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Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Nasty, filthy, gross, mean, hissing, sicken-

ing, beasts are just a few words to describe those things

called GEESE. They spread their wings, lower their heads, hiss and chase me! I don't even bother those repulsive things.

Over the last week, we literally couldn't walk in the yard because every single step we took we took, there it was! Their droppings, that Ms Mary says makes Ricco and me, sick. Not to mention, stepping it it ruins my manicure and makes my paws all yukky, too.

Ms Mary, Ms Tammy and Mimi tried everything to scare that filthy army, away. They would get in the water, just to come right back. Well, when Pap got home, he went outside with some firecrackers. He didn't throw them at the nasty things. Because, he says we don't want to harm the geese.

Those geese didn't like that, POPPING sound that the firecrackers made. They got back in the lake, staying near the bank. So, Pap threw one in the water. It went BLOOP! They hated that! They literally ran on the water, then flew away! Pap to the RESCUE,

again! See, he really is my hero.



You would think those geese would have learned. But, NOPE. They returned. So, Pappy went out and did his trick all over, again. They went flying. Those geese, just didn't seem to get it. The next morning, Pap went out bright and early to fish on the dock. You guessed it. They were back! Pappy was prepared. He had left some firecrackers and lighter out there in case they mounted another attack. Pap to the rescue. He lit his weapons and was careful to not throw them near any of those filthy beasts. Since, we don't want to hurt them, just keep them off the grass. So they don't leave their mess all over the place. He does all of this to prevent Ricco and me from ingesting goose poo. Because, it makes us ill. Not to mention that stepping in it is just plum awful.

Those geese played it smart and retreated. They must have finally realized that my Pap would protect Ricco and me, no matter what. We are hoping they have accepted their defeat and do not continue this war. We still see them swimming all the time but, on the other side of the lake. They have yet to venture their way back to our kingdom. I hope it stays that way.

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



But Jesus said, Suffer little Children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 19:14

When: July 17th-20th

family night July 20th @ 6pm commencement and meal

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Invitation to Bid
Morgan County solid waste department will be accepting sealed bids to purchase 6 new rolloff containers. Two of these containers must be 40 yd capacity containers. Bid opening will be Thursday July 21st at 10:30 a.m. Morgan County Courthouse 3rd floor conference room. Bids must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. on bid opening date. Bids can be mailed into P.o. box 250 Wartburg TN 37887 Morgan County office of Finance or turned into the Morgan County office of Finance or the Morgan County Landfill office 337 Flat Fork Rd. Wartburg TN 37887. Morgan County Government reserves the right to refuse and/or reject any and or all bids.

Invitation to Bid
Morgan County solid waste department will be accepting sealed bids to purchase a used excavator. This machine must not be older than a 2008 year model. It must have at least a 36 inch bucket. This machine must have at minimum an 153 hp diesel engine. This machine must weigh at least 53,352 lb. Bid opening will be Thursday July 21st at 10:00 a.m. Morgan County Courthouse 3rd floor conference room. Bids must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. on bid opening date. Bids can be mailed into P.o. box 250 Wartburg TN 37887 Morgan County office of Finance or turned into the Morgan County office of Finance or the Morgan County Landfill office 337 Flat Fork Rd. Wartburg TN 37887. Morgan County Government reserves the right to refuse and/or reject any and or all bids.

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.

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

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

Sunbright City trash services will oper-

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

Wartburg Class of 1964 will have their annual reunion on Saturday Aug 6th from 3pm until 6pm at the Wartburg Senior Citizens building. Pot luck/covered dish. Paper Goods and drinks will be provided. Cost of the event will be equally divided among the class members attending.

Wartburg Central High School class of 1958 will hold its reunion on Saturday July 30th at Tanners Cafe in Wartburg.

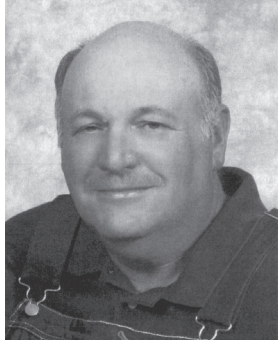
They open for business at 10 am and we have reservations for all day. If you are able to come, please do so. We would love to see you. Encourage any classmates you may know to come and join us. Should you need to contact us regarding the reunion please call John Griffith at 662.871.6843 or Emma Lou Melton at 423.346.6452 or Margaret Pass at 865.776.4186

Sunbright Church of God of Prophecy will be hosting their annual Jubilee on July 23rd from 10am until 2pm. There will be free food, and clothing of all sizes. Mens, womens, childrens. For more information you can call Linda at 423.223.9842

In Loving Memory

Daniel Christopher "Butch" Bonifacius, III

Daniel Christopher "Butch" Bonifacius III went home to be with the Lord June 30, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family.



sister-in-law Dwight & Karen Bonifacius; granddaughters Bella & Nia; nephew Mike (Lauren) Bonifacius; niece Elizabeth Bonifacius and a host of aunts, cousins and special friends.

Butch loved gardening, working with his hands, listening to the Gaither Vocal Band and spending time with family and friends. He always went out of his way to help others and his church family was very important to him.

He is preceded in death by his mother Evelyn Langley Bonifacius; father Daniel Christopher Bonifacius, Jr.; several aunts and uncles that were very special in his life.

He is survived by his wife Kathy Bonifacius; son Gene Ray Bonifacius & fiancé Hannah Grasmann; daughter, Danielle Powers; sister Cheryl Flatt; brother and

The family is honoring Butch's request for cremation. There will be a Celebration of Life held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Saturday July 9th at 12pm (noon). The church address is 222 South Church Street, Wartburg, TN 37887.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church building fund for the kitchen remodel.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Daniel Christopher "Butch" Bonifacius III.

Faye Mullins Preston, 75

Mrs. Faye Mullins Preston, age 75, of Harriman, passed away Tuesday July 5, 2022, at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Faye retired from Life Care Center of Morgan County after a 50-year career as a Registered Nurse and a nursing educator.

She was preceded by her husband: Raymond F. Preston. Her parents: Charles and Mary Mullins. And her grandparents: John and Stella Mullins, Herb Turner and Maude Turner.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law: Michael and Abbie Goldston. One daughter: Wanda Hicks. Two sisters and brothers-in-law: Mary Ann and Wayne Samples, Cathy and Mark Burdette. Five grandchildren: Tyler Hicks, Marinell Baird,

Jonas, Braden, and Ian Goldston. Three nieces, one nephew, and their spouses: Celeste and Robby Pelfrey, Casey and Jessica Samples, Kelly and Gene O'Dell, Karie and Chris Scott. Along with a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

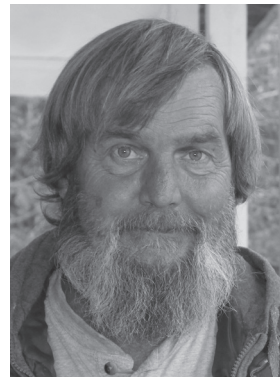
Family and friends will meet at 11:00 AM Saturday July 9, 2022, at Roane Memorial Gardens for a graveside service. Mrs. Preston will lie in state at Davis Funeral Home Friday July 8, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM for anyone who would like to come by and sign the register book.

Davis Funeral Home, Harriman, is honored to serve the Preston family during this difficult time.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.davisfuneralhomes.com.

Rodney Eugene Price, Sr., 58

Rodney Eugene Price, Sr., of Lancing, passed away on Tuesday, July 5th, 2022, at age 58. Rodney was preceded in death by his grandparents Eugene and Bessy Price, and grandparents Gorman and Geneva Spradlin, his father Billy Price, Sr., and his daughter Celina Cheyenne Price.



The United States Army was home to Rodney in his younger years where he served as E-5 Sergeant, Combat Signaler, within an Air Assault unit. Rodney did an extensive tour in Germany and was awarded with honors including an Air Assault Badge, M-16 Sharpshooter, Expert Marksmanship, and 1st OLC/Army Commendation Medal.

He is survived by his mother, Norma (Spradlin) Price of Lancing; five children, son Rodney Price Jr. and wife Brittany of Sunbright with granddaughter Lillian; son Matthew Price and wife Amanda of Wartburg with grandchildren Lucas, Lila, and Lainey; daughter Bailey Price of Wartburg; son Joshua Price of Baton Rouge, LA; daughter Jessica Ruth and husband Jeffrey of Norwich, CT, with grandchildren Isabella and Kaitlynn; and, long-time love and girlfriend, Valerie Holt of Lancing.

Rodney is also survived by three siblings: Billy Price, Jr. and wife Angela of Oldsmar, FL, Dale Price of Lancing, and Rhonda Price-Catalino and husband Billy of Wartburg; along with a host of other family members and friends.

When Rodney wasn't jumping from perfectly good airplanes, he loved anything outdoors. Hunting was a favorite pastime and fishing was at the top of his list. His best days were spent with his boys on the water. He loved spending time with all his family and was proud to see his youngest finish high school this year. As far as Rodney was concerned, "those grandbabies" as he called them, was what he believed to be his most precious gifts in life.

The family will receive friends Friday, July 8, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Jim Disney officiating. Interment will follow in the Petros Cemetery behind the Church of God.

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

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In the matter of GAYE SMITH v TENNESSEE MEDICAL PROPERTIES, LLC. #20-36

In obedience to decree of the Chancery Court for Morgan County, Tennessee made on the 8th day of JUNE 2022, in the above styled cause, I will on Saturday, the 30th day of July, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Wartburg Location of 1236 Knoxville Hwy., Wartburg, TN, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand and in bar or any equity of redemption, the following pieces of described real estate, to-wit:

Tax Map 052 Parcel 113.01 Deer Lodge Property Property Address: Ross Avenue, Deer Lodge, TN 37726

Lying and being in the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Morgan County, Tennessee, and located about 14 miles from the Courthouse at Wartburg, Tennessee, by way of Hwy 62 West to Tennessee Route 329 to the intersection of Ross Avenue and Irving Street, then more particularly as follows:

BEGINNING at the common corner located on the west side of Ross Avenue and being S06° 00' 00"E 85 feet from the intersection of the west side of Ross Avenue with the south side of Irving Street, as witnessed by an iron rod found at S71° 58' 07" W 0.46 feet, thence with the west side of Ross Avenue S06° 00' 00"E 140.00 feet to an iron rod, thence leaving Ross Avenue S84° 00' 00"W 304.25 feet to an iron rod, thence N 06° 00" W 140.00 feet to an iron rod, said iron rod being a common corner as witnessed by an iron rod found at N 80° 22' 30"W 3.50 feet, thence N 84° 00' 00"E, along the common line, 304.25 feet to the BEGINNING, and containing 0.98 acres, more or less, as surveyed by Hardin M. Egerton, TRLS 1302, on May 12, 1992, as shown on a survey attached to Warranty Book F-8, Page 615, Register's Office of Morgan County, Tennessee.

Being a portion of the same property conveyed to Clifford E. Barnett and wife, Gula Barnett (also known as Clifford E. Barnette and wife, Gula L. Barnette) by Warranty Deed dated November 25, 1961, from Elmo Lyons, R. M. Lyons, and wife, Regina Lyons, and recorded in Deed Book Q-5, Page 51 Register's Office of Morgan County, Tennessee.

Previous and last conveyance, being a Warranty Deed from Clifford E. Barnette and Gula L. Barnette to Hollis D. Gammon and wife, Clara A. Gammon on

May 18, 1992, acknowledged May 18, 1992, and recorded June 15, 1992, in Warranty Book F-8, Page 615, Register's Office of Morgan County, Tennessee.

Being on Tax Map 052 Parcel 113.01, Tax Assessor's Office of Morgan County, Tennessee. This description was taking from previous deed.

For source of title, see Record Book 72, Page 815, in the Register's Office, Morgan County, Tennessee.

