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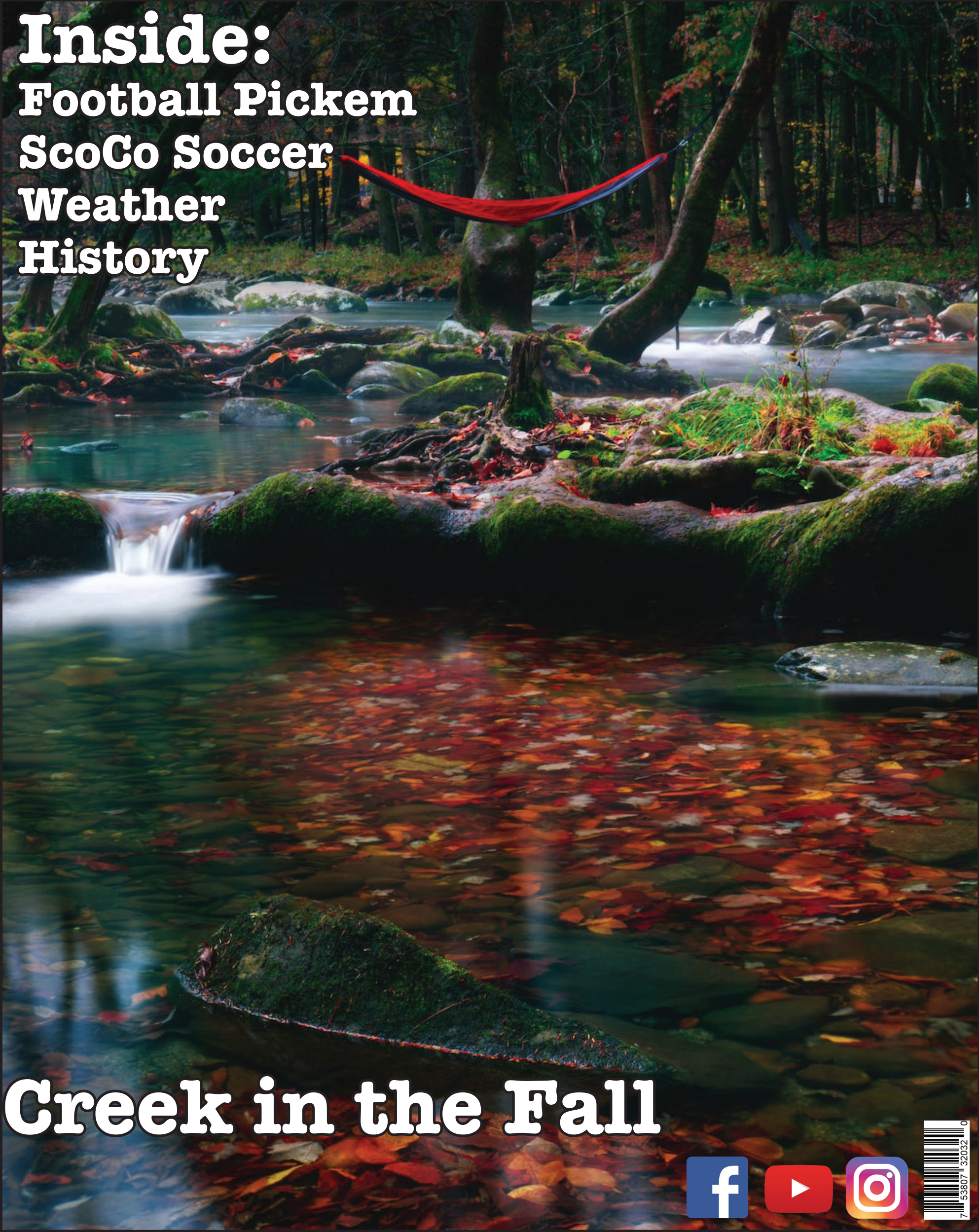
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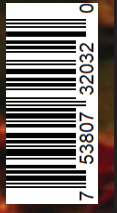
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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Dr Bristol, What advise do you have for Mimi and all the other pet parents, for getting us furry ones ready for the colder temperatures? I know it is coming because it is already chilly in the

mornings. Also, the light time is getting shorter by the day.

