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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

As I lay here getting my belly rubbed, I can't help but think. I think about how blessed I am. Mimi and Pappy wuff me. I get

My question is this: Why did Jonas put me in the washer? My fur wasn't a mess. I get baths so, I am a clean girl.

I will say this. Pappy was upset. He gave Jonas a good talking to. He told him that he could have made me smother by putting me in the washer. My Pap is my hero, once again. He saved me from that washer.

all the lovins, belly rubs, ear scratches, and snuggles that a dog could ever want. I have great neighbors in Ms Mary and Ricco. Mr Murphy is my dog-feller and he just the cutest doggie-dude, ever.

I have a lot of kids to play with me. They really do spoil me.

There is this one kid named Jonas. Mimi calls him a live wire. He is so sweet but he is rotten too. He loves on me. Then he will pull my fur. Mimi and Pap tell him that isn't nice. He gets kinda rough. They tell him he has to be gentle with me because, I have metal plates and screws in my leg. They tell him that he has to be careful so that my leg doesn't get broken again.



Jonas cried because he got in T'R-O-U-B-L-E. Mimi gave me snuggles until my heart beat slowed down and I quit panting. She told Jonas to never-ever do that again because that was a bad thing. I felt sorry for Jonas. He's just a little boy and didn't know that it could hurt me.

Mimi and Pap told him that he had to sit in time out and think about what he had done. He didn't like it but, he did it. I wuff that little feller.

But, the next time he takes me to the laundry room, I will sound the alarm. I will WOOF at the top of my lungs. That way, when Mimi and Pap are cooking, they will hear my warning and prevent it from happening again.

I hope that Jonas learned his lesson but, you just never know what that little stinker is gonna do.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING**

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

**Undated Events**

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

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

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

Wartburg Central High School class of 1958 will hold its reunion on Saturday July 30th at Tanners Cafe in Wartburg. They open for business at 10 am and we have reservations for all day. If you are able to

come, please do so. We would love to see you. Encourage any classmates you may know to come and join us. Should you need to contact us regarding the reunion please call John Griffith at 662.871.6843 or Emma Lou Melton at 423.346.6452 or Margaret Pass at 865.776.4186

Morgan County Chamber of Commerce will host a Community Luncheon with Congressman Chuck Fleishmann on Friday, August 19, 2022. Watch and listen for details to come!

**WEEKLY WEATHER**



Tue 26	85°/72°	
Wed 27	86°/72°	
Thu 28	84°/71°	
Fri 29	80°/68°	
Sat 30	79°/67°	
Sun 31	79°/69°	
Mon 01	80°/69°	

ELECTION NOTICE is hereby given, FEDERAL/STATE PRIMARY, COUNTY GENERAL ELECTIONS will be held in all precincts of Morgan County, TN., plus WARTBURG, OAKDALE, and OLIVER SPRINGS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS on Thursday August 4, 2022. All voting precincts in Morgan County will be open between the hours of 9am and 8pm. Below are names and address of each precinct polling place, absentee counting board, and provisional counting board.

Precinct Location

1-1 Coalfield Coalfield Senior Citizens Bldg.- 1600 Coal Hill Rd., Harriman, TN 37748

2-1 Oakdale High Oakdale High School- 225 Clifty St., Oakdale, TN 37829

2-2 Oakdale Oakdale Town Hall- 204 Queen St.- Oakdale, TN 37829

3-1 Wartburg Wartburg Civic Center- 1000 Howard St., Wartburg, TN 37887

4-1 Lancing Faith Missionary Baptist Church- 109 Pemberton St.,

Lancing, TN 37770

4-2 Deer Lodge Abner-Ross Center- 110 Corine Ave., Deer Lodge, TN 37726

4-3 Chestnut Ridge Chestnut Ridge Fire Dept.- 4744 Nashville Hwy., Deer Lodge, TN 37726

5-1 Sunbright Sunbright City Hall- 120 Melton Dr., Sunbright, TN 37872

5-2 Burrville Faith in Grace Gospel Mission- 388 Peters Ford Rd., Sunbright, TN 37872

6-1 Kellys Union Baptist Church- 3615 Knoxville Hwy., Wartburg, TN 37887

6-2 Petros Petros Seniors Bldg.- 1007 Back Petros Rd., Oliver Springs, TN 37840

6-3 Mossy Grove Fellowship Baptist Church- 1822 Morgan County Hwy., Wartburg, TN 37887

Absentee Counting Board Morgan County Court House- 415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887

(Meeting August 4, 2022 at 4pm)

Provisional Counting Board Morgan County Court House-

415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887

(Meeting August 10, 2022 at 1pm)

Certify Election Results Morgan County Court House- 415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887

(Meeting August 16, 2022 at 1pm)

VOTERS ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE CONTACT THE ELECTION OFFICE TO ALLEVIATE ANY DISCREPANCY OR QUESTION REGARDING YOUR REGISTRATION, ADDRESS, OR POLLING PLACE. ADDRESS CHANGES CAN BE MADE NOW, OR DURING EARLY VOTING, OR ON ELECTION DAY BY COMPLETING A FAIL-SAFE FORM. VOTERS MUST VOTE IN THE PRECINCT IN WHICH THEY RESIDE. A MAP OF THE CURRENT DISTRICTS AND PRECINCT BOUNDARIES CAN BE FOUND AT: www.MorganElections.Com. AT THIS WEB-

SITE, VOTERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHECK THEIR STATUS AND PRECINCT WITH A MAP OF POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS. Morgan County Election Commission: 423-346-3190 Gary Massengill- Chairman, Mike Gunter- Secretary, Kathy Carroll. John Pemberton, Sarah Seavers, Tim Sweat- Administrator WEBSITE: MorganElections.com

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## In Loving Memory

### Easter Cordellia Ford Duncan, 97

Easter Cordellia Ford Duncan age 97 of Deer Lodge, TN, Easter was born on March 6, 1925, she went home to Heaven on July 22, 2022, at the Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, TN.

She is preceded in death by her Husband Harley Duncan, sons Gary and Roger Duncan daughter Rosetta Duncan Miller, sons-in-law JL Webb and Doyle Miller

Grandchildren Michael and Jeff England and Ronald Duncan

Sisters Arletta Duncan, Dallas Supeck

Brother Floyd Ford.

She is survived by her children Eva England & husband Oscar Junior Duncan & wife Sue Jimmy Duncan, Vickie Webb



Graham & husband Billy, Wanda Jeffers & husband Randy

25 grand kids, 46 great grand kids and a host of great great grand kids, nieces, nephews and cousins

Sisters Ada Honeycutt and Leona Gunter

Special friend & caregiver Brenda Campbell

The family will receive friends on Tuesday July 26, 2022, from 1-3 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 3pm with Bro. Charles Webb and Bro. Steve Gadd officiating, interment will follow in the Union Grove Cemetery, Sunbright, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Easter Cordellia Ford Duncan.

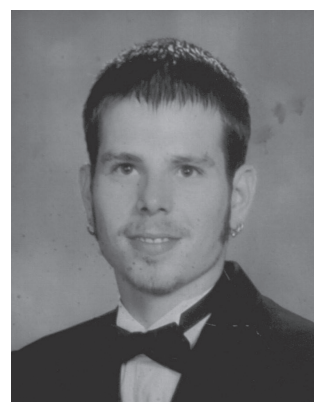
### Todd Edward Tucker, 42

Todd Edward Tucker, of Knoxville

May 26, 1980 – July 10, 2022

Todd Tucker, age 42 passed away July 10, 2022. He was born May 26, 1980. He was a loving and cherished Father, Son, Brother, Nephew, and Cousin. He loved life and enjoyed spending time with his four boys. He also enjoyed music and playing guitar. He was co-owner and operator of Hammer Brothers Construction.

He is preceded in death by his Grandparents Robert L. and Irene Tucker, Edwin and Bonnie



Hackworth, his Father Robert E. Tucker, Aunt Sharon Jones; Uncle John T. Israel, and Cousin John A. Israel.

He is survived by his Mother Sandra G. Elmore (Hackworth), his sons Grant, Parker, Tanner, and Sawyer Tucker, his brothers

Sean and Matthew Tucker, and a great number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family will receive friends Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Old Petros Cemetery in Petros.

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

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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 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,

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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 north-east corner of intersection of Longview Drive and Highway 62; thence along the northern right of way (R.O.W.) of Highway 62, South 84° 29' 51" East a distance of 118.49 feet to an iron pin (old) (the true point of beginning); thence along the western property line of said tract, North 02° 54' 33" East a distance of 155.26 feet to an iron pin (old), a corner of Boyd Rogers and Glenn Clark as evidenced in Record Book R8, page 422, R.O.M.C.T.; and along the west property line of said tract; thence along the western property line of said tract, North 48° 29' 12" East a distance of 183.70 feet to an iron pin (old), a corner of Boyd Rogers and Glenn Clark, as evidenced in Record Book R-8, Page 422, R.O.M.C.T. Thence along the western property line of said tract, North 48° 24' 57" East a distance of 44.99 feet to an iron pin (old); thence along the western property line of said tract, North 29° 57' 36" West, a distance of 94.79 feet to a point for a corner past an iron pin (old) to the northwest property corner of said tract; thence along the northern property line, adjacent to Lawrence Hines, as evidenced in Record Book R8, page 580, R.O.M.C.T.; South 84° 32' 00" East a distance of 431.79 feet to a point for a corner; thence South 07° 27' 56" West, dividing the original tract into two tracts, a distance of 400.12 feet to a point for a corner, being the southeast corner of said tract on the northern right of way line of Highway 62; thence along said northern right of way of Highway 62 North 84° 30' 01" West a distance of 511.94 feet to the point of beginning, containing 186686.24 square feet or 4.2857 acres, more or less.

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

This conveyance is made subject to the following restrictions:

That no junk yard shall be kept or established on any of the said property, so as to create a nuisance to the residential property in said Longview Sub-Division.

That any building erected on these premises, that is front facing on Highway 62 shall be of brick, stone or finished facing so as not to have an exposed concrete block or frame building facing Highway 62.

