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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Everyone went to the beach except for me. Why didn't I get to go?

Ms Susie kept me and she took good care of me. I had loads of fun riding in the

golf cart and I got along great with Sugar. Then there was this thing called Farrah. I had never saw anything like her before. She purred and was very fluffy. Mimi says that if I were a cat, I would look just like Farrah.

Well Farrah was fun, even if she was a cat. I have always heard that cats and dogs hate each other.

Well, that makes no sense to me. Why would I hate someone just because they are a cat? I was nice to Farrah and she was nice to me. Isn't that what we are sup-

posed to do? Respect each other even though we are all just a little bit different? Different doesn't equal bad.

Anyway, I am going to have to find out who made the decision that I wasn't allowed to go to the beach just because, I am technically a dog.

Mimi says it's since all dogs are not as nice and clean as me. Pets aren't allowed to go.

Well, if I have to stay home at least I had someone to love me and for that I am thankful.

I'm not all so sure, that I would have liked playing in all that sand and water at the beach, anyway. That would be rough on a girls fur. Talk about a bad hair day...

For more of my Pet Perspectives like and follow me ok Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fourth of July Events at The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Memorial Center

The Independence Day Celebration starts on June 25th with the Deer Lodge 4th of July Beauty Pageant. Registration will be at 12:00 pm EST and the pageant begins at 1:00 pm EST. For more information call Deana York at 931-879-0280 or 931-510-5132. Or go to deerlodge.pageant@yahoo.com for information.

On Monday, July 4th before and after the parade vendors located around the gazebo will be selling Bar-B-Que, Smoked Sausage, Funnell Cakes, crafts, and other items. There will be information booths for local businesses and candidates asking for your vote. Booths

are available for \$30.00. The booths are 16'X16'. Call Bob Brimi at 423-628-2850 or 865-919-7988 for more information. The money from the booth rentals helps maintain the Abner Ross Center.

Immediately after the parade the Abner Ross Center will be serving it's famous grilled 1/2 chicken dinner with all the fixins' for \$10.00 for adult or \$7.00 for 1/4th chicken. Greg Smith, assisted by Josh Maugergerman and Robert McCullah will be preparing the chicken.

Before and after the parade the Deer Lodge quilt show will be at the Abner Ross Center. Contact Pud Langley at 423-346-3608 for more information. Prize ribbons will be awarded.

At 2pm EST on the basketball court Roy Langley will conduct the children's games consisting of the turtle race, the penny hunt, the water balloon toss, and the sack race. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers.

The fireworks show will start at dusk. Joe Miller and company will present the crowd with a fine show.

**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.

**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

Sunbright City trash services will operate on both routes on Wednesday July 6, 2022 due to 4th July Holiday. Please make arrangements for your trash to be picked up at that time. Thank you City of Sunbright Staff.

### ENBRIDGE ANNOUNCES PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES FOR RIDGELINE EXPANSION OPPORTUNITY

*Open Houses will Maximize Public Information and Input on Potential Expansion of the East Tennessee Natural Gas Pipeline System*

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. – Enbridge Inc., owner and operator of East Tennessee Natural Gas (ETNG), will host public open houses to share information on the Ridgeline Expansion Project Opportunity (Ridgeline), a potential natural gas pipeline expansion to supply energy to Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

If TVA chooses natural gas genera-

tion to replace the coal units set to retire in 2026 at its Kingston Fossil Plant, then Ridgeline would serve as one of the power generation options. The Ridgeline expansion would run parallel along the existing ETNG pipeline and largely within its current easement for 117 miles in Trousdale, Smith, Jackson, Putnam, Overton, Fentress, Morgan and Roane Counties. ETNG has safely and reliably supplied low cost, clean energy to millions of Tennesseans since becoming operational in 1949.

The schedule for public open houses is as follows:

- June 22: Wartburg Central High School Gymnasium, Wartburg, 6-8 p.m. ET
- June 23: Monterey High School Music Room, Monterey, 6-8 p.m. CT
- June 29: Jackson County High School Cafeteria, Gainesboro, 6-8 p.m. CT
- June 30: First Baptist Hartsville, Hartsville, 6-8 p.m. CT

For those who are unable to attend in person, a virtual open house and additional information on Ridgeline is available at Enbridge.com/Ridgeline.

“Public input is crucial to this process. We want to engage in a conversation to hear local feedback and to share information about the project. We invite all Tennesseans interested in the Ridgeline project to join us for one of many opportunities to engage and learn more about this project opportunity,” said Art Haskins, Enbridge manager of stakeholder engagement.

In November 2021, ETNG hosted a series of open houses with landowners whose properties are located near the proposed pipeline expansion to share information and gather feedback. In addition to the public open houses taking place later this month, there will be multiple opportunities for Tennesseans to provide input on the project.



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## In Loving Memory

### Sarah Jane Jones - Hawn, 81

Sarah Jane Jones – Hawn of Lancing, TN went to her Heavenly home on June 8, 2022. She was born December 9, 1940, to Dr. Sam H. Jones II & Mrs. Vivian Lyons Jones Mayes.

She is preceded by her husband Edward Junior Hawn.

Mrs. Hawn is survived by her daughter Karen Dennis & Husband Billy E. Dennis, Sr. of Lancing; her son Edward Keith Hawn & Wife Elizabeth Hawn also of Lancing. Mrs. Hawn adored her Grandchildren Kasie Dennis-Phillips & Jason of Clarksville; Billy E. Dennis, Jr. & Heather of Lancing; Rebekah Hawn-Ledbetter & Michael of Wartburg; James & Lindsay Hawn of Knoxville. In addition, Mrs. Hawn leaves a strong legacy in her 8 Great-Grandchildren Ethan Lee, Judah Phillips, Aiden Lee, Grace Dennis, Hope Dennis, Zoey Hawn, Faith Dennis, & Rhett Hawn.

Sarah Jane is also survived by her loving siblings: Rev. James & Patricia Jones-Calhoun of Union City; Marilyn Jones-Galloway of Oak Ridge & Sam H. Jones, III of Knoxville.

Mrs. Hawn was an active member of the Sunbright Church of God of Prophecy. She enjoyed friendships & activities with the Sunbright Senior Citizens. She delighted in travel; bicycling and thrived on gathering with her family who will sincerely miss her annual Christmas treats! Mrs. Hawn will be lovingly remembered for many things but far surpassing them all will be her warm smile and vibrant faith.

Visitation & Funeral will be held at Sunbright Church of God of Prophecy on Saturday, June 11, 2022, Visitation will be from 10 to 11a.m. with the funeral to follow at 11:00 a.m. with Bro. Terry Potter, Bro. Jerry Robbins and Bro. Herb Judkins officiating. Mrs. Hawn will be laid to rest beside her husband at Annadel Cemetery immediately following her funeral.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the teams at Life Care Center-Morgan County and Roane Medical Center for their diligent and thoughtful care.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sara Jane Hawn.

### Vonlee (Shannon) Jones, 80

Vonlee (Shannon) Jones, age 80, passed away peacefully in Goshen, Ohio on June 4, 2022.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved her family and friends deeply and she enjoyed attending church and senior citizen gatherings. She is preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Linda (Goodman) Shannon, 5 brothers-Lonnal, Lonnie, Lloyd, Leamon, and Phill, and 5 sisters-Virgie, Vircie, Virdie, Veachel, and Venice and her son, Gregory Jones.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Byrl Jones of Sunbright, Tennessee, 2 sisters-Vel-



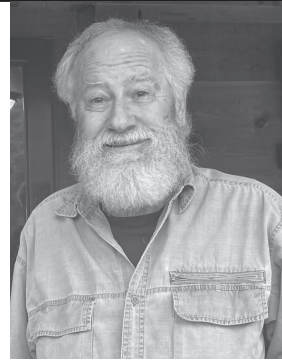
va Turner and Vinadean Griffith, one son Tony Jones and daughter-in-law Jackie Jones of Goshen, Ohio, one grandson Joseph Jones, one granddaughter Candace (Jones) Lewis, and one great-granddaughter Harper Lewis.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 12-1:30 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Sunbright. Funeral services will follow at 1:30 p.m. with Sister Frances Brown officiating. Internment will follow at Union Grove Cemetery, Sunbright, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Vonlee (Shannon) Jones.

### Steve Larry Wallace, 70

Steve Larry Wallace age 70, of Lancing, went to be with our Lord and Savior on June 5, 2022. Steve was born on August 13, 1951. He is preceded in death by his parents Wayne & Thelma Wallace, his son Stephen Wallace, and nephews Donathan Hall and Eric Wallace.



Steve graduated Sunbright High School in 1969. He retired from North Fork Southern Railroad. Steve really enjoyed spending time with his family, he had a passion for fast cars and airplanes. He recently bought and airplane and enjoyed

flying so much. He loved going to the lake, riding the boat and jet skis, and camping.

Steve is survived by his daughter: Misty & husband Eddie

Sons: Charles, Christopher & wife Chelsey.

Grandchildren: Carson, Asher, John, Nevaeh, and Gabriella.

Brother: Randy & wife Denesse

Sisters: Diane, Carolyn (Sue) & husband Orville and Tammy.

Also surviving are a host of special nieces and nephews. Also surviving is his companion

Chasity Gilmore.

He will be missed by all who knew him. He always knew how to put a smile on everyone's face being the big cut up he was.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, from 5-7 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 7pm with Bro. Billy Durham officiating. Graveside services will be Thursday 12 pm at the Jonesville Cemetery, Clarkrange, TN

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Steve Larry Wallace.

### Charles "Bo" McGhee, 60

Charles "Bo" McGhee, age 60 of Petros, Tn passed away June 9, 2022, at Ft. Sanders Regional Hospital. He was born September 21, 1961.



Bo loved life, all sports events, and riding the mountain on his "Buggy".

Bo is survived by his parents, Charles & Billie McGhee; son, Aaron McGhee; love of his life, Connie; grandchildren Tanner McGhee, Daisy McGhee and his

treasured loved ones Joe & Joni Armes and children.

The family will receive friends Friday, June 10, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-6:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Jim

Disney officiating. Internment will follow in the Old Petros Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Charles "Bo" McGhee.

### Vera Lorene (Heidel) Sexton, 102

Vera Lorene (Heidel) Sexton passed away quietly at her home near Wartburg, TN. on June 3, 2022, at 102 years of age.



She is preceded in death by her parents, George & Edla Heidel; brother, Herbert; husband, Donald Sexton and her two children Donna McCray and Wade Sexton. She was a beloved member of the community, and her selfless service was in inspiration to everyone who knew her.

She is survived by 3 children; 7 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and 2 sisters. During World War II., Mrs. Sexton worked in the shipyard near San Francisco as part of the war effort. She subsequently went on to marry and raise five children and provide childcare to working moth-

ers in the community. As a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, she could always be counted on to help with church-related activities and was a founding member of the Dorcus Quilters who provide assistance to world-wide missions.

Services will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 11, 2022, with viewing at 10:00 a.m. interment following at Wartburg Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be sent to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

I have been writing articles for the local paper since 2018 and I have done a lot of research to make sure my facts and information were correct. But recently I took the word of a person who wrote our newspaper, (the Morgan County Today) and didn't give her name. Never again will I take the word of a person who fails to identify themselves.

# Never Again A Correction and Apology

I apologize to the Coffee family for taking the word of a person who failed to identify herself. We now know who this person is and I believe she owes the Coffee family an apology for the hurt she has caused. She also owes me and the Morgan County Today an apology.

Morgan County in 1972 and I guess I'm too trusting of people. I never thought this person named Coffee had any association with the Oakdale Coffee's. I know some of the Coffee's of Oakdale and they are good people. Leonard Coffee was a good friend of mine and we played music together.

I hope this woman will come forward and apologize.

Glen Hicks of Rossville, Georgia is the man who killed Dr. Carr, not a man named Coffee. Why someone would do something like this I'll never know. I wasn't in

## We Owe Them a Lot

It took over two years for a crew of workers led by Marta Monroe, Pam Gunter, and Mark Keck to renovate the Tanner Building and around a week to make it handicapped accessible. On April 22, 2022, the Tanner Building had an official opening and right away Mark Keck and the others felt like a ramp should be added so people on walkers and wheelchairs could also partake of the goodness provided by this wonderful historic landmark.

The two men who built the handicap ramp are Tommy Aslinger and Bill Ballie. We cannot thank them enough for they have opened up the Tanner Building for many more people who would not be able to get into it. I've talked to some of these people and they are so appreciative. Like me they love the Tanner Building

and no doubt will spend a lot of their time there reminiscing about how it used to be. I know that Tommy Aslinger has done a lot of work on the American Legion building, the Historical Society building, the Old Tanner House, and the Lutheran Church. I think Bill Ballie has been his helper. We thank you Tommy and Bill.

The ramp to the Tanner Building was opened on Friday, May 20th. I think several handicapped folks have used it since. I know Donna Maples was overjoyed to see this ramp built. My Central class of 1954 (we are in our middle 80's) are glad to see it because we are getting a little feeble.

Wartburg is lucky to have the leadership in the Tourist Alliance that is getting things done. I am interested in seeing

what else they have in store for the people of Morgan County.

If you haven't been to the Tanner Building yet you have missed a treat. The socialization is great, the old memories are sure to return and the food is delicious – not to mention many flavors of ice cream cones.

Come out and join us, meet old friends, and make new ones. If you would like to volunteer to help with the operation of the Tanner Building just see Mark, Marta, or Pam or if you want to help on future projects talk to any of the three.

We hope to see you soon. The hours are: Thursday – Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM and Sunday 12 noon to 4 PM. See you at the Tanner Building!

# Miller Appreciates Crooked Fork Farms

Over the past 3 days, I have had the extreme pleasure of working with Crooked Fork Farms. They provided land clearing services to myself, my neighbor and some of the common areas of The Ridges at Tellico Lake HOA. I would highly recommend them to anyone looking for a finished lot clearing that is ready to seed, or for any of the other services they offer.

From the very beginning, it was apparent that they were definitely setting the standards for their competitors to emulate. Prices were fair on paper, but they gave us much more than was contracted for. I would say that we got an A+ quality for a C- price.

I am known for my extremely high standards that no one seems to be able to meet. These gentlemen were not only able to meet my standards, but were able to exceed them. Remarkable!

Their work ethics were exemplary. Their high moral standards to God and Country refreshing. And their knowledge, skills and abilities impressive. They arrived each day on time as promised and actually left late each day. They worked tirelessly without breaks the entire day. The only time that the machinery was idle, was during refueling. Lunch time was not really a break. One brother would wolf down a sandwich while the other continued to run the mulcher, then they switched.

While this small family business does not field a multitude of unskilled crews like others that I have worked with, they are able to provide so very much more than their larger corporate competitors. They will gladly look you in the eye, shake your hand and Get R Done.

