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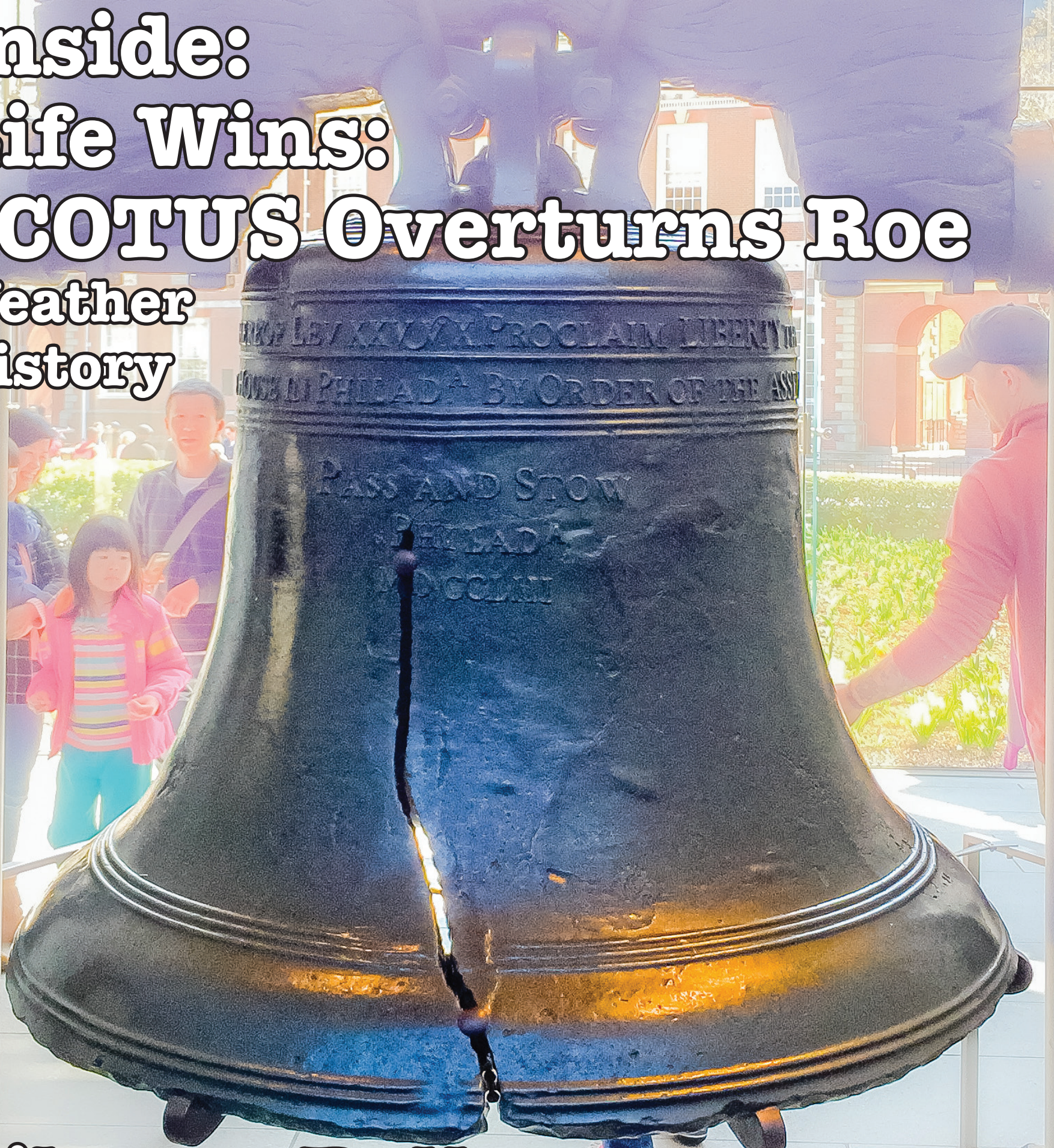
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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Pappy and the boy
Noah,
got to
wet

their hooks
(as Pap says).
They made so
many of the fish

mouths sore (Pap says that, too).

Noah hooked 2 gar but, they got away.
I'm glad because they are so scary looking.
They threw a lot of them back in. Cause, Pap says
that's what you're supposed to do, if you're not
gonna eat them. Smart man, my Pap.

They had so much fun. Me, I just wonder
why those fish stay in that water? Why do they eat

the hook? How do they breathe in the water? Why do they smell
funny? Why do they like being wet? Where is their
fur?

I never see those fish running. I never see them
playing. They don't get lovins, like me. They don't
play with toys. They don't do anything except stay
in that water!

Don't they know that there is so much fun to be
had, here in the dry?

Good grief! Hasn't anyone told them? They are
seriously missing out.

I will never understand those fish. They really
have some issues.



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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

On Monday, July 4th before and
after the parade vendors located around the
gazebo will be selling Bar-B-Que, Smoked
Sausage, Funnell Cakes, crafts., and other
items. There will be information booths for
local businesses and candidates asking for
your vote. Booths are available for \$30.00.
The booths are 16'X16'. Call Bob Brimi
at 423-628-2850 or 865-919-7988 for more
information. The money from the booth
rentals helps maintain the Abner Ross Center.

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

preparing the chicken.

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

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

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

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

Undated Events

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

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

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

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WEEKLY WEATHER



Tue 05	89°/71°	
Wed 06	90°/70°	
Thu 07	91°/71°	
Fri 08	88°/69°	
Sat 09	87°/68°	
Sun 10	90°/67°	
Mon 11	91°/69°	



To the voters of Morgan County, TN, notice is hereby given of State/Federal General Elections and a Municipal Elections for the City of Sunbright and the Town of Oliver Springs. These elections will be held November 8, 2022, in all eligible voting precincts in Morgan County, Tennessee.

The State/Federal Offices on the November 8, 2022 General Ballots will be:
Governor- 4 year term

United States House of Representatives-3rd Congressional District- 2 year term
Tennessee House of Representatives-41st District- 2 year term

Offices on the City of Sunbright Municipal Ballot:
Alderman- 4 year term

Offices on the Town of Oliver Springs Municipal Ballot:

Mayor- 4 year term, Alderman Ward-1, Alderman-Ward 2, Alderman-Ward 4, - all 4 year terms

The first day to pick-up a petition for municipal candidates is June 20, 2022

Qualifying deadline for municipal candidates will be Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 12:00 NOON

The withdrawal deadline for municipal candidates will be Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 12:00 NOON.

The first day the armed forces, spouses, and overseas voters to request an absentee ballot is January 1, 2022.

The first day to request an absentee ballot, other than armed forces and overseas voters, is August 10, 2022

The last day to request and process an absentee ballot request is November 1, 2022.

The last day to register to vote for the November 8, 2022 Election will be October 11, 2022.

Petitions may be picked up at the Morgan County Election Commission Office

Notice for Elderly Voters or Voters with Disabilities

Elderly voters or voters with a disability whose polling place is inaccessible may early vote in person during the early voting period or by absentee ballot. Elderly voters or voters with a disability, having inaccessible polling places and who will be voting for the first time, may complete an affidavit at the Election Office no later than October 29, 2022, (ten days prior to the election) stating their designated voting location is not accessible and that they intend to vote at the Election Office on election day.

Online Voter Registration

For more information on online voter registration or to update your current registration visit: www.govotetn.com

PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR VOTERS: 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 for voting, unless an exception applies. College student ID's and out-of-state photo ID's will not be accepted. Forms of acceptable identification, even if expired, include a Tennessee driver license with your photo, United States passport, Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security photo ID, Photo ID issued by the federal government, United States military ID including a Veteran Identification Card, and a Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo. To learn more about this law and its exceptions, please call the Morgan County Election Commission or visit the Tennessee Division of Elections website at: www.GoVoteTN.com

The Election Commission office will be closed for the following holiday schedule prior to election:

Independence Day-July 4, 2022

Labor Day-September 5, 2022

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In Loving Memory

Dustin "Coop" Cooper, 33

Dustin "Coop" Cooper, age 33, of Wartburg passed away June 25, 2022. He was born July 14, 1988.



Cooper; brothers Dallas (Talessa) Cooper, Jr., Dustin D., Jason, Ashton, Ethan, and Cameron; sisters Amanda, and Tessa; nieces Madison & Kaisley Cooper; soul mate Gwen Carroll her children Riley & Kolby and a host of extended family and friends.

Coop loved spending time with his family, fishing, riding his riding motorcycle and many other things. But there are no words to describe what a wonderful father he was to his children. They were his whole world.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Sammie & Glenna Lester; paternal grandmother Faye Cooper and best friend Cynthia Lester; sister Mandy Jackson.

He is survived by his children Scarlett Kay & Dustin Emmett Cooper; mother Deborah (Doyle) Daugherty; father Dallas (Diane)

The family will receive friends Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Doug Jones officiating. Graveside services will be Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at Oak Ridge Memorial Park in Oak Ridge.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dustin "Coop" Cooper.

Gilbert E. "Zeke" Bingham, 66

Gilbert E. "Zeke" Bingham, age 66 left his earthly home on June 28th 2022 to be with his Heavenly Father.



He leaves behind a very special friend Diane Wells & two special grandchildren who he loved, Reagan & Austin;

Everyone that knew him loved him. He was a gentle soul & we will miss him dearly. He always had a smile on his face wherever he went. He loved fishing & spending time with his family.

brother Jimmy & wife Nicole Bingham; sisters Brenda Cook, Deborah Bingham, Rhonda Bingham, Lisa Scofield & husband Lee and a host of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Gilbert & Ruby Bingham, grandparents, niece Brooke Bingham & nephew Eric.

The family will have a celebration of life at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Gilbert E. "Zeke" Bingham.

Melissa "Missy" Nance

Melissa "Missy" Nance of Wartburg, passed away June 28th 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Missy instilled incredible strength into her children, was a devoted grandmother and loyal wife, and a loving sister. She worked hard her whole life and was always there to lend a helping hand to all who needed it. She enjoyed crocheting, bird watching and tending to her flowers.



brother David Humphrey; step-daughter Natasha Daugherty; step-son Steven Nance; mother-in-law Joann Vann; grandchildren Lucas Young, Audrey Young, Kingsley, Remington, Harper, Carter, Jedidiah, Elliot, Hugh, and Everett.

And a host of family and friends.

She is preceded in death by; mother Leona Rose Humphrey; father David Humphrey.

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 30, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Bobby Stewart officiating. Interment will follow in the Nance Family Cemetery.

She is survived by husband Bucky Nance; daughters Jessica Humphrey, Tiffany Young, and Jennifer Reynolds; son Chris Brown; sister Renea Smith;

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Melissa "Missy" Nance.

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

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"Some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again."

~C.S. Lewis~

Fairy tales don't tell children that dragons exist, children already know that dragons exist, fairy tales tell children that dragons can be killed.