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

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

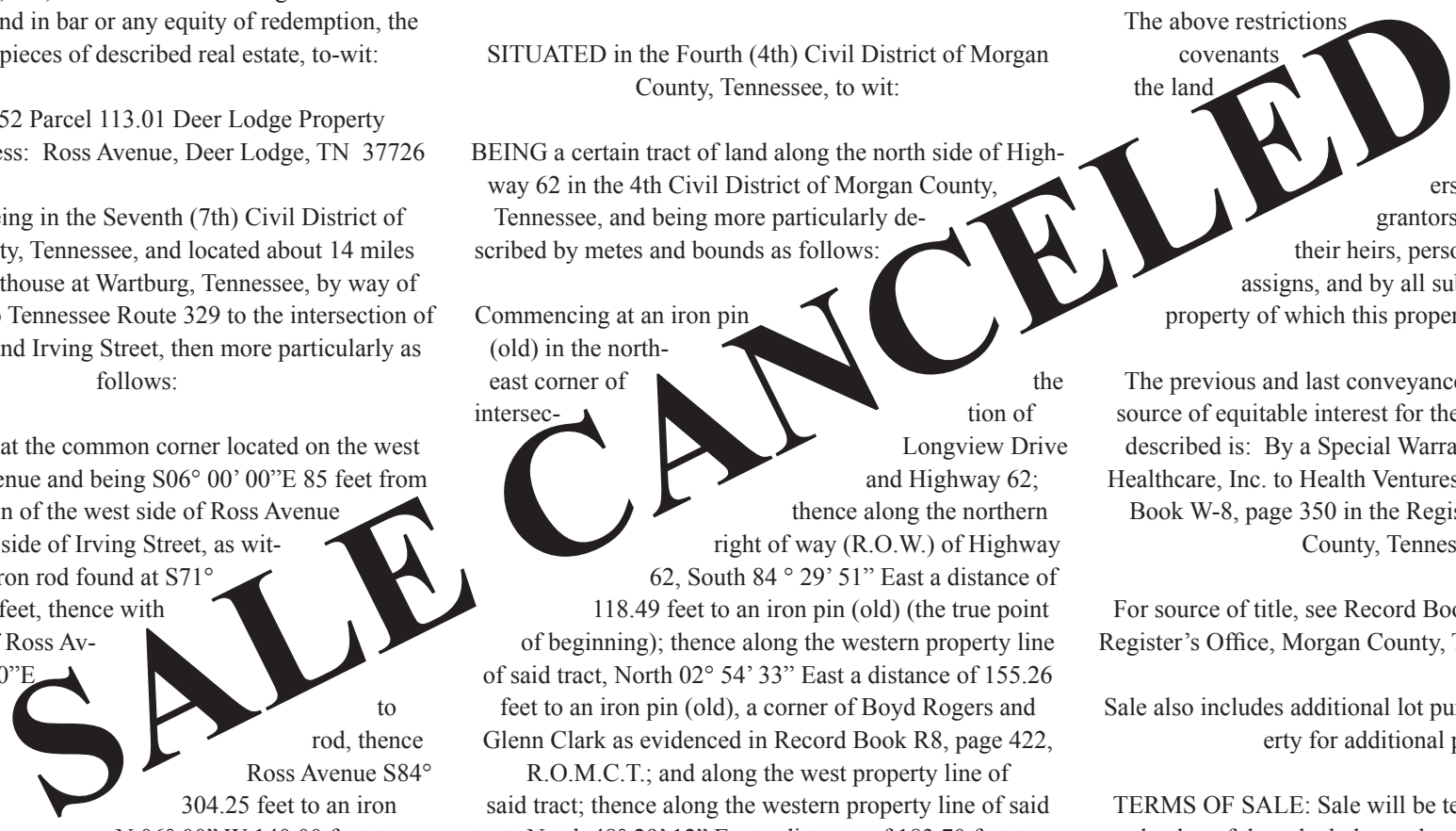
For source of title, see Record Book K-9, Page 43, in the Register's Office, Morgan County, Tennessee.

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

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

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

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## A King's Ransom: Chapter 11



**Carol Hall**  
Author

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Argh!" Nicodemus suddenly yelled out.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He pranced around so Bronwyn could feel him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nicodemus began bawling like a baby. "Oh, Lord Jesus, save me! I

don't want to die in this pipe! Help me. Ohhh, help me!"

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

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

Nicodemus went very still.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Aahhh, come here," Nicodemus droned out.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nicodemus positioned himself on her right shoulder, so he could see better.

At long last, the end of the tunnel was within reach.

When they navigated their way down the gentle slope to the end, Bronwyn poked her head out of the pipe. The silvery light they had been seeing was the moon. It was full and bright. A hazy halo shimmered around its edges, causing the night sky to be lit up in beautiful hues of silver, blue and white.



# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army veteran, Lieutenant Colonel (rank at the time of action: First Lieutenant) Harold Arthur Fritz served and fought in the Vietnam War while assigned to Troop A, 1st Squadron, 11TH Armored Cavalry Regiment.

On March 2, 1971 LTC Fritz was presented with the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Richard M. Nixon for his heroic actions in combat on January 11, 1969.

LTC Fritz's Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Capt. (then 1st Lt.) Fritz, Armor, U.S. Army, distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader with Troop A, near Quan Loi. Capt. Fritz was leading his seven-vehicle armored column along Highway 13 to meet and escort a truck convoy when the column suddenly came under intense crossfire from a reinforced enemy company deployed in ambush positions. In the initial attack, Capt. Fritz' vehicle was hit and he was seriously wounded. Realizing that his platoon was completely surrounded, vastly outnumbered, and in danger of being overrun, Capt. Fritz leaped to the top of his burning vehicle and directed the positioning of his remaining vehicles and men. With complete disregard for his wounds and safety, he ran from vehicle to vehicle in complete view of the enemy gunners in order to reposition his men, to improve the defenses, to assist



the wounded, to distribute ammunition, to direct fire, and to provide encouragement to his men. When a strong enemy force assaulted the position and attempted to overrun the platoon, Capt. Fritz manned a machine gun and through his exemplary action inspired his men to deliver intense and deadly fire which broke the assault and routed the attackers. Moments later a second enemy force advanced to within two meters of the position and threatened to overwhelm the defenders. Capt. Fritz, armed only with a pistol and bayonet, led a small group of his men in a fierce and daring charge which routed the attackers and inflicted heavy casualties. When a relief force arrived, Capt. Fritz saw that it was not deploying effectively against the enemy positions, and he moved through the heavy enemy fire to direct its deployment against the

hostile positions. This deployment forced the enemy to abandon the ambush site and withdraw. Despite his wounds, Capt. Fritz returned to his position, assisted his men, and refused medical attention until all of his wounded comrades had been treated and evacuated. The extraordinary courage and selflessness displayed by Capt. Fritz, at the repeated risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army and reflect greatest credit upon himself, his unit, and the Armed Forces.

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Lieutenant Fred Beers, Undersheriff Larry Koren, and Deputy Sheriff Michael Levison of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, NM and Rescue Specialist Matthew King of the Bernalillo County Fire Department were killed on Saturday, July 16, 2022 when their agency's helicopter, Metro 2, crashed near Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Metro 2 was returning to Albuquerque after assisting fire crews by conducting bucket drops at the East Mesa Fire when the crash occurred at about 7:20 pm.

New Mexico State Police says its investigators are now working alongside federal investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to look into the cause of the crash.

Reacting to news of the crash, local and state leaders offered messages of condolence Sunday. New Mexico's Department of Public Safety Secretary Jason Bowie said, in part, "Our hearts are broken by the tragic and distressing news that we lost four of the state's finest public servants, killed in the line of duty. It's a sacrifice no one should have to make." APD Police Chief Harold Medina wrote on Twitter, "Prayers for our brothers



and sisters in the county and all those affected by the loss suffered as a result of this tragic accident."

Bernalillo County Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty wrote on Twitter, "I am absolutely devastated. Holding loved ones in my heart." Calling it a "terrible loss," Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller wrote, "These responders were stepping up to help their fellow New Mexicans and we will forever be grateful for their dedication to public service and our community."

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham released a statement on the crash Sunday, says in part, she is heartbroken by the loss. "These were four dedicated public servants who were doing what so many of our first responders do day in and day out: working tirelessly to serve and protect their fellow New Mexicans," the Governor said. "On behalf of the people of New Mexico, I extend my deepest gratitude to these four brave individuals, and my deepest sympathy to their families, friends and colleagues."

# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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 \* "When painting, write the name and brand of paint under the room's light switch plate. If you ever need to go out and buy more, you will know where to start."  
 -- R.K. in Montana

\* My family has always used mayonnaise as a salve on minor burns. I heard you can use toothpaste too. -- Sam P. via e-mail

\* Add these to the list of items to eliminate the odor of cooking cabbage: a heel of bread, a whole walnut or a pinch of baking soda.

\* To travel with pleated skirts, use this packing trick: Turn the skirt inside out and straighten all the pleats. Then tape the bottom so that all the pleats are held together. Next, feed the skirt into a leg of pantyhose with the foot cut off. You end up with a nice tube, which you can tuck into the sides of

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* The Psychotria elata flower, also affectionately known as the "hot lips plant," which grows in the rainforests of Central and South America, resembles a puckering mouth covered in lipstick.

\* After losing a drunken poker bet in 2009, a New Zealand man had his name legally changed to "Full Metal Havok More Sexy N Intelligent Than Spock And All The Superheroes Combined With Frostnova." After five years, the new moniker was finally approved by the government, and all 99 characters are on his passport.

\* In Oklahoma, it is illegal to wear boots to bed (but shoes are OK).

\* According to a 2014 survey

by the Christian retailer Life-Way, 7% of Christian Americans pray for a parking spot.

\* In 1956, four men on a boat off the coast of Cornwall threw explosives at a shark to kill it, or at least scare it away from divers, but the plan partially backfired, killing two of the men and injuring the others when the shark headed for them instead with an explosive device on its back.

\* "Ouijazilla," in Salem, Massachusetts, holds the unofficial title of the "World's Largest Ouija Board" at 3,168 square feet and approximately 9,000 lbs.

\* Charlie Daniels objected to the use of "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" in the Guitar Hero III video game because it was possible for the

your luggage.

\* When traveling for more than a few days, stick your plants into the bathtub with a little bit of water. They soak it up, and you don't have to have someone come over and water your plants. This will only work for a week or less, though. -- John McF. of Baton Rouge, Louisiana

\* I keep grocery lists on my computer. When I am going to go shopping, I print out the list and fold the paper in half. Then I slip my coupons into the fold. Keeps them handy when I am shopping. -- Reader in Maryland

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player to lose to a devil-like character, which "perverted" his song.

\* No matter what it might feel like, to the contrary, when you're suffering from one, the majority of microbiologists say viruses are not actually alive, as they produce no energy and can only reproduce when inside a living creature.