Tax Map 096L C 096L Parcel 004.07 Wartburg Property Property Address: 1236 Knoxville Hwy, Wartburg, TN 37887

SITUATED in the Fourth (4th) Civil District of Morgan County, Tennessee, to wit:

BEING a certain tract of land along the north side of Highway 62 in the 4th Civil District of Morgan County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin (old) in the northeast corner of the intersection of Longview Drive and Highway 62; thence along the northern right of way (R.O.W.) of Highway 62, South 84 ° 29' 51" East a distance of 118.49 feet to an iron pin (old) (the true point of beginning); thence along the western property line of said tract, North 02° 54' 33" East a distance of 155.26 feet to an iron pin (old), a corner of Boyd Rogers and Glenn Clark as evidenced in Record Book R8, page 422, R.O.M.C.T.; and along the west property line of

said tract; thence along the western property line of said tract, North 48° 29' 12" East a distance of 183.70 feet to an iron pin (old), a corner of Boyd Rogers and Glenn Clark, as evidenced in Record Book R-8, Page 422, R.O.M.C.T. Thence along the western property line of said tract, North 48° 24' 57" East a distance of 44.99 feet to an iron pin (old); 'thence along the western property line of said tract, North 29 ° 57' 36" West, a distance of 94.79 feet to a point for a corner past an iron pin (old) to the northwest property corner of said tract; thence along the northern property line, adjacent to Lawrence Hines, as evidenced in Record Book R8, page 580, R.O.M.C.T.; South 84 ° 32' 00" East a distance of 431.79 feet to a point for a corner; thence South 07° 27' 56" West, dividing the original tract into two tracts, a distance of 400.12 feet to a point for a corner, being the southeast corner of said tract on the northern right of way line of Highway 62; thence along said northern right of way of Highway 62 North 84 ° 30' 01" West a distance of 511.94 feet to the point of beginning, containing 186686.24 square feet or 4.2857 acres, more or less.

Being Tax Map 096L Group C Parcel 4.07, Tax Assessor's Office of Morgan County, Tennessee. This description was taking from previous deed.

This conveyance is made subject to the following restrictions:

That no junk yard shall be kept or established on any of the said property, so as to create a nuisance to the residential property in said Longview Sub-Division. That any building erected on these premises, that is front facing on Highway 62 shall be of brick, stone or finished facing so as not to have an exposed concrete block or frame building facing Highway 62.

The above restrictions are restrictive covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon all subsequent owners and enforceable by the grantors of the property and to their heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, and by all subsequent owners of the property of which this property is a part as aforesaid.

The previous and last conveyance and/or the Grantors' source of equitable interest for the property hereinabove described is: By a Special Warranty Deed from Arcon Healthcare, Inc. to Health Ventures, Inc. recorded in Deed Book W-8, page 350 in the Register's Office, Morgan County, Tennessee.

For source of title, see Record Book K-9, Page 43, in the Register's Office, Morgan County, Tennessee.

Sale also includes additional lot purchased adjoining property for additional parking.

TERMS OF SALE: Sale will be ten (10%) percent down on the day of the sale, balance due in full within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the Court. There will be a ten (10) day raised bid period. Bidders may register the day of the sale. Both parcels will be sold at the Wartburg Location. If you have any questions regarding said property and sale, contact the Clerk & Master's Office at (423) 346-3881. The Clerk and Master does not make any representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of the above property description or title.

This the 30th day of June 2022. Leslie Ledbetter, Attorney for Plaintiff Loretta Cravens, Attorney for Defendant

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A King's Ransom: Chapter 10: Part 2



Carol Hall
Author

The drain was narrow and constricting. The stone walls seemed to press in on Bronwyn as she shimmied her way along the cold, wet passageway.

As soon as her body was enclosed in the tomb-like tunnel, pitch blackness draped over them like a cloak. The darkness was so heavy, she could feel the weight of it in her bones.

Trying not to let panic take hold of her, she used her arms to pull herself along. She

inched her way through the sloshing water, soaking her clothes and skin as she went.

"It's dark in here," Nicodemus said, his voice echoing around them. "I'm scared."

"Me too," Bronwyn breathed out. It was taking a lot of effort to tug her body along the concave floor of the pipe. "I can't see anything."

Bronwyn felt Nicodemus shift his position on her back. Her concentration was so focused on making it to the end of the tunnel and open air, that his movements didn't bother her.

"How far is it till we reach the end of the pipe?" his trembling voice asked.

"I don't know," Bronwyn said. "I hope it isn't too far."

"Oh Bronwyn," Nicodemus grouched. "I don't like this. I don't like this one bit."

"Hush, Nicodemus," Bronwyn said. "I don't need you making this any worse than it is."

"Argh!" Nicodemus suddenly yelled out.

Bronwyn stopped crawling, feeling every muscle in her body stiffen. "What?" she asked, scared. "What is it?"

"A drop of water splashed me," Nicodemus groaned.

"Are you serious?" she demanded, angrily. "I'm soaked through, and you're complaining about a little splash of water?"

"I hate water," he said in a low voice. "You know that."

"It isn't going to hurt you," she said, resuming her crawl.

"But it was cold," he said. "It felt like ice slamming into my back."

"Nicodemus," Bronwyn said in a threatening tone. "This isn't easy on me either. It's dark and cold in here. I'm wet. My knees and elbows are scraped up from dragging myself along this miserable drain. And I'm carrying your griping, whining butt on my back. So do me a favor, and SHUT UP!"

Bronwyn heard a low, grumbling sound come from Nicodemus. Choosing to ignore him, she continued her way down the pipe.

After what felt like hours, though it was probably only a matter of minutes, a pin prick of silver light appeared up ahead.

"I see light!" Nicodemus cried out. "Look! Up ahead!"

Bronwyn felt him bouncing up and down on her back between her shoulder blades.

"I see it!" she said, excitedly. "Finally!"

With the end of the tunnel in sight, she breathed a sigh of relief and increased the speed of her crawling.

It took several minutes for the silvery orb to get closer. Little by little, it grew in size until Bronwyn was sure they had almost reached the end of the pipe.

As she reached her arm out in front of her, her hand bumped into something large and furry. Quickly jerking her hand back, she sucked in her breath. "Nicodemus," she whispered. "Please tell me you jumped off my back and are now standing in front of me."

"Uh, no," he said, confused. "I'm still on your back. See?"

He pranced around so Bronwyn could feel him.

"Nicodemus," Bronwyn said, under her breath. "Something's in here with us."

"WHAT?" Nicodemus shouted. "What is it?" His eight legs did a myriad of footsteps from her waist to the back of her head.

"My hand hit something," Bronwyn said. "It was large and furry."

Out of the darkness ahead, a squeaking sound reverberated back to them.

"A rat!" Nicodemus screeched. "It's a rat! It's a ferocious, man-eat-

ing rat!"

Bronwyn tried to back up, but the tunnel was too tight, and she couldn't get enough momentum to move in that direction.

"What do I do?" she cried. "Nicodemus, help me!"

Nicodemus began bawling like a baby. "Oh, Lord Jesus, save me! I don't want to die in this pipe! Help me. Ohhh, help me!"

Bronwyn began jerking her body from side to side as much as she could to rouse Nicodemus from his fear induced panic attack.

"Nicodemus, snap out of it!" Bronwyn screamed at him. "I need some help, and unfortunately, you're all I have."

Nicodemus went very still.

"Nicodemus?" Bronwyn asked. "What are you doing?"

"I'm trying to calm down," he said, his voice eerily serene. "I'm your only chance to make it out of this tunnel alive. I must gather my wits about me."

Bronwyn was stunned by his total change in behavior. "What are you going to do?" she asked him, leery of his answer.

Nicodemus heaved a heavy sigh and jumped down off Bronwyn's back. She heard the splash of water as he landed next to her.

"I'm going to save you, my fair maiden," he said with a chivalrous voice. "Don't move. Stay here. I'll be back."

"Nicodemus?" Bronwyn called out. She couldn't see him, but she could hear his tiny footfalls in the water ahead of her.

Bronwyn waited with bated breath for several moments. The only sound she could hear was the faint chirping and squeaking of the rat.

Suddenly, Nicodemus's voice exploded several feet in front of her. "Uhhh huh!"

The terrified squeal of the rat alarmed Bronwyn. She laid rigidly in place waiting for whatever happened next.

Without warning, a hard, hairy lump collided with her face. The scream that tore from her throat deafened her. The rat rammed into her again. This time, it leaped over her shoulder, ran down her back, jumped over her legs and was gone.

"Are you ok, Bronwyn?" Nicodemus asked. She felt one of his legs touch her cheek.

Sucking in a deep lungful of air, she began to shake all over.

"I scared him off, Bronwyn," Nicodemus said, stroking her cheek with his foot again.

Bronwyn managed to gain control of herself again, but her breathing was still labored. "How?" she asked, when she was able to find her voice. "What did you do?"

"I shot a web at him," Nicodemus said. "He didn't like the wet, sticky film sticking to his face."

"I was so scared," Bronwyn said. "I didn't know what to do."

"It's ok now," Nicodemus said. "He's gone."

"I didn't know you had it in you," Bronwyn said, her breathing slowing down.

"Neither did I," Nicodemus said with a nervous chuckle. "I guess when I realized you were in danger, I knew I had to do something."

"I could hug you right now," Bronwyn said. The relief she felt was making her giddy.

"Aahhh, come here," Nicodemus droned out.

Before she knew what he was doing, Nicodemus had sandwiched himself between her neck and shoulder.

"What are you doing?" Bronwyn asked, laughing when his hair tickled her.

"I'm hugging you," Nicodemus purred next to her ear.

Bronwyn surprised herself when she gently nuzzled him with her cheek.

"Ohhh, you're starting to like me, huh?" Nicodemus asked, an ornery tone to his voice.

"I'll deny it if anyone asks," Bronwyn laughed. "But you are sort of growing on me."

"We'd best get going before that rat returns," Nicodemus said. "He might bring friends."

A shudder ran through Bronwyn at the thought. "Let's go," she said. "Get on."



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army veteran, Private First Class (highest rank held: Sergeant First Class) Sammy Lee Davis, served in the Vietnam War as a field artilleryman while assigned to Battery C, 2D Battalion, 4TH Artillery, 9TH Infantry Division.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in combat on November 18, 1967 at Firebase Cudgil. He was presented with his Medal of Honor on November 19, 1968 at the White House by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sgt. Davis (then Pfc.) distinguished himself during the early morning hours while serving as a cannoneer with Battery C, at a remote fire support base. At approximately 0200 hours the fire support base was under heavy enemy mortar attack. Simultaneously, an estimated reinforced Viet Cong battalion launched a fierce ground assault upon the fire support base. The attacking enemy drove to within 25 meters of the friendly positions. Only a river separated the Viet Cong from the fire support base. Detecting a nearby enemy position, Sgt. Davis seized a machine gun and provided covering fire for his gun crew, as they attempted to bring direct artillery fire on the enemy. Despite his efforts, an enemy recoilless-rifle round scored a direct hit upon the artillery piece. The resultant blast hurled the gun crew from their weapon and blew Sgt. Davis into a foxhole. He struggled to his feet and returned to the howitzer, which was burning furiously. Ignoring



repeated warnings to seek cover, Sgt. Davis rammed a shell into the gun. Disregarding a withering hail of enemy fire directed against his position, he aimed and fired the howitzer which rolled backward, knocking Sgt. Davis violently to the ground. Undaunted, he returned to the weapon to fire again when an enemy mortar round exploded within 20 meters of his position, injuring him painfully. Nevertheless, Sgt. Davis loaded the artillery piece, aimed, and fired. Again he was knocked down by the recoil. In complete disregard for his safety, Sgt. Davis loaded and fired three more shells into the enemy. Disregarding his extensive injuries and his inability to swim, Sgt. Davis picked

up an air mattress and struck out across the deep river to rescue three wounded comrades on the far side. Upon reaching the three wounded men, he stood upright and fired into the dense vegetation to prevent the Viet Cong from advancing. While the most seriously wounded soldier was helped across the river, Sgt. Davis protected the two remaining casualties until he could pull them across the river to the fire support base. Though suffering from painful wounds, he refused medical attention, joining another howitzer crew which fired at the large Viet Cong force until it broke contact and fled. Sgt. Davis' extraordinary heroism, at the risk of his life, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Deputy Sheriff William Petry, and K9 Drago of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, as well as Captain Ralph Frasure, and Police Officer Jacob Chaffins of the Prestonsburg Police Department, were shot and killed in Allen, Kentucky on June 30, 2022 by a subject who was wanted for domestic violence offenses.