~Neil Gaiman~

"Since it is so likely that children will meet cruel enemies, let them at least have heard of brave knights and heroic courage. Otherwise you are making their destiny not brighter but darker."

~C. S. Lewis~



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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT WARTBURG

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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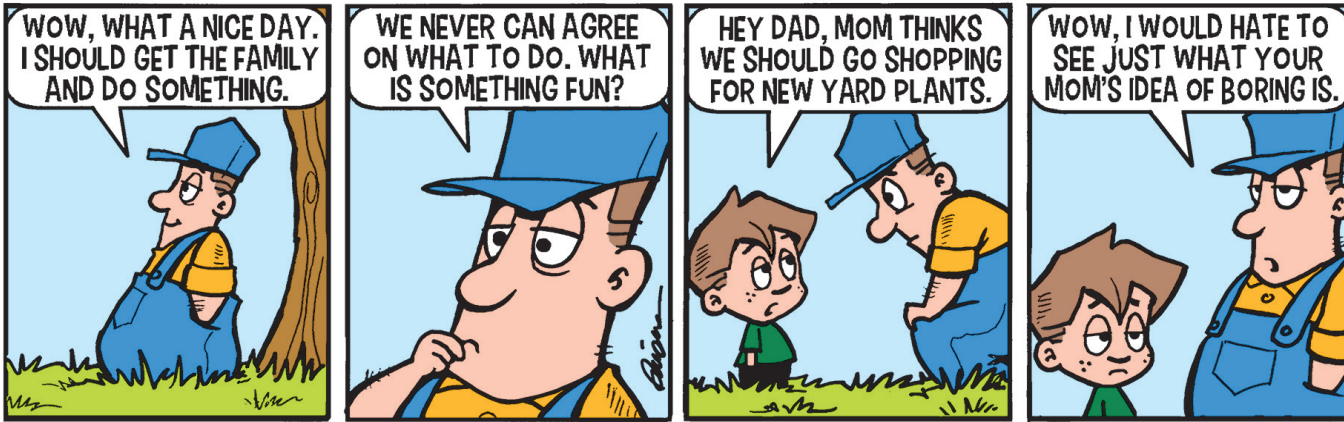
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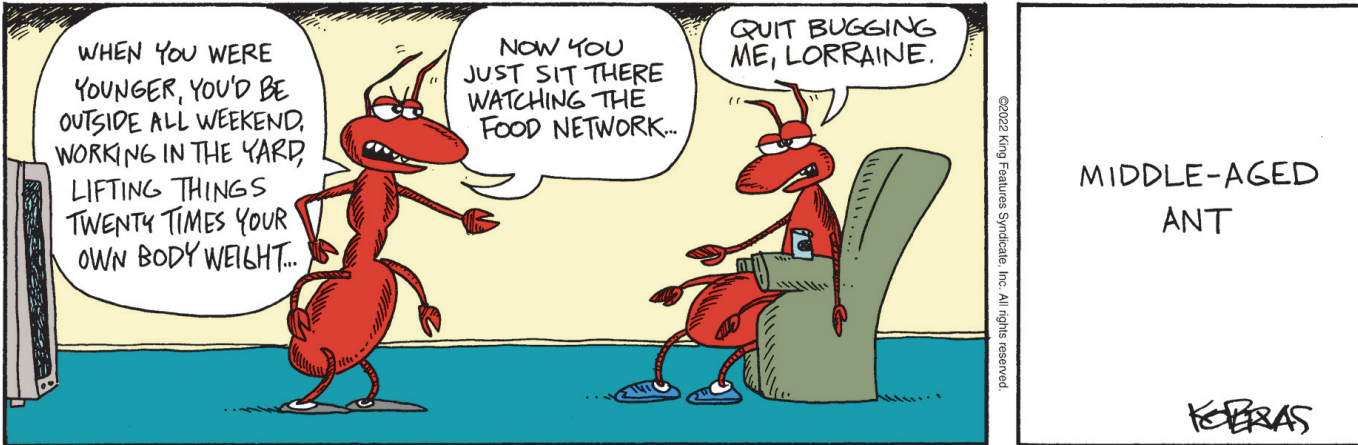
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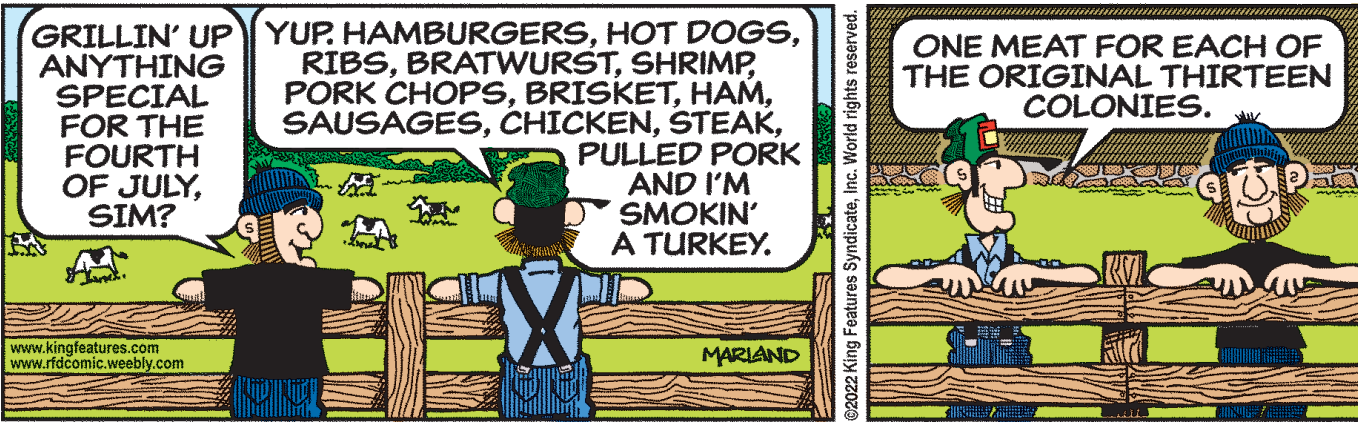
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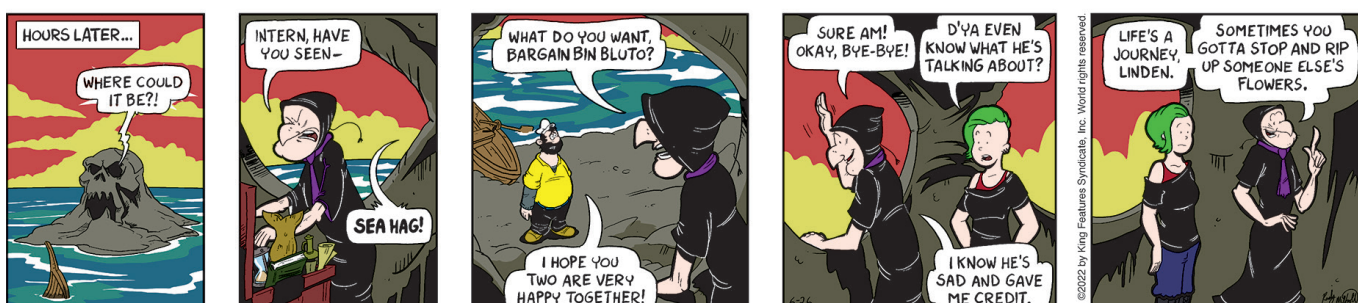
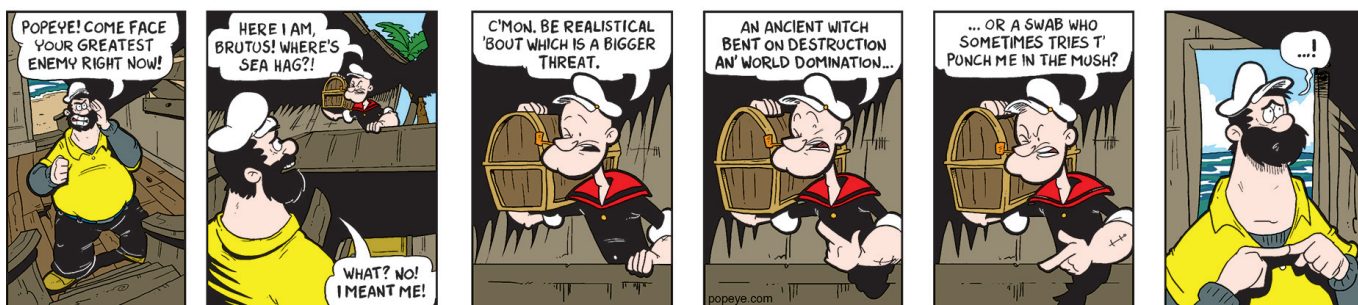
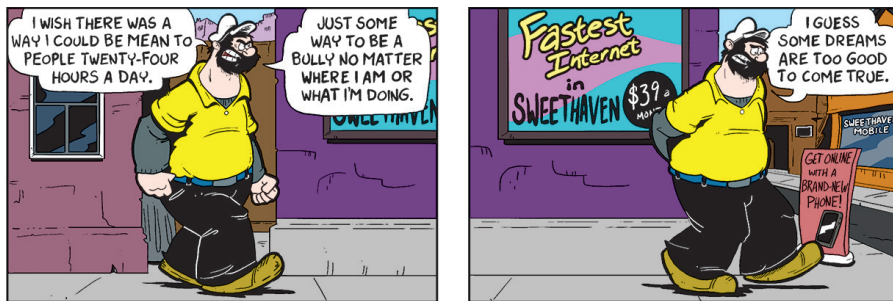
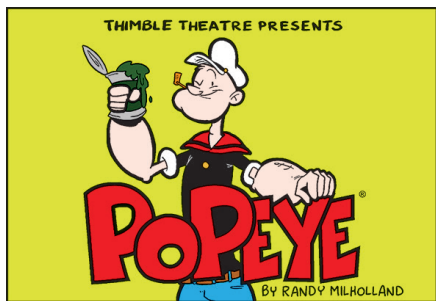
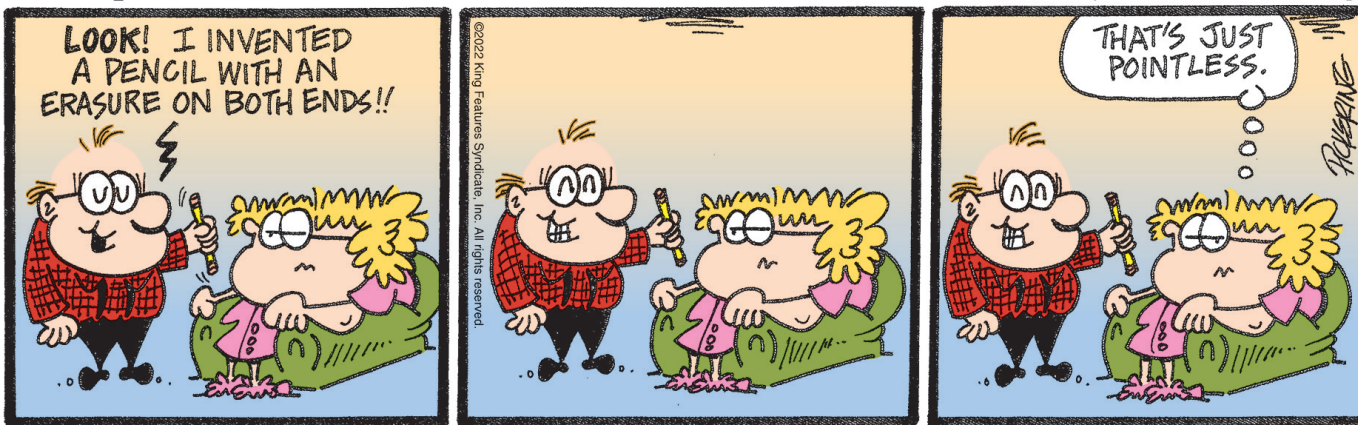
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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On July 24, 1567, during her imprisonment at Lochleven Castle in Scotland, Mary Queen of Scots is forced to abdicate in favor of her 1-year-old son, later crowned King James VI of Scotland. In 1542, while just 6 days old, Mary had ascended to the Scottish throne upon the death of her father, King James V.

