in battle."

I listened to this twenty-four-year-old Marine tell me about his life in Massachusetts and his two years in the Marines.

He didn't hold back to tell me about our government and what President Biden had done to our great country.

He said in Massachusetts I was on the streets a lot. I wasn't completely homeless but I didn't exactly have a good home life and I lived in cars and with friends. I had two brothers in the Marines and they encouraged me to go in the Marines too.

When they came home dressed in their pretty uniform I was almost sold. I was tired of the liberal government in Mass. and the people who seem to have little respect for the military. They sure didn't treat my brothers very respectful. I've been treated good here in Tennessee but recruiting hasn't been very easy here in Oak Ridge and Loudon.

I'm glad I joined the Marines because it has taught me a lot and made life worthwhile. I'm like you Tom, I love my country, but I don't like our government. I don't have children yet but if I did, I would be more concerned. I wonder if our children or young people have much of a future?

I've been around liberals most of my life and I can tell you now that I'm not going back to the North to be with them any longer. I hope we can elect better leaders in November and in 2024. It was good for me, an eighty-six-year-old former Navy man to hear a young Marine say the things I wanted to hear. Maybe we still have hope for the United States of America."

Notice – I have used a fictitious name to protect this young Marine.



are hurting for leadership. I respect the office of the President but this man has done some bad things that have hurt our country." I told him I felt the same way as he did and I hoped we haven't gone to far to save our country.

I asked Corporal Dawson if he had any trouble recruiting here in Oak Ridge. He said, "I go into all the high schools here in Anderson, Loudon, and other counties and many boys show a lot of interest but when they talk to their mothers, they are talked out of it. It is really hard to get parents and sons on the same line."

I told Corporal Dawson that I had heard that basic training in the military had eased-up or gotten a lot easier, I asked him if that was true for the Marines. He said he has

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army Veteran Major General (Major while serving in Vietnam) Patrick Henry Brady served in the Vietnam War as a UH-1H helicopter pilot while assigned to Medical Service Corps, 54TH Medical Detachment, 67TH Medical Group, 44TH Medical Brigade.

On January 6, 1968 Major Brady went well beyond the call of duty in the pursuit to save the lives of both American and South Vietnamese soldiers.

On October 9, 1969 he was presented with the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Richard M. Nixon.

His Medal of Honor citation reads:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, Maj. Brady distinguished himself while serving in the Republic of Vietnam commanding a UH-1H ambulance helicopter, volunteered to rescue wounded men from a site in enemy-held territory which was reported to be heavily defended and to be blanketed by fog. To reach the site, he descended through heavy fog and smoke and hovered slowly along a valley trail, turning his ship sideward to blow away the fog with the backwash from his rotor blades. Despite the unchallenged, close-range enemy fire, he found the dangerously small site, where he successfully landed and evacuated two badly wounded South Vietnamese soldiers. He was then called to another area completely covered by dense fog where American



casualties lay only 50 meters from the enemy. Two aircraft had previously been shot down and others had made unsuccessful attempts to reach this site earlier in the day. With unmatched skill and extraordinary courage, Maj. Brady made four flights to this embattled landing zone and successfully rescued all of the wounded. On his third mission of the day, Maj. Brady once again landed at a site surrounded by the enemy. The friendly ground force, pinned down by enemy fire, had been unable to reach and secure the landing zone. Although his aircraft had been badly damaged and his controls partially shot away during his initial entry into this area, he returned minutes later and rescued the remaining injured. Shortly thereafter obtaining a replacement aircraft, Maj. Brady was

requested to land in an enemy mine field where a platoon of American soldiers was trapped. A mine detonated near his helicopter, wounding two crewmembers and damaging his ship. In spite of this, he managed to fly six severely injured patients to medical aid. Throughout that day Maj. Brady utilized three helicopters to evacuate a total of 51 seriously wounded men, many of whom would have perished without prompt medical treatment. Maj. Brady's bravery was in the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Chief Deputy Sheriff Jody Wayne Cash of the Calloway County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky was killed in the line of duty on Monday, May 16, 2022.

On that tragic day Chief Deputy Cash was escorting a prisoner when the prisoner shot him. The prisoner was also shot and killed during the incident. Chief Deputy Cash was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

Chief Deputy Cash was born on October 31, 1977 in Princeton, KY to Harold Wayne and Teresa Lane Cash.



Jody was a loving, witty, selfless, adventurous son, husband, father, friend and officer of the law. He was a great friend to many people in good times and bad and truly lived out a servant's heart. Chief Deputy Jody Cash graduated from DOCJT, Class #278, worked with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department then Murray State University Police, and went on to complete the Kentucky State Police Academy, graduating with Class #89, as Valedictorian. He retired from KSP with the rank of Sergeant. He was currently serving as a Chief Deputy in the Calloway County Sheriff's Office. He loved his Commonwealth,

his family, friends, and brothers and sisters of law enforcement and his community and abroad will miss him dearly.

Those he lovingly leaves behind include his parents Harold Wayne and Teresa Cash, his wife, Michelle Moore Cash, his son, Jackson Wayne Cash, and his step daughter, Madyson Martin.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear says "This deputy has paid the ultimate sacrifice today while serving our commonwealth. Let us honor the life, bravery, and service of this deputy." Andy Beshear added "Brittany Beshear and I ask Kentuckians to join

us in holding the family and loved ones of the Calloway County Deputy in their prayers."

Kentucky State Police are investigating the shooting.

The City of Wartburg is not accepting sealed bids on the following:

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.

"In a time of universal deceit telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act." ~George Orwell~

"When you want to help people you tell the truth. When you want to help yourself, you tell them what they want to hear." ~Thomas Sowell~

"I'm not upset that you lied to me, I'm upset that from now on I can't believe you." ~Friedrich Nietzsche~

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

 * Here's a grill tip just in time for Memorial Day: When you need to cook something that needs covering (say, chicken) alongside something that does not (like hot dogs), simply invert an aluminum roaster/cake pan over the needs-covering item. You can purchase smaller size pans that can be reused. -- JoAnn

* "I have a tip about taking medicine. Regardless of the size of the pill, I always feel as if it is stuck in my throat. I have started to have a chunk of banana after taking a pill. I don't get that stuck feeling anymore." -- T.B. in New Hampshire

* "The sticky residue from price tags can be really annoying. I use WD-40 to get it off. Works every time for me!" -- J.K. in Alabama

* "Painting stairs? This tip will save your life! Paint every other step to start with. When they are

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Idaho is the only U.S. state to explicitly declare that cannibalism is illegal.

* In 2001, the FBI warned Russell Crowe that al-Qaeda were planning to kidnap him as part of a "cultural destabilization plot." For nearly two years, the agency guarded the actor in public, but refused to provide him with any details about the threat.

* In Germany, folks who urinate in the streets are called "wildpinklers," meaning "free pee-ers."

* Gorillas sing happy songs while they eat -- louder when enjoying a favorite food.

* Talk about election fraud!

In 2013, police in the Maldives arrested a coconut for loitering near a polling station during the presidential election. The fruit's offense? Locals feared it might have been imbued with a magic spell to influence the election, as there was a Surah (chapter from the Quran) written on it. The coconut was released upon being found to be fake.

* In 2014, over 2.8 million American dogs were on an antidepressant drug similar to Prozac.

* Alarmed neighbors of a couple in Sydney, Australia, called the police after hearing a woman screaming, furniture crashing and a man shouting: "I'm going to kill you, you're dead! Die! Die!" When the law arrived on the scene they found, however, not a typical case of domestic violence,

but a frenzied attempt to kill a spider.

* Now here's a good reason to call your plumber: A leaky faucet dripping once every second can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water in a year -- enough for 180 showers!

* The U.S. government gave Indiana University \$1 million to study ... memes.

 Thought for the Day: "Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games." --Babe Ruth

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dry, go back and paint the others. This way, you can use the staircase anytime during your project. This is particularly important if the stairs are the only way to get to bed after a long day of painting!" -- I.L. in Nevada

* Mix a quarter cup of salt in with two tablespoons of bath wash for a sudsy, refreshing, skin-soothing salt scrub.

* To travel with pleated skirts, use this packing trick: Turn the skirt inside out, and straighten all the pleats. Then tape the bottom so that all the pleats are held together. Next, feed the skirt into a leg of pantyhose with the foot cut off. You'll end up with a nice tube, which you can tuck into the side of your luggage.

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ancient Brit
- 5 Started
- 8 Fail to see
- 12 River to the Baltic
- 13 Spanish gold
- 14 "Do — others ..."
- 15 Opera set in Egypt
- 16 Used a Hoover, say
- 18 Baseball divisions
- 20 Diving ducks
- 21 Leb. neighbor
- 22 Ostrich's kin
- 23 Sousa composition
- 26 Empty, as a stare

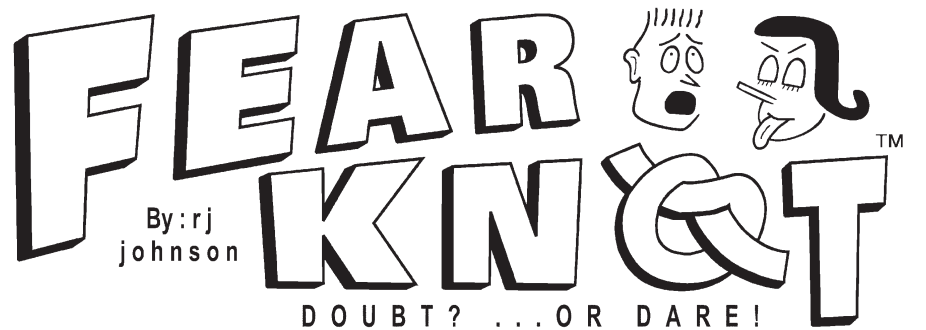
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- 30 Commotion
- 31 Melody
- 32 "Top Hat" studio
- 33 Flu forestaller
- 36 Autocrats
- 38 Tummy muscles
- 39 Chatter
- 40 Skirt style
- 43 Set of words
- 47 Work break
- 49 Nitwit
- 50 Pedestal occupant
- 51 In shape
- 52 Ancient Dead Sea land
- 53 Taxpayer IDs

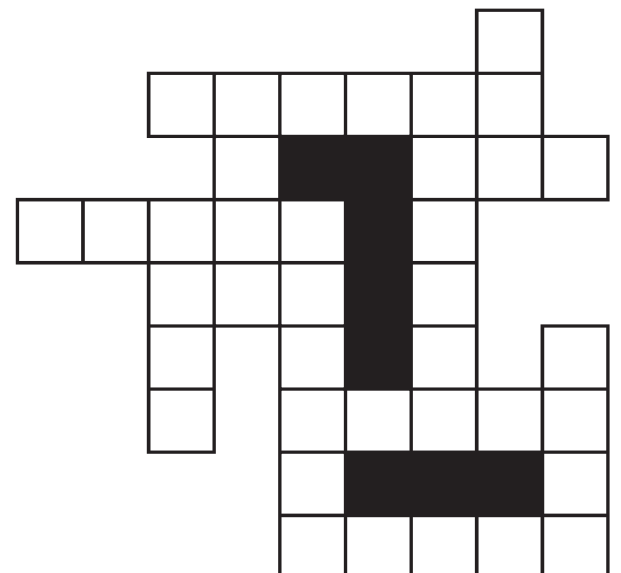
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- 1 Furnace fuel
- 2 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
- 3 Spartan queen
- 4 Very sad
- 5 Paramour
- 6 Historic periods
- 7 Physician's nickname
- 8 Hawaiian garment
- 9 "By the power
- 10 Leftovers recipe
- 11 Lays down the lawn
- 17 Gomer Pyle's org.
- 19 Show to a seat, slangily
- 22 Hearing thing
- 23 Dallas hoopster, briefly
- 24 Nabokov novel
- 25 Sinbad's bird
- 26 Compete
- 27 Man-mouse link
- 28 Kiev's land
- 29 "Mayday!"
- 31 Reply (Abbr.)
- 34 Suez and Erie, e.g.
- 35 "Yeah, right"
- 36 Levy
- 37 Web master?
- 39 Streisand title role
- 40 Hertz rival
- 41 Young fellows
- 42 PC picture
- 43 Pork cut
- 44 Musical finale
- 45 Bloodhound's clue
- 46 Alaskan city
- 48 Conditions

