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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Well this week marks the University of Tennessee, 2022 Football Season.

Pappy is so happy.

This is his favorite time of year!

These "Volunteers" sure do wear funny looking hats. They all have really big shoulders and shoes with funny looking bottoms. Don't get me started on the weird shaped ball. How is a ball that is fat in the middle and pointed on the sides supposed to bounce? Maybe, that's why they kick it instead of dribbling it.

It sure does seem like it can be thrown a lot further than a basketball, too. The field goal posts they kick it through are a lot wider than the small net that they throw the basketball ball in. It also, doesn't make the swoosh sound when it goes through the posts.

Football seems like it would be painful. All the kicking and tackling. The guys that play it are HUGE and they land on each other all the time. Are they made of rubber or some-

thing?

They play on this big field with lines and numbers. The people who make the numbers can only count by 10 and only up to 50, then back down to 10. What's up with that?

For some reason UT also has giant, orange and white checker boards on each end of the field. Never saw them play checkers, though.

They also have this magical song called Rocky Top that is played by a marching people playing instruments, called Pride of the South Land Band.

The color that I see everywhere during this Football time is, Big Orange. Pappy must like it, cause he says GO BIG ORANGE a



lot.

Then there is this doggie-dude named Smokey. He has long black ears and howls, when he woofs. He seems cool. He isn't as cool as my Mr Murphy, though.

WEEKLY WEATHER



Table with 4 columns: Day, Temperature, and Weather icon. Rows for Tue 30, Wed 31, Thu 01, Fri 02, Sat 03, Sun 04, Mon 05.



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

September 9 Oakdale Library will have an online auction September 9-11. To donate items, email oakdalepubliclibrary@gmail.com Oakdale Library News We are getting back into the swing of the school year. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our summer reading programs. Special thanks goes to Save the Children for their generous grant, as well as TN State Library for granting us a free virtual tour of Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies. The following businesses also donated

- coupons or items: Wendy's of Harriman Taco Bell of Wartburg Buff City Soap on Parkside Drive Pine Orchard Baptist Church Cracker Barrel of Harriman TN Valley Fair AMSE Smokies Baseball Shoney's of Harriman Top Jump/ Top Golf WonderWorks

BINGO for adults is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 - 11:30.

Our current hours are Monday 10:30-3:00, Tuesday 3:00-7:30, and Wednesday 9:00-12:00.

100 Days of Reading continues through September 8 Please submit children's reading logs to win prizes. Logs can be dropped off at the library, delivered via Facebook messenger or by email oakdalepubliclibrary@gmail.com

The Oakdale Public Library is having its 2nd Annual Online Auction Sept. 9-11. Items and vouchers from local businesses and individuals are now being accepted. Please

send a message through facebook or email if you have anything you'd like to donate, or come see us at the library.

Library hours are Monday 10:30 - 3:00, Tuesday 3:00 - 7:30 and Wednesday 9:00 - 12:00

BENEFIT 'BAR-B-QUE DINNER' Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 12:00-Sold Out UNCLE MATT'S PULLED PORK OR CHICKEN SANDWICH With Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips, Dessert, Drink (Tea, Punch, or Coffee)\$10.00 adult \$8.00 children Sandwich and Chips \$7.00 DOOR PRIZES AVAILABLE Dine-in, Carryout, or Delivery call 423-965-5000 before 10:30am for delivery within a 5 mile radius of Deer Lodge COME - enjoy a good meal with friends WHILE SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY! Proceeds go for upkeep and maintenance of the Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center

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



## In Loving Memory

### Alice Fowler Brown, 85

Alice Fowler Brown, age 85 passed away at her home in Deer Lodge on August 21, 2022. She retired from Bell South and AT&T after 35 years of service.



She is preceded in death by her husband Leamon Brown of 63 years; parents Charlie & Ella Folwer; sister Dolores Mullins; brother Luther, Tom and Bud Fowler.

She is survived by her sister Bonneta Brown of Deer Lodge and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Deer Lodge.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Union Grove Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Alice Fowler Brown.

### Kenneth (Kenny) Wayne Lemmons, 64

Kenneth (Kenny) Wayne Lemmons, age 64, passed away August 24, 2022. He was born on June 11, 1958.



He is preceded in death by his father James (J.B.) Lemmons; brothers Eddie and Don Lemmons; brother-in-law Johnny Bowlin; son-in-law Jack Gregg; grandson Jakob Gregg, Tonya Lawson, and Becky Gilmore.

He is survived by his mother Betty Lemmons; son Jeremy (Sally) Lemmons; step daughter Tabby Gregg; bonus daughter Kristy Ogle; sister Karen (Terry) Lawon, Darlene Bowling; brother Jamie Lemmons; sister-in-law Angie and Cathy Lemmons; grandchildren Angelica (Christian) Hooks, Ethan Lemmons (Ryland Shipman), Jamison Lemmons, and Bradly Miller; great grandchildren Paisley and Everleigh and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; special friends Jeff & Saw Adkisson, Randy Turpin, Ted Lowe, Gary Lively, Sandi Williams, Glenna Brandenburg, Amy Ogle and Sherry Fos-

ter. Along with all his friends from the racing community.

Kenny loved anything to do with racing. He drove in the pony division at Spring City and Wartburg speedway in a baby blue/yellow mustang with the #33 on the side. Getting to spend time enjoying what he loved with his brothers, grandkids, and special friends is something he enjoyed every weekend. He was inducted into the Wartburg Speedway Hall of Fame in 2021. He cherished that moment until his last breath. Proud was an understatement! Well known and well loved by the racing community on and off the track!

The family will receive friends Friday, August 26, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 6:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Petros Cemetery behind the Church of God.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kenneth (Kenny) Wayne Lemmons.

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

### In Loving Memory

#### Millard Randy Shepherd

July 29, 1985 was a day that we will never forget. It was the day that robbed us of our brother, nephew, uncle, friend, and son, Millard Randy Shepherd.

That day also stole our innocence. Our belief that the world is good and that nothing bad happens to children



or people that have done no wrong, was ripped away from our family. When that bullet took you from us, our world was torn apart. Though we tried to put the pieces back together, one piece will always be missing. One voice will never be heard again. A child will never know what it was like to go on a date, graduate high school, have a job, get married, hold his own babies. He will never know how much he mattered. How much he was loved. How much he is missed.

He was funny, kind, loving and a little bit of a pest. You know, little brothers are supposed to be. He was a protector. He wasn't afraid to stand for what was right. He would fall asleep at night praying. He was an over-comer, a fighter.

He was on his way to being a good man. He loved his family, his bike, and his little monkey "Charlie." Who would he be today?

He would have been a man now. He wanted to be a trucker, just like his daddy. He would have a wife, children, and grandchildren.

He would be 51, on August 13.

Happy Birthday in Heaven Randy Shepherd. We will never forget you. You are still loved. Still remembered. Still missed. Your life still matters.

#### NOTICE

#### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of its Bylaws, the Board of Directors for Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. would like to invite its membership and the news media to attend a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on Monday, August 29, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Headquarters Building in Sunbright, Tennessee. You are cordially invited to attend and share with the Board your comments or concerns.

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No.: ARPA 1

Owner: City of Sunbright

Separate sealed bids for City of Sunbright for purchase of a Garbage truck will be received by the City at the office of the Mayor until 10:00 A.M., September 14, 2022, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, bearing on the outside the name and address of the Bidder and the name of the project: "Garbage Truck Bid." If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope must be enclosed in another envelope.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined or obtained at the following location:

City of Sunbright  
120 Melton Drive  
P.O. Box 188,  
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(423) 628-2832

This project is supported, in whole or in part, by funds awarded to the City of Sunbright by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The City of Sunbright is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City of Sunbright prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, in the admissions or access to, or treatment, or employment in its programs or activities.

The 84th Annual Pine Orchard Community Fair will be held on Saturday, September 10th at the Pine Orchard Community Center in Oakdale. This year's event will feature the 4H Chick Chain Show at 9am and the Chick Chain sale at 11:30 am. The kitchen will open at 11am. Brushy Mountain Cornhole will host a cornhole tournament at 12. Craft vendors and live music throughout the day and special guest Ethan Lively will take the stage at 4pm. Closing event will start around 6:30 pm. Please make plans to join us for a day of fun and fellowship.

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There shall be no discrimination in the hiring & employment procedures of the Head Start Program based on handicap, race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age or other consideration.

If you qualify & are interested in the position, pick up an application at the Head Start office located at 105 Longview Drive, Wartburg. Applications will be accepted until Friday, September 2nd at Noon. MCHS is an Equal Opportunity Provider & Employer.

Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b>	Case Number <u>P-17-22</u>
In the matter of the Estate of <u>ROSS O. HOWARD</u> Deceased		

Notice is hereby given that on the 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2022, Letters of TESTAMENTARY in respect to the Estate of ROSS O. HOWARD who died on the 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2021, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

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

This the 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2022.

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# Rusty Wallace Ice Cream Truck Serves Kids at Boys and Girls Club

Over 150 Scott County Boys and Girls Club kids were treated to a visit by the Rusty Wallace Auto Group ice cream truck last Thursday, August 25, and the key words here: “Free Ice Cream!”

With Rusty Wallace KIA General Manager Jake Bull and Rusty Wallace Honda GM Chad Campbell handing out a variety of free treats- from Mayfield Fudgesicles to Icee Mystery Flavor pops to Bomb Pops- to over 150 kids, plus a few adults, everyone present at the Boys and Girls Club of the Upper Cumberland in Scott County had a wonderful time.

The Rusty Wallace Ice Cream Mobile just recently traveled to Campbell County, serving free frozen treats to dozens of kids at a church event, and this time the truck turned its atten-

tion to Scott County. And, the kids of the Boys and Girls Club were excited to be the destination. One Club Kid, Christian, said, “Those guys at Rusty Wallace have been really good to us. They just sponsored our Hall of Fame Dinner, and now they’re bringing us free ice cream. How can you beat that !”

Jake Bull said, “We have such a great time with these wonderful kids and this Boys and Girls Club. We love doing anything we can for them. It blesses us to be able to be here today.”

Chad Campbell added, “God has blessed us by giving us an opportunity to meet and get to know these great kids.”

Together, in unison as they kept handing out ice cream, both Bull and Campbell exclaimed, “We love these kids!”



## A King's Ransom: Chapter 13: Part 2



**Carol Hall**  
Author

"At least with the place being dark, no one will see us here," Nicodemus said, snuggling down into the folds of Bronwyn's skirt. "We should be safe for the night, right?"

Bronwyn ran her finger down his back, petting him. "Yes, I hope so," she said. "It's quiet, too. If any soldiers come through the area, we should be able to hear them before they reach this house."

A soft thump sounded at the window.

Bronwyn looked over thinking it was Theobold returning. But it wasn't Theobold. Instead, a small shadow sat on the sill.

All at once, a low growl came from the shadow.

Then a series of spits and hisses followed.

Nicodemus stiffened under Bronwyn's hand. "Bronwyn?" he asked, fear in his voice. "What is that?"

Before she could answer, the cat pounced from the window pane and landed in Bronwyn's lap, its claws extended.

Nicodemus was pinned under the cat's front paws while it hissed and meowed, tearing at the fabric of Bronwyn's skirt.

Nicodemus screamed and wriggled his way deeper into the folds of material.

Bronwyn swatted at the cat, slapping it with the back of her hand. "Get off me, you mangy beast!" she yelled.

The cat sprang off her lap, but landed only a foot away from her. Its yowling and growling growing in intensity.

Not waiting to be attacked again, Nicodemus flew off Bronwyn's lap and vaulted himself onto the wooden slats of the wall next to the fireplace.

The cat screeched and lunged at the wall, right where Nicodemus was sitting.