Should Mimi make me wear a coat or sweater on top of my fur, when I go potty? How about a rain coat when it rains or snows? My neighbor has a dog and he never gets to go inside, no matter the weather. I worry about him cause he is always tied up. Please pray for him. Just thinking about him makes my little heart sad.

Well, any-woof. You know how I wuff wearing my dresses. I am always so happy when I get new clothes. However, shoes are a different story. They wreak havoc on my mani-pedi.

Love,
Ms Avery Pearl

P.S. Mimi says it is almost time for my vaccines. Do I have to have them? They are a pain in my neck, I tell ya.

Happy October, Ms. Avery Pearl! You are correct, little lady! The days are definitely growing shorter and colder, so there's a lot to consider for our furry friends. Little ones like you are going to be much more susceptible to cold weather. When we're experiencing extreme weather conditions such as freezing temperatures, you need to stay indoors as much as possible. I'm glad that your Mimi dresses you in warm jackets when it's cool so that you have a little extra protection. Your paws are susceptible to frost damage as well. So, if you won't wear shoes, it's important to dry and warm your paws as soon as you come indoors. Alternatively, some people even pad train their little ones so that they don't have to go outdoors in cold, wet weather.

I know you worry about your neighbor dog, too. The good news is, though, that bigger dogs that spend most of their

time outdoors do acclimate to temperature changes a little bit. Some dogs with thick coats like Huskies, Saint Bernards, and Bernese Mountain dogs, even prefer the cold weather to our hot summers. These furry breeds love a nice frolic in the snow and would much rather see the thermometer drop than try to stay cool when us people are dressed in shorts. Even these breeds and normal "outside" dogs have their limits, though. It's important that we provide plenty of shelter and warming opportunities for these critters. Dog houses with strong walls and a good roof equipped with shavings, straw, or a nice dog bed are a good start. A safely placed heating lamp or some of the newer warming beds are a great addition, too. It's also VERY important that we provide plenty of fresh water for these babies when it's cold enough for water to freeze. And... even though some dogs are more equipped for the cold weather, there are always limitations. When the temperatures (and especially the wind chill) drops into the teens or single digits, even our outside critters need to come indoors.



Now, I know you're a fan of your pretty little dresses, Ms. Avery, but... do you have your Halloween costume all picked out? I hope you don't have anything too scary planned! Remember to give your Halloween chocolates to Mimi because you'll get very sick if you eat any of these. If you're free on Saturday, October 29th from 12:00-3:00, Roane Veterinary Hospital is hosting a Trunk or Treat Open House. We'd love to see you and all of your puppy friends at our clinic in Midtown. We're having a costume contest for the best dressed pups, candy and a bounce-house for kids, and a taco truck and cornhole games for the adults. We'd love to see you, your Mimi, and all of your furry friends and their families for our get-together.

Until then... stay warm, and enjoy the fall festivities. We can't wait to see you soon!

Your friend,
Dr. Bristol

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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.	Morgan County Republican Party meets the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at the American Legion in Wartburg	The City of Sunbright and the Beautification Board will host the annual Trunk or Treat at 120 Melton Dr. Sunbright on October 31st from 5pm to 8pm.
Undated Events Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society Meets the second Tuesday of every month	BINGO for adults is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 – 11:30.	Churches, Organization's and Volunteers are welcome to come set up.
	Our current hours are Monday	

Timothy Michael Bunch, 59

Mr. Timothy Michael Bunch, age 59, of Harriman, passed away Wednesday September 28, 2022. He was born in Orange, California. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and uncle. "Mike" as he was known, loved riding his Harley, hunting and going shooting, coaching his grandson in football and spending time with his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father: James Robert Bunch
One sister: Peggy Sue Nay
And one brother: John Robert Bunch