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- ♥ EAP
- SPOGLE
- ♥ TASP
- ETER
- STEAPE
- ♥ ELA
- ♥ DRIA
- ♥ DERGE
- ♥ PLA
- GATNIE
- NOLEA
- PLOA



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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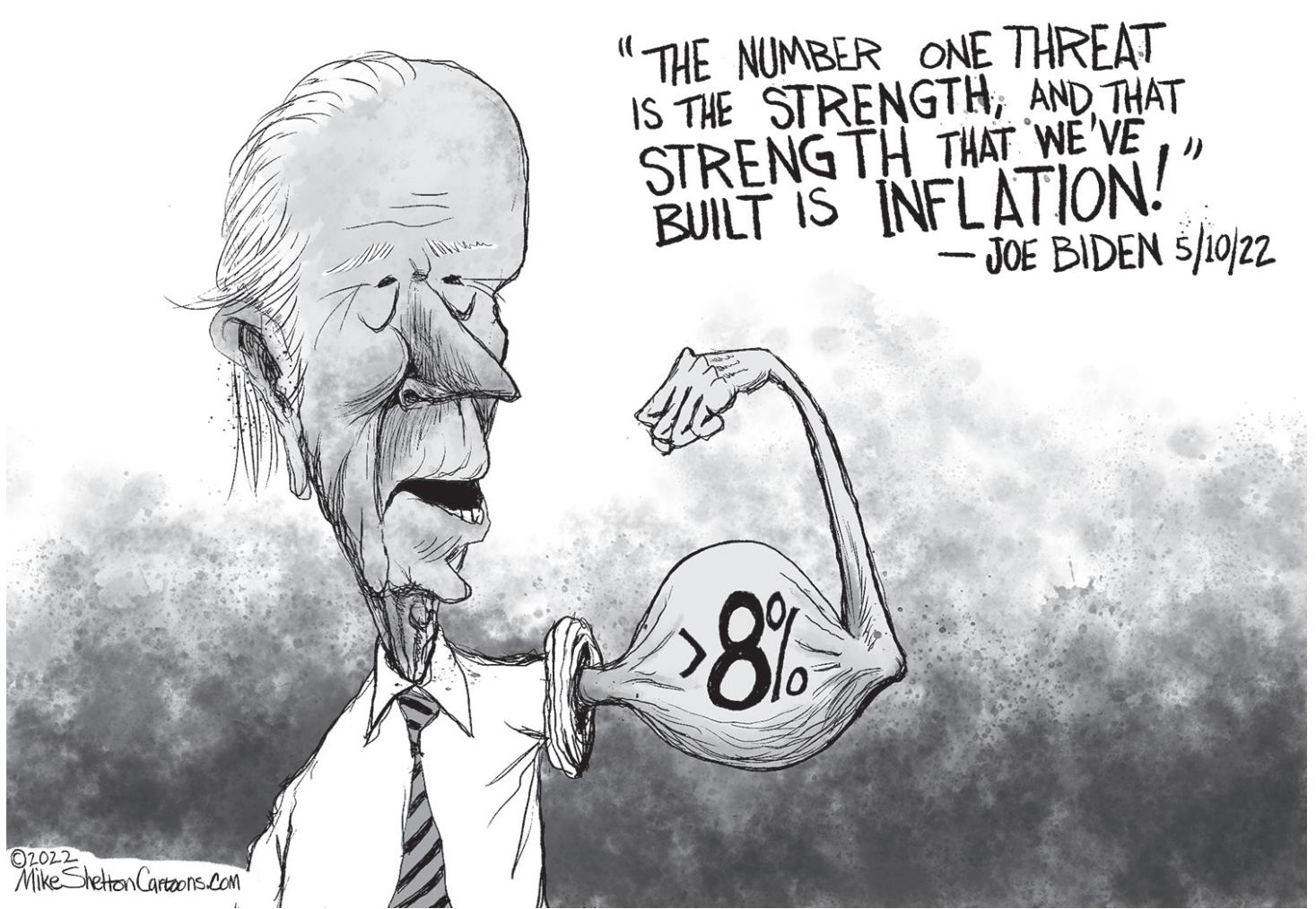
BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Judah in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
 2. In which book's 12th chapter did Jesus tell the multitudes the very hairs of their heads were numbered? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
 3. From 2 Samuel 14, who cut his hair once a year, as it was too heavy to carry around? *Samson, Esau, Absalom, Sisera*
 4. Which prophet's work is quoted in the New Testament more than any other? *Joshua, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel*
 5. In Deuteronomy 34, Moses saw the promised land from what mountain? *Hermon, Zion, Ararat, Nebo*
 6. Artaxerxes was king of ...? *Philadelphia, Judah, Persia, Zion*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Luke 12:7; 3) Absalom; 4) Isaiah; 5) Nebo; 6) Persia

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

Grilled Burgers

Fire up the grill! There's something about cooking and eating outside that just can't be duplicated indoors.

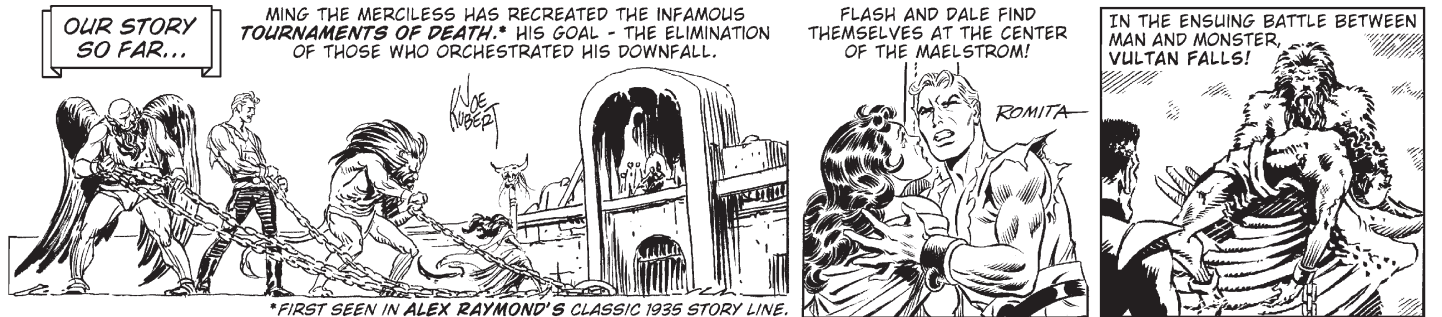
- 16 ounces extra-lean ground turkey or beef
- 3/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon (2 1/4 ounces) dried fine bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup reduced-sodium ketchup
- 2 teaspoons prepared yellow mustard
- 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup fat-free milk

1. In a large bowl, combine meat, onion and breadcrumbs. Add ketchup, mustard, horseradish, Worcestershire sauce and milk. Mix well with hands until well-combined.

2. Using a 1/2 cup measuring cup as a guide, shape into 6 patties. Place on hot grill, and grill for about 6 minutes on each side or until desired doneness. Good served on small hamburger buns or eaten as "steaks." Makes 6 servings.

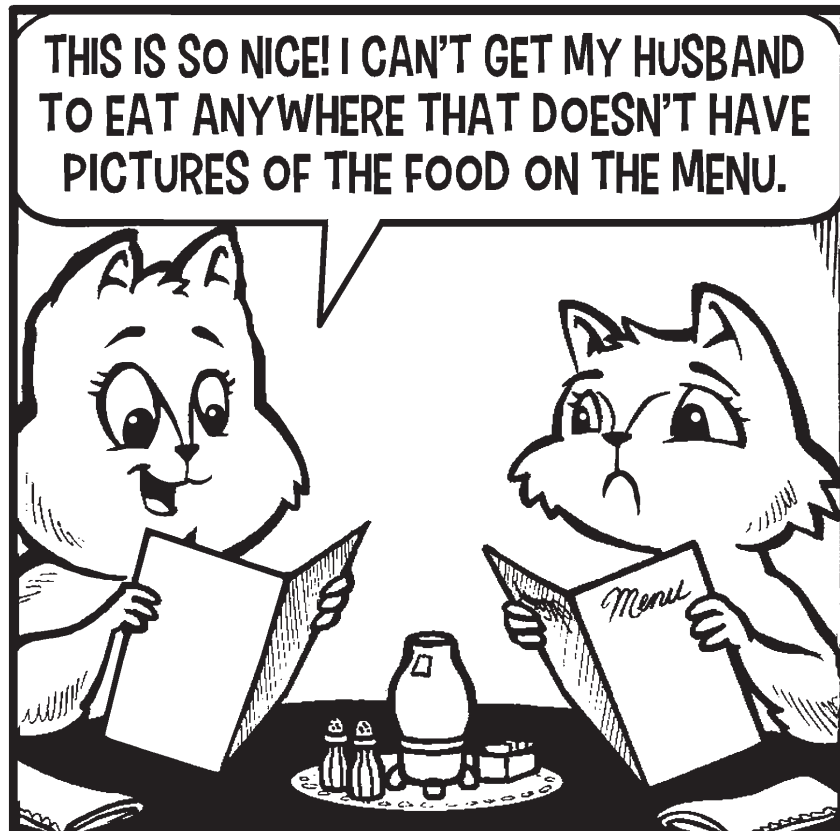
• Each serving equals: 175 calories, 7g fat, 15g protein, 13g carbohydrate, 199mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1/2 Starch/Carbohydrate

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



"On this spot, gas once sold for \$1.25"

THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Don't Weaponize Demographic Change

The horrific massacre in Buffalo, New York, has created a debate about the "great replacement theory," the rancid theory adopted by white supremacists that Jewish people are conspiring to destroy the influence of white Americans by importing non-white immigrants.

The Buffalo shooter was in thrall to the theory, as have been other racist and antisemitic killers.

The theory should be denounced by all people of goodwill and, indeed, it thrives only in the most sewerish precincts of the internet.

Yet, there is an attempt to tar Republicans more broadly with the theory and somehow attribute responsibility for the atrocity in Buffalo to them on this basis. The argument is that the likes of Elise Stefanik, a Republican congresswoman from New York, have warned that the Democrat party views immigration as a way to change the electorate in their favor, and so are mainstreaming the hateful replacement ideology.

This is a smear, and especially perverse since Republicans sounding the alarm about this Democratic view have been unquestionably correct. There hasn't been any secretive cabal at work -- it's all been out in the open, discussed by progressive political operatives and think-tank analysts, and celebrated in the press.

The left-wing Center for American Progress issued a report in 2013 titled "Immigration Is Changing the Political Landscape in Key States." It summarized its argument thusly, "Supporting real immigration reform that contains a pathway to citizenship for our nation's 11 million undocumented immigrants is the only way to maintain electoral strength in the future."

Books were written about this idea. The widely cited (and over-interpreted) 2004 book, "The Emerging Democratic Majority," by John Judis and Ruy Teixeira, called the Democrats "the party of transition" as "white America is supplanted by multiracial, multiethnic America." In 2016, Steve Phillips wrote "Brown Is the New White: How the Demographic Revolution Has Created a New American Majority." The website for his publisher says the latest edition of the book contends that "hope for a more progressive political future lies not with increased advertising to middle-of-the-road white voters, but with cultivating America's growing, diverse majority."

Donald Trump's victory in 2016 suppressed some of this sentiment since it made it clear that white working-class voters didn't appreciate being spoken of as if they were a relic of the past; and the 2020 election and its aftermath made the assumption that Democrats will own Latino voters forevermore seem increasingly shaky.

But the left wants to create rules that define it as perfectly acceptable for Democrats to advocate high levels of immigration as a means of gaining political power, and out of bounds for Republicans to call them on it.

Washington Post writer Greg Sargent slammed New York Rep. Elise Stefanik for allegedly flirting with the great replacement theory in Facebook advertisements last year. They warned that Democrats want a sweeping amnesty for undocumented immigrants in order "to overthrow our current electorate and create a permanent liberal majority in Washington."