Nicodemus's loud, piercing scream hurt Bronwyn's ears. "Run, Nicodemus!" she shouted. Bronwyn jumped to her feet and tried seizing the cat by its neck, but the animal was in hunting mode and would not allow itself to be caught.

Side-winding its way out of her reach, the feline continued its pursuit of Nicodemus.

Bronwyn couldn't see where Nicodemus was due to the darkness, but by his screams and the ferociousness of the cat's hisses and meows, she was able to follow the progress of the chase around the room.

"Nicodemus!" she cried, hysterically. "Are you ok?"

"Nooooo," he shrieked back at her. "Get this wild, crazy fur ball off me!"

Just then, Theobold came bustling back into the house. "What's going on in here?" he demanded.

"A cat's chasing Nicodemus!" Bronwyn cried.

Without another word, Theobold picked up a broom from the corner of the room and thrust it toward Bronwyn. "Shoo the cat off your brother with this," he told her.

Nicodemus was still screaming and hollering for Bronwyn to rescue him.

The cat kept running up the wall as far as it could, trying to reach Nicodemus, who was now clinging upside down from the thatched roof.

Bronwyn snatched the broom out of Theobold's hand. She wasted no time in locating the cat and swinging the broom at it as hard as she could. "Go away," she screamed. "Leave him alone!"

When the broom made contact with the cat, it let out a long, mournful meow and took off out the door, disappearing into the night.

"Nicodemus?" Bronwyn called out to him. "Are you ok?"

"No, Bronwyn, I'm not," he whimpered. "What was that thing? And why was it trying to eat me?"

"That was my cat, Barto," Theobold said, turning his head in all directions trying to figure out where Nicodemus's voice was coming from. "He usually only acts that way around spiders. I don't understand why he was after you, Nicodemus."

"It's safe, Nicodemus," Bronwyn said, soothingly. "You can come down now."

"Come down? Where is he?" Theobold asked.

"He's up on the ceiling," Bronwyn said, without thinking.

"How did he get up there?" Theobold asked.

"He climbed," Bronwyn said.

The realization of her words hit her at that moment.

"He climbed? How?" Theobold asked, stunned.

"We need to confess something to you, Theobold," Bronwyn said, feeling ashamed of herself for lying to a blind man who was doing so much to help them.

"Confess what?" Theobold asked, suspiciously. "What's this all about?"

"Nicodemus, come down here," Bronwyn said.

Nicodemus dropped down onto her shoulder from his place on the roof. "I'm here," he said, trembling.

"Are you ok?" Bronwyn asked concerned, reaching up to rub his back with her fingers.

"Yes," Nicodemus sobbed. "But I was so scared! I thought it was going to eat me."

"You're ok, now," Bronwyn said, soothing him.

Nicodemus sniffed. "It was horrible, Bronwyn. I almost died."

"But you didn't," Bronwyn said. "You're safe, now."

Nicodemus nestled up against her neck. His body still shaking from the traumatic experience.

"Theobold," Bronwyn said, turning her attention back to the old man. "Nicodemus isn't really my brother. He's a spider."

"He's a what?" Theobold asked, clearly not believing her. "A spider? What's this all about? What are you playing at?"

"He's a special kind of spider, sir," Bronwyn said. "I met him in the castle. He can talk and think like we do."

"Are you making fun of an old, blind man?" Theobold asked, his voice sounding angry. "Is that what this is all about?"

"No, sir," Bronwyn said, adamantly. "I'm telling you the truth. Reach out your hand. I'll prove it to you."

"Bronwyn, I don't like this idea," Nicodemus said, nervously. "What if he freaks out and squashes me?"

"Theobold, are you afraid of spiders?" Bronwyn asked.

"No, not at all," Theobold said. "I'm not even sure what they look like, truth be told."

"If you'll hold out your hand, I'll place Nicodemus in your palm," Bronwyn said. "You have to promise to be very gentle with him, though."

"Of course," Theobold said. "I won't hurt him."

Bronwyn was surprised at how willing and trusting Theobold was being. For not being able to see, he was putting a lot of stock into what she was telling him.

Theobold held out his wrinkly, twisted hand, palm side up.

"I'm not liking this, Bronwyn," Nicodemus said, again. "I'm very uncomfortable with the whole idea of letting him hold me. What if he drops me, or clenches his fist around me and flattens me?"

"I'll be right here," Bronwyn said. "I won't let anything happen to you."

"Ohhhh," Nicodemus moaned. "Ok, but if I die, I'm coming back to haunt you."

Bronwyn laughed. "You'd better."

Bronwyn extended her arm until her hand was under Theobold's. "Ok, Nicodemus," she said. "Go ahead and walk onto his palm."

Nicodemus took one tentative step after another down her arm until he placed his first foot onto Theobold's hand.

"Oh, ha ha!" Theobold laughed. "That tickles."

Nicodemus walked into the center of Theobold's hand and squatted down.

"He doesn't weigh much, does he?" Theobold asked, intrigued.

"No, he's quite light," Bronwyn said, smiling. "You can pet him. He's facing you, so gently rub your finger down his back toward me."

Bronwyn reached out and took Theobold's hand and guided him where to touch.

Theobold ran a knobby finger down Nicodemus's back.

"Oh my, he's fuzzy," Theobold said, sounding amazed. Using his thumb and forefinger, he felt over every inch of Nicodemus's body.

"He he he," Nicodemus giggled when Theobold rubbed over one of his legs. "That tickles."

"I never imagined a spider could be so cute and fun," Theobold said. "No wonder you wanted to keep him."

Bronwyn laughed. "I didn't have a choice," she said. "He was determined to come with me, no matter what."

"Can I play with him for a while?" Theobold asked.

"Is that ok with you, Nicodemus?" Bronwyn asked, amused.

"Yep!" Nicodemus answered, happily. "I like him. He pets me."

"You two enjoy yourselves, then," Bronwyn said. "I'm whooped. I'm going to go lay down."

"You'll find a spare blanket on the foot of the bed," Theobold said. "Feel free to use it."

Bronwyn felt around on the bed until she located the blanket. Unfolding it, she laid it out on the floor next to the fireplace.

Dropping down on top of it, she stretched out and got comfortable.

In the darkness she could hear Theobold and Nicodemus talking in low voices and giggling back and forth.

After several long minutes, Theobold shuffled his way over to where she lay.

"Hey, Bronwyn?" he asked. "Would it be ok if Nicodemus slept with me tonight?"

"Uh...yeah...sure," Bronwyn said. "If he wants to."

"Thank you," Theobold said. "He's so much fun to talk to!"

"Yeah, whatever you say," Bronwyn mumbled.

She had to admit she wasn't too happy with the idea of Nicodemus sleeping with Theobold. He was supposed to sleep with her. Was she feeling jealous? Yes. She supposed she was. Nicodemus was her companion. Her friend. And she wasn't too thrilled with having to share him.

Snorting out her discontentment, she rolled over onto her side with her back to the two of them and tried to go to sleep. She was exhausted, but her mind wouldn't let her rest. She kept hearing little snippets of the conversation between Nicodemus and Theobold. They sounded like they were having a great time. Well...good for them, then.

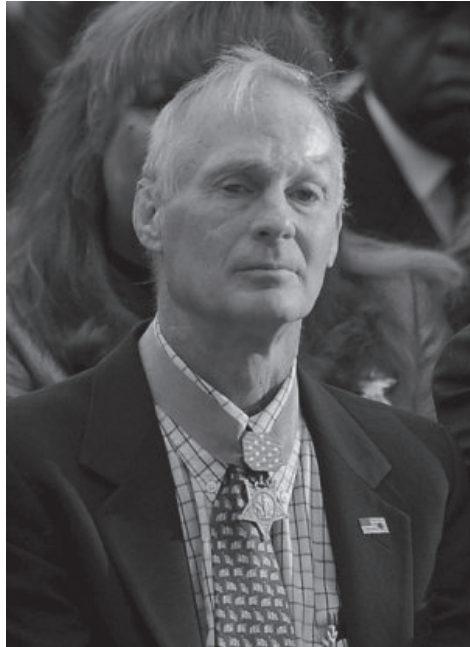
She folded the blanket over her head and flattened it down on her ear to help drown out their chatter.

Before long, she was sound asleep.



# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Navy veteran Lieutenant Thomas Rolland Norris served honorably in the Vietnam War while assigned to the Strategic Technical Directorate Assistance Team, SEAL Advisor, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Headquarters.



On March 6, 1976 Lieutenant Norris was presented with the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Gerald R. Ford.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: Lt. Norris completed an unprecedented ground rescue of two downed pilots deep within heavily controlled enemy territory in Quang Tri Province. Lt. Norris, on the night of 10 April, led a five-man patrol through 2,000 meters of heavily controlled territory, located one of the downed pilots at daybreak, and returned to the Forward Operating Base (FOB). On 11 April, after a devastating mortar and rocket attack on the small FOB, Lt. Norris led a three-man team



on two unsuccessful rescue attempts for the second pilot. On the afternoon of the 12th, a forward air controller located the pilot and notified Lt. Norris. Dressed in fishermen disguises and using a sampan, Lt. Norris and one Vietnamese traveled throughout the night and found the injured pilot at dawn. Covering the pilot with bamboo and

vegetation, they began the return journey, successfully evading a North Vietnamese patrol. Approaching the FOB, they came under heavy machine-gun fire. Lt. Norris called in an air strike which provided suppression fire and a smoke screen, allowing the rescue party to reach the FOB. By his outstanding display of decisive leadership, undaunted courage, and selfless dedication in the face of extreme danger, Lt. Norris enhanced the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval service.

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

With heavy hearts we honor Sergeant Harold Lee Russell II of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and Detective Matthew Walker Blansett of the Marion County Sheriff's Department, TN who were both killed in a tragic helicopter accident on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

While in search of a missing person their Tennessee Highway Patrol Bell 206 helicopter struck a high-tension power line and crashed into a wooded area near mile marker 163 adjacent to I-24 and SR-134 on Aetna Mountain in Marion County, TN.

Sergeant Russell had served with the Tennessee Highway Patrol for twelve years and was assigned to the Special Operations Aviation Unit. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter, parents, brother, and grandmother.

Detective Blansett served with the Marion County Sheriff's Department for twenty years and also served as a Marion County Commissioner. He is survived by his wife and two sons.



# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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 \* This week we offer a hodgepodge of tips. Here's one of my favorites: Use kitchen tongs to retrieve an item that is stuck behind a heavy piece of furniture. It is much easier than trying to move the couch. -- Jo Ann

\* "To save money on going out to eat, we purchase gift cards at the local warehouse club we belong to. It's usually 10% or 15% below face value, but that helps with the tip and tax." -- E.S. in Missouri

\* "Old suitcases (hard-sided ones) are really fun holders for craft supplies. You can use hook and loop tape to secure smaller containers to the inside lining. This has worked well for my scrapbooking supplies. They are easy to carry from room to room." -- L.A. in Georgia

\* If you have too many suds in the sink (or the tub), try pouring salt on the suds. They die down and can be

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* The "Josh Fight," started in 2021 by Josh Swain after he discovered a number of other folks on social media who shared his moniker, is an event held in Lincoln, Nebraska, in which hundreds of people named Josh duel with pool noodles to crown the "Ultimate Josh." To date, the event has raised over \$20,000 for charity.

\* In the 1970s, American Kitchen Foods, Inc., perhaps inspired by a picky young eater at home, tried disguising peas in a fry-shaped form with a product called "I hate peas."

\* Sea urchins acquired their name from hedgehogs, which were known as urchins until about the 15th century ...

meaning, of course, that sea urchins are therefore essentially ocean hedgehogs.