* On July 21, 1899, Ernest Miller Hemingway, author of such novels as "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and "The Old Man and the Sea," is born in Oak Park, Illinois. The influential American literary icon became known for his straightforward prose and use of understatement.

* On July 23, 1918, Della Sorenson kills the first of her seven victims in Nebraska. Over the next seven years, friends, relatives and acquaintances of Sorenson died under mysterious circumstances. In 1925, Sorenson was arrested when she made an unsuccessful attempt at killing two children with poisoned cookies.

* On July 18, 1925, Volume One of Adolf Hitler's philosophical autobiography "Mein Kampf" is published. It was a blueprint of his agenda for a Third Reich and a clear exposition of the nightmare that would envelope Europe from 1939 to 1945.

* On July 19, 1956, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles announces that the United States is withdrawing its offer of financial aid to Egypt to help with the construction of the Aswan Dam on the Nile River. The Soviets rushed to Egypt's aid, and the Aswan Dam was officially opened in 1964.

* On July 20, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.

* On July 22, 2005, "March of the Penguins," a French-made documentary about emperor penguins in Antarctica, opens in theaters across the U.S. The film went on to win numerous awards, including an Oscar, and became one of the highest-grossing documentaries in movie history. (c) 2021 Hearst Communications, Inc. All Rights Reserved

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A King's Ransom: Chapter 10: Part 2



Carol Hall
Author

"You two need to keep practicing touching each other," Alys said. "Unless you're both good with it now?"

"Uh...we probably need to practice some more," Bronwyn said. "Mr. I Think I'll Sleep In Bronwyn's Hair over there might be ok with it, but I'm still a little uneasy about it."

"I said I was sorry, Miss Oh Don't Touch Me!" Nicodemus said.

"You best get to it then," said Alys, snickering under her breath. "You have a long road ahead of you, and you'll need to be able to get along."

"Fine," sighed Bronwyn. "Come on, Nicodemus, let's get this over with."

"Well, it'll go ohhhh soooo well with that attitude," he grumbled.

Alys laughed as she tucked her crooked legs under herself and sat down. "This should be a lot of fun to watch," she said. "I think I'll stick around and enjoy it for a bit."

"Great," Bronwyn said, unenthusiastically.

"I'll go first!" Nicodemus said, joyfully.

"Of course, you will," Bronwyn said, shaking her head.

Bronwyn sat down next to Alys. Nicodemus positioned himself in front of Bronwyn. "Ok," he said, seeming far too happy for Bronwyn's liking. "I think I should try to crawl up into your lap."

"Oh sure," Bronwyn said, sarcastically. "Let's just dive right in, shall we?"

Without hesitating, Nicodemus took off at a dead run and jumped into the middle of Bronwyn's lap in one leap.

The scream that came from Bronwyn's throat as she wildly threw her arms up in the air, shook the walls of the dungeon and reverberated off the ceiling.

"NICODEMUS!" she yelled at the top of her lungs. "I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!"

"Uh oh," Nicodemus said in a small voice as he leapt off her lap and took off across the room.

Alys was laughing so hard, she couldn't catch her breath.

Bronwyn got to her feet and chased after Nicodemus. To her utter surprise, she snatched him off the wall as he proceeded to climb up to his hiding place.

Holding him around his middle and shaking him back and forth, she stomped back to her place next to Alys. "Oh no, you don't!" she said, angrily. "You're not running and hiding. You're going to stay and do this."

The noises Nicodemus was making as Bronwyn shook him sounded like rocks being bounced around in a clay jar.

"Bronwyn," he choked out. "Stop...shaking...me."

Bronwyn plunked herself down on the floor and released Nicodemus from her grasp. His body tilted, and he plopped over onto his side.

"Mean," he gasped. "She's just plain mean, I tell ya!"

Alys was clutching her side, peels of laughter racking her body. "I'm so glad I stayed to witness this!"

Bronwyn stuck her finger in Nicodemus's face. "If you ever do that again...", she threatened.

"No worries," he said, still gasping for air. "I won't."

"At least you aren't afraid to handle him anymore," Alys said, tears running down her face.

Bronwyn looked over at Alys, then down at Nicodemus. She burst out laughing. "I guess not," she said.

Nicodemus gingerly got to his feet and marched up to Bronwyn. Glaring at her, he placed one of his front legs on her knee.

When she only stared at him, he placed another leg on her knee.

"What are you waiting for?" Bronwyn asked. "Get up here."

Nicodemus crawled up onto her lap again. This time Bronwyn didn't scream.

"You're mean," he said, looking up at her.

"You shouldn't have scared me like that," she replied.

"Are we past the fright now?" he asked, his voice emotionless.

"I suppose we are," Bronwyn said.

"Good," Nicodemus said. "I don't think I could handle another shaking like that. My brain hurts."

The next couple of hours were spent with Nicodemus walking up and down Bronwyn's arms, across her shoulders and down her back, while Alys regaled them with tales of her home in the Southern Region of the kingdom.

When enough time had passed, Alys got to her feet. "I think it's time," she said. "The guard will be down in a couple of hours to check on us again. You need to be long gone by then."

"Will I have enough time to get through the tunnel, across the moat and into the forest before he sounds the alarm that I'm gone?" Bronwyn asked.

"You should," Alys said. "You'll be under the cover of darkness, so if you can make it to the forest before that happens, you should be able to hide somewhere until it's safe to move on."

"Ok," Bronwyn said, starting to feel nervous. This plan was not fool proof. She could easily be caught while swimming across the moat, or making her way across the huge meadow that surrounded the castle. And if she was, it was a death sentence for sure.

"Are you ready?" Alys asked.

"As ready as I'm going to be," Bronwyn responded.

"Oh no!" Nicodemus cried out.

"What?" Alys asked.

"I never got my oatmeal this morning," he whined. "In all the excitement, we forgot to eat."

"It's ok, Nicodemus," Bronwyn said. "We'll have plenty of water to drink once we get to the moat. You'll just have to manage to stave off your hunger till we can find something to eat."

"But I'm hungry," he said. "I've never gone a whole day without eating something."

"Looks like you're going to today," Bronwyn said, unsympathetically. "We need to get going."

Hhmmpphhh," Nicodemus said.

Alys stepped out of the cell, followed by Bronwyn, Nicodemus riding on her shoulder.

She led them down the corridor to the right, past a small room that must have been her bed chamber and around a tight corner. There on the floor was a small opening just large enough for Bronwyn to squeeze into.

"There it is," Alys said, indicating the opening.

"It sure is small," Bronwyn said, starting to have doubts. "I'm not sure I'll fit."

"You'll fit," Alys said.

They watched as a trickle of water ran along the edge of the wall and disappeared into the drain.

"Come on," Alys said. "You have to lock me in your cell before you go."

She led the way back to the cell and walked inside, pulling the door closed behind her. "Lock me in and throw the keys on the floor out of reach," she instructed Bronwyn. "Then get out of here. Fast. You're running out of time."

Bronwyn hugged Alys in a tight grip. "Thank you, Alys," she said. "Somehow, some way, I'll get you out of here."

"Just go!" Alys said, shoving her away. "This will all be wasted if you get caught. GO!"

Bronwyn hastily locked the cell and tossed the keys on the small table where the lantern was.

"Bye Alys," Nicodemus called out, as he and Bronwyn disappeared down the corridor. "I'll never forget you!"

"Bye Nicodemus," Alys's voice trailed off as Bronwyn and Nicodemus rounded the corner leading to the pipe.

Bronwyn had a moment's hesitation before she finally dropped to her knees and began to squirm her way into the tight opening of the drain. Nicodemus flattened himself against her back as they disappeared into the dark, watery tube.



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Mr. Hershel "Woody" Williams was the last survivor among the 472 servicemen who were awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary bravery in World War II and the oldest living recipient of the medal, died on June 29, 2022 at a hospital in Huntington, W. Va. at the age of ninety-eight.

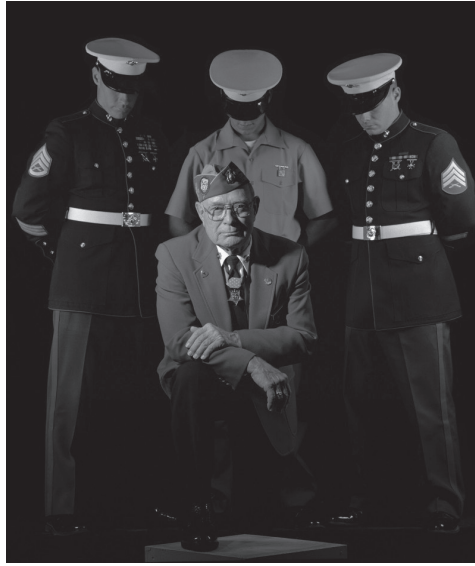
Mr. Williams was born on a dairy farm in 1923 in Quiet Dell, West Virginia. He helped his parents run their small dairy farm; after his father died of a heart attack when Woody was eleven, his brother Lloyd Jr. took over the farm with help from the other children. He later quit high school to join the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps, working on projects in Montana.

As a youth, he had been impressed by the dress-blue uniforms and the bearing of some hometown boys on furloughs from the Marine Corps. He enlisted in the Marines in May 1943. He was only 5 feet 6 inches tall, the service's minimum height requirement, and weighed just 135 pounds, but he was well muscled from his farm work.

Soon after enlisting into the USMC, he saw combat in Guam and in Iwo Jima at the rank of corporal assigned to the 1st Battalion, 21st Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division. At the peak of his military career, he earned the rank of chief warrant officer 4.