Several warrants and a protective order had been issued for the man after he assaulted a family member. As two Floyd County deputies arrived at the man's home to serve the warrants the man opened fire. Numerous jurisdictions responded to assist following the initial shooting. The man fired hundreds of rounds from prepositioned firearms throughout the home.

Deputy Petry, K9 Drago, and Captain Frasure were killed during the incident. Officer Chaffins succumbed to his wounds the following day. Three other law enforcement officers and the director of emergency management were wounded.

The subject was taken into custody after remaining barricaded in the home for several hours. He was charged with multiple counts of murder of a police officer, attempted murder of a police officer, and assaulting a service animal.

Deputy Petry had served with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office for two years. He had previously retired after having served for 14 years with the Prestonsburg Police Department and 15 years with the Ken-



tucky State Police. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter, two grandchildren, and sister.

Captain Frasure had served with the Prestonsburg Police Department for 39 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, and his mother.

Officer Chaffins was a Kentucky National Guard veteran and served with the Prestonsburg Police Department for three years. He is survived by his wife, daughter, mother, two brothers, and three sisters.



NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* Got lots of fresh herbs from your summer garden? Hang bunches upside down in a cool place for a week or so. Crumble the leaves into small jars. You've made your own dried herbs.

* "Want super-crunchy fries at home? Soak potato pieces in very cold water for an hour (fridge is best, or add ice often); dry and fry. Drain fries well, dust LIGHTLY with flour and quick-fry one more time for only a minute or so." -- T.C. in Idaho

* If you want to cool your canned drinks quickly, add water to the cooler with a lot of ice, submerge all drinks under the ice line,

and wait about 20 minutes. Without the water, it takes much longer. The water extends the surface contact of the ice.

* To keep your ladder from sinking into soft sand or dirt, put each leg into a can or bucket. It creates a much larger surface area, thereby stabilizing the legs.

* If you run out of bleach, add 4 tablespoons of hydrogen peroxide to a small load of white laundry.

* Be certain to use only distilled water in your iron. The water from the tap can leave mineral stains on clothing, and will kill your iron if you do it all the time. -- R.E. in Louisiana

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* The cornea of the eye is the only body part without its own blood supply. Instead, it receives oxygen directly from the air.

* A duel between three people is called a truel.

* Ever chastised yourself for accidentally recording over your favorite cassette tape? Even NASA's been guilty of that one. The tapes containing the original footage of the Apollo 11 moonwalk were likely erased and reused to record satellite data.

* Prior to the invention of the eraser, you could use a rolled up piece of white bread (sans crusts) to remove pencil marks.

* Japanese sumo wrestlers are bound by strict rules even when out of the ring, governing when they sleep and eat, and how they dress and speak in public. They are not allowed to drive cars and, if they're in the lower ranks of the sport, cannot have a phone or a girlfriend.

* Anatidaephobia is the fear that somewhere in the world, a duck or goose is watching you.

* Who hasn't wished on occasion for more hours in their day? Well, if you can wait a mere 140 million years, the average Earth day could be 25 hours long, as the planet is slowly -- very slowly! -- decelerating.

* In 2008, a 13-year-old boy was arrested for farting too

much in school. The sheriff's office claimed he "continually disrupted his classroom environment" with intentional flatulence.

* Beauty masks in ancient Rome had one heck of an ingredients list, including placenta, excrement, sulfur, sheep's wool sweat, animal urine, ground oyster shells and bile.

* Mushrooms emit electrical signals to each other containing patterns similar to human speech.

Thought for the Day: "Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art. It has no survival value; rather, it is one of those things which give value to survival." -- C.S. Lewis

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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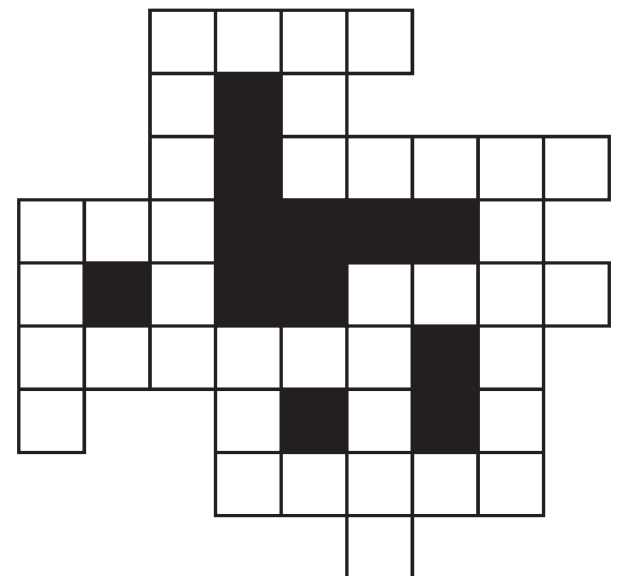
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- 15 Class that includes newts and frogs
- 17 Style
- 18 Corn serving
- 19 Took the helm
- 21 Clara of the Red Cross
- 24 Guffaw syllable
- 25 Lawyers' org.
- 26 Label
- 28 Potato, for one
- 32 Toy block name
- 34 "Uh-huh"
- 36 The Big Easy acronym
- 37 Put in office
- 39 Sea, to Henri
- 41 Kimono closer
- 42 Nanny's charge
- 44 Beach robe
- 46 Boris' cartoon partner
- 50 Twitch
- 51 Hgt.
- 52 Highway turn-
- off
- 56 Aachen article
- 57 Snitch
- 58 -jongg
- 59 June honorees
- 60 Sheltered
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- 2 Nonstick spray
- 3 Electrical strength
- 4 Christie sleuth
- 5 Wall St.
- wheeler-dealer
- 6 Egyptian deity
- 7 Reluctant
- 8 Four-bagger
- 9 Air freshener target
- 10 Broad
- 11 Feeder filler
- 16 Fez, e.g.
- 20 "Dig in!"
- 21 Hay bundle
- 22 First victim
- 23 Opposing vote
- 27 Wrigley product
- 29 Training site
- 30 Exile isle
- 31 Picnic spoiler
- 33 Scale ranges
- 35 Chest muscle
- 38 Lean- (sheds)
- 40 Baby's toy
- 43 Letter before iota
- 45 Fragrant tree
- 46 Must have
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- 48 See to
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- 53 -de-France
- 54 Chinese chairman
- 55 Prof's degree

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

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Leviticus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Deuteronomy 10: What tribe of Israel had the responsibility for moving the Ark of the Covenant? Gad, Dan, Levi, Asher
3. Which Old Testament prophet married an adulterous woman named Gomer? Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah
4. From John 11: How many days was Lazarus in the grave before being resurrected? 1, 2, 3, 4
5. What city is associated with Joshua and the blowing of the trumpets? Jericho, Bethel, Bethlehem, Cana
6. Where did Elijah bring a widow's son back to life? Smyrna, Corinth, Sardis, Zarephath

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Levi; 3) Hosea; 4) 4; 5) Jericho; 6) Zarephath

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

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Comfort foods

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by Healthy Exchanges

Butter Bean Salad

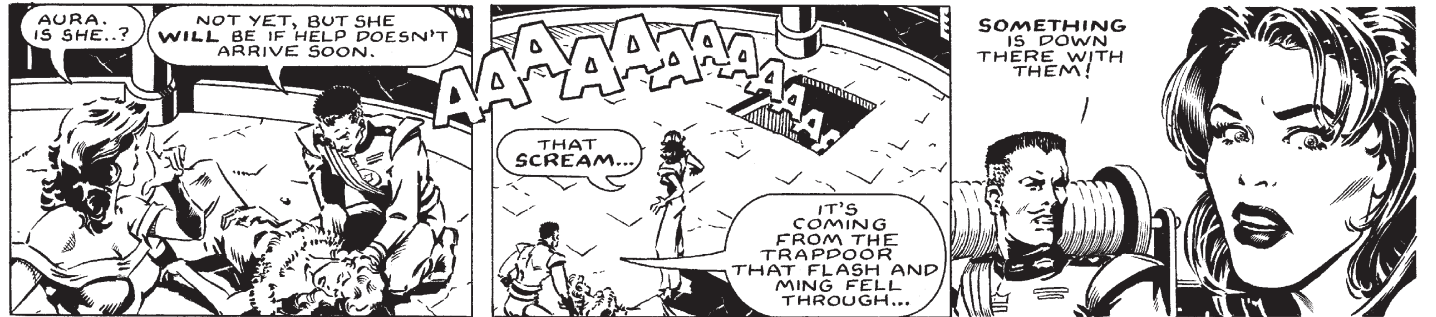
Need a last-minute potluck dish? Here's a side that's plain and simple—but oh, so tasty!

- 2 (15-ounce) cans butter beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 1/4 cup (2-ounce) jar chopped pimiento, drained
- 1/2 cup fat-free French dressing
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

In a medium bowl, combine butter beans, celery, onion and pimiento. Add French dressing and parsley. Mix well to combine. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Gently stir again just before serving. Makes 6 (1/2-cup) servings.

• Each serving equals: 112 calories, 0g fat, 5g protein, 23g carb., 555mg sodium, 5g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch/Carb., 1 Meat, 1/2 Vegetable.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Biden's Shameful Gas-Station Attack

For Joe Biden, the buck stops with small independent business owners trying to make ends meet.

Over the holiday weekend, the president slammed gas stations for the purported sin of not passing along declining oil prices to motorists.

Biden took to Twitter to urge "the companies running gas stations and setting prices at the pump" to heed his message: "Bring down the price you are charging at the pump to reflect the cost you're paying for the product."

Yes, sir, whatever you say, Mr. President!

The United States Oil and Gas Association mockingly recommended that the intern who posted the tweet should sign up for Econ 101, but it's worse than that. Biden has hit the gas stations before on the same grounds. It's hard to know where the economic illiteracy ends and the shameless demagoguery begins. Regardless, it's another indication that the president's approach to inflation is to cast about for scapegoats and villains, no matter how implausible.

So-called jawboning, or stern rhetoric directed at industries to get them to bend to the presidential will, is nothing new. The most famous example is from John F. Kennedy, who blasted U.S. Steel for raising prices in 1962. JFK's tack was questionable, but at least he was targeting an enormously influential industry that had breached an agreement to hold the line on prices brokered by his administration.

Biden, by contrast, is going after the proverbial Liberty Gas Station and Uni-Mart down on Route 134 started by an immigrant couple hoping to send their children to college for the first time. These small-time entrepreneurs have done nothing wrong, except remain in business at a time when the president's anti-oil-and-gas policy has backfired spectacularly.

As the business newsletter *The Hustle* explains, the majority of owners operate a single gas station, either as a branded location of a big famous company or on their own. Given that there are more than 100,000 gas stations in the United States, many clustered at the same busy intersections in direct competition with one another, a proprietor hardly has monopoly power to determine prices.

Indeed, when Biden says gas stations set prices, he's technically correct in the sense that they post the prices on their iconic signs down to the tenth of a cent. They aren't doing it arbitrarily, though. They all know that if they set a price not justified by broader market forces, customers will simply drive down the street to a more reasonably priced station.

Selling gas usually isn't the most lucrative part of the business, either. Gas stations make a very small margin on fuel, with the cost of crude and refining, along with transport and taxes, accounting for almost all of the price at the pump. Stations earn a much higher margin on their sales of drinks and foodstuffs. Biden would be on more solid ground urging gas stations to cut consumers a break on the price of soda and Doritos.

