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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
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# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

It was a beautiful, glorious morning. I was out in my own yard, just sniffing around. Minding my own business! Then, I saw it. It was an illegal invader coming to

assassinate me! I screamed!

I took off running as fast as I could. Screaming, HE'S GOING TO EAT ME!!!

Mimi thought I was being flogged by a goose. Nope, it was much worse.

Well, I ran as fast as my little legs would go. I couldn't out run my assassin. He was on me before I could get to safety. He got me down and was about to tear me apart.

Mimi, kept say Oh, God! She threw her little garden shovel at him. He wasn't fazed one bit. Until he saw my Pappy!

Pappy told him to GET OUT OF HERE! He was almost to us before that killer, finally got off of me. Pappy was about to hit it with his level, that he had been using.

That murderer, took off. He got about 20 feet from us and stopped. He thought about coming in for another attempt. But, my Pap chased him away! Pap is my hero! He saved me from being that boxer-dogs, break-

fast. Thank God, for my Pap!

I ran limping to the door. Mimi, picked me up and gave me lovin's. She kept asking if I was okay. Pappy rushed over to make sure I was alright. My heart pounded and I shivered like a leaf, for the longest time. Mimi and Pap took me to the boxer-dogs house. They told his owner about what that demon did. One of the men said they knew he attacked me when they heard me screaming.

Well, Mimi has been worried that I was hurt

because I have been limping a little here and there all week. I think I am okay though. I just hope he never gets out of his fence and comes after me again. Thank the Lord, my Pappy was home. To the boxer-dog: There ain't no Golden Arches over my head. I am Ms Avery Pearl and I am not for breakfast or any other meal.

For more of my Pet Perspectives Like and

Follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.

Keep an eye out on the Morgan County Today Facebook Page for our Patriotic Pet Picture Contest, coming soon.



## 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, Funnel 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 Mauergerman 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

Together Morgan County will hold their monthly meeting Friday, June 10 at 9:00 a.m. est at Morgan County Schools Central Office. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**WEEKLY WEATHER**



Tue 07	80°/68°	
Wed 08	80°/65°	
Thu 09	83°/60°	
Fri 10	82°/65°	
Sat 11	73°/57°	
Sun 12	77°/58°	
Mon 13	81°/64°	

Roy Freels Singers will be singing at Woodland Park Baptist Church in Oak Ridge, TN on Sunday June 12. Service starts at 10:45 am. Pastor Tim Kimsey and congregation invite everyone to attend. For more information call 865.556.5085 or 865.253.0017



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## In Loving Memory

### Jimmy L. Cheek, 81

Jimmy L. Cheek, age 81 of Wartburg Passed away on Friday May 27, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family. He was a Veteran of the US Air Force, a member of Mossy Grove Baptist Church, and a member of the Emerald Lodge of Petros. He retired from Brushy Mountain prison, and owned and operated Jim's Satellites, the first satellite company in Morgan County.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his mother and Father: Eva and Houston Cheek, mother and father-in-law, Mary and Floyd Goldberg.

Sisters: Carolyn Lundy and Phyllis Shelley, Brother: Calvin Cheek.

Surviving is his wife JoAnn (Goldberg) Cheek, Daughters: Debra & husband David Lamons, Sherry Cheek

Grandchildren: Shannon & wife Jennifer Kamer, Shawn &

wife Victoria Kamer, and Latisha Holly.

Great Grandchildren: Lily Kamer and Autumn Kamer

Brother: Boyd Cheek

Sister: Frankie Howard

Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

Special thanks to Amedysis Hospice nurses Shannon, Holly and Cody and also to the Veteran's Administration.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, from 4-5:30pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral Services will follow at 5:30 with Bro. Jim Disney and Bro. Dennis Howard officiating. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Morgan Memorial Gardens, Wartburg, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jimmy L. Cheek.

### James L. Dunlap, 82

DUNLAP, James L., age 82, passed away at home surrounded by his family on May 27, 2022. Jim was a dedicated husband and father. He was the Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He served as youth director, minister of music and on the Deacon Board at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida. After retirement he served as the senior adult minister.

He loved playing golf, traveling, gospel music and was a devoted University of Tennessee sports fan.

Jim is survived by his

wife of 65 years: Wanda Dunlap of Spring Hill, Florida; son and daughter-in-law: Rocky and Beverly Dunlap; daughter: DeeDee Dunlap; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 11:30am-12:30pm, Tuesday May 31, 2022 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Seffner, Florida where funeral services will begin at 12:30pm. Interment will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Tampa, Florida.

Schubert Funeral Home is posting the obituary as a courtesy of the family of Mr. James L. Dunlap.

### William (Billy) T. Marlow, 96

Mr. William (Billy) T. Marlow age 96 went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at his home in Joyner, TN. Billy was a member of Union Baptist Church and The American Legion. He was a World War II Veteran but spent most of his life working on his dairy farm.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents, Edith (Scandlyn) and Turner Marlow, sister Charlene (Homer) Harris, son-in-law Ronnie Wormsley.

He is survived by his loving wife of 74 years Anna Mae (Leop- per) Marlow

Daughters: Loretta Marlow, Marie Wormsley and Gail (Robert) Leary.

Billy was "Pa" to six grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; sister Helen Perry.

Also surviving are a host of other family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, from 4-6:00 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 6:00pm with Bro. Jason Lowe and Bro. Mac Smith officiating. Interment with Military Honors will follow in the Wartburg Cemetery, Wartburg, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of William (Billy) T. Marlow.

### Donny Joe Townsend, 49

Donny Joe Townsend, age 49 of Petros, TN passed away peacefully at his home on Monday May 23, 2022, a nafter a short battle with cancer. Donny rededicated his life to Christ on April 16, 2022.

Donny loved UT football and the Coalfield Yellow Jackets. He always honored Gary Kreis' legacy.

He had a huge love for animals especially his dogs Roscoe, who crossed the rainbow bridge, and Zeppelin who was loyal beside him until Donny's last breath.

Donny's greatest gift was being known as a Papaw to his "Pretty Girl" granddaughter "Auby", who was the light of his life and taking many trips to the Knoxville Zoo with her.

Donny worked as a mechanical plumber by trade. Through the years he also worked as an Ironworker, Laborer, Boilermaker, and Pipefitter. Anyone that knew him, knew he put on his boots every day. He was dedicated and hard-working even when he became ill. He always said that his rough hands were his "working man hands."

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Joe Townsend; Stepfather, Herbie Carroll; Maternal Grandmother Rema Marlow and Paternal Grandmother Mary Taylor; his beloved uncle who he cherished and loved so dearly, Jimmy Lee McGhee.

Donny leaves behind his loving wife of 27 years, Samantha (Disney) Townsend of Petros.

Daughter Bethany Newport (Brad Gorman) of Oak Ridge.

Granddaughter Aubrey Nicely of Oak Ridge and her father Nick Nicely of Clinton.

Mother, Doris Duncan of Wartburg.

Father and Mother-in-Law



James and Joyce Disney of Oak Ridge.

Sister Shanda Townsend of Wartburg; Sister and Brother-in-law Holly and Eric Williams of Oak Ridge.

Brother-in-law Tony Baker of Oak Ridge.

Nephews Cooper and Elijah Williams and Jaxson Baker all

of Oak Ridge.

Nieces Ally Williams of Oak Ridge and Jessica Baker of Wartburg.

Uncle Charles and Aunt Billie Ruth McGhee of Petros; Special cousins Bo McGhee of Petros and Connie McGhee of Wartburg.

Special friends of Petros Bill Davis, Terry "Saw" Adkisson, Ebb Tackett, Scotty "Scooter" Scarbro, David Wade of Knoxville and Bill West of Kingston. Along with a host of other family and friends who were very special to him.

Family would like to express our deepest gratitude to Quality Hospice and special Nurse Amanda for your compassion and care. You were such a blessing to us All! Dr. Hal Hughes and office for allowing us to have more time and show our love to Donny for a little bit longer while he was here on Earth.

To honor his memory there will be a Celebration of Life Saturday June 4th, 2022, at Petros Church of God of Prophecy 210 Back Petros Road from 12:00 - 2:00 P.M. hosted by his extended family members, with Pastor Tony and Pascha Cathey, Cari Cathey, and Anna (Abishai) Tmg officiating.

To leave a note for Donny's family or to share a memory on our online guestbook, please go to Jacksonfuneralservices.com

### Jonathan Travis "Big Trav" Armes

Jonathan Travis "Big Trav" Armes of Petros passed away peacefully 5/24/22 with his loving family surrounding him. Travis was one of a kind and touched many lives. Big Trav loved his family, friends, women, dirt track racing, fast cars and trucking. He always had a joke and could make anyone smile. Anywhere he went he was the comedian in the group and the life of the party. He was known as a "gentle giant". Dirt track racing was one of his biggest passions. He started "Team Petros" when he first started racing in high school. He was a role model for many of the neighborhood kids and would take them to the races with him. He loved his hometown of Petros and the people in it. He often was seen riding around town or just sitting at the wide spot waiting for someone to talk to. He was loved by many people and never met a stranger in his life. For many years Travis worked as a driller and then for Source Broadband. Travis's goal in life was to drive a semi-truck. He owned and operated his own semi truck. He was proud to have named his business Armes & Son Trucking to honor his Dad.

He loved vacationing with his family and going to the beach. He also enjoyed camping, swimming, and riding razors with friends and family. He had the most fun when he could aggravate and get people riled up. He loved his niece and two neph-



ews who looked up to him. He enjoyed stopping by any chance he could to spend time with them. They were his pride and joy.

Travis is no longer sick but the world will not be the same without him in it. He meant so much to many people.

He is preceded in death by: Father Brett Armes; Grandparents Luther and Opal Carroll, and Weldon and Doris Armes.

He leaves behind his heartbroken family: Mother Lois (David) Webb; Brother Donnie (Robin) Braden; Sister Samantha (Clay) Seiber; Nieces Kimberly (Jared) Kamer, Summer Braden; Nephews Donald Clayton Seiber III and Weldon LeeRoy Seiber; Aunt Mary (Steve) Burton. Special friends; Gary Davis of Petros, Brad and Saw Adkisson of Petros, Scotty Davis of Wartburg and Clay Seiber of Wartburg.

Big Trav was a beloved son, brother, uncle and friend. His family mourns his loss deeply. REST EASY DRIVER WE'VE GOT IT FROM HERE!

The family will receive friends Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. Grave-side services will be Sunday at 12:00 p.m. at Petros Cemetery in Petros.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Travis Armes.



Tom Redmon  
Columnist

# A Great General Dies

## General Carl Stiner Passed Away

He was the pride of LaFollette and Campbell County and he gave thirty-five-years of his life

1958, at the graduation ceremony he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the infantry and by 1980 he was a Brigadier General stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa Florida. At that time, I was

In December 1989 he was Commander of Operation Just Cause in Panama in which captured Manuel Noriega. General Stiner was the first to jump out of the planes over Panama. He told me he didn't ask his men to do something he wouldn't do first. In 1990 Stiner was promoted to Four-Star General and at MacDill Air Force Base he became the Second Commander in Chief of the United States Special Operations Command. He was responsible for the readiness of all Special Operations Forces of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. He retired in 1993 and returned to his home in Campbell County, but remained very active on state, local, and national levels.

to the country he loved so much. In the 1990's when Highway 63 was named in honor of the General, Stiner stood in the rain, in full uniform and thanked the community for the distinction and simply said, "When someone asks who is or who was Carl Stiner, tell them he was a country boy who grew up in this valley and had the honor to serve the greatest country on earth. Yes, just tell them that."

Stiner graduated from Tennessee Polytechnical Institute in 1958. His major was in agriculture because he loved farming and after his time in the service, he would return to the farm in Campbell County. Later he got his MS Degree at Shippensburg State College.

This country boy from Lafollette, Tennessee went all the way to the top. I knew Carl at Tennessee Tech in 1955-56 when we both were sophomores. He was my roommate and I'll never forget him.

He was an ROTC student and he really took it seriously. I told him one day he would be a general. To me he just looked like a career soldier. In June



General Carl Stiner

an educator fifty miles south of Tampa in Bradenton, Florida.

We have lost a great military man. There are not many like Carl Stiner left. When I talked with him, I could tell that he had a great love and concern for his country. He loved the soldiers who served under him, and I think they responded to him in a positive way.

Thank you, General Stiner, for your service (1958-1993).

General Stiner passed away Thursday morning, June 2, 2022, at a Knoxville healthcare facility. He was eighty-five-years of age.