To put things into perspective... Whilst the rest of the contractors around the Country are gouging and taking advantage of these unsettled times, I would swear that these brothers were brought up in the 50's with their work ethics, attitude and professionalism.

I would highly recommend them to anyone looking for any of the

services that they provide.

Dale J. Miller  
CMSGT, USAF PARARESCUE, Ret

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# Rides and Ribbons: Locals Compete & Win in Horseshow



Jeremiah Johnson's Lesson Program located at Saddle Up Stables in Wartburg recently competed at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, Open Horse Show in April. All these girls have worked super hard and it showed in their placings. Pictured below is Zoey Jones, Bryleigh Stafford, Izzy Harris, and Sasha Shanahan with all of their ribbons. The next show will be on July 23rd starting at 6PM.

## Morgan County Fairgrounds Open Horse Show April 30th, July 23rd, September 24th

GATE OPEN AT 4 SHOW STARTS AT 6PM EST

Admission \$5 (kids 7 and under \$3) Class Fee \$10 Class Sponsorship \$30 Champ. Classes \$20


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1. Western Halter-Circle P Stables
2. Juvenile Open Halter (17 and under) Vernon Justes Auto Body Repair
3. Gaited Halter -Saddle Up Stables
4. English Halter- KO Stables  
Ten Minute Break for Tack Changes
5. Lead-line- Chelsey Aytes
6. Juvenile Gaited Pleasure (Walk, Pleasure Gait)- Victoria Daugherty Photography
7. Walk only (Escort permitted)-U Hair Salon
8. Old Timers Gaited (50 and over) (Walk, Pleasure Gait) Vernon Justes Auto Body Repair
9. Open Walk Trot (Optional Tack)-Ayres Acres
10. Style Racking (Walk, Style Rack) Eagle Point Farm
11. Juvenile Western Walk Trot- Johnson's Lesson Program
12. Open Walk only (No Escort) (Optional Tack)- Ayres Acres
13. Open Western (Walk Trot)-Ayres Acres
14. Adult Western Pleasure (Walk, Trot, Canter)- Threadwork Designs Custom Embroidery
15. Favorite Gait (Open to all breeds) (Walk, Favorite Gait/trot) NO CANTERING-Debby Moriarty
16. Adult Western Pleasure Championship (Walk, Trot, Canter) Payback 1ST 75% 2knd 25%
17. Juvenile Walk Trot Championship (Optional Tack) Payback 1st 75% 2knd 25% -Kiddie Korner Daycare Short Intermission
18. Open Hunter (English) (Walk, Trot, Canter)-Christa Perry
19. Speed Racking-Vernon Justes Auto Body Repair
20. Men's Gaited Pleasure- Tim Ochs
21. Juvenile Open Hunter (Walk, Trot)
22. Keg Shod Gaited (Walk, Pleasure Gait)- Cisco's Lethal Weapon
23. Trail Pleasure Racking (Walk, Pleasure Gait)

- Eagle Point Farm
24. Open Hunter (English) Walk Trot
25. Ladies Gaited Pleasure (Walk, Pleasure Gait) Williams Excavating
26. Spotted Saddle Horse Pleasure (Walk, Pleasure Gait) Johnson Stables
27. Juvenile Gaited Championship (Walk, Pleasure Gait) PAYOUT 1ST 75% 2KND 25%
28. Adult Gaited Championship (Walk, Pleasure Gait) PAYOUT 1ST 75% 2KND 25%
29. Open English Pleasure Championship (Walk, Trot, Canter) PAYOUT 1ST 75% 2KND 25%
30. Open Barrels- Rebekah Rosenbalm @ R&R Ranch
31. Open Poles





## Breakfast & Story Time

**Join us for Summertime Storytime!**

There will be breakfast served, stories read, characters dressed-up, and door prizes given out.


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4 New Bicycles will be given out (random door prize)

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All children will receive a treat bag!

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When: Tuesday, June 28th, 9—10 AM

Where: First Baptist Church of Wartburg  
308 Maiden Street—Gym Entrance

Who: Any and all Families with children!

**Mark July 26th for our next Summertime Storytime... Minions will be the theme!**

# A King's Ransom: Chapter 9



**Carol Hall**  
**Author**

The three of them huddled close to the bars to hear what Alys said to say.

"What if we staged it to look like you overpowered me and escaped?" Alys asked.

"How would I escape?" Bronwyn asked. "The door is heavily locked. Do you have keys for it?"

"No, only the king and a handful of guards can unlock that door," Alys said. "But you could escape through the drain pipe."

"The drain pipe?" Bronwyn asked. "How will I fit through it? It can't be that big, can it?"

"It would be a tight fit for sure," Alys agreed. "But you're small. I think you could make it."

"How long is the pipe?" Bronwyn asked.

"I don't know," Alys said, honestly. "Like I told you

before, all I know is that it drains into the moat. You'd have to follow the pipe out, then swim across the moat."

"How do you know all this?" Bronwyn asked. "Who told you?"

"One of the prisoners who was here years ago told me about it," Alys said. "He was a groundskeeper sentenced to the dungeon for the crime of stealing from the king. He was accused of cutting flowers in the garden to take home to his wife. One night he asked me to let him out of his cell, so he could escape through the pipe."

"Did you do it? Did you let him out?" Bronwyn asked.

"No," Alys said. "I wasn't brave enough back then. I wanted to, but I was too fearful of the king's wrath."

"What happened to him?" Bronwyn asked.

"He died in that cell," Alys said, indicating the cell on the other side of Nicodemus's.

"Oh," Bronwyn said, disheartened, not wanting to imagine such a fate. "Why are you willing to help me then?"

"I don't want to see you die down here," Alys said. "I like you. You're nice."

"What will the king do to you once he finds me missing?" Bronwyn asked. "Won't he punish you?"

"Perhaps," Alys said. "But he won't kill me. Not for that. He'd only kill me if he thought I'd disobeyed an order. That's cause for death in his eyes. But if we make it look like you forcibly overpowered me and got away, he may hit me, or have me whipped, but that just depends on how angry he gets."

"Alys, I don't want you to get hurt trying to help me," Bronwyn said. "I couldn't live with that."

"And I couldn't live watching you starve to death day after day," Alys said. "That's why you'll have to hit me. Make the king believe you hurt me bad enough that I couldn't fight back. He'll be more forgiving if he thinks I tried to stop you."

"Hit you?" Bronwyn asked, stunned. "I can't hit you."

"You have to," Alys said. "I'm used to pain. I live with it everyday. You've noticed my legs. What's one more bruise?"

"I don't like this," Bronwyn said, shaking her head. "Not one bit. There has to be another way."

"There isn't," Alys argued.

When Bronwyn continued to shake her head in disagreement, Alys scooted closer to the bars and leaned in. "I'm not going to make it much longer in this place," she said, matter-of-factly. "I'm almost blind, nearly crippled, and I'm sick. It doesn't matter what the king does to me, as long as he leaves my family alone. My life is over. This is it for me. But you still have your whole life ahead of you. Take this opportunity. Another one may never come along."

Bronwyn grabbed Alys's hand and squeezed it, but couldn't utter any words. Her heart was heavy and sick with sorrow for Alys.

Nicodemus, who had remained quiet through the whole exchange, finally spoke up. "Bronwyn," he said, quietly. "She's right, you know. After a few days without food or water, you'll die. You'd be wise to accept the gift she's offering you. You may never get another one."

"I need to think," Bronwyn said. "I want to try to find another way."

"You'll be wasting your time," Alys said. "There's no other way out of here. The king will not have a change of heart. He never does. Once he sets an order, he never recants it. He's sentenced you to death by starvation. I have no choice but to follow his orders. You must take this opportunity now. Please."

"Come with me!" Bronwyn said, excitedly, the idea suddenly popping into her head. "We can leave together!"

"No," Alys said, sadly, shaking her head. "If I was going to go, I'd have gone a long time ago. But you see, I have the same problem as Nicodemus. I'm scared to death of water. I can't swim. And with me not able to see well, my wobbly legs and this deep cough, I'd only slow you down."

"I could help you," Bronwyn persisted. "I'm a good swimmer. I could pull you along behind me."

"No, Bronwyn," Alys said, firmly. "I'm not going. You'll be going alone."

"No, she won't," Nicodemus said, his voice shrill and determined. "I'm going too."

"You can't swim, Nicodemus," Alys said. "Remember? How are you planning on getting across the moat?"

"On Bronwyn's back," he said.

"Uh, excuse me?" Bronwyn cried in dismay. "I don't think so. I'm still not used to you getting within a foot of me. How do you think I'm going to feel with you riding on me?"

"Oh please, please, please," begged Nicodemus. "Don't leave me in the dungeon. I want to get out of here, too."

"I think it's a good idea for Nicodemus to go with you," Alys said. "When I'm gone, the next dungeon keeper might not take too kindly to caring for a spider. His life could be in danger, more than it already is, if he stays."

"You're both giving me a guilt trip about taking him with me? Seriously?" Bronwyn asked, looking from one to the other of them. "Unbelievable. You both know I'm deathly afraid of spiders."

"We'll plan your escape for tomorrow night," Alys said, ignoring Bronwyn's protests. "That will give you a full day and night to better acquaint yourself with Nicodemus."

"I'm well acquainted with him, thank you very much," Bronwyn said. "It's not a matter of getting to know him better. It's the idea of him stomping all over my body that bothers me so much."

"Well then, take this time to get used to him crawling on you," Alys suggested.

Bronwyn's mouth fell open, and she stared at the other girl in total mortification. "What? No! No way. That is NOT going to happen," she almost shouted.

"I promise I'll stomp lightly," Nicodemus said, picking up his eight legs one at a time and setting them back down delicately. "See? I can tread very gently when I want to."

"Oh my goodness," Bronwyn said, dropping her chin to her chest. "I can't believe this is happening. My worst nightmare is coming to life."

"So you agree?" Nicodemus asked, gleefully.

"I suppose so," Bronwyn said, not sounding very enthusiastic. "But so help me if you do anything creepy, I'll kill you myself."

"I promise I'll behave," Nicodemus said in a rush, the pitch of his voice rising, indicating his excitement.

He started bouncing up and down on the spot, making little noises that suspiciously sounded like *wwwwhheeeewww*.

Bronwyn groaned, but didn't say anything else.

"We need to get the plan figured out," Alys said, getting down to business. "Here's what I'm thinking. The guard will be down to check to make sure I'm not giving you food or water sometime after breakfast. After he leaves, I'll give you a spare set of clothes I have. Then you'll wallop me a good one, making sure to leave a nice big bruise. Once enough time passes to allow it to get dark outside, you'll lock me in your cell. Then, you'll squeeze into the pipe and make your way to freedom. How does that sound?"

"Crazy," Bronwyn said. "It sounds crazy."

"But doable, right?" Alys asked.

"Why do I need your clothes?" Bronwyn asked.

"Do you plan on running through the forest in just your underclothes?" Alys asked, squinting at Bronwyn's thin tunic.

"No," Bronwyn said. "I guess not."

"I don't have any shoes for you to wear, though," Alys said. "You'll just have to go barefoot."

Bronwyn looked down at the one remaining slipper she had on. Pulling it off, she tossed it aside. "I won't need that," she said. "I prefer going barefoot anyway. Shoes hurt my feet."

"Good," Alys said. "It's settled then."

"Wait," Bronwyn said, still apprehensive about the whole thing. "The king's never going to believe I overpowered you. How would I have done so? I'm in here, and you're out there."

"I'll tell him I entered your cell because you were pretending to be sick," Alys said. "I'll say that when I went in to check on you, you jumped me."

Bronwyn still wasn't convinced. "What if the pipe gets too narrow somewhere along the way, and I can't fit through it? What if I get stuck in it? What if it doesn't go to the moat?"

"It won't. You won't. And it does. The groundskeeper told me it did, and he would have known since he must have seen it. How else would he have known to tell me about it?"

Alys said. "Stop worrying. By this time tomorrow, you'll be free."

"It seems so risky," Bronwyn said.

"It is risky," Alys said. "But worth it, right?"

"Right!" Nicodemus said before Bronwyn could respond.

"It's settled then," Alys said, again, with finality.

Bronwyn squeezed her eyes closed for a moment. Everything was happening so fast. Was she ok with this plan? Hitting Alys was not something she looked forward to, or even wanted to do at all. How was she going to be able to tolerate Nicodemus clinging to her while she was swimming? The thought sent chills snaking along her skin. Would she even be able to make it to the moat? And if she did, would she be able to swim across it? She remembered the day she saw it. It was a wide moat.

"Ohhh, I'm so excited!" Nicodemus said, swinging from a rope of webbing he'd strung up between the bars. "Freedom, here I come!"

"It's getting late," Alys said. "I'm going to bed now. You two better start learning how to deal with touching each other. You only have till tomorrow to get used to it."

Bronwyn watched as Alys gimped her way down the corridor. Once she was out of sight, Bronwyn turned her head to find Nicodemus dangling mere inches from her face. Startled, she let out a scream. "Nicodemus!" she yelled.

"Oops," he said, apologetically. "Sorry, I was caught up in the excitement of our impending escape and forgot you're still a wee bit scared of me."

Bronwyn could have sworn he was smiling. Was that even possible? Could spiders smile? Well Nicodemus sure looked like he was smiling.

"It's ok," Bronwyn said, resignedly. "We may as well give this whole touching thing a try."

"Yippee!" Nicodemus said, dropping to the floor. Bronwyn watched as something on his butt snipped the line of web loose, leaving it hanging from the bars.

"Should I just come over and step on you?" he asked, gingerly inching his way closer to her.

"Let's start with me touching one of your front legs with my finger first," Bronwyn said, suppressing a shudder.

Nicodemus got within an inch of her and lifted one of his front legs towards her. Bronwyn used her pointer finger and stretched it out toward his foot. The moment they came in contact with each other, Bronwyn flinched and jerked her hand back. "You're not fuzzy, you're prickly. Those hairs on you are stiff," she said, accusingly.

"Well your finger's cold and slimy," he threw back at her.

"It's not slimy," Bronwyn argued. "It's not wet at all."

"If you say so," Nicodemus said, shaking the leg she had just touched. "Let's try again."

Reaching out for each other, they touched leg to finger again. This time it wasn't so repulsive to Bronwyn. His leg was bristly, but not like a thorn. It didn't hurt when he touched her.

"Ok, that wasn't so bad," she relented. "Can I touch your back?"

Nicodemus turned around with his butt toward her. "Don't push too hard," he warned. "I'm not made of stone."

Bronwyn gritted her teeth and mustered up the nerve she needed to rub her finger down his back. Using one long stroke, she traced her finger from the back of his head to his read end. "Ok," she said, whisking her finger back to the safety of her lap. "I did it."

