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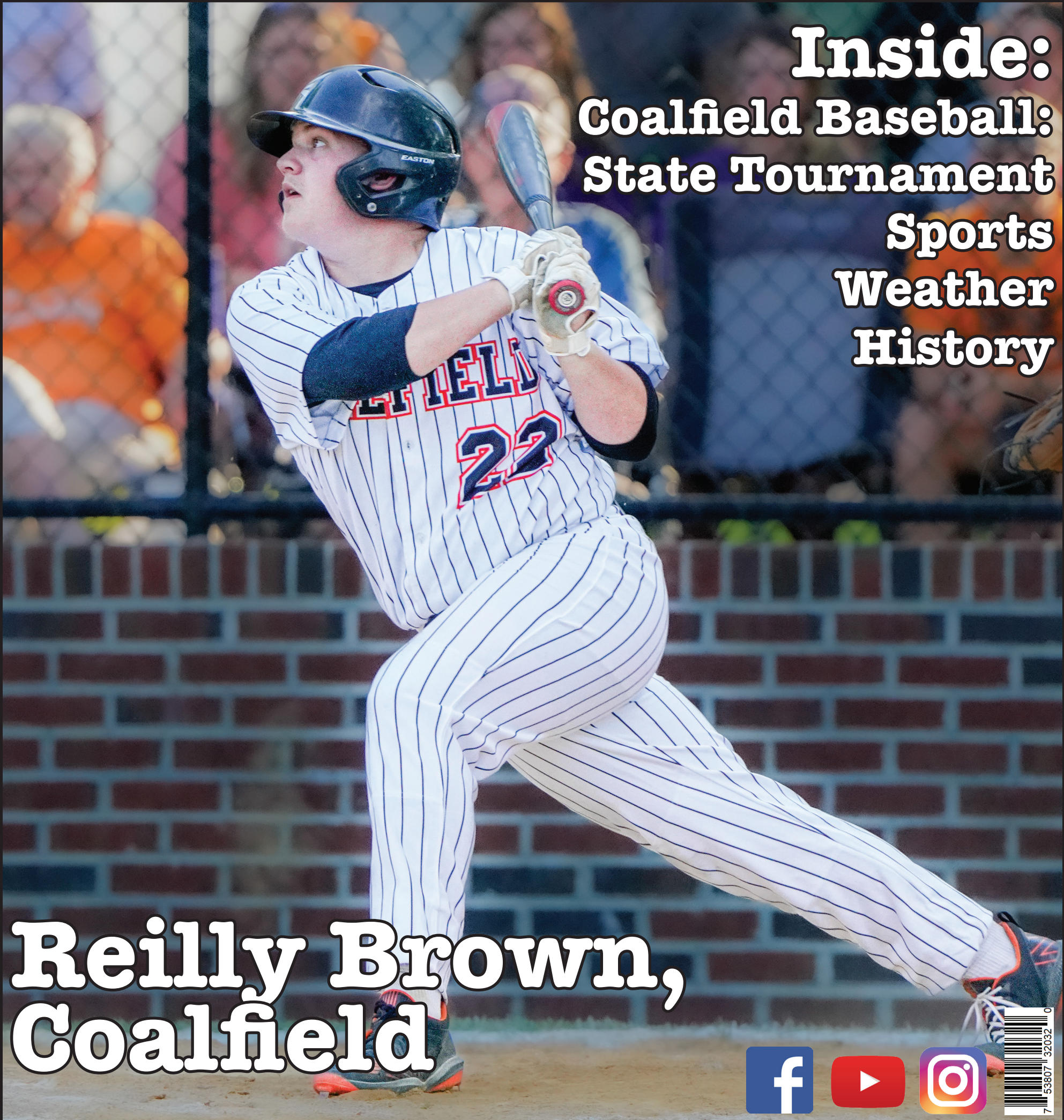
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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Dr Bristol, I have a few concerns about summer and how Mimi, Pap and other pet owners should care for us furry ones during the heat. What are some of your care suggestions that

you have to keep us safe and healthy and cool? What are some good activities for those of us with coats on, all the time?

Also, I wuff me some ice water, especially the Sonic ice! Is that good for me? I hope so.

Thank you for wuffing me and taking such good care of me and all my furry friends.

Greetings, Ms. Avery Pearl! You ask great questions! With the warm summer months upon us, our four-legged friends sure can get into a lot of trouble! First and foremost, we have got to watch out for snakes and insects. I know how tempting it can be to investigate ground holes and critters without any legs, but we should try to avoid these things as much as possible. If you ever get bitten by a snake or stung by a bee, let your people know immediately. They can give you Benadryl to help with adverse reactions but need to call your doctor for further advice and treatment as soon as possible - especially for little babies like you, Ms. Avery!

We also want to ensure that beautiful, fuzzy little gals like you don't get overheated. Some critters can have their hair trimmed short to help with cooling. Other breeds like you, Ms. Avery, don't really benefit from haircuts as much because your layers provide some natural cooling. We need to keep you from playing too hard during the middle of the day, and we always have

to be sure you never get left in the car on these warm summer days. Ice chips or crushed ice is a nice snack in the summertime, but you can crack one of your pearly whites if you chew on whole ice cubes. Swimming is a fun summertime activity, too, but we have to be sure to clean our friends' ears after swimming to help prevent infection. And, I always like to remind our large breed friends not to drink or eat a lot shortly after playing hard as this can lead to emergency conditions including bloat.

Nothing beats the smell of a Memorial Day cook-out, Ms. Avery, but try not to beg for snacks from the grill too much. You might enjoy that bite of burger at the time, but it's sure not worth it when you get an upset stomach a few days later. Try not to aim those sweet, little puppy dog eyes at your people during their backyard festivities. You know we can't resist!

Whew! I didn't mean to scare you with all of our summertime concerns. This is a great time of year, and we hope that you have fun out there in the sun and on the water, Ms. Avery! Or, should I call you Captain Avery?

Your friend,
Dr. Bristol

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING

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

A Staff member from the

office of State Representative John Mark Windle will be in Morgan County on Wednesday, May 25, to assist with constituent claims and questions. John Robbins, field representative, will be at the Morgan County Court House from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Those needing assis-

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

Undated Events

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

Citizens Building at 6:00pm

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

WEEKLY WEATHER



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

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

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In Loving Memory

Dennis Wayne Williams, 49

Dennis Wayne Williams, age 49 of Sunbright passed away Saturday, May 21, 2022. Dennis enjoyed fishing but loved spending time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his former wife Lena Williams; son, Cody Williams.

He is survived by his children Danielle Human and significant other Phillip, Dakota Williams, Dillon (Jessica) Williams, Gabriel Williams; mother Phyllis Colston;

grandchildren Helena, John Edward, Evelyn, Kaylee; special nieces Shayla & Emma Basler and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, May 27, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00-2:00 p.m. The family has chosen cremation after visitation.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dennis Wayne Williams.

Lloyd Allen, Sr.

Our beloved Daddy, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather Lloyd Allen Sr. went to be with the lord on Monday May 23, 2022.

He is preceded in death by parents Henry and Polly Ann Allen and many brothers and sisters. He is also preceded in death by the love of his life, Robbie Ray McDaniel, and stepson Thomas McDaniel.

He is survived by his daughters in law Judy McDaniel and Linda Harrison and son in law Greg Harrison; grandchildren on Robbie's side are Trey McDaniel, Karla McDaniel, Tom Wheeling and Tammy Harrison; great grandchildren are Maddie Peek, Peyton Berryhill, Lane Markwell and Stella McDaniel and three great grandchildren; one living brother Everett Allen from Indiana; three children Lloyd Allen Jr. and wife Sherri, Evelyn Young and husband Brian and Clayton Allen; grandchildren Amy Ward and Ashley Melton and Husband

Buck, and Paige and Heidi Allen; great grandchildren Cailey Armes, Brooke Rayfield, Emalyn Lowe, Katelyn Rayfield, Caden, Liam, Lucas, and Eliza Melton. And numerous other family members he spent the last months of his life surrounded and cared for by family and loved ones.

There will be a brief viewing at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 10:00 and 11:00 Thursday May 26, 2022, before being transported to his home and final resting place in Paris Tennessee. He was a member of Bethany Baptist Church of Paris TN. Daddy loved nothing more than playing guitar, singing, and spending time with family and friends. He did lots of that in his final days. You will be dearly missed.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lloyd Allen, Sr.

Sharon Kay Harvey, 68

Sharon Kay Harvey, age 66, of the Boswell Chapel Baptist Church community passed away peacefully to her heavenly home on May 22, 2022. She was a member of Cardiff Baptist Church in Rockwood.

She is preceded in death by her parents Walter & Beulah Coffman; brother Billy Coffman; father & mother-in-law Sam Sr. and Carlene Harvey.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years Sam Harvey Jr.; children Jessica Harvey, Joseph Harvey and Sandra (Brian) Poole; siblings David Coffman (Joan Sudath) of Harriman, Janice (Daniel) Webber, Marcia Wright, Tony

(Sue) Coffman, Mary (Bill) Bell all of Boswell Chapel Church community; sister-in-law Kay Lyons; 4 nephews; 8 nieces and a host of extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Kerry Ruppe and Bro. Benji Blakney officiating. Graveside services will be Wednesday, at 11:00 a.m. at Crab Orchard Cemetery in Oakdale.

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Remembering the People of Lancing



Michael Nance
Columnist

Lancing... the former bustling railroad depot town has almost vanished and only a few remnants of its former self remain. But the old pictures and stories of the old town keep turning up almost every month.

In this week's article I am going to mention the Norris and Oney families.

Rupert Norris lived just about one mile east of Lancing on Montgomery Road in the House now owned by Albert and Lisa Lane. Rupert endured one of the toughest challenges of his life in 1941. At the age of 42 years old he was inducted into the United States Army. Every soldier knows that boot camp is especially tough when you are 18 or 19 years old, but 42! It is hard to imagine how the Lancing native survived boot camp and went on to participate in the war in Germany. When he returned to Lancing after the war, many of his former friends asked him how he made it through boot camp, his reply was telling. He was quoted as saying: "The Drill Sergeants kicked me and cussed me over every single event at the obstacle course."

Rupert Norris after returning from the war worked for the Morgan County Road Department and passed away on June 21, 1960. His mother was Anna Scott Norris, and his father was Edward Mayhew Norris. He had four sisters, Ruth Lane, Lola Nance, Mazie Deford, Nancy Rachael Norris, and one brother Lymon Norris.

Rupert Norris's war time service was just one story of many that highlights the service of Morgan County citizens. Another Lancing family that contributed to World War II was the Oney Family.

I spoke with Relda Oney this weekend and she provided an interesting war era photo that also depicts a rare glimpse of the old Brigg's Store in Lancing. Relda was born in Lancing and lived on top of the hill directly south of the old Bob Scott Store. Her family was heavily influenced by the railroad. Her father, Oscar Oney Sr. worked on the railroad as did her brothers, Harold, Hershel, and Oscar Oney Jr. Oscar Oney Jr. was the Lancing Depot Agent for a time, a job that he was trained for by Lem Honeycutt.

Harold and Hershel both served in World War II, and at one point met each other overseas.

Stay tuned next week and additional history of Lancing will be in my next article, including the Old Lancing School that set atop Kubley's Hill, and information regarding the J.L. Scott family. I hope you enjoyed the article.



Rupert Norris circa 1942 (Photo Courtesy of Gene Nance)



Harold Oney holding Relda Oney circa 1945. Notice over the left side of Harold's helmet you can see the old Fred Briggs Store in Lancing. Photo Courtesy of Relda Oney



Oney Family Date Unknown, Back Row Left to Right, Harold Oney, Oscar Oney Jr., Charles Earl Oney, Hershel Oney, Front Row L-R, Eva Oney, Oscar Oney Sr., Relda Oney



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Tom Redmon
Columnist

The Rest of the Story on Dr. James Carr

A few weeks ago, I wrote a story about Dr. James (Jim) H. Carr of Oakdale. A reader wrote

me a letter and told me (he, she) enjoyed the article, but told me I left out an important fact, and after I read what (he, she) wrote I agreed completely and decided I would tell you the rest of the story. I want to thank the reader for the letter.