### Justine LaFerne Decker, 83

Justine LaFerne Decker, age 83 formerly of Wartburg, TN passed away peacefully to join her heavenly family on May 26, 2022. Justine was currently residing in Port St. Lucie, FL but grew up in Morgan County before moving to Joliet, Illinois and then retiring with her husband, Efton, in Wartburg. She was a member of Oak Grove Church in Lancing, TN.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Efton Ray Decker, her parents Clinton and Marie Potter, her brother Leroy Potter, father and mother-in-law Verta Decker and Aliene (Mary) Decker.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sons: Rick Decker of Port St. Lucie, FL and Greg (Tonya) Decker of Wartburg, Grandchildren: Allison M. Decker of Okeechobee, FL, Felicia Faragi of Knoxville,

TN, Darren Decker and Aaron Decker of Wartburg, TN, Great Grandchildren: Madison and Peyton Garcia of Okeechobee, FL. She is also survived by her brother-in-Law: Ronnie (Janet) Decker of Shelby, North Carolina and Niece: Tina (Willie) McNure of Shelby, North Carolina, 2 great nieces and 1 great nephew and his children, Pam Gaucin, always her daughter in law in heart and a host of extended family and friends.

The family will receive family and friends Monday, May 30, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, TN from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm with the funeral to follow at 1:00 pm with Bro. Rick Taylor officiating. Interment will follow the service at Frankfort Community Church Cemetery in Frankfort, Lancing, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Justine LaFerne Decker.

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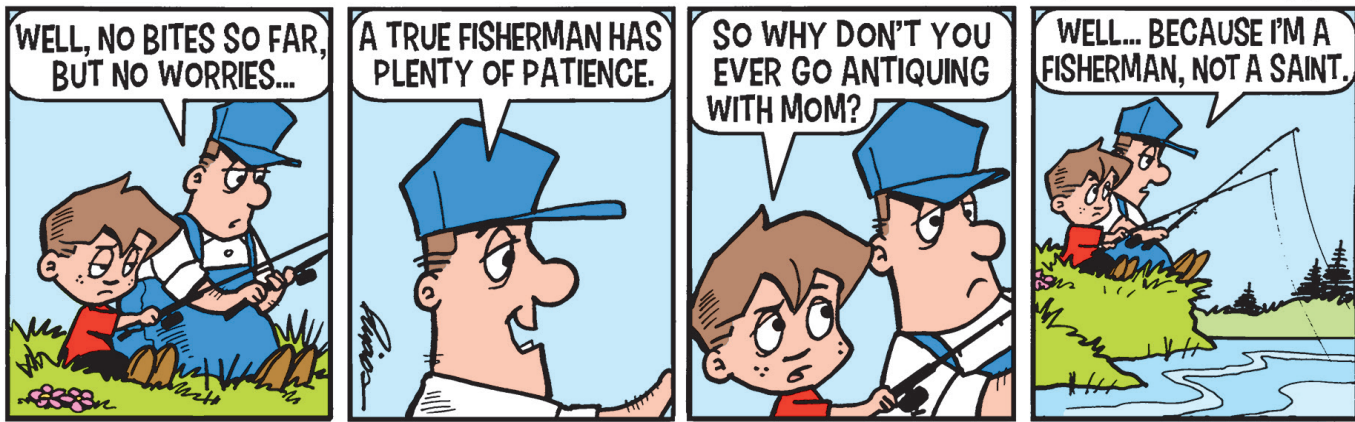


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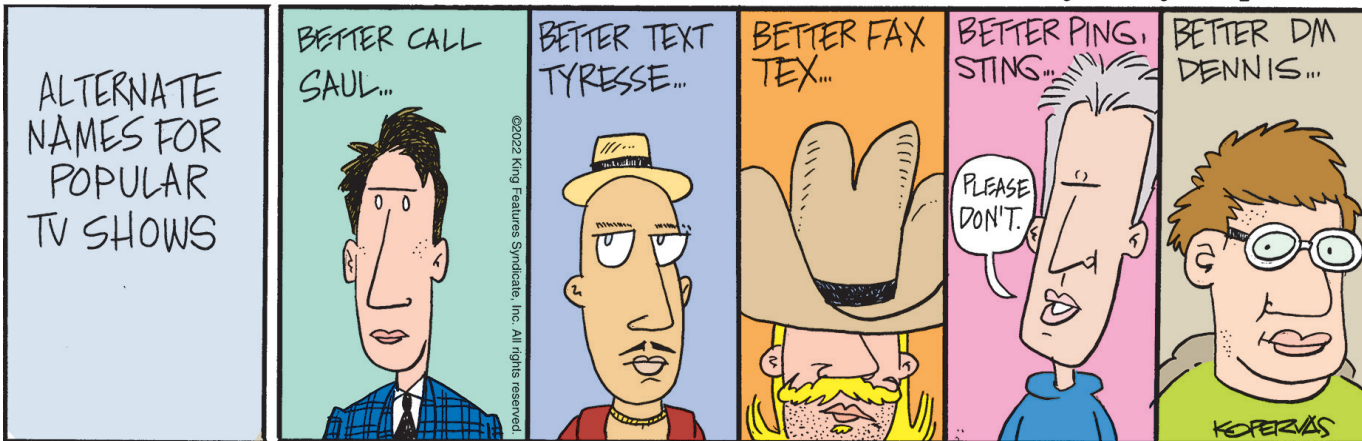
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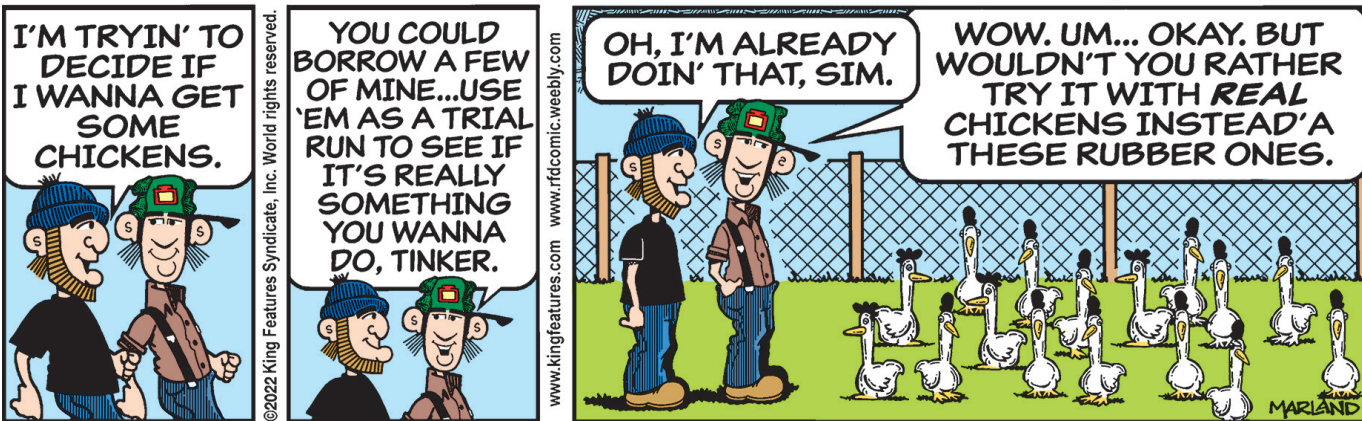
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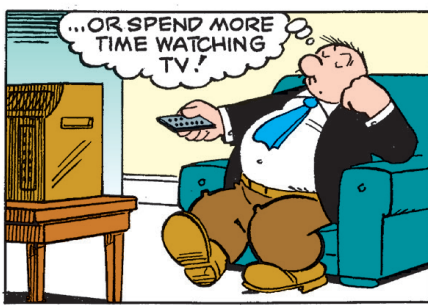
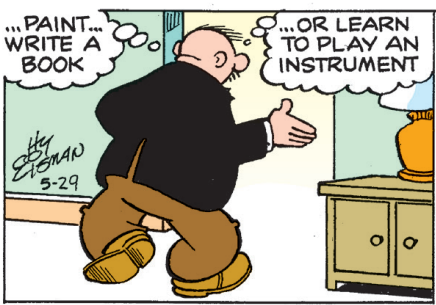
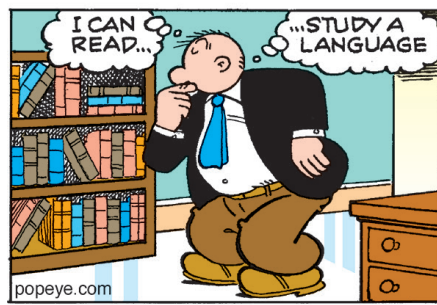
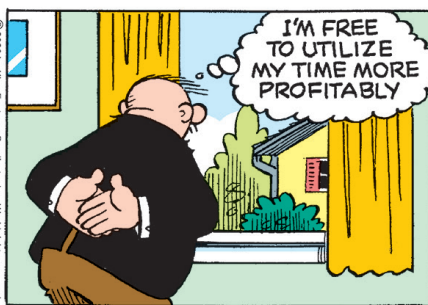
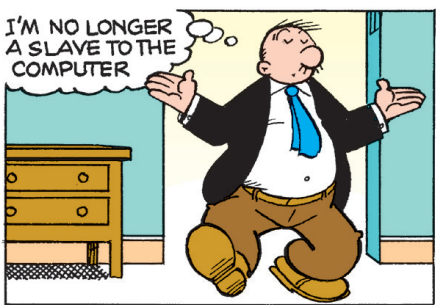
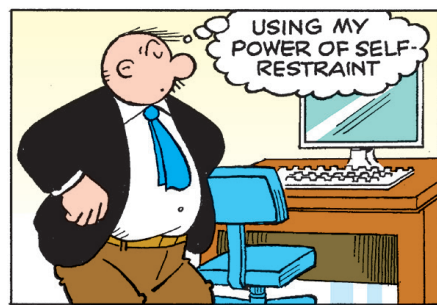
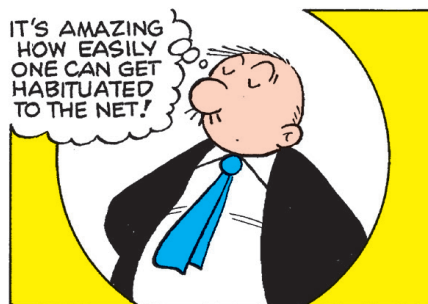
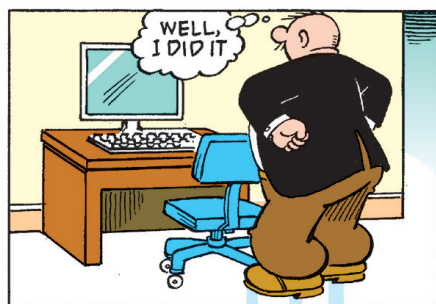
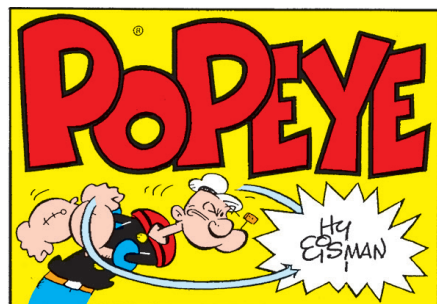
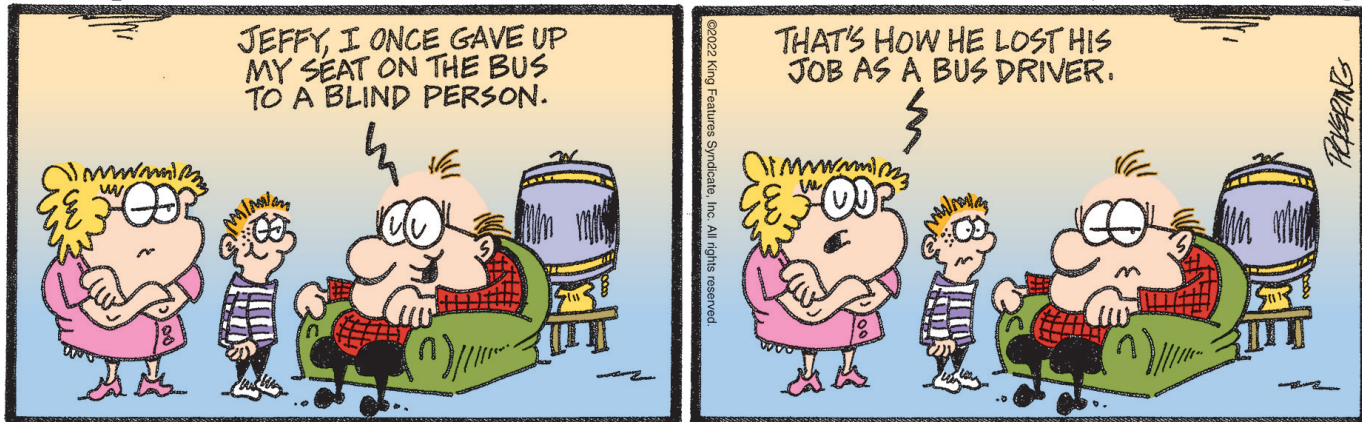
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\* On June 26, 1807, lightning hits a gunpowder factory in Luxembourg, killing more than 300 people. When lightning struck the underground armory, two entire blocks were leveled by the blast.