"You have a gentle touch," Nicodemus purred. "That felt good."

"I wasn't petting you," she said, disgustedly, wiping her finger off on her tunic.

"Whatever," he said. "It still felt good."

"Don't get used to it," Bronwyn said. "I won't be spending a lot of time touching you if I don't have to."



# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Navy Lieutenant Richard Nott Antrim selflessly risked his own life in April 1942 to protect the life of another while serving as a prisoner of war by the Japanese during World War II.

Lieutenant Antrim was presented with the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions on January 30, 1947 at the White House by President Harry S. Truman.

Lieutenant Antrim finished his military career at the rank of Rear Admiral and the USS Antrim FFG 20 guided missile frigate was named in his honor.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while interned as a prisoner of war of the enemy Japanese in the city of Macassar, Celebes, Netherlands East Indies, in April 1942. Acting instantly on behalf of a naval officer who was subjected to a vicious clubbing by a frenzied Japanese guard venting his insane wrath upon the helpless prisoner, Comdr. (then Lt.) Antrim boldly intervened, attempting to quiet the guard and finally persuading him to discuss the charges against the officer. With the entire Japanese force assembled and making extraordinary preparations



for the threatened beating, and with the tension heightened by 2,700 Allied prisoners rapidly closing in, Comdr. Antrim courageously appealed to the fanatic enemy, risking his own life in a desperate effort to mitigate the punishment. When the other had been beaten unconscious by 15 blows of a hawser and was repeatedly kicked by three soldiers to a point beyond which he could not survive, Comdr. Antrim gallantly stepped forward and indicated to the perplexed guards that he would take the remainder of the punishment, throwing the Japanese completely off balance in their amazement and eliciting a roar of acclaim from the suddenly inspired Allied prisoners. By his fearless leadership and valiant concern for the welfare of another, he not only saved the life of a fellow officer and stunned the Japanese into sparing his own life but also brought about a new respect for American officers and men and a great improvement in camp living conditions. His heroic conduct throughout reflects the highest

credit upon Comdr. Antrim and the U.S. Naval Service.

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Police Officer Christopher Fariello of the Tallahassee Police Department was killed on June 8, 2022 when his patrol car was struck head-on by a vehicle being pursued by other officers.

Around 12:30 am, the Tallahassee Police Department received a call about an assault. An investigation revealed that a subject entered his home, shot and wounded three of his family members, then fled in his vehicle. As the Leon County Sheriff's Office and Tallahassee Police Department encountered the vehicle, the subject turned his vehicle around, drove toward oncoming traffic, and collided head-on with Officer



Fariello's patrol car.

Officer Fariello was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The subject was also taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. He was later charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, homicide, and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

Officer Fariello had served with the Tallahassee Police Department for four years and had previously served with the Wilton Manors Police Department.

Officer Fariello was only thirty-four-years-old.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

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

THE FOLLOWING BACK TAX PROPERTIES HAVE CURRENT BIDS. THE MINIMUM BID PRICE BELOW REFLECTS 10% ABOVE THE HIGHEST BID IN THE FIRST ROUND OF BIDDING. NO BIDS BELOW THE MINIMUM WILL BE CONSIDERED. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO MAKE A BID FOR THESE PROPERTIES DURING THIS SECOND ROUND OF BIDDING. IF SOMEONE BIDS AT LEAST THE MINIMUM BID, ALL BIDDERS WILL BE INVITED TO A BID OFF AT THE COURTHOUSE.

THE HIGH BIDDER AT THE BID OFF WILL WIN THE PROPERTY:

- Property #1. District 10 Map 130 Parcel 7.02 Minimum Bid: \$128.70
- Property #2. District 1 Map 142 Parcel 76.02 Minimum Bid: \$167.20
- Property #6. District 7 Map 052 Parcel 60.01 Minimum Bid: \$5,775.00
- Property #7. District 10 Map 155C Group A CTL Map 155C-A Parcel 4.00 Minimum Bid: \$550.00
- Property #12. District 3 Map 162 Parcel 5.14 Minimum Bid: \$110.00
- Property #16. Map 161 Parcel 017.00 Minimum Bid: \$553.30
- Property #18. District 10 Map 156 Parcel 005.00 Minimum Bid: \$366.30
- Property #20. District 7 Map 071 Parcel 20.00 Minimum Bid: \$1,650.00
- Property #21. District 7 Map 071 Parcel 20.01 Minimum Bid: \$1,650.00
- Property #99. Map 148 Parcel 061.00 Minimum Bid: 221.10

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES HAVE NO BIDS. IF A BID IS RECEIVED ON ANY OF THESE PROPERTIES, THE PROPERTY WILL BE ADVERTISED AGAIN, SOLICITING BIDS OF 10% ABOVE THE ORIGINAL BID.

- Property#9. District 11 Map 086 Parcel 13.00 Minimum Bid: \$2,317.17
- Property #10. District 11 Map 074 Parcel 8.08 Minimum Bid: \$1,666.28
- Property #98. (This is for ¼ of the Gas and Oil rights ONLY) Map 073 Parcel 015.00 Minimum Bid: \$564.37

The Morgan County Government will be taking SEALED BIDS on each property until 10 A.M. June 16, 2022. As of 10 A.M. June 16, 2022, the highest bid will be considered. The minimum bid price is seen above, next to each property. This is either the amount the County has invested in paying fees and taxes for each property or 10% above the highest accepted bid that was made for the property at the last bid opening.

According to Tennessee state law, after the first round of bidding there is then a 10 day window when someone can bid 10% more than the highest bid for a property. These properties will be ran in the local newspaper(s) again, giving any citizen the opportunity to bid 10% higher than the highest bid. If such a bid is received, there will be a bid off for the property. If no such bid is received, the original highest bid will be considered for property ownership. If a bid of 10% or higher is received during the second round of bidding, the two highest bidders will be invited to a bid-off at the courthouse.

Person interested in bidding on a property can mail or personally deliver a sealed bid to Bret Pallotta in the County Executive's Office at the Morgan County Courthouse. If mailing, send to:

Bret Pallotta, Executive Assistant  
C/O Morgan County Courthouse  
P.O. Box 387  
Wartburg, TN 37887

# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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\* Add a small bit of boiling water to a glass of iced tea to clear it up if it is cloudy. You can do this to a pitcher just before serving.

\* If you're traveling with pets, you know you'll need to bring something for them to drink out of. If you have ice in a container, they can lick the ice to stay hydrated, but it doesn't slosh around or spill easily.

\* "Cutting corn off the cob can be tricky business, but you only need to recruit the right equipment. The next time you're making corn for dinner, grab a Bundt pan. The corn cob gets set upright in the center, and when you cut down, the kernels fall right into the pan on all sides." -- A.S. in Texas

\* "If you have trouble holding your cat still to clip its claws, sneak up while it's asleep. You might get only a couple done before your cat catches on and

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* The next time you cut your yard, you can thank Edwin Bearn Budding for inventing the lawnmower in 1830. But while most inventors take pride in their creations, Budding was so concerned about what his neighbors might think of his new contraption that he only tested his prototypes at night.

\* There are more than 12,000 species of ants.

\* Hall of Fame pitcher Lee Smith didn't play baseball until he was a high school junior and, even then, just tried out to win a \$10 bet. His turn to play came when his team's star pitcher was killed in a hunting accident.

\* One sunflower is actually 1,000-2,000 tiny flowers held together by a base.

\* Have you ever dreamed of smelling like a hamburger? No? Well, you could have in 2015, thanks to Burger King Japan's release of a limited-edition cologne called Flame Grilled ... and yes, it smelled like a Whopper.

\* On Jan. 1, 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt shook the hands of over 8,510 people, setting a record that lasted more than 70 years.

\* Sodium citrate makes any cheese into a creamy nacho cheese sauce. Curiously, its chemical formula spells out Na3C6H5O7 (NaCHO).

\* In England and Wales, it's legal to consume alcohol on private premises from the age

of five.

\* Gesundheit! Ever wonder why someone "blesses you" when you sneeze? The custom was introduced by Pope Gregory the Great in 590 A.D. Since sneezing could be a sign of the plague, it was considered proper to offer a potentially ill person a blessing. \*\*\*

Thought for the Day: "Once I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: 'No good in a bed, but fine up against a wall.'" -- Eleanor Roosevelt

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wiggles away, but you'll get there." -- P.L. in Oklahoma (Slow and steady wins the race, P.L. Your tip works great for babies, too! -- JoAnn)

\* Skunk run-in? Try this mix before you buy pricey de-stink shampoos at the pet store. Mix a quart of 3% peroxide, a teaspoon or two of dish soap, 1/4 cup of baking soda and quart of room-temperature water. Apply to pet, and work deeply into the fur. Massage in for five minutes, and rinse thoroughly.

\* Boiling potatoes? Plants love starch. Let your cooking water cool, then use it to water the plants in your garden.

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 Embassy VIP
- 4 Apple tablet
- 8 Mexican money
- 12 Scratch
- 13 "It can't be!"
- 14 Eve's man
- 15 Finished
- 17 Latvia's capital
- 18 Gusto
- 19 Neptune's realm
- 20 Pale
- 22 "Of — and Men"
- 24 Kite flier's need
- 25 Affectionate sign-off
- 29 Flamenco cheer
- 30 Bedouins
- 31 Arthur of "Maude"
- 32 Tennis shut-out
- 34 Taxpayer IDs
- 35 Polite query
- 36 Scarlett's Butler
- 37 Bottom
- 40 "Love — Leave Me"
- 41 Awestruck
- 42 Play-ending arcade message
- 46 Thunder god
- 47 Actor

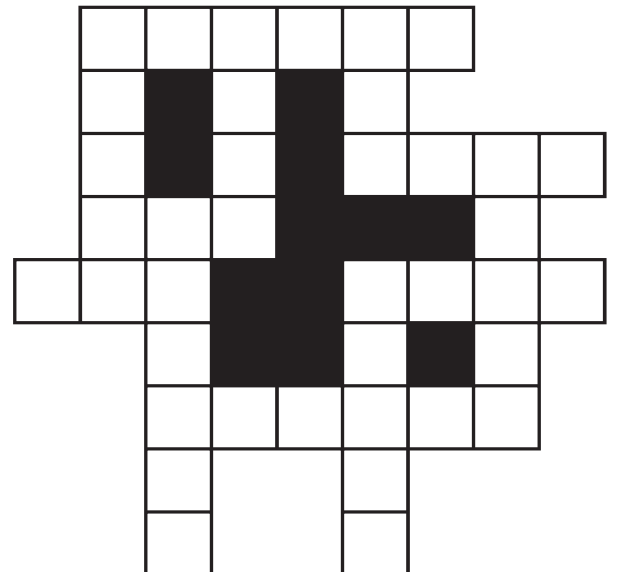
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- 51 Lemon
- 8 Postal delivery
- 9 Ms. Falco
- 10 Long story
- 11 Yemen neighbor
- 16 Clarinet insert
- 19 Phil of folk music
- 20 MP's quarry
- 21 Missile shelter
- 22 Dolphins' home
- 23 "Let —" (Beatles hit)
- 25 Fay of "King Kong"
- 26 Saw
- 27 Air outlet
- 28 Right on the map
- 30 Petri dish gel
- 33 New citizen, perhaps
- 34 "Scram!"
- 36 Film spools
- 37 D.C. baseball team
- 38 Turkish title
- 39 Unhappy destiny
- 40 Roman 2,002
- 42 Solidify
- 43 Soul, to Sartre
- 44 College URL ender
- 45 Scepter

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

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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ishmael in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
  2. From Psalms 141, "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a ..."? *Judgment, Scorn, Grief, Kindness*
  3. His favorite was Joseph, but how many sons did Jacob have? 2, 5, 8, 12
  4. From Genesis 7, how old was Noah at the time of the flood? 100, 200, 600, 800
  5. In John 10:14, Jesus said, "I am the good ..."? *Samaritan, Storyteller, Fisherman, Shepherd*
  6. Which book reads like a love story? *Song of Solomon, Daniel, Titus, Jude*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Kindness (141:5); 3) 12; 4) 600; 5) Shepherd; 6) Song of Solomon

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

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FOSSIL FOOLS

# Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

## Campfire Swiss Steak

This main dish is so easy, you'll want to camp out under the stars more often. And for those of you who consider sleeping in a motel as "roughing it," you can always make it at home.

- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 4 (4-ounce) lean minute or cube steaks
- 1/2 cups shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 2 cups chopped raw potatoes
- 1 cup (one 8-ounce can) tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

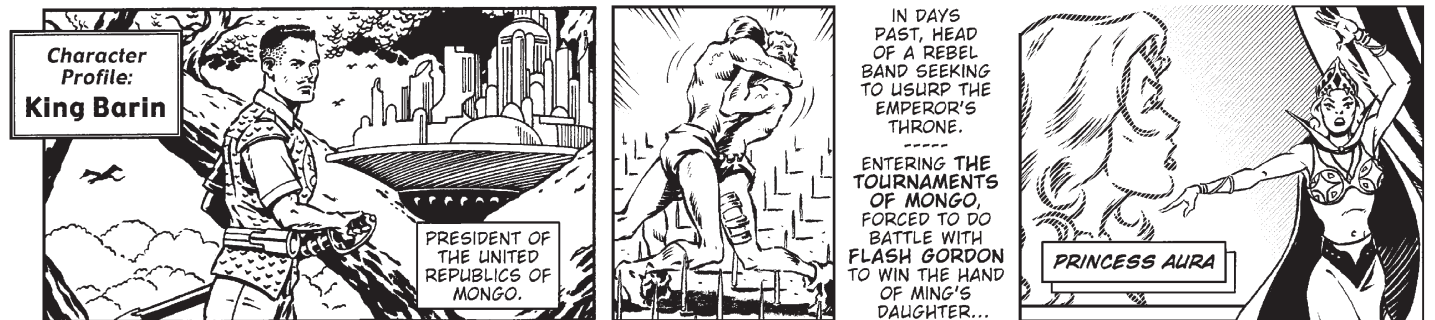
1. Cut four (18-inch) pieces of double thickness, heavy-duty aluminum foil. Lightly spray each piece with butter-flavored cooking spray. Place flour in flat saucer. Coat steaks on both sides with flour. Place each steak on piece of prepared foil.

2. In medium bowl, combine carrots, onion, green pepper, celery and potatoes. Evenly place about 1 1/2 cups vegetable mixture over each steak. In small bowl, combine tomato sauce, parsley and black pepper. Spoon about 1/4 cup of sauce mixture evenly over top of each. Wrap securely.

3. Bake on grill or over campfire coals for 30 to 40 minutes, turning every 10 minutes to prevent burning. Or, arrange packets on a baking sheet and bake in an oven preheated to 350 F for 1 hour. Serves 4.