During the battle of Iwo Jima, Mr. Williams displayed "valiant devotion to duty" and service above self as he "enabled his company to reach its objective." Mr. Williams' actions, commitment to his fellow service members, and heroism were recognized on October 5, 1945, when he received the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Truman at the White House.

Mr. Williams' Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as demolition sergeant serving with the 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. Quick to volunteer his services when our tanks were maneuvering vainly to open a lane for the infantry through the network



of reinforced concrete pillboxes, buried mines, and black volcanic sands, Cpl. Williams daringly went forward alone to attempt the reduction of devastating machine-gun fire from the unyielding positions. Covered only by four riflemen, he fought desperately for four hours under terrific enemy small-arms fire and repeatedly returned to his own lines to prepare demolition charges and obtain serviced flamethrowers, struggling back, frequently to the rear of hostile emplacements, to wipe out one position after another. On one occasion, he daringly mounted a pillbox to insert the nozzle of his flamethrower through the air vent, killing the occupants, and silencing the gun; on another he grimly charged enemy riflemen who attempted to stop him with bayonets and destroyed them with

a burst of flame from his weapon. His unyielding determination and extraordinary heroism in the face of ruthless enemy resistance were directly instrumental in neutralizing one of the most fanatically defended Japanese strongpoints encountered by his regiment and aided vitally in enabling his company to reach its objective. Cpl. Williams' aggressive fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty throughout this fiercely contested action sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Mr. Williams' wife, Ruby Meredith Williams, died in 2007. They had two daughters, Travie Jane and Tracie Jean, and several grandchildren.



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Deputy Sheriff Austin Aldridge of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina was shot and killed while responding to a domestic call at 3:20 pm on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 in Spartanburg.

When Deputy Aldridge approached the residence, he was ambushed by the subject "Duane Heard." Bystanders gave medical aide to Deputy Aldridge until EMS arrived and then provided responding officers with a description of the subject and his vehicle.

Another deputy spotted the Heard and attempted a traffic stop. Heard pretended to surrender but shot at the deputy, who returned fire, before fleeing again. After crashing his vehicle, Heard was engaged in another shootout with officers before running into woods, where members of the SWAT team and police canine took him into custody. Heard was shot twice by deputies and was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening gunshot wounds. No officers were injured in the pursuit and apprehension of Heard.

Heard, is being supervised by law enforcement while receiving treatment for his wounds. He has been charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Heard's condition has not been released.



Deputy Aldridge was transported to a local hospital and succumbed to his wounds at 9:26 pm.

"True to his servant's heart, Austin was both an organ and tissue donor," said Lt. Kevin Bobo of the Sheriff's Office. "He was transported from the hospital to Columbia for that procedure, and approximately 70 people will benefit from his generous donation."

Aldridge was described as "a loving husband, son, friend and partner to many," according to a GoFundMe page that was created to help with unexpected costs related to his death and months ahead.

"I pray that God gets the glory. He sees what has happened in the community. It's tragic what happened but we will continue to pray to God for restraint. We don't condone what that man did to the deputy but we continue to pray for strength in not only Spartanburg but in the world," Kenneth Clyburn, pastor at Mount Carmel, said at the vigil.

Deputy Aldridge had served with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office for three years. He was only twenty-five-years-old and is survived by his wife.

BIBLE TRIVIA

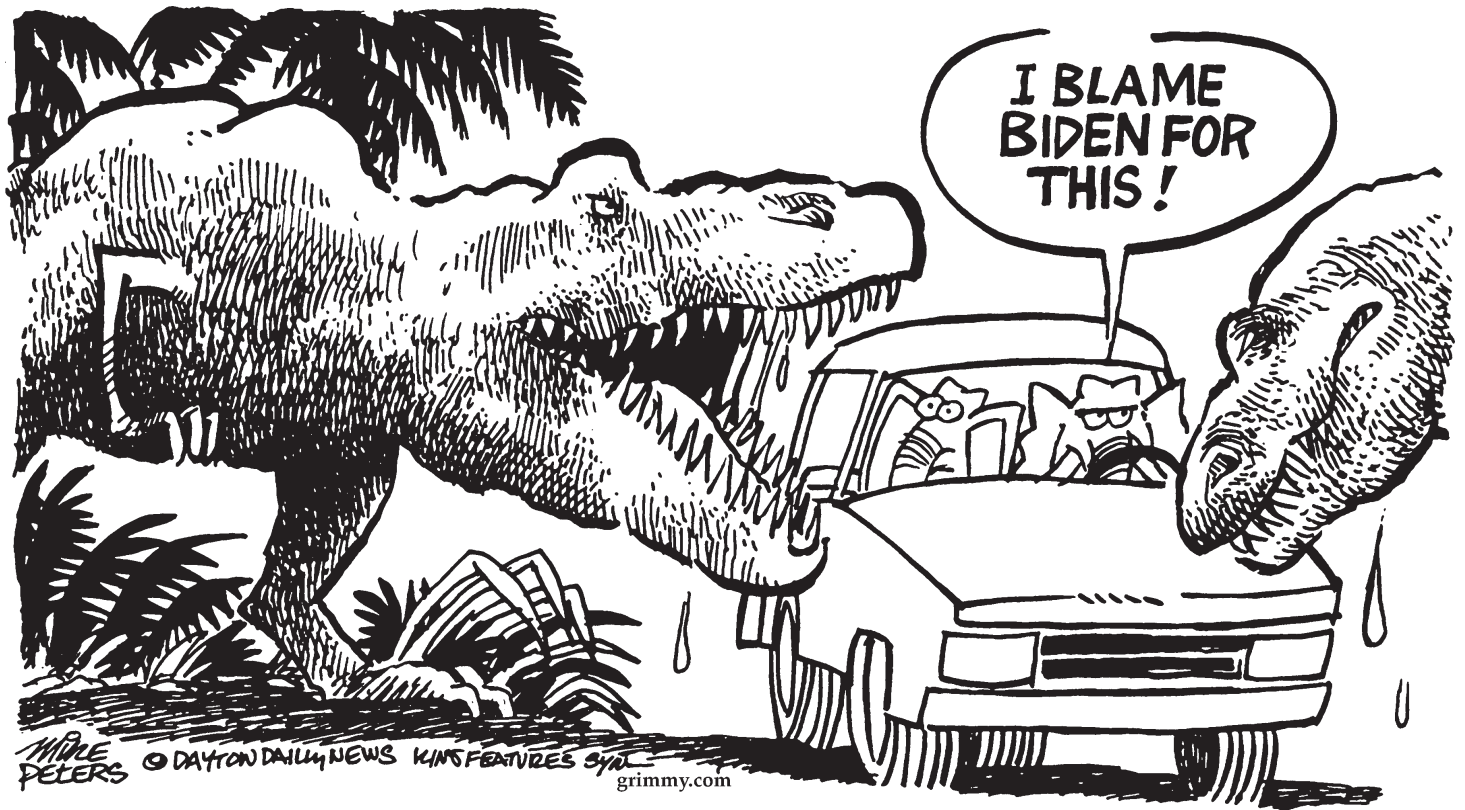
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Freedomina in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Galatians 5:13: "Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through ... serve one another." Friendship, Honesty, Love, Hope
3. From 2 Corinthians 3:17: "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is ..." Hope, Freedom, Love, Liberty
4. In John 8:36: "If the ... therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Heart, Worship, Celebration, Son
5. From what book's 6:7 does it say, "For he that is dead is freed from sin"? Isaiah, Daniel, Mark, Romans
6. How many times is the word "independence" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? 0, 2, 11, 17

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Love; 3) Liberty; 4) Son, Romans, 0

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Comfort foods

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by Healthy Exchanges

Easy Strawberry Ice Cream

In days gone by, it was part of a small town's summer activities for churches or social organizations to host Ice Cream Socials. Several flavors of ice cream were offered along with other delectable goodies and various beverages. Well, we can't turn back the clock, but we still can enjoy this rite of summer, can't we?

- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Sugar substitute to equal 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 cups frozen unsweetened strawberries, slightly thawed

1. In a medium bowl, combine dry milk powder, water and lemon juice. Stir in sugar substitute. Cover and place in freezer for 15 minutes.

2. Spoon very cold milk mixture into a blender container. Cut slightly thawed strawberries into chunks. Add to milk mixture in blender. Cover and process on BLEND for 15 to 20 seconds or until mixture is smooth. Serve at once. Makes 4 (3/4 cup) servings. Freezes well.

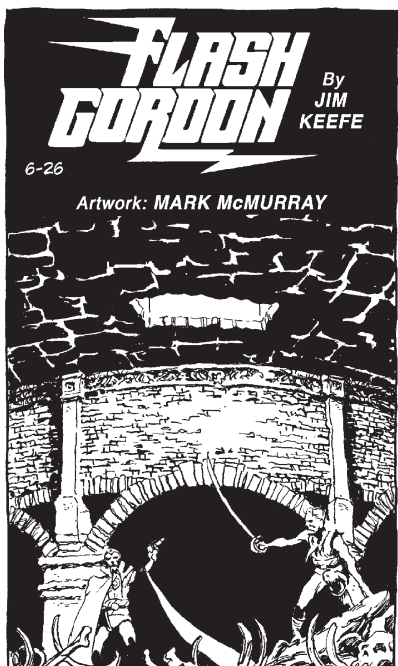
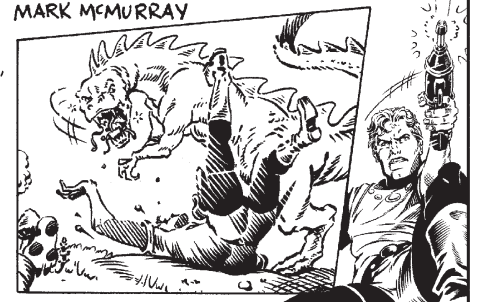
• Each serving equals: 92 calories, 0g fat, 4g protein, 19g carbohydrate, 66mg sodium, 3g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Fruit, 1/2 Fat-Free Milk.

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MARK McMURRAY HAS GUEST PENCILLED SUCH MAINSTREAM FARE AS FLASH GORDON AND SWAMP THING, BUT IT'S HIS SELF-PUBLISHED VENTURES THAT HAVE BROUGHT HIM THE MOST RECOGNITION.

ONE OF HIS MOST CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED SELF-PUBLISHING VENTURES WAS SKETCHES: NEW YORK CITY, A SKETCHBOOK DIARY CHRONICLING A YEAR IN AN ARTIST'S LIFE. A YEAR OVERSHADOWED BY THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF 9/11.



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

No, the Conservative Justices Didn't Lie

The left simply lost the intellectual and political fight over the direction of the Supreme Court but can't bear to admit it. Progressives tell themselves instead that they've been undone by a series of dirty deeds, including the alleged deceit of conservative justices who lied to the U.S. Senate about their commitment to preserving *Roe v. Wade*.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez believes that impeachment proceedings should be in play.