\* Prior to 1998, it was illegal in Victoria, Australia, to change a lightbulb unless you were a licensed electrician.

\* Before you embark upon a detox regimen, you might consider this: In 2007, an advocacy group called Sense About Science reached out to the manufacturers of 15 so-called detox products and discovered that not one could come up with a definition of what they really meant by "detox."

\* Titanic director James Cameron drew that famous nude sketch of Rose in the film. (Kate Winslet wore a swimsuit for the scene.)

washed away without creating more suds.

\* "We attached an over-the-door plastic shoe organizer to the back of our pantry door. The slots that are reachable by the kids hold healthy, single-serving snacks for the morning, to include in lunches or for after-school snacking. It's easy and the kids have choices!" -- M.M. in West Virginia

\* Trying to lose weight? Many of us eat portions that are waaaaay too much. Try using a smaller size plate, or one with a border around it. Studies show that people who do so serve themselves less food and still feel satisfied.

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

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\* The Hair Museum of Avanos, located beneath Chez Galip's pottery shop in Cappadocia, Turkey, is filled with hair samples from over 16,000 women from around the world.

\* Dolly Parton once offered 7th- and 8th-graders in her hometown of Sevierville, Tennessee, a gift of \$500 if they graduated from high school, reducing the dropout rate from 30% to 6%.

\* "Poecilonym" is a synonym for the word synonym.

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Thought for the Day: "If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor." -- Eleanor Roosevelt

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

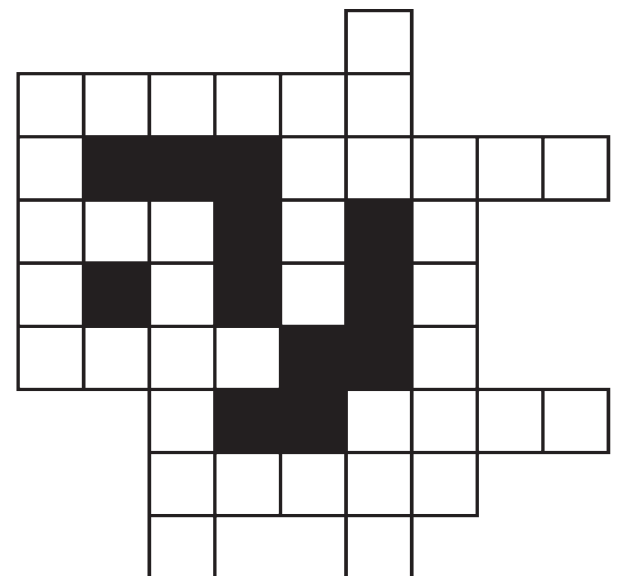
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| 27 Say                           | er                    | 6 Loose               | 32 Deep-fried frank   |
| 29 Elk's horn                    | 52 Paris summer       | news-paper            | 33 Pie — mode         |
| 31 Wheel cover                   | 53 Flamenco cheer     | 7 Gloomy              | 34 Zing               |
| 35 Playful sea critter           | 54 Cat calls?         | 8 Have                | 36 Acted badly?       |
| 37 Only                          | 55 Shelter            | 9 Sci-fi visitor      | 38 Caravan beast      |
| 38 Barber's tools                | 56 Slugger Williams   | 10 Column style       | 39 Emulate Lincoln    |
| 41 Aug. and Sept.                | 57 Actress Debra      | 11 A son of Jacob     | 40 Donnybrook         |
| 43 Knock                         |                       | 17 Book jacket promos | 42 Batter's dry spell |
| 44 Region                        | <b>DOWN</b>           | 19 Sudden gush        | 45 Big wind           |
| 45 Halloween sprite              | 1 Bar bill            | 21 Unpaid TV ad       | 46 Notion             |
| 47 Young shopping center regular | 2 One — kind          | 22 Hostel             | 48 Decay              |
| 49 Milk dispens-                 | 3 Villanova athlete   | 24 Little, in Lille   | 50 Ram's ma'am        |
|                                  | 4 Gaelic              | 26 Worldwide          | 51 Trio after Q       |
|                                  | 5 "Blue" singer Rimes | 28 Pulsate            |                       |
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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

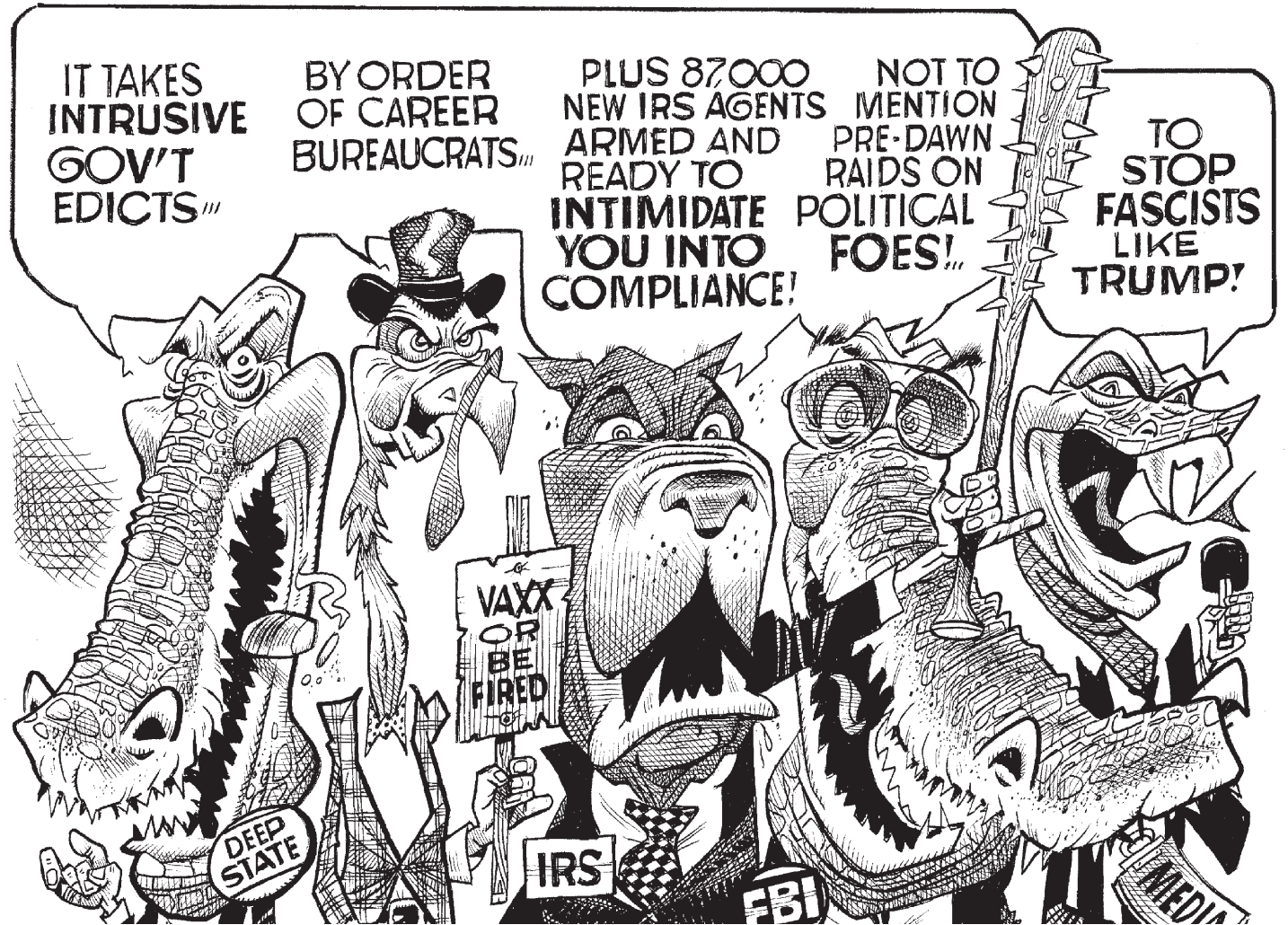
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Judges in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What sin did Paul tell the Thessalonians was likely to occur at night? *Thievery, Idolizing, Adultery, Drunkenness*
3. From Matthew 7, what did Jesus warn against throwing to pigs? *Bones, Stones, Figs, Pearls*
4. Who was the first man to experience physical death? *Adam, Abel, Aaron, Abraham*
5. Who was the first Christian stoned to death? *Naboth, Stephen, Zechariah, Paul*
6. How many sons did Isaac have? *2, 4, 6, 8*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Drunkenness, 3) Pearls, 4) Abel, 5) Stephen, 6) 2

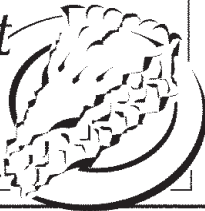
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## Comfort foods

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### Summer Mexican Pasta Salad

Brown-bagging it? Pack this in your lunchbox, and you'll almost think you traveled to Mexico on your lunch break.

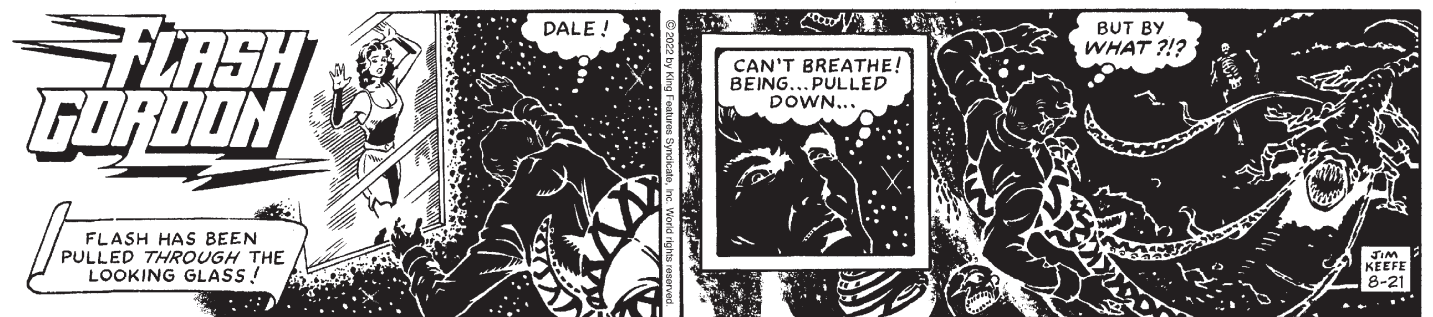
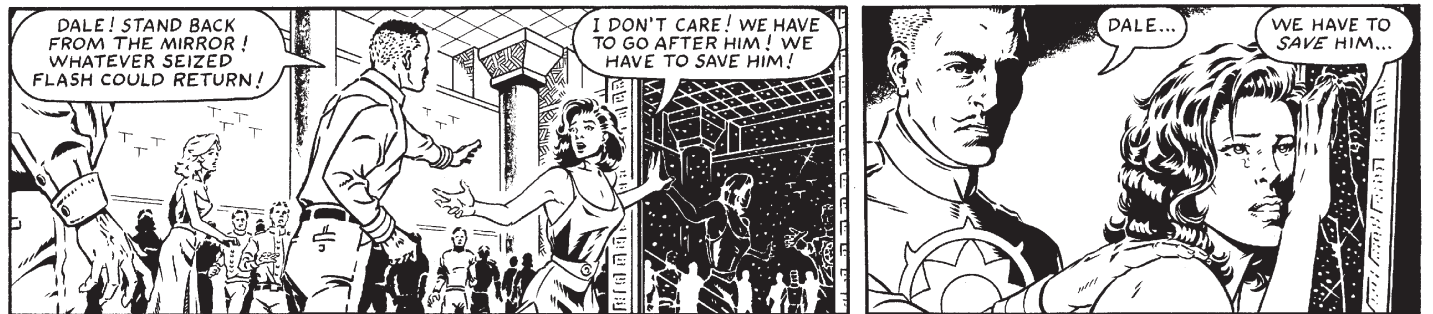
- 2 cups cooked rotini pasta, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup unpeeled and diced fresh tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped red pepper
- 3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup fat-free Catalina dressing
- 2 tablespoons fat-free mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon chili seasoning

1. In a large bowl, combine rotini pasta, tomato, green pepper, onion and Cheddar cheese. In a small bowl, combine Catalina dressing, mayonnaise, parsley flakes and chili seasoning. Add dressing mixture to pasta mixture.