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Thought for the Day: "It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out, it's the pebble in your shoe." -- Muhammad Ali

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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- 4 Help a crook
- 8 Feudal slave
- 12 — bind
- 13 Put on
- 14 Tow
- 15 Up to
- 16 Taj Mahal city
- 17 Canadian gas brand
- 18 Gorgonzola, for one
- 21 Hairy Addams cousin
- 22 Bit of advice
- 23 Forgeries
- 26 Clear the deck?
- 27 Melancholy
- 30 Incursion
- 31 Ruin the veneer
- 32 Robust
- 33 Thanksgiving veggie
- 34 Prom rental
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- 48 On the briny

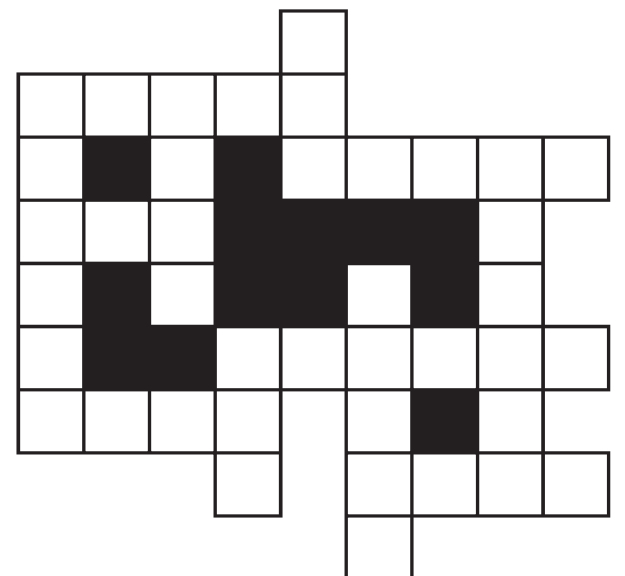
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- 8 Bo Peep's charges
- 9 Lighten
- 10 Senator
- 11 Drifting ice
- 19 Fibbed
- 20 Trendy
- 23 Saute
- 24 Bond rating
- 25 Kipling lad
- 26 Upper limit
- 27 Pouch
- 28 100 percent
- 29 Scottish river
- 31 Hood's photo
- 32 Jekyll's bad side
- 34 — chi
- 35 Caravan mammals
- 36 Sly one
- 37 Yawning, maybe
- 38 Pesky email
- 39 Tower city
- 40 Sir Guinness
- 41 Wife of Zeus
- 42 Volcanic flow
- 43 Eve's grandson
- 44 Chat

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

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# BIBLE TRIVIA

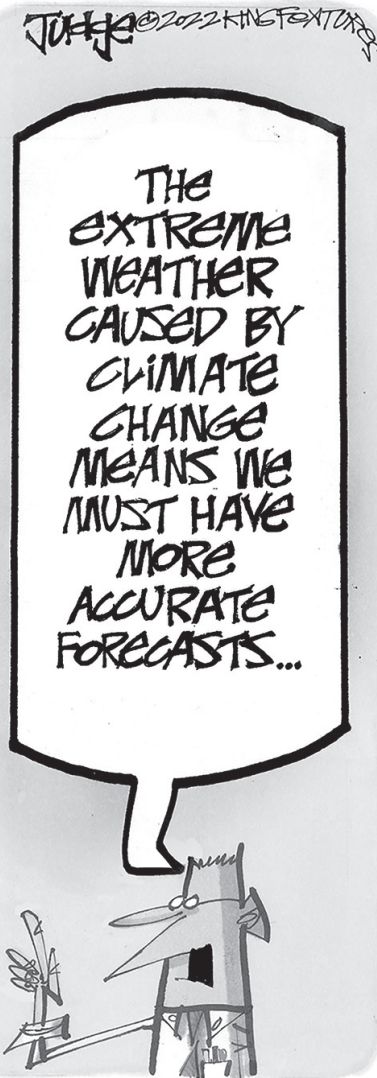
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Zimri in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Proverbs 20, the beauty of old men is the gray head, while the glory of young men is their ...? *Imagination, Strength, Discretion, Instruction*
3. Which king of Tyre supplied logs to Solomon to build the Lord's temple? *Neco, Hehu, Rezin, Hiram*
4. According to Jesus in Matthew 6, moth and rust destroy what on earth? *Repentance, Thorns, Treasures, Demons*
5. Where did Jacob and Laban part company as found in Genesis 31? *Tel Dan, Mizpah, Paphos, Lustra*
6. What was the name of David's father? *Obed, Samuel, Jesse, Ahitub*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Strength; 3) Hiram; 4) Treasures; 5) Mizpah; 6) Jesse

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"AND I THINK I FOUND ONE."

## Comfort foods

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by Healthy Exchanges

### Italian Garden Skillet Saute

If ever there were two shining stars of the summer garden, they would most certainly be homegrown tomatoes and sweet corn! Can you even begin to imagine an August garden or a farmers market without juicy, "vine-ripened" tomatoes or "just picked from the field" corn? Enjoy!

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup fat-free Italian dressing
- 2 cups fresh or frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
- 1 1/2 cups chopped fresh tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat mozzarella cheese

1. In a large skillet, saute onion over medium heat in Italian dressing for about 5 minutes or just until tender. Add corn. Mix well to combine. Continue cooking for 5 minutes or until corn is tender, stirring often.

2. Stir in tomatoes, parsley and black pepper. Lower heat, cover and simmer for 3 to 5 minutes.

3. When serving, place hot corn mixture on a plate and sprinkle 3 tablespoons mozzarella cheese over top. Serve at once. Makes 4 (3/4-cup) servings.

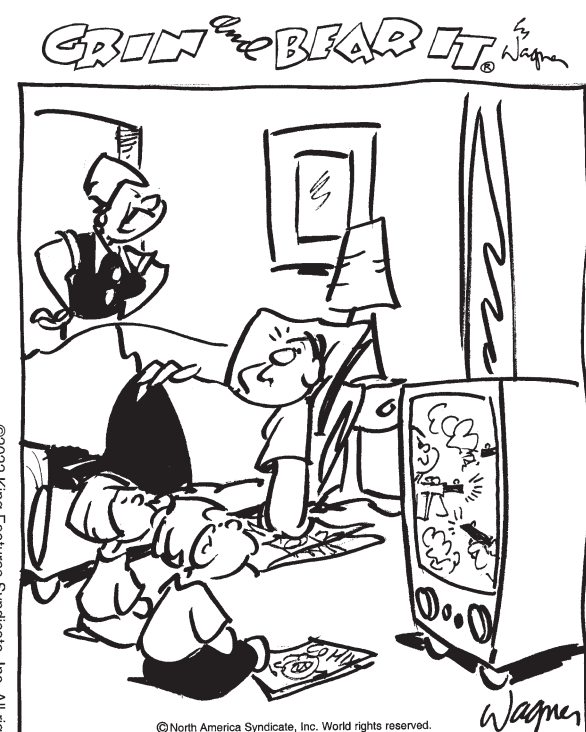
• Each serving equals: 180 calories, 4g fat, 10g protein, 26g carb., 579mg sodium, 3g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Meat, 1 Vegetable.

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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"You know I don't want them watching violence! ... Turn it back to the hockey game!"

# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## The Most Self-Destructive Force in the World

Without a doubt, the climate-obsessed green movement is the most stupidly self-destructive force in the world today, leaving a trail of irrationality and folly wherever it goes.

Consider its recent record of destroying the country of Sri Lanka, making Western Europe needlessly vulnerable to Vladimir Putin's energy blackmail and stoking higher energy prices in the U.S. that have contributed to the fastest decline in real wages in 40 years.

The greens are rapidly making up ground on the socialists as the modern world's foremost economic and social saboteurs (and, of course, the two now work hand in hand).

If a hostile actor were to consider the best way to harm a society from within, it would unquestionably be to increase the sway of climate alarmists and other environmentalists who believe it is their righteous duty to make it harder and more expensive to power a modern economy, as well as to build and grow things.

They seek to throw the gears into reverse on the millennia-long human quest for cheaper, more abundant and more reliable sources of energy, while putting new obstacles in the way of other human endeavor.

Since they are fired by a quasi-religious vision of an existential climate crisis on the verge of ending Planet Earth, they reject cost-benefit analysis, not to mention basic realism. The resulting wreckage is all around us.

Sri Lanka achieved one of the highest ESG, or Environmental, Social and Governance, scores in the world and destroyed its economy in the process. The country banned chemical fertilizers in April 2021 as it hurtled toward becoming the world's first all-organic country. It proved one small step ahead for environmental pieties and a giant leap backward for Sri Lankan farmers. A large proportion of land went dormant, and production of rice, tea and other crops dropped precipitously. The resulting economic calamity has led to the collapse of the government.

This is basically the Green New Deal in miniature.

Sri Lanka is a small island nation in the Indian Ocean; Germany is a powerhouse in the middle of continental Europe. But the green disease doesn't discriminate on the basis of size or wealth.

For years, Germany pursued a policy of making itself dependent on Russian oil and (especially) gas, while congratulating itself on its great environmental virtue as it closed down nuclear power plants and ramped up renewable sources. Berlin can't say it wasn't warned of the risks of this approach. Such is the faddish grip of climate orthodoxy that it blew past all the blinking red lights. Sure enough, now Russia may well cut off the supply of gas this winter, at the same time that renewables have proved not ready for prime time (they are too intermittent, among other technical problems that won't be solved anytime soon).

In its wisdom, Germany decided to shut down the source of energy that is clean, reliable and doesn't require dependence on an authoritarian state hostile to the West -- namely, nuclear power. It fell prey to the environmental left's superstitious hostility to nuclear. Even now, Germany is going ahead with shuttering its last three plants. It is turning again to coal to try to fill the gap this winter, underlining its disastrous mistake in prematurely eschewing such proven sources of energy in the first place.

Here in the U.S., of course, Biden pledged to "end fossil fuel" back in 2019, a promise -- given our prodigious reserves of oil, gas and coal -- that would make almost as much sense as Russia or Saudi Arabia pledging to do the same. Even as inflation, with energy prices leading the way, destroys Biden's presidency, he and his supporters are determined to pursue a climate agenda that will drive up costs and create inefficiencies at home while doing next to nothing to affect global temperatures.

It makes no sense, but for the greens, that's never been a particularly important criterion.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### "Go to the Moon" Word Fun Travel Game

Kristina Zajic, speech pathologist and mom of eight-year-old Aisha and 10-year-old Elizabeth, loves bins. She has sand-toy bins, Barbie bins, ball bins, pretend-toy bins, office-supply bins and even nail-polish bins. "When I walk into Target and see a new color, I'm inspired to have the fresh look for the season," she said. "That's why I snapped up two bright travel-size bins for my daughters before our three-hour car trip to stay in their grandparents' fifth-wheel RV at a campsite in the Redwoods."

For no-tech car-trip entertainment, she filled the bins with new sunglasses, treats and plenty of challenging card games, activity books and art supplies. "My oldest daughter does get carsick," she confessed. "That's when the girls put reading and card games on hold for a while, and we play brain games together. The miles and twisty curves fly by."

Here's a word game that's fun for kids and adults to play together in the car, or however you travel this summer. My daughter taught it to us on a winter car trip. "Go to the Moon" got us through snowstorms, slippery mountain roads and being asked one too many times, "Are we there yet?"

The person who is "it" thinks of three

things that have something in common, such as a mango, pineapple and papaya (all tropical fruits). "It" then says to the other players, "I'm going to the moon and taking along a mango, a pineapple and a papaya. Who wants to come with me?" Given the clues, the first player tries to figure out what the items have in common, then names a fourth item that fits the category, such as "banana." Another, more complex example might be, "I'm going to the moon and taking along the Twins, the White Sox and the Tigers" (all professional baseball teams). A fourth item that would fit could be the Royals.