What the perjury case against the justices in the Dobbs majority lacks is any evidence of assurances made under oath or otherwise that they would vote to uphold a ruling of the court that had, justly, been under withering assault since it was handed down 50 years ago.

This shouldn't have been hard to figure out. Any judge who considers himself or herself an originalist was going to believe that *Roe* was bad law because there wasn't remotely colorable warrant for it under the Constitution. There might have been varying views on what deference was owed to precedent, or other tactical questions; there wasn't any meaningful disagreement on the core matter.

The dance that went on is that Democrats would try to get conservative nominees to say that *Roe* had been a precedent for a long time. The nominees would agree, while not going any further. They'd often cite -- correctly -- the refusal to comment on contested questions going back to Ruth Bader Ginsberg's confirmation hearings.

Typical was an exchange between Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Amy Coney Barrett during her hearings. Klobuchar pressed Barrett whether *Roe* was a "super precedent," or a ruling that no one thinks is in play anymore. Barrett demurred, "I'm answering a lot of questions about *Roe*, which I think indicates that *Roe* doesn't fall in that category."

This wasn't deception -- it was clearly saying, if obliquely, that *Roe* was vulnerable to challenge. I'd prefer if nominees were less lawyerly, but they are experts in subtle distinctions and the longstanding politicization of the confirmation process puts a premium on indirection.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh has been a particular target for post-Dobbs attack. Pro-choice Republican Sen. Susan Collins told *The New York Times* that she feels he misled her in a private meeting.

The *Times* story doesn't say that Collins asked Kavanaugh directly if he'd overturn *Roe* -- presumably for good reason. The senator would have known such a question would have been highly improper. In fact, she praised Neil Gorsuch during his 2017 confirmation for saying he would have left the room if someone asked him for a commitment to overturn *Roe*.

It is doubtful that Kavanaugh told Collins anything in private that he didn't say in his sworn public testimony as well. If he was playing some sort of double game, Collins should have felt an obligation to call Kavanaugh out on it. She didn't. In fact, she gladly voted for him.

It is true that in his hearings Kavanaugh leaned heavily on the notion that *Roe* was precedent and that it had been reaffirmed in *Casey*, what he called "a precedent on precedent." Yet, other supporters of *Roe* weren't inclined to overinterpret this. As Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island told Kavanaugh at the outset of the hearings, "Your own words make clear you do not really believe *Roe v. Wade* is settled law since the Court, as you said, 'can always overrule its precedent.'"

In her dramatic floor statement supporting Kavanaugh's nomination, Collins made it clear that she also understood that his commitment to precedent was not absolute. It would give way, she explained, "in those rare circumstances where a decision is 'grievously wrong' or 'deeply inconsistent with the law.'"

The Court held in *Dobbs* that *Roe* was, indeed, egregiously wrong. Collins might be disappointed, but she shouldn't feel ill-used.

Roe never deserved to be written into law in the first place. The conservative justices never said they would preserve it, and they've done their duty to the Constitution by finally abandoning it.

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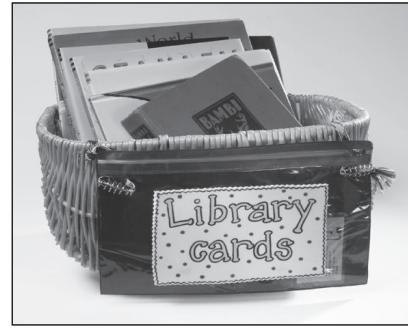
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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Your Summer Library Card: Don't Leave Home Without It

I'm not a financial analyst, but one thing I do know for sure is that cash is flying out of my billfold. Today's \$75 tab to fill the tank in our family car and even more to fill the refrigerator were a clear sign that costs are rising before my eyes.



Remember to keep your library card handy this summer.

But wait! There's one place where the sticker price stays the same: FREE. Grab your kids and jump on your bikes today to check out your neighborhood library, the best deal in town. Apply for free library cards to discover how you can fill the summer months with reading and motivating literacy-based activities. It's a deal you can't afford not to invest in, where the dividends count more than dollars and cents.

This summer's theme at our local public library — "Look What's Cookin' at Your Library" — got me thinking of some of my favorite foodie-related children's books and literacy

ideas. Take a look at this menu of practical reading and writing activities you can stir up with your family this summer to keep minds sharp. And remember my tip — there's no tab!

— **Box-Top Reading:** Start the day with some box-top reading and surprise each other with the new vocabulary words you pick up. Read ingredients and nutritional information listed on the side panels of cereal boxes, or the serving tips on the back of a frozen-waffle box.

— **Read on the Go:** Pack a book between the sandwiches and chips in your picnic basket. When you read "The Most Perfect Spot" by Diane Goode, the ants and mosquitoes at your spot won't seem like such a nuisance.— **Eat and Read:** Who doesn't love savory spaghetti on Friday night and a platter of pancakes on Saturday morning? Prepare these family favorites with your young kids, and then wind down the day with classic picture-book titles such as "Strega Nona" by Tomie dePaola and "Pancakes, Pancakes!" by Eric Carle.

— **Play With Food Words:** Enjoy word play around the dinner table. See how many expressions you can think of that use food themes and then talk about them. For example: "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," "Go bananas," "Sour grapes," "Bring home the bacon," "Icing on the cake," "That's the way the cookie crumbles," etc.— **Grandparent Connection Tip:** Share memories of a family recipe with your grandchild. WRITE a grocery list for the ingredients and shop for them together; then READ the directions aloud as you prepare the dish. **EXTRA TIP:** Keep a basket near your door to corral library books and to store your library cards.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

New Covid Rules at VA Medical Facilities

The Department of Veterans Affairs has just instituted a three-tier safety program to keep veterans, visitors and staff safe from COVID at medical facilities.

Starting in May the Veterans Health Administration COVID-19 Health Protection Levels program, aligning with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's health care setting data, will determine on a weekly basis just what needs to be done before you can access care at a VA medical facility.

At mine, for example, it's at Level High. That means the full menu of options comes into play: masks, social distancing (stay 6 feet from others), probable screening at the door, approved visitors only and video options encouraged for appointments instead of needing to go in.

At a Level Medium, it means masks, your care partner can come in but no other visitors, self-screen for COVID symptoms before you go and social distancing not required.

At a Level Low, visitors are probably fine (staff approved) if you're hospitalized, self-screen for COVID symptoms before you go and social distancing not required.

And yet there were other facilities I checked across the country where there were no health protection levels whatsoever, typically at VA in-network community partners like civilian optometrists. You'll need to call them individually to find out their protection levels. Oddly enough, in some locations across the country, facilities within mere miles of each other can range from low to medium to high.

Each week on Mondays the CDC rules will be updated on the facility listing with any changes and signs posted at doors. They'll also update on website and social media and telephone voicemails.

The new guidance covers not just coming in the door, but waiting rooms, group therapy, staffing, visitors ... everything.

If you're about to head out to a VA health facility, check to see their level so you'll know what to expect, even if you can guess based on the COVID cases in your home area: www.va.gov/coronavirus-veteran-frequently-asked-questions.

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Historically Speaking

Foards share fond memories of hikes and Hollaender

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

It is my pleasure to continue the telling of the Alexander Hollaender saga and his famous Sunday hikes in the Cumberland Mountains. It was stated in the 20th anniversary edition of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's booklet describing the history of the Biology Division that, "Dr. Hollaender's Sunday morning hikes into the Cumberland Mountains have become known all over the world because scientists from dozens of countries have taken one of them while visiting here."

The booklet continued, "Fossil hunting is often mentioned as the objective of these hikes, but the camaraderie of other hikers and the chance to enjoy the scenery of the beautiful Cumberland Mountains are perhaps as important."

This installment comes from my previous coworker, Ellen Boatner, whose brother, Ben, was a protégé of Dr. Hollaender.

Ellen says, "My memories of the Sunday hikes in the Cumberland Mountains are few. As the youngest of the three Foard children, I was the last to join my siblings following my father and his co-workers from the Biology Division up coal mining roads and out along the bluffs on Windrock Mountain. I also will admit my number of hikes was limited, especially after my brother Brian sent a chilling fear through me when he told me the mountains were 'covered in snakes,' and they loved to eat small children.

"It was my older brother, Ben, and my father, Don, who were the diehard hikers—waiting every Sunday morning at Anderson's Hilltop Market in our old Ford Falcon (and later a new Ford station wagon) for the others. Recently, both recalled their hiking experiences for a historic preservation video.

"The hikes began in the early 1950's, although Dr. Hollaender had taken his old high-wheeled Ford into the mountains alone many times upon his arrival in Tennessee in the late 1940s. The car's District of Columbia license plates had caused some residents to mistake him for some type of 'revenue' coming to exact some tax on the people of Windrock, but after questioning him and hearing the thick German accent, their fears were allayed—this was just one of those 'fellas' from Oak Ridge.

"In 1963, when my father took a permanent position in the Biology Division, he often drove while Hollaender and [Richard] Setlow discussed their plans for the growing organization that Hollaender was building in the old processing buildings at Y-12. Many business decisions were discussed and made during the Sunday rides and hikes.

"It was Setlow who often chose the hike for the day with one of the key drivers to his choices often being to seek out freshly exposed earth from the coal mining activities, which revealed the treasure they desired: fossils.

"One other requirement to every hike was to visit with the people of the area, especially the two brothers who lived in a valley named after their family—Hoskins. Hollaender and the Hoskins boys insisted on a visit every Sunday before leaving the mountains. Hollaender made it clear that while the botanical, biological and geological discoveries made in the mountains were significant, the relationships he and the others built with the people of the area were equally important.

"Hollaender, an East German Jew, was sent alone to America by his parents in 1921 to avoid the wrath of the pogroms, a type of ethnic

cleansing. Upon arriving in New York, the teenager boarded a train headed to Alabama, where he had relatives who ran a haberdashery. The aspect of the trip Hollaender remarked on was the kindness of the Southern conductor who gave the hungry young immigrant a sandwich. While he attended school in St. Louis and Wisconsin and did a large part of his research work at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland, my father



Left to right: Clair Berg, Don Foard, Marjorie Goddard, Sandra Bell, Ellen Mattingly, Brian Foard (child), Ben Foard (child), R. B. Setlow, Ann Oaks, Burke Zimmerman, Sue Goddard, and Alexander Hollaender, as they prepare to start one of the famous Sunday hikes in the Cumberland Mountains (Photo Submitted)



Don Foard standing next to the UT Arboretum's fossil that he helped locate on one of the fossil hunts that were a large part of his regular hikes with Dr. Hollaender (Photo Submitted)

has often wondered if it wasn't his fond memory of the South that led him to take a seemingly impossible position building a biological research group in remote East Tennessee.