The story goes that the three men who broke into Dr. Carr's house probably were the ones who broke into his office in the summer of 1971. This was about six months before Dr. Carr was killed by one of the men.

I was right when I said Sheriff Cecil Byrge was able to track down two men with the aid of bloodhounds from Brushy Mountain Prison in Petros, but one man got away according to the reader his name was Coffee and he was the one who did the shooting.

Cecil Byrge decided to go down to Georgia where Coffey had roots. The sheriff really wanted to catch this criminal so he hung around some "bar and saloon" in disguise as a "hippie" as you know 1972 was the age of "hippies."

Byrge supposedly wore a wig, a fake beard, and tie-dyed blue jeans. That would have been something to see the sheriff in that disguise, but I think Byrge would do anything to get the main culprit



Sheriff Cecil Byrge 1968-1974

who pulled the trigger.

Cecil Byrge received a tip at the Morgan County Sheriff's Office in late February 1972 that Coffee was at the Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, where he was being treated for a gunshot wound to the hand.

The sheriff told the hospital to "stall" Coffee until he and Deputy Jim Summers could get there. This man was wanted

for the break-in and for the murder of Dr. Jim Carr. The two went to Chattanooga and arrested Coffee. This story made the front-page news in the Morgan County News in March of 1972.

I thank the reader for giving us the rest of the story and letting the younger readers know about the legend of Cecil Byrge and his role in the Dr. Carr murder case.

It was good to hear from someone on this article. Don't be afraid to use your name because in many of my articles I could use help in telling the rest of the story. In 1972 when this happened, I was a high school teacher in Bradenton, Florida so I didn't know about Coffee and how Cecil Byrge went to Georgia to catch him.

Tommy Francis and I have received a lot of calls and comments on the Oakdale article. I appreciate all the readers. I hope to hear from you more, thanks.

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Colonel Bruce P. Crandall served as a helicopter pilot in the United States Army during the Vietnam War while assigned to 229TH Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1ST Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

On November 14, 1965 (rank of Major at the time) he went far above and beyond the call of duty which earned him the Medal of Honor.

Colonel Crandall was presented with the Medal of Honor on February 26, 2007 by President George W. Bush at the White House.

Colonel Crandall's Medal of Honor citation reads: Major Bruce Crandall distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism as a Flight Commander in the Republic of Vietnam while serving with Company A, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). On 14 November 1965, his flight of sixteen helicopters was lifting troops for a search and destroy mission from Plei Me, Vietnam, to Landing Zone X-Ray in the Ia Drang Valley. On the fourth troop lift, the enemy had Landing Zone X-Ray targeted. As Major Crandall and the first eight helicopters landed to discharge troops on his fifth troop lift, his unarmed helicopter came under such intense enemy fire that the ground commander ordered the second flight of eight aircraft to abort their mission. As Major Crandall flew back to Plei Me, his base of operations, he determined that the ground commander of the besieged infantry battalion desperately needed more ammunition. Major Crandall then decided to adjust his base of operations to Artillery Firebase Falcon in order to shorten the flight distance



to deliver ammunition and evacuate wounded soldiers. While medical evacuation was not his mission, he immediately sought volunteers and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, led the two aircraft to Landing Zone X-Ray. Despite the fact that the landing zone was still under relentless enemy fire, Major Crandall landed and proceeded to supervise the loading of seriously wounded soldiers aboard the aircraft. Major Crandall's voluntary decision to land under the most extreme fire instilled in the other pilots the will and spirit to continue to land their own aircraft, and in the ground forces the realization that they would be resupplied and that friendly wounded would be

promptly evacuated. This greatly enhanced morale and the will to fight at a critical time. After his first medical evacuation, Major Crandall continued to fly into and out of the landing zone throughout the day and into the evening. That day he completed a total of 22 flights, most under intense enemy fire, retiring from the battlefield only after all possible service had been rendered to the Infantry battalion. His actions provided critical resupply of ammunition and evacuation of the wounded. Major Crandall's daring acts of bravery and courage in the face of an overwhelming and determined enemy are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

United States Department of Homeland Security – Border Patrol Agent Daniel Salazar was killed in a single-vehicle crash on May 17, 2022 on the Bell Valley Truck Trail near Campos, California.

Agent Salazar was responding to investigate a sensor that had been activated in the area when his Jeep Wrangler patrol vehicle left the roadway and overturned in a rugged area. Another agent located the wreckage at about 5:30 am.

Details on what led to the crash are still unknown at this time but Border Patrol officials said Salazar was found unresponsive after the wreck involving an agency vehicle.

Agent Salazar had served with the United States Border Patrol for four years and was assigned to the El Cajon Station. He was forty-years-old and is survived by his wife and son.

Chief Patrol Agent Aaron M. Heitke, tweeted, "Friday morn-



ing, we lost our friend & brother, Border Patrol Agent Daniel Salazar. Who tragically passed away while protecting America. Danny was a son, brother, husband, & father. Please keep Agent Daniel Salazar & his family in your prayers. EOD: 6-17-18 – EOW: 5-17-22"

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* Save the peels from your oranges, and dry them at a low temperature in the oven. You can add them to a pot of coffee or tea for a flavor boost that is refreshing and delicious.

* "If your tomato garden is experiencing caterpillars, try planting dillweed close to your tomatoes. It can provide a diversion, allowing your tomatoes to grow pest-free!" -- Y.F. in Florida

* "Cure your color in new garments (especially dark- or bright-colored) by soaking the item in cold, salty water before washing. Make sure that the fabric will allow this!

* "Take good care of quality paint brushes, and they will take care of you! Wash thoroughly in soapy water and rinse very well. After the brush is washed, combine enough water to cover the bristles and add two

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* President William McKinley always wore a red carnation for good luck, but sometimes gave it away as a memento. When greeting a crowd in 1901, he handed a 12-year-old girl named Myrtle the bloom off his lapel, saying, "I must give this flower to another little flower." While it's not known if the gesture proved lucky for Myrtle, just minutes later McKinley was fatally shot by a man in the crowd.

* The larger an animal's brain, the longer it will yawn.

* Smoking has long been banned by airlines, but ashtrays are mandatory on every plane, for safe disposal in case someone breaks the law.

* A Chinese farmer named Wang Englin, who quit school in the third grade, spent 16 years teaching himself law in order to sue a chemical company that was polluting his village. Unable to buy all the books he needed, he paid a local bookstore with bags of corn to let him sit and read, copying information by hand and using a dictionary when necessary. He finally won his case in 2017.

* During World War II, a Dutch warship was disguised as a tropical island to escape detection by the Japanese.

* Convinced that stomach ulcers were caused by H. pylori bacteria, although no one else seemed to believe it, Dr. Barry Marshall drank the bacteria himself (testing it on humans was illegal), developed ulcers within days, treated them with

antibiotics, and ended up winning a Nobel Prize.

* On average, professional soccer players run as far as 9 miles in a match.

Thought for the Day: "Life is like arriving late for a movie, having to figure out what was going on without bothering everybody with a lot of questions, and then being unexpectedly called away before you find out how it ends." -- Joseph Campbell

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tablespoons of fabric softener. Swish for a minute or two, being sure to get it in the brush good, then hang to drip dry. Before you use the brush to paint, simply rinse the fabric softener away." -- M.E. in Washington

* Baking soda can be used as a tooth scrub. It's particularly effective against stains, as it is a mild abrasive.

* "When you are dusting, don't forget the light bulbs. Dusty light bulbs can contribute to less-bright lighting and can shorten the life of your bulbs. Turn lights off when you are not using them. You will save electricity that way." -- A.L. in Oklahoma