If the item fits, "it" responds, "You may come with me." The next player names an item. If the player names an item that doesn't fit, he or she may try



Two sisters enjoy no-tech travel games on a camping vacation.

again on the next turn. When everyone finally learns the common element, the round is over. Topics can be as simple or as complicated as you choose. Try to accommodate even the youngest in the family when playing.

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

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## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### \$240 Million Worth of Fraud

The owner of several construction companies has been nailed for fraud. His crime: Defrauding the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) program for the purpose of grabbing up government contracts that he wasn't eligible for.

The scam went on from 2004 to 2017 and netted the thieves \$240 million in contracts over the years.

Unfortunately, one of the scammers was a veteran. He was talked into pretending that he, a service-disabled veteran, was the majority owner (at least 51%) of the company for the purposes of qualifying for the contracts.

The head criminal in this venture is going to have a good long time to think about it. Depending on how the sentencing turns out, he could be looking at 20 years for each of six counts of wire fraud, not to mention the \$250,000 fine for each one.

One of the co-crooks pleaded guilty to his part in the long-running theft. He's since lost his money to bankruptcy and his wife to divorce.

The disabled veteran also has himself in a world of hurt. He lied about the company as well as everything else, even signing the documents stating that he was the majority owner. At least he manned up when they were caught and pleaded guilty, not bothering with a trial.

One thing that stands out for all three of the criminals: TITLE: None of them was lacking in skills or talent. One of them, for example, was a local shining star in developing low-cost housing out of defunct properties and was seemingly well regarded.

If you know of similar fraud that's happening, taking money away from legitimate small business veterans in the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and/or Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) programs, you can report it by calling the Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General at 800-488-8244. For more information on reporting fraud, go online to [www.va.gov/oig/hotline/default.asp](http://www.va.gov/oig/hotline/default.asp). Click on the FAQ page to learn what types of complaints the OIG doesn't normally handle. You'll find a long directory of resources there.

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# Historically Speaking

## The Vardy Museums

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

When I visited Vardy, Tennessee a few weeks ago to meet DruAnna Williams Overbay and learn about the Melungeon settlement there in Hancock, County, I knew it as close to Virginia. However, I did not realize just how close Vardy was to the Virginia and Tennessee state line.

DruAnna wrote, "Vardy is basically on the Tennessee and Virginia border. Lee County Virginia begins at the top of Powell Mountain behind the church. Vardy Valley runs into Blackwater, VA and that state line begins down the road only two miles away. So, geographically speaking, the community really runs into Virginia. It is snuggled between Newman's Ridge and Powell Mountain."

The purpose for my visit was to let Fred Eiler, my good friend who first introduced me to the Peak Cemetery and then to DruAnna, show me a treasure he had found. I was sure it would be a good day trip but was not prepared for the level of interest in the Melungeons this trip generated for me.

Nor was I prepared for the large number of phone calls and emails I received after publishing the first article that mentioned "Melungeons" in the headline of the article. There are many people who are intensely interested in the research into the ancestry that has led to a group of people generally known as Melungeons.

Of the many who called, Cleland Thorpe of Corbin, KY, was most helpful. He discussed the various studies of which he was aware and noted a dissertation submitted to Michigan State University by Richard Allen Carlson, Jr. He was so kind as to send me a copy. Amazing material! I was introduced to another new group of people for me, the Salyersville Indians.

I am just beginning to read this dissertation and already see a connection to Melungeons. I want to read a bit more before calling Richard Carlson. In a chapter titled, "Malungain Indians' and an Interloper at Vardy's Springs," the term "Melungeon" with variations in spelling was applied first to a composite Indian population of "Saponi, Cherokee and other tribal heritages."

Carlson continues that this mixed tribal heritage was the reason for the term being applied to the Indian population. He continues, "By 1840, however, this external label of 'Malungeon' was no longer linked to the tribal or ethnic diversity but was more overtly tied with attitudes regarding mixed 'racial' heritage.

Carlson concludes his thoughts on this by saying, "Used with more derogatory applications, this latter use of the label 'Melungeon' would nearly coincide with the national climate of the Indian removal era and the passing of strict new state laws restricting the rights of Indians, blacks, and people of mixed racial ancestry."

As I interact with Richard Carlson, we will pursue his dissertation more fully.

Now, let's go back to the trip to Vardy. Fred and I arrived just after lunch and DruAnna met us. This is almost no parking for the Vardy Museums, so we just pulled off the road into the grass. On the Southeast side of the single road running up the Vardy Valley sits an exceptional log cabin.

The Mahala Mullins log cabin has been transported from its original location atop Newman's Ridge to the floor of the Vardy Valley just across the road from the Presbyterian Church and the site of the Vardy School. Mahala Mullins, who



Mahalia Mullins log cabin (Photo Submitted)



Mahalia Mullins (Photo Submitted)



Model of the Vardy Community School (Photo Submitted)

lived from 1824 to 1898, has become a character that is now a part of the folklore of Melungeons.

She was a kind and sweet soul afflicted with elephantiasis who became so large that she could not get through the door of her bedroom. She was ultimately buried in her bed just outside the location of her cabin when she died. This was accomplished by taking the logs out of the corner of her cabin to remove her from her confined bedroom.

It is rumored, and with enough consistency to

convince one of the truths of it, that she was a moonshiner. There is also a story that her log cabin straddled the Virginia and Tennessee state line with two doors on her bedroom a person could enter from one state and leave into the other.

A story is told about Hancock County Sheriff George Washington Edds who attempted to arrest Mahalia Mullins during her heyday of moonshining. He traveled to her cabin and confronted her with the charge of selling moonshine. She did not deny it, but said to the Sheriff, "I would gladly go with you, but I can't get through the door."

The Sheriff is said to have returned to the Judge Tyler and told him, "She is catchable, but she ain't fetchable!" Many other stories exist about the legendary Mahalia Collins Mullins.

The Mahala Mullins cabin has been rebuilt in the Vardy Valley near the church and site of the Vardy School. It houses numerous historic artifacts that have been collected from various sources and locations. Each artifact has a story. Each room is decorated with period furniture and glassware. DruAnna tells stories about many of the artifacts, citing their origin and how they came to be a part of this unusual museum.

Many unusual artifacts exist in the log cabin turned museum from a most unusual set of arched windows, that is right, arched windows in a log cabin... unusual, huh, to intricate woven baskets, each nook brings another artifact with a story.

In one of the upstairs rooms is a mock-up of a five-student reading classroom, which DruAnna learned in college is the ideal size for teaching reading. The Vardy School knew that.

The upper boy's bedroom of the cabin still has the original wood flooring. There is a bed in the cabin that is very similar to the one in which Mahalia was buried. The hand-hewed logs are distinctive and well preserved. Touring the cabin is an adventure in itself.

There is a marker for the Vardy Community School which has fallen and is being recaptured by the woods. The plaque is left as "A Memorial to the Spiritual Leaders, Teachers, Staff, and Students." This school was well ahead of other schools during its time.

There is a model of the Vardy School inside the Presbyterian Church. The church contains many historic artifacts as well. These range from photos of Melungeons who have gone on from Vardy to make good. There is also a series of photographs of the Vardy Community School showing its history.

A visit to the Vardy Museums hosted by DruAnna Williams Overbay is a treat, for sure.