• Each serving equals: 278 calories, 6g fat, 28g protein, 28g carb., 460mg sodium, 3g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 3 Meat, 2 Vegetable, 1 Starch.

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



"You told me you were aoina to bust out

# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## Is Donald Trump Boring Now?

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Donald Trump implicitly endorsed a half-baked conspiracy theory for why his candidates lost in the Georgia Republican primaries, and it created barely a ripple in the political world.

The man who shocked and outraged his way through four transfixing years as president of the United States has become a known commodity, indeed predictable and even monotonous.

It's a blessing and a curse for formerly cutting-edge musicians to see their once radically counter-cultural material show up in TV ads for cars. There's no danger that Trump will ever be similarly laundered into the mainstream. But he can become boring, which will put at risk one of the pillars of his appeal as the most wildly entertaining, mad-cap national political figure of our lifetimes.

Now, I say this as someone who thought Trump's act might begin to wear thin some time in 2015. I was wrong then, and I may well be wrong again. At the very least, though, Trump can't benefit from the shock of the new a second time, or a third time, depending on how you're counting.

The rallies, once an innovation and still his campaign signature, long ago fell into a groove of familiarity -- the stilted reading of scripted remarks off the teleprompter, interrupted by spontaneous riffs and ridicule of his enemies.

Perhaps, by now, the terms of abuse have become such timeless classics that fans would be disappointed not to experience them live, a little like going to a Beach Boys concert anytime over the last half-century and not hearing "California Girls."

Yet you could have heard the same lines at any Trump rally at any place on any occasion over the last several years. The media is still "Fake News." MSNBC is still "MSDNC." Adam Schiff is still "shifty" and Chuck Todd still "sleepy."

And, as you might have heard, Chris Wallace always wanted to be like his father Mike of "60 Minutes" fame, but sadly didn't have the talent.

Much of his focus is backward-looking. Republican voters care, as they should, about the beginnings of the poorly predicated Russia probe that consumed so much time and attention during Trump's first couple of years in office, but there's no way they care as much as Trump does.

The former president said the words "Russia" or "hoax" innumerable times during a rally the other day for Liz Cheney's opponent in Wyoming. The casual observer could have been forgiven for thinking it was an event primarily about the Mueller probe with some throwaway lines about Harriet Hageman mixed in purely for variety's sake.

He talked about his two impeachments, and, of course, his "perfect phone call" with Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

There is wisdom in the famous William Faulkner line that, "The past is never dead. It's not even past." It's an adage that's traditionally been best suited to Southern gothic novelists, though, rather than American politicians who usually benefit from putting an accent on the future.

Trump's signature 2016 boast of, "I alone can fix it," has become, "I alone can fixate on it."

The candidate who brought relatively neglected issues that mattered to the average voter into the center of the political discussion in 2016, from immigration and trade to opioids, is now largely telling voters about the slights and ill-treatment that matter to him in 2022.

All that said, there's no doubt that rally attendees still enthusiastically enjoy Trump's lines. And there's also no beating something with nothing. If Trump's rallies are stale, what hot new event in Republican politics is going to supplant them? The fact is that Trump at his most dull still may be more interesting than a conventional Republican at his or her most entertaining.

A Trump march toward the GOP nomination will elate his supporters and create a five-alarm fire in the press and among Democrats. But at least this time around, everyone will know what he's going to say next.

Rich Lowry is editor-in-chief of the National Review.

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# Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

## Fresh Strawberry Arugula Salad

I'm obsessed with fresh strawberries right now. Sweet to the taste and bright red to the eye, this luscious berry can be tossed into just about anything to turn an ordinary meal into a celebration.

Enjoy this prime strawberry season with me, and head out to a pick-your-own field or farmer's market. En route, challenge your family to think of all



Young kids can prep the berries and greens for this simple salad.

the ways you can use your bountiful baskets of juicy berries. As kids shout out their favorites, such as strawberries and waffles, peanut butter and strawberry-jam sandwiches and strawberry ice-cream cones, you'll discover how the versatile berries can be worked into any meal of the day.

Back home, learn new ways to use your bounty — like stirring up strawberry-rhubarb jam or strawberry salsa.

I like to use strawberries as a garnish; I toss them, along with fresh mint, into a chilled pitcher of water, and I'm always incorporating them in supper salads using other fresh local produce, nuts and cheese.

Here is a simple salad that's a headliner on our Father's Day lunch menu. Young kids can prep the berries and peppery arugula while you quickly toast the pecans in a pan on the stove.

### STRAWBERRY ARUGULA SALAD

- 1/2 cups fresh strawberries
- 1/2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 3/4 cup pecan halves
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 cups loosely packed baby arugula leaves\*
- 1/2 cup crumbled mild feta cheese (optional)

1. Let school-age kids wash, hull, dry and halve the strawberries. Place in a bowl and toss with 1/2 tablespoon of the balsamic vinegar. Set aside for 5 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, an adult should toast the pecans in a small, dry skillet over medium-low heat. Shake the pan to avoid overscorching until the nuts are fragrant and lightly browned. Cool completely.

3. In a large bowl, whisk together the remaining vinegar, oil, salt and pepper. Add strawberries, arugula and pecans, and toss. Taste and season as needed.

4. Divide mixture on individual plates, and dot with the feta cheese, if you wish. Serves 4.

\*Substitute half of the arugula with fresh spinach for a milder flavor.

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

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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## Homeless Vet Falls Through the Cracks

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The Department of Veterans Affairs creates numerous programs to deal with homeless veteran populations -- and this is all well and good. But it's the individual homeless vet who can fall through the cracks.

The VA Office of Inspector General reports about a veteran (I'll assume here it was a guy) who had multiple physical conditions on top of severe cognitive impairment. Years ago, he was given housing assistance and an evaluation and made part of a program. Eventually, he was booted out of the housing and thus booted out of the help program.

In the space of seven months, he took himself to the emergency room at a VA hospital a dozen times for various medical conditions, most a result of living outside or in a car. They admitted him for 33 days while he got evaluated for his cognitive functioning and had

his medical conditions cared for. They discharged him and sent him off in a cab to a non-VA shelter.

For whatever reason, an hour later, he showed up at the ER again. They gave him a bus ticket to the shelter. The trip involved changes of buses, not an easy trick for someone with severe cognitive impairment. An hour later, he again showed up at the ER. Once more, they gave him a bus ticket and a printed list of instructions, telling him to go to the shelter.

The next day, a social worker discovered that he never made it to the shelter, and the following day, the family filed a missing person report.

Three days later, he was found at the shelter.

A reading of the OIG report shows one misstep after the other, with staffers putting a cognitively impaired veteran on a bus and not using one of the donated Uber gift cards and having him delivered right to the door of the shelter. Better yet, they could have told family members that he was being discharged.

To read the report: [www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAO-IG-21-02209-147.pdf](http://www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAO-IG-21-02209-147.pdf)

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## Historically Speaking The Forgotten Detachment

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

My good friend Bill Sergeant called with another good story. I am always delighted when that happens. His memory is awesome! As you know if you have heard him speak publically his storytelling abilities are grand.

Bill was a Captain in the United States Army when he was transferred to serve as the Executive Officer for Major Lloyd Robert Block in the Army Corps of Engineers, head of Security for the Clinton Engineer Works. Bill arrived in Oak Ridge in March of 1944.

After the end of World War II and a few short years of more mundane work helping with the transition from military to civilian control of Oak Ridge, Bill later took what was likely the largest contingent of men from one city to support the Korean War. In 1950, he led close to 300 members of the 194th Engineer Battalion of the National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel. They were part of the first wave to head for Korea. The men were given only three weeks to settle their affairs.

Bill returned from Korea in 1952 to a job as the deputy head of security in Oak Ridge for the Atomic Energy Commission. He was soon promoted to head of Security, a position he held until his retirement in 1979.

This story is about the Military Police who were assigned to provide security for the Clinton Engineer Works during the Manhattan Project. Their assignment included the security for the city of Oak Ridge and all the federal property on the reservation except for the immediate plant sites which were secured by local guard forces hired by the contractor of each site.

A side note is in order here. The Tennessee Eastman Company that operated the Y-12 Electromagnetic Separation Plant is known to have hired young women right out of high school to work as what we know today as "Calutron Girls" but they were known then as "Cubicle Operators." What you may not realize is that Tennessee Eastman also hired some women to work as guards.

Bill recalled seeing the women guards, locally known as "Guardette's," when he would go to Y-12 on security related matters. He said the other sites did not use women for guards, only Y-12. He thought Tennessee Eastman was quite progressive in the way they made opportunities for women. It was most unusual for the time.

As history tells us, the Special Engineer Detachment was a large contingent of technical and scientific personnel who had been drafted in the Army. They were collected into this special category and assigned to the Manhattan Project to do the technical work needed. There were 1,800 assigned to Los Alamos and 1,257 in Oak Ridge as well as several in Hanford and the many other locations of the project.

The Manhattan District office at Oak Ridge was where Colonel Nichols ran the day to day activities of the entire Manhattan Project. Oak Ridge also served as the Women's Army Corps Headquarters for enlisted women stationed at Hanford, Los Alamos and all other locations. There were 422 enlisted women who served to provide administrative and other support work, I am not sure of how many were assigned to Oak Ridge.

But history does not report nearly as much on the "Forgotten Detachment" that Bill remembers. While doing research for this article, I did come upon mention of it in a recently purchased copy of Manhattan, The Army and the Atomic Bomb, by Vincent Jones, where he says, "The CEW Branch administered the local civilian guard force and the military police contingent that protected the Tennessee reservation."

Here are Bill's recollections of that "military police contingent" or by his term, "The Forgotten Detachment." Enjoy the story.

Bill said, "In New Orleans, already set to deploy overseas, was an Army Military Police Company. Their orders were changed at the very last moment before

departure, and they were sent to Oak Ridge. Major Lloyd Robert Block and I met the train bringing them to Oak Ridge." Block was responsible for the Oak Ridge operations of the Intelligence and Security Division headed by Lt. Col. William B. Parsons, who reported to Colonel Nichols but kept General Groves informed directly of all intelligence and security matters.

This was in June of 1944, less than three months after Bill's arrival at Oak Ridge. Yet things were happening in rapid succession. It was only a few weeks before the July 6, 1944 Troop Train Wreck at Highcliff, TN, near Jellico. Bill would take a platoon of these newly arrived Military Police with him to take charge of that accident scene. Can't you just see the fast-paced chain of events that were just routine daily



Bill Sergeant, retired head of security, "Mr. Rotary" and my friend (Photo Submitted)

activities for Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project...exciting times, for sure!

Bill indicated that the newly arrived personnel, some 150 of them, were taken to dormitory and barracks quarters that had quickly been arranged for them to occupy. The next morning, they were awakened by the sound of a voice telling them to get up so the "maids can make the beds." This was a welcome surprise to them. Remember, just a matter of hours ago, they were on a path toward deployment overseas, in the middle of a war.

Now they found themselves in a situation where "maids" were going to make their beds and clean their rooms. They weren't in a war zone, they weren't in danger of being shot, they weren't even going to be required to do KP or any of those routine military things. They must have pinched themselves to be sure they weren't dreaming!

Bill said they even had a small Post Exchange (store where they could purchase items at a military discount). This Military Police Company was now reassigned to the Corps of Engineers and was a part of the Intelligence and Security Division, something quite different than anything they had ever seen before. They were learning things they never knew existed before coming to Oak Ridge.

They were assigned the duty to secure the "lower gates," as Bill calls them. Those gates were the Gallahar, White Wing and Poplar Creek Gates. Civilian guards were kept on the Elza, Edgemoor, Solway and Oliver Springs Gates.

Bill also spoke about what might be the first "rapid response force" in Oak Ridge. He and Major Block determined to use one platoon of the Military Police as an always ready force that Colonel Nichols or Lt. Col. Parsons could

call on in an emergency. They were organized to have a team on ready standby at all times and were subject to being called into action at a moment's notice.

Another unusual thing about this "Forgotten Detachment" was that Major Block was a very athletic individual, being tall and muscular. He might have played football before becoming a military officer. He formed a football team of members of the Military Police in Oak Ridge. They traveled to other military posts and played football games, winning every single game.

They felt they were good enough to play the best in the nation and even talked about being capable of beating the University of Tennessee's football team. Bill reminded me that this was 1944, when UT went to the Rose Bowl. He readily admitted that the UT team would have likely mopped up the field with the Military Police team, but that did not keep them from telling themselves they were a very good team that never lost a game!

When World War II ended and the Manhattan Project was transferred from military to civilian control, Bill was tasked to close out the Military Police Detachment. Many of them went back to their homes if they had jobs to return to.

Others transitioned to the civilian police force known as the Atomic Energy Commission Patrol for the city of Oak Ridge and continued their role much the same as when they were military police, manning the seven gates to Oak Ridge. Still others were able to get skilled craft work on the government sites.

On March 19, 1949, when the gates were opened to Oak Ridge, the three white guard stations were put into service that isolated the three government sites and these civilian AEC Patrol officers manned those gates as well as the lower gates that were still in operation.

This arrangement lasted until 1953, when the gates were moved back to the three sites and all the main roads were opened to the public. Even then, the AEC Patrol monitored the back roads to assure that no one travelled them as any unauthorized access there was a security risk. Members of the public were only allowed on the main roads.

Bill returned to Oak Ridge in 1952 when his assignment to Korea was completed. He later had the job of the Deputy Director of Physical Security under Frank Callahan, for whom the Callahan Towers at 115 Fairbanks Road is named. Callahan had come to Oak Ridge after being assigned to the Mound Facility in Miamisburg, OH.

Later, Bill became Director of AEC Physical Security until retirement. Of course, he has had another great career after retirement as "Mr. Rotary" and for many years helped lead the international effort to rid the world of Polio. He is one of my heroes.

Thanks Bill, for yet another great story from our past.

Let's play "Can You Name that Political Leader from History?"

He was a vegetarian and animal lover who established the first laws ensuring that animals used in films were not mistreated.

He was a Socialist and anti-Capitalist.

He rose from poverty to become a world leader.

He made college education free and created universal health care.

He passed strict gun control laws and tightly controlled what he considered misinformation in the media.

He was a brilliant speaker and had a 99% popularity rating.

He was Time Magazine's Man of the year in 1938.

He was everything today's Liberals crave. Who was he?

Answer,  
Adolf Hitler

Don't believe me? Look it up.

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Sunday, June 19 is Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all the daddies, grandpas and those who fill the role of daddy.