\* On June 21, 1916, the controversial U.S. military expedition against Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa brings the U.S. and Mexico close to war when Mexican troops attack U.S. Gen. John J. Pershing's force at Carrizal, Mexico. The Americans suffered 22 casualties, and more than 30 Mexicans were killed.

\* On June 25, 1942, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower becomes commander of all U.S. troops in the European theater of World War II. He would be appointed Supreme Allied Commander of all forces in Europe in 1943. "Ike" would later become America's 34th president.

\* On June 24, 1953, Jacqueline Bouvier and Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy publicly announce their engagement. Kennedy gave her a 2.88-carat diamond-and-emerald ring. He went on to become the 35th president and Jackie became one of the most popular first ladies ever.

\* On June 22, 1964, Dan Brown, author of the "The Da Vinci Code," is born in New Hampshire. Brown's bestselling novels are known for symbols, conspiracies and secret societies.

\* On June 23, 1992, Mafia boss John Gotti, nicknamed the "Teflon Don," is sentenced to life in prison. Moments later, hundreds of Gotti's supporters stormed the federal courthouse in Brooklyn and overturned and smashed cars before being forced back by police reinforcements.

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# Check Out the New EV6 at Rusty Wallace Kia of Knoxville Today!



**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

# The Tanner Store Comes Alive Again

has been completely restored. After around two and one-half years of working on the building it was opened on April 22, 2022, and what a celebration they had.

The Tanner Building was built in 1923 and was established as a drugstore and an ice cream and soda fountain. Like me, many of you have no doubt visited this store many times and sat at the counter talking to Nick Tanner while consuming a good cup of coffee and a hamburger that Nick cooked. Most of you old-timers can remember when one part of the store was a drugstore in which Maud Tanner operated.

Sometime in the distant past part of the store was used as a bank and the vault is still there.

This historical building is a place where you can go to rekindle old memories again, enjoy a sandwich, a hamburger and drink and top it off with a big cone of ice cream. They have many flavors, so go by and visit and I'm sure you will say someone has done a lot of work to restore the Tanner Store.

Believe me folks we owe several people a big thank you for what they have done. First of all, we owe Marta Monroe and Pam Gunter the project coordinators for a great job in managing the entire project. Without them and Mark Keck the Tanner Building would still be sitting there abandoned and deteriorating. Mark is the Chairman of Morgan County

Folks, a great thing has happened in Wartburg, Tennessee. Because of the efforts of the Morgan County Tourism Alliance, and many volunteers the historic Tanner Building

Tourism Alliance and the Tanner Building is just one of the things this group has been working on to bring tourism to our county. We owe them a lot so when you see these folks working at the Tanner Building tell them how you appreciate them bringing you this historic spot for all of us to enjoy.

It took many volunteers to complete the work on the building. I'm going to give you a list of folks that were given to me.

Bacel Gunter, Keith Reed and Mike Raiford.

In addition, I would like to mention the culinary arts students who helped on opening day and probably at other times too. Also, thanks to Johnny Tanner for this assistance and for providing information and pictures on the Tanner family. If you get on your computer and go to Morgan County Tourism Alliance you will find a well-presented presentation of the Tanner family and the old Tanner Building. Along with the many volunteers working to restore the building.

A lot of work was done to get this building on the national register of historical places so it could be saved. Thank you, Mark, Marta, and Pam, for your hard work. We know you have spent many hours on this project and now we all can see and enjoy the results of all your labors.

Because of you we have a place to go to and enjoy the recreation of the Tanner atmosphere

we had in the 1950's, 1960's and while Nick was alive. Hikers from the Cumberland Trail or other trails in the county can come in and have refreshments, charge their phones, or have packages mailed. They will always be welcome here. Wartburg is the only town (so far) located on the 300-mile trail that reaches from near Chattanooga to the Cumberland Gap Park in Virginia.

For your information the Tanner Building is open Thursday through Saturday, from 10 AM to 4 PM, and on Sunday from noon to 4 PM.

I just know you will want to support these folks.



They were Linda Jones, Deann Kirgan, Brenda Duke, George Hausee, David Howard, Beth Matters, Tom Aslinger, Wayne Brown,

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# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

World War II veteran, First Lieutenant Vernon J. Baker fought against the German Army throughout World War II while assigned to Weapons Platoon, Company C, 370TH Infantry Regiment, 92ND Infantry Division.

On January 13, 1997, 1LT Baker was awarded the Medal of Honor by then President William J. Clinton for his actions on 5-6 April 1945.

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



John F. Runyon, Company C's Commander joined the group, a German soldier appeared from the draw and hurled a grenade which failed to explode. Lieutenant Baker shot the enemy soldier twice as he tried to flee. Lieutenant Baker then went down into the draw alone. There he blasted open the concealed entrance of another dugout with a hand grenade, shot one German soldier who emerged after the explosion, tossed another grenade into the dugout and entered firing his sub-machine gun, killing two more Germans. As Lieutenant Baker climbed back out of the draw, enemy machine gun

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

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week



United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigation Police, U.S. Government, Supervisory Police Officer Yiu Tak "Louis" Taodied as the result of cancer that he developed following his assignment to the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks.

Officer Tao had served with the United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigation Police for over 25 years. He is survived by his wife, two sisters, stepdaughter, stepmother, niece, and nephew.

The morning of September 11, 2001, seventy-two officers from a total of eight local, state, and federal agencies were killed

when terrorist hijackers working for the al Qaeda terrorist network, headed by Osama bin Laden, crashed four hijacked planes into the World Trade Center towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

After the impact of the first plane into the World Trade Center's North Tower, putting the safety of others before their own, law enforcement officers along with fire and EMS personnel, rushed to the burning Twin Towers of the World Trade Center to aid the victims and lead them to safety. Due to their quick actions, it is estimated that over 2,500 people were saved.

As the evacuation continued, the South Tower unexpectedly collapsed as the result of the intense fire caused by the impact. The North Tower collapsed a short time later. 72 law enforcement officers, 343 members of the New York Fire Department, and over 2,800 civilians were killed at the World Trade Center site on 9/11.

A third hijacked plane crashed into a field in rural Pennsylvania when the passengers attempted to re-take control of the plane. One

law enforcement officer, who was a passenger on the plane, was killed in that crash.

The fourth hijacked plane was crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, killing almost 200 military and civilian personnel. No law enforcement officers were killed at the Pentagon on 9/11.

The terrorist attacks resulted in the declaration of war against the Taliban regime, the illegal rulers of Afghanistan, and the al Qaeda terrorist network which also was based in Afghanistan.

On September 9, 2005, all of the public safety officers killed on September 11, 2001, were posthumously awarded the 9/11 Heroes Medal of Valor by President George W. Bush.

The contamination in the air at the World Trade Center site caused many rescue personnel to become extremely ill and eventually led to the death of hundreds more rescue workers.

On May 1, 2011, members of the United States military conducted a raid on the compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, and killed Osama bin Laden.

**"I will not lie, cheat, steal,  
or tolerate those who do."**

### The Honor Code

It is such a simple thing

Please get out and

**VOTE**

**Jerry Zorsch**

County Commission 5th  
(Sunbright) District



# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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 \* Having a yard sale? Here's a great way to put out extra signs when you don't have a way to stake them into the ground: "Write your sign advertising your yard sale on the sides of a big box. Place it where you want it, and add a large rock to the inside, then tape shut. We did this when we had no poles to tape signs to or any other way to get them to stand up. It worked really well!" -- D.R. in Georgia

\* Avoid calling the pediatrician's office on Monday mornings for routine business. Wait until the afternoon. All the parents with mildly sick children over the weekend will be calling to consult with the doctor and nurses first thing when the office opens.

\* If you drop an egg, sprinkle with salt before you attempt to clean it up. The salt binds the whites, which will not spread, making pickup easier!

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* Boston College has a policy allowing employees' children to attend for free once they've been accepted. One janitor's five children all made it in, saving the family almost \$700,000 in tuition costs.

\* At some point, you've probably promised someone you'd "be there in a jiffy," but did you know that's an actual unit of time? 1/100th of a second, to be precise.

\* Bob Ross, known for his TV show "The Joy of Painting," received up to 200 fan letters per day. If regular correspondents failed to keep in touch, he would phone them to make sure they were all right.

\* The numbers on a roulette

wheel, when added together, sum up to 666.

\* The Eco Gym in Rochester, New York, uses cardio equipment that harvests energy from members' workouts as a means of reducing energy costs. Savings are passed on to the members as an incentive to keep coming back for regular exercise.

\* Women's fashion changed with the invention of cars, when skirts in the 1900s were shortened to allow women to step into automobiles with more ease.

\* The "XXX" that is often used to signify "poison" originated from moonshiners, indicating that their alcohol had been run through the still three times and was now pure and strong.

\* "My kids had kind of an obsession with colorful Duck tape in the past year, and we made some "beach bags" to keep our electronics safe at the pool, lake and beach. We carefully covered a variety of sizes of zipper-top self-sealing bags with the tape, creating tough, colorful pouches in which we can store cell-phones, etc., to keep them safe from water damage." -- W.L. in North Carolina

\* You can sharpen scissors by cutting folded aluminum foil into small strips.

\* The best time of day to water your lawn is the evening. The cooler temperatures allow the water to sink into the soil instead of evaporating with the heat of the day. Always follow your city or county guidelines on watering times for your area.

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\* In Sweden, millennials are known as the "Curling Generation," after the sport in which teammates sweep the ice in front of their stone to guide it, in the same manner as parents of millennials have swept away obstacles from their children's paths.

\* Since snowflakes fall at about the rate of 1.5 mph, every one you see has traveled from 45-60 minutes to reach the ground.

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 Thought for the Day: "Experience without theory is blind, but theory without experience is mere intellectual play." -- Immanuel Kant

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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  
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## King Crossword

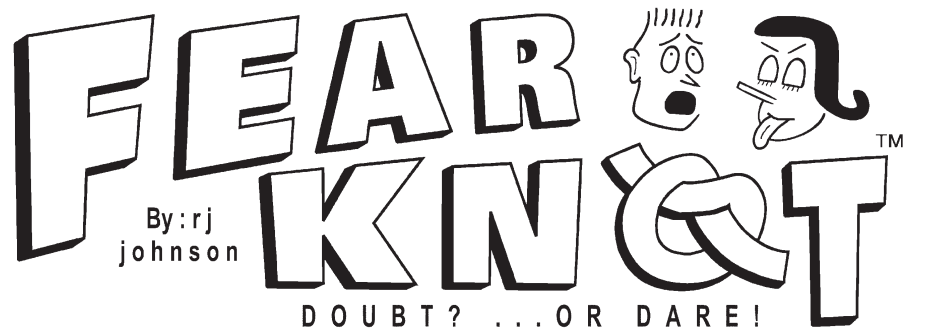
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- 16 Sailor
- 17 Privy to
- 18 Debriefed person?
- 20 Crib cry
- 22 Enigma
- 26 Mudville slugger
- 29 "Certainly!"
- 30 Half of CIV
- 31 Exploits
- 32 Goof up
- 33 Fine spray
- 34 Pickle holder
- 35 "— was saying ..."
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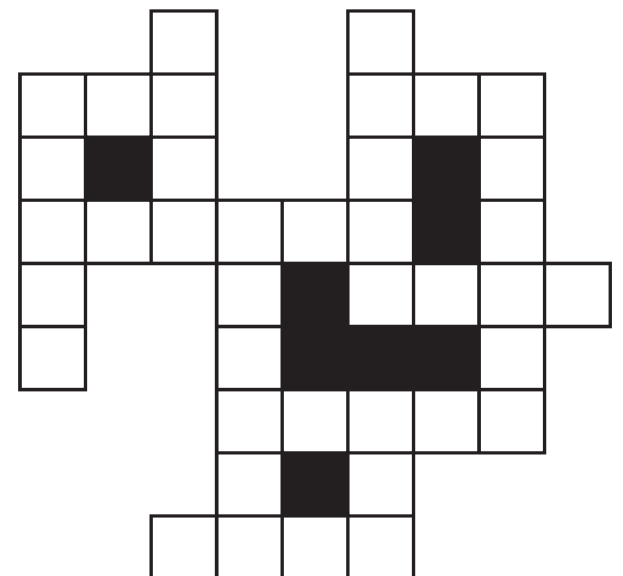
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- 53 Texter's sign-off
- 54 Last letter in London
- 55 Garfield's pal
- 9 "Chocolat" actress
- 10 From — Z
- 11 AOL rival
- 19 Devious
- 21 TV spots
- 23 Aleppo's land
- 24 French river
- 25 Chanteuse
- 26 Stephen King pooch
- 27 Now, in a memo
- 28 Peace
- 32 Emilio of "The Breakfast Club"
- 33 Address for Toscanini
- 35 Venomous viper
- 36 Roast VIPs
- 38 Tennis star
- 39 Identified
- 42 "If — a Hammer"
- 43 Big rig
- 44 Ilk
- 45 Suitable
- 46 Dog doc
- 48 Rage