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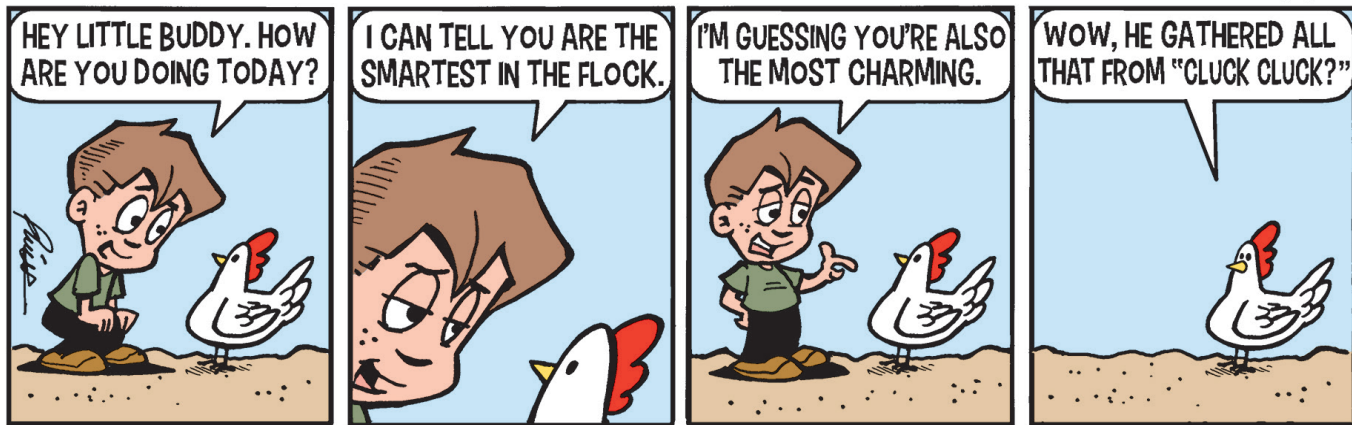
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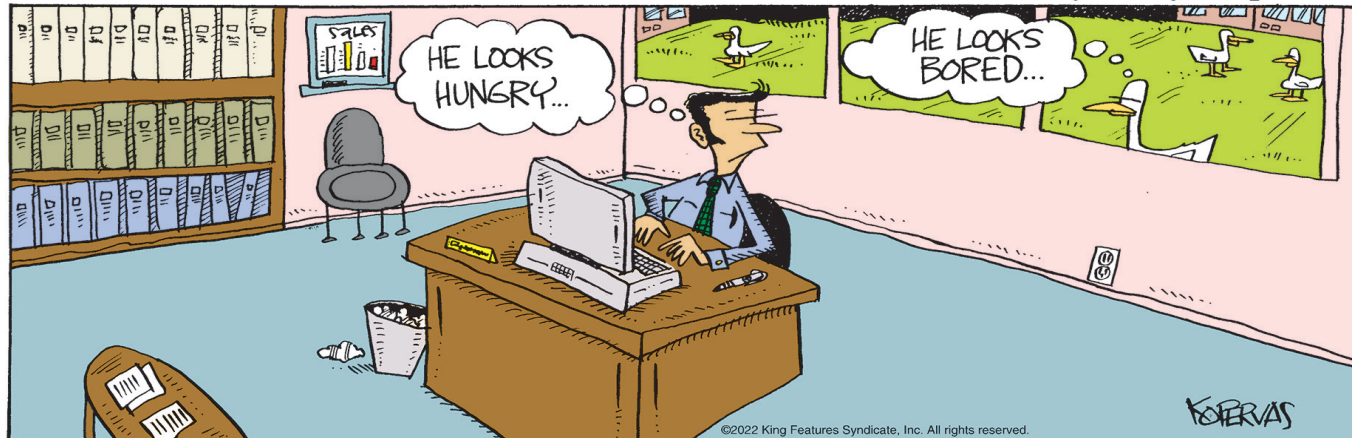
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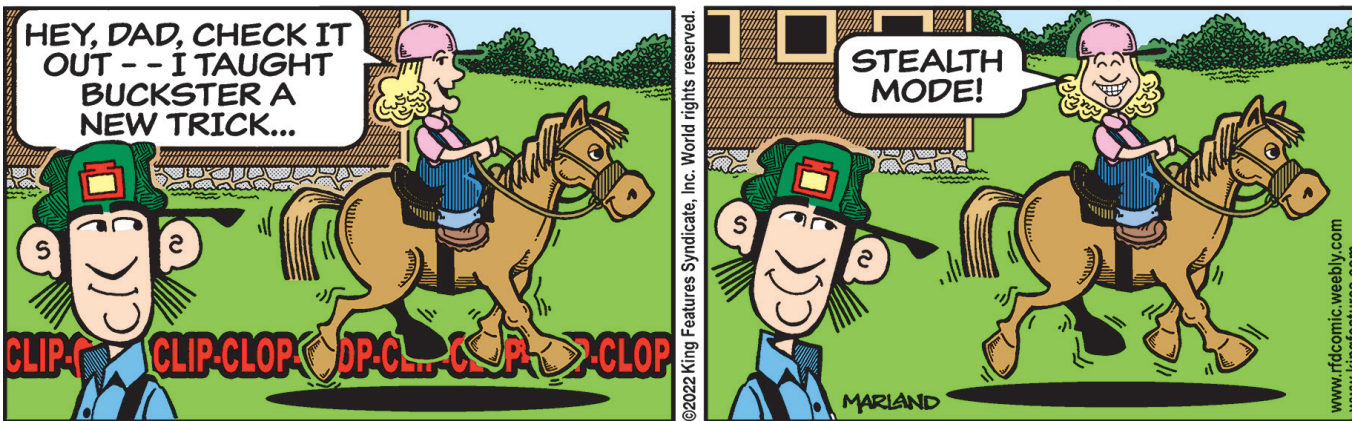
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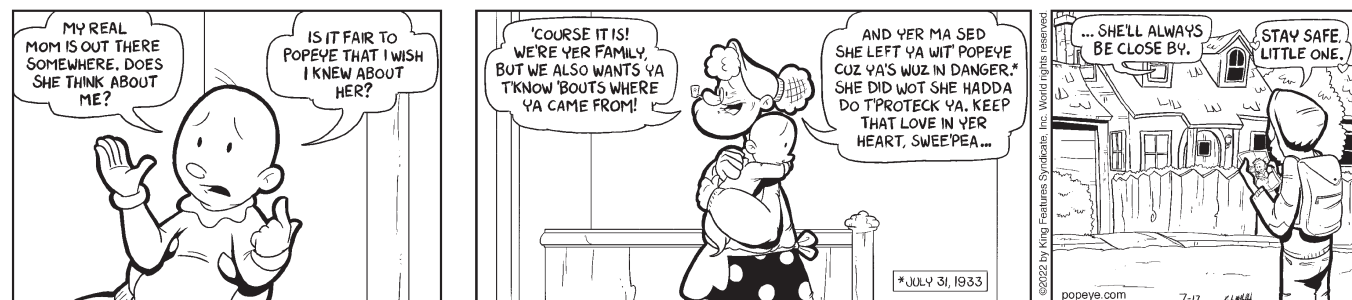
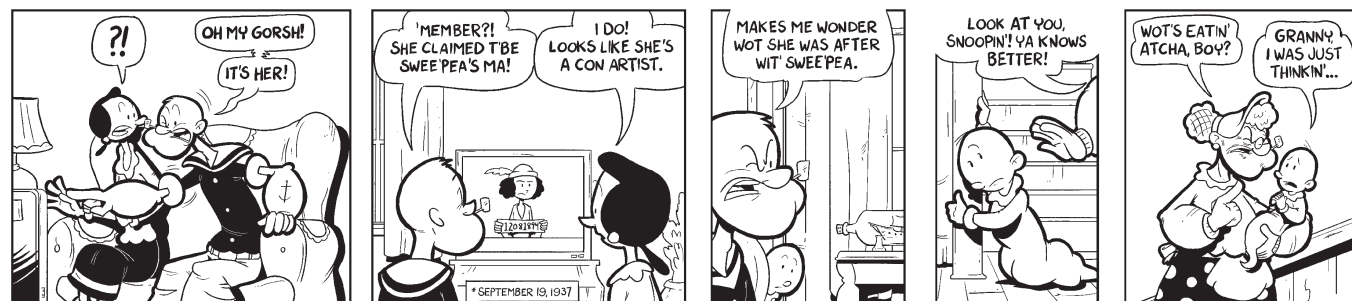
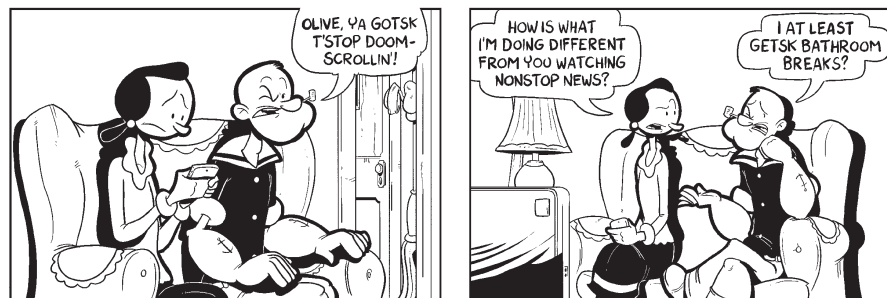
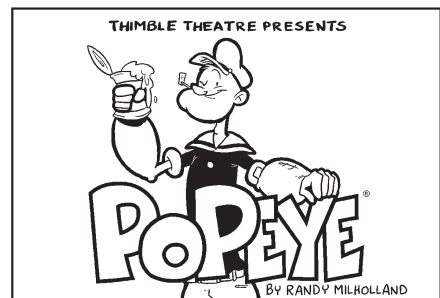
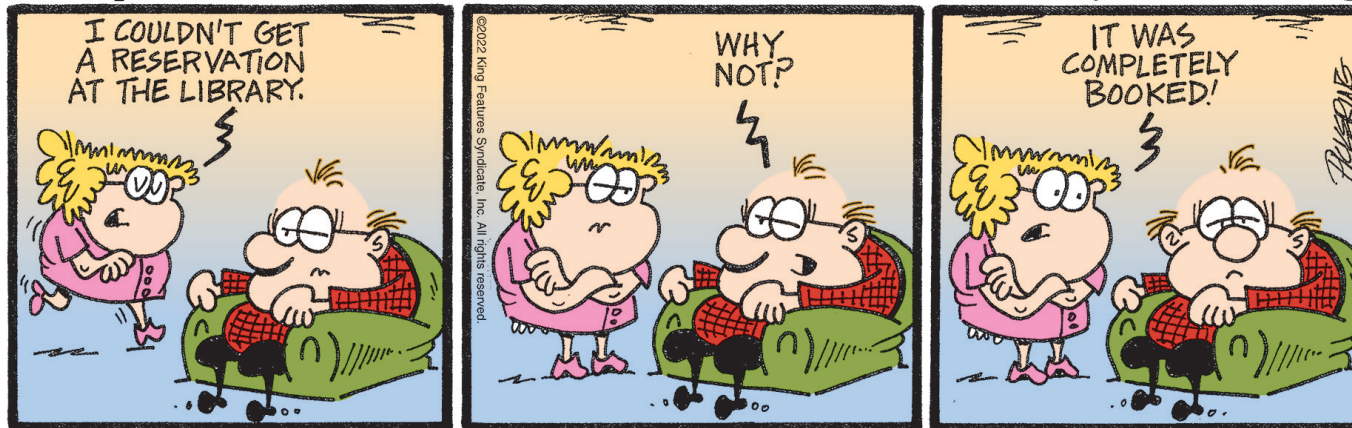
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by Mike Marland



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# MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

\* On Aug. 10, 1776, news reaches London that the Americans had drafted the Declaration of Independence. Until the Declaration of Independence formally transformed the 13 British colonies into states, the conflict centered in Massachusetts was seen as a local uprising.

\* On Aug. 13, 1781, Patriot forces led by Col. William Harden and Brig. Gen. Francis Marion, known as the "Swamp Fox," lure British commander Maj. Thomas Fraser and his 450 soldiers into an ambush at Parker's Ferry, near Charleston, South Carolina. Marion had earned his nickname for his ability to "outfox" his opponents in the swamps of the South Carolina backcountry.

\* On Aug. 9, 1936, at the Berlin Olympics, African American track star Jesse Owens wins his fourth gold medal of the Games in the 4 x 100 meter relay. His relay team set a new world record of 39.8 seconds, which held for 20 years.

\* On Aug 8, 1945, President Harry S. Truman signs the United Nations Charter, and the United States becomes the first nation to complete the ratification process and join the new international organization. Although hopes were high at the time that the United Nations would serve as an arbiter of international disputes, Truman did not even use one of the ceremonial pens to sign, instead opting for a cheap 10-cent desk pen.

\* On Aug. 12, 1953, less than one year after the United States tested its first hydrogen bomb, the Soviets detonate a 400-kiloton device in Kazakhstan. Known as the "Layer Cake," the bomb was fueled by layers of uranium and lithium deuteride, a hydrogen isotope.

\* On Aug. 11, 1973, "American Graffiti," a nostalgic coming-of-age tale steeped in the car-centric culture of suburban California, is released in theaters. The movie went on to become a sleeper hit.

\* On Aug. 14, 1985, Michael Jackson takes control of the publishing rights to the vast majority of the Beatles' catalog for \$47 million, outbidding Paul McCartney himself. In the years afterward, the catalog was estimated to be worth in excess of \$1 billion.

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**John Burns**  
*Opinion Columnist*

# Becoming Jezebel

What if the words of the teacher were absolute and undeniable? What if mathematical probabilities proved coincidence does not exist! What if we are following the carefully devised plan of an intelligent designer of our creation? What if he is ordering the footsteps of everything and every person in his creation? Are we following an ancient pattern?

There is nothing new under the sun. God has written us a warranty deed and owners-manual based upon predestined characters who have manifested in many forms. And at the heart of each Old Testament character, manifested Lucifer's plan to try and halt what God has predetermined.

As the third book in my Becoming series. Becoming Jezebel outlines how a female queen to a man whose family once knew God, convinces his people to abandon the God who delivered them the land, in favor of occult fertility... practices that have migrated from Babylon.

Jezebel is the daughter of King Eth Baal. He is the King of the people known as Sidonians. We use their Greek name, the Phoenicians. His capitol is Tyre. His gods are the fallen angels who convinced men to allow their daughters to engage in marital relations and their offspring became the race of giants.