Morgan County Farmer's Market will begin this Friday, June 17 at Morgan County Visitor's Center. The hours are Fridays 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Gus the Bus is traveling over Morgan County Monday – Thursday delivering delicious meals, milk and fresh produce to children 18 and under. Oakdale families can meet the bus at Pine Orchard Community Center on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. or at Oakdale Park on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

The annual family reunion of the descendants of Ellis and Marie Bingham was held Sunday, June 5 at Cumberland Mountain State Park. The family has been gathering at the park for their reunion for over 50 years. Ellis and Marie had 7 children, 4 of whom are deceased. Zelma Bingham, Betty Chapman, Tom and Billie Bingham and Larry and Marlene Goldston attended. Of the next generation, there were 12 of the 16 cousins there. The oldest attendee was Zelma Bingham and the youngest was 2 month old Beckham Johnson, grandson of Wade and Molly Bingham. Lots of good food and fellowship.

Happy Birthday to our favorite boy, Elijah Ruppe, who turns 16 on June 15.

Oakdale Public Library has a lot of fun activities going on this summer. Library hours are Mondays 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Tuesdays 3:00 p.m. 0 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Tomorrow, Wednesday, June 15 adult BINGO will be from 10:30 – 11:30. Follow the library on Facebook or stop in to get a schedule to learn about events.

I have been asked to share an upcoming meeting. Kenny Allred is organizing a meeting of SUPPORTERS ONLY for repairing Rockwood Airport Road. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 25 at 3:30 p.m. at Pine Orchard Community Center.

First Baptist Oakdale is having Vacation Bible School this week, June 13-17 from 6:00 – 8:30 for ages Pre K through 6th Grade.

Mt. Vernal Baptist Church is also having Vacation Bible School this week, June 13-17 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for ages Pre K – High School.

Dyllis Baptist Church in Harriman is having Vacation Bible School this week, June 13-18. Dinner will be served at 5:15. VBS will be 5:45 – 8:15 for ages Pre-K – 6th Grade.

Oakdale United Methodist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 19 – 24 from 5:30 – 8:00.

Lighthouse Baptist Church in Wartburg will have Vacation Bible School June 20-24. A meal will be served each evening at 5:30. VBS will be 6:30 – 8:30.

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.

Thursday, August 4 will be a State and Federal Primary and a County General Election. Voter Registration deadline is Tuesday, July 5. Early voting will be Friday, July 15 – Saturday, July 30. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, July 28. If you have a name or address change, please contact the Morgan County Election Commission at 423-346-3190 to find out about updating your registration.

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**Hattie Dee Tinker**

Heath and Alyssa Tinker announce the birth of their baby girl Hattie Dee Tinker.

Hattie was born on Sunday January 23, 2022 at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center in Knoxville at 7:05 pm. She weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are as follows:

Maternal grandparents are Stanley and Reba Bates, Angel Bates all of Lancing.

Paternal grandparents are Gary and Dee Ashley, Dion Tinker all of coalfield. Great grandparents are Bill and Patricia Kees of Oliver springs, Dale and Svitlana Thurmer of Oak Ridge, and the Late Junior and Bonnie Bates, Myrle and Imogene Aytes all of Lancing, and Harold and Barbara Tinker of coalfield.





**John Burns**

**Opinion Columnist**

# Sodom and Gomorrah

What was it about this place that caused God to wipe it from the face of the earth? Turn the Dead Sea into salt as a perpetual witness to what happens when the creator of the universe finally loses his patience? Abraham was told to take his brother's son Lot with him and leave for a land flowing with milk and honey. A battle has taken place between five Hamite and Four Shemitic kings. Lot has been captured and Abraham leads 400 men in the route of Lot's captors. Lot settles his family in Sodom.

Apparently, the fallen angels were being worshiped in the Golan heights and within the walls of the five cities with Sodom and Gomorrah. These fallen angels had offspring with human daughters making the race known as the giants.

These giants were venerated as men of renown, an ancient allusion to a warrior caste. They existed to sow chaos amongst men through perversion of God's marriage covenant and warfare. Homosexuality, adultery, polygamy, sodomy, pedophilia and every other perversion of human sexuality. The fertility cults were prospering in the land God promised to Abraham.

Are there fertility cults prospering here in America? When does society allow and sometimes legalize, abominable practices involving children, women, and perverse men? Dare I say our entire system of a government, of the people, for the people, and by the people, has moved further away from absolute morality than even Sodom and Gomorrah? Are silent pulpits to blame?

Have pulpits contributed to our fall under the abandonment wrath of God, as prophesied by Paul in the first chapter of the book of Romans. Rome allowed for the importation of every eastern fertility cult and every pagan religious practice and our churches refuse to repent and return us to faith by grace in the monotheistic God of Genesis 1. Pergamos is where the church married the world, and Messiah identifies Pergamos as the seat of Satan on earth.

To think our risen Savior would label one of his churches as the place where Satan now has his throne and is sitting by ordering the fallen angels to pervert the teachings of our Savior from the Old Testament. It is Lucifer who has gotten church to deny the coming kingdom of Messiah, and specifically the church begun in western Turkey when Rome had its eastern capital in Sardis, a city 25 KM from Pergamos.

Which tares were sown in Sodom and Gomorrah, which have migrated into our everyday American experience? Apparently, the ancient Canaanites accepted the fallen angels to the point they had begun allowing their daughters to enter consensual relationships with. One of their principal cities were Sodom and Gomorrah. The people God had created to worship him as creator, were perverting the first covenant he gave man.

Genesis 2:24 For this reason shall a man leave his mother and father and cleave to the bosom of his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This covenant is about intercourse within the marriage covenant of one man with one woman for life. Why one? Because God is seeking Godly seed as Malachi rightly identifies in the third chapter of his book ending the Old Testament.

God brought forth man and woman expressly for bringing more worshippers of him into our world. We have perverted that plan for 5,000 plus years now and I believe God's patience has worn thin here in America where Sodom and Gomorrah now look like a picnic. As Billy Graham once quipped, God has to judge America or he will

have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.

Jesus Christ reminds us all that before his return to Earth, the Nephillim will make a return to seduce daughters of men once again. If it could happen to Lot's family it can happen to you. God was in covenant relationship to Lot through the word he had given the man of God, Abraham.

Lot was allowing his family to live in extreme perversion to the plans of God for man at creation. God sends two angels to warn him and his family, after he had been rescued once, and now God returned to retrieve his chosen remnant from within Sodom a second time. This is the pattern of God for Israel throughout the entire Bible.

Lot's sons refuse to leave Sodom, just like the Jewish remnant refusing to leave America for Israel today. They were comfortable being wealthy within the walls of the most pagan city on earth. Today they are completely comfortable in modern Pergamos, New York City.

How God is dealing with Israel is a mystery revealed in Romans 11; For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits: that blindness in part has come to Israel, UNTIL the fullness of the gentiles be come in.

The fulness of the gentiles ends at the end of the Laodicean church age we are presently experiencing. Jesus Christ offers a clue with one Greek word: Meta Tauta. In Revelation 3 the admonition to Laodicea ends with the saying after these things. Revelation 4 begins with the same words. After these things. What are these things?

Dare I say the gentile church age began in Antioch and continued until the rapture of the bride of Christ from within the body of Christ? In Revelation 3 the Church is on earth. In Revelation 4 the redeemed are in Heaven receiving crowns. Are the redeemed all the churches? Why are they receiving crowns in Heaven unless they plan to return to earth with Jesus Christ to receive his millennial kingdom?

The blindness has left the eyes of Jews in Israel. They are receiving our Messiah, and soon God must turn his attention eastward to chasten his covenant people back into relationship to him. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for if you are truly the bride of Christ, your journey to eternal life goes through Jerusalem after you receive your mansion in Heaven, and after you have received your crowns for leading people to our Messiah.

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 5-01-2022

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*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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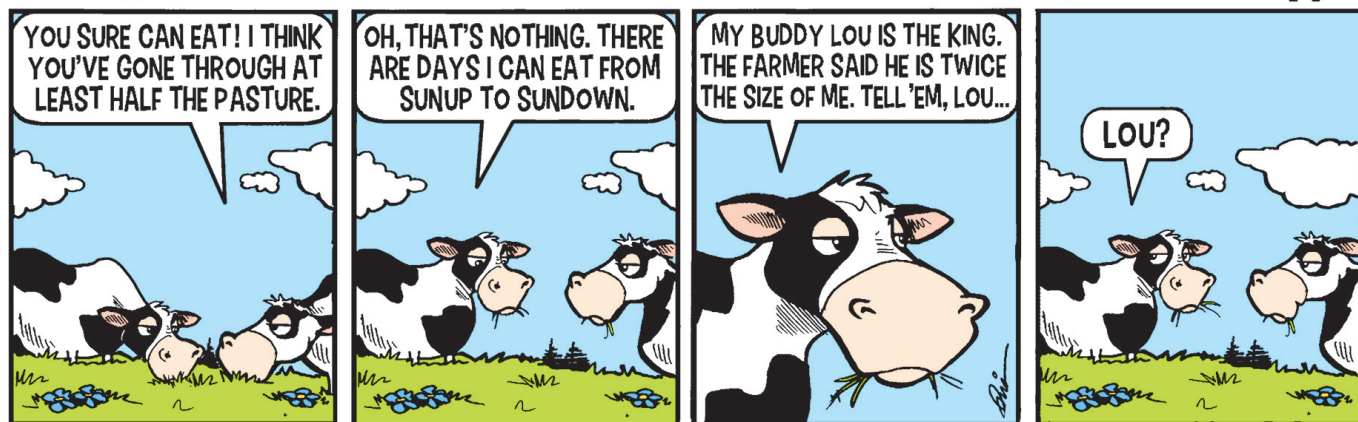
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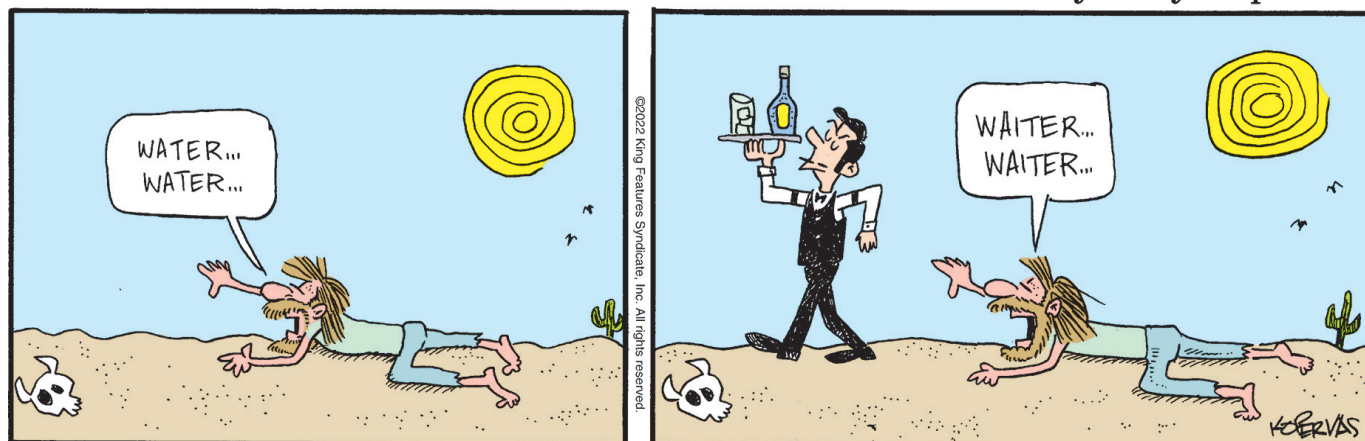
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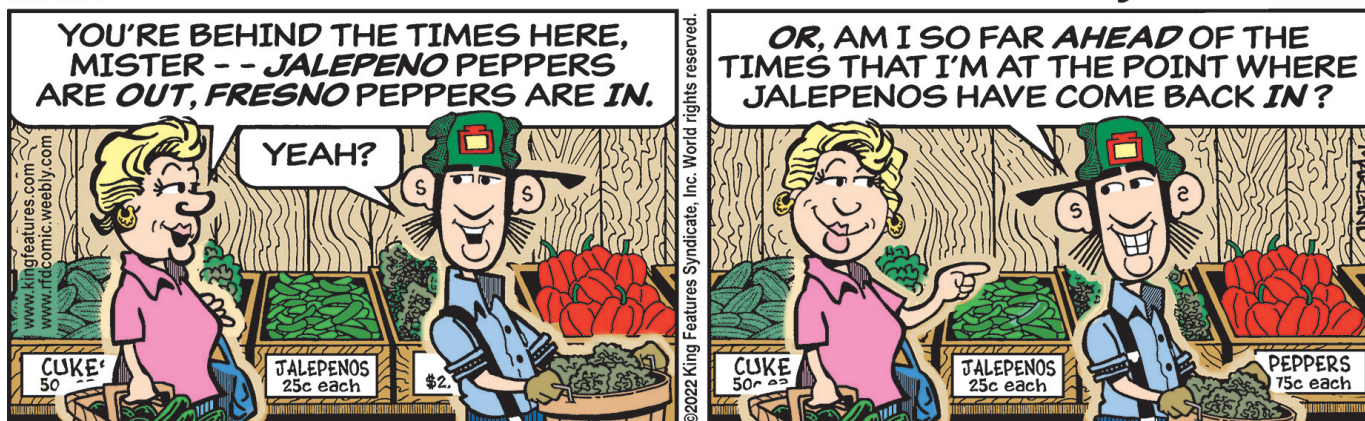
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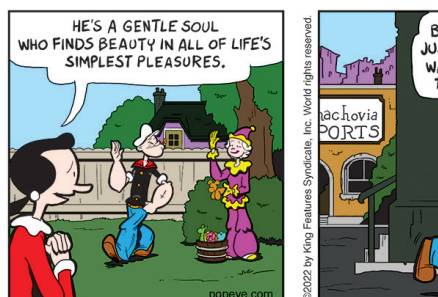
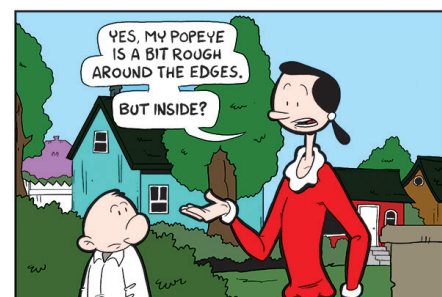
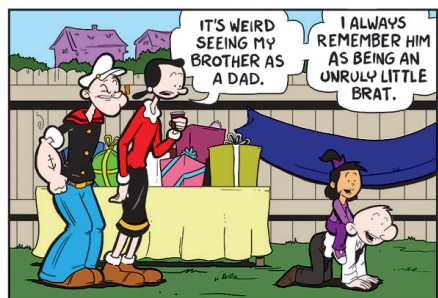
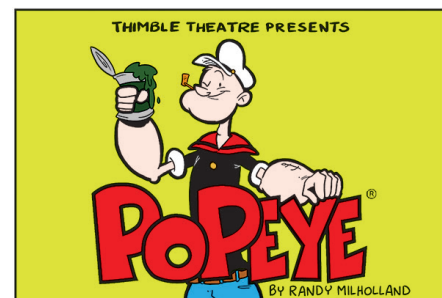
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# MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

\* On July 3, 1863, the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's last attempt at breaking the Union line ends in disastrous failure, bringing the most decisive battle of the American Civil War to an end. Exhausted, both armies held their positions until the night of July 4, when Lee withdrew.