"He told my father, an undergraduate and graduate student of the University of Virginia and a doctorate student of North Carolina State University, that he was chosen as a member of the Biology Division because he represented the 'common man' who was not of the Ivy League ilk and could more easily bridge the gap between the intelligentsia of the lab and the people of East Tennessee.

"In fact, Hollaender chose my father as the escort for famed American cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead when she came to discuss the dichotomy of cultures between the scientific population of Oak Ridge and the rural people of East Tennessee. My father's task was to take Mead on the hike and introduce her to the Hoskins brothers, whom she immediately accused Hollaender of 'planting' for her benefit.

"It was my brother Ben, however, whom Hollaender saw as a potential recruit for the next

generation of the Biology Division. Always fascinated by the trips into the mountains and thrilled by the hunt for the elusive fossils, Ben constantly ran ahead looking for stones with ancient plant impressions. Hollaender, Setlow and my father often remarked that Ben was such a good fossil hunter because he was lower to the ground than they were. Ben and my father gathered so many fossils that our house became cluttered with them, and even our front walk was lined with the preservations of past life.

"We all began hiking with our father as soon as we were old enough to abide by his rules—don't get in the way and don't ask to be carried. Born in 1955, Ben began hiking in the mid 1960's with the group, and his dedication and interest grew steadily as he approached his high school years.

"While Hollaender did not have any children of his own, he interacted with all the young people who came on the hikes. He would ask us our perspectives on a number of subjects, and he always encouraged us to think and investigate.

"In his teenage years, Ben stopped running ahead of the group and began to follow the scientists as they identified the local flora and fauna. As he put it, 'these were the experts—you aren't going to learn from anyone better,' so he not only collected fossils from the mountains, but he also began to bring home a collection of plants that he put into a garden in our yard.

"After exhausting the Oak Ridge High School's inventory of biology courses, Ben decided upon a degree in Biology at the University of Tennessee, where Hollaender, who had retired from leading the Biology Division, had taken an administrative position. Occasionally, he would call upon my brother while he was at UT and check on the progress of his studies.

"Ben ended up getting a degree in chemical engineering, his garden is long gone, and a fair portion of his fossils were donated to the Children's Museum, but he still remembers with fondness the Sunday hikes. While being interviewed for the historic preservation video, he pulled out a pocketknife that Hollaender had given him one Sunday. My brother has an immense amount of respect for all those who participated in the hikes, but when you listen to him speak about Hollaender, there is no doubt he has a great fondness for the German man with the big ideas and intense vision, and my father echoes those sentiments.

"Me, I remember the Hoskins brothers best because they almost always gave me a grape or orange soda pop when we stopped by to see them. Hey, when you're seven, diplomatic relations can often be based on the simplest of things, but I really don't think I was that far off from what Hollaender was trying to achieve.

Now, wasn't that a joy to read! Ellen, you done good! We have yet another excellent snapshot of one of Oak Ridge's pioneers and were privileged to be given unique insight into a kind, caring and very special person - Alexander Hollaender.

One final note, evidently when Alexander Hollaender fled Germany to Holland, he changed his name to help hide his Jewish origins. Ellen told me that he said as much to her father, but never breathed a word as to his real family name. It was a time when people did what they had to do to escape tyranny.

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Ms. Dee Dee Wallace

Independence Day to me means a day where we are all able to do whatever we want freely and not have to worry about being under someone else's control. Independence Day is a day where we all get together and celebrate our freedom that we have and very much earned.
- Emii

Independence Day means the prosperity of our great nation. It has withstood the test of time, allowing us to enjoy the amazing life that comes with freedom. Being able to say what you want, having a fair government, being able to own guns, and being able to make our own decisions. That's what Independence Day means to me! - Kenny

Independence Day means that we are free and we can do what we want. We don't have to be watched to be able to do what we want, and to be able to make our own decisions. And we have free rights. - Nicole

Independence Day to me means having a day to remember and thank the people who signed the Declaration of Independence. In the 1700's, men signed the Declaration of Independence because they were tired of people controlling them. Once the men signed the Declaration of Independence, they were free from being under control of the British. So, Independence Day means to have a day to remember and thank the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, own firearms, live in a free country, and celebrate. - Laila



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Independence Day is a day when we celebrate our **FREEDOM!!!** It's when we parted from Britain and we won the war.
- Tinslee

Independence Day to me means to celebrate our freedom when we separated from Britain. Before we separated British soldiers would walk throughout America and enter our homes, we could not do anything but when we separated from Britain in 1776, we got our freedom. So, to me Independence Day means to celebrate our freedom. By Payton

Independence Day is when we parted from Britain. And then we got freedom but before they could take our houses, our children or anything they wanted.
- Tripp

Independence means that we have the right to go to school and play games. We celebrate the fourth of July because the Declaration of Independence was made. We the Americans parted from Britain in 1776.
- Manson

It means freedom for countries. It means to separate. It means fun.
- Avery

It means we have got our freedom.
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The Second Coming of Messiah



John Burns

Opinion Columnist

The first prophecy in the entire Bible was uttered by Enoch. His name transliterates into English as teacher. It is no coincidence we find the oldest prophecy in the Bible, revealed to Jude, the apostle to the Apostate Church.

Jude is the Greek rendering of the Hebrew name Judas. It is the shortest book in the New Testament, and it has the oldest prophecy in scripture. I find it amazing that the first prophetic word uttered by men prior to the flood, dealt with the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Enoch uttered "I saw the Lord coming with ten thousand of his saints." Where is Jesus Christ coming from, where is he going, and where does he get the saints to come with him? Who are these saints according to the Bible?

Enoch was the teacher of God prior to Noah's flood. He is the seventh son from Adam. He first taught the plan of God to redeem creation by gazing skyward. Our world's first classroom was the night sky. God taught Adam and Enoch his plan of redemption by having them view the twelve constellations in the night sky in their order of brightness.

Adam taught Cain and Abel God's ritual for covering sin which was a temporary covering. By separating an unblemished male lamb of two years old or younger, men would cover their sins each year by bringing a lamb to sacrifice for their sins. Cain violated the law of tithing by bringing God some of what was leftover of his crop, not the first ten percent.

Lucifer had succeeded in attacking the bloodline through which God intended to save mankind. Enter Seth. Eve's firstborn after Cain's transgression and separation from God. This proves God is preeminent and already knew Cain would kill Abel.

God watched Lucifer demand to be worshipped by the Heavenly host of Angels, and one-third obliged. He knew what Satan would do. His plan was always Seth. Seth gave birth to Enos when men first returned to calling on God again. Why?

Apparently, Lucifer had his male fallen angel army begin to have consensual relations with the daughters of men. When men began to have daughters, fallen angels began to impregnate them. Their offspring are the Nephillim. They possess dual DNA, both angel and human. These are the men of renown or the giants.

This was the second attack on the bloodline God intended to become the seed of the woman through. Noah was found perfect in his generation, because he had been counted righteous by God for believing that one day God would become the Lamb slain for his sins. Noah's sons had married women who had not polluted themselves with fallen angels. God could use them!

God decided to destroy the world that then was, but not before removing the bloodline and setting them apart to fulfill the entire will of God for creation. But before destroying the world, God had to remove the righteous. This is a biblical pattern that played out many times in history.

God always removes those judged righteous before he brings his wrath of judgement.

God removed Enoch prior to the flood of Noah. Noah and his family were preserved through the flood. And the world that then was with its perverse DNA bloodline had perished. The Nephillim returned after the flood to begin the cult of Luciferian fallen angel worship in Canaan and Mesopotamia.

The entire Old Testament is a story of the bloodline God intended to save us through has been constantly attacked. That is why God

became Jesus Christ in the womb of a virgin Jewish girl of the house of Judah and descendant of David. To fulfill his plans for placing Jesus Christ on David's throne in Jerusalem for 1,000 years.

To be a legitimate king Messiah was promised a virgin bride from all of the nations of the earth and she would be a Gentile-Jewish bride made up of the saints who come to Christ during the times of the gentiles.

Those times end during the time of the apostate church of Laodicea. I believe that according to scripture, the rapture occurs between revelation 3:22 and Revelation 4:1. The purpose of the rapture is to remove the righteous redeemed saints, before God brings the last chastening upon our world during the seven-year period history describes as the times of Jacob's trouble.

The church or Messiah's bride has never been labeled Jacob. God will instruct Jesus Christ to retrieve his bride from amongst the un-Godly before he brings his wrath. Would God spend two thousand years searching the hearts of men to find Messiah a willing virgin bride, only to beat her up?

The first scripture reference to coming occurs in Genesis. It happens to be when Isaac spots the camels returning from Eleazar's mission to find him a bride. Eleazar transliterates as Comforter. The camels returning meant the dowry has been paid, and the bride has been veiled until she meets her bridegroom. What an air of anticipation!

This is our Messiahs promise to retrieve us to himself during the first part of his second coming known as the rapture. It occurs in the clouds. At Messiah's second coming to earth, his feet touch down on the mount of olives with ten thousand of his saints after destroying all the nations of the earth with only his word!

He receives his promised kingdom at this point to begin the sheep and goats' judgement, of unbelievers who survive the tribulation.

Jesus Christ reminds believers that our blessed hope is in the fact that he will remove his bride before the winepress of the Lord's wrath is poured out. The Bible has gone out of its way to instruct us to the truth of what we are to place our hope in.

The faith to believe that Jesus Christ is returning for his virgin bride very soon. Faith and hope always produce the love of Jesus Christ. The greatest of these is LOVE!

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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Invitation to Bid

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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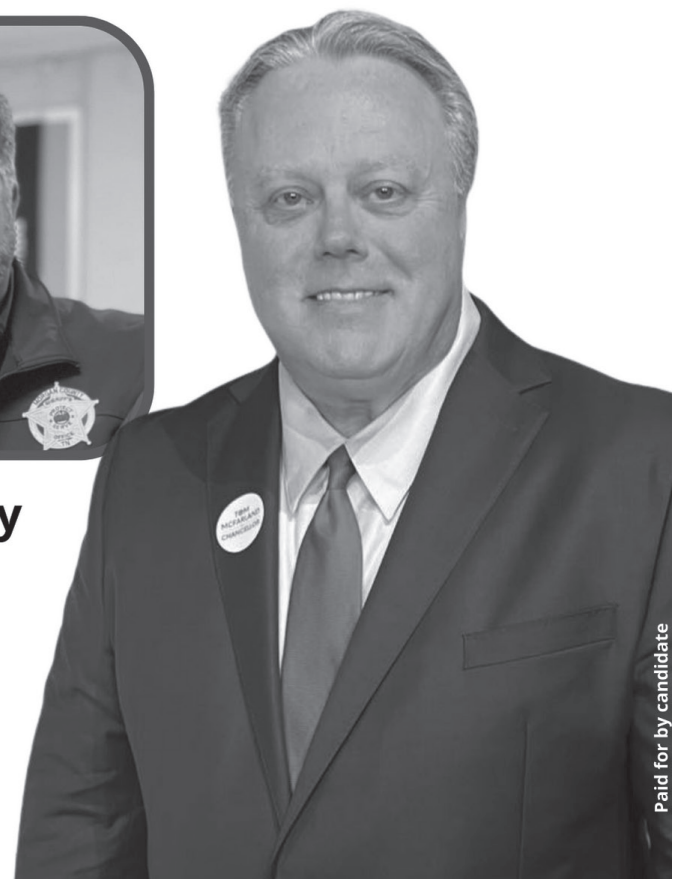
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Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Thank you Lord for the rain you sent last weekend. As I write this column, the forecast is giving a chance of rain over several days next week. I thank the Lord for that as well.