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- OLAG
- GORDEC
- DHI
- TEFR
- ♥ NOGAR
- ORH
- ♥ CLAFUR
- ♥ HASLO
- ALDO



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

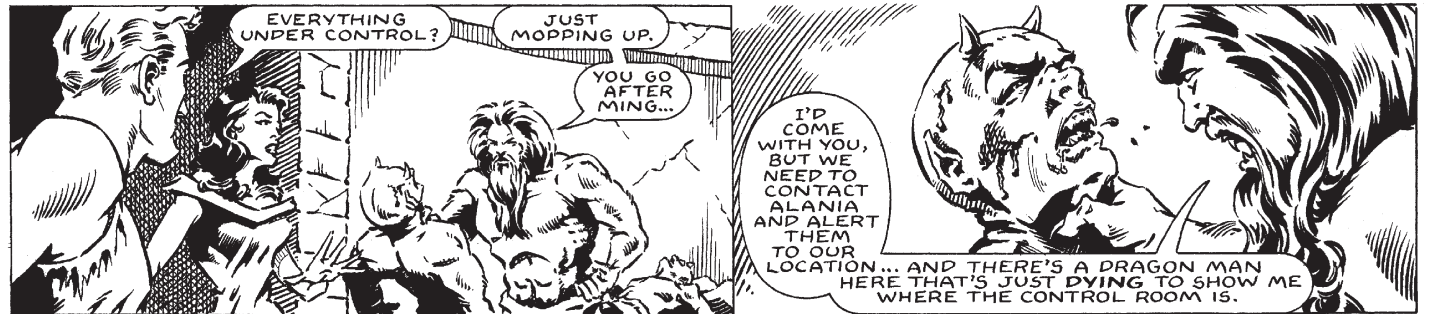
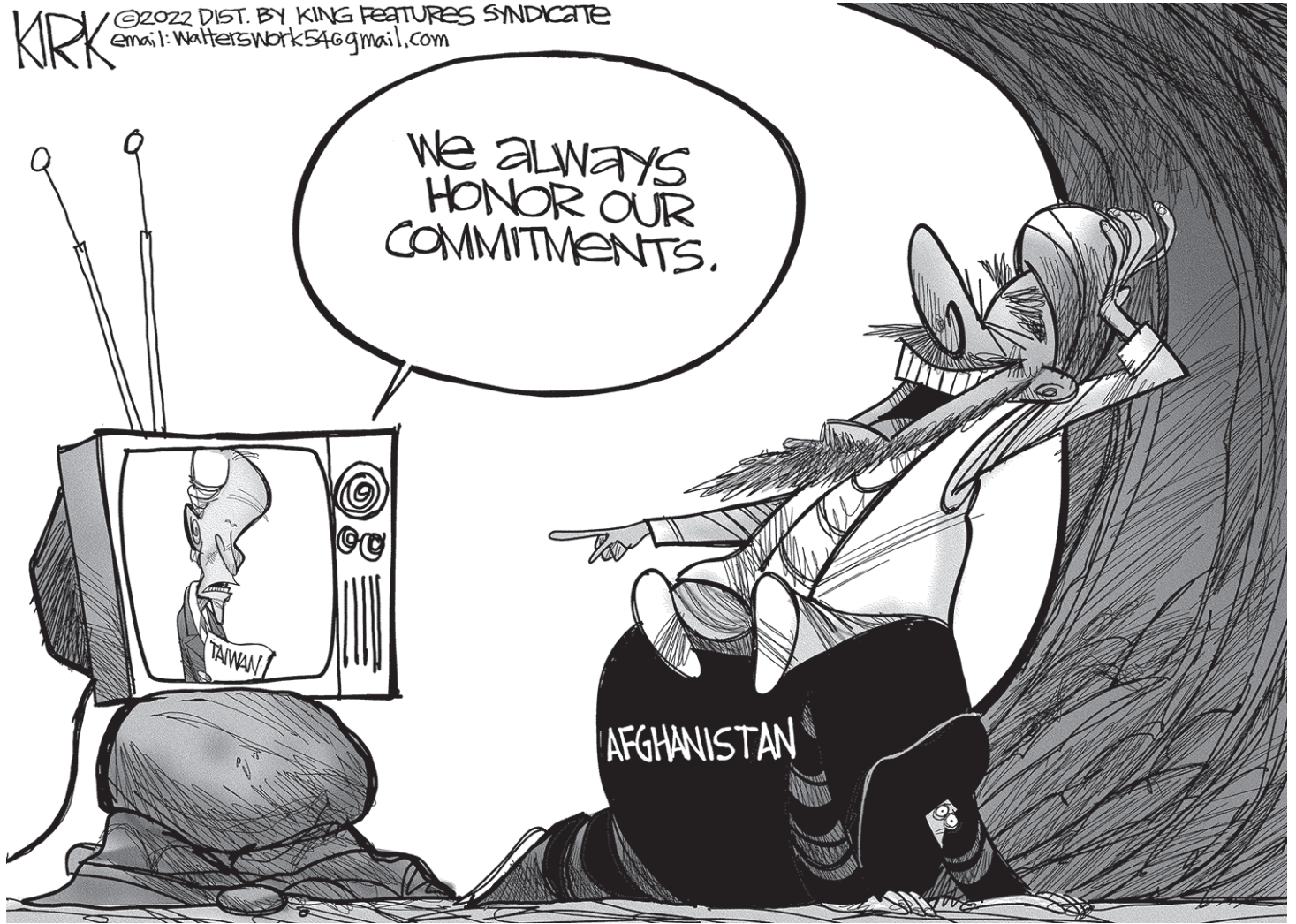
1. Is the book of Esther in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. From the first chapter of James, what kind of man is like the waves of the sea? *Righteous, Doubting, Jealous, Sleeping*
3. Which apostle was a tax collector from Capernaum? *Andrew, John, James, Matthew*
4. From Acts 16, Lydia was a seller of ...? *Perfumes, Water, Sandals, Purple*
5. Oholah, Oholibah and Rahab were all ...? *Queens, Prostitutes, Priests, Vineyards*
6. From what church was Silas? *Unity, Bethany, Antioch, Trinity*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Doubting; 3) Matthew; 4) Purple; 5) Prostitutes; 6) Antioch

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# Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

## S'more Gorp

Stuck for a Father's Day gift? This is just the type of crunchy snack that guys love to munch on.

- 3 full cups honey graham cereal
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1/2 cup dry-roasted peanuts
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup mini chocolate chips

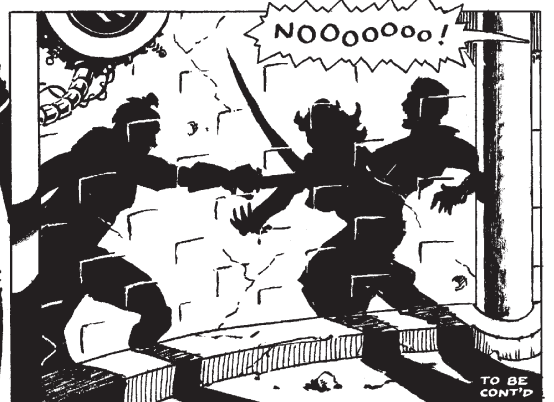
In a large zip-type storage bag, combine cereal, marshmallows, peanuts, raisins and chocolate chips. Seal bag and shake well to combine. Store mixture in an airtight container. Mix well before serving. Makes 8 (3/4 cup) servings.

• Each serving equals: 201 calories, 5g fat, 3g protein, 36g carb., 150mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch/Carb., 1 Fruit, 1 Fat.

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# FLASH GORDON

By JIM KEEFE



# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



# GRIN and BEAR IT

by Wayne



"It didn't aet along with its previous owner."

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# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## The Blowhard-in-Chief

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The president of the United States is a blowhard -- again. If the country thought that it was getting a buttoned-up, by-the-books communicator after four wildly undisciplined years of Donald Trump, it knew nothing about Joseph R. Biden's long career as Washington's standout long-winded, seat-of-the-pants, poorly informed, and misleading talker.

Biden blew up two presidential campaigns with his verbal idiocy, and no one thought during his decades as a senator that he was just the statesman the country needed to handle sensitive international questions with precise, cogent communications.

Winston Churchill famously mobilized the English language and sent it into battle. Joe Biden tries to muster the English language but confuses and dispirits it, until the poor language slinks off ready to get its discharge papers and return to civilian life.

Biden's handling of Russia and China in recent months has been marked by a basic inability to stay within the lines of U.S. policy -- by seeming to give a kind of greenlight to a "minor" Russian incursion into Ukraine, by calling for Vladimir Putin to go, and by committing to defend Taiwan by force.

All these wayward statements required immediate and utterly predictable clean-up by a White House staff that must be on constant alert to explain on a moment's notice what the president meant after he says something completely different.

Rarely have so few had to clarify so much.

Biden the other day related how a trauma doctor had supposedly told him once that a .22-caliber bullet might, say, lodge in the lung and be removable, whereas a 9 mm "blows the lung out of the body." It should be stipulated, first of all, that all bullets are dangerous. Still, this was a ridiculous explanation of the relative dangers of the two calibers and gave the impression that Biden was moving on from seeking to ban so-called assault rifles to wanting to prohibit 9 mm pistols, too.

The gaffe joined other notable Biden miscues on guns, including his bizarre advice several years ago to shoot a shotgun in the air as a means of self-defense and his erroneous insistence that there was a prohibition on the ownership of cannons during the Revolutionary War.

Biden clearly believes that he is some sort of expert on gun policy when he has managed to demonstrate over and over again that he has no idea what he is talking about.

His anecdotes and personal stories are invariably studded with exaggerations or outright fictions. As *The Washington Post* wrote of a story Biden told about Afghanistan on the campaign trail in 2019, "It appears as though the former vice president has jumbled elements of at least three actual events into one story of bravery, compassion and regret that never happened."

An NBC News report about Biden's White House relates that -- showing colossal but typical lack of self-awareness -- Biden resents his staff following him around with a broom and dustpan: "He makes a clear and succinct statement -- only to have aides rush to explain that he actually meant something else." This, according to Biden, "smothers the authenticity that fueled his rise."

Uh, no. The sentiment that motivated voters to switch to Biden in 2020 wasn't, "We're going to vote for this blustery guy who says anything that comes into his head because that will be such a refreshing change." Rather, it was, "This guy in his basement seems relatively restrained compared to the blustery guy who says anything that comes into his head."

Biden is less flagrant than Trump -- he's not firing top officials on Twitter or making pronouncements based on the last thing he saw on TV. But he's also less entertaining. Biden imagines himself the adult in the room at the same time that he routinely beclowns himself and makes potentially consequential verbal missteps.

This is, indeed, the authentic Biden, but it's not inspiring, praiseworthy -- or reassuring.

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

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# Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

## Meatloaf Cupcakes for Father's Day

If Dad is a meat-and-potatoes type of guy, surprise him on Father's Day with this clever twist on a traditional "Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes" menu item. Your kids will get their hands in the preparations as they form the meat mixture into mini loaves in a muffin pan.



Meatloaf cupcakes with mashed potato frosting.

Top them with swirls of mashed potatoes and a whimsical garnish when they come out of the oven for eye-catching, savory meatloaf cupcakes!

The recipe for the individual meatloaves has been one of our family favorites for years; not only for the fun size, but also for the special piquant sauce that gets its snappy taste from the nutmeg. The meat mixture goes together quickly and only requires extra-lean

ground beef rather than the traditional addition of ground pork and veal.

### MEATLOAF CUPCAKES

- 1 cup milk
- 2/3 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/2 pounds extra-lean ground beef
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup grated onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/3 teaspoon sage

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Soak the breadcrumbs in the milk in a mixing bowl. Add the ground beef, slightly beaten eggs, onion, salt, pepper and sage. Mix well.
3. Form individual portions and place in 12 greased muffin pans or sturdy foil baking-cup liners. Cover each one with piquant sauce (below). Bake for 45 minutes. Makes 12.

### Piquant sauce:

- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons ketchup
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard

Combine the ingredients in a small bowl.