\* On July 2, 1938, Helen Wills Moody defeats Helen Jacobs to win her eighth Wimbledon singles title. Her record stood until Martina Navratilova won her ninth Wimbledon title in 1990.

\* On June 28, 1940, Gen. Charles de Gaulle, having set up headquarters in England upon the establishment of a puppet government in his native France, is recognized as the leader of the Free French Forces, dedicated to the defeat of Germany and the liberation of France.

\* On June 29, 1967, actress Jayne Mansfield is killed instantly when the car she's riding in strikes the rear of a trailer truck on I-90 east of New Orleans. Her three children, asleep on the back seat, survived.

\* On June 30, 1971, the three Soviet cosmonauts who served as the first crew of the world's first space station die when their spacecraft depressurizes during re-entry and a critical valve opens.

\* On June 27, 1985, after 59 years, the iconic 2,200-mile Route 66 is decertified when the American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials votes to remove all its highway signs. Most of the original Route 66 followed a path through the wilderness forged in 1857 by U.S. Navy Lt. Edward Beale at the head of a caravan of camels.

\* On July 1, 1997, Hong Kong reverts back to Chinese rule in a ceremony attended by numerous Chinese, British and international dignitaries. A policy based on the concept of "one country, two systems" was designed to preserve Hong Kong's role as a principal capitalist center in Asia.

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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.

Chancery Court  
Morgan County  
Wartburg, Tennessee

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Case Number  
P-27-22

In the matter of the Estate of DONALD BOWLES  
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2022, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of DONALD BOWLES who died on the 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents, and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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

This the 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2022

TRACEY YOUGHT WILLIAMS  
ATTORNEY

SUSAN JONES  
EXECUTOR

ANGELA R. ANDERSON  
Clerk and Master

TALLESSE ALLEY  
Deputy Clerk

**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

\*\*\*The Morgan County Highway Department reserved the right to reject any and all bids.\*\*\*

Joe H. Miller Jr.  
Superintendent of Highways  
Morgan County

**Invitation to Bid**

Morgan County Solid Waste Department will be accepting bids to purchase surplus equipment. The item up for bid is a 1992 Mack front Loading garbage truck. The VIN# of their truck is 1M2K-185C1RM005829. The engine is blown in this truck. Bids must be turned into the Morgan County office of Finance, or mailed to P.O. Box 250 Wartburg, TN 37887. Bids must be in by Friday June 10th, 10 am. Bid opening will be Friday June 17th at 10 am. Morgan County Courthouse 3rd Floor conference room. Morgan County Government reserves the right to refuse and/or reject any or all bids.

The City of Wartburg is now 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 Friday June 10, 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.





David Zubler  
Columnist

## Improved Where's My Refund tool

The IRS recently announced an improved Where's My Refund tool. The new tool allows you to check the status of your refund for the most recent three years. The current tax years that can be checked are 2021, 2020, and 2019.

Previously, Where's My Refund only showed the status of the most recently filed tax return within the past two years.

The tool requires you to enter your Social Security Number or ITIN, filing status, and expected refund amount from the original tax return for the year you are checking.

The Where's My Refund tool is available online at IRS.gov or the IRS2Go mobile app.

The IRS tool allows you to track your refund through several stages.

Return Received enables you to check to see if the IRS has received the return. After your return has been received by the IRS, they check your personal information to make sure it matches the IRS records. Your return could be rejected for various reasons.

Return Being Processed means that the IRS is processing your return, but your refund could be delayed for many reasons. If you file your return at the last minute, the volume of returns is very high which can result in processing delays.

Refund Approved means the IRS has processed and approved your refund. The IRS is now preparing to send your refund to your bank for direct deposit or a check is being mailed to you.

Refund Sent means that your refund is on the way. If the IRS sent your refund to your bank, it could take one to five days to deposit the funds in your bank.

You can start checking the status of your refund 24 hours after e-filing your current tax return. The status becomes available three to four days after e-filing your refunds for previous years.

The status can be checked four weeks after mailing a return.

The IRS encourages you to use the Where's My Refund tool rather than calling the IRS.

The Where's My Amended Return tool can be used to check the status of an amended return. Amended returns can normally take up to 16 weeks to be processed. However, due to Covid processing delays, it is taking the IRS more than 20 weeks to process amended returns.

The has another tool which enables you find other personal information. You can use the Online Account tool to find your prior year adjusted gross income, balance due, and other information. It also provides payment history and other tax records.

"The IRS is committed to identifying opportunities to make improvements in real-time for taxpayers and the tax professional community," said IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## The Local Food Bank Needs Your Help

*If you're on the other side of the fence -- able to donate to the food bank rather than visiting to use its services -- your local pantry can surely use your help. Running them is more complicated and expensive than it might seem!*

*The food bank in my town gets most of its food from the main supplier in the state, which gets its support from philanthropists, business partners, manufacturers, producers, farmers and donors of both food and money. It then distributes food and supplies to the local food banks.*

*The local food bank has to pay for what it receives, of course, with its own supply of cash donors and town support. In addition, there are local businesses that donate leftover*

*bread and bakery items, farmers that bring in fresh produce and frozen meat, and folks in town who donate both cash and food.*

*What food banks typically need: canned vegetables, fruit, soup, stews and beans; pasta, peanut butter and jelly; tuna, cereals and personal-care items like toothpaste and soap. But there are specialty items they need as well, things that are hard for the food banks to get: pet food and lactose-free milk, for example, that are very important to those who need them. (I've made it my goal to try to provide some of these items to the food bank each month.)*

*If you're in a position to help, search online for your local food bank to see what it currently needs, or make a phone call. Ask if it posts on a website or Facebook page.*

*Your best bet, however, might be to donate money. Most food banks have more purchasing power at the store than we do; their dollar goes much further because they don't pay retail. And they can use those dollars to target the specific needs of their clientele. Ask!*

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Which group released "The Wizard"?**
- 2. What is a Parrothead? Whose concerts do they attend?**
- 3. Who penned and released "Sometimes When We Touch"?**
- 4. What girl group released "Soldier Boy"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Born in the valley and raised in the trees of western Kentucky on wobbly knees."**

## Answers

- 1. Black Sabbath, in 1970. The song was on the b-side of the "Paranoid" single. The idea for the song came from the Gandalf character in "The Lord of the Rings" novel.**
- 2. Parrotheads are Jimmy Buffet fans who go to his concerts wearing parrot hats, flipflops and Hawaiian shirts. Buffet has made his millions in multiple ways: music, books and a restaurant chain.**
- 3. Dan Hill, in 1977. Hill said in an interview that the song was from a real-life experience: The girl loved someone else.**
- 4. The Shirelles, in 1962.**
- 5. "Run for the Roses," by Dan Fogelberg in 1980. The song is about a horse that might have a future in racing. The roses refer to the blanket of over 500 roses that is awarded to the winner of the Kentucky Derby.**

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# Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

## Morgan County Guests

My career podcast show debuted back in September of 2020. The Zack Ballinger Show started off with my very first guest, Morgan County native and physician, Dr. Jonathan Laymance. Dr. Laymance is a family medicine physician at Summit Medical Group at Wartburg. For over a year, I have been broadcasting live to shine a light on various careers in North America.

The format of the show is a simple informal interview that broadcasts live virtually on my YouTube channel every week. My guests use a streaming application through their computer or smart phone, so the interview is captured live. The broadcasts then are later uploaded on Facebook and Instagram. So far, we have now recorded over 100 episodes for our career library.

The Zack Ballinger Show's vision is to create a career library among students and professionals. The career library will have interviews from professionals in various career fields. Zack plans to have over 821 career pathways represented via

his show. These videos/podcasts will help students and professionals with career exploration and development.

This is a free career resource that I think will benefit high school, college students, and millennials for many years to come. The career library allows for people to



connect with various professionals via LinkedIn. Many colleges have inquired about using the career library for their students for career exploration and development.

Morgan County is my hometown. I really want to shine the light on Morgan County professionals and I need your help. Please spread the word to your family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors, connections etc. I am looking for guests

in interesting career fields. Everyone reading this article knows someone in career fields that may be very unique. I am looking for guests that work in these unique career fields for my career podcast show. In addition to unique career fields, I am particularly looking for people working in the following fields:

Zack Ballinger

- Mechanics
- Electrician
- Plumber
- Electrical Power Line Installer/Repairer
- Transportation Inspectors
- Telecommunications Equipment Installer
- Construction
- Custodial Work
- Engineers
- Elevator Installers
- Drill Operators, Oil and Gas
- Boilermakers
- Signal and Track Switch Repairers
- Pipefitters
- Brick masons and Block mates
- Truck Drivers
- Architects
- Manufacturing
- Warehousing
- Steel Worker

The future career podcast guest only needs to possess a smart phone or be able to access a computer with internet connection for a virtual interview. My interviews are only virtual at this point and time. Spread the word!! I would love to have more people on the show from Morgan County.

How can I find or listen to The Zack Ballinger Show? The show will have 2 to 3 guests per week on various careers in The United States. You can listen live via YouTube by searching for Zack Ballinger and subscribing. The show is also posted on Facebook on [www.facebook.com/thezackballinger](http://www.facebook.com/thezackballinger). What if you want to listen to a podcast? The show can be found on iTunes, iHeartRadio, and Spotify: search for The Zack Ballinger Show and you can find all the episodes.

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



### Start Making Magic With Pickle Juice

If you've been buying pickles, eating the pickles, then throwing away the pickle juice, it's OK. You can forgive yourself. You didn't know what you were doing.

That was then, and this is now. I'm here to beg you. Please! Don't throw this amazing ingredient down the drain. You're missing out, because there are so many uses for this wonderful stuff.

Pickle juice is simply a concentrated zing of acid, salt and pickling spices that make magic. Not just dill pickles, but sweet pickles, bread and butter pickles, any pickled brine of that ilk. Tossing it is like throwing away really good, flavored vinegar.

Here are some uses for this brine divine:

*The obvious — make more pickles.* When you eat all the pickles, add another round of sliced cucumber for a fresh refrigerator pickle. Besides cucumber, try zucchini, carrot, radishes, onion or green beans. Let them hang out for a few days and check the flavor. The longer they sit, the more pickled they'll become.

*Add a zing to everything.* Add a spoonful of brine to your next batch of tuna, egg or chicken salad. Substitute brine for vinegar in most recipes for extra complexity. Add to water when boiling pasta for pasta salad, or pota-

toes for potato salad. Use it to deglaze pans when making pan sauce after sauteing chicken, pork or beef.

*Use as a tenderizing marinade.* Simply add 1/4 cup brown sugar to 1 cup pickle juice to make a marinade for two pounds pork or chicken pieces. Marinate at least 2 hours or up to overnight.

Make the best DIY condiments. Recipes follow.

#### DILL PICKLE VINAIGRETTE

3/4 cup dill pickle juice

1/4 cup olive oil

1 tablespoon grainy mustard

Blend ingredients together, serve on salad.

1 sweet onion, thinly sliced (about 1 1/2 cups)

2 1/2-3 pounds mushrooms, such as white button or cremini,

thickly sliced or quartered

3/4 cup brine, strained from a jar of dill pickles

1. In a large skillet on medium-high heat, melt together 2 tablespoons olive oil and 2 tablespoons butter. Divide your sliced onion and mushrooms into thirds. Saute one-third of the onion until very soft, about 3 minutes. Add one-third of the mushrooms and cook, stirring often, until tender, golden, and delicious. About 5 to 7 minutes.

(When you first add the mushrooms to the skillet, they'll try to absorb the flavorful butter and oil like little sponges. So, move them around the pan quickly so every mushroom gets some goodness.)

2. When golden and delicious, add one-third (1/4 cup) pickle brine and stir until the brine is absorbed, about 1 minute. Transfer the cooked mushrooms to a serving plate and keep warm.

3. Repeat this process twice more with the remaining onions and mushrooms, refraining from eating the mushrooms that you just cooked while no one is watching. We share if we must.

You also can add a spoonful of brine to your next Bloody Mary cocktail. If nothing else, use pickle brine as a chaser for a shot of tequila. Together let's make sure no brine is left behind. Race you to the back of the fridge!

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**Mushrooms sauteed in pickle-brine butter.**

#### THE SAUCE THAT'S GOOD ON EVERYTHING

2/3 cup sour cream

1/3 cup pickle juice (any kind of pickle)

Salt and pepper, to taste

Blend ingredients, season

to taste and use to dress

salad, on cooked or raw veg-

gies, or a sauce for meat,

poultry or fish.

#### MUSHROOMS IN PICKLE-BRINE BUTTER

**Yield:** 4-6 servings **Time:** 30 minutes

6 tablespoons butter, divided

6 tablespoons olive oil; divided

# Ephesians Chapter 4

(Eph. 4:1-6) The Christian walk: The Christian's life is frequently designated as a "walk," the term being used for the whole sphere of one's existence (Rom. 6:4; 8:4; 1 Cor. 2:6). His manner of living is to be consistent with the high calling (Phil. 3:14) of the gospel (2 Thes. 2:14). It is to be characterized by attitudes and actions that facilitate peace, with humility, gentleness, patience---lovingly bearing with one another. The unity of the body of Christ is paramount (Psa. 133:1). It is that which the Holy Spirit desires and instructs to be maintained, and issues in the "bond" that ties Christians together in peace (2-3).

The famous "seven ones" are planks in the platform of church unity:

The "one body" is the church (1:22-23). There is only one church, in the universal sense, established by God and ruled by Christ. There were no first-century denominational churches.

The "one Spirit" is the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead. He is a distinct personality, possessed of the nature of deity (Jn. 16:13; Acts 5:3-4), and active in the revealing of divine truth.

The "one hope" is the resurrection of the body and the realization of heaven (Acts 23:6; Col. 1:5). The final order of things will not be that some live on earth, while others are in heaven, as advocated by the Watchtower cult.

The "one Lord" is Christ, separate from the Father, yet deity himself (2 Jn. 9; Jn. 1:1, 14).

"One faith" refers to the solitary, consistent body of Christian doctrine (not to be confused with the conflicting dogma of human creeds). The New Testament provides no acknowledgement of different "faiths" e.g. Catholic or Protestant.