Never mind that Stefanik could have drawn her warning directly from various left-wing writers and advocacy organizations. Or that Sargent himself wrote after Barack Obama's victory in 2012 that the election had been "all about demographics" and that the outcome showed the electorate wasn't "reverting to the older, whiter, more male version Republicans had hoped for."

What makes Sargent's basic view different than Stefanik's, other than the fact that he welcomes how immigration trends have changed our politics and she doesn't?

Immigration has been hotly contested throughout our history, and is an inherently highly emotive issue, involving the composition of our polity and core questions of national identity. It can only inflame the issue further to explicitly weaponize demographic change, as the left has for decades now. We should have an immigration policy that serves the national interest, not the narrow interest of one political party.

Yes, by all means, further shun and marginalize replacement theory, but don't support high levels of immigration for partisan reasons and expect the other side not to notice.

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

by Donna Erickson

Honey-Glazed Salmon Is Fast, Nutritious

Shopping for salmon at your local fish market or grocery store can be a real-life geography lesson for your kids, so be sure to take them along. Alaska, Maine, Chile, Norway — the places of origin



Heart-healthy salmon topped with a sweet honey glaze will become a family favorite.

read like a world atlas as you check out the signs and labels. Spin a globe when you get home and discover together where your dinner was swimming.

Besides sharpening geography skills, this good-for-you fish — rich in heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins and minerals — is also super easy to prepare.

All this makes a family hungry!

Here's our favorite recipe, made with a sweet honey glaze that young sous chefs can stir up. Top with chopped nuts or herbs from your garden, and roast in a hot oven while the table is being set, napkins are slipped into

rings and beverages are poured.

HONEY-GLAZED SALMON FILLETS

- 4 salmon fillets, about 6 ounces each
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- Salt, to taste
- 4 tablespoons chopped pecans
- OR 1 tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh rosemary and 1 tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh thyme
- 2 lemons, cut into wedges or thin slices

1. Preheat oven to 425 F.
 2. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with cooking spray
 3. Place salmon fillets skin-side down on the prepared sheet. Sprinkle with salt.
 4. Pour olive oil and honey into a small bowl, and stir to combine well. Spoon the mixture generously over fillets. Press nuts on top or sprinkle with herbs.
 5. Bake in oven until completely cooked through, about 10-15 minutes, or until fish flakes readily with tip of a fork. Use spatula to transfer to dinner plates.
 6. Serve hot over salad greens that have been tossed with a light vinaigrette and topped with thin lemon slices, or set a lemon wedge to the side. Serves 4.
- TIP: As summer approaches, serve with fresh grilled peaches for a tasty, sweet, modern side.

To prepare, cut two almost-ripe peaches in half. Let kids remove the pits and brush the cut sides with the honey-olive oil mixture before coating the salmon.

Spray a grill pan with cooking spray, and place halves cut-side down on medium heat on your stove for 5 to 7 minutes, or until grill marks appear. Flip over to rounded side for an additional minute. Set on dinner plates with salmon and salad.

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

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

A Jumble of Wait Times for VA Medical Care

A recent audit by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General outlined what so many of us already knew -- that it's difficult to understand the wait times for appointments and medical care at the VA. It seemed to some of us that the rules changed day by day, that our appointments were at the whim of whatever program was being followed at the time and that there was no transparency about how those dates were calculated. Turns out that we were right all along.

In a perfect world, wait times at the VA always begin with an accurate starting point. If, for example, a veteran wants to seek civilian care because the wait is too long at the VA, he doesn't qualify for that outside care until he's waited a certain amount of time. Precisely when that period of time begins is at the heart of the problem.

Since 2014, the OIG discovered, the VA has used various methods of calculating

wait time and figuring out when the criteria is met to seek civilian care. The rules for those calculations were in writing back to 2014. But without following those rules consistently, wait times varied and wandered all over the place. It didn't help that the website gave misleading information about how dates were to be calculated, with differences between wait times for new patients and what was written in the scheduling directive.

Enter the OIG, with its excellent investigators who always leave no stone unturned. While the recent audit doesn't assign blame (which the OIG won't hesitate to do when it's called for), the VA knew about these problems. The OIG has officially asked the VA to respond and let them know what steps they're going to take to fix this.

To read the details, go to www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAO-IG-21-02761-125.pdf. Don't miss the timeline on the cardiology patient whose provider wanted him seen pronto. There was a 66 day wait.

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Historically Speaking

Robert “Bob” Carmack, the caddy master and Elwood, the caddy

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

One of the greatly appreciated benefits of writing about almost any subject in the Historically Speaking column is the response I get from readers who have additional information about a given subject and are willing to share information to add to the story. I delight when that happens. It means I have another story of Oak Ridge history and likely one that will be new information to add to the collection of Historically Speaking stories. The new story may also add previously unknown details to the rich tapestry that is our Oak Ridge history about which others would appreciate learning. I am constantly being reminded of the great depth and variety of our unique history.

But more importantly, when I get these phone calls, I am about to meet someone new and make yet another friend in my seemingly endless search for the unique stories that make up our history. The person I am meeting will not only give me more knowledge about our history, but likely will become an even stronger supporter of my efforts to capture the essence of our history through personal stories of those who actually lived the history in the making.

Such is the case with the history of the Oak Ridge Country Club. The day after the first part of that story was published in The Oak Ridger, Robert “Bob” Carmack called me and left a message that he had another picture of Mickey Mantle when he was a guest celebrity golfer that he thought I might want to use to illustrate the history of the Oak Ridge Country Club.

I called Bob and said I would like to have a copy of that photograph, but snow kept me from getting to his house until the weekend. What I found was amazing. Not only did Bob have a great photograph of Mickey Mantle riding in the very first golf cart ever used at the Oak Ridge Country Club, but Bob had a great story about going to Gatlinburg to buy those first used golf carts and hauling three of them on a truck back to the country club in Oak Ridge. I was quick to grasp that was not all that Bob had to share. But first let’s finish with the golf carts.

Bob said none of the golf carts would run when he got them to the club, and he had to repair all of them before they could be used. They were battery operated and something was wrong with all three of the carts. I was later to learn that Bob has also spent many hours restoring

antique cars, so repairing golf carts was a natural thing for him to do. I will tell you more about Bob’s antique cars later in the story.

He also said that the caddies were mad at him for bringing in golf carts. That innovation would eventually cut drastically into the caddy business, and they realized that right away. Bob was the “Caddy master” or the person responsible at the time for keeping the needed number of caddies available.

Bob said he got paid 10 cents for every caddy who was used by a golfer. When he went to get the golf carts, he was just doing as he was told. It was not his decision, he just had to implement it. The caddies did not understand that and felt

them.

When Phil was about 10-12 years old there was a barber who cut Phil and his brother’s hair. That barber’s name was Elwood. Now Phil thought that was a most unusual name and again, if you know Phil, you can just see him making a very big deal about that “odd name.”

Asking things like, “have you ever heard of such a name as ‘Elwood’ and what does it mean?” Well, his friends turned that trick on him and began to kid him by calling him “Elwood.” That name stuck to Phil. To this day many know him as just “Elwood.” He smiles when he acknowledges this, and I am convinced he gets a kick out of it.

Phil (Elwood) told me a few caddy stories that occurred when he worked with Caddy master Robert “Bob” Carmack. The caddies had their regular golfers who always used the same caddy. One such arrangement Phil that developed was a partnership between Elwood and Dr. Cruze, a regular golfer at the Oak Ridge Country Club.

On one occasion, a particularly poor shot caused the good doctor to throw a club. As Phil described it, he heard a “whiz, whiz, whiz,” as the three iron flew over his head. He just looked at Dr Cruze and said, “I’ll get that one, but if you ever throw another club while I am your caddy you can get it yourself.”

Now remember Elwood was a schoolboy. But Phil said that Dr. Cruze never threw another club. He did say that when Dr. Cruze would sometimes be paged while on the golf course to come to the hospital that he would throw the club he was using at the time down on the ground and say, “Elwood, take ‘em on in, I gotta go.” Phil would collect the clubs and take them to the club house.

Another story Phil told was when he was caddy for Bill Maddox. It seems Bill missed a putt and was about to break the putter over his knee...not the first time he had done that. When Phil saw what Maddox was going to do, he said, “Wait! If you are going to break that putter, why don’t you just give to me?”

Well, Bill stopped with the putter in mid air just over his uplifted knee and handed it to Phil. Phil took it and kept it for a few days until Bill said to him, “Elwood, you still got that putter?” Elwood said, “Yes.” Bill said, “Can I have it back?” Phil (Elwood) returned the putter to him and it continued to be his favorite putter.

Next, we will return to the story of Bob Carmack and examine his uncanny ability to win golf tournaments – 52 of them in his career!



Mickey Mantle in the first golf cart brought to the Oak Ridge Country Club by Bob Carmack shown in this photo at the very rear of the picture helping golfers get in the “new” (used) golf carts. (Photo Submitted)



Bob Carmack showing off the collector’s putter with “Oak Ridge Country Club and Oak Ridge, TN” printed on the face of the club...note that “Oakridge” is one word, twice! (Photo Submitted)

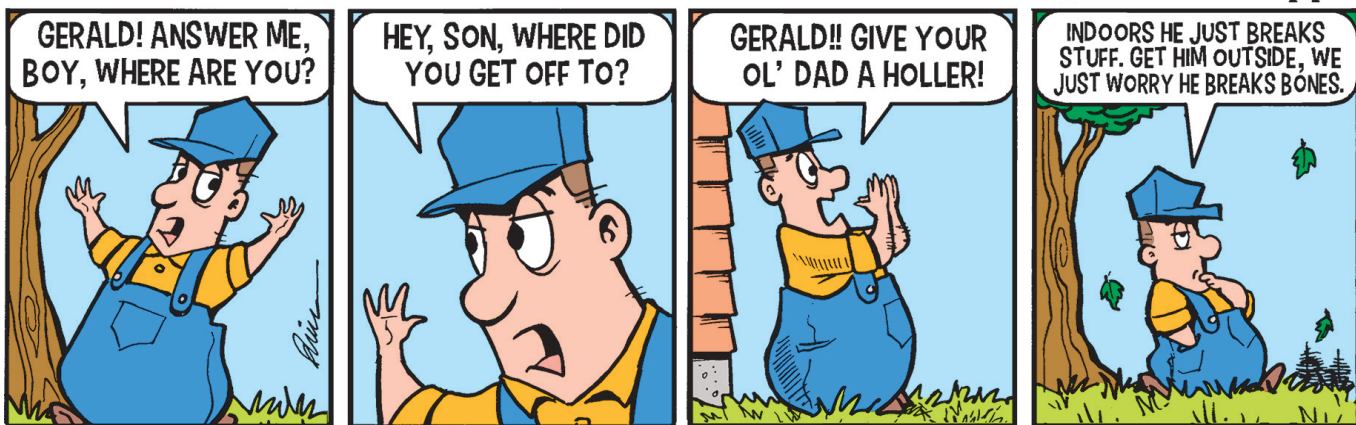
bringing in those new-fangled golf carts was all Bob’s doing.

One of the caddies who fondly recalls Robert “Bob” Carmack is Phil McCulley. Phil was known as “Elwood” to his golfers and other friends. How did Phil get that moniker? If you know Phil you know that he has a unique sense of humor and enjoys unusual things, strange names, and other oddities he encounters.