Biden maintains that the stations should reduce gas prices since it's a time of "war and global peril." This appeal might make sense if Biden were browbeating gas stations located in Ukraine or Russia. But the U.S. is not at war, and business owners are under no obligation to sell their product at cost or below because Vladimir Putin is trying to dismember Ukraine. Counterintuitively, gas stations tend to be more profitable when prices are declining rather than rising, so they are unlikely simply as a business matter to be engaged in the pricing conspiracy that Biden alleges.

Although President Biden considers them worthy of a good kicking, gas stations aren't a growth proposition. The number of stations has markedly declined in recent decades, and the rise of electric cars is putting more pressure on the business model.

At least they are actually doing their job in difficult circumstances. The same can't be said of the president.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Collecting Sea Glass, Shells and Stones

"Spending time with my seven young grandkids is about learning together and making discoveries that ignite the human spirit," says Jan Bowman, retired teacher and grandmother of seven. "Whether you are 6 or 60, connecting with one another around an activity we all enjoy is catching. That's what the hunt for sea glass does for us."

Recently, after a big storm, I said, "Let's go to the coast this morning. I bet we'll find some rare sea glass that was churned up in the ocean and landed on the sand, just for us to find." Sure enough, nature's jewelry was dotting the beach.

What is sea glass and what is the allure? Plain and simple, it's discarded glass that was cast into the ocean and lost to sea — until some pieces came back in interesting shapes and sizes after being tumbled and chemically weathered. It's often castoffs from glass factories, or discarded bottles from shipwrecks that broke and tumbled in the sea, decades and centuries ago. Nowadays, it's a hobby that knows no bounds, popular stateside to global shores from Australia to the U.K.

Whether your family gets hooked on collecting sea glass, seashells or pretty

rocks and pebbles along streams and around lakes, there's always fun to be had when you return home with pockets full of finds. Enjoy these easy-to-do crafts using sea glass, shells or stones:

— Frame a photo of your child at the beach where the sea glass or shells were found. Embellish the plain frame with a select few of the treasures glued to a corner.

— Glue "finds" on the top of a small box in interesting patterns. Fill it with more summer souvenirs.

— Tie thin cording around a find, knot it, and glue the knot in place for a memory-filled necklace.



A family sorts and identifies sea glass collected from the coast.

For inspiration and information on sea glass, find author Richard LaMotte's comprehensive book with photography by Celia Pearson, "Pure Sea Glass: Discovering Nature's Vanishing Gems" and "Pure Sea Glass Identification Deck" (www.seaglasspublishing.com).

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

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Caregiver Reassessments Paused

If you're a family caregiver, or if you're a veteran receiving family care services, heads up: The Department of Veterans Affairs is suspending the annual reassessments for those in the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

At the same time, at least for now while they review the program, the VA won't change stipends based on a reassessment nor remove anyone from the program.

They will, however, continue to do reassessments when there is a reason, such as the veteran or caregiver is asking for an increase in the stipend or if there's a need for more personal care services. The VA also will keep making wellness visits.

If you aren't part of the program and want to be, the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) is for veterans who were seriously injured (or who now have a serious illness) while in active duty on or before May 7, 1975, or on or after Sept. 11, 2001, if they meet

two criteria:

-- Service-connected disability of 70% or more.

-- Need personal care services for at least six months because of inability to perform activities of daily living or have a need for supervision, protection or instruction.

Primary caregivers can receive a monthly stipend, access to CHAMPVA health care insurance and 30 days of respite care per year for the veteran so the caregiver can take a break. Other caregiver benefits include online and in-person educational sessions, counseling, use of telehealth and techniques and skills for caring for the veteran.

Apply online at www.caregiver.va.gov/support/support_benefits.asp or download VA Form 10-10CG on that same page and send it in by mail. You also can hand the form in at your local VA medical center by contacting the caregiver support coordinator. For more info, call them at 855-260-3274 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do not send in any medical records with this application. They'll ask for it later.

See the fine print at www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-71.

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Historically Speaking

DruAnna Williams Overbay, a Melungeon

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Fred Eiler is a good friend who is passionate about several things, one of which is the Peak Cemetery, located in Gamble Valley's Scarboro Community, where potentially two Revolutionary Soldiers are buried. More on this in an upcoming Historically Speaking column.

A second passion is the Melungeon community of Vardy in Hancock County in upper East Tennessee. On Saturday, April 21, 2012, Fred, and I journeyed northeast to within 10 miles of the Virginia border in the beautiful and quaint Vardy Valley. This quiet East Tennessee valley is named for Vardemon Collins, ancestor of DruAnna Williams Overbay (who would become an admired hero of mine before the day was gone).

DruAnna has written the book, *Windows on the Past - The cultural heritage of Vardy*. She has done an exceptional job of capturing the oral traditions and oral history of the Melungeons of Vardy Valley. She is also dedicated to preserving the artifacts of the Vardy Valley community and to convey their history.

This section of upper East Tennessee was from the mid-19th to the late 20th century the primary location of what was thought to be an isolated tri-racial ethnic group who were descendants of the multiracial Collins, Gibson, and several other related families of Newman's Ridge, Vardy Valley, and other settlements in and around Hancock County, Tennessee.

DruAnna notes in the introduction to *Windows on the Past*, that she was born a melungeon into a lifelong quest to dispel the stereotypes associated with her family and friends. She recalls the derogatory remarks made by Will Allen Dromgoole about her ancestors "who were nothing but kind to her." The hurt is obvious in DruAnna's writing, she could not begin her book without noting the pain.

Dromgoole was a renowned poet from Murfreesboro, TN. She wrote prolifically, publishing more than 7,500 poems, 5,000 essays and 13 books. One of the books was titled, *The last of the Malungeons* (a variation of the spelling placing an "a" rather than an "e" in the second letter position).

She also wrote a series of articles published in the *Nashville Daily American* in 1890 and the *Boston Arena* in 1891 that contained many derogatory comments about Melungeons. Her observations were based more on hearsay than fact and expressed common biases about mountain people.

I find it interesting to note that while she was critical of a multi-racial group she hardly knew, she was descended from great grandparents who were Scotch-Irish (husband) and Cherokee (wife). The Melungeons have long been thought to possibly be of tri-racial ancestry, European, African American, and Native American (primarily Cherokee). It is said that over the past several generations Melungeons have increasingly mar-

ried into European American families and have thus integrated into mainstream white society.

However, if you research "Melungeons" you will quickly note there are as many theories to their origins as there are people writing about them. The one thing that I find common in all the writings is the disdain, distrust and prejudice to which a small group of mixed-race families have been subjected to over the years. No wonder that



DruAnna William Overbay, a Melungeon – note her slate blue eyes, a trait shared by my wife, Fanny (Photo Submitted)



Fred Eiler presents DruAnna with a piece of antique "Flow Blue" glass for her museum (Photo Submitted)

DruAnna feels the hurt.

In the Introduction to her book, DruAnna asks, "When did this quest begin for me? Was it coded into my genetic makeup even before I was born? I'm really not sure when I knew with certainty that I was Melungeon. The whispers among adults when I was growing up only made me curious. 'Don't let them take your picture,' my mother warned when photographers came to the Vardy Community Center to document our existence. Why did we need to be ashamed of who we were?"

She goes on to note that her mother's anger over a Saturday Evening Post article, *Sons of the Legend*, by W. I. Worden, caused her to want more desperately to know the stories associated with her maternal family. Her mother was descended from Vardemon Collins, one of the most prominent individuals in the Melungeon cultural heritage.

One of the turning points in DruAnna's life that led to her total immersion into fully understanding her Melungeon heritage happened right here in Oak Ridge. She says it this way in her book, "During the early 1980's, I spoke out

against stereotyping the Melungeons as the Children's Museum in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, because of remarks made by an earlier speaker. Because of my insistence that I, a Melungeon, have equal time, the museum director Selma Shapiro invited me to make a presentation."

DruAnna was kind and polite in the publication of the incident that pushed her over the edge and caused her deep desire to know and understand and to defend her people's reputation. When I asked her to tell me about that day in Oak Ridge, she was a bit more concise and much more willing to let me understand her innermost thoughts about the situation she found herself in on that fateful day.

Here is how it went down. The speaker was one who specialized in Appalachian cultures. The topic was of interest to many teachers from the area and DruAnna was in the audience. Near the end of the speaker's presentation at the "question and answer" segment, someone in the audience raised the question, "what about the Melungeons?"

The speaker responded with a terse reply that the Melungeons were a bunch of mixed-race lazy moonshiners and thieves who were certainly not worthy of consideration as a cultural heritage of Appalachia. Well, DruAnna, responded loudly with the express comment that "Not only is that a lie, but it is also a G__ D__ Lie! And I demand equal time to defend the Melungeons here at the museum!"

Immediately, she realized what she had done and said, and she thought, "Well there goes my job teaching in Anderson County!" You see, John Rice Irwin was the Anderson County School Superintendent, and his office was in the same building as the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge at that time.

However, Selma Shapiro, responded right then by telling DruAnna that she would most certainly get equal time to present the Melungeon story. While DruAnna was grateful for Selma's brave response, she had never made a presentation before about the Melungeons and quite frankly did not really know much about her Melungeon heritage. She

just knew she could not sit by and let that insult to her ancestry go unchallenged. See why she is one of my admired heroes?

I have but barely introduced you to DruAnna Williams Overbay. There is more to be said about her life's work to commemorate the heritage that is her family and the history of the maligned people called Melungeon who settled in the mountains of East Tennessee and who, though oppressed from all sides, have not only survived, but have thrived. DruAnna is a living example. In upcoming articles, we will feature her work to create and maintain a most unusual museum inside the historic cabin of Mahala Mullins, a character that is now a part of the folklore of Melungeons. But Mahala was a kind and sweet soul afflicted with elephantiasis who became so large that she could not get through the door of her bedroom. She was ultimately buried in her bed just outside the location of her cabin when she died. This was accomplished by taking the logs out of the corner of her cabin to remove her from her confined bedroom.