The "one baptism" is the ritual in water that is to abide until the end of the Christian age, as confirmed by its human administration (Mt. 28:19). This eliminates Holy Spirit baptism, which was administered directly by Christ (Mt. 3:11). This baptism is for believers (Mk. 16:16). Thus, infants are excluded. This baptism is an immersion in water (Acts 8:38-39; Rom. 6:3-4). Neither sprinkling nor pouring of water pictures Jesus' burial and resurrection. Its purpose is "for the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Deviations from these elements violate the sacred plan.

The "one God" is a reference to the Father (as distinct from the Son and the Spirit). He is over all his people, works through them, and is in them by means of his indwelling Spirit (2:22).

(Eph. 4:7-16) Spiritual gifts: Various individual Christians were graced (favored), by measure, with the gift bestowed by Christ (Jn. 15:26; Acts 2:33). Paul adapts the language of Psalm 68:18 and makes it applicable to the ascension of Christ preliminary to providing certain gifts which would aid the church in its growth and stability. As an inspired apostle, he had every right to illustratively employ the Old Testament Scripture in this fashion. The gist of the argument is that Christ descended from heaven on his divine mission. He conquered his foes, ascended back to God, and has sent gifts to work for the establishment of the sacred mission (8-10).

Verses eleven and following speak of several gifts that the Lord gave from his ascended residence in heaven. The gifts were miraculously endowed functions in the church (apostles, prophets,

evangelists, pastors (elders), and teachers). The design of these capacities was "for the perfecting of the saints." The original word denotes the "complete qualification for a service." Moreover, the duration of these supernatural governments was specified. They were to continue "till we all attain unto the unity of the faith" (v.13). "Till" suggests a "specification of time up to which this spiritual constitution was designed to last," a terminal point.

The word "unity" basically means "oneness," that stands "in contrast to the parts, of which a whole is made up" (Danker). The expression, "the faith," refers to the revealed gospel system (Gal. 1:23; 1 Tim. 5:8; Jude 3). To sum up: the apostle contends that spiritual gifts would continue until the gospel system, in its individual parts (as portrayed in 1 Cor. 13), would be brought together in oneness.

The text speaks of growth, from an infantile stage to that of maturity (1 Cor. 13:11), and cautions that Christians are not to be swayed back and forth with every wind of false doctrine that arises. And the "winds" are prevalent! False teachers are duplicitous; note the expression "sleight" (a gambler's term), "crafty," and "wiles," To cite Jesus' imagery, they are wolves in sheepskins, and wily in the promotion of their error. They deal from the bottom of the deck, with an ace up the sleeve (v. 13-14)! In contrast to "error," God's genuine people speak the truth, and do so lovingly (though some interpret any admonition as hostility). The aim is that the Lord's people be fitly joined together---just as God designed the human body (Psa. 139:14; 1 Cor. 12:18). Love and cooperation should prevail so that the members of the body can progressively be stronger and bathed in mutual love (15-16).

(Eph. 4:17-24) The old versus the new: Paul prefaces this forthcoming exhortation with a reaffirmation of his relationship with Christ. He speaks "in the Lord," in harmony with Jesus' demands. They are admonished to "stop living" as the pagans do (an evidence of some corruption). The Gentiles generally are "vain" in the way they think; they are darkened in their understanding and alienated from the life that God provides. They are ignorant and hardhearted. The apostle does not spare the rod. They have reached a state where they no longer possess the capacity for moral sensitivity. They are lascivious (sensual), spiritually contaminated, and consumed with greed. Read a further chapter profile in Romans 1.

(Eph. 4:25-32) Moral responsibility: This disposition will naturally result in speaking truth to one another and putting away lying. Anger is not evil within itself (Mk. 3:5), but it is dangerous if not under strict control; it can lead to sin. Do not allow the devil to take control of your emotions. Those who are in the habit of stealing must stop.

The Ephesians saints are admonished to rid themselves of six divisive sins that corrupt human relationships: Bitterness, Wrath, Anger, Clamor, Railing, and Malice. The claws are always sharp and bared.

There is another side of the coin: Kindness, Tenderhearted, and Reciprocal. The greatest motivation for forgiveness is the reality that God, in Christ, because of the Lord's voluntary sacrifice, was willing to forgive sinners (those who are willing to respond to his plan for forgiveness) (Lk. 23:34; Acts 2:38).



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### Your front door

Plants and garden decor can play a very important part in updating the entryway to your home, and in welcoming your guests. Keep healthy, in-season plantings as part of a balanced display with your front door, choosing them to accent (but not overpower) the door, trim, architectural details and the walkway. Take time to plan the cohesiveness of all these elements. - Brenda Weaver

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### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; from His dwelling place He watches all who live on earth— He who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.*

Psalm 33: 13-15

Detail of "Head of a Girl" by Leonardo da Vinci (1483)

# TVA Planned Power Outage for Wartburg

WARTBURG, Tenn. Some Plateau Electric Cooperative customers in Morgan County will experience two power interruptions after midnight on Saturday, June 18, 2022, and on Saturday, June 25, 2022, as the Tennessee Valley Authority performs maintenance work on automated transmission equipment at the Wartburg substation. This work is important because the equipment allows for faster restoration times in the event of power disruptions. The outage may last up to 2.5-hours.

PEC customers in the following areas will be affected: City of Wartburg, Potter's Falls, Catoosa, Gobey, Genesis Road, Montgomery Road, Hwy 62 to Napa Auto Parts, Hwy 27 South to the City of Wartburg wastewater treatment plant, Lancing, and Hwy 27 North to Anna Del Rd.

The outage may be postponed due to weather or unexpected issues.

Three years ago, PEC along with TVA began making electrical system improvements in the Morgan County area. To improve power reliability, PEC has invested \$1.2 million in upgrades to the Wartburg substation which included doubling the capacity of the substation. TVA invested \$19 million in the new Rugby substation and upgraded the Sunbright, Wartburg, and Braytown substations to help reduce outage durations in Morgan County.

# Summer Reading at the Oakdale Library

Who doesn't love to dive in with a good book? There are "Oceans of Possibilities" at the Oakdale Public Library this summer!

The week of June 13-15, we are reading and painting with Eric Carle books on Monday at 1:00. On Tuesday we are following a sea turtle with a good book and an adorable craft at 5:30. We have our monthly BINGO on Wednesday at 10:30.

We would love to see all of our friends at the library- both regular patrons and first-timers. We are located on Queen St between City Hall and the fire station.

We are doing summer reading sign-ups through June 29th. We encourage all parents to sign their children up. Summer reading is open to pre-natal parents - 12th grade. It is never too early to start reading to/ with your children! Steps to register for summer reading: 1. Stop by the library to fill out an information form and sign a photo/media release. Our hours are Monday 10:30-3:00, Tuesday 3:00-7:30, Wednesday 9-12. We are closed Th-Sun. 2. Keep track of how minutes you / your child read. We encourage at least 20 minutes daily. We will be contacting you regularly for your total minutes, because we turn these in to Save the Children as part of our grant.

# Coalfield Legend Gets Big Surprise



"Coalfield head football coach Benson Napier and several of his players paid a surprise visit to local Coalfield legend Jerry "GrayDad" Higgs at Premier Physical Therapy in Wartburg.

GrayDad has

been a part of Coalfield football for many years, and could be found most Friday nights on the Yellow Jacket sidelines. He has not been able to attend as much in recent years, and his absence is felt by all that know and love

him.

Coach Napier and the staff at Premier Physical Therapy teamed up to show GreyDad how much he is loved and appreciated for his time over the years."

# Ground Ambulance Assessment gets extension, providing \$20 million to local ambulance services

(NASHVILLE) June 9, 2022 – Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) during the 2022 legislative session passed Senate Bill 1872, which extends the Ground Ambulance Assessment for one year to meet Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements and ensure Tennessee receives crucial funding for ambulance services. Rep. Jay Reedy (R-Erin) sponsored the bill in the House.

The Ground Ambulance Assessment was created in 2018 to help fill the gap between the expenses incurred by ambulance services to perform a transport and what Medicaid reimburses for this transport. Without using any state dollars, ground ambulance services pay into a fund that draws down over \$20 million in federal funds that is then paid back out to these services based on their Medicaid transports.

"I am pleased to have passed this legislation, which ensures Tennessee ambulance services receive an additional \$20 million a year for ground ambulance transports throughout the state," said Yager. "This year, CMS made changes to the assessment that could have resulted in fewer dollars returning to the state for ground ambulance services. This bill avoids that outcome, ensuring ambulance providers statewide have the same amount of federal dollars to maintain high-quality emergency services for Tennesseans. I appreciate the work of Rep. Jay Reedy to secure passage of this legislation in the House."



**Journeyman Lineman  
Plateau Electric Cooperative**

Plateau Electric Cooperative is accepting applications through Thursday, June 30, 2022 from qualified candidates for the position of journeyman lineman or lineman apprentices. Position performs all types of skilled work relative to the construction and maintenance of Plateau Electric Cooperative's overhead and underground electric system. Climbs poles or steel structures and works from aerial lift devices to install conductor, transformers, crossarms, insulators and other related equipment. Must be willing to work in adverse weather conditions. Position requires a high-school diploma or GED. The successful candidate(s) must have a valid driver's license, and be able to obtain a Class "B" Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, disability or veteran status.

Those interested may pick up an application at either of the Cooperative's offices in Oneida or Wartburg.

Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b>	Case Number P-26-22
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In the matter of the Estate of ROBERT ALLEN STRINGFIELD  
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022, Letters of ADMINISTRATION in respect to the Estate of ROBERT ALLEN STRINGFIELD who died on the 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2022, were issued 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 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022.

PRO SE  
ATTORNEY

HAROLD W. STRINGFIELD  
ADMINISTRATOR

ANGELA R. ANDERSON  
Clerk and Master

KATIE VANWITZENBURG  
Deputy Clerk

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In the matter of the Estate of **NICK TAMBOSO**  
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 11<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY 2022, Letters of Testamentary in respect to the Estate of NICK TAMBOSO who died on the 12th day of NOVEMBER 2021, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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

This 11<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY 2022.

CHRISTY ANN LAYMAN  
Executor

ANGELA R. ANDERSON  
Clerk and Master

TALLESSE ALLEY  
Deputy Clerk

Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b>	Case Number <b>P-28-22</b>
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In the matter of the Estate of **CONNIE RAE BURGESS**  
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022, Letters of ADMINISTRATION in respect to the Estate of CONNIE RAE BURGESS who died on the 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 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.

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

This the 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022.

PRO SE  
ATTORNEY

SALLY BROWN  
ADMINISTRATOR

ANGELA R. ANDERSON  
Clerk and Master

KATIE VANWITZENBURG  
Deputy Clerk

Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b>	Case Number <b>P-7-22</b>
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In the matter of the Estate of **LOLA KAREN THORNTON**  
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022, Letters of ADMINISTRATION in respect to the Estate of LOLA KAREN THORNTON who died on the 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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

This the 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.

JOHNNY W. THORNTON  
ADMINISTRATOR

ANGELA R. ANDERSON  
Clerk and Master

KATIE VANWITZENBURG  
Deputy Clerk



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# MCTA hosted the 7th Annual Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival May 20-21, 2022

Wartburg, Tennessee – The Mountain Laurel called and they came to enjoy the celebration of the beautiful mountain shrub and experience rural Morgan County's many offerings through two days of activities for people of all ages and interests.

On Friday, MCTA was excited to host WATE's afternoon show, Living East Tennessee, as they dedicated an entire episode to the Mountain Laurel Festival and Morgan County. Viewers were able to experience the best of Morgan County through segments on the festival, Hike MoCo, Tanner's Historic Cafe revitalization, Historic Rugby, Grey Gables, RM Brooks, the Heritage Museum, Brushy Mountain Penitentiary and upcoming events and activities scheduled during the summer. The show's hosts even got to compete in a modified Irish Road Bowling game that gave a preview of the following day's festivities.

Friday evening's festival activities began with the MoCo Mutts Pet Parade and local residents and visitors brought their dogs to parade around the courthouse square and raise money and donations for MoCo Mutts, the county's only dog and cat rescue facility. Certificates were issued for the winners of the Cutest, Best Costume and Best in Show and families were treated to a fun parade as the animals and their owners marched around the courthouse.

Following the Pet Parade, Southern Steel rocked the crowd with a mix of southern rock and classic

rock and roll that built excitement for the fireworks display that ended the concert and first day activities. Sponsored and executed by the Brushy Mountain Group, the fireworks capped a busy day of television, setup and activities and left visitors eager for the festival's second day of activities.

The second running of the Mountain Laurel 5K Ridge Run also featured a first, as 5-year old John Ryker Spurling became the youngest participant to finish the race which follows the Central High School Loop behind the Morgan County Visitor's Center. The male and female adult overall winners were Trevor Loy and Kelsey Hughes.

Visitor's to the festival this year were greeted by an awesome archway of faux mountain laurel designed and created by local artist and business owner Dana Fox. Using mixed media, including recycled materials like milk jugs and soda bottles, the beautiful display was one of many highlights of the festival.

Vendors crowded the courtyard grounds as there were approximately 70 vendors selling their wares or attracting attention to causes or candidates. Multiple food vendors lined the roads and this year marked a return of free children's activities, including a new water tunnel to run through and cool off in the hot May sun. There were many other activities, like Helicopter Rides, Putt-Putt golf course, Irish Road Bowling Demonstration, T-shirt printing and tea setting displays and tea

tastings. The 62 Ale Trail was represented with beer samples from the county's three breweries. A car show was also held on Main Street adjacent to the courtyard. Live music entertained festival-goers all day. Tanner's Historic Cafe had a very busy day as well as visitors came in to try the food and ice cream and see the amazing transformation of the nearly 100 year old building.

Mark Keck, Chairman of Morgan County Tourism Alliance stated, "It was an awesome day. We were so proud for the opportunity to honor our first responders who continue to be heroes everyday. A huge thank you to all who visited and to all our vendors and musicians. Looking forward to next year!"

Despite an unforeseen rain shower that dampened the late afternoon's activities, visitors had a full day of activities and many expressed how impressed they were by Morgan County and our festival offerings.

As the Morgan County Tourism Alliance reflects on all the accolades and proud moments from this year's Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival, they are already thinking of improvements and enhancements for next year's festival, which will be held 19-20 May 2023.

For more information on Morgan County and the Morgan County Tourism Alliance, including how you can get involved, go to [mctamoco.com](http://mctamoco.com).