### Mashed potatoes "frosting":

While the mini meatloaves bake, prepare 3 cups of your favorite mashed potato recipe. When the meat is done, carefully remove from muffin pan and spoon dollops of mashed potatoes on top of each "cupcake" to look like frosting. Or, pipe the potatoes from a zip-top plastic bag with a bottom corner snipped off.

Tip: Pull out this recipe for an April Fools' caper when friends stop by.

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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

## Most VA, DoD Health Records Aren't Accurate

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It can be a big problem when you need medical care and the electronic health records sent from one provider to another contain inaccuracies. Unfortunately, a Department of Defense Inspector General audit showed this is happening in far too many active-duty and veterans records.

After sending surveys to 7,387 health care providers in late 2020 asking about their ability to access health care information for both DoD and Department of Veterans Affairs patients and whether that information was accurate, the DoD recently reported that:

- 91.2% of DoD patient records were inaccurate or incomplete.
- 67.5% of VA patient records were inaccurate or incomplete.
- 93.9% said that it impacted patient care, including giving an inaccurate or incomplete diagnosis.

The inaccurate or missing information included problems and conditions, lab results, med-

ications and much more.

Over at the VA, they've known for a long time that they needed to upgrade their 40-year-old computer system and proposed to merge with the DoD's system. That got started in 2018. They would begin with one facility as a test.

In 2020, the VA Office of the Inspector General was tasked with finding out one overriding answer: Is it all going well at the test site before they open the system at the 174 VA medical centers, as well as the 1,577 other sites?

The answer, in a word, no. The ill-timed pandemic no doubt kept most workers at home, especially in the beginning. But they've made progress. Just recently, the VA brought online its third site with the new system to track and store patient data.

Thoughts: Keep track of your records ... and whether they're accurate. Carry a 3x5 card in your wallet listing your drugs and dosages, conditions and surgeries. When you go to a medical appointment at a VA facility, ask for verification that their records are correct. The last thing you need in an emergency is for your medical records to be inaccurate.

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# Historically Speaking

## Alvin C. York's captured German Machine Gun at Museum of Appalachia

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

One of the most interesting and historically important military artifacts from World War I has made its way back to Tennessee. John Rice Irwin and the Museum of Appalachia are proud to have legal possession of the actual machine gun that Sergeant Alvin C. York captured along with 135 German soldiers in the Argonne Forest in 1918 during World War I.

The event in this column happened a few years ago, but it is an excellent example of what John Rice Irwin did when he was alive. We lost him this year, but his memory lingers in stories such as this one.

I was pleased to be asked to attend the reception and viewing of the classic film *Sergeant York*, at the historic and beautiful Tennessee Theater in Knoxville. What a wonderful venue for this event. Even with the constant rain on Sunday, a huge crowd, nearly filling that majestic old theater, was on hand for the movie. The reception filled the giant expanse of the entrance lobby.

As always, our local statesman - Howard Baker, Jr. who has served our nation as Senator, Presidential Chief of Staff and Ambassador to Japan, spoke with dignity and great aplomb, when he recalled his personal experience meeting Sergeant York. He even had the forwardness as a young child to ask the good sergeant if he could see his "medal." To which his father, Howard Baker, Sr. grimaced, but Alvin said, "Of course you can, son."

Senator Baker said, "He went to the mantle piece, took down a small glass vase and while holding the vase in one hand he shook the medal from the vase into his other hand." This is so typical for Alvin C. York. He was so self-effacing and so humble regarding his singular accomplishments in the war that he had a hard time accepting any praise for his deeds there. It was right in character for him to have placed that valuable and most precious Medal of Honor in a common small glass vase!

This one event has obviously stuck with Senator Baker all his life. Can you just imagine the courage it took for a small boy standing in the shadow of such a great man to speak up and ask the one question he wanted most to know, but was afraid to ask. This is characteristic of another of our great Tennesseans.

Throughout his career, Senator Baker has asked the tough questions, and not just "what did he know and when did he know it?" but consistently in all he has undertaken, he has never faltered in his strength of resolve. From the Panama Canal decision to the environmental issues he had to face in his service to his country, never has he backed away from a challenge for the good of the people.

He is the epitome of a present-day Davy Crockett who, as you know, is renowned for saying "Know you are right and then go ahead." That can be said of our own Huntsville native and beloved statesman, Senator Howard Baker, Jr.! He has demonstrated it again and again. He has no fear, when he knows he is right he has gone ahead regardless. And time has proven him right again and again.

Several others spoke to the reception audience on Sunday, January 24, 2010, including John Rice Irwin who acknowledged the people who had helped obtain the treasured machine gun. Among those in the audience that John Rice recognized included Dean Stone, editor of the *Maryville Times* who had first called regarding the machine gun being "discovered in the closet of a small library in Nahant, Massachusetts."

John Welch, Trustee of the Nahant library, was also among those recognized by John Rice as having played a key role in the return of the machine gun to Tennessee. These individuals and others who were instrumental in helping bring the artifact to the Museum of Appalachia were obviously filled with a justifiable sense of pride in accomplishment. Bringing the machine gun home was no simple task.

When contacted by John Rice, John Welch said the library had no right to display, or even own, such a lethal weapon and were in a quandary as to what to do with it. They knew it was a valuable heirloom but did not know how to legally hold on to it.

As might be expected, when word started to leak out about the machine gun, there were several entities that began to express a significant amount of interest in this 90-year-

old historic artifact. The United States Army was among the most interested. However, even the Army had legal restraints and was at a loss about how to leap over the various hurdles to acquire the most desirable and unique machine gun.

Of course, John Rice was busy telling John Welch that the only rational thing to do with such an historic artifact with such a close tie to Tennessee's hero, Alvin C. York, was to bring the piece to Tennessee near York's home. And where more appropriate to display the machine gun than with the York family exhibit in the Museum of Appalachia!

The Museum Board required no persuading to understand the importance and historic value of this artifact. In a meeting during 2008 the Board agreed to make an offer for its purchase. The Nahant Public Library Board agreed to



Senator Howard Baker, Jr., Andrew York and John Rice Irwin with Alvin C. York's captured Machine Gun (Photo Submitted)



Sergeant Alvin C. York's captured German Machine Gun (Photo Submitted)

the offer, however, no one knew how to legally consummate such a sale. Remember, this is a working automatic machine gun, a Class III regulated firearm, illegal to own!

Mike Evans, a member of the Museum's board just happens to be one of the country's most knowledgeable weapons experts. He has the exclusive dealership of the Benelli brand guns throughout the United States.

Being experienced in working through the bureaucratic maze of firearms regulations and securing, at a personal cost of \$2,700, the services of Robert Bilbo, a retired Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent, Mike was able to ferret out the details required to possess the machine gun. Without the expert help of these two dedicated men, there is no way the Museum staff could have navigated through the bureaucratic requirements. It was a literal mess!

The weapon could not legally be in the possession of a museum. Therefore, an arrangement was made whereby the transfer could be made to the Norris Police Department with the understanding by Norris Mayor Chris Mitchell, City Manager Tim Hester and Police Chief Danny Humphrey, that they would pass along the weapon to the Museum of Appalachia as a long-term (permanent) lease.

On January 7, 2010, the special artifact machine gun was turned over to the Museum of Appalachia being accepted by Chairman of the Board, Buddy Scott and Museum of Appalachia Executive Director Elaine Irwin Meyer. I imagine John Rice Irwin was nearby beaming with pride at this latest addition to the museum he founded and has fondly managed for these many years. We have a premier historical museum in our area because of his dedication and determination to collect significant historical artifacts over the years. The Museum of Appalachia has once again added a jewel in its crown - Alvin C. York's Machine Gun.

Thus ended a chapter in the history of this World War I historical artifact and began a new chapter whereby the public will be able to see the gun on display. As visitors view the machine gun they will be taken back to the heroic actions of a Tennessee native who was a humble man with no desire to harm anyone but one who saw his duty and did what he felt he had to do to right the wrong he saw.

Alvin C. York was the undoubtedly the greatest hero of World War I as noted by the French Marshal Ferdinand Foch when he bestowed on Alvin the Croix de Guerre with Palm. He said, "What you did was the greatest thing accomplished by any private soldier of all the armies of Europe."

### 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



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# 28-12

Sandra Helton's weekly column  
**Oakdale Area News**  
 email: kvhelton@highland.net



The summer feeding program has begun in Morgan County. For the month of June, Gus the Bus will be at Pine Orchard Community Center on Thursdays at 11:30 and at Oakdale Park at 12:00. Weekly Grab and Go Meals can be picked up at Oakdale School on Fridays from 12:30 – 1:00. This is for children 18 and under.

Hours for the month of June for Oakdale Public Library are Mondays 10:30 – 3:00, Tuesdays 3:00 – 7:30 and Wednesdays 9:00 – 12:00. Follow the library on Facebook to see weekly programming.

Together Morgan County will meet Friday, June 10 at Morgan County Schools Central Office at 9:00. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Mrs. Carmen Ward, along with her python Slither and her bearded dragon Jim Scary, visited Oakdale Preschool Hour at Oakdale Park on Tuesday, May 31. Mrs. Carmen read a book to the group before showing them her pets and letting the children see them up close and touch them. Most of the children really loved the reptiles. The adults were a little more leery!

Pine Orchard Church Closet will be open Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 – 12:00. Everything is free.

The Morgan County Heritage Museum has a new temporary exhibit on the Babahatchie Inn and the town of Oakdale that opened on June 4. On display will be items on loan from Oakdale community members that help tell the story. The Museum is located at 121 N Kingston St, Wartburg. It is open Saturdays and Sundays 11am-3pm and this exhibit will be on display through July 31.

Congratulations to Colton and Cameron Clark on the arrival of their little sister. Kinley Ruth Clark was born Tuesday, May 24 at 1:20 p.m. weighing 8 lbs 1 oz. The proud parents of Kinley, Colton and Cameron are Jesse and Cortney Clark.

Congratulations to David and Gail Watson who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3.

Donnie and Yvonne Norris celebrated their anniversary on June 3 and so did Reggie and Candy Headrick. Danny and Sue Redmon celebrated their anniversary on June 5. Wishing each of you many more blessed years.

Congratulations to Dakota Nelson and Morgan Hicks who were married Saturday, June 4 at The Barn at Maple Creek. The wedding was officiated by Brother Shawn Durham.

Belated birthday greetings to Ivy Tilson who turned 18 on June 4. Sophia Hamby turns 18 today, June 7.

Tomorrow our daughter Valerie celebrates her birthday and our granddaughter Hattie turns 4. Happy Birthday girls!

Ruth Headrick enjoyed a visit from her nieces Marilyn and China Hutchinson on Thursday, June 2. As always, they enjoyed catching up with each other.

Mickey and Jeanie Bingham had a nice visit over Memorial Day weekend with their son Jay, his wife Meredith and their sons Brendan, Anderson and Cooper who live in Ohio. They got to see Cooper play in 3 baseball games. Mickey, Jay and the boys golfed. They always enjoy their time together and are thankful for safe travels.

Rhett Nelson and Olivia Miller were married at Helton Creek in the upper field on Saturday, May 28. The ceremony was beautiful with blue skies and big white clouds. Olivia's bridesmaids were Kaylee McMahan, Laura Grace Jenkins, Chelsea Helton, Caroline McDonald, Emily Helton and Laura Melton. Amelia Miller served as her sister's Maid of Honor. Her Matron of Honor was her Great Mamaw Frances Whaley. Flower girls were Annabelle Helton and Lydia Lewallen. Rhett's groomsmen Levi Melton, Michael Lindsey, Hayden Barber, Jackson Hicks, Garrett Miller, Lane Miller. Nate Nelson served as Best Man. Ring bearers were Trace Miller and Cam McCartt. Jamie Nelson officiated. The reception was at Helton Creek. A fun time was had by all! The couple

honeymooned on a cruise to Jamaica. Olivia's parents are Doug and Erin Miller. Rhett's parents are Misty Marsh and Brent Nelson.

On Sunday, May 29 at Cooper's Cove in Townsend, Michele Bingham and Paul Monroe were married. It was a beautiful day. Michele was walked down the aisle by her sons, Brady and Brett Bingham. Her longtime friend, Kim Mason, served as Maid of Honor. Michele's nieces Olivia, Jillian and Dylan Neary, Kayla Webster and niece of the couple, Morgan Shelton made up the bridal party. Seth Monroe served as his dad's Best Man. Groomsmen were Brady and Brett Bingham and TJ Webster was the ring bearer. Mike Winters officiated the ceremony. Congratulations to both of these couples.

Piney Baptist Church is having Vacation Bible School this week and will conclude with family night on Friday, June 10. All ages are welcome. Supper will be at 6:00 each evening and classes will begin at 6:45.

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

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

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

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.