We have enjoyed some beautiful sunsets lately. I have looked forward to them each evening.

Don't forget Boom on the Bluff will be Monday, July 4. The fireworks will be shot from the bluff where the big cross is. This is sponsored by the Disney, Helton and Holman Families. Their goal is to gather as a community to celebrate our country and our freedom.

Pine Orchard Church Clothes Closet will be open Saturday, July 9 from 10:00 – 12:00. In addition to clothes, there are many household items. Everything is free.

Oakdale Preschool Hour met in Oakdale Park Tuesday, June 28. Ms. Sabra Cope with Morgan County Health Department talked to the children about healthy bodies. She had plush body organs and fruits and vegetables to use as visuals. She explained how a healthy diet benefits different organs. She also talked about things that are harmful to our bodies. Thank you Ms. Sabra!

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. I will share more details as they become available. 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.

Hannah and Leah Banken, twin daughters of Josh and Sarah Banken, went to Zoo Knoxville Tuesday, June 28. They enjoyed the day with their mommy and their friend Rachael Miller. Highlights of their trip was feeding birds, seeing a tiger up close and playing at the splash pad.

Happy 10th Birthday to Kelsey Smith who will celebrate her special day on July 7.

Happy Birthday to Sarah Miller-Ritter, Anna Shelton and Rhylan Hicks who all celebrate their birthday on July 8.

Happy Birthday to my Aunt Linda Ellis who lives in Georgia. She will celebrate her 80th birthday on July 10.

The first family night for the summer at Oakdale Library was Tuesday, June 28 and it was a wonderful evening. Thank you to everyone who attended! Special thanks goes to Save the Children for their generous summer feeding grant, as well as Taco Bell in Wartburg for their donation of coupons. Please follow the Oakdale Library Facebook page for updates! There will be another family night in July with food, fun, and door prizes.

Upcoming events:

July 5 at 3:30 - Special Guest Nicole from Obed River will present the summer reading program.

July 6 - Adult Crafts at 10:30

July 11 - Summer reading at 1:00. It is Shark Week at the library! Come dig for shark teeth and ocean treasures with us.

July 12- Summer reading at 5:30. More Shark

Week fun. Wear your favorite shark attire.

July 13- Teen Scene at 10:30. The world is your oyster... come crack an oyster open to reveal a pearl inside.

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

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

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

Boswell Chapel Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School Saturday, July 23. There will be a camping theme, "Jesus Loves You S'more Much." More details as time draws nearer.

Condolences to the friends and family of Gilbert E. "Zeke" Bingham who passed away June 28th. He is survived by his friend Diane Wells and his grandchildren Reagan and Austin. He is also survived by his brother Jimmy (Nicole) Bingham and his sisters Brenda Cook, Deborah Bingham, Rhonda Bingham and Lisa (Lee) Scofield and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Missy Nance who passed away June 28th. She is survived by her husband Bucky Nance, daughters Jessica Humphrey, Tiffany Young and Jennifer Reynolds and her son Chris Brown. She is also survived by a sister, Renea Smith, a brother, David Smith, stepchildren Natasha Daugherty and Steven Nance, her mother in law, Joann Vann and several grandchildren. Services were held Thursday, June 30 and interment followed in the Nance Family Cemetery.

Keep these families as well as other who are grieving in your prayers. Pray for our country. Pray for our churches and pastors, our homes and families, our military, our missionaries and the many who are dealing with illnesses.

A lot of people just need someone to be kind to them today.....Be that someone!

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IRS using artificial intelligence

The IRS revealed a new artificial intelligence system to reduce wait times to resolve simple tasks, and improve customer service. The IRS is expanding the phone bot with artificial intelligence. The new phone bot can handle simple issues, freeing human operators for more complex matters. The previous unverified phone bot could only answer basic questions and enabled callers to set up one-time pay-

ments.

IRS officials said their new technology enables the new phone system to authenticate callers by asking them basic questions. Their new system can understand complete and natural ways of speaking.

“For the first time in 160 years, this agency is able to successfully interact with a taxpayer using artificial intelligence to access their account and resolve it, in certain situations, without any wait on hold,” said IRS Deputy Commissioner Darren Guillot.

Taxpayers who receive a mailed letter stating they owe money can use an ID number from the letter to call in and take advantage of the improved system.

The IRS is sending staggered letters to over 3 million letters to taxpayers with a tax liability. Staggering the letters will better enable callers to use the new system.

The new bot’s authentication capability enables a caller to access their IRS account. The callers can then set up a payment plan with the bot without spending time on hold waiting to speak to an IRS employee.

In addition to the payment lines, voice bots help people who

call the Economic Impact Payment (stimulus) line with general procedural responses to FAQs. The IRS also added voice bots for the Advance Child Tax Credit line in February for callers who need help reconciling their 2021 tax return credits.

Treasury Department Deputy Secretary Wally Adeyemo said that last year the IRS received more than 200 million calls and only had 15,000 employees to answer those calls.

Callers still have the option to speak with an employee for additional support.

Callers who owe less than \$25,000 can typically choose the monthly amount they will commit to paying. The artificial intelligence system computes the amount to determine whether it falls within the agency’s deadline for repayment.

“Service is part of our name,” said Darren Guillot. “This is all about the taxpayer experience and helping customers.”

Not all callers will be able to take advantage of the no-wait time phone bots. The bots are limited to certain types of calls.

Currently, the bot operates in English and Spanish. The IRS is hoping to expand its language offerings in the future.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Study: the Second Half of Our Lives

Sometimes the results of research and studies are suspect if we don’t trust the sources, but AARP and National Geographic recently published a joint study on the realities of the second half of life, and it doesn’t get any better than that.

Their study covered the big topics as we age: health, relationships, financial security, housing, independent living, end of life, retirement and more.

Here are some highlights:

We care most about our brain health, our independence and our relationships, in that order, as we move into our 70s. By the time we reach our 80s, it’s relationships that spike to the top of our list of concerns.

Guess what plunges by the time we reach our 70s? Work, and it’s no surprise.

We’ve been there and done that, and the idea of climbing the ladder of success at work no longer appeals to us.

Health is a curious category, but it makes sense once you think about it. It seems that those who are the healthiest are the ones who are most concerned about their health, likely because they’d like to stay that way and remain active. They’re into walking and exercising and taking flu shots, whereas the ones who have a serious medical condition are less concerned, perhaps having accepted the reality of less-than-stellar health.

But age plays a part in that: We’re most concerned about health in our 60s, much less concerned in our 70s, and very concerned again in our 80s, mostly about stamina, strength and flexibility. There’s something to be said for picking a form of exercise and sticking with it, especially if it helps with those three concerns.

At the end of the day, the older we get, the more we care about meaningful relationships. As AARP noted, “Friends, family and community are the hallmarks of finding happiness.”

To review the whole study, see www.aarp.org/research/topics/life/info-2022/second-half-life-desires-concerns.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. What do these three songs have in common: “Me and Bobby McGee” by Janis Joplin in 1971, “Sittin’ on the Dock of the Bay” by Otis Redding in 1967 and “Time in a Bottle” by Jim Croce in 1973?**
- 2. Eric Clapton has a CBE after his name. What does it mean?**
- 3. Who released “Red Red Wine” in 1967?**
- 4. Who wrote and released “Right by Your Side”?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: “As love is reality, When you are near to me, I am in ecstasy, I’d swallow the pain and pride.”**

Answers

- 1. All three songs became No. 1 hits after the deaths of the artists.**
- 2. Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, awarded to Clapton in 2004 by the British for contributions to the arts and sciences. He received an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) in 1995 for services to music.**
- 3. Neil Diamond who also wrote the song. UB40 followed with a reggae version in 1983.**
- 4. The Eurythmics, in 1983.**
- 5. “I’d Wait a Million Years” by the Grass Roots in 1969, the third single release from their “Leaving It All Behind” album.**

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



The Harsh Truth

Truth is something that may not always be popular. Throughout my life, I have experienced countless times when telling someone the truth was extremely difficult. In our society, people want to hear nothing but positive things. Don't get me wrong; I am more of an optimist than a pessimist. I strongly believe that positive people win in life and are ultimately the happiest people. People confuse a negative mindset with the truth. Truth may not always be received as a popular message. I have spoken to thousands of individuals at colleges, high schools, non-profit organizations, and churches. As a professional speaker, I am often given evaluations from the event planners and participants. Evaluation forms are very popular in this industry because event planners get an indication if the speaker's message was relevant. I give multiple keynote presentations, but

my most popular presentation is "Discover Your Passion". As a professional speaker, I receive lots of feedback. Speaker evaluation forms provide me input that helps me to improve my skills as a speaker. We all need constructive feedback to

them know the next part of my keynote presentation gets really bad reviews. I always say, "Isn't it cool to have a speaker prepare you and let you know when they are going to suck?" About three-fourths of my evaluation forms that get bad reviews are under the section, "Content & Message". Then, under "Comments", I see the same theme resonated among the bad reviews, "Too negative", "negative message", "disturbing", "upsetting", "unsettling", "morbid", "depressing", and "sad". I remember one student's reply was, "Wow, I want to go jump off a bridge now". He was not suicidal; he was joking around and later explained in the evaluation that it seemed like the message I was trying to portray was sadness.



continually get better at whatever we do. I have a lot of respect for and take into account the audience's feedback on these evaluation forms. There is, however, one exception. I always laugh with my audience and let

You are probably wondering, "Zack, what in the world are you saying to your audiences that's so terrible? Since this is a common theme, why not change the message in your keynote speaking events?" Are you ready for this? You won't like it. You won't want to admit it. Most people don't want to even think about it. Here it is:

LIFE IS SHORT.

Those three words can strike fear, sadness, and sometimes anger in my audiences, but I have to continue to spread this common-sense phrase. I refuse to change the content of the presentation because I feel like people need to hear the truth. We don't have that long on this earth. We never know when we are going to die, but we know that we will and don't know when it will be. Life is so precious, but so short in the grand scheme of things. When we think of discovering true passion and purpose, we must be equipped with the knowledge of realizing life is short and finite. Make the most of it.