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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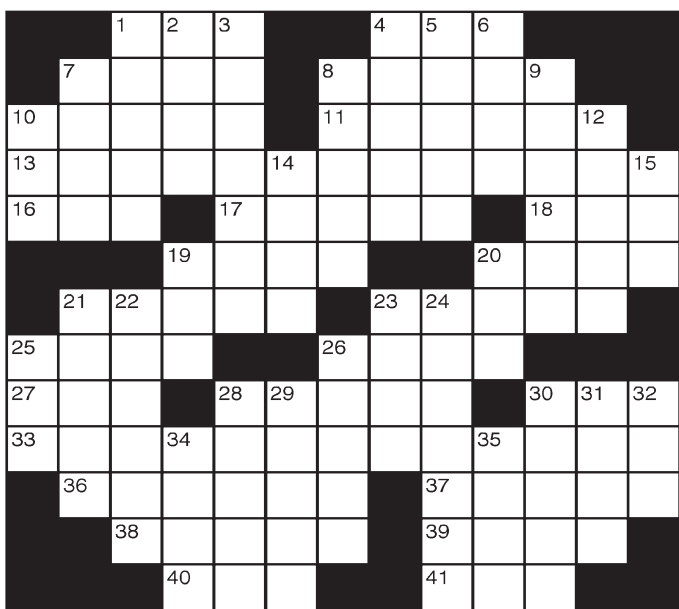
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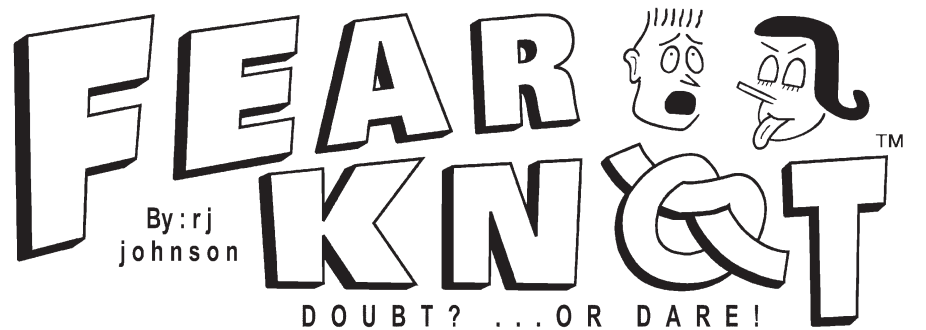
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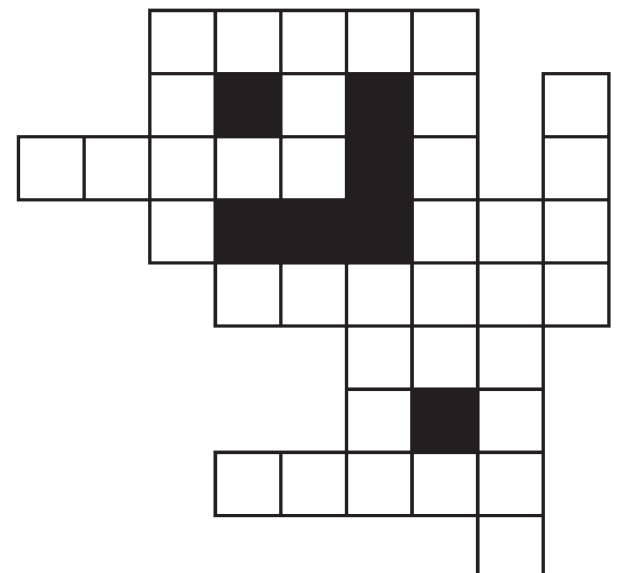
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- 25 Mentalist's claim
- 26 Invigorating
- 28 Salsa singer Cruz
- 29 Borneo ape, for short
- 30 "Mack the Knife" singer
- 31 "This — outrage!"
- 32 Pigs' digs
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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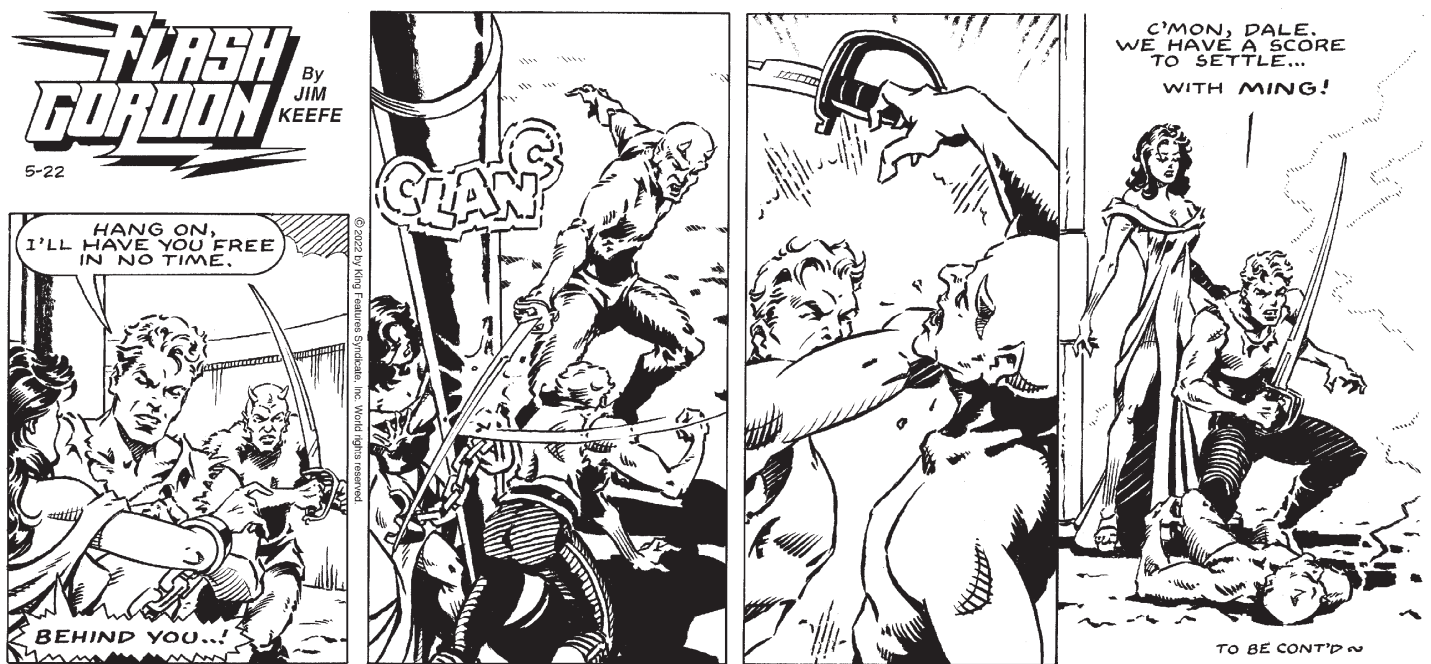
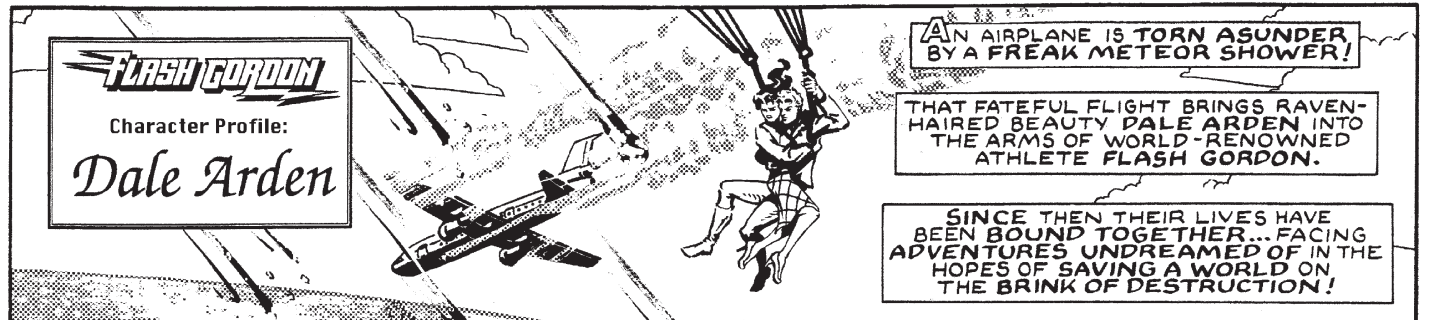
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Titus in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 22, what did God provide as a substitute sacrifice for Isaac? *Horse, Ram, Cow, Raven*
3. One of whose daughters had the 12-letter name of Kerenhappuch? *Potiphar, Zimri, Goliath, Job*
4. As stated in Joshua 2, where did the prostitute Rahab live? *Jericho, Philadelphia, Smyrna, Tarsus*
5. What is the longest chapter in the Bible (KJV)? *John 3, Psalm 119, Revelation 22, 2 Samuel 10*
6. Elijah lived by which brook? *Jordan, Salty, Ahava, Cherith*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Ram; 3) Job; 4) Jericho; 5) Psalm 119; 6) Cherith

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

Bacon Beer Bread

I'm a teetotaler by choice. But I'll tell you this — this bread will be on the menu as often as I can get my hands on nonalcoholic beer

- 3/4 cup nonalcoholic beer
- 1/4 cup water
- Sugar substitute to equal 2 tablespoons sugar, suitable for baking
- 2 tablespoons Dijon Country Mustard
- 2 tablespoons reduced-calorie margarine
- 3 cups bread flour
- 1/2 teaspoon table salt
- 1/2 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1/2 cup purchased real bacon bits
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion

1. In baking pan container, combine beer, water, sugar substitute, mustard and margarine. Add flour and salt. Make an indentation on top of dry ingredients. Pour yeast into indentation.

2. Follow your bread machine instructions for a 1 1/2-pound loaf. Add bacon bits and onion when "add ingredients" signal beeps. Continue following your machine's instructions.

3. Remove loaf from machine and place on wire rack to cool. Makes one 1 1/2-pound loaf. Freezes well. Makes 12 servings.

• Each serving equals: 146 calories, 2g fat, 6g protein, 26g carb., 348mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Don't be Penny-Wise on Ukraine

Populist critics have gone after the new \$40 billion in aid to Ukraine hammer and tongs. Donald Trump has complained that we are sending billions to Ukraine "yet America's parents are struggling to even feed their children." Republican Sen. Josh Hawley calls the assistance "unfocused globalism."

There's no doubt that \$40 billion constitutes a vast sum, even in Washington, D.C., circa 2022, but the expenditure is warranted.

At the end of the day, there's no getting around the fact that it costs lots of money to support a country fighting a war in the 21st century against an advanced, if incompetent, military foe.

We would have saved tens of billions of dollars, at least initially, if we had never aided Ukraine and contented ourselves with letting Russia overrun it. But a victorious Putin would have posed a more direct threat to NATO. That would have caused an even bigger military build-up in the West than we are seeing now, and we would have been part of it, unless we were to decide to give up on our most important alliance.

The Ukraine war might be expensive, but it is the Ukrainians doing the fighting. They are degrading the military of an adversary of the United States and trying to push it away from NATO's borders without a single U.S. or Western soldier engaged in the fight. All things considered, this is a deal.

Nearly \$9 billion of the package replenishes U.S. stockpiles after Biden sent U.S. weapons to Ukraine on an emergency basis using Presidential Drawdown Authority. It'd be perverse not to replenish our supplies of Javelins at this point in the name of economizing over Ukraine.

Likewise, several billion dollars in the package pay for the U.S. deployment of troops to NATO countries. Part of the military aid is billions of dollars in financing for Ukraine and NATO countries to buy U.S. weapons, something that Trump has supported strongly in the past on "America First" grounds.

Indeed, it is strange that critics of the bills are invoking nationalism in their opposition. Hawley worries that the bill doesn't represent "a nationalist foreign policy."

By what definition? Assisting a sovereign country in defending its borders against a nation bent on restoring its imperial glory is a broadly nationalist project. So is resisting an adversary of the United States that, together with its de facto ally, China, wants to reduce our national power and influence, and end the preeminence of the U.S.-led Western world.

It's not as though the assistance keeps us from pursuing urgent domestic priorities. We don't have a baby formula shortage because we've sent too many weapons to Ukraine, and the shortage -- in large part, a regulatory problem -- would still exist if our new level of assistance to Ukraine were \$0. The same is true with the border. Biden is not interested in the policies that might restore order there, which was true prior to the Ukraine war and will presumably be true after.

There's certainly more Europe could do, especially regarding general support for the Ukrainian government and food assistance to Ukraine and countries most affected by war-related disruptions. Our other allies who don't have an interest in taking sides between Ukraine and Russia should be providing food assistance, as well.

There should be no mistaking, though, that the stakes in the war are large. The outcome will profoundly affect the future of Ukraine, the robustness of the Western alliance, perhaps the nature of the Russian regime, and China's consideration of whether or not it is too risky to try to take Taiwan by force.

"Paris is worth a Mass," Henry of Navarre supposedly said before converting to Roman Catholicism and becoming king of France in the 16th century. Similarly, staving off Russia, and perhaps defeating it without firing a shot, is worth \$40 billion.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Amaze Preschoolers With Science Tricks

Amaze your preschoolers and young school-age kids with the exciting world of science with these three simple tricks. They are safe and fun to do at home when you're looking for something new to share together.

Dry Hankie Trick

Stuff a piece of facial tissue or a hankie into the bottom of a tall plastic cup. Turn the cup upside-down and submerge it directly into a sink, bathtub or backyard wading pool filled with water. Push the cup all the way to the bottom of the sink, tub or pool, and bring it straight up and out of the water.

Pull the tissue or hankie out. It will be dry! (Remember, the key to success is to keep the cup perfectly straight when plunging into the water and pulling it out again.)

Shiny Pennies

Your kids will be amazed to see a dingy penny or copper pot transformed magically into a shiny object, while you get a few of your neglected copper pieces sparkling at the same time.

Mix together 1/2 cup vinegar and 5 tablespoons of salt in a bowl. Drop tarnished pennies or small copper objects in the bowl, and stir them around. Watch as they change color. Eventually remove objects with a slotted spoon and place on a towel to dry. Buff with a soft cloth.

Magical Gloopy Glop

Here's a bit of magic your kids won't want to miss. This slithery goop appears to be solid one moment when you shape it like a ball in the palms of your hands only to ooze out between your fingers, over your wrist and down your arm seconds later.

Make the concoction, play with it and then come up with words to describe it!

Here's the simple recipe for this sensory activity:

1. Measure 1 1/2 cups cornstarch in a large mixing bowl. Add about 1 cup water and stir to form a thick paste. Add more water if it's too thick. (For color, add liquid tempera paint, if you wish)



This slithery goop appears to be solid one moment, only to ooze out between your fingers

2. Now, roll the goop in your hand to form a ball. As you hold it tightly, it behaves like a solid. Squeeze it, and then let it drip through your fingers to discover its unique properties as it flows into the bowl in ribbons. Or, place it on a cookie sheet, press it flat, roll it in a ball or let it go. It's amazing!

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

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

10-Foot Stack of Mail Sits Unopened at VA

Imagine a pile of mail heaped 10 feet high sitting unopened for 10 months. That's what was found in the basement of a rented Department of Veterans Affairs facility in Atlanta. When investigated, the stack was determined to contain 17,660 pieces of mail that included claims, correspondence from veterans, 10,020 medical records and \$207,000 in checks, some of which had already expired.

The problems began when a health care arm of the VA wanted to commandeer the basement space being used by a VA payments group. They came to a verbal agreement that the new group would take over dealing with the mail if the payment group left. A handshake later, it was done. Except nobody asked the new group if they even knew how to process correspondence, records and checks. And, apparently, nobody did.

So, although the new peo-

ple took a stab at dealing with the mail, for the most part the pile sat and grew as more mail came in. And sat and grew some more. The new group asked the old group for help. The old group said no. Enterprising souls in the new group sent off some of the mail to other facilities -- 14 boxes to one facility alone -- which sent it right back. They tried again, sending another 13 boxes.