2. Toss gently to combine. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Gently stir again just before serving. Makes 4 (1 cup) servings.

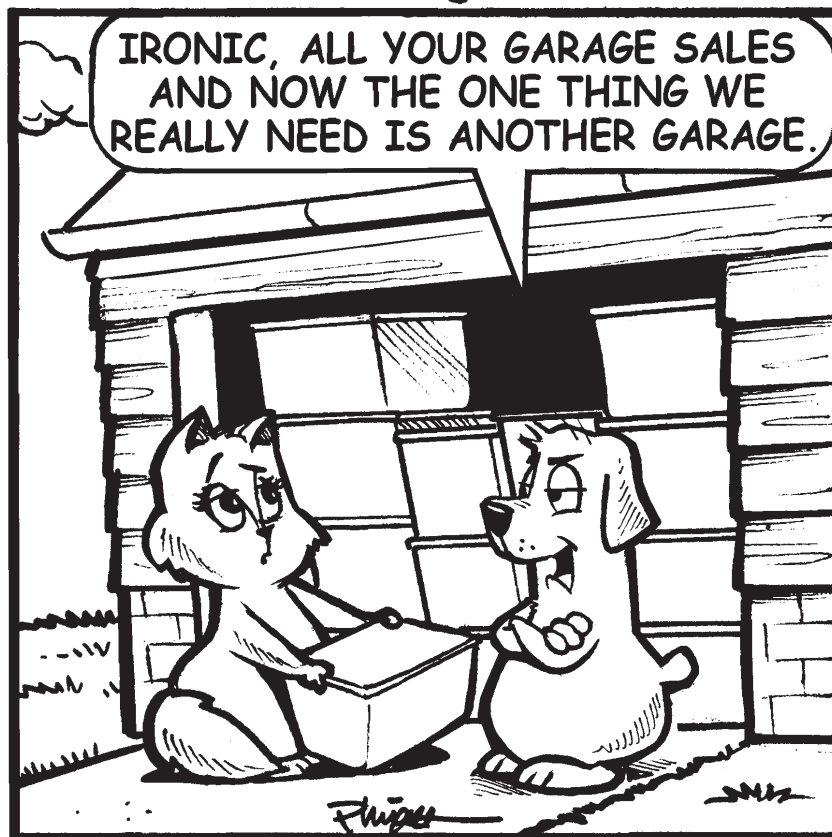
• Each serving equals: 220 calories, 4g fat, 10g protein, 36g carb., 603mg sodium, 3g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Meat, 1 Vegetable.

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## No, Liz Cheney isn't Abraham Lincoln

"It's a slip, not a fall," Abraham Lincoln said after his loss in his legendary 1858 Illinois Senate contest against Stephen Douglas.

Liz Cheney apparently has the same attitude after her nearly 40-point wipeout in her primary last week. In lieu of a traditional concession speech, the Wyoming congresswoman and daughter of the former vice president delivered a picturesque, made-for-TV call to arms invoking Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant.

Cheney had a choice after Jan. 6 between political viability, which would have involved modulating her outrage over Trump's "Stop the Steal" campaign, or political self-immolation. She chose a spectacular act of immolation -- illuminating the night sky like the nuclear reactor at the outset of the HBO miniseries "Chernobyl."

Hers was an admirable loss. It is rare that any elected official is willing to sacrifice his or her office over a matter of deeply felt principle.

That said, she has undoubtedly cut herself off from the possibility of having a positive influence on the direction of the Republican Party via electoral politics, no matter how much she might want to think of her defeat as 1858 redux.

Lincoln's run against Douglas for the Senate wasn't a suicide mission. He came very close to winning and represented a rising political movement. His subsequent bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 1860 was a long shot, but he was a serious figure who had gained a national reputation and was comfortably in the middle of his party's consensus.

Cheney, a pariah within her own party, is differently situated. Plus, strategically and temperamentally, she is not Lincolnian.

Although he had firm principles, Lincoln was always a political pragmatist and fundamentally a party man willing to maneuver as necessary. Cheney's post-Jan. 6 approach bears less resemblance to Lincoln's than to that of William Lloyd Garrison, the uncompromising abolitionist publisher who took unabashedly radical and unpopular positions and expected the world to move toward him.

As it happens, the world did move toward Garrison, but in the meantime, he wasn't running for office.

There is zero case for Cheney attempting to go from the role of prophet without honor within her party to Republican vote-getter again.

It's difficult to overstate the magnitude of Cheney's collapse. She went from winning her primary with 73% of the vote in 2020, to garnering a mere 29% that was heavily dependent on Democratic crossover votes.

Cheney's alienation from her party is likely to build on itself. Already, she has said that she'd "find it very difficult" to support Gov. Ron DeSantis, the leading Republican alternative to Trump. In so doing, she is identifying herself with a fraction of a fraction of the party that is so small it is all but nonexistent.

Even if Cheney ran in the 2024 primary and got some traction, she'd only be taking voters from some other more viable alternative to Trump.

An independent run wouldn't make any more sense. Again, if Cheney became a factor, the chances are that she'd be a place for Republicans repulsed by Trump to park their votes rather than go all the way to Biden. Just as with a prospective primary run, she'd be helping Trump at the margins.

Captain Ahab may have made a few mistakes in judgment in his stewardship of the Pequod, but at least he never allowed himself to affirmatively assist his great adversary, the White Whale.

One thing that's been remarkable about Cheney's performance the last couple of years is how apparently clear-eyed she's been about what it means for her future in the House of Representatives, namely that she wouldn't have one. In contrast, a presidential run of any sort would be giving in to delusion. If Lincoln was dogged, he was never fanciful. Cheney should realize that she's taken a path that, whatever its other advantages, doesn't end in electoral vindication.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Make Yummy Brownies in a Waffle Iron

Looking for an easy, last-minute, chocolate-y dessert idea that doesn't require heating up the oven on a hot September day? Here's a clever idea you and your kids will enjoy: Make yummy homemade brownies in a waffle iron. Then, top them with fresh seasonal fruit like raspberries or scoop some vanilla ice cream on top. Yum!

Here's how to make the kid-pleasing, all-American chocolate treat in this off-kilter way:

#### BROWNIES IN A WAFFLE IRON

(Makes four 7-inch round waffles)

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Dash of salt

1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, melted

2 eggs, slightly beaten

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Melt butter and cool. In a mixing bowl, let your kids measure and combine the flour, cocoa powder, sugar, baking powder and salt. In another bowl, combine the butter, eggs and vanilla.

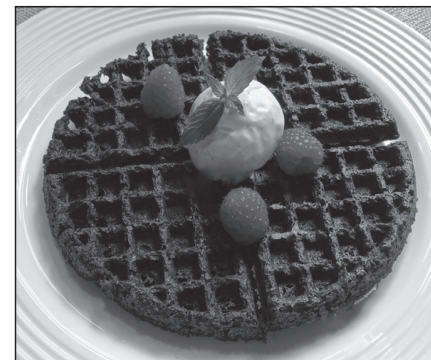
Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and stir with a big spoon until combined, being careful not to

overmix, as it will be a thick consistency.

Generously spray or brush a waffle iron with oil, and set on medium heat. When ready, an adult may spoon some of the brownie mixture onto the waffle iron. I use an ice cream scoop. Vary the amount according to the size of your waffle iron so that it doesn't spill over the sides when closed.

When the batter is baked (our family likes them crispy on the outside), carefully remove the "waffle brownie" out of the waffle iron with a spatula, and cool slightly on a rack or plate.

To serve: Sprinkle serving portions of a warm waffle brownie with sifted confectioner's sugar, raspberries, a scoop of vanilla ice cream or fudge sauce.



A homemade waffle brownie makes for a tasty chocolate treat.

Store leftover brownies in an airtight container or in your freezer.

Shortcut idea: Use your favorite commercial brownie mix. I used the family-size Pillsbury chocolate fudge brownie mix for delicious results.

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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

### Burn Pits and the PACT Act

The Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, also known as the PACT Act, is intended to provide benefits and health care to veterans who were exposed to toxins and the subsequent illnesses from those toxins. We're talking about burn pits and other airborne substances.

The list of presumptive illnesses will expand over the next several years to include brain cancer, gastrointestinal cancer of any type, glioblastoma, head cancer of any type, kidney cancer, lymphatic cancer of any type, lymphoma of any type, melanoma, neck cancer, pancreatic cancer, reproductive cancer of any type, respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type, asthma that was diagnosed after service, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), chronic rhinitis, chronic sinusitis, constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis, emphysema, granulomatous disease, interstitial lung disease (ILD), pleuritis and pulmonary fibrosis, and sarcoidosis.

"Presumptive" means that if you have those conditions, and if you served in the designated locations during the specific time periods, it's understood that your service caused the illnesses.

You don't need to prove it.

The act adds additional locations for Agent Orange exposure for Vietnam-era veterans, including American Samoa, Cambodia, Guam, Laos, Thailand and Johnston Atoll, all during specific dates. Remember: Sometimes just being on a ship that called at those locations will qualify you.

If you were a post-9/11 combat veteran, your eligibility to enroll in Veterans Affairs health care is extended from five years to 10 years.

And, in a big move, the act requires the VA to do a toxic exposure screening on each and every veteran using VA health care.

For more information about eligibility for care under the PACT Act, go to [www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits](http://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits). You'll find eligible locations listed there.

You can also call 800-698-2411 or file online at [va.gov](http://va.gov) using VA Form 21-526EZ.

Even if you think you don't qualify for PACT benefits, enroll anyway in VA health care. Get a record going so it's there in the future should you need it.

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Mike Bryant Named New Purchasing Director of Lumber King

*Lumber King Names Bryant as Purchasing Director*

Mike Bryant, formerly the Manager of the Mt. Vernon Lumber King store location, has recently made the promotional transition into a new role as Purchasing Director for the organization. In this role, Mike is responsible for purchasing all lumber, building materials, and commodities for all five Lumber King locations. This includes purchasing on the retail side of things, working with vendors to help solidify buy-in opportunities, and in developing relationships with team members and the community through customer appreciation events.

Mike possesses over five years of experience at Lumber King, and will be celebrating his sixth anniversary with the company in December. While serving as the Manager of the Mt. Vernon store, he was in charge of day-to-day operations, which involved everything from buying materials and other inventory to ensuring employees were collaborating with each other well and offering customers quality service. Being at the store level as a manager and being promoted to this new job has allowed Mike to “structure the way I do things in purchasing to help alleviate added tasks that the store managers may not have time to do. They’re still controlling their inventory, but I can gather everything they need, get the best price, and handle logistics. I know how valuable time is at the store level, and if this allows them to spend more time with their employees and customers, then I know I’m doing exactly what I’m supposed to do; that’s what this job is all about.”

When asked about Lumber King, Mike said, “Lumber King, to me, is a very family-oriented business. It’s a very rare business in that we are employee-owned, and we’re very close. We have the best people in the industry in their respective positions. This is a job that I’ve been looking for for most of my career, and I’m so glad to have found it and am grateful to be a part of this family.” Moving forward, Bryant’s goals are to “continue purchasing quality products at profitable prices, so that Lumber King and the communities it serves can grow and prosper.”