He is survived by his wife: Barbara (Bardill) Bunch
His mother: Rose Marie Bunch
Three sisters: Rebecca Moore, Donna Maxfield and Barbara Caine
One brother: James Patrick Bunch
One daughter: Josephine Marie Bunch
One son: Adrian Abeyta
One granddaughter: Maili

Vojtkofsky
Four grandsons: Liam and Luca Frost, Silas and Wyatt Rains
His mother in law: Emma Bardill
Two sister in laws: Faith Booher and Tanja Patton
Two brother in laws: Brian and Brett Bardill
And a host of nieces, nephews and really too many to mention, but he loved you all.

The family will receive friends Thursday October 6, 2022, at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Harriman from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Funeral Mass will follow at 7:00 PM with Father Michael Sweeney.

Davis Funeral Home in Harriman is honored to serve the family of Mr. Timothy Michael Bunch.

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

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In Loving Memory

Doris Jane (Diden) Miller, 83

Doris Jane (Diden) Miller, age 83, passed away peacefully with family by her side on September 25, 2022, at Roane Medical Center. Her wish to be home was eternally granted by her Lord and Savior. Doris was of the Primitive Baptist Faith.



great nieces, and great nephews and 1 great great nephew; 2 great great nieces and faithful pets Brandi and Baylee.

Doris was known for her beautiful embroidery and love for tending to her flowers.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William Erbin Diden and Dorothy Hamby Diden; brother John Franklin Diden; sisters-in-law Helen Diden, June Lloyd, Thelma Stringfield, Ruby Brown; brother-in-law Howard Wright; great nephew Grant Dewayne Gosnell and former husband David Miller.

She is survived by her daughter Tammy Miller and friend Alan Dyer; brother Dale Diden and family friend Violet Redmon; sister Lorene Wright; sisters-in-law Margaret Nance and Gail Burchfield; brother-in-law Joe Brown and numerous nieces, nephews,

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff of Roane Medical Center and Covenant Hospice for the care shown to her and the family.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 4:00 p.m. with Bro. Dewey Brown officiating. Interment will follow in the Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Doris Jane Miller.

Paul David Elmore, 45

Paul David Elmore, age 45, of Rockwood passed away September 22, 2022. He was born January 31, 1977.



Paul loved fishing, spending time with family and friends and enjoyed church trips with his church family. He was a member of the North Rockwood Baptist Church in Rockwood.

He is preceded in death by his parents of Dudley & Sharon Elmore.

He is survived by a host of cousins, aunts, uncles and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Sunday, October 9, 2022, at North Rockwood Baptist Church in Rockwood from 5:00-6:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow at 6:00 p.m. with Bro. Ross Whittenbarger, Bro. Bobby Jo Headrick, Bro. Ben Whittenbarger and Bro. Jeff Parrott officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Paul David Elmore.

Kayla Lynn Durham Vaughn, 30

Linda J. Brown Hamer, age 68, went peacefully on September 27, 2022 at Park West Hospital in Knoxville, TN. She was born in Saint Augustine, Florida to Philip G. Brown, Sr. and Betty Swain Brown. She grew up in Saint Augustine, Florida and was a graduate of Saint Augustine High School. She then became an over the road truck driver. She always lived life on her terms.



She is preceded in death by her parents Philip G. Brown, Sr & Betty Swain Brown; grandparents David & Mary Swain and Lee J. Brown & Edith Brown; son Joshua Harley Moody; great grandson Sawyer Otto McCoig; nephew Austin Brown.

She is survived by her brother

Philip (Tina) Brown of Palm Coast; niece Candace Brown; daughter Brandy (Eddie) Nyberg of Wartburg; son Joey Moody of Sevierville; grandchildren Kyle E. McCoig, Travis McCoig, David Nyberg, Addison Nyberg, Cody Nyberg, Jonathan Moody and Luna Moody; great granddaughter Nova McCoig.