What happens when payment requests are ignored? Veterans can't go to that outside provider and treatment is delayed or denied. Appeals can be denied if not received in time. Veterans with bad test results may not be notified.

Within a short period of time after the report came out, the VA acted and got the backlog cleared up.

The worrisome part of this is that with a coming consolidation of 82 claims processing groups at the VA, this can happen again if steps aren't taken to ensure that mail is handled correctly.

To learn more, go to www.va.gov and search for "unopened mail backlog."

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Historically Speaking

Robert “Bob” Carmack – local golf tournament champion

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

When we left Robert “Bob” Carmack last he was working as “Caddy master” for the Oak Ridge Country Club and had introduced golf carts to the club, to the caddies’ chagrin. I learned that the caddies even went on strike! But there is still more to Bob’s story.

He had been working at the Oak Ridge Country Club since 1957 and saw many of the visiting celebrities that came to the country club to play golf exhibitions or tournaments. Bob recalled when Mickey Mantle was here and noted that he was standing in the background of the photograph of Mickey in the golf cart.

He left the job at the country club and went to Atlanta, Georgia, during the early 1960’s to find work. However, in 1968 he was visiting back in Oak Ridge to play a tournament at the Oak Ridge Country Club.

This was an eventful tournament for Bob. Dan Stroud saw him, remembered his golfing ability, and asked him to come back and work in Oak Ridge again. This made Bob feel really good as he respected Dan a lot. He did not know what was in store for him, but truly desired to come back to Oak Ridge rather than continue living in Atlanta.

Now, I knew Dan Stroud when he was a maintenance department manager at Y-12. He was responsible for the general maintenance of the entire Y-12 plant. He was also the president of the Oak Ridge Country Club board of directors at the time he offered Bob a job in Oak Ridge. Bob said he went to his wife and said, “Well, we are moving back to Oak Ridge!”

Bob went to work at the country club again until to wait on the job offer Dan had indicated would be forthcoming. Soon he was offered a job at Y-12. He worked there until retirement. He also established his amateur status and again started playing in many area golf tournaments...winning most of them.

While talking about his participation in golf tournaments, Bob then told me a story of how he got his golf clubs that he used for every tournament that he won. And he won a bunch of them – 52 titles in all! Can you imagine that? Winning 52 golf tournaments? What a great record.

Bob showed me a scrap book that his wife had created that contained newspaper articles about each winning tournament. Bob is rightfully proud of that amazing accomplishment. There are pho-

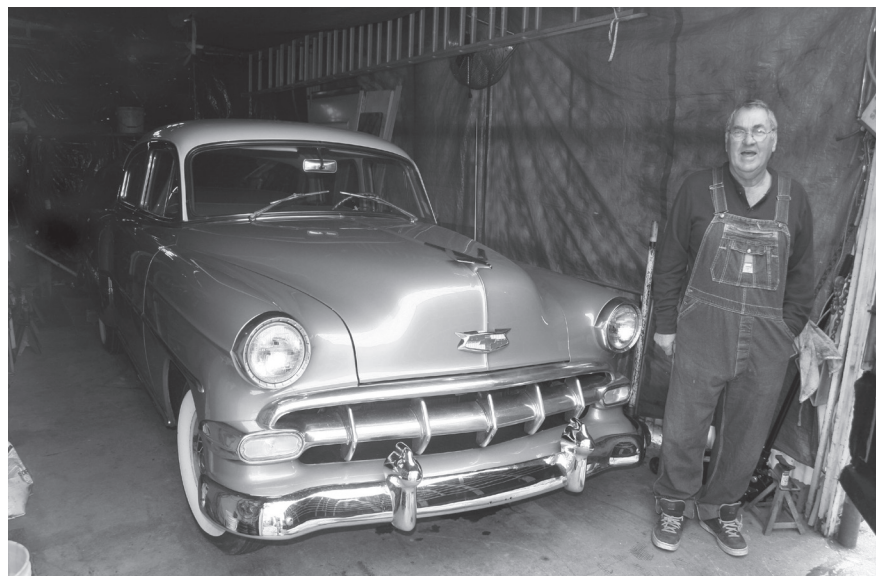
tographs of Bob with many notable golfers and in many newspaper articles giving coverage of the various tournaments that Bob won.

For example, he won the Stearns, Kentucky, and the Middlesboro, Kentucky, golf tournaments three years straight in a row! Wow, don’t you agree that is something to be proud of! He was known throughout the area surrounding Oak Ridge as the person to beat in any tournament.

Bob also won a 1956 Buick in a hole-in-one contest for the Jaycee’s. The set up was near the Oak Ridge High School and the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce. Bob said he teed off from the small rise now covered by pine trees



This three wood is the one Bob was hitting when Pat Fourney observed his skill and purchased the set of used clubs for Bob – the ones he used for his entire career (Photo Submitted)



Bob and his latest “toy” a 1954 Chevrolet that is sharp as a tack! (Photo Submitted)

across the turnpike from the Oak Ridge Public Library and the green was located near the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce. He said the Buick did not run and he had to haul it home.

Bob won tournaments at every major golf course around the area in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s. In each win, he would sell the championship winning prize. If he got a set of new golf clubs, he would sell them for \$150. If he won a set of woods they would go for \$75. If his winning prize was a golf bag, he would sell that bag for \$40. He did not keep any of these championship winning prizes, rather he sold them for cash.

He won all these tournaments using a special set of golf clubs. There is a great

story behind those clubs. Bob showed those special golf clubs to me. He was proud of them. He showed me one of the wedges and noted how worn the edge was on the club. Through many years of regular usage, the club had a great deal of wear on the face and leading edge of the club.

The clubs he used all those years were a used set traded in by Pat Fourney who was the Human Resources director of the Union Carbide Nuclear Division. Bob said it was Pat who gave him a job at Y-12 at Dan Stroud’s suggestion. Bob’s job is likely not the only job ever obtained on the golf course.

Here is the story of those special golf clubs. I found this most amazing. Pat Fourney traded in his set of clubs for a new set hoping to improve his game. Bob, wanting to use a good three wood, took that club from the used set in the Pro Shop and was hitting balls when Pat happened to walk by. Pat observed Bob hitting the golf ball very strongly using his old club. He remarked, “Well, the club is certainly not the problem, it is obviously capable of being a good hitting club as you are routinely making good hits with it.” Bob replied, “Yep, it sure is a really nice three wood!”

Then Pat went directly to the Pro Shop and began to write a check to the shop for the amount needed to purchase his old clubs. Bob was standing nearby and remarked, “Oh, so you are going to buy back your old clubs?” Pat responded with, “Yes, they are obviously a good set of clubs.”

He then gave the check to the Pro Shop cashier, who in turn gave him his old set of clubs. Pat turned to Bob and said, “Here you go son, these clubs are yours. Obviously, you can make them perform better than I ever could.” Bob went on to say that Pat Fourney also hired him to work at the Y-12 Plant and he was able to again qualify as an amateur golfer and go on to win 52 golf tournaments using Pat Fourney’s used golf clubs, a gift he retains to this day with pride.

Another hobby Bob has is restoring antique cars. He has just purchased a 1954 Chevrolet with powerglide automatic transmission and power steering. Did you know those routine functions on all cars today were new innovations introduced by General Motors in the early to mid 1950’s. Bob proudly showed me his new purchase when I visited his home to see his photographs and his wife’s scrap book.

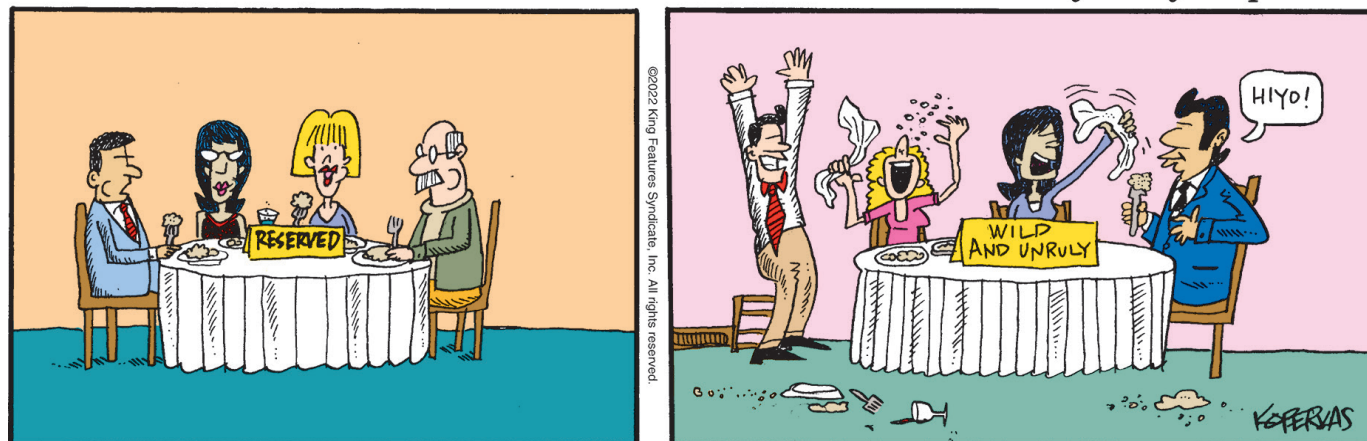
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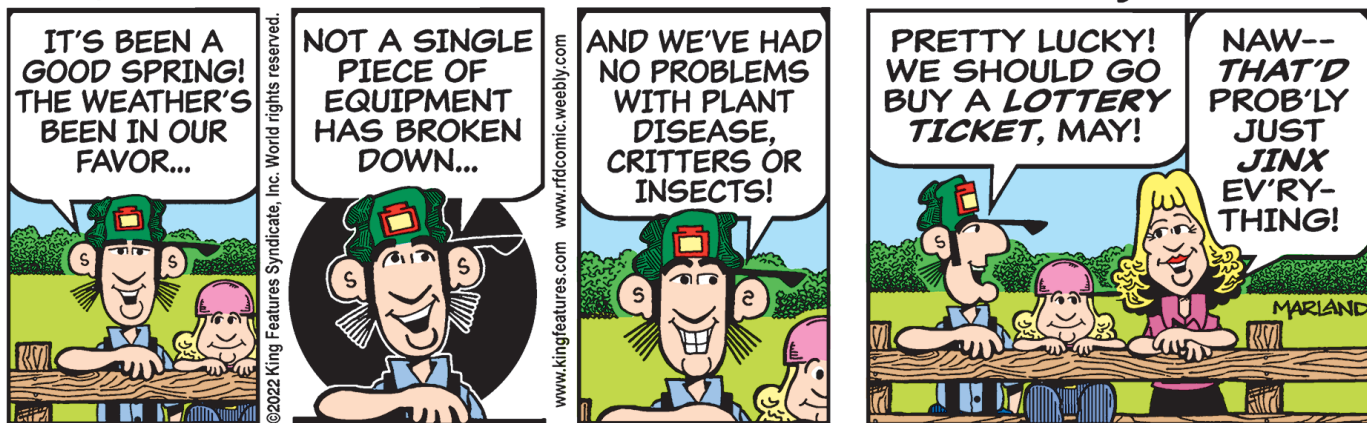
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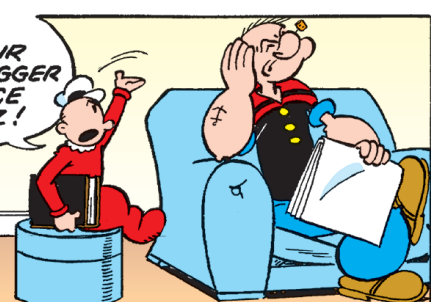
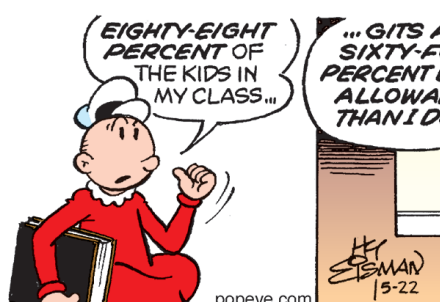
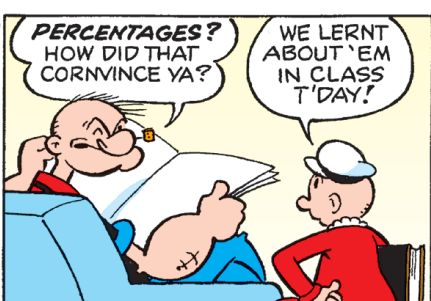
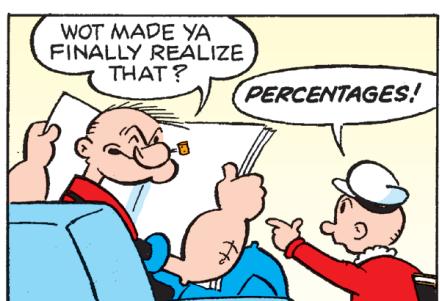
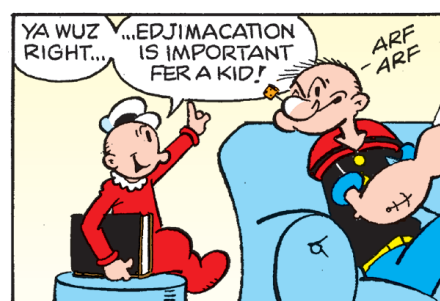
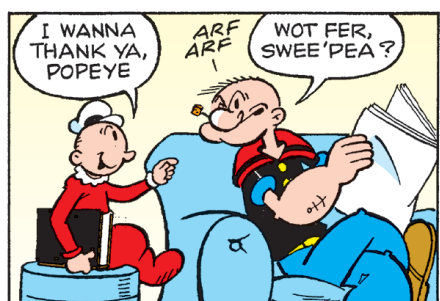
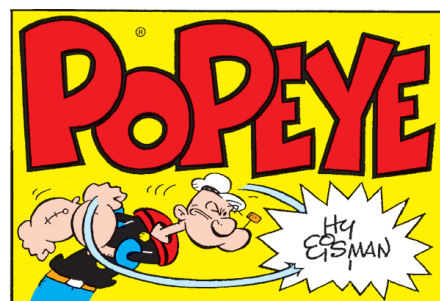
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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On June 13, 1381, a large mob of English peasants marches into London and begins burning and looting the city. The revolt began with the bubonic plague in the late 1340s, which killed nearly a third of the population of England and led to higher wages due to scarcity of labor. Parliament, however, passed laws to hold down wages.