Lumber King is an ESOP building supplier serving the cities of Oneida, TN, and Whitley City, Somerset, Mt. Vernon, and Danville, KY. Specializing in lumber and other building materials, truss design, paint supplies, lawn care, and more, the company brings high quality goods and services to their communities and beyond. For more information, visit their website at [www.lumberking.com](http://www.lumberking.com).



## MCTA will host a Country Music Concert at PaPaw’s Opry Barn in Oakdale on September 24

Oakdale, Tennessee – The Morgan County Tourism Alliance is hosting Ace’s and Eights, a Country Music Concert at PaPaw’s Opry Barn in Oakdale to showcase Morgan County’s contribution to Tennessee’s role of providing the Soundtrack of America. Oakdale is the home of Jazz Great Clarence “King Pleasure” Beeks and there is a Tennessee Music Pathways plaque to commemorate his birthplace and his place in musical history. Past years concerts have featured jazz and country.

Tennessee Music Pathways connects visitors to the people, places and genres that make Tennessee the Soundtrack of America. A statewide driving tour, the Pathways represents hundreds of landmarks across the state and spans seven genres of music: blues, bluegrass, country, gospel, soul, rockabilly and rock ‘n’ roll.

This year’s concert will feature John Overton and The Country Class Band, a Knoxville-based band that has been together for over 15 years and has played over 750 shows in the area. Their set list is comprised of popular songs and radio hits from the classic era of Country music. In addition to music, there will be food available for purchase from the new Italian Restaurant, Luciano’s, which is set to open this fall in Wartburg, in the former Angie’s location. The menu offerings of Spaghetti and Meatballs, Meatball Subs and Lasagna are in keeping with the Spaghetti Western Theme. Beer will be provided by the 62 Ale Trail, comprised of the county’s three breweries: Lilly Pad Hopyard Brewery, MoCo Brewing Project and the Beer Barn.

Early bird discounted tickets to the event are available online and at Tanner’s Historic Cafe during operating hours. The price for Early Bird Tickets are \$20 per person until September 10, 2022. Tickets purchased after September 10 and at the door will be \$25. The event will be held from 6-8 pm on September 24, 2022 at PaPaw’s Opry Barn, 3549 Airport Road, Rockwood, Tennessee 37845.



### ORDINANCE 111-21

#### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SUNBRIGHT, TENNESSEE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 23: “PROCEDURES FOR SLUM CLEARANCE” AND ADOPTING THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY CODE ORDINANCE ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS HEREIN

WHEREAS, THE Board Of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Sunbright have determined that Ordinance 23 is outdated and needs to be repealed ; and

WHEREAS, the MTAS Model code of Property Maintenance regulation complies with applicable Tennessee state statutes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Sunbright that:

**Section 1:** Sunbright Ordinance Number 23: “Procedure For Slum Clearance are hereby repealed.

**Section 2:** The following text is hereby adopted as the City of Sunbright’s Property Maintenance Regulations.

#### TITLE 13

#### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS

#### CHAPTER

1. MISCELLANEOUS
2. SLUM CLERANCE

Municipal code reference  
 Animal Control: title 10.  
 International property maintenance code: title 12.  
 Littering generally: title 11.  
 Littering streets, etc.: ‘16 -107.  
 Wastewater treatment: title 18, chapter 2.

#### MEETING NOTICE TO CITY OF SUNBRIGHT RESIDENTS September 20, 2022 Sunbright Community Center 7 P.M.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet on September 20, 2022 At 7 P.M. at the Community Center for their regular business meeting.

First on the Agenda will be a Detailed discussion of the City’s SLUM ORDINANCE “PROCEDURES FOR SLUM CLEARANCE # 111-21” inside City Limits of Sunbright. We encourage all residents to come to meeting because this pertains to everyone’s property. The City will be enforcing this Ordinance immediately to clean up property that is deemed Slum Property by Ordinance guidelines.

It’s time we take pride in our community and clean up our properties.

Karen Melton,  
 Mayor

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**Mod Mini**

- 1.2B Shane Bullock
- 2.4X Jamie Newport
- 3.17 Daniel Moody
- 4.20G Nikita Wright
- 5.6 David L
- 6.21 Justin Farless
- 7.39R Darrell Ray
- 8.J4 Josh Nelson
- 9.D3 Tyler Phillips
- 10.J18 James Bridenbaker
- 11.8 Brian Frost
- 12.17 Steve Heifner

**Street**

- 151X Pete Wright
- 2.31 Brady Lee
- 3.48 Reagan Williams
- 4.20 Jason Capps
- 5.88 Mike Duncan
- 6.H15 Riley Phillips
- 7.44 Micheal Owenby
- 8.32 Brian Hamby

- 9.18 Dale Brummitt
- 10.51 Lloyd Paxton
- 11.X2 Chris Seiber
- 12.23 Jake Branstetter-DNS

**Dwarf**

- 1.20 Allen Johnathon
- 2.15 David Dunlap
- 3.222 Devin Brown
- 4.28 Wes Jones
- 5.12T Tracey Ooten
- 6.12S Selena Byrge
- 7.187 Casey Clarey
- 8.07N Taylor Nichols
- 9.137 Brian White
- 10.00 Molly Byrge
- 11.21 Mason Ferguson
- 12.92 Nick Hopper
- 13.34 Riley Brown
- 14.01 Ty Bowman
- 15.65 Hayden Huges
- 16.96 Cody Norris
- 17.20 Corey Gallaway
- 18.009 Charlie Short
- 19.45 Dylan Sise

**Late Model**

- 51 Jed Emert
- 2.07 Jason Cardwell
- 3.1G Ryan King
- 4.76 Perry Delaney
- 5.51 Jason Manley
- 6.5 Ronnie Johnson
- 7.44 Chris Marcum
- 8.37 Drew Kennedy
- 9.44 Caleb Marcum
- 10.18 Micheal Rutherford
- 11.71K Jim Rogers
- 12.72 Barrett Lowe
- 13.87 Aurther Walker
- 14.2X Anthony White
- 15.24 Anthony White Jr
- 16.23 Tim Damron
- 17.90J Jason Trammell
- 18.39 Eddie King Jr
- 19.7 Darrick York
- 20.22 Mike Weeks
- 21.21K Addison Cardwell
- 22.00 Ted Lowe

**Sportsman**

- 1.Y3 Jimmy York
  - 2.50 Adam Mitchell
  - 3.22 Jaylon Shannon
  - 4.A1 Brad Adkission
  - 5.777 Eric Jones
  - 6.D5 Coby Jones
  - 7.21 Braxtin Swint
  - 8.5 Scott Cornett
  - 9.15 Lynn Vinsant
  - 10.X5 Brian Byrge
- FWD**
- 1.9K Keven Sexton
  - 2.25 Jordan West
  - 3.46 Cody Rector
  - 4.696 Amos Wicks
  - 5.24 Dylan Johnson
  - 6.2 Jaxan Kanips
  - 7.D3 Isiaha Duncan
  - 8.421 Britton Roxberry
  - 9.315 Jody West
  - 10.K7 Eli Sills
  - 11.7 Nathaniel Brown
  - 12.309X Anthony Rutherford
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# Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

## Would you like to be a guest on The Zack Ballinger Show?

I shared with you my vision of The Zack Ballinger Show over the past year. In case you missed it; I am creating a virtual show that will provide a career resource library on every career pathway in North America. These pathways include both white- and blue-collar careers. The one stipulation for guests is you have to love your current career. I imagine putting together this career library will be a 3-5-year process, but I am definitely committed to the mission of the show.

Colleges and high schools are excited about this future resource. Many college career services directors have expressed positive feedback about this project. I have also interviewed many college students and they agree

something like this would help them right now. I believe high schools and colleges from all around the world will eventually be utilizing this platform as a career development resource. I am currently in the beginning stage with The Zack Ballinger Show, but I feel like this career library will be a tool utilized in colleges across the spectrum.

come from small towns. The stereotype is simply not true. Successful people come from all parts of the United States and for that matter all around the world. My quote is, "Don't let the size of your town limit the size of your dream." As a matter of fact,



**Zack Ballinger**

I know many of my high school friends from Wartburg, TN that have went on to accomplish some pretty amazing achievements in the career.

The Zack Ballinger show may need you or someone you know to help with this mission. Think about your current career. Are you passionate about what you do? Do you love your job and would love to share your passion with others? Do you have a career you're excited about or would love to shine a spotlight on a particular career field? If you answered yes to any of these questions you may be a perfect guest on the show. The show

is virtual. As long as you have a smart phone, computer, or Pad with a camera, I can interview you.

How can I find or listen to The Zack Ballinger Show? The show will have 2 to 3 guests per week on various careers in The United States. You can listen live via YouTube by searching for Zack Ballinger and subscribing. The show is also streamed live on Facebook on [www.facebook.com/thezackballinger](http://www.facebook.com/thezackballinger). What if you want to listen to a podcast (audio)? The show can be found on iTunes and Spotify: search for The Zack Ballinger show and you can find all the episodes. We have already had guest from Morgan County. Since I am from the Morgan County area, I want to feature a lot of guests from the area. Support the show and our vision!

If you are interested email me: [zack@zackballinger.com](mailto:zack@zackballinger.com)

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I want Morgan County to be the center of attention through this show. I've heard all my life that people don't succeed that



### A Low-Labor Labor Day Soiree

It's a quandary. How do we avoid spending Labor Day laboring in the kitchen, but also celebrate the last hurrah of summer with a delicious meal? Here's how!

We're going to employ the grill and concoct a Mediterranean inspired feast that is very inexpensive, easy and fast to prepare. Everything can be prepared in advance then grilled in 20 minutes to be served at your leisure during your gathering. Bonus — cooking outside keeps the house cooler, too.

On the menu this weekend is an easy Mediterranean Chicken and Veggie Kabob, filled with tender chicken and sweet summer vegetables made even sweeter by the smoke from the grill. We're using chicken thighs for easy grilling and low-cost.

To accompany this, we have refreshing homemade tzatziki sauce. If this is new to you, tzatziki is a cold yogurt sauce with cucumbers, garlic, dill and lemon juice. It's incredibly popular in Greece, where it's slathered on top of nearly everything. To enhance the salty tang of this sauce we're adding feta cheese.

To finish this off, we'll have pillowy pita bread, warmed on the grill. This delicious combination is seasonal, festive and affordable.

MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN AND VEGGIE KABOBS

Total Time: 35 minutes

#### What You'll Need:

4 long metal skewers or bamboo skewers  
1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces  
2 large red bell peppers, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces  
1 medium zucchini, sliced into 1/2-inch rounds  
1 medium summer squash, sliced into 1/2-inch rounds  
1 medium red onion, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces  
1 cup bottled Italian dressing  
Pita bread for serving

#### Here's How:

If you're using bamboo skewers, soak them in water for 30 minutes prior to use.

Thread the chicken and vegetables onto the skewers. Place the kabobs into a 9-inch-by-13-inch casserole



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#### Low-labor chicken kabobs

dish and pour the Italian dressing on top. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes or up to 24 hours.

When you're ready to cook, preheat the grill to medium-high heat. Make your tzatziki sauce if you haven't already. Place the chicken kabobs on the grill and close the lid. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes per side, or until the chicken is cooked through. Let the kabobs rest for 5 minutes before serving. While you wait, warm the pita bread on the grill.

tzatziki sauce for dipping or schmearing on the pitas.