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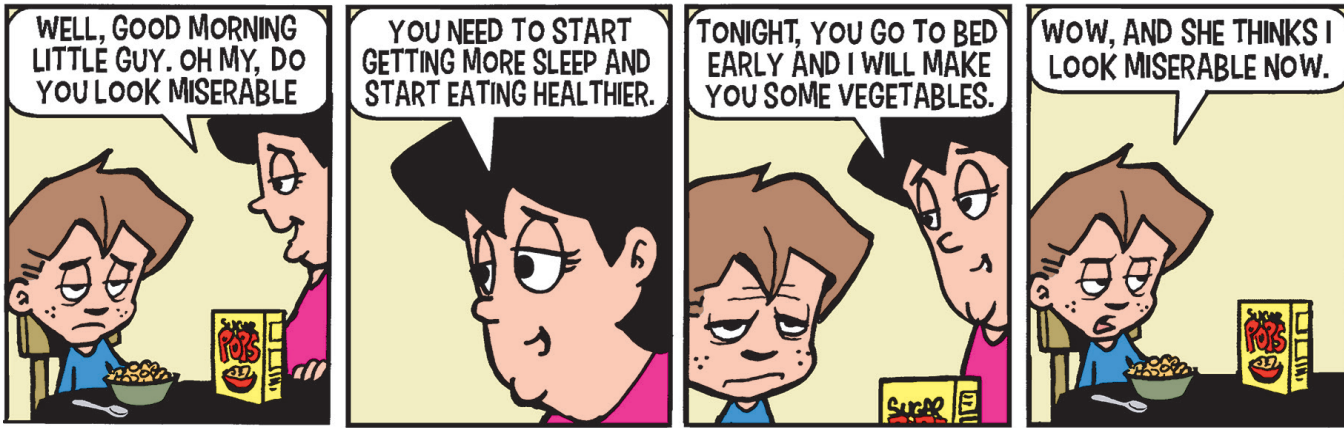
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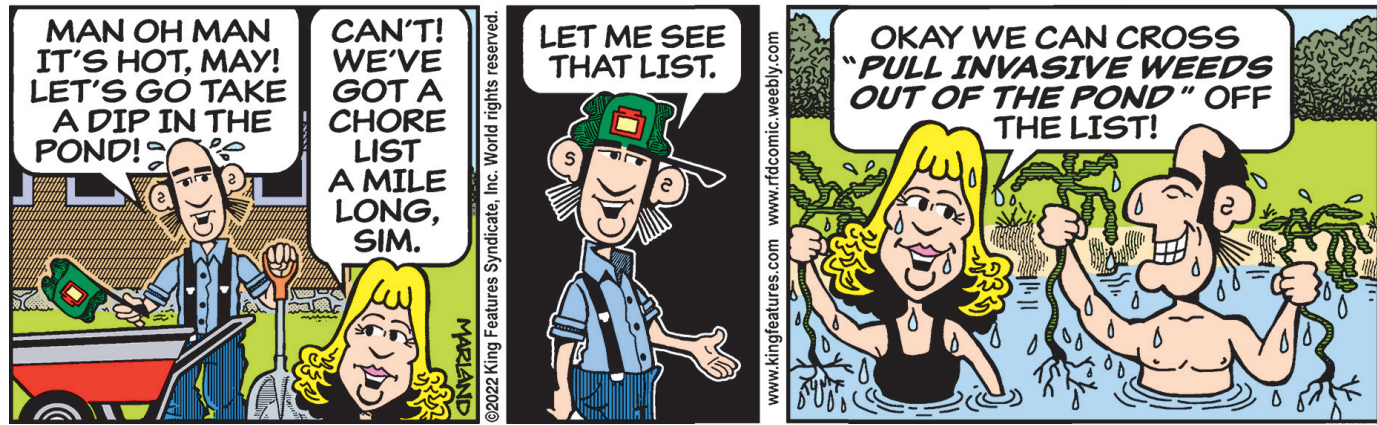
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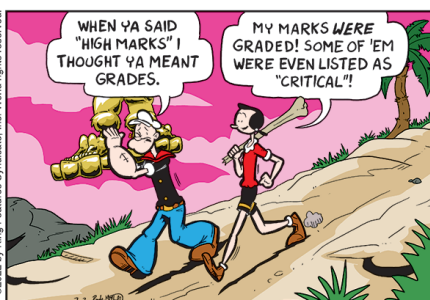
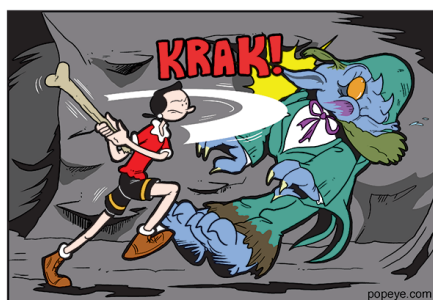
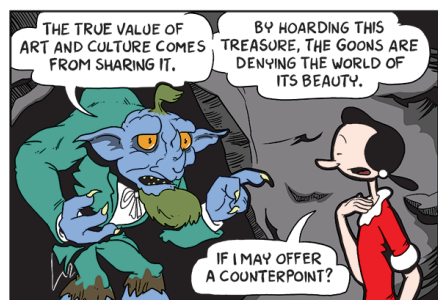
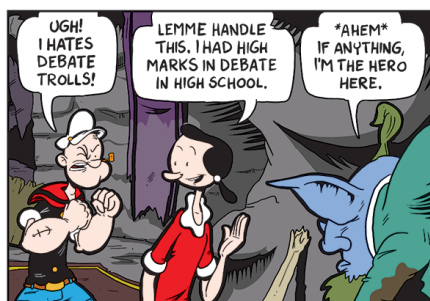
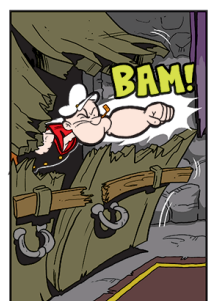
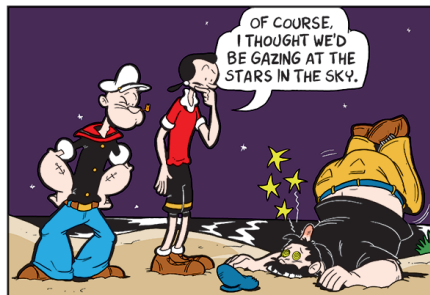
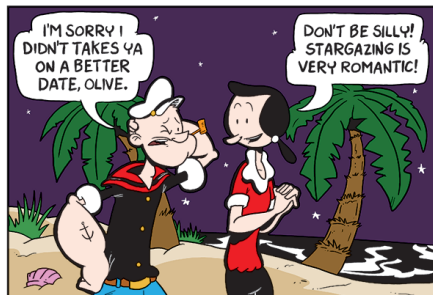
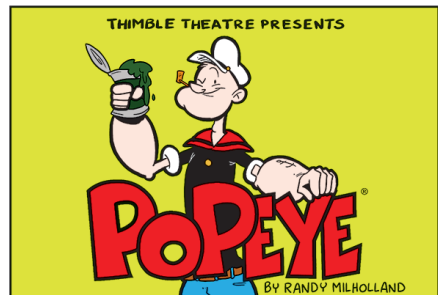
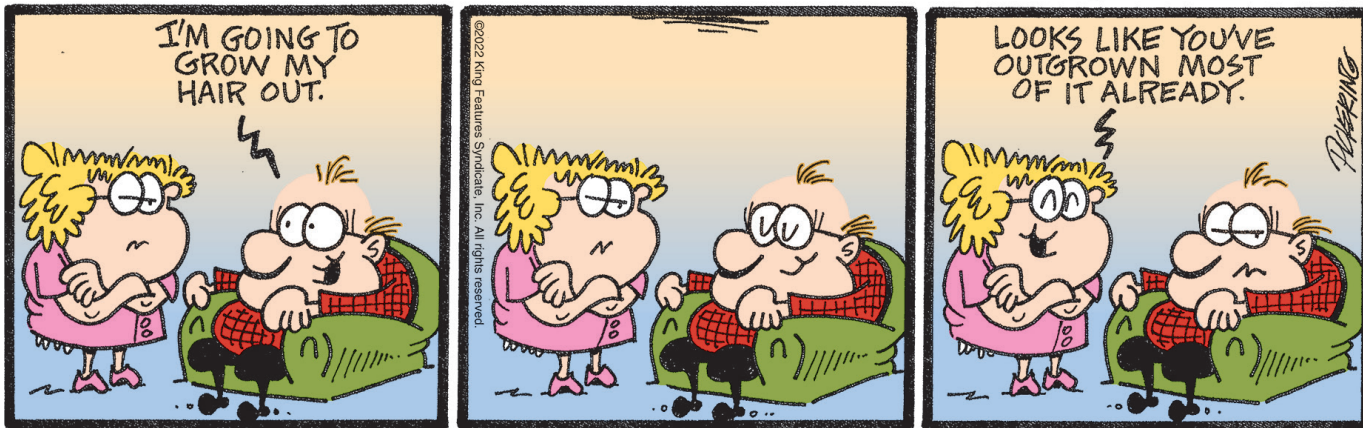
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On July 31, 1715, a hurricane strikes the East Coast of Florida, sinking 10 Spanish treasure ships carrying tons of gold and silver coins and killing nearly 1,000 people. About 80% of the treasures had been recovered by April 1716, but the rest remained lost until the 1960s.

* On July 25, 1832, the first recorded railroad accident in U.S. history occurs when four people are thrown off a vacant car near Quincy, Massachusetts. The victims had been invited to view the process of transporting loads of stone when a cable on a vacant car snapped, throwing them off the train and over a 34-foot cliff.

* On July 28, 1868, following its ratification by the necessary three-quarters of U.S. states, the 14th Amendment, guaranteeing African Americans citizenship and all its privileges, is officially adopted into the U.S. Constitution.

* On July 29, 1921, Adolf Hitler becomes the leader of the National Socialist German Workers' (Nazi) Party. Under Hitler, the Nazi Party grew into a mass movement and ruled Germany as a totalitarian state from 1933 to 1945. The Nazis controlled every aspect of German life, and all other political parties were banned.

* On July 26, 1931, a swarm of grasshoppers descends on crops throughout Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, devastating millions of acres. The swarm was said to be so thick that it blocked out the sun and one could shovel the grasshoppers with a scoop. Cornstalks were eaten to the ground and fields left completely bare.

* On July 30, 1976, American Bruce Jenner wins gold in the decathlon at the Montreal Olympics and sets a world record in the event. After his win, Jenner was voted the 1976 AP Male Athlete of the Year. The 1976 Olympics was his last decathlon. In 2015, he became Caitlyn Jenner and is an American media personality.

* On July 27, 1981, Adam John Walsh, age 6, is abducted from a mall in Hollywood, Florida, and later found murdered. Adam's father, John Walsh, became a leading victims rights activist and host of the long-running television show "America's Most Wanted."
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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

This chapter begins with a definitive view on human religion. Jesus Christ is shown all the buildings in the temple complex. Jesus must have been frustrated, for he had already explained to them that if they tore down the temple of his body, he would raise it up on the third day. The Temple had become more important than the God who sanctified the building.

He then teaches them a prophetic history lesson. In the previous chapter he told them that they knew not the hour of their visitation, and now Jesus Christ is telling them that the temple will be completely destroyed. This event occurred in 70 AD, when Titus Vespasian destroyed the walls of the city and the Jewish Zealots holding out set the place on fire.

This enraged Titus, and he deported every survivor of the siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The diaspora Jesus Christ predicted and Isaiah verified. I will set my hand a second time to retrieve my remnant, and settle them in Israel. Isaiah 11:11

This diaspora ended on May 14, 1948 when Harry Truman announced to the world that the United States recognized a Jewish state called Israel in the modern state of Palestine. The servitude of the nation had ended. In June of 1967 the Israeli paratroopers would stand atop the temple mount as the Shofar was blown in Jerusalem signifying the end of the desolations of Jerusalem.

Gods divine word of prophecy was being fulfilled alerting Lucifer to the fact that his time is very short and the time for men honoring themselves would soon be over. Israel is in the land and prospering. The parable of the fig tree holds the clue to the times we are living in. Figs are harvested twice in a growing season Just like the nation called Israel will be harvested at the end of the 7- year tribulation for the second time.

Jesus warns them to not be deceived. He has already taught them that this can only occur through rigorous study of his word and fellowship in him through individual prayer and meditation. To not be deceived we must all become Bereans, and study scripture daily to make sure what our preacher is preaching is true. Acts 17:11.

Jesus Christ many false messiahs would come in the last days before his coming. This happens in the last three -and one- half years of Jewish history when God sends his two witnesses to Jerusalem to counter the message of these false prophets and messiah's. Moses and Elijah will warn them in person of their coming desert wondering during the great tribulation.

Wars and rumors of wars. He warns that they will occur as if a woman is in travail, increasing in intensity of weaponry and in time spent waging war. Both would increase exponentially before he returned to this earth.

The next point of order was to warn them of coming persecution when to mention Jesus Christ saving you will end in imprisonment and death. We are returning to the time of the Church of Smyrna when Rome persecuted Christians for hundreds of years. It is the middle age Roman Church that gave us the Spanish inquisition and the Nazi Holocaust. Silent pulpits are to blame for both.

Christianity is now hated by the majority of nations that are part of our global order. The United Nations is the most antisemitic body on earth, and soon Jews and Christians will be marginalized and killed during the coming tribulation.

Many people who profess salvation in messiah will turn on each other, betraying each other to the religious authorities more than willing to silence us to remain in temporal power. The Satanic trinity of roman false prophet, Assyrian Muslim Mahdi and the secular

Matthew 24

world leader in charge of the one world government in Babylon.

The religion of Babylon will once again play a pivotal role in halting the plan of God or so they think. The House of the moon god united with the house of the sun god and a western leader who deceives Israel into temporary peace as he prepares to exalt himself above all that is called God. A modern version of our villain from the book of Esther, Haman the Amalakite.