Attention OHS Classes of 1959, 1960 and 1961. A reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 17 from 11:00 – 5:00 at Pine Orchard Community Center. For further information, contact Dub Jones at 865-410-2575.

On July 4, 2021, Zach Helton, Tyrel Holman and Justin Disney worked together to present "Boom on the Bluff." The fireworks display was enjoyed by many in the community and most expressed a desire to see this become an annual event. Donations are now being accepted to make the 2022 Boom on the Bluff bigger and better than last year. Contact Zach Helton if you would like to contribute.

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.

The Summer Kickoff at Solomon Park on Wednesday, June 1 was a huge success. Families from all over Morgan County stopped by for free food, books, games, face painting, bounce houses, Mayfield Ice Cream and more. Thanks to each agency that participated or helped in any way. It was great to see everyone working together for Morgan County families.

The Oakdale Alumni Association Board of Directors is working with a committee of alumni members to plan the upcoming all class reunion for Saturday, August 27, 2022. The school will be open at 2:00 P.M. for friends and classmates to meet and enjoy the day. The business meeting will start at 5:30 with the dinner at 6:00. The ticket prices are \$25 for one dinner ticket and \$40 for a couple. Tickets need to be ordered by August 1, 2022 to accommodate the caterer. This will be the first reunion since 2015 due to Covid. There will be a home football game on Friday night and everyone is encouraged to attend to support the football team and Oakdale School. Make Checks payable to: Oakdale Alumni Association

Mail to: Oakdale Alumni Association

c/o Rebecca McClurkan

137 Van Stowe Road

Harriman, TN 37748

*"If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours." - Dolly Parton*

## A King's Ransom: Chapter 8: Part 2



**Carol Hall**  
 Author

Bronwyn watched the king's approach with trepidation.

As he neared Alys, she dropped to her knees and bowed before him. Bronwyn knew this came at a great cost to her. The impact on her knees must have hurt a great deal. With her gimped legs, getting back up was going to be even worse. A sudden, overwhelming compassion for the girl consumed Bronwyn. She didn't have a chance to react though. The king's next words caused her breath to catch in her throat. Her heart pounded against her rib cage, and ice flowed through her veins.

"I would like to speak with the prisoner, Bronwyn Dumont," he demanded in a harsh tone. "Alone."  
 "Yes, Your Highness," Alys said, struggling to get to her feet.

Once she was standing, she ushered the king to Bronwyn's cell. Then bowing low, she retreated from the area.

The king leaned over and raised the wick on the lantern till light filled the space. Bronwyn blinked several times trying to get her eyes to adjust to the brightness. After spending so much time in the murky gloom of the dungeon, the flickering flame seemed glaring to her.

"You would do well to stand up and approach the bars, Ms. Dumont," the king's sharp, daunting tone left no room for argument.

Bronwyn rose off her bed and approached the bars apprehensively.

"How do you like your accommodations?" he sneered at her. "I hear they're the best in the country."

Bronwyn glowered at him through the bars. "They're fine, sir," she said.

"Really?" he asked, amused. "And here I thought you'd be begging for me to release you."

The laughter behind his words sickened her.

"I won't beg you for anything...sir," she spat out.

"Still cocky and arrogant, I see," he said.

Bronwyn just looked back at him with disgust.

King Radomir caressed the bars of her cell with his heavily ringed fingers. "It's a shame for a beauty such as yourself to waste away in the dregs of this dungeon," he said, feigning pity. "I've come to offer you another chance at accepting my proposal."

"I, again, respectfully decline, sir," Bronwyn said, taking a half step back. She could feel his breath on her face as he spoke.

"What a pity," he said, his voice taking on a hard undertone. "I won't offer again. If you

refuse me this time, you'll spend the rest of your miserable, pathetic life rotting away down here. Is that what you want?"

"That would be preferable to being your wife, sir," she said, her face straight and emotionless.

"So be it!" he snarled at her. "You little wretch. You have no idea the opportunities you're turning down."

"I have a pretty good idea, sir," Bronwyn said, taking another step back. The murderous look on his face scared her, but she didn't back down. "I'll take the dungeon over being your queen any day."

The king slammed his hands against the bars and roared. Tossing his overly decorated mantel over his shoulder, he stormed from the dungeon, only to return seconds later yelling for Alys.

"Alys, you pitiful wench!" he called out. "Get out here!"

Alys came bustling around the corner, the effort causing a raucous coughing fit. "Sir?" she asked, her voice raspy.

"No food or drink is to be given to that welp," he shouted at her, pointing his finger at Bronwyn. "None at all. Do you hear me?"

"Yes, sir," Alys said, bowing.

With that, the king spun on his heels and left the dungeon, slamming the door behind him. The grinding of the locks being bolted into place reverberated down the corridor.

Alys stood perfectly still. She didn't move a muscle.

"Alys?" Bronwyn asked. "Are you ok?"

"I have to do what he says," Alys said, barely above a whisper. "I can't disobey him. He'll send guards to check. If I give you any food or water, he'll know."

Bronwyn stared horrified at her. "You're not going to give me any food or water?"

"I can't," Alys said. She turned to face Bronwyn. Tears were streaming down her cheeks. The reflection of the moist droplets looked like diamonds against her pale skin. She didn't try to wipe them away. She let them fall freely.

"Alys," Nicodemus said, aghast, gliding over to them on a silky string of webbing. "You can't let her die that way."

"I don't want to," Alys cried. "I don't have a choice. If I give her anything and the king finds out, he'll not only kill me, but my family also. He's threatened to before."

"What am I going to do?" Bronwyn whimpered. "I don't want to die."

The three of them grew silent as they each turned to their own thoughts.

Bronwyn curled up on her straw bedding and wept into her hands. Nicodemus crawled as close to her as he dared and began to hum softly to her. Alys paced back and forth in front of the cell.

When all hope seemed lost, Alys stopped pacing. "I think I have an idea," she said.



# And Upon Her Forehead



**John Burns**

**Opinion Columnist**

Revelation 17:5 MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Babylon is the city mentioned second most in the Bible, eclipsed only by Jerusalem. Babylon in scripture is both the capital of the known world several times in human history. It is the capital of the last world empire on the banks of the river Euphrates. It is the city where Nimrod and Semiramis first exchanged worship of our creator, for the worship of all he created.

Human rebellion against all things God, unified on the banks of the Euphrates under the world's first dictator. We are watching the prophecies concerning the Satanic trinity manifest right before our eyes. It has always been the goal of men who are Luciferian to unite our world under one leader. That leader is not God. We are at war as monotheistic believers.

The word mystery is never used in the Old Testament. Mark introduces us to the ancient plan of God to be unveiled by the first Christians who were all Jewish. Mystery is the Greek word in the original Gospel manuscript to mean something that has been held until not for revelation.

The first mention of mystery in Mark 4:11 deals with who God does and does not reveal his intentions for the kingdom. This is a clue for true entrance into Jesus Christ's millennial kingdom. To those who have been introduced to the kingdom, understanding of Messiah's parables is a prerequisite.

Matthew 13 begins with the parable of a sower, who went to sow seed. Some of the seeds fell by the wayside and the fowls came and devoured them up. Some fell upon stony places, where they had no much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth; and when the sun was up, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they withered away. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprung up and choked them.

But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some 100-fold, some 60- fold, some 30- fold. Who hath ears to hear let him hear.

The first requirement for entrance into Messiahs' kingdom, has to do with sowing seed in others and leaving the cares of this world behind. It is not a coincidence that a true believer in Jesus Christ kingdom, understands that the second crown they can receive is the soul winners' crown.

Messiahs' disciples asked why do you speak to them in parables in Matthew 13. He repeats what he told Mark, it is given to you to know the kingdom of heaven, and to them it is given in parables. Is it a gift of mercy and grace toward believers to understand requirement for entrance into the coming kingdom of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem at the end of the 7 year time of Jacob's troubles?

Parables are a way God authenticates who true believers in Yes-hua ha Messiach are. Ministry for God is the most important thing they do every minute of every day. Sowing seed in fallow ground, for church ground has been choked by the cares of this world. Nobody has time for Jesus Christ anymore.

Human religion gives God a small amount of their time and they do it in three dimensional spaces Jesus Christ is not in. Our coming King does not dwell in houses made with human hands. He desires to inhabit the tabernacle of the human condition, one salvation in the blood of the lamb at a time. He needs every person who cries Lord, Lord to witness idea of what Jesus Christ is saving them from, and only the Bible tells us we are all in need of God's eternal mercy every day.

Mercy is what Messiah offers and it is what a sower offers every person they come in contact with. If Messiah offers salvation from sin, and church goers believe they are outside of sin, why go to church, for Jesus

Christ died to save sinners of which I am the greatest? The world needs a savior and God desires we offer them our Messiah, and he only offered mercy and grace, never condemnation!

The second parable in Matthew 13 describes the sower who sews seed in good ground and an enemy plants tares amongst his wheat. Wheat is the ingredient most used to make flower and bread. Within our world are believers and non-believers in churches all across America.

The wheat that will be brought into God's barn are those who survive having the cares of this world migrate into Christian church. They believe every word of the entire Bible and Christian witness is most important in their individual lives. God alone will remove the bride and bring the harvest of true believers to Heaven to receive their mansion and their crowns to rule with Messiah in the coming kingdom of God.

The wheat is indicative of those rare believers who forgo property, wealth, power in this life to rule and reign with Jesus Christ for all eternity. These believers are not afraid of sowing seed amongst unbelievers, for the seeds Messiah desires we sow are mercy and grace! This is what he sowed in our hearts from Calvary, why would he not require us to do the same.

As a Messianic believer in Jesus Christ, I love the parable of the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price. As a Jewish believer, I understand an oyster to be an unclean species often eaten by pagans in their lavish feasts to their Babylonian gods.

The oyster however is a product of creation to teach us this parable and how it relates to our understanding about the Kingdom of God. The oyster secretes a poison due to an irritation. We begin our lives as an irritation to God. We must be reprogrammed. The cross is a comfort to believers and an irritation to the unsaved world.

The merchant is the model of the unsaved world. You cannot serve God and money. Opposite sides of the Godly coin. The irritation of the cross is the only mechanism God has to get us merchants to make him the pearl of great price.

When we really possess the pearl, we will sell everything we have to obtain the pearl of great price. The merchant in us must be crucified if we are to become members in the coming Messianic kingdom. Is what Jesus Christ did for you on Calvary the most important thing in your life? For entrance into the coming kingdom, one must crucify the cares of this world, for they will all be destroyed in the coming tribulation.

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

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

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

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

Opinions expressed by readers and columnists do not necessarily reflect those of Morgan County Today



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## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Customer Service Supervisor  
Highland Telephone Coop., Inc.

**JOB TITLE:** Customer Service Supervisor  
**DEPARTMENT:** Management  
**SUPERVISOR:**

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

**GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION**

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

**MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

**MINOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOB**

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

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

**KEY COMPETENCIES**

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

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS\***

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

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

Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b>	Case Number <u>P-27-22</u>
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

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ATTORNEY

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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

## IRS wrongfully accessed taxpayer info

Hundreds of IRS employees have violated the IRS's policies and accessed unauthorized sensitive taxpayer information over the last 10 years.

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that the IRS completed nearly 1,700 investigations of employees' alleged unauthorized access of tax data between 2012 and 2021.

A news outlet gained sensitive taxpayer information, which led the GAO to conduct a review at a senator's request.

The IRS determined, in 462 cases, that the employee in question violated the agency's policy on unauthorized access to taxpayer records.

The GAO found more than 82% of unauthorized access violations resulted in an employee's suspension, resignation, or removal. The report also stated that 22% of cases were unresolved, meaning the IRS employee under review resigned, retired, or separated from the agency before the case was finished.

The employees at the center of unsubstantiated cases could have been subject to disciplinary action for other reasons.

IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig said the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration has "sole jurisdiction" over the investigation.

"I share the concern here. The delay in getting answers for the public certainly impacts the ability of the public to have trust and respect for the Internal Revenue Service," Rettig said during an April hearing.

Janet Yellen, the Treasury Secretary, told the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee the Inspector General is reviewing information security controls.

It is a crime for IRS employees to obtain unauthorized access to tax returns or taxpayer information or make an unauthorized disclosure of a taxpayer's information or tax return.

IRS managers have some discretion in disciplinary action. However, IRS policy typically requires that IRS employees who willfully access unauthorized taxpayer information be fired or suspended.

If the IRS brings disciplinary action against an employee, the IRS must notify taxpayers that their information was accessed unlawfully. Taxpayers can seek damages through civil action.

If an IRS employee is found liable for disclosing tax information, the federal government may face damages of up to \$1,000 per unauthorized access or disclosure.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) investigates cases of unauthorized access of taxpayer information.