* On June 19, 1856, the first national convention of the Republican Party comes to its conclusion. After the Civil War, the Republican-dominated Congress forced a radical Reconstruction policy on the South, which saw the passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution.

* On June 17, 1885, the dismantled Statue of Liberty, a gift from France, arrives in New York Harbor after being shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in 350 individual pieces packed in more than 200 cases. The copper and iron statue was reassembled and dedicated the following year.

* On June 15, 1904, more than 1,000 people taking a pleasure trip on New York City's East River are drowned or burned to death when fire sweeps through the riverboat-style steamer General Slocum.

* On June 14, 1951, the U.S. Census Bureau dedicates UNIVAC, the first commercially produced general-purpose electronic digital computer in the U.S. UNIVAC used thousands of vacuum tubes for computation.

* On June 16, 1961, Rudolf Nureyev, the young star of the Soviet Union's Kirov Opera Ballet Company, defects during a stopover in Paris. While preparing to board the return flight, Nureyev threw himself into the arms of airport security people, screaming, "Protect me!" He was given political asylum.

* On June 18, 1983, Dr. Sally K. Ride becomes the first American woman in space when the shuttle Challenger is launched on its second mission. Ride, as a mission specialist, was the first woman to operate the shuttle's mechanical arm used to remove ice from its exterior.

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A King's Ransom: Chapter 8



Carol Hall
Author

The rest of the day crept by painfully slow. Nicodemus remained hidden in his cell. Alys had collected the breakfast dishes, turned down the lamp, then disappeared down the corridor.

Bronwyn was getting bored and restless. After shifting her position on the bed of straw for the umpteenth time, she let out a loud, long sigh.

"That doesn't help, you know," Nicodemus's voice drifted down to her from the corner of his cell.

"What?" Bronwyn asked, glad that he had decided to talk to her again.

"Sighing," he said. She knew he had moved closer. His voice was coming from the floor across from her

now.

"Maybe not, but it makes me feel better," Bronwyn replied. She focused her eyes on the floor hoping to catch a glimpse of him before he got too close and frightened her.

"May I approach you?" he asked, sounding timid.

"Yes, but don't get too close," Bronwyn warned. "I'm still a bit creeped out by you."

"I don't know why," Nicodemus complained. "I won't hurt you."

"I know, but..."

"But, what?"

"You have eight legs, a bunch of eyes, and you're fuzzy," she said. It sounded lame even to her, but that was what unnerved her about him.

"Well, you have two legs, two eyes and you're almost bald, but you don't scare me," he said.

"I'm not almost bald!" Bronwyn argued. "I have a whole head full of hair!"

"Your body's bald," he said. "You're mostly hairless, and frankly, I find that a bit odd."

"Most humans are hairless on their bodies," Bronwyn said.

"And most spiders are fuzzy," Nicodemus countered.

"Well...I...ok, you have a point there," Bronwyn conceded.

She caught his movement on the floor a couple of feet in front of her. She quickly withdrew her legs until they were tucked under her.

"Am I too close?" Nicodemus asked, noticing her defensive actions.

"No," Bronwyn said. "I think you're fine there."

"Good. I hate yelling from across the room," he said. "We can hear each other better this way."

"Would you like some straw?" Bronwyn offered. "The floors are hard and cold."

Nicodemus made a sniffing sound. "Why, that is very kind of you," he said. "I would like that very much. These floors are indeed very chilly on my underbelly."

Bronwyn wadded up a small ball of straw between her hands and rolled it over to him. She watched in fascination as he got to work spreading it out using all eight of his legs.

"Better?" she asked.

"Indeed, it is," Nicodemus said, seemingly pleased.

"Can I ask you something?" Bronwyn asked.

"Sure," Nicodemus said.

"How is it that you can talk?" she asked. "I've never heard of a spider being able to talk before."

"I wondered when you'd get around to asking me that," he said, a twinge of laughter in his voice. "I'm surprised it took you this long."

"I think I was so overwhelmed with everything that's happened over the last couple of days, that it just dawned on me to question it," Bronwyn admitted. "Do all spiders talk?"

"No, they don't," Nicodemus said. "When I was born, I knew I was different. I wasn't able to communicate with my mother or spiderlings. When I spoke to them using the human's dialect, they rejected me. They all left the dungeon, leaving me behind."

"How did you come to know human speech?" Bronwyn asked, fascinated.

"I do not know the answer to that," he said. "I was born knowing it. I guess I'm a freak of nature."

"Or a miracle of it," Bronwyn said. She was starting to feel more relaxed with him. He wasn't like any spider she'd ever encountered before. He didn't seem vicious or harmful at all.

"I'm not like other spiders in a lot of ways," he said. "I would never bite a human unless it was in self-defense." He stood up taller on his legs and shook himself. "Phew, I wouldn't want any human residue in my mouth."

Bronwyn laughed. "Trust me, I don't want to bite you either. You'd leave hair on my tongue."

Their laughter carried down the corridor and echoed back to them.

"Do most spiders live as long as you have?" Bronwyn asked. "Or is that something special about you, too?"

"I'm not sure," he said. "Other than my mother and spiderlings, I've never met another spider. So I don't know how long one usually lives."

"Somehow, I think you're special in that regard, too," Bronwyn said, inching closer to him without realizing it. She was close enough now to see his dark outline in the dim light from the lantern.

"I don't feel old," he said. "I feel like I'm still in the prime of my youth. I hope that means I'll live a good, long life."

"I hope so, too," Bronwyn said, startling herself with the admission.

"How sweet," Nicodemus cooed. "I think you're warming up to me."

"Let's not get ahead of ourselves," Bronwyn said, though she was smiling.

"Let's just say, you aren't scaring me as much now."

"Well, it's a start," Nicodemus said.

Alys's doddering footsteps could be heard making their way down the hall toward them.

"Must be suppertime," Nicodemus said, rubbing his two front legs together. "I'm starved."

Bronwyn turned as Alys appeared like a ghost out of the darkness. Her shabby appearance making her look all the more wraith-like.

"Hope you two have made amends," she said, sliding a plate under the door of Bronwyn's cell.

"We have," Nicodemus said, proudly. "Did you manage to rustle me up a big, juicy fly?"

"No, I'm sorry, Nicodemus," Alys said, regretfully. "You'll be getting the same thing as Bronwyn tonight. Bread and cheese."

"Oh well," he said, unperturbed by the news. "Beggars can't be choosers."

Since Bronwyn hadn't eaten all her oatmeal that morning, she was more than eager to dig into some hot fresh bread and a healthy chunk of cheese.

She was sorely disappointed when she snatched the plate off the floor and lifted it up to her face. The bread was old and hard. The cheese had mold growing around the edges.

"Ohhh," she said, disappointed.

"It sure ain't what the folks at the banquet upstairs are eating, is it?" Alys asked, sympathetically.

"Not at all," Bronwyn sighed. She took a bite of the stale bread and chewed carefully so as not to break a tooth. After wallowing it around in her mouth for a moment, it softened up enough to swallow.

"May I please have some?" Nicodemus asked.

Bronwyn looked down and saw him standing next to her bare foot. She shrieked and jumped back.

Nicodemus bolted across the room a safe distance from her, emitting a frightened shriek as he went.

"Oh, Nicodemus," she cried. "I'm sorry. It was just a gut reaction. Please come back."

She sat down on the floor and broke off several small pieces of bread from the loaf. She did the same with the cheese. After setting the pieces on the plate, she laid it on the ground between her and Nicodemus.

Nicodemus tentatively made his way over to the plate. Gingerly, he removed a hunk of cheese and began to eat.

"I'm happy the two of you are getting along so well," Alys said. "I only have one plate, so it's good to know you're ok with sharing it."

Between the two of them, Bronwyn and Nicodemus finished off the meager portion of food.

"What do you eat?" Bronwyn asked Alys.

"The same thing you do," she answered. "I'll eat mine when I return to my room."

"Why don't you eat with us?" Bronwyn asked.

"Most of the prisoners who are sent down here aren't as nice as you," she said. "It's not pleasant eating with someone who spends the whole time yelling at you, or complaining to you because they don't like what you've brought them to eat. Because of that, I've just gotten used to eating alone in my room."

"I'm not going to yell at you," Bronwyn said. "You're more than welcome to eat out here with Nicodemus and me, if you want."

"Here, here," Nicodemus said. "I agree."

"That would be nice," Alys said. "Thank you. In the morning, I'll join you for breakfast. It'll be a nice change from eating by myself all the time. I'd enjoy the company."

The sound of heavy footfalls could be heard coming down the stairs toward the dungeon.

Alys stepped back from the cell and swiped her hands down her skirt, then over her messy hair. "Seems we have a visitor coming," she whispered. She sounded nervous and on edge. Bronwyn watched as she fussed over her clothing some more.

"What I am supposed to do?" Bronwyn asked.

"Nothing," Alys said in a hushed tone. "Just go sit on your bed. Don't talk. Just be quiet."

The door swung open, but the lighting was so poor, Bronwyn couldn't make out who had come in.

Nicodemus scampered through the bars separating their cells and disappeared from view.

"Alys," a deep male voice called out. "Are you here?"

"Yes, Your Highness," Alys said. "At the end of the hall, sir."

The king.

What was he doing here? Why had he come to the dungeon?

Bronwyn's curiosity rose.

So did her fear.

Was he here to mete out further punishment on her? Did he want to make sure she was being mistreated to the utmost for rejecting him?

A prickling sensation ran along her spine and landed with a thud in her midsection.