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



DIVAS ON A DIME
By Patti Diamond

A Cheat Sheet For Stretching Meat

As the cost of food continues to rise, most families are looking for ways to save money on groceries. One way is to reduce the amount of meat you purchase. Here are some tips to serve less meat (chances are your family won't even notice).

When you make your family's favorite meaty meals, use less meat than the recipe calls for and bulk up recipes with veggies. You can add beans to chili, zucchini to lasagna, and celery, onion and carrot to meatloaf.

Serve dishes centered around familiar non-meat protein, like bean and cheese enchiladas (recipe below), vegetable lasagna, macaroni and cheese or grilled cheese sandwiches with tomato soup. Breakfast for dinner is always a hit.

When you reduce the meat in casseroles, soups, sauces and pasta, ensure the meat you use is flavorful. Items like ham, bacon and sausage are great examples of a little bit going a long way. Remember, there are sausages made from turkey, chicken and vegetables.

Plan meals around their favorite vegetables. Does your family like corn? Make corn chowder. Like broccoli? Serve broccoli and cheese casserole. Like potatoes? Serve loaded baked potatoes with cheese and veggies. Save dough with dough. Everyone

loves pizza with lots of cheese and veggies. Fill calzones with tomato, spinach and mozzarella. Make pot pies or hand pies with vegetable-based fillings.

Embrace the bean. Explore recipes that use garbanzos, black beans or lentils as the protein source. Beans don't have to look like beans when you make falafel or bean burgers.

If meatless dinners don't work for you, go meatless for other meals, like oatmeal for breakfast or vegetable-based soups, salads, peanut butter or cheese sandwiches for lunch.

Here's an easy recipe for a family favorite.



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Serve dishes centered around familiar non-meat protein, like bean and cheese enchiladas.

BEANY CHEESY ENCHILADAS

Yield: 4 servings **Time:** 25 minutes

- 1 (20 ounce) can enchilada sauce, or recipe below
- 8 (soft taco size) flour tortillas
- 1 (16 ounce) can refried beans
- 4 cups Mexican blend or cheddar cheese, shredded

1. Preheat oven to 375 F.
2. Lightly grease a 9- by 13-inch baking pan. Spread 1/2 cup of the enchilada sauce in the bottom of the pan.
3. Place 1/4 cup each of beans and cheese in a tortilla and roll it up like a burrito. Place in the pan. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Place them side by side and squish them together.

4. Spoon remaining sauce over the enchiladas. Sprinkle remaining cheese over the top. Place in oven for 15 minutes or until it's all bubbly and melted.

Serving suggestion: lettuce, tomato, sour cream and green onion.

DIVA PATTI'S ENCHILADA SAUCE

This quick and easy recipe makes 3 cups of sauce for less than a dollar.

Yield: 3 cups **Time:** 15 minutes

What You'll Need:

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Here's How:

Have everything measured before you start, as this goes fast and you don't want to burn your flour and oil once you start.

In a 2-quart saucepan on medium, heat oil. Whisking constantly and vigorously, add flour and cook for 1 minute. Add chili powder and whisk quickly to incorporate. Add water slowly and whisk. Add remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes.

I'll end with my No. 1 tip — don't talk about it. Just make the changes and chances are they'll just happily eat what's on their plate.

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Philippians Chapter 1

(Phil. 1:1-2) Salutation: Though it is clear Paul is the sole author of this document (he uses the personal pronoun “I” some fifty-two times), Timothy joins him in the salutation. They are simply “servants” of Christ. There was no need to flash the apostle badge to a group with whom he was so intimate. The congregation was fully organized, with “bishops” (elders) and “deacons” (1 Tim. 3). The commencement of this church is found in Acts 16. Paul had baptized Lydia, a woman from Thyatira in provincial Asia, along with her household. Subsequently, a jailor of the city, along with his household, also was added to the Lord after baptism. After spending a while in that city, Paul and his companions moved on to evangelize elsewhere, leaving Luke behind to help establish more firmly the fledgling congregation. The apostle salutes them with the traditional “grace and peace” greeting from God “our Father” and “the Lord Jesus Christ.”

(Phil. 1:3-11) Thanksgiving and supplication: As Paul fondly remembers these Christians, he thanks God for them regularly in his prayers, joyfully asking the Lord to supply their needs (joy in bonds--remark-able!) (v. 7). He is thankful for their help in furthering the gospel through him; they had supported him consistently over the years. Paul is confident their generous work would have an abiding effect until the time of Christ’s return (v. 6). We are being encouraged by their efforts almost two millennia later! The Philippians occupied a place in his heart because they were partners with Paul in his imprisonment and in his defense and confirmation of the gospel. How God had “graced” (favored) them all (v. 7)!

The apostle missed seeing them and longed after them tenderly, praying that their love for the truth and the saints would continue to flourish, that they would advance in “knowledge” and “discernment” (judging the difference between truth and error), and approve excellent things. He prayed they would continue passing the “sincere” test, and remain without “offense” until the day of judgment, overflowing with fruits of righteousness through the empowerment of Christ and to the glory of God (v. 10-11).

(Phil. 1:12-20) Furtherance of the gospel: Paul has a marvelously positive disposition, even while a prisoner. He wants his people to know that the “things” (the hardships) he has endured have actually facilitated the “progress” (Greek: “blazed the trail”) for the success of the gospel. Even though bound with a chain (Eph. 6:20), his influence could not be restrained, but was known among the praetorian guard, Caesar’s company of bodyguards (more than ten thousand soldiers), and even beyond (v. 13). Paul’s example encouraged a majority of the brethren to boldly teach the “word of God” without intimidation (v. 14).

There was a minority element in Rome, however, that was motivated by jealousy and partisanship, even though they taught the facts of the gospel. The majority of the brothers, however, entertained “good will” toward Paul; they loved him, were encouraged by his defense of the gospel, and were confident that God’s providence was

working in his life---even under these seemingly adverse circumstances (v. 16). Incredibly, the faction attempted to create additional suffering for the apostle. What a judgment they would face! Regardless of their vile motives, he was thankful that Christ was being proclaimed. Nothing could stifle Paul’s joy in the Lord (v. 18)! The apostle was confident that whatever happened to him, whether he was to be exonerated or executed, through their prayers and the blessing of the Spirit (Rom. 8:26), Christ would be magnified (v.19-20). The man’s courage is utterly stunning! We pale in comparison.

(Phil. 1:21-26) Prospects of life or death: The apostle exclaims: “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” To Paul, apart from Jesus, there would have been no meaning to life. Was he afraid to die? There is no tremor in his pen. Death would be “gain”. How so? Because he belonged to the Savior (Rom. 14:8), and in death he finally would be “at home with the Lord” (2 Cor. 5:8). But he was torn by an emotional dilemma. To remain alive for a while longer would produce more “fruit” (salvation of lost souls), yet to “depart” (die, his soul being loosed from the body) would be “very far better” (note the triple comparative). He would rather be “with Christ” (v. 23). The preposition suggests accompaniment and association. To be with Jesus in death is an excellence far surpassing anything on earth! In spite of such glory, Paul is compelled by the need to remain with his kinsmen in Christ for their sake. He wants them to continue progressing joyfully in the faith. He is a selfless man! He believes the Lord will let him stay a while longer though, and that he will be allowed the opportunity of seeing these brethren again (v. 24-26). Inferences drawn from other New Testament passages, as well as secular history, indicate he was released from his current confinement to labor a while longer---even in Macedonia where Philippi was located (1 Tim. 1:3).

(Phil. 1:27-30) Be steadfast: Paul encourages these beloved saints to let their “manner of life” be “worthy of” (match, correspond to) the gospel of Christ. Whether he is able to visit them or not, he would be able to hear a report that they were standing fast in unity (a hint of a problem, brought to light later). He encourages them to “strive” (as in an athletic competition) for the faith of the gospel, and not be frightened by adversaries. These enemies ultimately will be rewarded with “perdition,” the loss of eternal life---hell! The faithful will receive their “salvation” (the final phase) (2 Tim. 4:18) from God (v. 8). In a statement that seems curious to the modern mind, Paul states that the Philippians had been “granted” the privilege of “believing on Christ” and “suffering on his behalf” (v. 7), thus sharing the same kind of persecution to which he now was being subjected (v. 29-30). Should the child of God protest suffering for the truth? No, he must patiently bear it. Too, the fact that faith is considered a gift does not negate the reality that it is an obligation as well, and those who reject that gift will be lost (Jn. 8:24).

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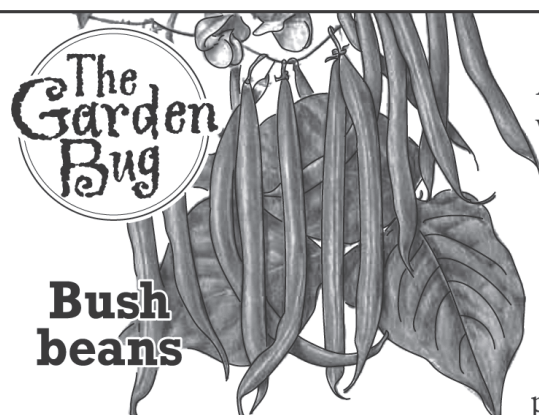


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As the heat of mid-summer wearies your garden plants, it’s not too late to try for another bean crop for fall. Bush beans tend to mature in 45 days, which means planting them in late July will have them ready for picking right before the first

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– Brenda Weaver

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It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.

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Case No. P-31-22

ESTATE OF DIANA LYNN JACKSON,
LATE OF MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Notice is Hereby Given that on the 15th day of June, 2022, Letters Testamentary in respect to the ESTATE OF DIANA LYNN JACKSON who died on the 14TH day of May, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Morgan County, Tennessee.

All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court ON OR BEFORE THE EARLIER OF THE DATES prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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

This 15th day of June, 2022.

ESTATE OF DIANA LYNN JACKSON, DECEASED

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CHANCERY COURT OF MORGAN COUNTY, TN

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ESTATE OF DEBRA WHITE (Deceased)

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- (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);
- (b.) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (a.); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 3 day of June, 2022.

Lauren White
Lauren White, Personal Representative

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The first family night at Oakdale Library was Tuesday, June 28 and it was a wonderful evening. Thank you to everyone who attended! Special thanks goes to Save the Children for their generous summer feeding grant, as well as Taco Bell in Wartburg for their donation of coupons. Please follow the Oakdale Library Facebook page for updates! There will be another family night in July with food, fun, and door prizes.

Upcoming events:

July 5 at 3:30 - Special Guest Nicole from Obed River will present the summer reading program.

July 6 - Adult Crafts at 10:30

July 11 - Summer reading at 1:00. It is Shark Week at the library! Come dig for shark teeth and ocean treasures with us.

July 12- Summer reading at 5:30. More Shark Week fun. Wear your favorite shark attire.

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