After TIGTA begins an investigation, the IRS Human Capital Office looks into an employee's misconduct history and sends case evidence to the management of the IRS employee under investigation.

From 2012 and 2021, the Justice Department prosecuted 35 of TIGTA's more than 2,000 referrals for prosecution. There were 24 that resulted in guilty verdicts.

Most unauthorized access incidents involved non-management employees. Managers accounted for less than 10% of unauthorized access and 15% of unauthorized disclosures.

The GAO said IRS employees could unintentionally obtain unauthorized access to taxpayer information — for example, if an employee enters the incorrect Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

The GAO said the IRS would send a notice to employees to "be aware of their home surroundings" while working to avoid inadvertent disclosures.

The report also doesn't look into unauthorized access from IRS contractors or other federal, state, and local government employees who may have access to sensitive taxpayer information. GAO is working on a separate report looking into unauthorized access cases from IRS contractors.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## How to Defend Against the Newest Scams

They're getting better at what they do, more sophisticated and slick ... scammers, that is. They've had lots of practice, and many are truly skilled, but what they all have in common is that they want your money and your information.

Scams against seniors get worse by the year, and the pandemic hasn't helped.

Many of the current scams are COVID-related: A scammer will offer to send you a box of at-home test kits -- for a fee. A fake contact tracer will call and claim to need to know your Social Security number for identity purposes. Some will say that your latest doctor bill won't be paid unless you give them your Medicare number. Others will claim to need your banking information so they

can do a direct deposit of the stimulus money the government is sending you.

Some are new for this year:

Supposed Amazon employees will call or send email to warn you about a large purchase. Fake rental-assistance payment scammers will try to get your personal information.

Far too many seniors are scammed each and every day. In 2020, seniors lost over \$1 billion to fraud, with an average loss of over \$9,000. But you can stop it for yourself and not be a victim.

Feel free to be rude. Hang up on people who are likely scammers. Don't even bother saying goodbye. Just slam the phone down. Delete emails that have any links without clicking on them. Don't bother opening the door to people you don't know. Use a black marker to cover the information on old pill bottles.

Bonus Tip: Invest in a shredder. Look for one that does confetti cuts (small pieces instead of strips). Shred everything that has your name, address and account or credit card numbers. Even envelopes with your name and address can give clues to scammers. Shred them.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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- 1. Name the group that released "What's the Name of Your Love?"**
- 2. Who wrote and released "Have I Told You Lately"?**
- 3. What was the original name of The Ronettes?**
- 4. Which duo released "Nobody I Know"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Wait a minute baby ... Stay with me awhile, Said you'd give me light, But you never told me about the fire."**

### Answers:

- 1. The Emotions, in 1979. The group performed the song in 1980 on "The Midnight Special" variety show.**
- 2. Van Morrison, in 1989. In a U.K. poll, the song made the list of "Top 10 First Dance Wedding Songs," and in the U.S. it was included on a list of "The 100 Greatest Love Songs."**
- 3. Ronnie and the Relatives. The trio included Veronica (known as Ronnie), her sister Estelle and cousin Nedra.**
- 4. Peter & Gordon, in 1964. It was penned by Paul McCartney (although credited to Lennon-McCartney).**
- 5. "Sara," by Fleetwood Mac, in 1979. The origins of the song are debatable. Songwriter Stevie Nicks said it was about a good friend. Former boyfriend Don Henley claimed it was a name he'd chosen for a future daughter, should he ever have one.**

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# Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



**Zack Ballinger**

## Never Stop Learning Part 2

We live in a culture of Facebook, Twitter, television, reality TV, smart phones, and gaming systems. We are blessed as a nation to be able to learn, find, and know anything we want, whenever we want. What do I mean?

Do you want an answer? Go to the bookstore, research articles online or explore the library. The World Wide Web is a superhighway of information at the click of a mouse. When's the last time you read a non-fiction book about being an expert in your career field? The foundation to learning and knowledge is reading and it's no cliché that reading is fundamental. Are you new at job interviewing? Read a book on interviewing. Are you struggling on writing a new résumé? Pick up a book or download an ebook on Amazon with sample résumés and résumé writing tips. Are you new to job networking? Go research an article on the Web to find out how to begin networking to an ideal career path. Do you want to own your own business and don't know how? Read a book on starting your own business.

How do you become successful? It's not a big secret. Read and continue

to develop your knowledge. Tom Corley compiled extensive research on wealthy individuals in contrast to poor individuals. He concluded that, "88% of wealthy read 30 minutes or more each day for education or career reasons vs. 2% of poor."



Does that mean everyone who is poor doesn't read? No, it simply means

that there is a significant correlation between reading and individuals with a high net worth.

Before you step into a professional job interview, read a non-fiction book about something in the industry. For example, if you are interviewing for a financial advisor position, read a book on the stock market, successful financial advisors, smart investing, or macroeconomic solutions to a competitive global market (I] prefer investing for stupid people). Do you think a hiring manager would be impressed if you were able to quote a statistic, fact, or valued opinion from a book about the industry your interviewing for? Your boss will be impressed that you have enough interest and motivation to inform yourself about the industry before you have even worked in it. The hiring manager wants to know that you are self-motivated and willing to work on developing yourself to be the best at whatever career you choose. You can let the hiring manager know that you are working on developing areas of your life by reading books on those topics. For example, if you are interested in management, let the hiring manager know which books you are reading on leadership, or the books that teach you how to successfully manage and motivate people.

Most people who want to develop their careers start reading books from experts who have a track record of success. Start reading today!

The Hot Seat shouldn't be the only career book you read in your lifetime. I believe this book will help a lot of people with basic principles, creative ideas, and how to be professional, but you can keep reading, learning, and developing and I promise you will be successful.

Never stop learning.

**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.**



### Spoil Dad With BBQ Ribs for Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19. If you're like most households, you'll gather and share a meal in honor of dear old Dad. While it can be difficult to decide what gifts to get him, you can't go wrong serving him barbecue.

Tender, fall-off-the-bone pork ribs are always a crowd pleaser. There are dozens of ways to prepare ribs, and each cook has their personal preference. Here's mine: I simmer them, then finish on the grill. I find it's the easiest, quickest and most goof-proof method to prepare killer ribs, every time.

There are three main cuts of ribs: spareribs, baby back ribs and St. Louis-style ribs:

Spareribs are the largest of the three, cut from the bottom portion of the ribs. It's prepared with the rib tips attached and is wider than the other cuts. They have less meat-to-bone ratio, but are more flavorful because of a better mix of meat, bone and fat.

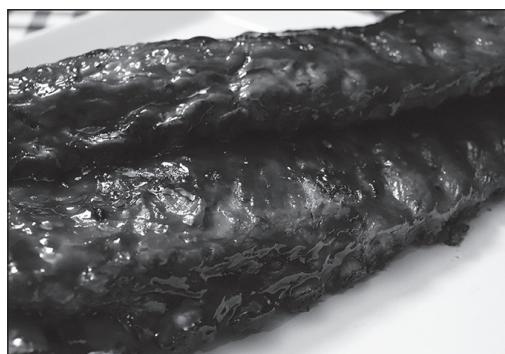
Baby back ribs are cut from the upper portion of the rib cage and are meatier, but also smaller and more expensive.

St. Louis-style ribs are spareribs that have been trimmed of the rib tips and are closer in width to baby backs. The great price point makes St. Louis-

style ribs my cut of choice.

In all cuts of ribs there will likely be a silvery membrane on the bone side that should be removed. It cooks up tough and is nearly impossible to chew, so it must go. Starting at one end, use a knife to loosen the end of the membrane, then use a paper towel to help hold the slippery membrane as you peel it off completely.

In the recipe below, we simmer the ribs before finishing on the grill. I recommend this for two reasons: tenderness and time. Simmering the ribs allows all the connective tissue to soften into juicy, melt-in-your-mouth goodness in a fraction of the time it would take to bake, smoke or grill alone. On average, it takes six hours to completely cook ribs using



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a low and slow method. That's great if you have the time and inclination. Simmering ribs takes less than two hours from start to table.

#### DIVA'S EASY BBQ RIBS

**Yield:** 4-6 servings **Time:** 90 minutes

2 slabs St. Louis-style ribs  
Salt  
Your favorite dry rub (optional)  
Your favorite BBQ sauce, or see Speedy Sauce recipe below

1. Place ribs in a stock pot and cover with water. Add one tablespoon salt and bring to a simmer. Cover pot with heat on LOW and simmer gently for 40 to 45 minutes, or until the meat becomes tender, but not falling off the bone. When done, drain and place ribs on a platter to rest.

2. Meanwhile, heat the grill to medium-high heat and lightly oil the grate. Season the ribs liberally with dry rub, if using. Alternatively, you can combine equal parts kosher salt, pepper, garlic powder and onion powder to season the ribs. Brush on a light coat of BBQ sauce and place ribs on the grill.

3. Grill the ribs, basting with additional sauce and turning frequently, for 15 minutes, or until caramelized and browned.

#### SPEEDY SAUCE

1/2 stick unsalted butter  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup ketchup  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 tablespoon molasses  
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar  
1/4 teaspoon onion powder  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

In a saucepan, combine ingredients and heat until bubbling.

Since the barbecue is hot, grill some corn on the cob, make coleslaw and call it good! Happy Father's Day!

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

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# Ephesians Chapter 3

(Eph. 3:1-13) Paul, the messenger of the mystery: At the time of this writing, Paul is incarcerated in Rome awaiting his trial before Caesar (Acts 26:32; 28:17). Hence, he refers to himself as a “prisoner of Christ,” because of his service to Christ. He is bound with a chain (6:20; Acts 28:20). Again, he identifies himself as the author of this letter, contrary to a few modern radical denials. Since he was selected to be an apostle to the Gentiles, he speaks of his mission “in behalf of you Gentiles” (Acts 22:21). Paul reminds them of the “dispensation of grace” (v.2; 1:10), namely the gospel plan of redemption, to which he had introduced them. This wonderful plan, worked out across the centuries, had been purposefully revealed ever so gradually (via providential maneuvers, prophecies, types, etc.); thus, it was, in those preparatory ages, a “mystery.”

But through Paul it had been divinely revealed (v.3) and outlined in the earlier portion of this letter. He affirmed they would be capable of reading and understanding the uncovered mystery regarding Christ (v. 4). Earlier generations had not been ready for it, but the current era was the appropriate time for its introduction (Gal. 4:4). It was to be announced by the Lord’s holy apostles and prophets who would speak under the infallible influence of the Holy Spirit (v.5). In the planning of his great scheme of redemption, Jehovah always had in mind the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles (Isa. 2:2; 11:10; Dan. 7:14, etc.). They would be offered the opportunity to be fellow heirs, members of the body, and partakers of the promise. This relationship would be “in Christ” and obtainable “through the gospel,” obedience to gospel conditions (v.6; 2 Thes. 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:17).

Paul declares that he was used by God for the implementation of this goal. His apostolic role was a “ministry,” indeed a “gift” of Heaven’s grace, documented by divine power (v.7). Nonetheless, he felt unworthy of such, considering himself “less than the least of all saints,” because of his earlier persecution of the church (1 Tim. 1:12). Yet it was his blessed opportunity to preach the “unsearchable riches of Christ” to the Gentiles (fantastic beyond our ability to fully trace out) (v.8; Rom. 11:33). The apostle wanted “all men” (“men” is generic---people to “see” (understand) the gospel plan that for ages had been an unrevealed “mystery.” Jehovah’s power and wisdom in the development of the plan of redemption is authenticated by the fact that he “created all things” (v.9). The doctrine of “creation” is tied to many points of theological truth; it thus is necessary to defend this truth without compromise (Acts 4:23).

One goal of the gospel plan is that the wonderfully diversified and eternal purpose of God might be made known throughout the earth, and even in heavenly places, according to the “purpose” (plan) realized in the mission of Christ. (a) The church of Christ is not an afterthought, a tacked-on appendage in the sacred scheme of things (as dispensationalism contends). (b) The church is to be a vehicle of communication proclaiming God’s plan. (c) Jesus’ death was a necessary component in the success of the plan of human redemption. (d) The Christian’s knowledge of the Savior’s mission and his faith in the Lord generate both boldness and confidence in our lives as we

learn and comply too the faith, the Lord’s will and testament. (e) Paul encourages them not to “faint” because of his tribulations (currently a prisoner in Rome); rather, they are to glory in the honor of suffering on behalf of Jesus (v. 10-13).