He will comment on each of them and often catches others unawares as he remarks about something that the rest of us would never catch or give a second thought. Phil, however, sees these rare and unusual things he encounters as adding spice to his life and interest to his day. He can’t help but make comments about

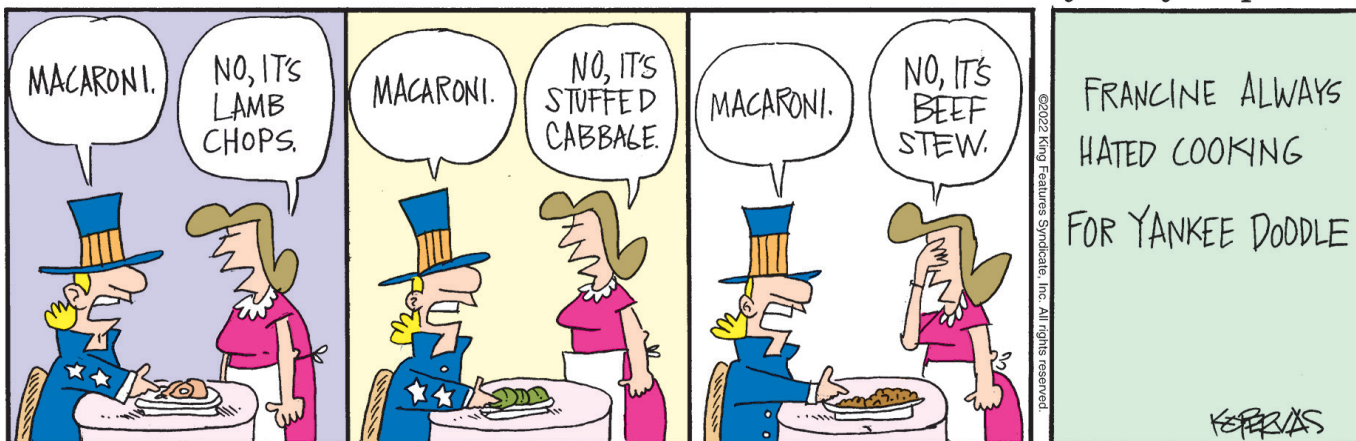
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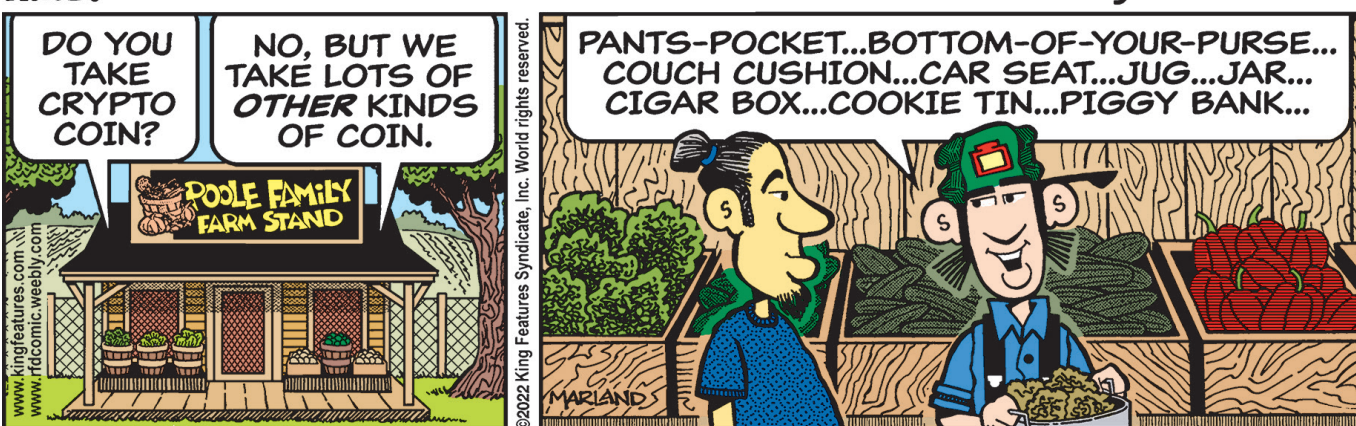
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



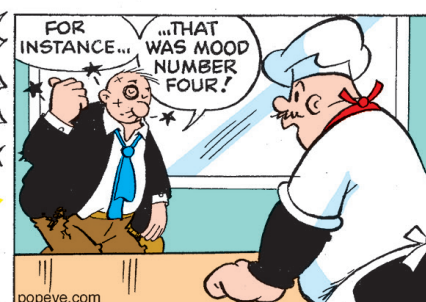
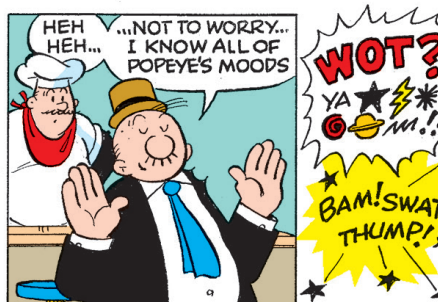
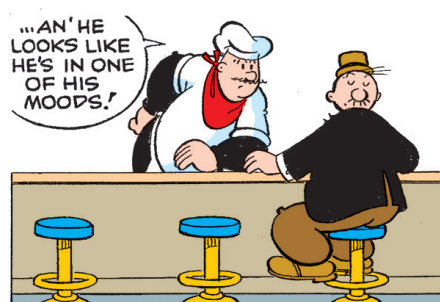
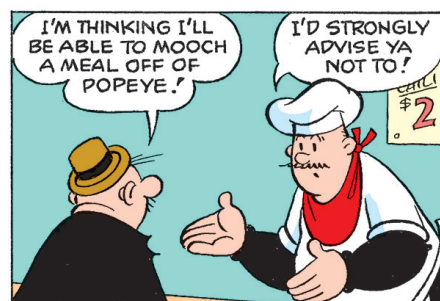
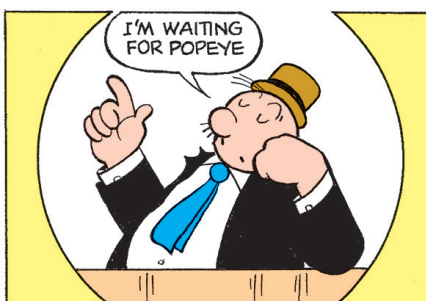
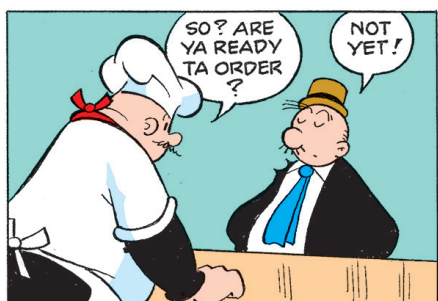
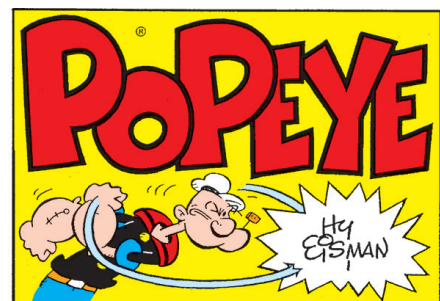
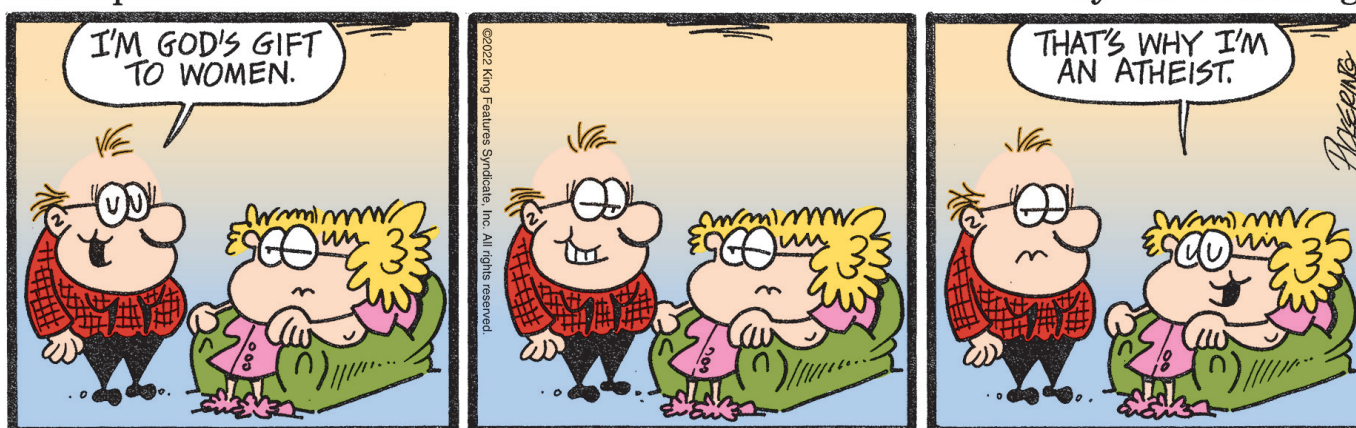
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On June 6, 1683, the Ashmolean, the world's first university museum, opens in Oxford, England. Today, the collection at the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology ranges in time from the earliest implements of man, made about 500,000 years ago, to 20th century works of art.

* On June 10, 1692, in Salem Village in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Bridget Bishop, the first colonist to be tried in the Salem witch trials, is hanged after being found guilty of the practice of witchcraft. The witch trials, which resulted in the executions of 19 innocent women and men, ended in October.

* On June 9, 1893, the interior of Ford's Theatre collapses when a basement pier gives way, killing 23 people. The building -- where President Lincoln was assassinated -- housed hundreds of government clerks.

* On June 7, 1942, the Battle of Midway -- one of the most decisive U.S. victories in its war against Japan -- comes to an end. The outnumbered U.S. Pacific Fleet destroyed four Japanese aircraft carriers with the loss of only one of its own, the Yorktown.

* On June 8, 1968, James Earl Ray is arrested in London, England, and charged with the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. In 1969, Ray pleaded guilty to King's murder. Three days later, he attempted to withdraw his guilty plea, claiming he had been set up as a patsy in a larger conspiracy.

* On June 11, 1979, film actor John Wayne, born Marion Morrison, dies at age 72. The "John Wayne" name was created when the director of "The Big Trail" didn't think Marion was a good name for an actor playing a tough Western hero.

* On June 12, 1982, a large crowd descends upon New York City's Central Park, demanding nuclear disarmament. Estimates placed the number of attendees at over a million.

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A King's Ransom: Chapter 7: Part 2



Carol Hall
Author

She was panting from the exertion of yelling, combined with the stress the situation was causing her.

"Who, or what, are you, Nicodemus?"

"Nicodemus," Alys said. "Come on down now. She needs to meet you in person...er...uh...well, you know what I mean."

"Fine," Nicodemus grumbled. "But if her reaction is the same as the last guy's was, I'm going back to my corner, and I won't come out again."

"What was the last guy's reaction?" Bronwyn asked, not liking where this was going.

"He was less than pleased to meet me," Nicodemus said, his voice raising an octave.

"Anddd, why wasn't he pleased?" Bronwyn asked. "What are you?"

Bronwyn froze as she waited for the response.

"Alys, could you turn up the lantern for a moment, please," Nicodemus asked.

"She'll need more light to see me properly."

Alys hobbled over the table and fumbled around for a moment. The room began to fill with a soft, yellow light. It wasn't enough to dispel the darkness completely, but it was enough for Bronwyn to see several feet in front of her.

"Thank you, Alys," Nicodemus said. "That'll do."

Bronwyn ignored Alys's return to the cell as her eyes swept the area looking for anyone, or anything, to show itself.

There!

A small movement in the corner near the ceiling.

What was it?

It was descending slowly, moving closer to Bronwyn.

It seemed to be swinging from side to side. On a breeze? There was no breeze down here. Only stale air.

Bronwyn squinted, leaning toward the object that was painstakingly slow in its decent.

Suddenly, the light from the lantern lit upon something that slammed Bronwyn's heart to a skidding stop.

No...

No way...

NO, NO, NO...her mind screamed as all doubt was removed.

A large, black spider the size of her hand was dangling mere inches from her face.

The scream that should have erupted from her mouth didn't manifest. Instead, sheer panic took over, and she swatted the spider with as much force as she could muster.

Nicodemus's scream was high-pitched and full of shock as he sailed across the cell and landed on his eight, long legs several feet away from Bronwyn. The thread of silvery web still clinging to his backside.

"Oh, Lord Jesus, have mercy!" Nicodemus cried from his landing spot on the cold, hard floor. "She struck me! She slapped the web right out of me!"

Bronwyn remembered Alys was there when she heard the other girl gasp loudly and shake the bars of the cell. "Nicodemus!" she cried. "Are you alright?"