When Vespasian deported the citizens of Israel, they were shipped all over the empire. Amalakites settled in the Rohr valley of Germany and along the Rhine River. Right beside them were the Ashkenazi Jews of the diaspora. Both peoples were settled between 70 Ad and 168 AD, when Marcus Aurelius finished the conquest of Germany bring it under the yoke of the Roman Empire.

Enter 1923 and the Thule society in Germany. The educated elite class of Protestants who made up the Christian majority in Germany. Joining them would be psycho-phantic Jew hating Roman Catholics, and a few secular Jews who were atheistic or pagan. Alfred Rosenberg, a Latvian Jew, wrote the Myth of the Twentieth Century, which is the definitive guide to the Nazi ideology.

The Holocaust would see Germany destroy 63 million lives across Europe with pre-dominantly Lutheran and Catholic soldiers in the ranks of the Luftwaffe. The German population, prior to world -war two, claimed 54% Lutheran, 42% Catholic, and 4 % occult practitioners of the Nordic pagan religion. The Church in Germany is to blame for the murder of 6- Million Jews in death camps across Europe.

Esther prophesied of the year the ten Nazi collaborators would be hanged upon the gallows of Nuremburg. The names of the ten sons of Haman in ancient Hebrew hold the key to this prophecy fulfilled on Purim in the Roman year 1946. Taf-Shin Zayin the Hebrew year 5707 as predicted by our Hebrew Queen and heroine of our story Esther.

The Bible warns us of the falling away from sound Hebrew bible instruction and toward Babylonian religious practices that migrated into all four corners of the modern Roman Empire. All religion will perish from the earth, but Gods entire word will never perish!

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

He is alive forevermore and he is returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 5-01-2022

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

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

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

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Redemption Baptist Academy

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old., he will not depart from it."

2022 - 2023 Openings

The Redemption Baptist Academy, located between Wartburg and Sunbright, has a few openings for Grades 2 - 12. The student(s) must be able to read. We are looking for parents who believe their child's character is as important as their educational learning. RBA has a student handbook that must be agreed to by the parents prior to enrollment. This handbook gives guidelines to promote an environment of love and a Christian atmosphere. Therefore if the student does not adhere to these guidelines, the privilege to attend RBA may be forfeited. We receive no governmental funding and are solely supported by tuition, the Redemption Baptist Church, and donations from people in the community who want to support the school. Tuition is \$250 per month (1 child) plus books, \$ 350 per month (2 children) plus books, and \$450 (3 children) plus books. Books average \$350 per student which is spread out over 10 months. Tuition is due the first of each month (August – May). RBA has Monday-Thursday in person learning, and Fridays are homebased if needed. We have had 10 graduates and are very proud of them all. If you are interested in more information, or would like a tour of the school, you can call the school at 423-628-3733 or 865-963-5663 and leave a message. Someone will get back with you as soon as possible. RBA's start date for the 2022-2023 School Year is Monday, August 15th.

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The Morgan County Highway Dept. is accepting bids on a new chip spreader. Spreader must have a variable width head, hydraulically adjustable from 10 feet to 20 feet with individual air gates. 24 inch feed belts, Hydrostatic four wheel drive. Diesel engine with a minimum of 275 H.P. Full gauge package for all fluid levels, pressures and temps. Hydraulic folding wings on hopper. Full specs. are available upon request at the Department. All bids should be mailed to Morgan County Highway Dept. P.O. Box 250 Wartburg, Tn. 37887 and marked on the outside (Chipper Bid) or delivered to 3519 Morgan Co. Hwy. Bid opening will be at the Highway Dept. 3519 Morgan Co. Hwy. at 10 a.m. July, 20 th. 2022

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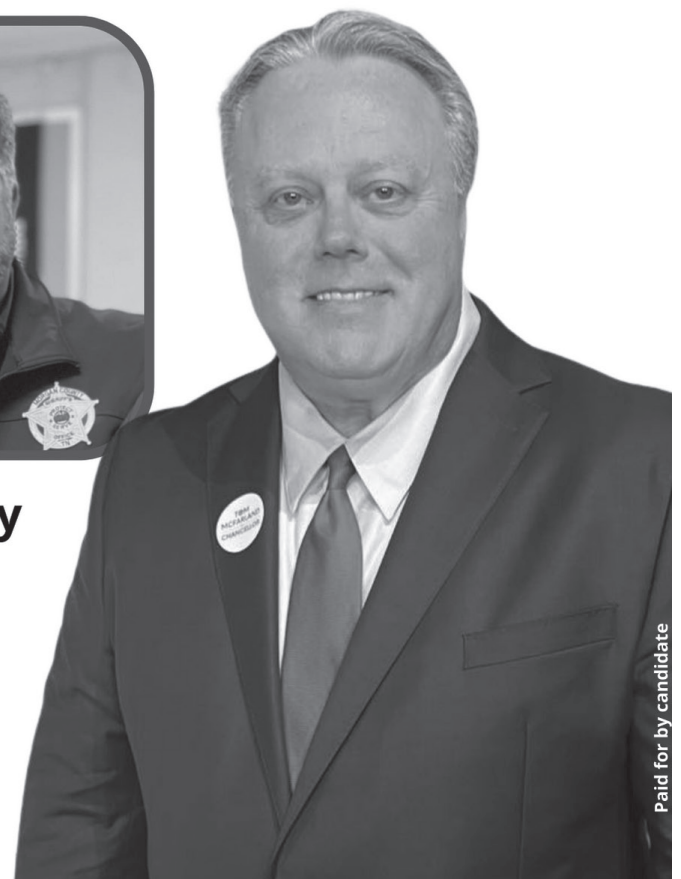
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Upcoming sales tax holidays in Tennessee are clothes, school supplies and computers July 29 – July 31 and food/food ingredients August 1 –August 31. There is also a tax holiday from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 on gun safes and safety equipment.

Oakdale friends and supporters of Brian Langley will host a free “Poor Man’s Supper” of pinto beans and all the trimmings on Friday, July 29th at Oakdale School beginning at 5:00 p.m. There will be speakers and entertainment including American Idol star Ethan Lively who will be there for two hours. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support Brian as he nears the end of his campaign for a second term at Morgan County Executive.

The County General Election and State and Federal Primary will be Thursday, August 4, 2022. Early voting will be at Morgan County Courthouse from Friday, July 15 – Saturday, July 30. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is Thursday, July 28. If you are voting in person during early voting or on election day, a Federal or State of Tennessee Government issued photo ID is required. You will not be allowed to vote without an acceptable photo ID.

Tomorrow, July 13 will be the Teen Scene at Oakdale Library at 10:30. The world is your oyster... come crack an oyster open to reveal a pearl inside!

A Back to School Event is being planned for August 1 at Solomon Park in Wartburg. Different agencies and businesses in the county will be set up to give away school supplies. This is a free family event. Anyone wishing to participate by giving away school supplies can contact me at to learn more. Thanks to all the businesses and organizations who have already volunteered to participate.

Belated birthday greetings to Ethan and Seth Johnson who turned 24 years old on July 4. I sure hope “The Boys” had a good day.

Two more of my cousins had a July 4th birthday. I hope Kristen Smith and Lyndell Goldston had a good birthday.

Happy Birthday to Sue Redmon who is celebrating her birthday today, July 12.

Upcoming July birthdays include Stacy Ruppe and Julie Crowe on July 13, Cory Johnson on July 15, Gail Watson on July 16, Beverly Foster, Lou Ann Voyles and Rudy Chapman on July 17 and Cody Chapman and Isaiah Turner on July 19.

Congratulations to Gary and Arlene Smith who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30.

Congratulations to Glen and Shirley Chapman who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 3.

The Walter and Lola Lawson family met for their annual reunion on Sunday, July 3 at the Pine Orchard Community Center. Two of the four remaining siblings, Zelma Bingham and Bula Gann, attended and for health reasons the other two could not attend. A total of 54 was present. Folks traveled from Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, and the DC area. From Tennessee, cousins came from Oakdale, Rockwood, Maryville, Nashville, Knoxville, Kingsport, Livingston, and Harriman. A good time of food, fellowship and fun was enjoyed by all.

August Jolene Palmer celebrated her 4th birthday recently. She is the daughter of Ben and Lachele Palmer. She has a big sister, Zoey. Her grandparents are Derrick and Jodie Headrick. Family and friends Joined August to celebrate with a luau party. Her favorite part of her party was shooting fireworks and eating her mermaid cake.

Will, Kristy, Taylor, Liam and Kelsey Smith recently vacationed for a week at Panama City Beach. They enjoyed family time in the ocean, playing in the sand and eating lots of good food. Kristy and Kelsey enjoyed reading books on the beach.

Kelsey Smith celebrated her 10th birthday on July 7. She and her family celebrated with brunch at home followed by a trip to the movies and a meal at Los Primos.

Oakdale Girl’s Middle School Basketball Team attended the Tennessee Tech Women’s Basketball Camp June 8-10. They had so much fun and really learned a lot. The Tech Women’s team were amazing role models and loved working with all the girls. It was Tech’s biggest camp ever with 120 girls attending. They received a Tech t-shirt and all the players and coaches signed it

for them. One of the players, Jada Guinn was a former AAU player of Oakdale’s Coach Jen Hendrix. The Oakdale players that attended camp were Ava Smith, Landry Smith, Hannah Davidson, Kylie Maxwell, Darcy Bingham, Zoey Palmer, Emily Smith, Lily O’Dell and Gracie Helton. The girls made lots of great memories.

Stanley, Bridget, Ava, Landry and Sawyer Smith and Nana GG Melhorn spent a week at Daytona Beach. They had a great time. The weather was beautiful and they enjoyed some great sea food. They played lots of games on the beach and bumped into some old friends. Nana just had her 70th birthday on June 16th and continued her tradition of doing a hand stand in the ocean. The grandkids were impressed. (I am too!) The family is thankful for safe travels and wonderful family time.

Landry Smith represented Morgan Co in the 4-H Eastern Regional and State Horse Show with Apple of Landry’s Eye. Landry placed in the Eastern Regional Show:

1st place gaited showmanship
 2nd place gaited sr mare halter
 2nd place trail /obstacle course
 2nd place racking equitation
 4th place trail pleasure racking

Landry placed in the State Show:

1st place gaited sr mare halter
 2nd place trail pleasure racking
 2nd western racking pleasure
 3rd western horsemanship
 7th gaited showmanship

Landry extends a special thanks to Aunt B and Papaw Melhorn for all their help.

White Oak Baptist Church is having VBS this week through Friday, July 15 from 7:00 – 9:00 each evening. This year’s theme is Isaiah 40:31.

Pine Orchard Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School July 18 – 22 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for ages 3 - High School. The theme is “Wild About Jesus.” There will be food, crafts and fun but most importantly, everyone will learn more about Jesus!

West Side Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School July 20 -22 from 6:30 – 8:30 each evening. For van pick up, contact Whitney Powers at 865-253-3795.

Boswell Chapel will Vacation Bible School Saturday, July 23 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Jesus Loves You “S’mores.”

“Not every day is good but there is something good in every day.”

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David Zubler
Columnist

Simplify your business mileage

It can be very challenging and time-consuming for a business owner to track every mile driven every day for 52 weeks a year. This requires you to list every trip you take, whether for business, commuting, or personal reasons. Fortunately, the IRS has a much less time-consuming method for calculating business mileage. This method is for people who drive their vehicles for business and personal use.

The sampling method works well if you consistently use your vehicle for business throughout the year. It is not the best method if you have seasonal fluctuations in your business mileage during the year. It's also not the best method if your driving habits are not predictable.

The sample method is a more efficient way to determine your business mileage.

The three-month sample method allows you to use your mileage log from a three months period during the year to determine your mileage deduction for the year. You are not required to use the first three months of the year.

Another sample method option is to use one week each month. For instance, you can use the first week of every month for your sample. Any week of the month will work, but you need to use the same week of the month.

You can use whatever sample method works best for you. Your sample period should be as representative as possible of your business travel throughout the year.