Results from June 11th

Jr FWD

- 1.J19 Dylan Jones
- 2.04 Josiah Singleton
- 3.0 Frankie Sharp
- 4.3 Ronnie Sharp
- Mod Mini
- 1.2B Shane Bullock
- 2.4X Jamie Newport
- 3.13 Terry Boshears
- 4.3D Tyler Phillips
- 5.17 James Bridenbaker

Sportsman

- 1.122 Jeremy Shannon
- 2.D5 Coby Jones
- 3.777 Eric Jones
- 4.Z1 Zach Shannon
- 5. 24 Anthony White Jr
- 6.5 Scott Cornett

Street

- 1.51x Pete Wright
- 2.32 Brian Hamby
- 3.H5 Riley Phillips
- 4.18 Dale Brummitt
- 5.44 Micheal Owenby

Late Model

- 1.07 Jason Cardwell
- 2.44 Chris Marcum
- 3.23 Tim Damron
- 4.B8 Bradley Frost
- 5.5 Derek Burchfield
- 6.2X Anthony White

Dwarfs

- 1.28 Wes Jones
- 2.222 Devin Brown
- 3.07N Sam Nichols
- 4.92 Nick Hopper
- 5.96 Cody Norris
- 6.12S Selena Byrge
- 7.7 Ryan Hawn
- 8.57 Dakota Richards
- 9.66 Blake Nagy
- 10.187 Casey Clary
- 11.21 Mason Ferguson
- 12.47 Steve Morris
- 13.15 David Dunlap

Pony

- 1.73B Brandon Bray
- 2.8 Brian Frost
- 3. 65 Raygen Shepard
- 4.H1 Jacob Hooks-
- DNS

Thunder

- 1.T2 Matthew Lloyd
- 2.28 Raymond Hamby
- 3.67 Billy Scarbo
- 4.B15 Tommy Jo Barber
- 5.44 Anthony Newman
- 6.8 Jeremiah Byrge
- 7.40DD Chris Morrison

FWD

- 1.25 Jordan West
- 2.1 Jacob Sharp
- 3.14 Jaon Brown
- 4.7 Nathaniel Brown
- 5.88 Randy Sexton
- 6.46 Cody Rector
- 7.696 Amos Wicks
- 8.526 Josh Davis



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# Reality Check in San Francisco



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

It may be difficult to believe, but it seems that a hint of sanity may reside in the State of California. The controversial and progressive San Francisco District Attorney (DA) Chesa Boudin has been

recalled from office via a vote known as Proposition H. The results were overwhelming even in the liberal haven of San Francisco, Boudin received less than 40% of votes in his favor. So why did this well-known progressive meet his demise in a city known for being friendly to liberals and progressives? Well let's review Mr. Boudin's actions as the DA and their consequences to the citizens he serves.

Boudin was not timid in announcing that he had a different take on the punishment of crime, and he wasted no time in adopting controversial measures. He focused on reducing the jail population, drug diversion programs, eliminated cash bail, and so on. His efforts as it relates to the drug epidemic appear ineffective at best.

Fentanyl, the drug that is ravaging East Tennessee is widely available in open air markets in San Francisco. Fentanyl overdoses also claimed more lives last year in San Francisco than did covid-19. So how many people did Boudin convict last year for dealing Fentanyl? He convicted absolutely not one person in the city of San Francisco for dealing Fentanyl. When confronted on his record concerning drug convictions Boudin indicated his office

chose diversion programs or sought pleas to lesser charges. One of the reasons is that drug convictions are grounds to be deported, and according to Boudin, "A significant percentage of people selling drugs in San Francisco, perhaps as many as half, are here from Honduras," Although he has great concern for illegal aliens, that concern doesn't seem to extend to the San Francisco Police.

During that same period DA Boudin charged several police officers for excessive force and a host of other items. He also has the dubious distinction of being the first San Francisco DA to charge an officer for an alleged on-duty manslaughter

"The latest official police statistics show that overall crime in the city is up nearly 8 percent this year, with a 20 percent surge in larcenies, as well as spikes in homicides, rapes and assaults."

Although Boudin blames corporate interest groups for his recall, however, most observers agree that increased crime is the reason he lost the recall vote. San Francisco experienced crime surges in almost every category, including hate crime. Hate crimes are senseless and only serve to tug at the social fabric of any culture. It is a topic that I think everyone can agree needs to be stopped. Many from the left side of the political aisle claim to have

the solutions to solving hate crime. But if we look at the tenure of Boudin, San Francisco experienced a significant growth of hate crime under his watch. A subject that many of his critics from the left and the right say he completely ignored.

So, what are the lessons from the recall of DA Boudin? Being soft on crime and hard on the police are a recipe that ultimately make the



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lives of law-abiding citizens worse, not better. Let's hope other city leaders look to this recall vote and realize that demonizing the law enforcement officers and legitimizing criminal activity is not what the United States stands for!

ter. All of Boudin's progressive measures failed in controlling crime and actually, crime got much worse in the beleaguered city under his watch. According to the New York Post:

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# Stock Market Woes Part II



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

Recently I published an article entitled Stock Market Woes where I outlined the drivers that were generating turbulence in the stock market. I hoped by now that the Biden Administration would

have a handle on inflation, and we could see hope on the horizon. Unfortunately, the data and the analysis of experts seem to be fueling more pessimism than optimism.

The economy closed 2021 in an impressive fashion from a GDP metric, growing 6.9% during the fourth quarter of 2021. But that growth and a supply chain shortage has spike inflation to 7-9 % depending on which source you use.

In May, the USDA raised its estimated food inflation range to 7.5% increasing from the previous forecast range of 5%-6%. Other reports predict the highest food prices for normal consumption and in restaurants since the early 1980s.

So why am I outlining inflationary pressures concerning food prices in a stock market article? Food prices, (not to mention gas prices), have the ability to paralyze investment liquidity, which presents headwinds to stock market growth.

If we acknowledge rising interest rates, rising inflation, and a major cost increase on staple foods in the near-term, it supports the notion that a major stock market correction is around the corner. Another data point, and the primary reason I wrote this follow up article was the investment rhetoric I have been reading

from notable sources.

Warren Buffet, the 91-year-old investment legend berated Investment banks and brokerage companies at his annual shareholder meeting in April of this year. One of his comments accused the brokerage house of promoting gambling on the market instead of traditional investing. He also indicated that Wall Street makes more money when people are gambling.

Backing up Buffet's argument is a

etc. Ironically, these are the facets of our infrastructure that could have mitigated the supply chain issues that are exasperating inflationary pressures.

Many major banks seem to be preparing for a major market correction. Jamie Dimon CEO of JP Morgan Chase was quoted as saying: "You know, I said there's storm clouds but I'm going to change it ... it's a hurricane, conditions seem "fine" at the moment, nobody knows if the hurricane is "a minor one or Super-storm Sandy,"

Rounding the corner of bad news is the 10-year bond and mortgage rates. It was recently reported that the average for a 30-year loan is 4.42%, the highest since January 2019. The 10-year treasury yield has crossed 3%, a number that many analysts indicate will drain money out of the market and into safer investments.

In closing, all the data indicates that the stock market has further to slip down before finding stabil-

ity. In fairness, a stock market correction is healthy for the long-term viability of the market, acknowledging it certainly doesn't feel pleasing watching your 401k savings diminish in the short-term!



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recent article written by a veteran journalist Anthony Rowley. Rowley has specialized in Asian economic and financial affairs. And the former Business Editor and International Finance Editor of the Hong Kong-based Far Eastern Economic Review. In his article entitled, Why we've not seen the end of stock market corrections or inflation, he highlights how investors have been chasing the big tech stocks and have neglected investing in "old economy" items such as ports, railways, refineries



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# Election Central: 2022

## Brian Langley



April and I have a daughter Willow and two sons Colt and Lige. Graduated from Oakdale High School and attended Roane State Community College. My work career includes: working at Red Kap, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, and 26 years in the newspaper business, including starting a home-town newspaper in Morgan County in 2014. I am currently serving as Morgan County Executive (2018-Present). I have worked exclusively in Morgan County for 30 years. I was born in Harri-man, Tennessee and am proud to have lived a big portion of my life in Morgan County.

**Why are you running?** I have a great pas-sion for working and serving the people of Morgan County. I am running to continue the positive work we began four years ago. It is my desire to make Morgan County the best place possible for our people to live, work and worship, and working together we will accomplish this goal.

**What are your priorities if elected?** My priorities are to make sure we continue doing the best job we can for all the people of Morgan County. We will continue working to make sure our State Highways (both Hwy. 62 and 27) four-lane projects are completed. I will continue to work with State Senator Ken Yager, State Representative John Mark Windle and Governor Bill Lee to accomplish this. I will continue to work and support the Morgan County Economic Development Board to help create more good paying jobs for our working families. I will continue to work and support tourism to promote our beautiful God given resources we are blessed with in Morgan County. As County Executive, it is my duty to provide the county services that our taxpayer deserve at the least amount of cost to the taxpayers and I will continue to do so.

**Do you commit to not supporting a tax increase?** I have a proven record of fighting hard to keep the tax burden as low as possible and will continue to do so. I worked with the County Commission to set the lowest tax rate in Morgan County's history, below what was recommended by the State of Tennessee.

**Are there reasons you would support a tax increase? If so, what are they?** I have no intentions of supporting a tax increase. My record proves that. The only way that I would support a tax increase would be a situation where it would be detrimental to the citizens of Morgan County not to increase taxes. We must always uphold the oath of the office to keep our county financially sound, to provide law enforcement protection to keep our citizens safe, and provide safe schools to educate our children. These are just a few things that I will always make sound decisions on. I will continue to support these things at the least cost to the taxpayers.

**Do you believe that decisions made in Washington DC have an affect on Morgan County?** Yes, almost all decisions made in Washington affect Morgan County, as well as the whole country.

**Do you believe that the USA is headed in the right direction?** No, I believe that families are suffering greatly from the bad decisions being made in Washington. Gas prices at an all time high, grocery prices soaring, and working folks are being hit with the cost of living out of control. Our senior citizens are suffering due to our nation being off course. Our great Nation needs God now more than ever.

**Are you conservative or liberal?** Conservative.

**Trump or Biden?** Trump.

**Do you support abortion?** I understand that for a woman to be in a position to have to even consider an abortion is a very difficult and personal situation. My prayers go out to anybody who faces such a trying time. My belief is that life begins at conception, as God's word teaches, which brings me to want to protect the unborn baby. Therefore, I am opposed to abortion.

**Do you support the 2nd Amendment?** Yes, I strongly support the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

**Do you agree with Biden's call for gun control and "assault weapons" ban?** No, I am opposed to gun control.

**What is your plan to help keep Morgan County Schools safe?** I have already started discussions with Sheriff Wayne Potter and Morgan County Director of Schools David Treece to make sure we do everything possible to provide safe schools for our children, teachers, and support staff in Morgan County Schools. Sheriff Potter is an excellent and professional law enforcement person and I am confident working together we can keep our most precious treasure (our children) safe. One thing we must attempt to do is to have only one door of entrance to enter with all other doors locked at our schools.

**What would you do to be more transparent about what's going on, why and how?** We have been very visible on Facebook, social media and in our local print and radio media, to help us get the word out on what is going on within Morgan County Government. We have received lots of positive feedback from the citizens for keeping them informed. We will continue doing that.

## Mark Keck



Married to the former Pam Dagley Lively. We have a son and daughter and two wonderfully awesome grandsons. 35-year Naval Officer. I have some college which I attended the afloat college program in the Navy while I still worked full days and also stood watch duty. Since the Navy I moved to Morgan County and have been involved in the community as Second Vice Commander now Adjutant of American Legion Post 149 and the Honor Guard Unit, Morgan County Veteran Service Officer, Chairman Morgan County Tourism Alliance, was Vice-Chairman Morgan Scott Project till my term limit expired. I was not privileged to grow up in Morgan County I was born in Dayton Ohio. My

mom Patricia (Geri) Kearney is from here. My grandfather Elmer Kearney used to own Sunbright Lumber Company which later became Sunbright Lumber and Casket Company. The company eventually folded and he and the family moved to Dayton in order to find work as jobs were extremely scarce here.

**Why are you running?** To make Morgan County the best it can be. On the surface things look okay. However, the underlying current tells another story. We have a unique opportunity in front of us with no articulated plan on how to capitalize on it.

**What are your priorities if elected?** Highway 27 through Morgan County and highway 62 from Oliver Springs to Wartburg. A five-year strategic plan for the county working with our communities and County Commission. A phase maintenance and phase replacement plan of county equipment to ensure the best business practices and stop the crisis management mode.

**Do you commit to not supporting a tax increase?** I believe no one should pay taxes, It is your property with that being said, if you want the service provided of ambulance, police, 911 then there comes in the tax which is needed to pay for those services.

**Are there reasons you would support a tax increase? If so, what are they?** Pay increase for our Deputies, EMS, 911 personnel who are already under paid and still continue to perform their oath of duty. They have been left behind for many administrations now. A jail, It is not a matter of If, we need a jail it is when. I would not ever want to see one penny of Morgan County Citizens tax payer dollars go to another county for any reason.

**Do you believe that decisions made in Washington DC have an effect on Morgan County?** Absolutely! Just look at the cost of gas and diesel. That drives up our cost for food and every day necessities. No baby formulas on the shelves, fentanyl problem growth, inflation.

**Do you believe that the USA is headed in the right direction?** No, we are not. We have gotten so far off track. To top it off so divided that we cannot have a conversation or healthy debate about our disagreement to try and find a common ground for the hatred and one sidedness.

**Are you conservative or liberal?** Conservative. I believe in God, the constitution as written, religious freedoms, the right to Life, Liberty and Happiness without government interference.

**Trump or Biden?** I will take \$1.49 gas and mean tweets any day.

**Do you support abortion?** No. With that I do believe there are some exceptions which are truly limited to these facts only if the pregnancy imposes a threat to both the mother's and baby's life. Acts of rape.

**Do you support the 2nd Amendment?** Without question! That was past as the second amendment for obvious reasons which are more apparent today than ever.

**Do you agree with Biden's call for gun control and "assault weapons" ban?** Guns are not the cause they are the symptoms. A gun laying on a table will never hurt anyone until picked up. Drugs are a symptom also, We need to treat the root cause and not the symptom. Morality, core family values have eroded to the point that many homes are fatherless, motherless and grandparents are left to raise the children.

**What is your plan to help keep Morgan County Schools safe?** First off give our SRO's what they need to effectively do their jobs. Then look into systems available to assist the SRO's efforts in law enforcement to act in a timely manner.

**What would you do to be more transparent about what's going on, why?** Make myself available to provide information about the issues at hand and get that information out to the citizens through Radio, Print, and multimedia. I would ensure fireside chats (terminology used for questions and answers time), graphics and write ups so all Morgan County Citizens could stay well informed if they so choose. The reason why is obvious because I need to and by representing the citizens they demand it of me.

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