These giants were holders of dual DNA. God had promised his Messiah would be born to a pure Jewish virgin bloodline. Satan was attacking Adam's bloodline to halt God's plan for humanity and his creation.

Eth-Baal is an homage to the Babylonian god Baal. It transliterates as lord in English. He is the chief deity in the Babylonian pantheon and King Eth-Baal is the priest of their fertility religion. His daughter serves at the temple of Asherah.

Baal is the god of fertility, weather, seasons, war, and sailors. Phoenicia boasted enormous wealth from their trade across the Mediterranean and Aegean seas.

They believed Baal was responsible for everything in their lives. Belief in this created deity, advanced paganism to the point where phallic symbols and Babylonian fertility holidays were welcomed in the land God had sanctified for his worship alone.

Jezebel nationalized the fertility cults, and king Ahab welcomed them. Israel had moved so far away from thus says the Lord, that they were willing to sacrifice their children to the god Baal.

In Babylon, human sacrifice of infants was welcomed in the cult of Mithras and Ishtar. Mithras is portrayed as a bull and he is the god of military might and monetary strength. Ishtar is portrayed as a half-naked woman and half bunny rabbit. The cults of Mithras and Ishtar were thriving in the most holy place on earth.

Jezebel begins her career serving Ahab by pulling off the first inquisition of a Jewish bloodline, for the purpose of seizing a real estate asset. She cuts off every male heir to the land owned by Naboth.

The Palestinian claim to God's land can be traced to the murder of Naboth's family to none other than Jezebel. She brought the house of the moon god back to Jericho during the time of Ahab's rule. Exactly as Joshua was told would happen due to his failure to tear down all of the high places and kill every Nephillim offspring and the sons of men who allowed their daughters to lie with fallen angels.

Now Jezebel has been allowed to propagate her Babylonian cult religion in the house of God on earth. A Jewish king who once knew God, allowed it all to transpire. The pattern has repeated itself in history and the final battle between the house of Jehu and the House of Omri rages here in America.

Ahab and Jezebel have reappeared in America as a President and his fertility cult leader wife. Bill Clinton a man who once boasted of being brought up Southern Baptist, and his wife, a devout eugenicist in the model of Margaret Sangar.

Hillary Rodham Clinton began her career with the murder of Vince Foster to secure her, about to be Governor husband, a prime piece of Arkansas land. She now has advanced Jezebel's fertility cult at the World Health Organization by using US taxpayer money to fund abortion all over the world.

Donald Trump is God's representative from the house of Jehu. It is his sole responsibility to destroy the house of Ahab and Jehoram. Then he can focus on gathering the eagles in Babylon to begin the march toward Revelation 17 and 18, and Isaiah 13, 14, and Jeremiah 50, 51.

America has gone the way of ancient Israel and we are under the abandonment wrath of God which, Paul prophesied would befall the revived Roman empire in this time. Romans 1 begins Paul's rebuke of those who would have the Roman government in any form as their God, proving Trump is Jehu who fails at removing the two golden calves set up by Jeroboam in ancient Israel.

The harbingers of judgement upon ancient Israel have all manifested in the last 19 years. We are in the Shmita year and I believe we will see a bankruptcy looming on the American horizon. Our dollar will be replaced as the world's reserve currency, and our judgement from God as Sodom and Gomorrah is imminent.

We are Mystery Babylon, the whore which sitteth upon many waters. Our judgement was sealed at Babel when Nimrod led the first rebellion by men, following the pattern of his fallen archangel master, Lucifer. He has once again united the world under one language with one reserve currency with portraits of men upon them. We can delude no further.

God has to judge America or he will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah!

Join me as we go behind the veil of eternity to adjudicate how ancient religious practices have entered houses of worship, and our country through the Biblical pattern of Jezebel.

America has exactly the same problems ancient Israel faced as they marched further and further away from God's revealed word, toward ancient Babylonian fertility practices. Professing believers were allowing this practice wholesale in Israel and it is part of the American Christian experience as I pen these words.

Let us travel through Bible time, and adjudicate if there is nothing new under the sun when it comes to all human religious practices. Only the blood of our Lamb can cleanse America now!

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

He is alive forevermore, and he is coming for his virgin bride soon. JB 5-8-2022

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

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Answers

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**Mod Mini**

- 1.2B Shane Bullock
- 2.4X Jamie Newport
- 3.R26 Tom Patterson
- 4.30 Lance Frost
- 5.J18 James Bridenbaker

**Sportsman**

- 1.24 Anthony White Jr
- 2.22 Jaylon Shannon
- 3.20 Dalton Jones
- 4.777 Eric Jones
- 5.D5 Coby Jones
- 6.78 Skylar Delaney
- 7.X5 Brian Byrge
- 8.32 Jake Branstetter
- 9.1 Braxton Swint

**Street**

- 1.51X Pete Wright
- 2.88 Mike Duncan
- 3.51 Lloyd Paxton
- 4.18 Dale Brummitt
- 5.44 Micheal Owenby
- 6.69 Jason Patterson

**Pony**

- 1.20 Daniel Boles
- 2.44 Collins Cordell
- 3.65 Raygen Shepherd
- 4.J4 Josh Nelson

**Late Model**

- 1.07 Jason Cardwell
- 2.7 Darrick York
- 3.23 Tim Damron
- 4.06 Wesley Lester
- 5.44 Chris Marcum
- 6.76 Perry Delaney
- 7.44 Caleb Marcum
- 8.7 Austin Breedlove
- 9.10 Ty Walley
- 10.5 Derek Burchfield
- 11.01 Kane Pelfrey -DNS

**Dwarf**

- 1.28 Wes Jones
- 2.96 Cody Norris
- 3.15 David Dunlap
- 4.92 Nick Hopper
- 5.34 Riley Brown
- 6.12S Selena Byrge
- 7.47 Steve Morris
- 8.00 Molly Byrge
- 9.07N Taylor Nichols

**10.45 Dylan Sise**

**Thunder**

- 1.D3 Dalton Russell
- 2.40DD Levi Williams
- 3.28 Raymond Hamby
- 4.8 Jeremiah Byrge
- 5.B15 Matthew Lloyd
- 6.67 Billy Scarbo-DQ

**FWD**

- 1.D3 Isaiah Duncan
- 2.25 Jordon West
- 3.9K Keven Sexton
- 4.421 Britton Roxberry
- 5.315 Jody West
- 6.2 Jaxon Kanaps
- 7.7 Nathaniel Brown
- 8.14 Jason Brown
- 9.309X Anthony Rutherford
- 10. 65 Robert Holstein-DNS



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## Correctly answer crypto question on tax return



David Zubler  
Columnist

The IRS is trying to figure out if you had crypto activity when you file your personal 1040 tax return.

You are required to answer the crypto question on your return, and you must answer the question under penalty of perjury. However, answering this question isn't as simple as it may seem.

Since it's a broadly worded question, most people assume that any virtual currency transaction requires you to answer with a "yes."

The IRS has provided guidance regarding the crypto question. If you purchased virtual currency with real currency, you are not required to answer "yes" to the Form 1040 question. This is confusing because the question asks, "At any time during 2021, did you receive, sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any financial interest in any virtual currency?"

The IRS is only trying to uncover virtual currency transactions that create taxable income that is required to be reported on a taxpayer's tax return.

If you were paid for goods or services in crypto, you are required to answer "yes" because you have earned income and you were paid with crypto.

The fair market value of the crypto received for goods or services is considered to be taxable income by the IRS.

If you paid for goods and services with crypto, you are required to answer "yes" because the transaction would result in a gain if the value of the services is less than your basis in the crypto. The transaction would benefit the taxpayer if it were a loss since this

would lower their taxable income.

Selling crypto for real money would require you to answer "yes" to the question.

You would need to answer "yes" to the question if you traded your crypto for other cryptos since this would result in a gain or loss.

You might need to file an amended tax return if you answered the crypto question incorrectly. If you answered "no" when it should have been a "yes" answer and didn't report your taxable transaction, you need to file an amended return.

If you correct your return before the due date for the return, you can file a superseding return can be filed instead of an amended return. To file a superseding return, you write "SUPERSEDING RETURN" at the top of the first page.

A superseding return is treated as if it was your first return. Consequently, it would provide the benefit of eliminating any risk of accuracy-related penalties.

Crypto transactions can be confusing for individuals with little or no experience. There can be serious tax consequences if done incorrectly. You may want to use a tax professional if you deal with crypto currencies.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Discounts on Phone and Internet

Have you heard of Lifeline? Started many years ago to help low-income individuals with their phone costs, it's been expanded to include internet at home, offering a \$9.25 monthly discount.

That \$9.25 savings doesn't sound like much, but if you're like me, nowadays, you're converting every dollar saved into food. That \$9.25, for example, could turn into a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk, or even a pound of ground beef, a package of hamburgers buns and most of a can of beans.

You'll need to qualify for Lifeline. One way you do that is if you (or anyone in your household) receive benefits from Supplemental Security Income, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, veterans pensions, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid

and others, or through having verifiable low income. (You'll need paperwork to prove it.)

You can sign up in a number of ways, such as by mail or online at [nv.fcc.gov/lifeline](http://nv.fcc.gov/lifeline). Scroll through the information on that page. Call 800-234-9473 for more information or to ask that an application be sent to you by mail.

But there's more. In addition, if you qualify for Lifeline, you likely also qualify for an even bigger assistance: the Affordable Connectivity Program. ACP is new and can give you a \$30 monthly discount on your internet. Once you're in the Lifeline program, call your internet provider and enroll in ACP with them. There's no need to fill out another application.

There are hundreds of internet providers that are part of the program, including some big names like Xfinity, AT&T and Spectrum. In some cases, that \$30 gets you internet without you having to pay anything additional. In other words, free internet. Get the details from your internet provider.

For a list of providers by state, go to [www.fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-program-providers](http://www.fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-program-providers). Get more information on the Affordable Connectivity Program at [www.fcc.gov/acp](http://www.fcc.gov/acp) or call 877-384-2575.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. How did Gary U.S. Bonds get his name?**
- 2. Which artist wrote and released "You'll Lose a Good Thing"?**
- 3. How and when was Usher discovered?**
- 4. Name the song that was pieced together with lyrics from a Cossack folk song ("Koloda-Duda") and an Irish melody.**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "With each beat of my heart, for every day we are apart, I'll hunger for every wasted hour."**

## Answers

- 1. Born Gary Anderson, his promo records were sent to radio stations in papers sleeves with the words "Buy U.S. Bonds" printed on them.**
- 2. Blues singer Barbara Lynn, in 1962. Her version was used in the "Hairspray" film in 1988. Freddy Fender released his own cover in 1975.**
- 3. Usher (born Usher Raymond IV) competed in a "Star Search" singing competition at the age of 13 and was quickly hustled to an audition with a record producer who signed Usher on the spot. His first album, however, was put on hold when his voice changed.**
- 4. "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," by Pete Seeger in 1955.**
- 5. "I'm Gonna Make You Love Me," by Dee Dee Warwick, in 1966. A notable later cover was done by a collaboration between the Supremes and the Temptations in 1968.**

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# Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

## Northeastern USA

Last year I took a short trip to the northeastern part of the United States. I was able to see and drive through the state of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire. Before this trip, the furthest I visited was the state of Massachusetts and that was mainly the Boston area. I really enjoyed this trip because of the history, the scenery, and the uniqueness of the area. I highly recommend if you take this trip, take a flight into Bar Harbor, ME and of course rent a vehicle. The airport is only 8.8 miles from the famous national park, Acadia. Due to the short duration of my trip, I wasn't able to visit the park, but it's definitely on my list to see next time.