#### EASY TZATZIKI SAUCE WITH FETA

Yield: 4 (1/3 cup) servings  
Time: 10 minutes

#### What You'll Need:

1 (approximately 10 ounce) cucumber  
1 cup plain Greek yogurt  
Juice and zest of one lemon  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill or 2 teaspoons dried dill  
1/4 cup (2 ounces) feta cheese, crumbled  
Black pepper, to taste

#### Here's How:

Using a box grater, grate the cucumber on the largest grating side, then squeeze it in a clean kitchen towel to remove most (but not all) of the liquid. Place the cucumber in a medium bowl and add the yogurt, lemon, garlic, dill and feta. Stir to combine and set aside so the flavors can marry. This can be made in advance and refrigerated, if desired. Before serving, add black pepper to taste and squeeze a lemon wedge over the bowl and stir once more. This recipe easily doubles, and any leftovers can be refrigerated for three to four days.

I hope the holiday weekend finds you relaxing with full tummies and fuller hearts. Happy Labor Day, my friends.

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David Zubler  
Columnist

## The 4 top priorities for the nearly \$80 billion in IRS funding

With the President's sweeping tax, health, and climate package just signed into law, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen is asking the IRS to come up with a plan within six months for the almost \$80 billion in funding.

"The Inflation Reduction Act provides the IRS what it has needed for years — a stable stream of mandatory funding that will allow the agency to serve American taxpayers the way they deserve,"

Yellen wrote in a memo Wednesday to IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig.

Yellen said the additional funding will help the IRS enforce tax laws for "high net-worth individuals, large corporations and complex partnerships who today pay far less than they owe," according to the memo.

Yellen outlines 4 priorities for the \$80 billion in funding

The memo also explains how the nearly \$80 billion in additional funding provides a "monumental opportunity" to transform the IRS with these four top priorities.

### 1. Clear the backlog

Yellen goal is to "fully resolve" the agency's backlog of millions of unprocessed tax returns. In March, Rettig pledged to clear the backlog by the end of 2022. According to the IRS, as of August 5th, there were 9.7 million individual 2021 tax returns still unprocessed.

### 2. Improve customer service

Yellen is pushing to make "significant improvements" to IRS taxpayer service. The IRS only answered approximately 11% of phone calls during fiscal year 2021, according to the Taxpayer Advocate. Recently, the IRS has improved technology to help with the problem

### 3. Overhaul the agency's technology systems

The IRS's technology system is said to be decades out of date. There is a

priority to overhaul the current systems. "The two IRS systems containing the official records of individual and business taxpayer accounts are the oldest major technology systems in the federal government," according to National Taxpayer Advocate Erin Collins.

### 4. Hire IRS employees to replace retiring workers

There are about 50,000 IRS workers expected to retire within the next five years. Yellen is prioritizing hiring employees to replace them.

The IRS had 78,661 full-time employees during the 2021 fiscal year. This is a 12.9% decrease since 2012.

"This operational plan is key to ensuring the public and Congress are able to hold the agency accountable as it pursues needed improvements," Yellen added.

Critics are worried about the increase in audits. The nearly \$80 billion of IRS funding has been controversial. Critics have argued the additional funding may cause increased audits beyond wealthy taxpayers. Yellen responded to these claims on August 10th in a letter to Rettig.

"Specifically, I direct that any additional resources — including any new personnel or auditors that are hired — shall not be used to increase the share of small business or households below the \$400,000 threshold that are audited relative to historical levels," she wrote.

The spending will eliminate the huge backlog, improve the currently dysfunctional customer service, modernize the antiquated computer system, and improve tax compliance with taxpayers making over \$400,000.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Build Muscles With Strength Training

Strength training is one of the best things we can do for ourselves to maintain strong bones, increase muscle strength and improve mobility, balance and coordination. Those things in turn reduce our risk of falling and help maintain our independence. Many of us, however, don't know where and how to start.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in conjunction with Tufts University, has a free 126-page book titled "Growing Stronger: Strength Training for Older Adults" ([www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/downloads/growing\\_stronger.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/downloads/growing_stronger.pdf)). If you can't download the book, call the CDC at 800-232-4636, and it can be mailed to you.

Start using the book (either reading it online or having it sent to you) by completing the test to see if you need to run the program by your doctor, especially if you've

had any surgeries for your knee or hip. Your second step should be to read the section on getting motivated, because yes, some of us need coaxing to start exercising.

For additional information on senior exercise from the CDC, take a look at [www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/older\\_adults/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/older_adults/index.htm).

For an additional source of help, consider investing in two sessions with an exercise coach who specializes in seniors. Things they'll be able to teach you include how to do each exercise and how to use hand weights without straining joints. At the second session you'll be able to ask any question that came up and verify that you're still doing the movements correctly.

It's hard to know what information to trust these days, but one source I've always trusted is Consumer Reports. When not testing the items they review, they go straight to good, solid sources for information. Search [consumerreports.org](http://consumerreports.org) for "Strength Training Tips to Live Longer and Better." And while you're looking around the Consumer Reports website, consider signing up for their weekly email newsletters. They're free, and you can choose between cars, health, home, smart buying, money, food and more.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Who were The T-Birds and The Pink Ladies?
2. Name the trio that released a cover of "Walk Right In."
3. Which artist released "Mecca"?
4. Who received a Grammy for "Don't Stand So Close to Me"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Night-time sharpens, heightens each sensation, Darkness stirs and wakes imagination, Silently the senses abandon their defenses."

## Answers

1. The boy and girl groups at Rydell High School in the film and musical "Grease."
2. The Rooftop singers, in 1962. The original of the song had been written by bluesman Gus Cannon in 1929. This late revival of his music (and the royalties) allowed Cannon to retrieve his banjo from a pawnshop.
3. Gene Pitney, in 1963, on his "Gene Pitney Sings Just for You" album.
4. The Police in 1982 for Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal. The song charted around the globe.
5. "The Music of the Night," soundtrack of "The Phantom of the Opera," in 1986. Based on the 1910 French novel by Gaston Leroux, the musical "The Phantom of the Opera" is about a woman who is the object of obsession of a man living in the basement under the Paris Opera House.

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# Historically Speaking

## Putting the Manhattan Project into proper perspective

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

NOTE: The Manhattan Project National Historical Park was established November 10, 2015. This article was first published in December 2012. I have updated it a bit, but the thoughts included bare remembering now.

Two of my good friends have in their own way taken action to help the Manhattan Project National Historical Park to be better understood. They are Bill Wilcox and Martin Skinner. Both have passed away since this was first published.

First, Bill Wilcox, the former Oak Ridge City Historian, wrote a short speech for the 70th Birthday of the selection of this area of East Tennessee for the Manhattan Project.

In that speech, Bill included the following four points reported by Darrell Richardson in his coverage of the 70th Birthday Party in The Oak Ridger on September 21, 2012. I have summarized the enlightening points Bill made regarding why we should celebrate our role in the Manhattan Project.

Bill's first point was to clarify that we are NOT celebrating the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Rather we are celebrating "Oak Ridge's three-year wartime effort that very directly helped bring peace to a world torn and aching from six exhausting years of war..." This war that brought 54 million deaths was stopped with help from Oak Ridgers.

His second point was that stopping the war "cancelled the plans both Japan and the Allies had already made for an all-out invasion of Japan..." This invasion was anticipated to bring an appalling 250,000 deaths of our men and millions of deaths of Japanese. Again, Oak Ridge helped stop the war.

His third point was the ushering in of the Nuclear Age through the Manhattan Project. The tremendous energy of the atom was, for the first time, released and controlled. Oak Ridge helped with that transition.

Bill's fourth and final point was the "many legacies that have come from putting that wartime nuclear science and technology to work..." Examples Bill gave of highly beneficial applications included, "nuclear medicine, commercial nuclear power, and everyday applications in industry, and agriculture that have brought an improved quality of life to mankind all over the world."

Bill ended his speech with a quote from Herman Wouk, "The beginning of the end of war --- is remembrance."

Finally, Bill concluded, "No, we do not remember our wartime roles in order to glorify that or any war, but to remember how terrible war really is and hopefully do something more to bring the world lasting peace."

I have predicted that this speech Bill gave at our 70th Birthday will become a classic in the historic preservation literature detailing the true results of the Manhattan Project. It is concise and targets the key elements on which the Manhattan Project National Historical Park will focus. I am pleased that I was selected to serve on the Scholar's Roundtable that helped determine the main issues the park would include and Bill's thoughts guided

my input to that forum.

Secondly, Martin Skinner, who worked for years at Y-12's Building 9731 and personally separated many of the stable isotopes that have had such a tremendous positive impact on all our lives decided to write a letter in support of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. He chose to address his letter to the strongest opponent of the park, Congressman Dennis Kucinich of Ohio.

"Dear Representative Kucinich:



Bill Wilcox presented his perspective on the Manhattan Project to the crowd at Oak Ridge's 70th birthday event (Photo Submitted)



Martin Skinner as he prepared to greet visitors to Y-12 on a Secret City Festival public tour (Photo Submitted)

"I am sorry you voted against the formation of the Manhattan Project National Park. The paper quotes you as saying you saw no reason to "celebrate ingenuity that was used to put all humanity at risk".

"The initial goal of the Manhattan Project was to develop an atomic bomb to defeat Japan. In an amazingly short time – almost a miracle – the U. S. was successful, and the war was over. While the death toll was large as expected, it was nowhere equal to the loss if we had invaded Japan. Just look at how the Japanese defended the islands to almost the last man. The combined losses of Japan and the U. S. would have been tremendous. The men on ships in the Pacific headed for the invasion were told they likely would not return. Ask any of those men – some are still alive - how they felt when peace was declared!

"Apparently your staff has either given you

incorrect or incomplete information about the proposed park. There is much more than the celebration of the bomb technology to be displayed. What is to be celebrated is the ingenuity of scientists and engineers who have developed technologies that continue to benefit hundreds and thousands of people all over the world every day of the year. Nuclear medicine is an outgrowth of the Manhattan Project, as is nuclear propulsion for space exploration. Specifically, separations in the Calutrons (the electromagnetic separators) of Oak Ridge provided enriched stable isotopes that, when irradiated in a nuclear reactor, produce radioisotopes useful for diagnosis and treatment of many maladies. Many materials testing techniques using separated isotopes have been developed to improve materials of all sorts. Surely, you must remember the "Atoms for Peace" endeavor. While defiled by some, we now have considerable amount of our electrical power coming from nuclear power plants – the result of the Manhattan Project.

"Why am I interested in the effort to establish a Manhattan Project National Park? Because I have lived through all of the outstanding accomplishments just in Oak Ridge. Initially I served as a GI in Oak Ridge in 1944-46 servicing the equipment that controls the Calutron. Later, after WW II was concluded, as a civilian I worked in the development of equipment – modifications of the Calutron – to separate many of the stable isotopes that have been used for research and solutions to problems. This equipment is important to tell future generations of the efforts of the people of the Manhattan Project. Right now most of the Oak Ridge equipment is almost like when last operated so can easily be preserved. Unless a method is developed to preserve the equipment and history, all will be lost forever – the National Park is a way to accomplish that preservation.

"I hope in the coming months you will become more acquainted with the "peaceful" efforts of thousands of people who have toiled to make our nation a greater place to live. I refer you to a publication of L. O. Love in "Science", Vol. 182, pp. 343-352 (Oct. 26, 1973) to learn more about the important separation of stable isotopes in Oak Ridge. There are many more sources of information on the peaceful utilization of many aspects of nuclear technology. I think that if you will study more, you will see the need to preserve these important sites for the people who follow us. Please, then vote to establish the Manhattan Project National Park when it is again considered. The matter of financing can be addressed at a later date when the park has been approved.