"No, Alys," Nicodemus bawled. "She hit me! She knocked me off my web. I landed on the floor. Hard! Oh, my butt hurts. I don't think I'll be able to spin a web for days."

Bronwyn sat in shock listening to the exchange between the two of them.

"Are you kidding me?" she asked, astonished. "A very large, very hairy spider comes flying across the room at me, and I'm the bad guy?"

Nicodemus barked at her. "You hurt me! You hit me hard."

Alys knelt down on the ground and shoved her arm through the bars, her palm extended. "Come here, Nicodemus," she cooed. "Let me make sure you're ok."

Bronwyn recoiled in horror as Nicodemus staggered and limped past her on his way to Alys's outstretched hand. "Don't you dare kick me," he said, as he shied away from her.

Bronwyn watched as Nicodemus crawled onto Alys's hand. She lifted him close to her face and began examining him. Running her fingers over his legs and down his back, she seemed satisfied that no major harm had been done. "I think you'll be ok," she told him.

"You think?" he asked, whimpering. "She smacked me so hard."

"Oh, for heaven's sake, stop milking it," Bronwyn said, disgusted. "You're fine. You walked all the way over to her. You can't be too badly hurt. I'm sure you'll live." Her unsympathetic tone brought a scowl to Alys's face.

"Bronwyn," she scolded her. "You could have seriously hurt him."

"I...what...oh fine," she conceded. "I'm sorry, ok? I apologize for slapping you. You just startled me. I don't like spiders. I'm terrified of them."

Nicodemus turned around in Alys's hand to face Bronwyn. "Apology accepted," he said. "But don't ever do that again."

"I won't," Bronwyn said. "But stay in your own cell from now on."

Alys set Nicodemus down. He scurried off her palm and slipped through the bars separating his cell from Bronwyn's.

"I don't understand something," Bronwyn said. "If you're a spider, why are you

stuck here? If you want to leave, just go. Nothing's stopping you. You're not a prisoner."

"I can't go into the castle," Nicodemus said, a pout still evident in his voice. "I tried once. When some of the guards saw me, they chased me with brooms and tried to squash me under their feet."

"Seems you're not the only one scared of spiders," Alys said. "Everywhere he goes, he's in danger from humans. Everyone who sees him wants to kill him, so he stays down here with me."

"Oh," Bronwyn said. "I never thought of that. I'm sorry. It must be hard having people want to stomp on you or beat you with a broom all the time."

"Yes, it is," Nicodemus said. "It's rather unpleasant to say the least. I wouldn't harm a soul, but everyone thinks I'm a hideous monster."

"Well..." Bronwyn said. "Maybe it's best that you stay down here then."

"Yes, but I long to feel grass beneath my feet," he said in a dreamy voice. "I would love to know what sunlight feels like on my back. I dream of the day I can escape this place and be free. Free to roam the world."

"I've told him about the drain pipe that allows water to flow out of the dungeon," Alys said. "He could follow that out, but he won't go."

"Why won't you go?" Bronwyn asked Nicodemus.

"Because it would mean having to get wet," Nicodemus said. "And swim."

"Swim?" Bronwyn asked. "How deep is the water in the pipe?"

"It's not deep at all," answered Alys. "But it empties into the moat. He'd have to swim to shore."

"Ohhh," Bronwyn said, understanding the dilemma. "Spiders don't like water? You don't know how to swim?"

"Most spiders can swim just fine," Alys said, chuckling. "Just not Nicodemus. He's afraid of water. He's never been near it before, except for the small bowl I leave out for him to drink from."

Bronwyn grinned to herself.

A scaredy spider.

He was a wimp of an arachnid.

"Seems to me if you want out bad enough, you'll just have to swallow your fear and go for a swim," Bronwyn said, feeling the urge to laugh out loud. She refrained, but at the cost of her eyes watering.

"Hhmmpphh," Nicodemus huffed. "I'm going back to my corner to recover from my near fatal attack."

couldn't hold it in any longer. The burst of laughter that broke from her throat echoed throughout the whole dungeon.

"You know," Alys said, a hint of warning in her voice. "You shouldn't laugh at him too much. He is your only companion down here. Except for me, but I'm not much for conversation. You'd do well to be kind to him."

Bronwyn mulled those words over in her mind as she curled up on her mound of straw again. Could she get used to having a spider as a friend? She shuddered at the thought. But...she had to admit, before she knew he was a spider, she had enjoyed talking to him. Maybe if she didn't have to see him, she could get along with him.

Maybe.

She wondered what he was doing at that moment.

Probably licking his wounded hind end and glaring at her from his dark corner.

A twinge of guilt was building up inside of her. She had belted him pretty hard. She'd knocked him topsy-turvy across the room. He had a right to be mad at her. But she had been terrified. It was a natural reaction.

But still...

"Nicodemus?" she ventured.

"Hhmmm?" he responded.

"I'm sorry."

"Thank you."

"Are you sure you're ok?" she asked.

"I'll be fine," he said, curtly.

Bronwyn closed her eyes and laid her head down on her arms.

"I truly am sorry," she tried again.

"I heard you," he said, his voice muffled. "I'm taking a rest now. I'll talk to you later."

Now Bronwyn really did feel bad. She hadn't meant to hurt him. He seemed like a nice spider. Genuinely harmless.

Something inside of her warmed towards him.

Maybe, just maybe, she would consider accepting him as a friend.

Maybe.

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Tares Sown in Ephesus



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Matthew 13 introduces a believer to the RABBI who began to speak in parables. Jesus Christ introduces the first principal for those seeking entrance into his coming kingdom. He reckoned the kingdom of heaven to sowing seed, with the seed being the Word of God.

All who are pre-destined are also called, those that were called were first justified, those that are justified Jesus Christ looks to glorify.

But before we can be glorified, we must be sanctified by the washing and cleansing of God's word.

This process of sanctification was intended to be an individual effort. Each professing Christian desiring to become a Berean, who according to Acts 17:11 became more noble than even the missionary minded church of Thessaloniki. For the Bereans searched the scripture daily to find out if what Paul said was true.

Jesus Christ quoted only from the Old Testament during his ministry to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. In Ephesus the sect of the Nicolaitans was begun. This is the first Church hierarchy that began to build churches, replacing the love they had at first when Jesus Christ saved them, and called them for his purposes. Three dimensional spaces became more important than time spent alone with Jesus Christ.

The Nicolaitans were the first bishops, priests, and deacons who began to teach replacement theology. That somehow God had replaced Israel with church. Antisemitism replaced sound Hebrew interpretation techniques with Greek Hermeneutics learned only by the religious elite class of men who desired temporal power over their flocks. Western Seminary was born at Ephesus.

The grace of Jesus Christ was being prostituted by men who believed they should earn a living from the gospel, even though the only person to get paid for Christ's death, burial, and resurrection was Judas. 1 John 2:27 was John's answer to the Nicaolaitan question. For the anointing you have received from me is real not counterfeit, for you do not need any man to teach you.

Why does God offer the Holy Spirit to all who would believe in Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection?

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the creation Godhead we claim faith in. Equal to God the Father and equal to God the Son. We have access to the same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. The Holy Spirit is responsible for your new birth and testimony as a new creation. Your salvation is a supernatural experience if you claim faith in Jesus Christ.

The first Christians in the Bible were Jewish men meeting in an upper room during the Jewish feast of Pentecost. This is one of the High Sabbaths when Jewish men were required to be in Jerusalem for the counting of the omer during the feast of first fruits, 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the 17th of Nisan in 30 AD, Messiah's Jewish disciples were baptized in the Ruah Ha Khodesh and all for the purpose of unveiling the mystery of gentile salvation and conversion at the new birth.

We were called Gentile Christians first at Antioch in Syria. Persecutions begun in Jerusalem with the martyrdom of Steven, forced the Apostles to flee North by West into cities in Western Turkey. Paul first preached to Gentile converts in Antioch, but only after God knocked him off his religiously pious horse.

In writing the series Becoming Esther, God has intervened and asked me to teach what has gone wrong in the American Christian experience. It is all centered in the government's desire to control our children's

thoughts, and they do not want them to be the God of the Bible's thoughts.

Alternate morality stems from a lack of connection to God as creator identified only in the Hebrew Old Testament. It is in the Hebrew scriptures that we are introduced to two cities that control all of our destinies.

The Bible is framed as a war between the God who controls Jerusalem and Lucifer who controls Babylon. You cannot exist in both as a professing believer. It is a spiritual exercise, not a flesh exercise!

God does not judge by outward expression for God alone searches the thoughts of men created in his image. David thanked God for not caring what men think, and only caring what God thinks. David more than any other believed the word of God. He is history's greatest repenter, and he repented as he lay on his death bed. David knew the need for God's eternal mercy his entire life.

We have allowed for the gods of Persia, Greece, and Rome to become part of our church experiences. We have violated the ten commandments in turning our children into covetous beggars on Birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Valentines Day, and every other day when we worship creation more than worship God as creator.

What if the Christian Church walked away from Babylon and returned to Jerusalem? Where a belief in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is a belief in the Messiah who actually was crucified upon that tree! Eden and Jerusalem are the same place, and as the virgin bride of Jesus Christ, your future goes through Jerusalem.

Queen Esther is the picture of what Jesus Christ's bride is supposed to be as the Church. She forgoes the gods of Persia and only serves the Man of God in her life's God, the God of Mordecai. YHWH Elohim The Messiah of our Bible. Esther was a monotheist in a polytheist world, yet she never compromised with the gods of Persia while selflessly serving her bridegroom and king, Ahaseurus.

We serve the coming King of Israel as his betrothed virgin bride. Will he overlook our mixing of Babylonian holidays with a little bit of Jesus? Would you marry a bride who cheated on you as creator by worshipping the gods men and women have created? Are you ready to meet Messiah, and give him an account for what you have done with his free gift of eternal life?

Our world is hardening to the thought of Jesus Christ as Lord. The Roman Pantheon is more important in church than relationship to Messiah and he desires we return to our first Love. His arms are eternally open and our only requirement for mercy is to recognize we have been guilty of the same sins that led to Israel's current predicament. Separation from God the trinity.

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 4-28-2022

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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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Answers

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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.

INVITATION TO BID

Morgan County Trustee's Office is accepting bids for the following

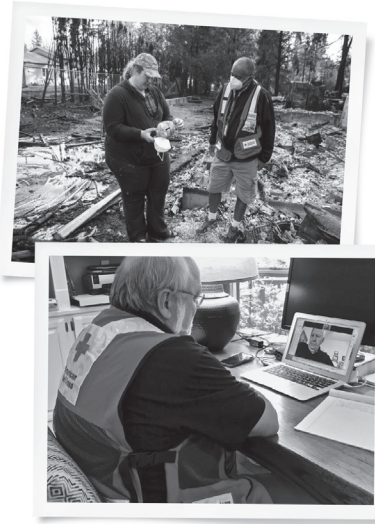
- 1 Metal Office Desk
- 1 Computer Desk
- 2 Filing Cabinets

Other Specifications are available at Morgan County Trustee's Office In Wartburg, Tennessee or by Contacting Cindi Jones (423)346-3430. Sealed bids should be delivered to Morgan County Trustee's Office P.O. Box 189 and should be identified as "Used Office Furniture Bid". Bid Opening will be Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Trustee's Office of the Morgan County Courthouse in Wartburg, Tennessee. Morgan County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Morgan County does not discriminate based on race, color, or national Origin in federal and state sponsored programs, Pursuit to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d)



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Join us to answer the call when your neighbors need help.

Disaster Action Team volunteers provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, mostly home fires, to ensure that those affected have access to resources for necessities such as food, shelter and clothing.

Training is provided. You can also assist by preparing vehicles and response materials, providing administrative support for the DAT program, and other tasks assigned by the DAT leader. On-call shifts are typically 6-12 hours with calls lasting two-three hours on average including travel time. Schedules vary and may be flexible based on location and your availability.

For more information, contact Volunteer Services:
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NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Morgan County Highway Department will receive sealed annual bids for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Products must meet all state specifications and be able to comply with all state regulations. ANNUAL BID must be printed on the outside of the envelope on bid. The Morgan County Highway Department is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate. More information can be obtained from the Highway Department office at 3519 Morgan County Highway Wartburg, TN from 7am-5pm, Monday through Thursday. You may also contact us by phone at 423-346-6661.