Why Acadia National Park? Many people don't realize Acadia National Park is one of the top 10 most visited national parks in the USA. Acadia is home to a rich natural and human history of over 10,000 years. It displays a large array of habitats, unique terrain, and beautiful coastal and island landscape. Visitmaine.com describes Acadia National Park as, "From primal

forests and majestic mountains to glacial lakes and the coastline that launched a thousand paintings, Maine's natural world is unlike any other. Which makes each of

our state parks and our national park, Acadia, a one-of-a-kind experience."



**Zack Ballinger**



If you enjoy the beauty of a lighthouse, look no further than Portland, ME. I visited Fort Williams Park near Portland, ME. The 90-acre park has a lot of unique history and charm. The light house is called the Portland Head Light. It began construction in 1787 and served as a military installation through both World War I and World War II. During the battles of the American Revolution and World War II, preservation of Portland Harbor was critical. A system of forts that once served to fortify the region still dot the series of islands along the harbor's coastline, including Fort Gorges, Fort Preble, and Fort Scammel. It was a perfect day to visit the park. I finished the day off with a local Lobster roll packed full of flavor and freshness.

New Hampshire is a small state to drive through, but you definitely see a rich part of American history. The state proudly displays many American flags all throughout the state. Numerous businesses and homes proudly displayed the American flag outside their doors. It's a really neat state filled with rich American history.

I concluded my trip in the artsy city of Burlington, VT. Burlington is a unique city located on the eastern shore of Vermont. During the summer, many people visit Vermont to explore and hike the natural beauty of the state. You will see many campers all through scenic parts. Downtown Burlington, VT has some unique restaurants, shops, art, and historic buildings. It's not a big city, but the biggest VT has to offer. Natural beauty surrounds the city. I would recommend you take a bike ride through the area, visit the locals shops, and try the famous Vermont cheese.

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**DIVAS ON A DIME**  
By Patti Diamond

### Why Whole Chickens are the Holy Grail of Cheap Eats

On the ultimate quest for cheap eats, whole chickens always win! They're inexpensive, and each one can stretch into three meals. Of course, this depends on the number of people you're feeding and the size of their appetites.



Sliced chicken with veggies makes a delicious cheap eat.

We begin by roasting one whole chicken with vegetables. Double the recipe for larger families.

The first meal is sliced chicken breast with roast veggies. Add crusty bread to schmear with roast garlic and

sop up the delectable juices.

Next, pick every morsel of meat off the bones, reserving the bones and 1 1/2 cups of chicken to make chicken soup. Use the remainder to make a "round two" meal.

#### ROAST CHICKEN AND VEGETABLES

Total Time: 1 hour 25 minutes  
Servings: serves 4 for 3 days

6 large potatoes  
6 large carrots  
1 large onion  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
Salt and pepper  
1 (5 to 6 pound) whole chicken  
2 tablespoons butter, melted  
1 head garlic

Preheat oven to 400 F degrees. Chop the vegetables, put them in a large roasting pan, toss with olive oil, and season with salt and pepper.

Remove the giblets from the cavity of the chicken and reserve for another use, or discard. Using kitchen twine, tie the legs together and brush the chicken with melted butter. Liberally season with salt and pepper. Place the chicken on top of the veggies.

Separate the garlic into cloves and scatter amongst the veggies. Place the pan, uncovered, in the oven and roast for 75 minutes, or until the temperature registers 175 F in the thigh. Remove the chicken, tent with foil to rest for 15 minutes before carving.

For "round two" I suggest making chicken pot pie using leftover veggies and refrigerated pie crust or chicken

and potato casserole.

Finally, let's make chicken bone broth. The wonderful thing about chicken broth is that it's made from things you'd normally throw away. Use your freezer to store chicken bones and the cut ends of veggies (carrots, celery, onions, garlic, herb stems) until ready to use. Talk about frugal and fabulous!

#### CHICKEN BONE BROTH

Total Time: 1 hour 25 minutes  
Servings: serves 4 for 3 days

2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 cup each onion, carrot and celery  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
8 cups chicken broth  
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning  
1 (12 ounce) package egg noodles  
1 1/2 cups cooked chicken, shredded  
Salt and pepper

Thinly slice the vegetables. In a large stock pot, heat the oil. Saute the veggies for about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add broth and poultry seasoning. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to simmer for about 5 minutes or until veggies are tender. Add egg noodles, simmer for 10 more minutes. Add shredded chicken, heat through and season to taste.

Stretching the budget has never been so comforting.

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# Philippians Chapter 4

(Philippians 4:1) This verse is an absolute eruption of affection for the church. They are characterized as: (a) Brothers,” kinsmen in the Lord from a common birth (Jn. 3:3-5); (b) “loved” and “longed for” by the apostle; (c) Paul’s “joy” and “crown of victory); (d) again, “beloved.” He encourages them to “stand fast” in the Lord---perhaps implying they must not to be swayed by the “concision” (3:2).

(Phil. 4:2-3) Resolving a personal problem: Paul has already hinted earlier of a disunity problem; now a specific case, complete with names, is mentioned. The apostle “exhorts” (used twice---double culpability) Euodia and Syntyche to be “of the same mind in the Lord.” Quite obviously there was friction, if not a fracture. He believed both were capable of doing better. He appeals to a brother, whom he designates as “yokefellow” to assist these women. The implications are that they are estranged, they need to be reconciled, and this brother had the skill to help them.

(Phil. 4:4-7) Encouragement to faithfulness: This letter exudes joy and encouraged to rejoice in the Lord. The sourpuss disposition is not compatible with Christian joy and hope. Moderation or forbearance, is a gentleness or a sweetness that is most attractive. One should let it be apparent (but not flaunt it) before all; the object is to influence for good. What is the meaning of the Lord is at hand (v.5). It does not imply that Paul believed the second coming was near (3:11). It may signify the need for constant vigilance, for he could come at any time (Jas. 5:8). The Greek expression can signify that which is nearby. The Lord is close to us (Psa. 119:151; Mt. 28:20).

The Christian is not to be anxious; he should have concern for people (2 Cor. 11:28), but things should not distract him from his service to God. Rather, one should stay close to the Lord with prayers, supplications, thanksgiving, and requests. The peace of God is both a peace that is with God (Rom. 5:1) and a peace that is from the Lord.

(Phil. 4:8-9) The power of meditation: The Psalmist declared that he meditated upon God’s law day and night (Psa. 1:2). Meditation is a lost treasure that should be reclaimed. Paul compiles a list of sound thinking propositions upon which we would do well to meditate. There is a vital connection between that upon which one thinks and how he lives (Prov. 23:7; Mt. 12:34), which results in the tranquility of his life---or lack thereof. One must rivet his attention on qualities that are: true, just, honorable, pure, lovely, good report, and any, and all, things that are virtuous and praiseworthy should engage the Christian’s thinking and actions.

This is a magnificent prescription for personal mental health and benevolent influence upon others. Paul encourages the brothers to reflect upon the things they had learned, received, heard, and saw in him. No arrogance; just fact. These they were to practice by way of emulation, and the God of peace would be with them.

(Phil. 4:10-20) Thanksgiving expressed: Paul conveys his

sincere gratitude to these precious souls by whom, lacking for a while opportunity to assist him, had been revived by the gift conveyed by Epaphroditus (v.18). They had never ceased thanking of him, but had not had occasion to express their devotion in action. Obligation can only be realized when opportunity is present.

The apostle does not want them to think he is complaining about not having had sufficient sustenance. Quite the contrary. He had learned how to be happy in whatever state he found himself. He had learned how to be contented when he had to do without and when he had plenty. Paul had learned the secret of contentment (v.11-12). The term secret may suggest that which is not commonly known or the endurance of a difficult process. He confidently affirmed that he could do all things in him who strengthens me (v.13). All things are those consistent with Christ’s will. Such depends also upon his in him relationship. The power derives from Christ, not from mere inner strength.

Paul congratulates these saints for their fellowship with him in his affliction. They did more than offer prayers and send soothing words. In fact, in the beginning of the gospel (their primary establishment), after he departed from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with him except these brethren. However, he qualifies the action---In the matter of giving and receiving.

His satisfaction was not merely in the fact that he received help for himself. Rather, he rejoiced that his work, combined with their assistance, resulted in fruit being deposited to their account. How thrilling it would be to know that one shared in Paul’s labor as a genuine partner! The recent gift from Philippi, as conveyed by Epaphroditus, was like the fragrant smell of a sacrifice, combined with sweet spices rising up to God (Eph. 5:2). The imagery is from the Old Testament. Paul pledged: “My God shall supply every need of yours.” He felt he had a very personal relationship with his Creator. How many today feel that closeness? There is a difference between every need and every want. The riches of his glory would be administered because of their in Christ relationship. He punctuates the promise with a grand eternal glory to God. So be it.”

Phil. 4:21-23) Concluding words: The apostle sends salutations to all the saints there, both from himself and from the brothers who are with him. We must again remind ourselves that saints are not dead people who have been canonized by an apostate church. They are Christians, separated unto God for holy service. We are thrilled to learn that Paul had made converts even among Caesar’s household (v.22). This expression referred to actual slaves who were a part of Nero’s personal entourage of servants, or a larger company of his administration. Paul’s influence was phenomenal; and it continues to this day! When he concludes with grace be with your spirit, he confesses the existence of the human spirit apart from the flesh---contrary to the assertions of materialists, both atheistic and theistic.



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**Pencil cactus**

Also known as a “milk bush,” this plant is a native to tropical Africa and India. It requires little water, thus it is often sold as a kind of cactus; but it is actually a succulent.

It can grow up to 30 feet tall outside and well over 6 feet indoors.

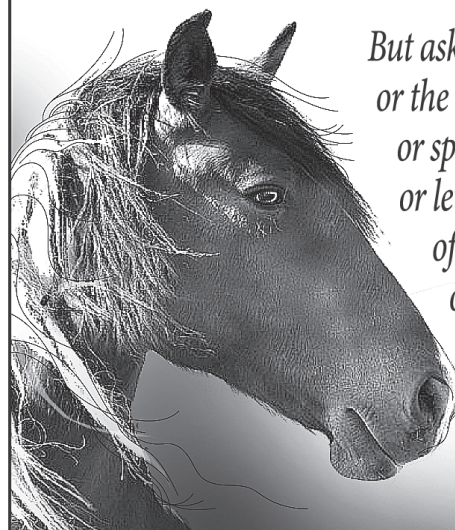
The toxicity of its milky sap is so intense that even a small drop of it can cause severe irritation, redness and burning sensations, and contact with or near the eyes can cause profound pain and temporary blindness.