The family is honoring her wishes to be cremated.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, P.O. Box 326, Wartburg, Tn 37887 for a memorial service at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Linda J. Brown Hamer.

James "Jim" Mac Phillips, 93

James "Jim" Mac Phillips, age 93 passed away September 22, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family. Jim was born September 30, 1928.

Jim is preceded in death by his wife of 70+ years, Norma Jean Cross Phillips; oldest child, Gary Phillips; parents, Sherman & Mary Phillips; 4 brothers, Jess, John, Jasper, Junior Phillips; 2 sisters, Jo & Dixie.

He leaves behind his son Larry (Sherry) Phillips; daughter, Brenda (Benny) Walker; 6 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and 4 great, great grandchildren.

Jim was a retired minister/pastor and a faithful servant of God. He pastored 3 churches, Pilot Mountain Baptist Church, Clax Gap, and Boswell Chapel Baptist Church. He retired from Plateau Electric Coop with 40+ years of service. He loved to camp and fish but fishing was his favorite.

He received care at home for the last 4 years. He got excel-

lent care from the "dream team", Goldie, Crystal, Austin, and Taylor to mention a few.

Daddy, we hope you rode through the pearly gates on a Big Turtle.

"Brenda and Larry said Mama would be standing at the gate saying "Jim, what took you so long".

The family will receive friends Monday, September 26, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Tim Hamby, Bro. Benji Blankney and Bro. Jim Disney officiating. Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Liberty Church Cemetery in Wartburg.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Calvary Baptist Church in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of James "Jim" Mac Phillips

Roger D. Freels, 80

Mr. Roger D. Freels, age 80 of Sunbright passed away Friday, September 23, 2022 at Tennova Medical Center in Farragut.

He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army 101st Airborne and a member of the Elgin Church of Christ.

He is preceded in death by his parents Kenneth & Lucy Freels; brother Thomas Freels; sister Frances Rose and Brenda Roberts.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years Yolonda Freels; daughter Kathy Ann Clark; 2 grandchildren Trevor & Shannon; brother David, and Kevin Freels; sister Audrey Shannon and a host of extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Roger D. Freels.

Kayla Lynn Durham Vaughn, 30

Kayla Lynn Durham-Vaughn, age 30, of Deer Lodge passed away September 25, 2022. She was born December 11, 1991.

She loved spending time and dancing with her kids.

She is preceded in death by her father Eddie Lee Durham; grandparents Sallie & Tommy Gooch and Hersh & Josephine Durham.

She is survived by her husband Justin Vaughn of Nashville; sons Justin & Nash Vaughn of Deer Lodge; mother Dennise Durham of Deer Lodge; brothers Dwayne Durham (Katlin Armes) of Deer Lodge, and Eddie Kilby of Wartburg; sister Amanda Wright of Jamestown; nephews Dewey Durham, Blakely Kilby, Blakely Delk, Dustin & Jaxeyn Wright; niece Izzy Martynowicz; grandfather Butch (Anna) Cottrell of



Florida; aunts and uncles Deanne (Jeff) Bolton of Florida, Eddie Queen of Bristol, Edward Cottrell of Michigan, David Morgan and Jason Cottrell of Florida., Nolan & Reed Durham of Mt. Juliet, David (Betty) Durham of Indiana, Joanna (Teddy) Hawn of Lansing, Peggy (Uncle G.) Morgan of Sunbright, and Rhonda (Tom) Biddle of Wartburg and a host of cousins and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 4:00 p.m. with Bro. Doug Morgan and Bro. Wayne Matthews officiating. Interment will follow in the Union Grove Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kayla Lynn Durham.

Historically Speaking

Chris Keim and Copper 63

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

I knew Chris Keim after he retired. He convinced me to teach a beginning guitar class at Roane State Community College. Fanny worked with his wife at the Bank of Oak Ridge. At the time I had no idea what he had done before retiring. Amazingly, when I began delving into the history of Y-12 and Building 9731, one of the first things I learned from Gordon Fee was the story about the Periodic table that was once in Building 9731.