Sealed bids will be publicly opened on June 15, 2022 at 10am on the following categories:

- Asphalt-Hot Mix
- Emulsified Asphalt
- Corrugated Metal Pipe
- Crushed Stone
- Road Striping
- Salt

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Joe H. Miller Jr.
Superintendent of Highways
Morgan County

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David Zubler
Columnist

IRS Says Crypto Investors Underpaying Taxes

The IRS is increasing crypto audits and enforcement.

IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig said the total tax gap is more significant than in previous IRS studies. Rettig told the Senate Finance Committee the shortfall might be as much as \$1 trillion a year, which is several times larger than previous estimates. He credits part of the increase to cryptocurrency.

The IRS has already started to crack down on tax evasion from crypto investors. The Justice Department announced that it had seized bitcoin worth \$3.6 billion in February. It was the largest recovery of alleged crime proceeds in United States history.

When cryptocurrency first came out, the IRS didn't know what to do about investigating crypto investors for tax fraud. The IRS is employing experts to find crypto tax evaders. Investigators have begun using new sophisticated software that links transactions to people.

Initially, crypto was a useful tool for criminals trying to avoid scrutiny of their transactions. Crypto transactions were recorded, but the identity of the people making the transactions could be obscured. However, law enforcement has improved at piercing the veil of anonymity.

The cryptocurrency was once considered attractive to criminals due to its shield from anonymity. However, with cryptocurrencies, every transaction is included in a public ledger. The ledger is public, and it's there forever.

The IRS will begin requiring brokers to report transactions. Brokers will be required to report transactions worth at least \$10,000 to the IRS beginning in 2023. Additionally, the IRS has increased its enforcement activity and is involved with authorities in Australia, En-

gland, Canada, Netherlands, and England to investigate tax evasion. Beginning in 2023, you will be asked for more personal information than you had in the past. The crypto platforms will be required to verify your identity.

The IRS hasn't recently reported an estimate on the amount of underpaid taxes from crypto. However, Abate, an analyst of money markets and Treasury Department funding, extrapolated from a 2017 calculation and estimated the current tax gap to be about \$50 billion a year.

It is currently difficult for the IRS to determine who owes taxes because counterparties are anonymous. A counterparty is a digital currency used for financial trading based on the bitcoin blockchain. The IRS is becoming more effective in catching crypto income tax evaders and plans to bring in substantial taxes from crypto tax evaders.

Tax fraud and tax evasion are both federal offenses. Depending on the severity of the evasion, you can face up to \$100,000 in fines or up to 5 years in prison.

A voluntary disclosure, if you have previously evaded assessment or payment, can help you avoid criminal proceedings if the IRS hasn't initiated proceedings already.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Walk Faster, Live Longer

We've known for years that walking is a good form of exercise for seniors ... we just didn't know why. Now a new study not only explains how it works, but why brisk walking is even more effective.

Ten years ago, researchers at Leicester University Biomedical Research Centre started looking at genetic data in the biobanks in the U.K. for clues about why seniors who walk seemed to live longer. They didn't fool around with a dozen or so participants. No, they analyzed the information of over 405,000 people.

And now we know: It's the telomere length. Telomeres (aka leucocyte telomere length, or LTLs) are the "end caps" on strands of DNA, the building blocks of our bodies and an indicator of our biological age.

Fast walkers have longer LTLs, and therefore better health ... and longer lives.

That same study showed that as little as 10 minutes per day of brisk walking can equate to longer lives. (The Mayo Clinic prefers 30 minutes of activity per day, possibly broken into three 10-minute sessions.) The best walking pace appears to be 3 mph, although the research data was from wearable tracking devices like those we use to measure steps per day.

But there's more. A study at the National Institutes of Health concluded that the length of the telomeres is positively associated with consuming fruits, dairy, 100% fruit juice and coffee. On the other hand, food and drinks with high amounts of sugar and red meat can negatively affect the telomere length. The study gave a big thumbs up to the Mediterranean diet, with loads of nuts, fruits, vegetables, unrefined cereals, fish and olive oil.

If you invest in a pedometer to measure your steps, be sure to look for one that tracks your speed. Ask your doctor about any recommendations they have for the trackers.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. What artist released albums titled "Texas Flood" and "Couldn't Stand the Weather"?
2. Why did the Moody Blues originally call themselves "The M Bs" and "The M B Five"?
3. Which Laura Branigan song was used in the film "Flashdance," but wasn't included on the soundtrack album?
4. What artist had a hit with "Total Eclipse of the Heart"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "There ain't nothin in the world like a big-eyed girl, To make me act so funny, Make me spend my money."

Answers

1. Stevie Ray Vaughan, in 1983 and 1984. When Vaughan died in a helicopter crash in 1990, he left behind a wealth of material. Since then, a number of tribute specials and posthumous albums have been released, some of them charting globally.
2. They were hoping for an endorsement from the Mitchells & Butlers Brewery. It didn't happen.
3. "Gloria." The other one, "Imagination," was used. "Gloria" nabbed a Grammy nomination for Best Female Pop Vocal in 1982.
4. Bonnie Tyler, in 1983.
5. "Chantilly Lace," by the Big Bopper in 1958. Jerry Lee Lewis followed with a cover in 1972. Over the years, numerous other artists have either released covers or samples in their own songs.

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



Zack Ballinger

6 Signs it Might be Time for a Career Change

Most people have worked in a job they didn't enjoy. I always tell my audience, "it's fine not to like your current job, but what are you doing in the meantime to fix the situation?" If you find yourself trapped in a career you hate, a reasonable answer isn't, "I'll just be miserable for 25 more years and then retire." You have to work towards making the change. You may be on the fence and wondering if it's time to make a career change. How do I know when it's time to make a career change? Here are the 6 signs:

Mental Health

Depression and anxiety are common among people who hate their career. You may begin noticing an unhealthy level of stress or anxiety that's taken a toll on your emotional health due to not being fulfilled in your career. Your loved ones might see

a change in your behavior at home with either you being distance with people, self-isolating, or being short tempered. Depression and anxiety are emotions we deal with over the course of our life. The problem is we tend to work try to fix the symptoms and not address the actual



problem. The problem may be your current job.

Relationships

Are you having trouble in your personal relationships with your family or friends? Are you and your spouse, kids, siblings, or parents constantly fighting? Your loved ones often notice the changes in your mood or behavior the quickest. Because we are closest to our family, we often in-

trovertly take out our anger or frustration on the ones we love the most.

Weekend Malaise

"Thank God it's Friday, and Oh God it's Monday" syndrome is common throughout north America. I realize most people love Fridays; I completely understand. We need time off from our career to enjoy life, but make sure the pendulum hasn't swung too far in the direction of dread. Do you have anxiety on Sunday night because you can't stomach to think about Mondays? Are you racing towards Friday every week and constantly counting down the days on your calendar to Friday?

No Purpose

Humans need to have purpose in life. To be completely satisfied, you have to have a purpose in your career. When we lack purpose, we lack motivation or desire.

When you start to notice you have no real purpose or fulfillment in your career, it's time to start thinking about a career change.

Physical Health

No matter what age you are, I encourage everyone to see a primary care physician at least once a year. Physical signs often present themselves first when you find yourself unsatisfied in your current job. Has your blood pressure been elevated? Do you have high cholesterol? Do you have trouble falling or staying asleep at night? Do you have stomach ulcers, cankers sores, or other physical symptoms due to stress? Do you find yourself extremely fatigued during the course of your work day? When you find your physical health declining, it's time to make a plan for a career change.

Toxic Culture

Do you hate your current boss? Has your company culture become toxic? Do you dread going to the office because of your co-workers? Is there a lack of leadership within your current company? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may need to evaluate if the company realizes there's a problem and are they trying to fix it? If not, it may be time to make a career switch.

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Start Grilling Season With Twist on Burnt Ends

The Memorial Day weekend is a time for recognition and gratitude as we honor the veterans who have given their lives for our country. For many families, this remembrance weekend also signals the official beginning of grilling season.

My social circle is swarming with barbecue fanatics. When we get together, we usually slow smoke a whole brisket, and the most coveted of all pieces are the "burnt ends."

I'll explain: Burnt ends are the smokey, chewy, crispy edges cut from a slow smoked brisket. They're from the fattiest, juiciest part of the brisket, coated with BBQ sauce then caramelized. It's truly meat candy.

Back in the day, BBQ joints would collect burnt end trimmings from briskets during the week and serve them as a Friday night special. Well, it became such a hit many restaurants started featuring them on their regular menus. What started as scraps became the star of the show!

There are two problems with traditional brisket burnt ends: time and cost. So, we're going to use chuck roast instead of brisket. Brisket can take up to 18 hours to cook, while chuck roast takes about five hours. Chuck roast and brisket usually cost

about the same per pound, but a brisket will weigh between 10 and 16 pounds, and our recipe uses a 4-pound chuck roast. We're going to satisfy our barbecue craving at a fraction of the time and cost.

This recipe starts on the grill or smoker, then to save time we'll finish cooking in the oven. To make every bite into burnt ends we cut the cooked roast into small pieces, add barbecue sauce and return to the oven until everything is caramelized, chewy and falling-apart tender.



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Heaven on earth: Burnt ends on a toasted bun with bread-and-butter pickles and pickled onions.

POOR MAN'S BURNT ENDS

Yield: 4-6 servings **Time:** 5 hours

- 1 (3 to 4 pound) chuck roast
- Dry rub, your favorite or recipe below
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 cup, plus 2 tablespoons BBQ sauce

1. Season your chuck roast on all sides with dry rub.

2. Preheat your smoker or BBQ grill within the range of 200 F to 225 F. If smoking, use hickory, oak or mesquite wood. Place the roast in the smoker or grill over indirect heat until it reaches a temperature of 165 F, approximately 2 hours.

3. At this time, preheat your oven to 250 F. Remove the roast and place in a disposable aluminum baking pan and cover with foil. Bake in the oven until it reaches 195 F to 203 F, approximately 2 hours. Remove from oven and let rest for 20 minutes.

4. Raise the oven temperature to 300 F. Cut the roast into 1-inch chunks. Put it back in the baking pan and sprinkle with brown sugar. Drizzle 1/2 cup BBQ sauce over the meat and toss gently to coat. Cover the pan with foil. Put it back in the oven for 1 hour. Incidentally, this is what heaven smells like.

5. Remove from the oven, add the remaining 2 tablespoons sauce, gently toss again, and return to the oven uncovered for 20 to 30 minutes to caramelize the sauce.

6. Serve on toasted buns with bread-and-butter pickles and pickled onions. Grill some corn on the cob, make coleslaw, and call it good!

EASY DRY RUB

Per each pound of meat:

- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 1/8 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

In a small bowl, mix all ingredients. NOTE: Cook to temperature, not to time. Low and slow gives us time to raise a glass in honor of those who gave their all for our freedom.

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Ephesians Chapter 1

(Eph. 1:1-2) Salutation: Paul is an “apostle” of Christ in the official sense of the term (Rom. 1:1), appointed directly by Jesus himself in harmony with God’s will. The letter is primarily to the “saints in Ephesus”. Ephesus covered about fifteen square miles and had a population of some two hundred thousand. It was about three miles inland from the Aegean seacoast. Paul spent three years here on his first missionary journey (Acts 20:31). The letter addresses the faithful (trustworthy believers), those cleansed at the point of their conversion (5:26), and granted the “in Christ” relationship (Gal. 3:26-27; 2 Tim. 2:10). He greets them with his common “grace” and “peace” from both the Father and the Son.

(Eph. 1:3-14) God be praised: This section is one sentence! “Blessed” (used of God) is an exclamation of praise. The father of Jesus has blessed his people with every conceivable spiritual blessing within the bounds of the in-Christ relationship. Before the foundation of the world, the church was in the mind of God, with salvation to be effected in Christ, with the aim of an unblemished and holy people (v. 4). There is no “unconditional” Calvinistic “election” in this text. God foreordained that spiritual “sons” (children) be “adopted” (via the new birth process) (Jn. 3:3-5; Ga. 4:6) through the redemptive mission of Jesus (v.5). Praise is due God for the gift of his Beloved (v.6).