Tares Sown in Ephesus



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Under the Assyrian and Egyptian empires, the fallen angels had gained a foothold in Sumer. The ancient empire of five cities on the Euphrates River is where men first rebelled against God as creator and there was a fallen angel influence in the rebellion.

Babel is the center of the religious universe. The ancient Sumerian pantheon with Enlil, An and Ki are the foundations for all mixing of creation worship with a part time veneration of the creator. Enlil being the god of wind, air, earth and storms. His Father was An; Earth and his mother was Ki; Water.

Nimrod is a descendant of Cush, back to Ham. Ham is the father of the peoples of Africa. His name means Red. He has ascended to power in Babel. He is the high priest over the Babylonian religion and his title is Pontifex Maximus. He has united Egyptian solar worship with the ancient Assyrian veneration of the moon god SIN.

He has a temple to Nebo. Nebo is winged mercury. He is the head of the fallen angel army leading another rebellion away from the worship of God as creator. Nebo will come to prominence under Nebuchadnezzar 1 when Daniel is appointed as his interpreter of dreams.

Babylon is where Syncretism took hold in creation. It is a word that means the mixing of two religious beliefs to form a religious set of traditions. It typically took place each time an empire in history conquered adjacent empires with competing pagan pantheons. Babel is where men compromised completely with Lucifer and his fallen angel army.

Esther and Ahaseurus are governing the Medo-Persian empire from Babylon. Ahaseurus is rendered in Greek as Xerxes. He is the King in charge of the Achaemenid empire. It is the largest empire in history to date. He is a believer in Ahura Mazda as the Persian creator and head of the Persian pagan pantheon.

Esther worships Adonai-Elohim. YHWH. The God of creation. She believes that one day God will provide a lamb to pay for all pagan unbelief and sin. We must confess our sins before God and move away from venerating the gods of ancient Babel.

We are a new creation only when we recognize Jesus Christ as the creator who gave us the sun, the moon, and the twelve-star constellations placed in the heavens to teach the story of redemption. Astrology is called the Mazzaroth in Job 38. Learn the differences between pagan astrology and God's reason for giving us the constellations at creation and unlocking paganism in our own lives becomes the desire of a lifetime.

Daniel was exported to Babylon with three friends who were all members of the tribe of Judah, Israel's chosen royal line. They had names be-fitting of serving the Hebrew God of creation. Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. God has favored, who is what God is, and Jehovah has helped, respectively.

Nebuchadnezzar assigned these Jewish children names befitting of the entire Babylonian pantheon.

Shadrach; He who worships the sun god, Meshach: He who worships the moon god, and Abed Nebo: The servant of Nebo. Taken in context with the rest of the Bible, this is an allusion to the Satanic trinity forming right before our eyes.

The foundations for all pagan ideology stem from Babylon. Nimrod was the world's first dictator to unite sun worshippers, with

moon worshippers under the influence of Lucifer, the nachash or shining one of our Bible. The servants of Nebo are those government administrators who naively lead governments in the worship of Lucifer. According to Jesus Christ, Lucifer once offered him all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus Christ would bow down and worship him.

Christ's answer should inform everyone who believes the US government is anything close to Godly. Jesus Christ separated church and state when he washed his disciples' feet. Jesus Christ's answer is our answer when Lucifer tempts us to serve this world, "Worship the Lord thy God and he alone should you worship!"

If Jesus Christ is not the God who gave us the ten commandments, why would he command us and Lucifer to worship only God? Jesus Christ is the God who gave us all the commandments and all for the purpose of teaching us what we need mercy from.

Salvation is total dependance upon what Jesus Christ did on Calvary. You can not add one good deed or one effort to overcoming sin in your life apart from salvation and dependence upon Jesus Christ's blood cleansing us each day from our unrighteousness. His blood transfusion never goes empty.

The seven churches Messiah addressed in revelation warn the church who allows the gods of Babylon into their worship services are not going to be part of Messiah's coming kingdom. Revelation 2 and 3 are Christ's warning to all who profess faith in Jesus what happens to those who allow the cares of this world to cloud their desire to study his word.

Babylon and the religion founded there, migrated into Western Turkey under Cyrus the great. The last Achaemenid emperor Darius Hystaspes lost the empire to Alexander the great. His life is chronicled in Daniel 11. Seleucus and Ptolemy fought for generations over Moon worship and Sun worship with Jerusalem sandwiched between these competing views.

The Seleucid empire and Egyptian empires were united under the banner of Rome and Julius Caesar. The Parthians of Persia, challenged Roman rule in the east for 100 years until Vespasian finally united the Babylonian empire under the new Rome in Sardis, the temporary capitol of the eastern Roman empire. Now all Pagan pantheons were united under Pontifex Maximus. To be Continued...

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

He is alive forevermore, and he is returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 4-30-2022

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

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

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

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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	NOTICE TO CREDITORS	Case Number <u>P-27-22</u>
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In the matter of the Estate of DONALD BOWLES
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 18TH DAY OF MAY 2022, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of DONALD BOWLES who died on the 3RD 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 20TH DAY OF MAY 2022

TRACEY VOUGHT WILLIAMS
ATTORNEY

SUSAN JONES
EXECUTOR

ANGELA R. ANDERSON
Clerk and Master

TALLESSE ALLEY
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

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

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

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

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

Joe H. Miller Jr.
Superintendent of Highways
Morgan County

Invitation to Bid

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

The City of Wartburg is now accepting sealed bids on the following:
The Repair of the Roof for City Hall located at 407 Eliza St. in Wartburg.

Bids will be accepted at City Hall until Friday June 10, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. The bids will be open at 7:00 p.m. and a decision will be made at that night at the monthly City Council meeting to accept or reject the bids. The City of Wartburg reserves the right to accept or reject all received bids.

10 Million People Missing Out on Stimulus



David Zubler
Columnist

A recent report estimates that 10 million eligible people have not received their stimulus payment. Many factors have contributed to the stimulus problem. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) conducted the report.

The Recovery Rebate Credit was part of the government's effort to provide stimulus to the economy during the pandemic.

Most people received their stimulus by check or direct deposit. However, debit cards were sent to millions of people from a third-party financial institution. People accidentally threw away those cards because they were mistaken for junk mail.

The TIGTA report stated that debit card policies and manually verifying the stimulus claims were an unnecessary burden on taxpayers. This delayed access to stimulus payments for many taxpayers. If you missed getting your stimulus and didn't take the stimulus credit on your tax return, you can still get your stimulus by going to GetYourRefund.org.

TIGTA recommended that the IRS identify people who didn't get their stimulus. However, the IRS did not agree to take any actions to make sure the roughly 10 million potentially eligible people identified by TIGTA as of May 2021 get their stimulus payment.

TIGTA found that the IRS correctly calculated the stimulus credit on 99.3% of the 26.3 million tax returns filed. "Achieving a 99.3% accuracy rate was no small feat," wrote Kenneth Corbin, commissioner of the IRS's Wage and Investment Division.

Corbin said the second stimulus required the IRS to quickly

change the programming to permit reconciliation of the second stimulus. The IRS processing systems were programmed and implemented with only a two-week delay to the opening of the filing system.

TIGTA said it sent out 12 alerts while conducting the review to notify the IRS about its concerns. The IRS implemented changes to address one of the alerts and agreed to act on four others.

The IRS didn't agree to review payments made in error totaling close to \$598 million paid to ineligible individuals as of May 2021.

TIGTA made 22 recommendations to the IRS. The IRS agreed with 8 of TIGTA's recommendations.

The recommendations included taking actions to guarantee eligible people receive their payment. This included alerting people who have not filed a tax return or did not claim the stimulus payment of their eligibility.

With the sudden changes, it's not a surprise so many taxpayers had the wrong amounts on their tax returns.

If you missed your stimulus and didn't take the credit when you filed your return, don't miss your chance to take the stimulus.

David Zubler is a tax accountant and Enrolled Agent in East Tennessee representing clients before the IRS and has over 25 years of tax experience. He is the author of four tax books and is the founder and president of Your Tax Care. The company provides business and tax education to the public at its website, YourTaxCare.com. David can be reached at (865) 363-3019 or contacted by email at zublerdavid@gmail.com.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

A Trip to the Museum

A local art museum, lacking many patrons because people are still avoiding crowds due to COVID, came up with a great idea: open the place to seniors. Those of us who've been locked down for too long, turning up our noses at proposed activities at the senior center, thought this was a swell idea.

We did, however, decline the offer of a van. Instead, we all drove in our individual vehicles to avoid being breathed on by others.

The museum was ... lovely. So excited was staff to have real and actual patrons that they pulled out all the stops for us. Young docents-in-training hovered, but not too closely, as we spread out in the large, high-ceilinged rooms clutching our brochures. Spend more

than 10 seconds in front of a display of Mediterranean antiquities, and a docent would appear, many steps away, to tell us about the artifacts. Squint at the detail of a Winslow Homer painting, and there would be a docent offering a magnifying glass and talking about brush work. Look at the artistry of the Native American baskets and wonder how they got all those varied colors, and a docent would know.

It didn't hurt our feelings at all to be told later that these docents-in-training were students at a local art school and would get extra credit for their participation. They did a fine job.

The senior center staff did too, surprising us with a bagged lunch on the museum grounds after our visit. There were enough picnic benches for us to spread out in the sunshine, and a male spouse was commandeered to tote around a cooler of iced drinks to hand out, along with a wide variety of chips for us to trade like school children.

It's a good thing I had my checkbook in my purse. Before I left, I purchased a membership as a Friend of the Museum. I'll be back.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Name the song with the singer who has both a custom Continental and an Eldorado.**
- 2. Which artist released "Keep on Truckin'?"**
- 3. Which James Bond movie used Carly Simon's 1977 hit "Nobody Does It Better" as its theme song?**
- 4. Who is Angela Trimble?**
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Oh I could hide beneath the wings of the blue bird as she sings, The six o'clock alarm would never ring."**

Answers

- 1. "Bad, Bad, Leroy Brown," by Jim Croce, in 1973.**
- 2. Eddie Kendricks, in 1973, after he left the Temptations. The song topped both the R&B and pop charts.**
- 3. "The Spy Who Loved Me," in 1977. Astonishingly enough, the song was kept out of the No. 1 slot by Debby Boone's "You Light Up My Life" and missed out on Academy Award and Golden Globe Award wins due to the same song.**
- 4. Deborah Ann Harry, lead singer of Blondie. Her name was changed when she was adopted as an infant. The group's first hit was "Denis," topping the charts in Belgium and the Netherlands.**
- 5. "Daydream Believer," by the Monkees in 1967. It was the Monkees' last U.S. chart topper. The song has been covered by others, including songwriter John Stewart in 1971 and Anne Murray in 1979.**

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Never Stop Learning Part 1

“Read a book. Read a Book. Read a book.”

Dad, you are a broken record! My father has been consistently annoying about one thing throughout my entire childhood: read a book. Every conversation between my dad and me would turn into a story about how reading is important and cannot be ignored. He even started quoting that cheese ball 1990’s saying, “Reading is fundamental.”

When I was young, football was my life. My friends and family would say nothing has changed, as of yesterday. I ate, slept, and drank football on a daily basis. I tried to see if reading books about would satisfy my dad. I couldn’t even discuss the latest football scores without him bellowing, “Turn off the TV and go read a book!”

I specifically remember asking him if reading the football scores or the back of my football cards counted as reading. Unfortunately, he didn’t count that as “ed-

ucational”.

I hated to read when I was in high school. I never read one non-fiction book in that entire time. I read one fiction book in high school. The only reason I read that piece of literature was because I was forced to for an advanced English class



project.

I started attending the University of Tennessee in August of 2001. Much to my chagrin, I had to actually read textbooks for my courses. In college, I worked several part-time jobs and was actually able to put a little money aside. I purchased a federal government savings bond in 2004. I created an online account through the Department of the Treasury. After 10

years, I remembered I had a savings bond somewhere out there in space. There was never a paper trail issued for the bond, because it was directly purchased through treasury.gov. I called the Treasury to retrieve my password and they asked my security question. The customer service representative said, “You have a couple of security questions I need you to answer and the first one is, who is your favorite author?”