"Sincerely, Martin Skinner

The Manhattan Project National Historical Park received a majority of votes in the House, but because of the rules under which it was brought forth, a 2/3rds majority was required for passage. Congressman Doc Hastings, sponsor of the bill, indicates he will bring it to the house for a vote under normal rules, which requires only a majority to pass. A companion bill in the Senate must also pass for the park to become a reality.

Oak Ridge is one of three locations of the park. Los Alamos, NM, and Hanford, WA, are the other two sites. The park was created and the National Park Service and the Department of Energy had one year to determine the facilities that would make up the park in each of the three locations. This was accomplished and the Park Service has conducted a management study.

# 1 Thessalonians Chapter 1

**Author:** The professed author of the document is Paul, joined in the salutation by Silvanus (Silas) and Timothy. The latter are not co-authors, but companions of the apostle who share a mutual affection for this church. The writer identifies himself as Paul twice (1:1; 2:18). External testimony on behalf of this is ample from the mid-second century. More veiled allusions are found even earlier in the patristic writings. The historical references in the document fit quite well with known events in the ministry of Paul and chronicled in the book of Acts.

**Date:** The church in Thessalonica was established on Paul's second missionary campaign (Acts 17:1-9). He and Silas came to the city and for three Sabbaths taught the Jews in their synagogue. A number of Jews, a "great multitude" of Greeks, and "not a few" prominent women were converted. They hear the gospel and are saved by leaving Judaism; same as Acts 18:8 (And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.) The stay there must have been protracted to achieve the results mentioned. Paul was compelled to leave the city due to persecution. He went to Athens and eventually on to Corinth (Acts 18:1). Eventually he was joined by Timothy, who had a disconcerting report about the church in Thessalonica. This led Paul to write his initial letter to that congregation. The epistle was written from Corinth A.D. 50-51.

(1 Thessalonians 1:1) Paul's ministry at Thessalonica: Paul is the author of the letter, but Silvanus (Silas) was with Paul when the church was established; and Timothy, the apostle's close companion, was with Paul when the letter was composed (3:6). Obviously these brothers echo the apostolic feelings for these saints. The Thessalonica brothers were said to be "in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." The preposition "in" denotes an intimate relationship between saved people and the Father and the Son. Moreover, the joining of Christ to God the Father is an unequivocal affirmation of the full deity of Jesus.

(1 Thess. 1:2-10) Thanksgiving for these Christians: Paul assures these kinsmen in Christ of his love by stating that they are consistently in his prayers with thanksgiving to God. He recalls their "work of faith" and "labor of love," likely suggesting a faith that works and a labor that issues from love. A faith void of love produces nothing. Moreover, their "patience" or "steadfastness" was fueled by their hope anchored in Christ. One with no hope beyond this life is wretched indeed. Their fidelity of obedience was under the

watchful care of the Father (V. 3).

Paul designates them as "brothers" (found more than twenty times in the two letters) who are beloved of God. He also speaks of their "election" (v.4). The term signifies to "gather out," and it refers to those who are exposed to the gospel, believe it, and submit to its conditions (Acts 2:38-47). It has no reference to the selection of specific persons, elected unconditionally, before the foundation of the world, as alleged by Calvinism. One scholar contends that God elects certain ones to be saved, but nonetheless holds them responsible for their decision to accept Christ. "How can this be true," He says, "is incomprehensible." It is incomprehensible because it is not true!

The gospel message was not a mere collection of words, but those words had been authenticated by the power of the Holy Spirit, doubtless in signs that confirmed the integrity of the preaching (Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:4). The process did not involve a direct, supernatural operation of the Spirit on their hearts. Paul asserts that their examples had been consistent with the preaching. One must first "do" and then "teach" (v. 5; Acts 1:1). The Thessalonian saints had been ready students, having "received the word" (Acts 2:41), they had exercised obedient faith. Though they had endured "much affliction," through the work of the Spirit in their lives, they were filled with "joy" (v. 6).

Because they "imitated" their godly teachers (v. 6), they served as marvelous examples to all "believers" (Christians) throughout Greece (Macedonia and Achaia). From these evangelistic souls "the word of the Lord" (not human philosophy) "sounded forth," literally reverberated like a lingering echo, even beyond their country. It was unnecessary that the apostle and his fellows pile on accolades (v.8). The report of Paul's success at Thessalonica had been widely publicized. These devout souls had "turned from idols" (suggesting their Gentile background) to the "living and true God." It is a tragedy of no small magnitude that so many do not understand that repentance involves turning away from the evil practices of their pre-conversion lives.

Concerning Christ, in a packed statement, the apostle says: (a) we wait for him from heaven, which means he promised a return and believers have confidence in his word; (b) the integrity of the Christian system is grounded in the historical reality of Jesus' resurrection from the dead; (c) there is a "wrath to come" for those who fail to yield to the gospel; (d) the only means of deliverance from that horror is through Christ the Lord.



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- Brenda Weaver

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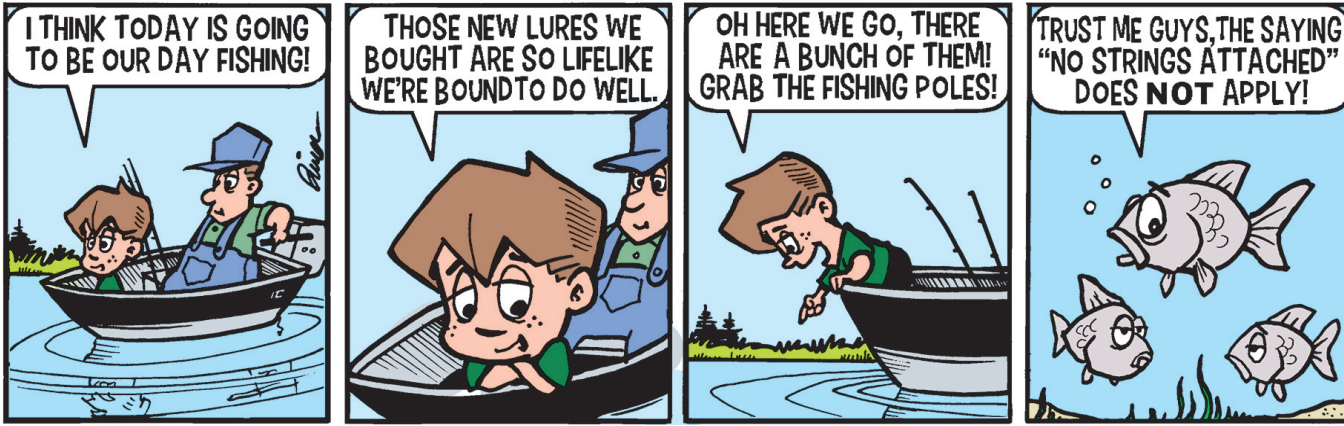
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*The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.*

TITUS 1:5

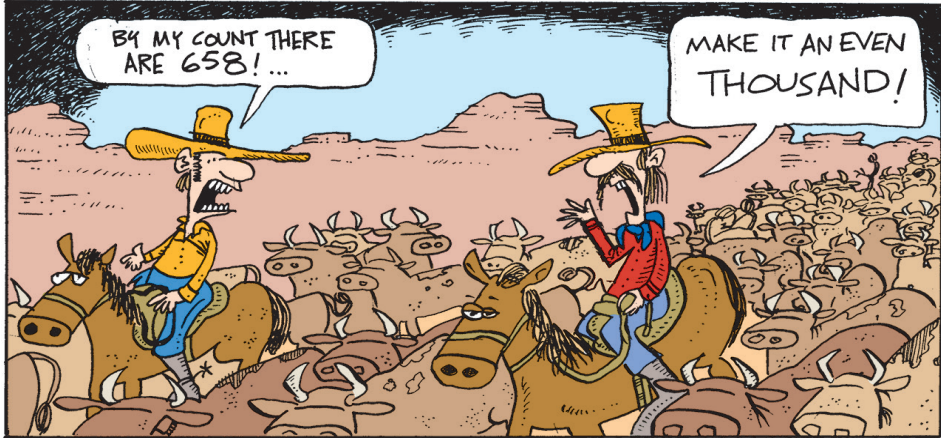
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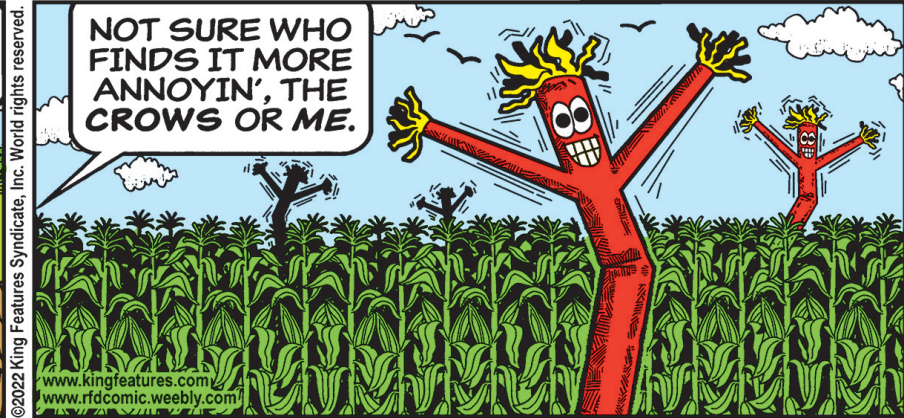
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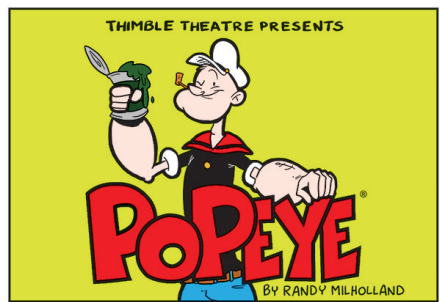
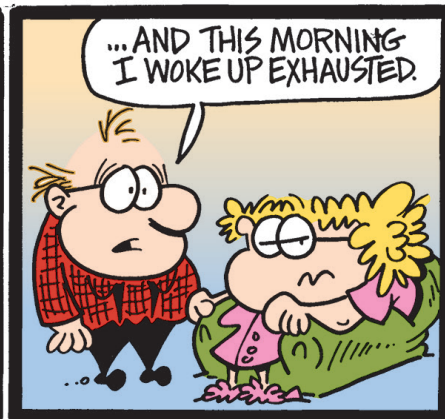
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# MOMENTS IN TIME

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\* On Sept. 12, 1846, Elizabeth Barrett elopes with Robert Browning. Despite her father's dislike of Browning, calling him an unreliable fortune hunter, Elizabeth and Robert conducted a secret courtship. After a secret wedding at St. Marylebone Parish Church, the two moved to Italy, where Elizabeth's former weak health improved dramatically.

\* On Sept. 14, 1901, U.S. President William McKinley dies after being shot in Buffalo, New York. When McKinley was operated on, doctors had failed to find the bullet, and gangrene soon spread throughout his body.

\* On Sept. 15, 1935, German Jews are stripped of their citizenship, reducing them to "subjects" of the state. German Jews were excluded from high-profile vocations, from public office to journalism and teaching, even farming. Jews found it difficult even to buy food.

\* On Sept. 16, 1940, the first peacetime draft in the history of the United States is imposed on men between the ages of 21 and 36. There were 20 million eligible young men; 50% were rejected the very first year for health reasons or illiteracy.

\* On Sept. 13, 1963, Texas-born entrepreneur Mary Kay Ash launches a cosmetic company in Dallas. Mary Kay Inc. would become a cosmetic empire with revenue of more than \$3.5 billion and salespeople in dozens of countries. Mary Kay became renowned for an award system designed for women, including mink coats, diamond rings and pink Cadillacs.