Using the sample method requires you to prove that your vehicle use is about the same amount throughout the year. Your invoices

and paid bills prove the mileage part, and your appointment book can add credibility to consistent business and personal use.

You can use vehicle repair invoices to prove that mileage is steady throughout the year. Oil change receipts from the same three-month interval can also provide proof of mileage.

Another option you can provide for proof of steady mileage is if the total gas receipts are consistent each month.

Keep a mileage log during the sample period of the year which to determine the percentage of miles driven for business. You should also record your odometer reading at the beginning and end of the year.

The sample method requires you to determine the percentage of business miles driven during the sample period. You will need to subtract any abnormal mileage, such as long-distance vacations, from the total of all miles driven during the year. Then multiply the percentage of miles driven during the sample period times the total miles driven for the year, less any abnormal miles.

You can't deduct depreciation, fuel, insurance, and repair if you deduct the mileage rate. However, you can deduct the business percentage of your vehicle's interest.

If you have already created a mileage log for the year, it's a good idea to provide more information than less. Using the sample method can save a business owner valuable time.

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

Don't Disregard AARP

Starting when we reach age 50, our mailbox becomes flooded with frequent invitations to join AARP. At that age, we don't want to hear about anything for seniors because, in our eyes, we aren't seniors yet. We don't even qualify for a senior discount at local stores. So maybe we don't even look at the piles of literature and ads AARP sends. But maybe we should.

There's more to AARP than meets the eye. For a mere \$16 per year, we get a whole list of benefits and information.

The discounts themselves are impressive, in over a dozen categories. Want to send flowers or a gourmet fruit basket? Get a 20% discount. Traveling and need a rental car? Get a 30% discount. Save on RV insurance, prescriptions at Walmart, restaurants, hearing aids (20%), Ancestry.com (30%), Norton computer securi-

ty (25%) and much more.

There is a jobs board (315 jobs in my ZIP code alone), an auto-buying program to help with dealer pricing, online games, local chapters and podcasts, a government watch ... everything designed to help seniors.

And then there is the AARP Bulletin monthly magazine that is sent by mail to members. If there's one thing you don't want to leave lying around unread, it's this. I just picked up a recent copy and discovered three must-read articles: Identifying phone scams when you get a call, cutting the cost of online groceries and, most important of all, an article on drug interactions. Imagine my surprise to see two of my drugs listed with information about contraindications no one ever told me about.

And what do they do with our membership fees? They advocate for us all over the country, especially with Social Security and Medicare.

If you're not signed up for AARP, it's something you should consider. If in doubt, go to www.aarp.org and scroll down the page to see what's new.

If you have questions, call AARP at 888-687-2277 (Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. EST)
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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. How did the duet "You Don't Bring Me Flowers" come about?**
- 2. Name the group that released "Baby Come Back."**
- 3. The Weavers and the Kingston Trio released covers of "Wimoweh." What is the song's alternate name?**
- 4. Which song accompanied the Dancing Baby (aka Baby Cha-Cha) on the Ally McBeal television show?**
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "We can go dancing, we can go walking, as long as we're together."**

Answers

- 1. Neil Diamond and Barbra Streisand had separately released their own covers (1977 and 1978). A radio station program director spliced together the two solo versions and played it on the air. The response was such that the record company had Streisand and Diamond record the duet.**
- 2. Player, in 1977. Two members of the group wrote the song after breaking up with girlfriends.**
- 3. "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." The original ("Mbube") was released in 1939 in South Africa and written in Zulu.**
- 4. "Hooked on a Feeling," first done by B.J. Thomas in 1969.**
- 5. "Take a Chance on Me," by ABBA in 1978. The original title of the song was "Billy Boy." In the U.S., the record sold even more than the group's "Dancing Queen."**

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

6 Signs it Might be Time for a Career Change

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

Mental Health

Depression and anxiety are common among people who hate their career. You may begin noticing an unhealthy level of stress or anxiety that's taken a toll on your emotional health due to not being fulfilled in your career. Your loved ones might see a change in your behavior at home with either you being distant with people, self-isolating, or being short tempered. Depression and anxiety are emotions we deal with over the course of

our life. The problem is we tend to work try to fix the symptoms and not address the actual problem. The problem may be your current job.

Relationships

Are you having trouble in your personal

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

Weekend Malaise

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

No Purpose

Humans need to have purpose in life. To be completely satisfied, you have to have a purpose in your career. When we lack purpose, we lack motivation or desire. When you start to notice you have no real purpose or fulfillment in your career, it's time to start thinking about a career change.

Physical Health

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

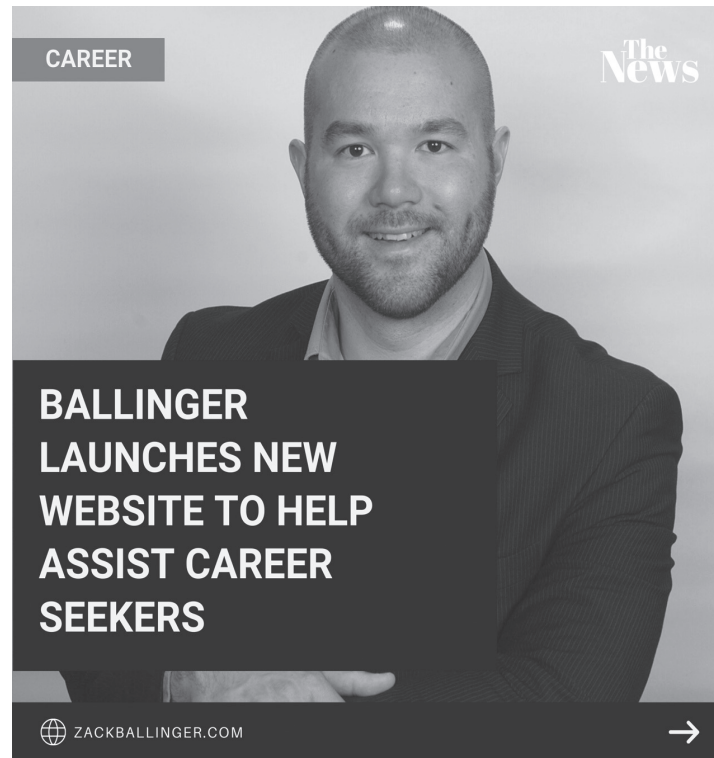
Toxic Culture

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

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



Simple Savings on Summer Salads

When it's hot, I barely want to eat, let alone heat up the house cooking something. So we've been on a salad kick lately. One drawback to having salads is the cost quickly adds up. Here are some tips to help you save some green while buying your greens.



This stacked summer chicken salad includes eggs, tomato, avocado and corn.

Bag the bagged salads. Read the ingredients for inspiration, then put it back on the shelf, because they cost more and go bad quickly. Skip the convenience if you want to save a buck. Buy the three pack hearts of romaine and chop them yourself. It's easy and takes mere seconds. One heart makes two or three nice salads. Next, add the goodies they put in the prepared salads yourself.

Leave the lettuce. Even better than romaine, select heartier greens like

cabbage and kale. They keep longer, have more flavor, more health benefits and are usually cheaper. Bonus, if they start to wilt, you can saute them.

Save on proteins. While salmon and steak make lovely salads, use chicken, beans, boiled eggs, lentils, nuts and canned fish to pack protein onto your greens.

Dress yourself. If you have delicious homemade dressings in your fridge, your chances of making a salad increase exponentially. Vinaigrettes can be as simple as three parts oil to one part vinegar. Add flavorings like mustard, herbs and spices, and experiment to your heart's content.

The recipe below is a summertime favorite. The dressing doubles as marinade for chicken. And if you grill the chicken outdoors, you get the down-home aroma of smoke without heating up your home.

HONEY MUSTARD CHICKEN SALAD

Yield: 4 generous servings

Time: 1 hour plus marinating time

For Marinade/Dressing:

- 1/2 cup honey mustard
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons whole-grain mustard
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Pinch black pepper
- 4 chicken breasts or 8 chicken thighs, boneless skinless

For Salad:

- 1/2 cup bacon, about 4 strips, diced
- 2 boiled eggs, sliced
- 6-8 cups romaine lettuce leaves, chopped
- 2 cups tomatoes, sliced
- 1 large avocado, pitted and sliced
- 1/2 cup corn kernels
- 1/4 cup red onion, diced

1. Whisk marinade ingredients together. Divide in half, reserving half in the fridge to dress the salad. Pour the remaining marinade over the chicken and refrigerate. Marinate chicken for two hours, or better, overnight.

2. The chicken can be grilled, sauteed on the stovetop or oven baked.

3. To grill, preheat to medium-high heat and grill for about 7 to 10 minutes on each side or until your thermometer registers 160 F.

4. To saute, heat a pan or skillet over medium heat with a little oil and cook in batches, until cooked through.

5. To bake, preheat oven to 375 F and cook for 30 minutes or until cooked through.

6. While the chicken cooks, saute the bacon and hard boil the eggs.

7. In preparation for the salad, slice chicken into strips and prepare the lettuce, tomatoes, avocado, corn and onion. Crumble the bacon and slice the eggs.

8. Whisk 1 tablespoon of water into the remaining dressing and drizzle over the salad. It's potent, so add to taste. Arrange salad artistically or just pop it all in a big bowl and have at it.

One last tip: To keep salad fresh, crisp and delicious, don't dress it until you're ready to eat. The acid in dressings breaks down cell walls, making floppy, sad salad.

The part I enjoy most about a salad kick is coming up with different combinations of dressings and ingredients. I hope this inspires you to think outside the bag for your next salad.

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Philippians Chapter 2

(Phil. 2:1-11) The self-sacrifice of Christ: This chapter begins with a series of four “if’s,” each of which conveys the sense of what is assumed to be conceded (Col. 3:1). Since then there is exhortation in Christ, consolation in love, fellowship made possible by the Spirit, and tender mercies with empathy, fill up my (cup of) joy (which is not quite to the top), by being united in the same mind.” There are double uses of same and one. He wants them to share the same mind and same love; also be of one accord and one doctrinal mind.” There was a danger of fragmentation from external sources (3:1) and internal strife (4:2-3). The other side of the equation was the potential for sectarian division and excessive ambition. The remedy for such was humility, each person considering the other first. Rather than being obsessed with selfishness, one should busy himself with the needs of others (3-4).

The supreme example of self-surrender is found in none other than the Son of God. Hence this exhortation: “Continuously nurture in you the disposition of mind that always was resident in Christ” (v.5). Jesus exists (an eternal present tense) in the form (the very essence) of God. Christ was deity before the incarnation, and afterward as well. Those who suggest that the Lord surrendered his deity by becoming a human are seriously wrong. The incarnate Christ is the God-man. For the love of others, he made the decision to not grasp his status of equality; instead, he emptied himself of his sovereign independence, and assumed the role of a servant. He was executed (by crucifixion) as a slave would have been).

He was made in the likeness of men. He became a genuine human being. He did not merely appear to be human, as certain ancient sect asserted, he was human---the theos-anthropos. He was fashioned like man---being human both inwardly and outwardly. As a man, he humbled himself. In response to his Father’s will, he was obedient (Jn. 8:29), even to the point of going to the cross. Could there be a truth more thrilling? The heart that cannot be touched by such sacrifice is harder than steel.

His murderers despised and humiliated him (Isa. 53), but his Father exalted him---by the Lord’s resurrection and ascension (Acts 2:33). He was given a name above all others. “Name” may stand for rank. It might refer to “Jesus Christ,” the combining of his human and messianic names. It could be “Lord,” the equivalent of the I AM of the Old Testament (Ex. 3:14; Jn. 8:58). The deity of Christ is emphasize in that every knee should bow to him (Isa. 45:23), every creature in heaven or on earth. Confession also should be made regarding his nature (9-11). Note the double use of should, in contrast to the emphatic shall (twice) elsewhere (Rom. 14:11). If not now voluntarily, confession will be made at the Judgment by compulsion, due to overwhelming reality.