What?

I paused and thought, what could I have made up at the time? I never read a single book until college, unless I had to for a class. I told the representative I have no clue. The representative informed me since I couldn’t remember the answer to the security question, I would have to go through a long, painful process of confirming my identity. When I completed this lengthy process, they finally gave me the old answers to my security to questions. Anyone venture to guess what my answer was nearly 10 years ago? I was driving and almost ran off the road laughing when she told the answer. I can even picture me saying that in my redneck voice, “I don’t read”. She said, “Sir, we don’t recommend non-specific answers to security questions.” “I don’t read”—Wow! How embarrassing!

My dad even admits he is a broken record when it comes to reading. To this day, he still repeats that command to my younger brother and sister. He would always tell me how important it was to read in order to be ahead in the marketplace. The most successful people are consistently reading non-fiction books on a frequent basis, he said. He told me there were lots of really smart, successful people out in the world and you have to read to even be able to keep up with them. I had my epiphany after I graduated college. I finally realized that I could learn literally anything I want by reading a book. Look at the libraries, bookstores, and the online search engines—anything you want to do in life you is right there, within reach. It turns out my father was right.



Zack Ballinger



Ramen Noodles Get a Healthy Upgrade

Each time I visit the grocery store, two things happen. First, I see food prices continuing to rise. Second, I snoop to see what other people have in their carts. Not a casual glance either — I really look. I learn a great deal about the family behind the cart.

Lately, I’m seeing more cases of ramen going home with people than usual. This indicates that folks are trying to stretch their family food budget, even if they know it’s not as healthy as they’d like. I suggest, since we’re eating ramen, let’s make it healthier.

First, the good news: Ramen contains some iron! It’s made from wheat flour that’s been fortified with synthetic forms of nutrients like iron and some B vitamins.

Now the bad news: It shouldn’t surprise you to hear that ramen isn’t healthy. But it’s important to understand why. Ramen noodles are highly processed, made from wheat flour, vegetable oils, flavor enhancers and preservatives, which can be harmful to your health. Ramen is nutritionally void! In addition to that, it’s a giant sodium bomb.

When you read the nutrition label (you do read those labels, don’t you?), you’ll notice a typical serving of ramen has around 190 calories, 27 grams carbs, 7 grams fat, 1 gram fiber and a whopping 890 milligrams of sodium. But wait! Did you notice

each package contains two servings? So, double all those numbers and now they’re accurate.

Eaten occasionally, less than once per week, ramen won’t harm your health. Here are several ways to make this convenient dish healthier.

Ditch the flavor packet: The seasoning packet is ground zero in terms of sodium. Boil noodles in water or low-sodium chicken or beef broth to make soup.

Add vegetables: Fresh or frozen vegetables add nutrients that ramen noodles lack. Try adding peas, carrots, broccoli, onions or spinach to ramen.

Add protein: Ramen noodles are low in protein, so adding eggs, chicken, pork or tofu provides protein that will keep you fuller longer.



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Ditch the flavor packet; add vegetables and protein to make healthier ramen noodles.

With that said, if we’re going to occasionally eat something that’s not healthy, it’d better taste ridiculously delicious. Here’s an awesome recipe for Sesame Noodles using ramen noodles. Look, Ma! No seasoning packets!

SESAME NOODLES

This decadent snack is ready in the time it takes to boil the noodles.

Yield: 2 servings **Time:** 10 minutes

- 1 package ramen noodles, seasoning packet discarded

- 1 tablespoon coconut oil or butter
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ginger, finely minced
- 1 cup bok choy greens or spinach, sliced
- 1 tablespoon low sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon chili garlic paste
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds

1. Bring a pot of water to boil for the noodles. Once the water boils, add the noodles and cook for 3 minutes. While the water is heating up, mince the garlic and ginger.

2. Heat a skillet over medium-low heat. Add the coconut oil or butter; once melted, add in the garlic and ginger. Cook for 1 minute, then add the bok choy or spinach and saute for one minute more. Stir in soy sauce, sugar and chili garlic paste.

3. Remove pan from heat and add the sesame oil. Add the cooked and drained noodles to the skillet and toss well to coat. Serve with green onions and sesame seeds.

I don’t usually say “This is terrible for you, but here’s a great recipe.” Or perhaps I don’t do it often enough. It’s no worse than a doughnut for breakfast, plus there’s iron. This was delicious.

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Ephesians Chapter 2

(Eph. 1:1-10) God's Saving Power: This section begins with a description of the wretched condition of the Gentiles in the pre-Christian state. Prior to their conversion, Paul says, "You were dead through your trespasses and sins." The personal pronoun emphasizes their own sins, not those of Adam. They had "walked" in a worldly way, under the influence of Satan, which inclination even now continues to motivate the "sons of disobedience," those consumed with a rebellious disposition (v.2).

The Jews (note the "you" to "we" shift), also once lived according to the passions of both flesh and mind, and so "by nature" became people deserving of divine wrath, just as the "rest" of humanity was (v. 3). (There is no support for the theory of hereditary total depravity here; personal responsibility is assigned.) God overflows with mercy (pity for sinners), exhibiting great love, even though we were spiritually dead through our trespasses (rotting corpses of putrefaction). He "made us alive, saved us, providing for us a relationship with Christ. When did this occur? When he "raised us up with him" (v. 6). In his letter to the Romans, the apostle affirms that this event is accomplished when one is "raised" from baptism to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:3-4). In this Ephesian epistle, Paul identifies the process as being "saved by grace" (v. 5). Salvation by grace does not exclude baptism; it includes it (Tit. 3:5-7)!

We were raised from the water of baptism to "sit with him in heavenly places," there is either a sense in which we share his reign now (Phil. 3:20; Rev. 1:6) or the present tense is an affirmation of the certainty that will occur at the appropriate time. In the "age to come" (generations to follow), the grace and kindness of God will be richly manifested to all of the "in Christ" faithful, just as it has been to "us" (v. 7). The following passage is grossly misunderstood by a vast segment of the community of "Christendom" because it is approached with a sectarian bias that filters the text through preconceived theological lenses.

Salvation is offered as a result of God's grace. (a) It is extended universally (Tit. 2:11); (b) it is accessed by means of instruction (Tit. 2:12; (c) it is proffered conditionally (Gen. 6:8; Heb. 11:7; Rom. 5:1-2). One is saved by grace "through faith," faithfully submitting to the divine mandate. This cannot be merely the act of believing, for in this very letter being "cleansed" (saved) is said to result from the "washing of water with the word" (5:25-26), which even John Calvin, in his Commentary on Ephesians (available online), conceded was a reference to baptism (see also Acts 19:1-6 for the case history). Compare also the phrase, "saved by the washing of regeneration" with "justified by grace" (Tit. 3:5, 7). Salvation is not "of" (literally, "out of") ourselves (as a source); it is from God. It is the "gift of God." But a gift must be received (Jn. 1:12; 6:27), where "working" is parallel to receiving what is "given"). Salvation is "not of works." These are not "works" divinely commanded, as even belief is (Jn. 6:29), but works humanly contrived, of which one might boast were they to save him. Following conversion, further obedience is required. Christians are God's "workmanship," having been "created" (having experienced the "new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17) "in Christ" (into whom we were immersed) (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27). We are obliged to continue "walking in them" (the good works), none of which earns salvation. To contend that verses eight through ten teach the dogma of "faith alone," without other acts of obedience, is an

exegetical travesty.

(Eph. 2:22-22) Jews and Gentiles in one body: The Gentile Christian is called upon to remember his past, the status of the nations at large. They were a people apart from the Jewish nation, with no formal recognition from God (by circumcision); they were strangers to the covenants of promise, and they had no relationship with the true God (v.11-12). But that changed when the gospel was offered to them. Though they once had stood afar off, through the cleansing effect of Christ's blood they had been brought near as a result of the "in Christ" relationship (v.13). Jesus had provided the peace for which they so long had sought, so that now both Jew and Gentile had become "one" in the spiritual body of Christ, the church. The modern system of divided sectarianism was never intended by the Lord.

The "middle wall of partition" had been broken down. The imagery possibly was taken from the four-and-a-half-foot wall in the temple area that separated the court of the Gentiles from the sacred area reserved for Jews. It had death warnings posted at intervals (two of which have been found), forbidding Gentiles to pass beyond (Acts 21:28-29). The barrier was literally broken down with the destruction of the temple in A.D. 70. In principle, it was broken down with the abolition of the Mosaic system at Calvary. Others see the symbolism as a reference to the rending of the temple veil at the time of Jesus' death (Mt. 27:51). Whatever the background, the language symbolized the fact that the religious wall separating Jews from Gentiles was gone (v.14).

By his death on the cross Jesus provided a way of reconciliation (both to God and to one another), bringing Jews and Gentiles together in "one body" (v.16), otherwise known as the church. There is no room in the divine plan of salvation for modern denominationalism. This act "abolished" the "law of commandments" with its various ordinances and created a bond of "peace". The "law of commandments" (v.15) is a clear reference to the Mosaic system, and abolished signifies to make void. The ceremonial elements of the law of Moses were terminated by the death of Christ. Underlying moral concepts find their place in the new covenant as well. Those who appeal to the Old Testament regime for authority to undergird worship practices today do so in vain (Col. 2:14, 16). The Lord, by his death, created one new entity, the church, thus a common arena for peace between Jew and Gentile (v.16). Peace was proclaimed to those "afar off" (Gentiles) and to those "near" (the Jews). Both Jew and Gentile now have access unto God, through Christ, in Spirit. The entire Godhead, distinct in personality, united in purpose, worked in the redemption process to unite Jew and Gentile (v.18). How wonderfully amazing!

Gentiles, therefore, are no more strangers to the people of God, as they were viewed under the OT arrangement. Instead, there is a common citizenship and a united family bond (v.19). A new image is now employed. The unified church stands upon a solid foundation. The apostles and prophets are considered a major portion of the foundation (because by their preaching thousands were converted), with Christ symbolically pictured as the chief cornerstone (Ps. 118:22; Mt. 21:42). The fact that Peter is not singled out for prominence in the imagery is a deathblow to the false theory of his papal supremacy.


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Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather crops into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they?

Matthew 6:26

Big Thanks

sent out to all involved for working together for the benefit of our Leadership Morgan program. I thoroughly enjoyed each class day; our 2022 committee did a great job corralling and scheduling our class days. I am especially grateful for the leadership role Michelle Adkisson has played this year and so glad she came to me to offer the opportunity to help out with some available funding and sponsorship through RSCC for this season. I think of how encouraging it was to have had a full house at River Ridge Barn for the Chamber kick-off meeting to re-start our leadership program back before 2020 hit. Now, here we are having had a beautiful season of Leadership Morgan and an excellent graduation of the Class of 2022, quite fittingly, at River Ridge Barn. It has been a true blessing to have everyone eager to help make this class the success it was destined to be.