\* On Sept. 17, 1976, NASA publicly unveils its first space shuttle, the Enterprise, during a ceremony in California. In 1977, the Enterprise became the first space shuttle to fly freely when it was lifted to a height of 25,000 feet by a Boeing 747 airplane and then released, gliding back to Edwards Air Force Base on its own accord.

\* On Sept. 18, 1981, the 20,000-car parking lot at Canada's West Edmonton Mall makes the Guinness World Records as the largest parking lot in the world. However, Dubai was said at the time to be building a 40,000-space parking lot at their mall, but it only has 14,500 slots today.

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# I Know a Man



**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

Since the last county election, I know a man, although he had lost two county elections he came back and worked even harder to show how much he loved Morgan County.

He and the Tourist Alliance committed themselves to getting things done in spite of the Coronavirus pandemic. On April 22 they opened the Tanner Café that they had worked on diligently for over two years. I have been in this building so many times since April and I'm so amazed at how good the banner project looks and how the people are coming by to enjoy a lunch or just to renew ole memories of days gone by. I know the man who helped make this happen.

I also know the man who gave so much of himself to help all the veterans of Morgan County as the veterans service officer. Day after day this man has made himself available to help veterans and their families. I can't begin to tell you how many veterans I have talked to that have been helped by Mark Keck.

I know a man who loved his country so much he gave thirty-five-years of his life to the US Navy to prove that love. This man is a leader that I for one will probably never get to see his leadership ability in action as our county executive because I am eighty-six-years-old and in a few years, I will probably be in a better place.

I do not know what it takes for a man to show the voters of Morgan County how much he loves Morgan County and how he would like to lead this country into a greater future.

I can't help believe that God has reserved something great for Mark. He is a good man and I feel honored to be in the same American Legion post as Mark and I was honored to serve in the same branch of service. I also know that others' sin will find them out and they will have to pay.



We need to hold our elected officials accountable. We can't elect them and then give them free rein in running the county the way they want to. They serve us, not the other way around. The county executive position pays a good salary and we need to make sure we get our money's worth.

I do not know what Mark has planned for the future, but I do know that I do not want to see him leave our county, but to tell you the truth I wouldn't blame him if he did.

Yes, I know a man that deserves

better from the voters of Morgan County. I believe Mark when he says, "I love Morgan County and I will do everything I can to help her grow." Mark, good buddy we love you, we thank you for your service to our country and I want all readers of my articles to know that Tom Redmon is his own man. He is not owned, nor is he controlled by any man. I really hate politics. What I want in Morgan County is good honest government that is for all the people, not just there for a political machine. I witnessed how Don Edwards was

treated by the woke county commission and I hated it, not just for Don but for the citizens of Morgan County because it was hard for Don to get anything done. It was like a house divided.

I am embarrassed and disappointed with the turnout in this past election. It showed me what is wrong with our country. A great majority of people didn't bother to come out to vote which shows they

don't care who was elected and who would control their local government for the next four years. Maybe they have given up on the government because of what is happening in our national government.

I don't like it either but we can't give up. We have children and grandchildren who are counting on us. Let's wake up and get to work.

I will have more to say in future articles.

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# North South Conundrum



**John Burns**

**Opinion Columnist**

It is no coincidence America fought a civil war. Our nation is a direct pattern of the nation of Israel. We share the distinction of having our nation dedicated to the God of the Bible. Both Israel and America were dedicated to God and his perfect will for the lives of its citizens.

Israel as a nation was predestined to be God's covenant people who were to birth and eventually crucify the Messiah. America was birthed solely for two purposes: taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to the four corners of the earth, and protecting the remnant of Jewish immigrants here in America until God would regather them for the second time.

Israel was founded in Egyptian bondage. America was founded under pagan monarchical rule, and denominational bondage to human religion. Israel was given the Torah and law to show all of us exactly what we need saving from. America was given the Bible to teach the world God's two divine attributes he offered on Calvary, mercy and grace.

Israel entered the desert after Egyptian servitude totaling 400 years. God told Abram his descendants would be strangers in a pagan land. That is their conundrum currently. Israel was deported to the four corners of the earth, for compromising with the pagan world around them, and allowing foreign gods into their lives and places of worship.

David was God's man to rule Israel after they chose Saul whom God abandoned. David would unite the Hebrews in the land God had promised them, but he did nothing to finish the conquest of Joshua and pagan altars permeated the tribes of the northern Kingdom. A little leaven, began to leaven the whole lump of Israel, set apart by God, for his purposes alone.

David committed adultery with Bathsheba a Hittite. He conspired to have her husband, Uriah murdered and in turn, persuaded his general to also become a murderer. David had Uriah murdered by Joab and at the end of his life, David would have to warn Solomon that Joab needed to be executed. One bad decision in David's life led to a series of covenant breaking actions by the only man in the Bible that God says is a man after, mine own heart. In both testaments!

Now David had a wife who would bring in all kinds of abominable Babylonian practices into Monotheistic belief in Israel. The people God had chosen for his purposes, were all doing what was right in their own eyes. Nothing has changed in America! No country on Earth has believers compromise with 87% of scripture like denominational churches in America.

David's son Solomon took hundreds of wives, and hundreds more concubines for his perversion. Solomon birthed polygamy in monotheism. God's way has always been one man with one woman for life. Churches leads the way in divorce in America, and according to their own statistics, the Southern Baptist Convention boasts of a whopping 59% divorce rate amongst attendees in their first marriage.

I wonder if it has something to do with denying Jesus Christ's coming kingdom? I wonder if racism and antisemitism has played a role in the denial of 87% of scripture in America, in favor of pagan religious observances? Will water baptism count for anything, if the Baptist churches do not move away from antisemitic Bible interpretation?

Churches have become so heavenly minded in America they are no earthly good. The worship of ancestors is more important than the belief in all of the Bible. They judge others guilty while giving themselves a pass because they do what government tells them, to begin with worshipping on the first day of the work week in God's

Bible. Sunday is a pagan day of work. Shabbat established by God is always Friday evening through Saturday evening. All having to do with the cycles of the moon, not the worship of the sun!

Israel became hopelessly divided between north and south within 70 years of being in the land and prospering. America suffered the same fate and for the same reasons. Northern pagans now control the flow of information to southern Christian homes. It begins with public education in preschool.

After the south was forced to surrender, northern bankers looked to consolidate power through political parties in America. Neither is on the side of the God of the Bible. If they were, the Bible would never be legislated out of our children's lives. Prayer would still be allowed each time a school starts its day.

Public educators have taken part in the fleecing of America and they have advanced an immoral agenda with our tax dollars. Jesus Christ would never go to public school!

Our schools have become indoctrination factories where the existence of God as creator is denied by every evolutionary thinking teacher at odds with the God of the Bible. Charles Darwin has replaced Jesus Christ in the lives of your children, and yes public-school teachers have taken part, knowingly!

Northern politicians now control the democratic party of the ancestors of southerners who once fought to keep Jesus Christ in the lives of our citizens. Their agenda includes the dumbing down of our children and the total movement away from God's morality as outlined in the Bible.

Silent pulpits have contributed to societies move away from the family unit established by God in Genesis. Alternate sexuality, and immorality is being advanced by eugenic minded teachers who take part in teaching your children to choose their gender as early as third grade. These teachers may look good on the outside, but on the inside, they desire to get you and Jesus Christ out of your child's life.

Can adults who support infant euthanasia be trusted with the education of our most vulnerable citizens? Does the northern democratic way, support the rich Christian heritage enjoyed by most southerners who love Jesus Christ?

Israel and Judah have been hopelessly divided for over 2,500 years because they allowed pagans to hijack their children's lives. Israel was abandoned by God for a season, and I fear America has been abandoned by God as well. Repent and return your children to both testaments of scripture and revival can begin in America!

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

He is alive forevermore and he is returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 5-14-2022

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## Lady Indians Go 2-2 For Week Playing Stout Opposition

By Richard Spears



Oneida matched up well at Anderson County Tuesday (Aug. 23), although the Lady Mavericks emerged with a 3-2 victory. Oneida Head Coach Phil Newport said in comments after the game, “We had a lot of chances to equalize their scoring, but came up just short. We’ll benefit from this contest.” The Lady Mavericks scored early in the game, and Oneida answered with a Claire Bures score to tie the game before halftime. AC turned on the offense going into the second frame, booting the go-ahead score just 5 minutes in. The Lady Indians scored 2 minutes later, as a penalty kick by Claire Bures knotted it up, 2-2. The score stood tied until the 12 minute mark, as AC took the lead, 3-2. That was the final. After the game, Coach Newport said, “Anyone who’s seen our first two games can clearly assess we are competing equally so far. As our skills begin to sharpen, I expect us to get better and better.”

The Lady Indians began their appearance at Gatlinburg’s Smoky Mountain Cup tournament falling to Dickson County 3-0 on Friday, August 26, but took two solid wins on Saturday (Aug. 27), stripping the Dekalb County Lady Tigers 5-1 in the morning, and shutting out Morristown West later, 4-0 to close out the day. Against Dekalb, Alexea Jones had a goal in each half, and Presley Queener scored a first half goal to put Oneida up, 2-1 at the end of the first. In addition to Jones, Lady Indian seniors Aliyah Douglas and Kamryn Kennedy booted in goals in the second half as Oneida’s defense held Dekalb scoreless in the final frame for the decisive win.

The Lady Indians later played a strong defensive and offensive game against Morristown West, as keeper Ayla Sims had 11 saves in the contest. After a scoreless tie at the half, Oneida knocked in 4 scores, as Lydia Kline, Jillian Cross, Alexea Jones and Aliyah Douglas booted in goals to give the Lady Indians the 4-0 win. After completing a busy week, Oneida was scheduled to play Campbell County at home on Thursday, September 1.

### Scott Bedevils Harriman, Falls to C-Gap

Lady Highlander Head Coach Eric Henry said of his team, after posting a 6-0 shutout road win against Harriman on Tuesday (Aug. 23), “I’m proud of how we played. We did a better job in the back half of the field and strung together passes well.” Scott, down two starters (Zoey Terry and Olivia Rector) came out strong offensively in the first half at Harriman, with Chloe Tucker (assisted by Katie Tucker) and Rachel Garrett (assisted by Abby Reynolds) driving in goals to give Scott a 2-0 lead. That was the score at the half. In the second period, Chloe Tucker scored assisted by

Ellie Lowe, Kaitlyn Butts scored off an assist by Lowe, Brittany Morrow took an assist from Abby Reynolds and put it into the net; and, Autumn Brummett assisted by Morrow scored to give the Lady Highlanders a 6-0 road victory over the Lady Devils. Coach Henry added, “Our young players got a lot of playing time. At one point, we had all freshmen and sophomores on the field. Chloe also played very well defensively in addition to scoring two goals.”

Scott fell behind the Cumberland Gap Lady Panthers at home on Thursday (Aug. 25), and sustained a tough 6-1 loss, after which Head Coach Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today, “This loss was totally on me. I’m disappointed, but I’ll take care of that tomorrow.” The Lady Highlanders only got 2 shots on goal in the first period, as Cumberland Gap netted 3 goals to lead at the half, 3-0. Gap scored early in the second half to make it a 4-0 game, and Coach Henry substituted new players for everyone on the field except goalie Bella Sharpe. The young Lady Highlanders fought a hard battle against the Gap starters for the next 30 minutes, as Gap scored again, and Lady Highlander Abby Henson scored to make it a 5-1 game. Gap added one more goal to give the final, 6-1. In comments after the game, Scott senior Katie Tucker told the Morgan County Today, “Our confidence

is low right now and our expectations are high. We just need to take what we can learn from this game. We’re ready to get better and be the team we know we can be.” The Lady Highlanders were next scheduled to play CAK on the road Tuesday, August 30.



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