It seems there was to be a tour of Building 9731 and Gordon knew it was a mess and needed to be cleaned up before the tour. He assigned B. B. Hopkins the task of doing that clean up. Well, clean it up he did and buried what was taken out of the building in a landfill south of Y-12 up on Chestnut Ridge.

The next day, Chris Keim showed up blazing mad at Gordon's office. He said, "You have just buried the single most important historical artifact in Building 9731, the original periodic table of the elements we separated into isotopes using those historic Calutrons there!"

Gordon sent BB back to dig up the landfill and find that periodic table. It could not be located anywhere. So, I think Chris Keim never forgave Gordon for destroying that historic artifact. I wish it had not been lost as well. Too bad there is not even a photograph of it. There is a really nice wooden Periodic Table of the elements in Building 9204-3.

Enjoy Chris Keim's son, Bob Keim's memories of his dad:

Dad always talked about how lucky he was to have been at the right place at the right time. He got to Oak Ridge like many other scientists via recommendations by their bosses. Dad was teaching Chemistry at Carnegie Mellon and unknown to him at the time, his boss was on the "War Allocation Resources Board" which was a group that advised the President on how best to produce the goods needed for the war effort.

For example, this group decided that Ford would produce B-26 bombers and Chrysler would produce tanks. It obviously helped get the Manhattan Project everything it needed to build Oak Ridge, from bricks at Y-12 to toilets in the houses. It helped decide to use (14,700 tons - Ray) silver from the US Treasury reserves to build the electronic racetracks in the Calutrons.

At one interview, a Captain asked Dad if he had any military obligations. Dad answered, "I am to report to Submarine Commanders School in Annapolis this coming June." The captain made a note in his notebook and said, "Well, that is taken care of." Dad used to laugh when he told that story and said, "The Captain was sure right about that. I never heard another word from the draft board of the Navy. They wanted me in Oak Ridge."

After he returned to Pittsburgh, his boss told him, "Do not worry about your classes. Oak Ridge is more important. I will teach your classes if I have to. If you want to go, I want you to go." A few months later, with a one-year-old baby temporarily left behind, Dad came to Oak Ridge.

Our neighbor, Arthur Snell ran across a letter of job recommendation to General Groves for his Father. Dr. Snell. He was recommended for the job by Enrico Fermi, the famous physicist from the University of Chicago. Dr. Snell brought the Graphic Reactor at X-10 online. It was the first production reactor in the world. It produced the world's first weapons grade Plutonium which was used in our bomb. He had two offices. One at X-10 and one at Y-12 near Building 9731.

They were building the facilities at Y-12 when Dad arrived. He had gone to school with a kid from Kearney Nebraska, named Mr. Peterson. Peterson was working on a piece of farm equipment during the Summer and needed to hold a long bolt so he could tighten the nut. He invented some locking pliers to hold the bolt for him. When he came back to school, he told Dad that would likely be his last semester because Peterson Manufacturing and his Vise-Grips were selling like hot cakes, and he needed to manage his business.

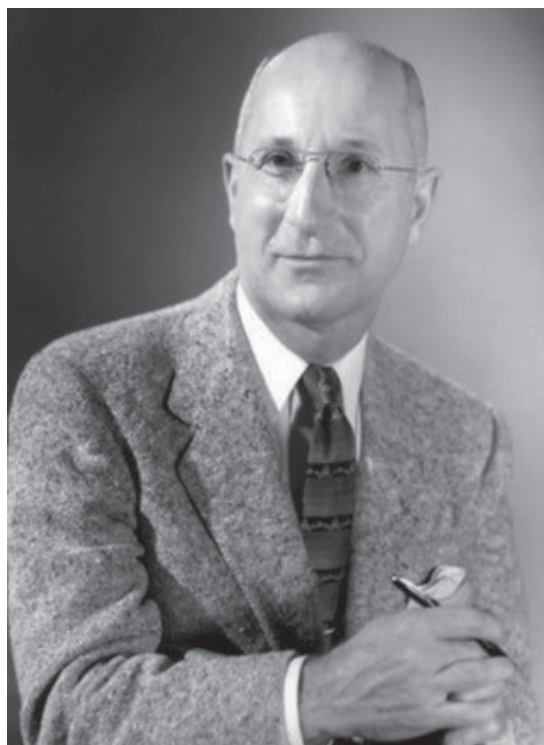
Dad told the construction people at Y-12, about Mr. Peterson's invention and asked them to get some. "What model, do we need?" they asked. Dad said, "I don't know, get us a dozen of each model, he is inventing new ones all the time. "The purchase order for one dozen of each kind of Vise-Grip went from Y-12 to purchasing at Oak Ridge.