Class of 2022



12 of our 13 Class Graduates had a great experience of learning and participating at the TN State Capital with Governor Bill Lee, Senator Ken Yager and (not pictured) Representative John Mark Windle. Listed alphabetically: Judy Byrge, CEO, Morgan County Medical Center • Bridget DeFee, Executive Director, Morgan County Chamber of Commerce • Lisa Freels, Human Resource Spc, Morgan County Head Start • Emily Graber, Owner, MoCo Brewing Project, Director HR- Engagement, Inclusion and Performance, CNS/Y-12, US Army Reserves • Ashley Honeycutt, CFO, Morgan County Head Start • (Not pictured: Wilburn D. (Doug) Lamance, Director, Morgan County EMS • Brian Langley, Morgan County Executive) • Melissa Laymance, Budget Analyst, National Park Service • Jill Lazuka, President, Morgan County Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc., MCGHS Volunteer • Karen Melton, Mayor, City of Sunbright • Ashley Nelson, Configuration Management Analyst, CNS/Y-12 • Pamela Rudnitzki, Scholarship Specialist, Roane State Foundation • Samuel Chad Taylor, Student worker, RSCC

I am certainly looking forward to the bright future of this Chamber program with the camaraderie of our Alumni working together. What a great example we have the opportunity to set as we move forward. I have a project envisioned to put on the books for a 30 Year Alumni Banquet which I hope by that time will coincide with MC having a "stay" capacity point to host an East TN Regional Leadership Day... Watch for Applications for 2022-2023 Leadership Morgan and Morgan County Youth Leadership in July! – Bridget DeFee, MCCOC

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Coalfield Survives Lookout Valley Rally for 7-5 Victory in State Tournament



Cole Hines avoids a pickoff by Lookout Valley first baseman Jacob Rollins. [Photo by Cathy Bird]

By Terry Futrell

Lookout Valley turned an apparent rout by the Coalfield Yellow Jackets on Tuesday into a white-knuckle, edge-of-your-seat thriller in the opening round of the TSSAA Baseball Tournament. After exploding with seven runs in the top of the first inning, Coalfield's bats went silent and Lookout Valley slowly, meticulously chipped away at Coalfield's lead. Coalfield fans breathed a huge sigh of relief as relief pitcher Levi Heidel shut Lookout Valley down 1-2-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning to give Coalfield a 7-5 victory and the opportunity to move on to round 2 in the winners' bracket of the tournament.

Coalfield batters racked up five singles and two walks in the top of the first inning to take an early 7-0 lead over Lookout Valley. Coalfield had seven base runners before making their first out in the inning. Cole Hines led off with a single, followed by a walk by Luke Treece. Levi Brasel and Brayden Burgess had back-to-back singles, scoring Hines and Treece. Levi Heidel walked to load the bases. Eli Justice stole home on a passed ball. Zach Armstrong followed with a single that scored Burgess. Aiden Sexton reached base on a Lookout Valley fielding error, scoring both Heidel and Armstrong. Aiden Sexton then scored on an infield sacrifice by Reilly Brown. Rommel Conlon singled on a bunt but was left stranded when Cole Hines and Luke Treece hit into outs. Coalfield had eleven at bats in the top of the first inning.

Fast-forward to the bottom of the second inning. Lookout Valley placed three runners on base with a walk, a single, and a fielder's choice. But could score only one run. Coalfield pitcher Levi Brasel recorded two strikeouts in the inning. Coalfield led 7-1 after two innings.

Coalfield was again unable to score in the top of the third, and Lookout Valley charged ahead with two runs. With two outs and one runner on base, Jacob Winchester drove a hard drive into left field, scoring Jaxon Quails. An error by Coalfield's outfield allowed Winchester to score. Pitcher Levi Brasel struck out the final Lookout Valley batter, leaving two runners stranded. Lookout Valley trimmed Coalfield's lead to 7-3.

Coalfield could muster no more than one single in the top of the fourth inning. Lookout Valley responded with two singles and scored one run on an infield sacrifice, pulling within three runs of Coalfield, whose lead was cut to 7-4.

At this point, the rains came, and the game was suspended until Wednesday morning. The game resumed with Coalfield at bat in the top of the fifth and leading 7-4. Despite three consecutive walks and an infield error by Lookout Valley, Coalfield was unable to cross the plate in the top of the fifth. Lookout Valley responded by hitting three singles and by placing another runner on base through a fielder's choice. Defensive play by Coalfield's infield limited Lookout Valley to one additional run, bringing the score to 7-5.

Neither team could score in the sixth inning, and Coalfield again came up scoreless in the top of the seventh. Coalfield led 7-5 and was only three outs away from a victory that would keep them in the winners' bracket. The first Lookout Valley batter flied out to Reilly Brown in left field. Tension mounted. The second batter grounded out to pitcher Levi Heidel. With two outs, there were white knuckles and much anticipation throughout Coalfield's fan base. After one strike, Lookout Valley's Christian Chandler hit a ground ball to pitcher Heidel who threw to first baseman Brayden Burgess for the final out and a 7-5 Coalfield victory.

Levi Brasel (2 for 4) and Zach Armstrong (2 for 3) led Coalfield in batting. Brasel was also the winning pitcher, and Levi Heidel was credited with a save.

Lookout Valley falls to the losers' bracket and Coalfield moves on to play Eagleville Wednesday afternoon in the winners' bracket.

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Jackets Crushed by Eagleville 13-0 – Move to Losers Bracket



Coalfield third baseman Levi Heidel tags out Eagleville's Brady Burns as he attempt a steal. [Photo by Cathy Bird]

By Terry Futrell

Coalfield's hopes for a state baseball championship took a slight detour Wednesday afternoon as the Yellow Jackets were crushed by Eagleville 13-0, forcing Coalfield to fight their way through the losers bracket to continue in the tournament.

The Jackets simply could not overcome the combined hitting/pitching performance of Eagleville. Coalfield used six pitchers in the seven-inning contest, with Zach Armstrong opening for Coalfield. Aiden Sexton, Eli Justice, Waylon Burgess, Tucker West, and Lucas Adcock all saw action on the mound for Coalfield. Coalfield's cadre of pitchers had a tough time with Eagleville's batters, walking nine, striking out three, and hitting three with pitches, while giving up eight hits and nine RBIs. Eagleville's team batting average was .533.

In stark contrast, Eagleville used only two pitchers who walked only one Coalfield batter, hit one batter with a pitch, and gave up only five hits and zero RBIs. Coalfield's meager team batting average was only .227. Levi Brasel led Coalfield batters, hitting 2 for 2, and Cole Hines, Brayden Burgess, and Zach Armstrong

each had one hit in three appearances at the plate.

Coalfield committed six errors, while Eagleville committed only one.

Where were pitchers Cole Hines, Levi Brasel, and Levi Heidel? Apparently, Coach Andy Lowe was saving them for a time when the Jackets are faced with a win or go home situation, as will be the case when Coalfield plays Bradford Thursday morning and potentially faces Eagleville again Thursday afternoon. Coach Lowe is a strategist whose objective is the championship – winning individual games is secondary to achieving that objective.

As the "theoretical" visiting team (the game was played on Eagleville's own home field), Eagleville charged out of the starting gate in the top of the first inning and pummeled the Jackets, much like Coalfield did to Lookout Valley. With three walks and three singles, aided by a Coalfield fielding error, Eagleville took an early 4-0 lead.

After a scoreless second inning, Eagleville racked up four more runs in the top of the third. The first three batters loaded

the bases thanks to a walk and two batters hit by pitches. Add a single, a sacrifice bunt, a wild pitch, and a Coalfield error to the mix, and suddenly Eagleville was up 8-0.

Two singles and a walk in the top of the fifth resulted in Eagleville adding another run to lead 9-0.

Eagleville sealed the game in the top of the seventh by adding four more runs, thanks to a Coalfield error, a double, three consecutive walks, and a single. Coalfield again could not answer, and Eagleville won the game 13-0.

Coalfield moves into the losers bracket and plays Bradford Thursday at 11 AM EDT. The loser of that game goes home, and the winner plays Eagleville Thursday at 5 PM EDT. Should they beat Eagleville, they will have to play and defeat Eagleville a second time Thursday evening to move to the single elimination championship game on Friday.

Highlanders Region Runner-Up, Go To Substate

By Richard Spears



Scott extended its record soccer season, playing into the Region Tournament final, by taking down the Stone Memorial Panthers Tuesday, May 17. On the road, the Highlanders came back from a 1-0 halftime deficit to defeat the Panthers 2-1.

Scott senior Josiah Fladie nailed a penalty kick to tie it, 1-1 in the second half, after Hugo Henry was fouled. The contest was knotted up until the final 12 minute mark, as Skye Babb drove in a goal to put the Highlanders ahead, 2-1. That would be the game's winning goal and the final score. Scott Head coach Eric Henry said, "Our boys played well. We kept working the clock, and got off a good shot by Skye. Stone is a good team. We changed formations a little for this one. They had a huge, talented goal-keeper. Luke Bowling played keeper for us, and made some significant saves. We're looking forward to playing Cumberland County in the Region final, and getting to play a substate game."

Scott Battles Cumberland County In Region Final

The Jets only managed two scores, but that was sufficient to take down the Highlanders in Thursday's (May 19) action in Crossville, as Scott fell, 2-0 in the Regional tournament final. Cumberland County hit a penalty kick in the first frame and added another goal in the second half to win the contest. Scott Head Coach Eric Henry said, "We were flat offensively, but we are one of 16 teams still playing, as we will head to Red Bank on Saturday." Henry said, "We beat a team that was three times better than Cumberland County Tuesday night, in my opinion, and I've been around for a while."

Red Bank Provides Fuel for Protest

In Saturday's (May 21) substate game against Red Bank in Chattanooga, there was an incident that caused the game to be disputed, when apparently a member of the Red Bank squad who had been ruled ineligible to play was dressed in another player's jersey and appeared in the game, as the Highlanders fell to Red Bank. Scott Head coach Eric Henry said he has contacted the TSSAA about the incident. Regardless of the outcome, Scott has posted an extraordinary season, and the Highlander team has a solid foundation on which to continue their success next season. The Highlander seniors- Josiah Fladie, Gaven Terry, Phoenix Norris and Ira Marcus- helped build that foundation, and will be greatly missed next year.

Oneida Wins Region Tournament- Hosts Alcoa in Substate

The Indians shut out Greenback 5-0 Tuesday (May 17) in what Oneida

Head Coach Derek Keeton said was a great offensive and defensive showcase of his team's talent. Oneida's Luke Barna started the scoring, in the first five minutes of the game, taking an assist from Levi James. At the 20 minute mark, George Kline scored, with an assist by Mason Keeton to put the Indians up, 2-0. That was the score at the half. Coach Keeton admonished his team at the half, "Don't let up!"

Oneida scored quickly in the second half, off an "on goal" by Greenback, then minutes later the Indians went up 4-0 on a Mason Keeton shot, with an assist by Luke Barna. Oneida's final goal was an unassisted shot by Keeton with about 7 minutes left in the game to give the final, 5-0. Oneida Defense Coach Phil Newport said, "This was the only time this season that our defense really found their rhythm. Wyatt Yancey, Aidan Love, Wes Hurst, Isaac Martin, Matt Brown and our keeper, Gavin Keeton all did a great job." The win put Oneida in the Region final at Loudon.

Oneida Wins Region By Edging Loudon

On the road Thursday (May 19), the Indians outlasted the Redskins, 3-2 to take the Region title. Mason Keeton scored 5 minutes into the game off a great pass from Luke Barna to make it 1-0. Loudon tied the game at 1-1 before the half with a goal.

The second half was a battle. Not until midway in the frame did Levi James get an assist to Luke Barna, who drilled the ball into the nets for a one touch score, and put Oneida up, 2-1. Loudon tied the game, 2-2, on a scrum in front of the goal 5 minutes later. With 9 minutes to go, senior Gabe Hacker struck what would be the game winner, off an assist by Barna, giving Oneida a 3-2 victory. Indian Head Coach Derek Keeton said, "Loudon is an exceptionally good team. We wore down the clock, and got the win. I did something this year in motivating the boys that I've never done in the past. Every decision and every scheduling move was made for this game."

Indians Host Alcoa in Substate

Saturday, May 21, saw the Tornadoes come into Oneida, and leave with a 3-1 win over the Indians. In the first 8 minutes, Alcoa scored twice to go up, 2-0. With 27 minutes left in the first half, Luke Barna drove in a penalty kick to make the score 2-1. That was the score at the half.

The second frame was a defensive fight, as Alcoa would score at the 27 minute mark with a perfectly placed shot to go up, 3-1. After the game, Oneida Head Coach Derek Keeton said, "Give Alcoa credit for a great game. We had a phenomenal season. I cannot say enough good things about our five seniors- Gabe Hacker, Aidan Love, Matt Brown, Noah James and Garet Byrd. Very proud of these five young men! Looking forward to another exciting year next year





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