“Redemption” (v.7) involves the release of slave. The master was “sin” personified (Jn. 8:34); the redeemer is Christ; the price paid was his blood---for it contained “life” (Lev. 17:11; Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 6:19-20). His life was exchanged for ours. Redemption is the equivalent of “the forgiveness of our trespasses,” which was offered as the result of divine grace---but not an “irresistible grace,” nor an “unconditional grace” (of which Scripture knows nothing). The richness of God’s grace “abounds,” consistent with heavenly “wisdom” and “prudence.” The wisdom of the Lord’s system is not innate to men. It has been made known by Heaven’s revealed will---through it formerly was a “mystery,” as yet unrevealed (v.8-9).

God’s “good pleasure” toward us was focused in him (Christ). The term “dispensation” refers to the completion of that divine program at the appropriate time (“fullness of the times” Ga. 4:4). Its fulfillment is found in the gospel regime with the implementation of the Lord’s “plan of salvation” (Danker), orchestrated in heaven and on earth, and under the headship of Christ (v.9-10). This is not a reference to a millennial reign, nor is it an affirmation of universal salvation. Happily, Christians were incorporated into this heritage, both Jews (“we” (v.11) and Gentiles (“you also” v.13). This grand plan was “foreordained” by God, consistent with his “purpose”, who is able to implement the counsel of his will (v.11). There is not the slightest hint of an unconditional predestination in this text, though such, under the influence of John Calvin, is commonly asserted. One writer says: “God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility cannot be reconciled, but we (Calvinists) believe them both!” The goal of this great plan is for the glorification of the Creator (v.12).

“We Jews had hoped for the coming Messiah (v.12), and yet you Gentiles were a part of that plan as well.” Gentiles were accept-

ed by virtue of their “having heard (embracing) the gospel,” which resulted in their salvation because they believed (v.13). Acts 19:2-5 reveals what was involved in their belief. It was an obedient faith culmination in their immersion for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 15:9). This definition of “belief” is common in the book of Acts. Their responsibility and their obedience, as here outlined, demolishes the common sectarian dogma of predestination. The “sealing” of the Holy Spirit is the ordinary gift received at baptism (Acts 2:38), the effect of which would abide. It is promised to each person obedient to Christ (Rom 6:3-11). The gift of the Spirit is God’s “earnest” (down payment) of our eternal inheritance. The term “redemption”, contemplated in this text, is yet future, as indicated by the preposition “unto,” which points to a goal not yet reached. It pictures our final deliverance from this earth and the resurrection of our bodies (Rom. 8:23). We are characterized as God’s “own possession” (v.14).

(Eph. 1:15-23) Paul’s prayer for these saints: Paul had heard of their faith in the Lord Jesus. This is no valid argument for a non-Pauline authorship. For one thing, it had been several years since the apostle established this church. Additionally, the city embraced numerous communities some thirty miles or so beyond the downtown area. Clearly, Paul was not intimately familiar with all the people in the entire region. Their faith was strong and their love was warm. Tragically, a third of a century later, Jesus would speak of the abandonment of their first love (Rev. 2:4). Paul thanked God for them and had them in his prayers frequently (v.16).

The apostle prayed that God would bless them with wisdom and that they might possess a “revelation in the knowledge of him” (v.17). In the apostolic age, both wisdom and knowledge were supplied supernaturally (1 Cor. 12:8); the same blessings are available today through the revelation left in the form of the inspired Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Miraculous gifts have been supplanted by the complete body of revelation (see 1 Cor. 13:8-13). Paul will amplify this matter in chapter four. Through the process just described, the Ephesian Christians would have the “eyes of their heart enlightened” (v.18). To wrest this text from its context and force upon it a modern-day, supposed “direct illumination” is a woeful perversion of truth. Those who claim supernatural illumination are some of the worst exegetes on earth, without even a rudimentary knowledge of the ABCs of the gospel plan of salvation.

Manifold blessings flow from the enlightenment of divine knowledge. These saints would know: (a) the hope of the divine calling (4:4; 2 Thes. 2:14); (b) the glorious riches of their inheritance; (c) the greatness of divine power to believers, which God worked in Christ by means of the Lord’s resurrection from the dead; (d) the majesty of his authority, seated at the Father’s right hand (Mt. 28:18); (e) the Savior’s supremacy over all powers, now and in the future (Rev. 5:13; 22:3-5) (dispensational mania sees the “millennium” in almost every other biblical text, including this one.); (f) his headship over the church, which he purchased with his blood (Acts 20:28); (g) the “fulness” of blessings that fill the church.




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The Garden Bug

The caterpillars of fritillary butterflies hatch in the fall, go dormant right away without feeding, and sleep through the winter. They awaken in the spring at the same time as violet plants, their only food, begin to grow. It is feared that global warming may disrupt this delicate and important synchronization and cause extinction of fritillary butterflies.

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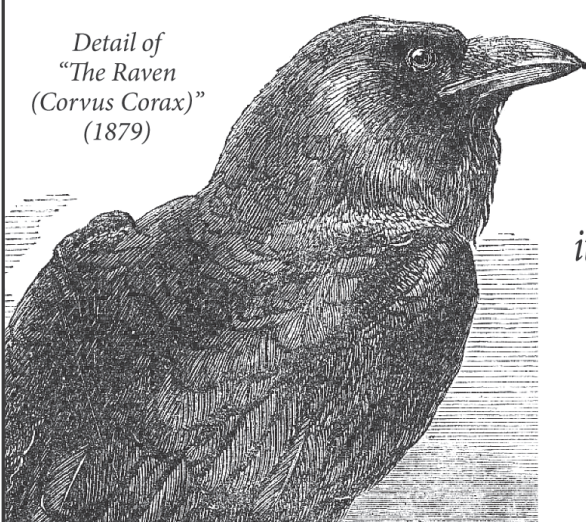


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Job 38:41

Coalfield Responds to Oakdale Challenge in Region 2A Semifinals



Coalfield's Eli Justice slides to avoid the tag by Joseph Summers at second base. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

By Terry Futrell

With Coalfield ranked 6th in the state by Coach.com and Oakdale ranked 28th, some folks probably expected their Region 2A semifinal matchup to be a runaway. After all, Coalfield had cruised through most of postseason play, defeating Wartburg 24-0 and Oliver Springs 12-2. The Jackets had been challenged only by Oneida, winning by the slim margin of 11-9. Oakdale fought their way through District 4A play, losing only to district champion Greenback. History did not matter to the Eagles as they came to play with confidence, challenging Coalfield from the opening pitch and trailing only 4-7 after 5.5 innings. As they did against Oneida in their most recent game, Coalfield showed character by fighting off the challenge, ultimately defeating the Eagles 9-4.

Oakdale's leadoff batter Sydney Gregory set the stage for the competition that was ahead with a driving single to left field in the top of the first inning. Timmy Holder drew a walk later in the inning and the Eagles had runners on first and second with two outs. Holder was picked off at first base with a throw from Coalfield catcher Luke Treece to first baseman Levi Brasel, leaving the Eagles scoreless.

Coalfield wasted no time in making their presence known. After fouling off Joseph Summers first pitch, leadoff batter Cole Hines planted the second pitch over the centerfield fence to give Coalfield a 1-0 lead.

The Jackets then loaded the bases, Levi Brasel stole home, and Brayden Burgess scored on a sacrifice fly by Zach Armstrong. Levi Heidel then scored on a double by Aiden Sexton to give the Jackets a 4-0 lead after the first inning.

Coalfield pitcher Cole Hines walked Nehemiah Cooney to begin the second inning. Cooney scored on a hard, line drive double by Joseph Summers to left field, and the Eagles trailed 1-4 midway through the second inning. The Jackets were hitless in the bottom of second and led Oakdale 4-1 after two.

After the Eagles went 3-up, 3-down in the top of the third, Coalfield put three more runs on the board. Levi Heidel drew a walk, and Zach Armstrong singled to right field. Aiden Sexton then singled to right field, scoring Heidel. Reilly Brown was out on an infield grounder, but Armstrong scored. Rommel Conlon singled to left, scoring Sexton. The third inning closed with Coalfield leading 7-1.

After a scoreless fourth inning, Oakdale managed to place four runners on base with two errors by Coalfield and two singles. Joseph Summers reached base on an error and advanced when Tucker O'dell singled to left field. Kyle

Miller then singled on a line drive to centerfield, scoring Summers. Oakdale held the Jackets scoreless in the bottom of the fifth and trailed 2-7 after five.

Oakdale's offense continued to respond in the top of the sixth inning. Nehemiah Cooney drew a walk, and advanced on a single by Eloy Vera. Tucker O'dell doubled to centerfield, scoring both Cooney and Vera. Oakdale closed the gap to 4-7 going into the bottom of the sixth. Once again, Coalfield responded to the challenge and matched the Eagles point-for-point. Cole Hines walked, stole second, and advanced to third on a single by Luke Treece. After Treece was caught stealing second, Hines stole home. The Jackets added a second run when Zach Armstrong singled on a hard infield grounder, scoring Eli Justice. Coalfield led 9-4 after six innings.

Levi Heidel, who came on to pitch in relief of Cole Hines, struck out all three Oakdale batters in the top of the seventh inning, giving the Jackets a 9-4 victory and the opportunity to play Greenback for the Region 2A Championship on Wednesday.

Two factors were major contributors to the Coalfield victory. First was the strength of Coalfield's hitters throughout the lineup, resulting in stringing together hits that scored runs. Coalfield batters registered only five strikeouts, compared to 14 for the Eagles. Another major factor was the aggressiveness of Coalfield's base runners. Coalfield stole six bases, compared to only one for Oakdale.

The victory also assures Coalfield of a berth in sectional competition against a Region 1A team. For the Eagles, it was the end to a highly successful season. Next year promises to offer Morgan County baseball fans even greater competition – at one point, there was only one senior in the lineup for the combined teams.



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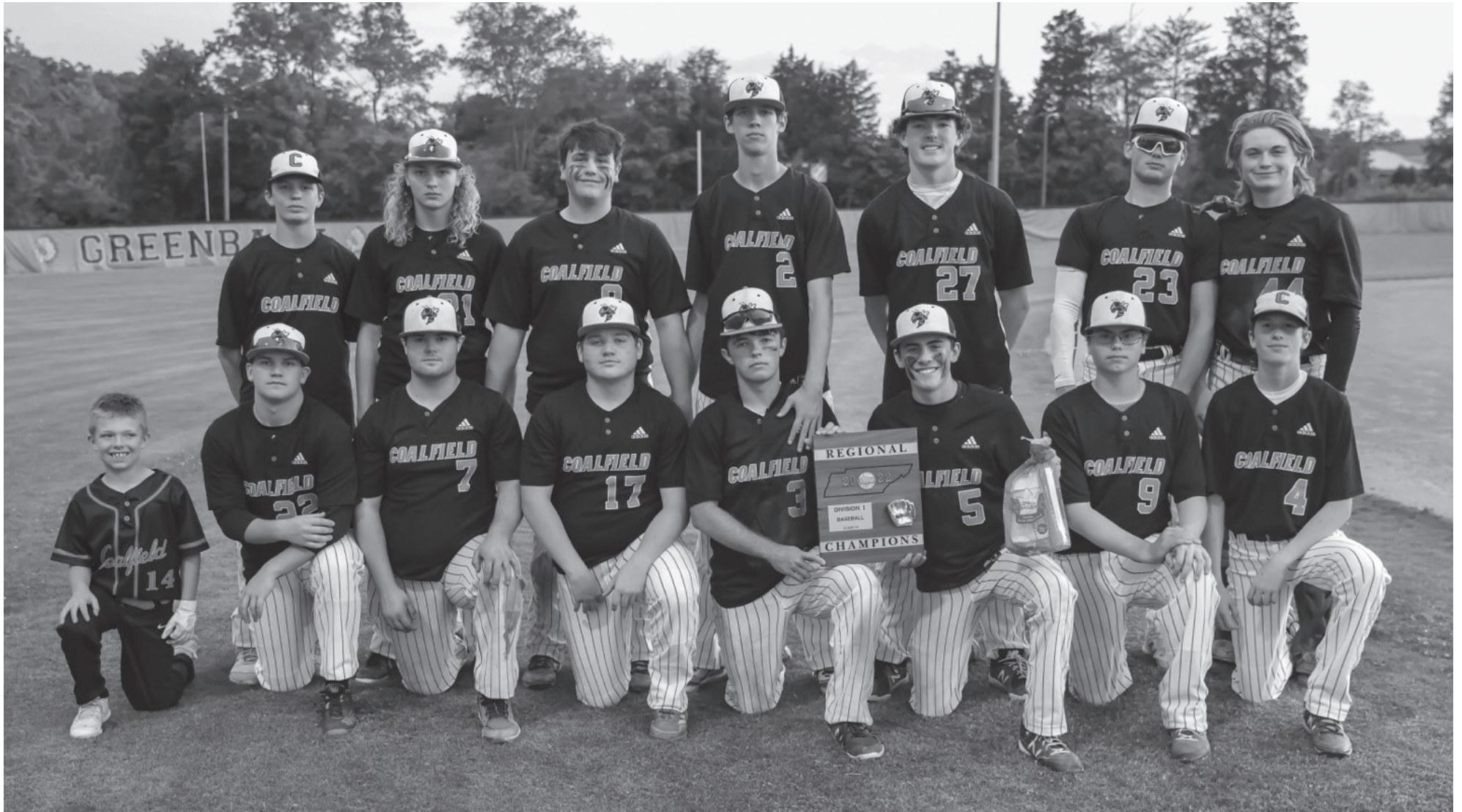
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Jackets Survive Greenback Rally to Win Region 2A Championship