(Phil. 2:12-18) Working out salvation: Paul commends his beloved in that they always have been obedient (not perfect, but faithful), not merely in his presence, but even in his absence (which normally might seem less likely). He encourages them to keep on working out

their salvation. They are to bring their life of obedience to a successful conclusion. (a) The text shows personal responsibility (not an unconditional election, as in Calvinism); (b) it reveals that salvation does not reside in faith alone, but faith in action.

It was God’s good pleasure to work in them, providing them with the motivation to be submissive to his will. They were to pursue such a part without murmurings (1 Cor. 10:10) and questionings---a negative term that suggests intellectual rebellion against God (v. 13-14). Rather, they must strive to be: blameless, harmless, without blemish, unique, but reflectors of the light of Christ in a very dark world.

Phil. 2:19-30) Timothy and Epaphroditus: The apostle has plans for two of his cherished workers. He intends to dispatch Timothy to Philippi in the near future. His young companion would learn of their state, convey the news to Paul, and the apostle would be comforted. This suggests his confidence in them (v.9). Moreover, a supreme compliment is paid to Timothy.

There is now a stark change in tone. The apostle speaks of some “who all seek their own, not the things of Christ” (v.21). While some see this as a reference to timid disciples who might have abandoned Timothy, it is more likely that Paul speaks of that group in Rome who had fallen under the influence of his critics (1:15) or the Judaizers subsequently mentioned (3:1). Timothy was not of this caliber; he had proved himself consistently, serving his mentor in the furtherance of the gospel. Like a child serves his father (v. 22). Paul sees the possibility that he might even be able to come himself (v.25).

Epaphroditus was a Christian brother who had come from Philippi to assist Paul in his work under prison conditions---courageous maneuver. His name, containing an allusion to the goddess Aphrodite, suggests a pagan background. He was acknowledged as a strong person, being highly commended as: (a) my brother, (b) a fellow-worker, (c) a fellow-soldier, (d) a messenger, and (e) a minister to Paul’s needs.

Epaphroditus had grown homesick, but not for a selfish reason. He had been afflicted with a serious illness, one that almost was fatal. The Christians back in Philippi had heard the report of such and were extremely anxious. God has shown mercy to the brother (and to Paul), and he had survived.

Paul wants to be certain, however, that when Epaphroditus arrives he is received with great joy and not disdain (v.29). The apostle is anxious that no one assume that the brother had simply weakened and was too frail for the task assigned him. No indeed. He was to be honored. In fact, it was because of his work for Christ that he came so near to dying. With a quaint figure of speech, Paul suggests the brother gambled with his life for a more noble cause! And he did it all because he wanted to take the slack that the Philippians were unable to render personally. He truly is an unsung hero.

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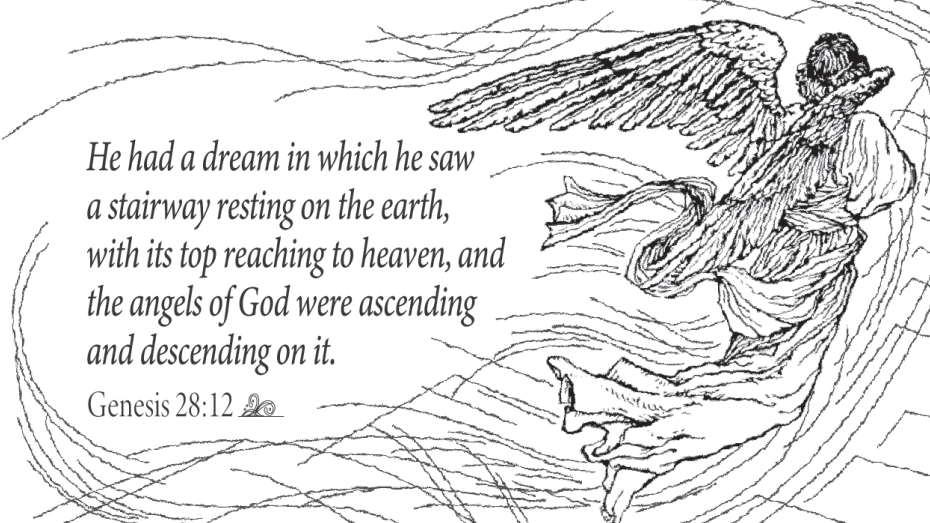
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Genesis 28:12

Sen. Yager and Rep. Alexander join Gov. Lee to sign legislation lowering barriers for retired teachers to return to classroom amid school staffing challenges

(NASHVILLE) On Thursday, Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) and Representative Rebecca Alexander (R-Jonesboro) joined Governor Bill Lee for a ceremonial signing of legislation sponsored by Yager and Alexander to help alleviate school staffing challenges. The new law allows retired teachers to be reemployed as a K-12 teacher, substitute teacher or bus driver without the loss or suspension of their retirement benefits.

“Our K-12 schools are facing serious staffing challenges for classroom teachers and bus drivers,” said Yager. “This law will help address those issues and eliminate barriers for qualified and experienced retired teachers to return to the classroom. The idea for this legislation came to me from educators in my district. I appreciate Representative Alexander for her work to pass this in the House.”



Currently, retired members of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) may return to work, but only for a maximum of 120 days. This bill removes that limit and allows retired teachers and bus drivers to return to their service for one year renewable annually, provided there are no other qualified applicants.

“As we continue to identify new ways we can support our teachers and create solutions to address staffing shortages, we are excited about the opportunity to welcome these experienced professionals back into our schools,” said Alexander. “Our students need them and we are grateful for their dedication.”

During the reemployment, retirement benefits would be reduced to 70 percent of the retirement allowance the member is otherwise entitled to receive, and the existing salary cap would be removed. The bill is effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.



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Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	NOTICE TO CREDITORS	Case Number <u>P-37-22</u>
In the matter of the Estate of <u>RANDALL LEE BUNCH</u> Deceased		

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH DAY OF JULY 2022, Letters of ADMINISTRATION in respect to the Estate of RANDALL LEE BUNCH who died on the 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents, and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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

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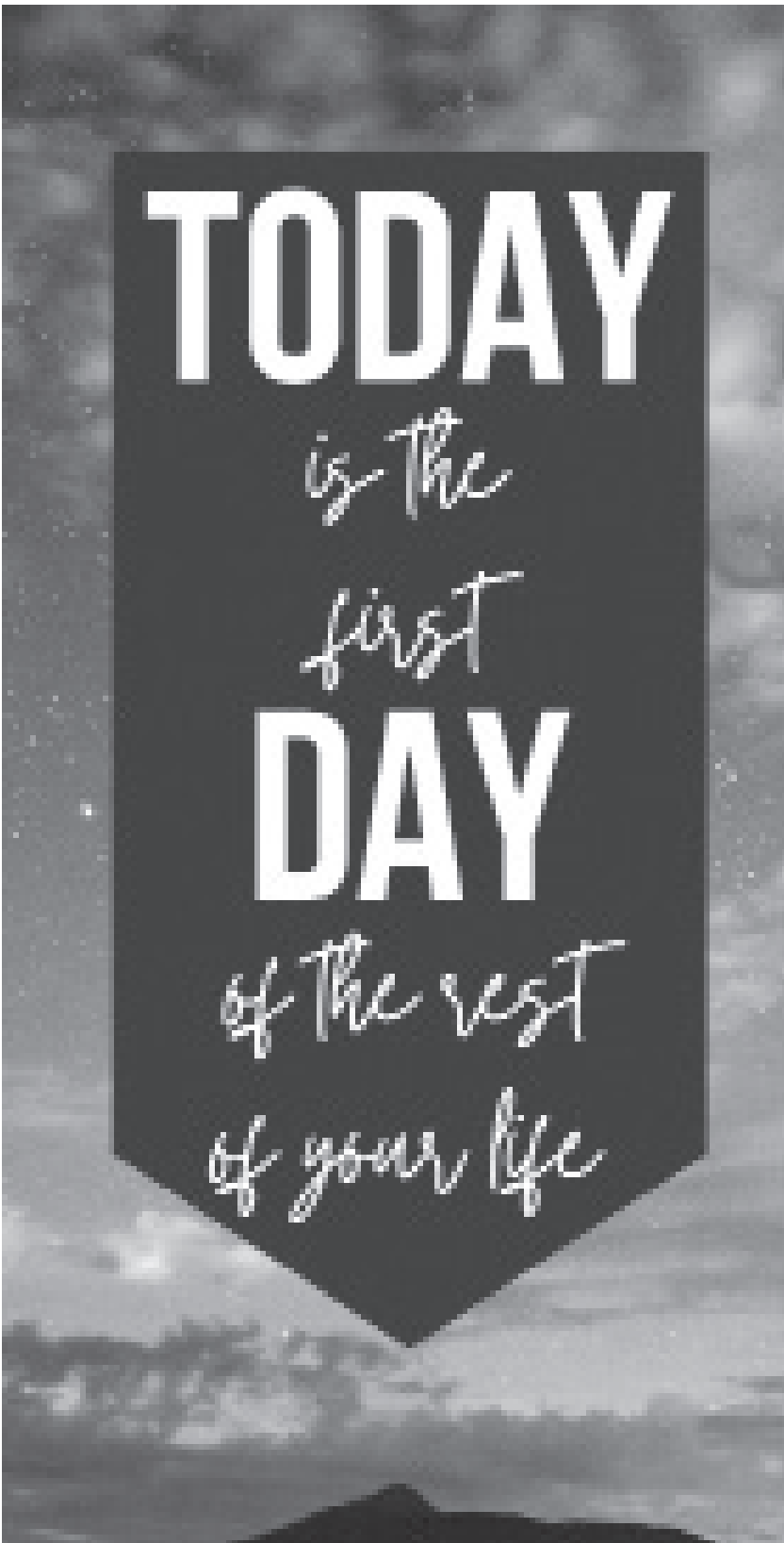
TVA's Fuel Cost Adjustment to Cause Higher Summer Electric Bills

Members of Plateau Electric Cooperative (PEC) can expect to see higher than normal bills this summer due to the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) charge increasing. The increase in the FCA is primarily due to increased costs for natural gas and inflation. TVA uses the FCA to help manage month to month changes in the costs of fuels it uses to generate electricity. Compared to last summer's bills, PEC calculates that the average residential user will realize a monthly increase of

approximately \$20.00 on their bill. Members that consume more than the average amount of electricity will see a higher amount, and those that use less than the average will see a lower amount. Plateau Electric has no control over the TVA Fuel Cost Adjustment, it is a direct pass-through from TVA, meaning that every penny collected goes directly to TVA. Plateau Electric Cooperative has committed to do what we can to reduce the financial burden of rising electricity costs. PEC, for the third consecutive year, has agreed to pass-through to our members 100% of TVA's Pandemic Recovery Credit. To date, PEC has passed-through approximately \$840,000 of savings on to the membership. Many other power distribu-

tors have decided to keep all or part of the credit for operational purposes, but PEC has passed through 100% of the credit to its membership in the form of savings on energy rates. TVA's Pandemic Recovery Credit was initially a 2.5% reduction on wholesale power rates from TVA, but will be reduced to 1.5% beginning in October 2022.

"We realize that the increase in TVA's Fuel Cost Adjustment, along with the high temperatures that we have been dealing with this summer, will result in higher-than-normal electric bills", said Dave Cross, CEO of Plateau Electric Co-op. "I'm happy that the board agreed to continue to pass through the Pandemic Recovery Credit."



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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Truck Driving, Associate Instructor

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology Oneida/Huntsville is accepting applications for a Truck Driving Associate Instructor. Position will be 37.5 hours per week, Monday-Friday, and will be located at Morgan County Correctional Complex in Wartburg, TN.

Minimum Qualifications:

- High school diploma; Associate Degree preferred
- Must hold a valid commercial driver's license.
- Five (5) years of experience as an over-the-road driver with exemplary driving record
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- Must be able to provide theoretical and practical instructional activities to prepare students for the CDL exam
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- Indication of willingness to establish and maintain positive working relationships with students, staff, and business/industry personnel
- Prior teaching experience is a plus

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