(Eph. 3:14-19) A prayer of thanksgiving: Paul bows before God in prayer (suggesting intensity). There is no prescribed prayer posture. God is addressed as the Father of all families. Some contend this phrase suggests that the idea of fatherhood derives from the fact that God is the original Father. Others believe it is a reference to God’s fatherhood of all the redeemed on earth, as well as the angels in heaven. The text does not anticipate “the ultimate redemption of all that he has created,” as some claim. All God’s people are in the same family, the church---hence, the same church. The modern denominational system is a total stranger to the New Testament.

He prays that the Father might give, out of his glorious treasure of riches, strength for their “inward man” (2 Cor. 4:16) by the agency of the Holy Spirit. The post-apostolic manner of the Spirit’s operation is not miraculous by a direct empowering or an illumination via new information. The goal is that Christ may “dwell” (settle down in; be at home) in their hearts through “the faith” by means of the gospel message (Gal. 1:23; Jude 3) or by their personal faith as nourished by the word of God (Rom. 10:17). These amount to the same. The ideal result will be that these Christians may be “rooted and grounded” (firmly fixed) in love. Moreover, Paul hopes they may be strong to “apprehend” (to take hold of as one’s own) and appreciate the incomprehensible dimensions of the Christ’s love for us---which simply surpasses our ability to presently comprehend. The ultimate aim is that they might “be filled with the fullness of God,” overflow with the fullness of divine blessings that issue from God (the cause being put for the effect).

(Eph. 3:20-21) The conclusion of part one: These final two verses conclude the doctrinal section with what scholars call a doxology, a brief, hymn-like praise to God. The Lord is extolled for his power (he “is able”) to exceed our request, or even our thoughts, in blessing our efforts of divine service. Through his providential means he constantly is “working” to achieve his goal in us. Paul’s personal example is the greatest that adorns Christian history. Let us thus glorify him “in the church” and “in Christ Jesus.” These two phrases are virtually equivalent. To be in Christ, and to be in the church, are the same. One is immersed “into Christ” (Gal. 3:27) and likewise “into one body” (1 Cor. 12:13). The Christian’s good works are to be done to the glory of Christ in his spiritual body, not through human agencies that glorify him not at all. God’s magnificent work has bridged the ages, all generations unendingly.

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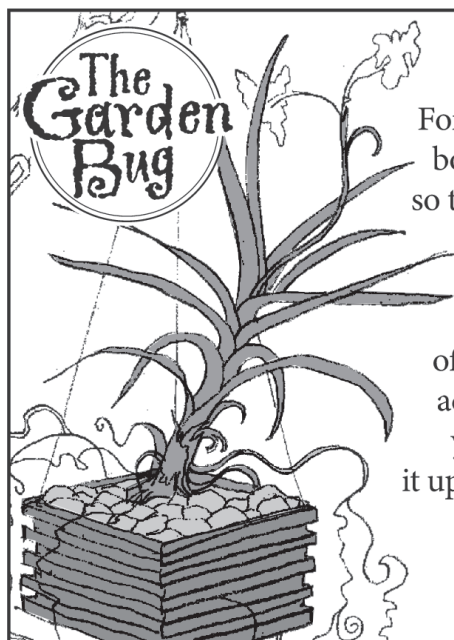
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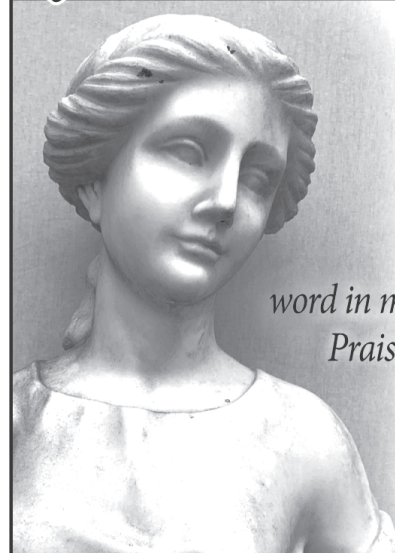
### Orchids

For orchids grown in containers, the bottom must have enough drainage so the roots never sit in water. Slatted baskets made of rot-resistant wood work well. Put a layer of sheet moss, some soil and a layer of stones or shells for a top dressing across the bottom before putting in your plant, and for support. Hang it up near indirect light exposure, and mist it for moisture.

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- Brenda Weaver



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*How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees.*

Psalm 119:9-12



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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.

- (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 11<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY 2022.

CHRISTY ANN LAYMANCE  
Executor

ANGELA R. ANDERSON  
Clerk and Master

TALLESSE ALLEY  
Deputy Clerk



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Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b>	Case Number <u>P-28-22</u>
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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.

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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 <u>P-7-22</u>
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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 31<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
  - (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 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.

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## Jackets' Quest for Baseball Championship Ends with 7-5 Loss to Bradford



*The Coalfield Yellow Jackets gather for reflection after their season-ending 7-5 loss to Bradford in the TSSAA State Baseball Tournament. [Photo by Cathy Bird]*

### By Terry Futrell

There is an old saying that “all good things must come to an end.” So it was for the Coalfield Yellow Jackets as their quest for a state baseball championship ended on Friday with a 7-5 loss to Bradford. The Jackets fell behind 7-1 going into the bottom of the fourth inning, then fought back to add four runs but fell short, losing in the final game of the losers bracket.

Bradford took an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first. Will Taylor singled on a ground ball to shortstop Levi Heidel. Coalfield pitcher Cole Hines walked Cason Sharp, followed by a triple by Carver Cates, scoring both Taylor and Sharp. Cates scored when Hines was called with a balk.

Coalfield leadoff batter Cole Hines singled, stole second, advanced to third on a balk, and scored on a sacrifice fly by Luke Treece. Levi Brasel was hit by a pitch and Brayden Burgess singled, but both were stranded on base as the inning closed.

Bradford added two more runs in the top of the second to take a 5-1 lead. After striking out the first two batters, Cole Hines hit one batter with a pitch, then walked the next two batters to load the bases. A single by Cason Sharp scored one run, Hines then hit another batter with the bases loaded, scoring another run for Bradford. Levi Heidel relieved Hines as pitcher and struck out the final batter.

Neither team scored again until Bradford added two more runs in the top of the fourth. Bryce Arnold and Cason Sharp both singled for Bradford. Arnold scored on a sacrifice fly. Sharp scored from third base as Coalfield's defense caught Braxton Whitney trying to steal second. Bradford led 7-1.

Coalfield responded with two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Levi Heidel led off with a double, Zach Armstrong walked, and Heidel scored on a sacrifice bunt by Aiden Sexton. Reilly Brown singled, advancing Armstrong to third. Armstrong scored on a balk by Bradford's pitcher. Rommel Conlon walked, then Cole Hines was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Luke Treece lined into a double play to end the inning with Coalfield trailing 3-7.

Even though two Bradford batters reach base on errors by Coalfield in the top of the fifth inning, Bradford was unable to score thanks to two key defensive plays by Coalfield. With runners on first and third, Ethan Richardson bunted into a fielder's choice, and Zach Armstrong fired the ball to catcher Luke Treece for a putout on Jeb Allen who was advancing to home. Carver Cates attempted to steal home on a passed ball and was caught by passes from Luke Treece to Cole Hines and back to Treece.

With two outs in the bottom of the fifth, Levi Heidel and Zach Armstrong each doubled, with Heidel scoring. Coalfield trailed Bradford 4-7 after five innings.

After a scoreless sixth inning and top of the seventh, Coalfield had one more opportunity in the bottom of the seventh. It looked promising for the Jackets as Levi Brasel was hit by a pitch and Brayden Burgess reached base on an error. Zach Armstrong reached base on an error that also scored Brasel. Trailing 5-7, the Jackets had runners on first and second. The final two Coalfield batters flied out and grounded out to end the inning with two Jackets stranded on base. Bradford won the game 7-5, ending Coalfield's season and championship hopes.

In an interesting side note, we have seen many baseball games this season and cannot recall a single balk call by an umpire. In this game, the umpire called five balks, two on Coal-

field pitchers and three on Bradford pitchers. One would expect more consistency from regular season games to state tournament games.

Lest you feel sorry for the Coalfield players, consider this. First, they are a young team – their future looks very bright. There are no seniors on the team, and four freshman and two eighth graders saw action in this state tournament. Second, these young men played their hearts out, leaving nothing on the field. There is no reason for shame, and every reason for folks in Coalfield and all of Morgan County to beam with pride at their accomplishments this season.



Results from June 3rd

JR FWD

- 1.0 Frankie Sharp
- 2.3 Ronnie Sharp
- 3.04 Josiah Singelton
- 4.90 Eston Humphrey

Mod Mini

- 1.2B Shane Bullock
- 2.12 Dustin Stephens
- 3.4X Jamie Newport
- 4.13 Terry Boshears
- 5.H1 Jacob Hooks
- 6.25 Brian Smith
- 7.3D Tyler Phillips
- 8.J18 James Brinen baker
- 9.J4 Josh Nelson
- 10.8 Brian Frost

Dwarf

- 1.222 Devin Brown
- 2.28 Wes Jones
- 3.96 Cody Norris
- 4.7 Ryan Hawn
- 5.15 David Dunlap
- 6.07N Sam Nichols
- 7.92 Nick Hopper
- 8.12S Selena Byrge

- 9.187 Casey Clary
- 10.66 Blake Nagy
- 11.315 Justice Byrge
- 12.47 Steve Morris
- 13.34 Riley Brown
- 14.95 Micheal Norris
- 15.45 Dylan Sise-DNS

Steal head Late Model

- 1.39 Eggie King Jr
- 2.22 Mike Weeks
- 3.K37 Drew Kennedy
- 4.23 Tim Damron
- 5.Z1 Zach Shannon
- 6.06 Wesley Lester
- 7.00 Ted Lowe
- 8.5 Derek Burchfield
- 9.

Thunder

- 1.T2 Matthew Lloyd
- 2.4 Dwayne Wilkerson
- 3.67 Gilly Scarbro
- 4.8 Jeremiah Byrge
- 5.1 Cody Satterfield
- 6.28 Raymond Hamby
- 7.40DD Chris Morrison
- 8.44 Anthony Newman
- 9.B15 Tommy Jo Bar-

ber

Crate Late Model

- 1.50 Skylar Marler
- 2.D22 DJ Shannon
- 3.122 Jeremy Shannon
- 4.07 Hayden Cardwell
- 5.24 Anthony White Jr
- 6.K37 Drew Kennedy
- 7.07B Baily Cardwell
- 8.24 Greg Martin
- 9.4 Austin Langley
- 10.D5 Coby Jones
- 11.777 Eric Jones
- 12.73 Trevor Sise
- 13.Perry Delaney-DNS

FWD

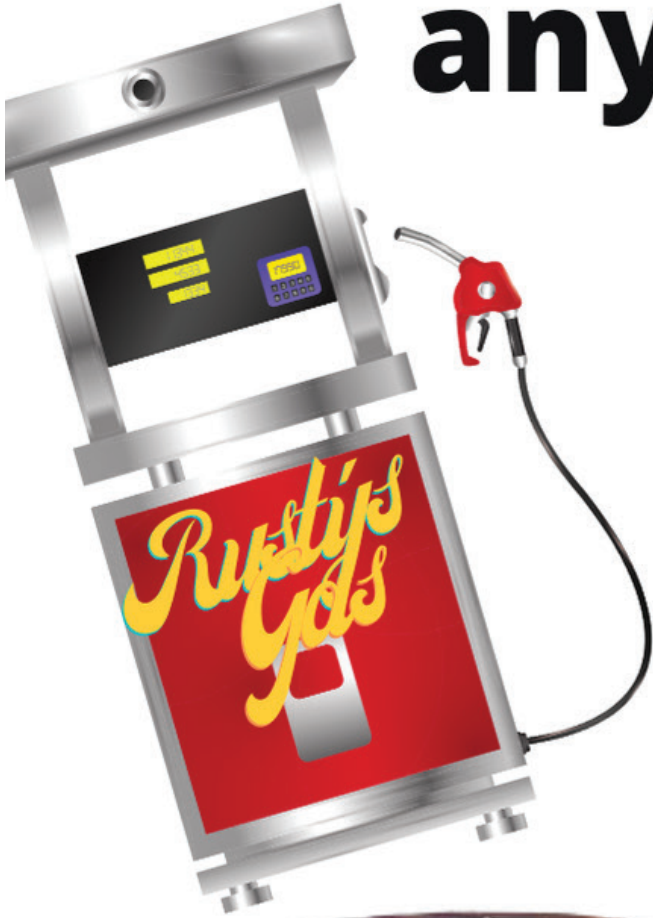
- 1.15 Jordan West
- 2.21 Dustin Duncan
- 3.1 Jacob Sharp
- 4.7 Nathaniel Brown
- 5.315 Jody West
- 6.14 Jason Brown
- 7.44 Micheal Owenby
- 8.696 Amos Wicks
- 9.2 Isaiah Duncan



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