— Brenda Weaver

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*But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.*

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# Fellowship Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor

The Fellowship Baptist Church of Wartburg would like to introduce our new Pastor Landon Harris and his wife Kendra. Pastor Harris is originally from Murfreesboro, Tennessee but moved to Pisgah Forest, North Carolina shortly after being saved on January 12, 2012. He was asked to be an assistant to Pastor Randy Barton at Anchor Baptist Church for a year and a half while attending Bible College.

While in North Carolina he met his wife Kendra Stewart. After finishing Bible College was invited by Kendra's pastor Rudy Smith of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Pickens, SC to come and help him. While under Pastor Smith's tutelage the Lord started dealing with his heart to become a pastor. Soon after the congregation of Fellowship Baptist Church invited him to preach and was led to accept the pastorate.

Kendra, his wife, was saved at the age of 7 in VBS and gave her life to the ministry in her early teenage years. She has attended Mount Sanai Baptist her entire life as well as 5 generations of her family. We at Fellowship are extremely excited to have Pastor Harris back in Tennessee and looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us.



## Colonial Dames XVII Century Historic Marker Ceremony

The Morgan County Genealogical & Historical Society's Heritage Museum has been chosen by the John McKnitt Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century to be marked as a historic building in celebration of 100 years since the construction of the building was completed.

The building was constructed in 1922, Bruno Schubert, architect, as a two story brick building to house the Citizens Bank & Trust Co on the first floor and offices on the second floor. It features Doric columns and a decorative cornice with dentils. It was the first building in Wartburg to have central heating and customers would store houseplants there to survive the winter freeze.

The ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 30 at 10am on the front steps of the museum located at 121 N Kingston Street, Wartburg. This is an open invitation to everyone interested in preserving the history of Morgan County. Your reservation would be appreciated by emailing: MCGHSMuseum@gmail.com or responding to the event listing on Facebook.



### Journeyman Linemen Plateau Electric Cooperative

Plateau Electric Cooperative is accepting applications through Friday, August 05, 2022 from qualified candidates for the position of journeyman lineman. Position performs all types of skilled work relative to the construction and maintenance of Plateau Electric Cooperative's overhead and underground electric system. Climbs poles or steel structures and works from aerial lift devices to install conductor, transformers, crossarms, insulators and other related equipment. Must be willing to work in adverse weather conditions. Position requires a high-school diploma or GED. The successful candidate(s) must have a valid driver's license, and be able to obtain a Class "B" Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

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

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



### CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK POSITION Plateau Electric Cooperative

Plateau Electric Cooperative is accepting applications through Friday, August 05, 2022, for the position of Customer Service Clerk. Job duties shall include assisting customers, answering calls and performing other office-related functions as assigned. The successful candidate must have a high school education, must be friendly, and must possess an ability to remain courteous and polite in meeting and working with the public.

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In the matter of the Estate of <u>MARY JANE SOLOCK</u> Deceased		

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

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

This the 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2022.

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## Tennessee Tech Women's Basketball and the Pioneers Who Started It: Wanda and Nina Heidel Were Two

Before Title IX was passed in 1972 Tennessee Tech, like many colleges throughout the United States, was struggling to get women's basketball started. High schools had women's basketball before 1972 but when these girls with athletic ability graduated there was no place to take their skills. So, in 1968 girls like Marilyn Jeffers from Oneida Wanda Heidel from Wartburg, Peggy Jolly from Sparta, and Bobbie Blaylock from Hendersonville saw in their physical education classes the need for women's basketball at Tennessee Tech. Wanda Heidel told me that the girls from Oneida like Jeffers, Lorton, and Voiles were just about as good as they come in women's basketball.

The first two years 1968-69, 60-70 were years of formation. Wanda and Nina Heidel from Wartburg were in a group of girls who tried out for the team. Both girls and eighteen more made the team and they started practicing together. But getting a team that would be recognized by the officials and recorded for history wasn't easy.

To look back at the first season to celebrate the team's 50th anniversary isn't an easy job. In the fall of 2020, the Tennessee Tech Eaglettes basketball team saw the first game of its golden anniversary season at Vanderbilt cancelled due to the Covid pandemic. Then Chattanooga was added and canceled the next day. The 50th anniversary season, for one of the most storied programs in collegiate women's basketball history, is still trying to get started.

It was humbling searching through our archives containing every press release from the Tech athletics department from 1970-72. There were countless pages of football, men's basketball, and baseball – the primary sports of media interest. Even the rifle team, the golf and track team and the freshmen's division of men's basketball got a lot of attention.

The first press release found about the women's basketball team came after the team had completed its regular season on March 2, 1971. The Eaglettes had completed the season with a 11-4 record.

For a program as relatively recent as women's basketball there are no statistics on file for the first four seasons; 1974-75 is the first team where stats were filed with proof that games were played. A lot of work still had to be done and a great coach was about to come to Cookeville to put Tennessee Tech

on the Tennessee Tech court. The Golden Eagles won 9 of their first 10 games and 10 of its final 12 games to end the season 22-7. As a freshman at Tennessee Martin, Pat Head Summitt's team was 1-1 against Tech. Tech defeated Austin Peay 59-46, Middle Tennessee 55-42. They took the Tennessee College Women's Sport Federation District Crown. The starters for this team were Marilyn Jeffers and Debbie Voils from Oneida, Wanda Heidel from Wartburg, Peggy Jolly from Sparta (the mother of Kelly Jolly, the present

coach of Tennessee Women's Basketball. Both Peggy and Ken Jolly, Kelly's father, played basketball at Tech.) Bobbie Blaylock from Hendersonville, Pam Smith from Hendersonville and Jackie Laxton from Oneida.

For Tennessee Tech it truly started in earnest in the 1970-71 season. Little did anyone on that team know just what they were creating. Wartburg had two girls on this team; Wanda and Nina Heidel who had played four years for the Wartburg Bulldogs, 1964-1968.

You have to remember before the 1972 basketball season there were no women's basketball scholarships. The girls I have mentioned in this article were pioneers who played

basketball at Tech because of "love for the sport." They also won a state title in volleyball. Now let's look at what Title IX says.

No person in the U.S. shall on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Title IX is the most commonly used name for the civil rights law in the United States of America that was passed as part of the education amendment in 1972. It prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school or any education program that receives funding from the federal government (June 23, 1972 – PL 92-318).

Title IX opened up the door not only for women's basketball, but also for women's softball, volleyball, tennis, track, swimming, soccer and other sports like bowling which Vanderbilt has.



*Kathy Howell, Nina Heidel, Marilyn Laxton Jeffers, Coach Marynell Meadors, Jackie Laxton Johnson, Wanda Heidel Turner (Photo Submitted)*



women's basketball on the map.

In 1971 the Eagle year book devoted three brief paragraphs and a photo for the entire season for the 1970-71 season it contained two stories. There wasn't even a team photo on file from the inaugural team until Diane Murphy, a member of the first team brought a scrapbook with clippings.

From the records that have been passed down from the first team head coach Marynell Meadors fielded a good team to put



Marynell Meadors built Tennessee Tech into a giant in women's basketball. Her first annual budget in 1970 was a whopping \$100.00. She would coach at Tennessee Tech for sixteen seasons and finish with a 363-138 (.724) record (lifetime). She won six consecutive state championships and 4 Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) championships. Early on she won seven of eight games against Tennessee and Pat Summitt. But after Pat called her daddy and asked him if he could tell her what was wrong.

She said, "I coach hard and these girls play hard but we are not winning." Her dad said, "Well, Pat let me tell you, you can't win the Kentucky Derby with mules." Pat got the message and started recruiting the best players in the nation. She won thirteen straight against Tennessee Tech. Their record is 18-12; Tennessee.

Early on Marynell Meadors not only was the class of the state but was widely recognized as one of the best in the nation. Her first four seasons she was (99-24). She became a hall-of-fame coach at Tennessee Tech and Florida State. After Florida State she would sign with the Atlanta Dreams as general manager and coach. She even won WNBA coach of the year. This lady who started coaching at Tennessee Tech certainly had a great career.

Wanda Heidel was the best defensive player and rebounder that Meadors had at Tech and when they played Tennessee Martin, she was assigned to guard Pat Summitt. I asked her if she was hard to guard and she said she was very competitive and so was Tech. She had nothing but good to say about Summitt and her career at Tennessee.

In 1972 Tennessee Tech Women's Basketball won the OVC tournament championship and in the regional which was played in Boone North Carolina where Tech beat Appalachian State. They advanced to the Nationals but lost.

Some of the teams they played during the year were UT Martin, Belmont, Austin Peay, Fisk, Middle Tennessee, and Morehead State.

Tennessee Tech invited all the coaches and players of the first teams (1970-72) to the 50th anniversary celebration in January 2022. It was a weekend to celebrate the



## 50th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

TENNESSEE TECH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



### Thursday, Jan. 6th

**5:30pm WBB vs Morehead State**  
**7:30pm MBB vs Morehead State**

### Friday, Jan. 7th

**1:00pm-3:15pm Open Practice**  
**Hooper Eblen Center**

### Saturday, Jan. 8th

**1:00pm WBB vs Eastern Illinois**  
**Half-Time Recognitions**  
**1970 Inaugural Team**  
**Former Coaches**  
**OVC Championship Teams**  
**Former Trainers & Managers**  
**All Former WBB Alumni**

**3:00pm MBB vs Eastern Illinois**  
**5:00pm 50th Celebration Social**  
**Salt Box Inn**

**\*If you would like assistance with reservations for dinner or brunch contact Kristie Phillips (931) 372-6857**  
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passing of Title IX, and the return of Tech's pioneers in women's basketball to the campus. According to Kim Rosamond's (present head coach of women's basketball) letter to Nina Heidel it was a weekend of overwhelming show of love and support. Both Wanda and Nina were in attendance. Nina said she was overjoyed to be invited back to Tennessee Tech. She said, "We were treated like royalty."

Not many of the early players were present but I am proud of the ones who were. Kathy Howell, Marilyn Laxton Jeffers, Jackie Laxton Johnson, Wanda Heidel Turner, Nina Heidel, and Coach Marynell

Meadors were there for the big celebration (see photo). There were over 150 other players from early teams.

I was honored to have Wanda and Nina in my 8th grade class at Wartburg. They might not remember it but I opened up the gym a few times so they could play basketball. They won the Morgan County Championship that year, 1964.

I am proud of these girls for what they did for women's basketball. They had no scholarships. They played for the love of the game and for Tennessee Tech.  
 Great Girls -

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