The Coalfield Yellow Jackets pose with their Region 2A Championship trophy after a hard-fought 9-8 victory over Greenback. [Photo by Cathy Bird]

By Terry Futrell

After jumping out to a 9-1 lead in the top of the fourth inning, the Coalfield Yellow Jacket bats went cold as they watched the Greenback Cherokees rally and cut the lead to 9-5 in the bottom of the sixth. Greenback scored three more runs in the bottom of the seventh, pulling within one point at 9-8 when Noah Graves hit a line drive to Coalfield shortstop Cole Hines to end the game and give the Jackets a 9-8 victory and the Region 2A Championship.

Resulting from two walks and three stolen bases, Coalfield jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Greenback's offense sputtered and Coalfield carried their 2-0 lead into the top of the third inning.

Cole Hines was the leadoff batter for Coalfield in the top of the third. After watching the first two pitches miss the strike zone, Hines firmly planted the third pitch over the left field fence to make the score 3-0. With two outs, the Jackets had consecutive singles by Brayden Burgess, Levi Heidel, and Zach Armstrong to load the bases. Aiden Sexton walked, scoring Burgess and leaving the bases loaded. Reilly Brown hit a hard grounder to centerfield, scoring both Heidel and Armstrong. Coalfield led 6-0 going into the bottom of the third.

Greenback responded in the bottom of the third with singles by Brady Allison, Noah Graves, and Brady Collins, scoring Allison and cutting Coalfield's lead to 6-1.

Cole Hines once again was Coalfield's leadoff batter in the top of the fourth. Once again, Hines hit a homerun over the left field fence to increase Coalfield's lead to 7-1. With two outs, Brayden Burgess again singled, followed by a walk for Levi Heidel, another single by Zach Armstrong, and Aiden Sexton

making it to second base due to a fielding error by Greenback. Both Burgess and Heidel scored, giving Coalfield a 9-1 lead going into the bottom of the fourth.

At this point in the game, it seemed that a sure victory was ahead for the Jackets, but someone forgot to tell Greenback. The Cherokees rallied and tapped Coalfield pitcher Levi Brasel for four singles, scoring Tyler Frazier and Carson Moore to cut Coalfield's lead to 9-3.

At this point Coalfield's bats went silent, with the Jackets managing only one hit, a single by Zach Armstrong, in the final three innings. Greenback once again rallied in the bottom of the sixth, thanks to two errors by Coalfield and a single by Kooper Williams. The Cherokees scored two more runs to pull within four points of Coalfield, 9-5.

With Coalfield unable to respond in the top of the seventh, Greenback once again rallied to give the Jackets a real scare. Leadoff batter Tyler Frazier hit a line drive single to centerfield. An infield error by the Jackets put runners on first and second with no outs. A single by Greenback loaded the bases with only one

out, putting the tying run at the plate. Brady Allison grounded into a fielder's choice, scoring Frazier and leaving runners on first and third. Kooper Williams doubled on a line drive to center field, scoring both Moore and Allison. Coalfield's lead was now 9-8 with one Cherokee in scoring position and the winning run at the plate. At this point, Noah Graves lined out to shortstop Cole Hines, ending the rally and giving Coalfield a 9-8 victory and Region 2A Championship.

Jackets Crush Hampton to Advance to State Tournament

By Terry Futrell

The Coalfield Yellow Jackets save their best for late innings as they crushed Hampton 14-4 in a loser-goes-home sectional matchup Friday evening at Coalfield. After Coalfield jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the first inning, Hampton roared back in the top of the fourth to tie the game at 3-3. Coalfield's offense erupted to outscore Hampton 11-1 after that point. The game reached an early ending when freshman catcher Luke Treece hit a 3-run walk off home run for a run-rule victory that sends Coalfield to the State Tournament that begins on Tuesday in Murfreesboro.

After two walks by Coalfield pitcher Cole Hines in the top of the first, Hampton's Morgan Lyons was caught stealing third base with a throw from catcher Luke Treece to Zach Armstrong. Collin Morgan singled, driving in Caleb Royston. The half-inning ended when Morgan was tagged out between first and second base. Hampton led 1-0.

Cole Hines reached base on an error and Luke Treece was hit by a pitch. Brayden Burgess doubled to left field scoring both Hines and Treece. Zach Armstrong hit a line drive double to center field, scoring Burgess. The Jackets led 3-1 after one inning.

After two scoreless innings by both teams, Hampton tied the score at 3-3 in the top of the fourth. Collin Morgan singled on a hard infield grounder, followed by a double to left field by Conor Jones. McKinley Kuhn then singled on a fly ball to center field, scoring both Morgan and Jones.

Coalfield then went on an offensive rampage and put six more runs on the board in the bottom of the fourth. Rommel Conlon reached base on a bunt and Cole Hines was hit by a



Third baseman Zach Armstrong tags out Hampton's Morgan Lyons after a throw from catcher Luke Treece. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

pitch. Coalfield had two runners on base with two outs. Levi Brasel singled to right field, scoring both Conlon and Hines. Brayden Burgess then singled to left field and Levi Heidel walked, loading the bases. Zach Armstrong drove a line drive to center field, scoring Brasel, Burgess, and Heidel. Aiden Sexton was hit by a pitch. Reilly Brown drove a line drive double to right field, scoring Armstrong. Coalfield led 9-3 after four innings.

After Hampton's Morgan Lyons doubled in the top of the fifth, Caleb Royston walked. Collin Morgan doubled on a fly ball to right field, scoring Lyons. Coalfield responded with two additional runs in the bottom of the

fifth. Luke Treece reached base on an error and Levi Brasel was hit by a pitch. Brayden Burgess got his third hit of the game with a hard grounder to center field, scoring Treece. Levi Heidel walked, and Aiden Sexton grounded into a fielder's choice, scoring Brasel. Coalfield led 11-4 after five innings.

Even though Hampton's McKinley Kuhn and Kyler Lewis tapped Coalfield pitcher Cole Hines for consecutive singles in the top of the sixth, Coalfield's defense held Hampton scoreless. Coalfield's Rommel Conlon responded with a single on a bunt in the bottom of the sixth. Cole Hines was hit by a pitch, placing runners at first and second. After watching ball 1 fly by, Luke Treece then grabbed the second pitch and planted it beyond the fence in left field. Treece's walk off homer gave the Jackets a 14-4 run-rule victory over Hampton that earned the Jackets a berth in the State Tournament.

While the final score may suggest that Coalfield was playing a lesser team, a look at some key stats proves otherwise. Hampton had an impressive team batting average of .364 for the game. The difference maker was Coalfield's astounding .600 team batting average. Leading hitters for Coalfield included Brayden Burgess (4 for 4), Zach Armstrong (2 for 3), and Rommel Conlon (2 for 3). There were only seven walks in total in the game, however, Coalfield had five players hit by pitches. Cole Hines went the distance and earned the victory for Coalfield, facing 25 batters in six innings. Hampton used four different pitchers who faced 29 batters in six innings.

The loss ends Hampton's season. Coalfield moves on to face Lookout Valley in the opening round of the State Tournament on Tuesday at Eagleville at 6:30 PM CDT. The Jackets previously defeated Lookout Valley 4-2 on April 15.



Luke Treece seals the Coalfield victory with a 3-run walk off home run in the bottom of the 6th inning. [Photo by Terry Futrell]

Oneida Pounds Gap to Win District Tournament

By Richard Spears

ers' 4-1 triumph over the AC Mavericks Tuesday, May 10, as the heat and humidity were as high as the intensity of the soccer in



tournament action at Huntsville as both teams played to decide who would go on to play in the tournament final. Scott's Connor Stanley, who scored the game's first goal in the first minute of the first period, would finish with three goals for a hat trick in the contest. Anderson County scored a goal of their own in the first frame as the period ended tied at 1-1.

The second half was all Scott, as the Highlanders poured on the offense and held the Mavericks scoreless in the period. At the 15 minute mark, Stanley nailed a goal, with an assist by senior Josiah Fladie, to put Scott up, 2-1. Five minutes later, Highlander senior Phoenix Norris drove in a goal, assisted by Stanley to give the Highlanders a 3-1

lead. At the 7 minute mark, Stanley fired a shot into the net, off an assist by Norris for Stanley's third score to put Scott up, 4-1. That was the final score. In comments after the game, Scott head Coach Eric Henry said, "The second half we had a much better effort. We finished strong. All that running we did before the season paid off. Our conditioning made the difference." With the victory, Scott advanced to the District Tournament Championship Game against Kingston.

In Thursday's (May 12) District Tournament final at HoffmanField, Oneida blasted the Cumberland Gap Panthers 8-2, enroute to playing on in Regional tourney action.

Offensive Player of the Year Mason Keeton took an assist from Weston Hurst, an All-District first team selection, and drove home the game's first goal in the first 13 seconds to give the Indians a 1-0 lead. Oneida's Luke Barna, "Mr. Automatic" on penalty kicks this season, hit one later in the first frame to put the Indians up, 2-0. Barna was named the District Co-Newcomer of the Year. (A complete listing of District awards will follow in next week's Morgan County Today.)

The first half ended with Oneida leading 2-0.

Mason Keeton started the second frame with a goal in the first minute, assisted by District Player of the Year Gabe Hacker, to give the Indians a 3-0 lead. Seven minutes later, Keeton passed to Hacker, who drilled in Oneida's 4th goal of the game. Luke Barna scored the next three goals, first taking an assist from Levi James, booting in another penalty kick and nailing a goal with an assist by Aidan Love (Co-Defensive Player of the Year) to give the Indians a 7-0 lead, before Oneida Head Coach Derek Keeton started emptying his bench. Junior Quintin Cruz scored Oneida's 8th and final goal, assisted by Noah James. Gap managed to put in two scores late in the contest, final score, 8-2, Oneida. The Indians outshot the Panthers 21-11 in the game, and Oneida goalkeeper Gavin Keeton had 11 saves. Indian Defense Coach Phil Newport said, "We played well, and everybody got to play. I'm happy with that." Oneida was scheduled to begin Regional play at home on Tuesday (May 17) against Greenback.

The Highlanders fought hard at Kingston in the District Championship game Thursday (May 12), but fell to the Yellowjackets 6-1, finishing as the District runners up, and earning a berth in Regional Tournament play, a first for the men's soccer program. Scott was scheduled to travel to Cumberland County on Tuesday, May 17 to play the Stone Memorial Panthers.



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