They said, "If Y-12 needs a dozen, we will get them two dozen." Then up to purchasing for the Manhattan Project where it got doubled again. And so it went, until in a few weeks, a train carload of Vise grips arrived at Y-12. To my knowledge, a vise-grip never was sold in a surplus auction, and they were still opening boxes of new 1943 vice grips when Dad retired in 1970.

At Y-12 they had run out of ideas about how to

enrich the Uranium needed for the bomb. One day a visiting professor sat down at one of the Calutrons in Building 9731. He twisted the controls and the production of U235 went up dramatically. The machines could not withstand the new settings and literally started smoking in a few minutes. 9731 had a group of electrical engineers, physicists, and chemists who worked for nearly three days without a break re-designing the machine to work with the new settings.

They then turned the improvements over to the draftsmen who made blueprints to hand out to the production departments so they could modify the thousands of other calutrons. Production rose each month as they got more machines modified, so that by June of the 1945, they



Chris Keim (Photo Submitted)

had enough U235 to make the test bomb in New Mexico, and the two bombs we dropped on Japan ending the war.

There was a woman who ran a mass spectrograph for Building 9731. A mass spectrograph uses light waves to analyze and identify isotopes. One day she showed Dad that she had detected they had separated a specific isotope of copper (Copper 63). This gave them the idea that they might be able to separate all the isotopes of every element. After the war, a man from Washington asked Dad what it would take to try to do that. Dad said, "Oh a few million dollars a year for 10 years." The gentleman said, "OK, I will get Congress to give you the money. When can you start?" And so, the Stable Isotope Division was created at Building 9731.

For the next ten years Y-12 produced an inventory of all the isotopes to be loaned out and sold for scientific research. The Calutron Girls had jobs that lasted for another 10 years, as they got married, had kids, and retired. Every so often Dad would come home and say, "Another Calutron operator ripped out her hair today and had to go to the hospital." Oops, she had forgotten to take all the bobby pins out of her hair. When they turned on the huge magnets, it ripped the bobby pin and some of her hair right off her head.

The medical community was particularly interested in some of the isotopes produced by the Stable Isotope Division. Pretty soon, the MRI was invented and was first called the "Nuclear Resonance Imaging Machine". At the introduction of the prototype, Dad said, "You'd better take the word Nuclear out of the name, or nobody will ever get in it."

Then Thallium 6 was used in EKG's to diagnose blockages in heart muscles and the brains of stroke patients. The staff at 9731 and the Calutron operations at Y-12 had contributed to medical advances that have literally saved millions of lives since the war. Now Technetium 99 is used. It has the advantage of giving he patients about one-third the radiation of Thallium 6, which is now less than people get at the dentist getting their teeth x-rayed. A new reactor and shipping facility is being built in Oak Ridge to produce medical Technetium 99 to be shipped around the world, providing some nice jobs.

When Thallium 6 was first used, it was shipped around the country via Railway Express and might take ten days to get from Oak Ridge to California. Then UPS sped up the delivery and the shipping times were less. Now FedEx in Memphis ships most of the medical isotopes. Technetium 99 losses its radioactivity twice as fast as does Thallium 6. Accordingly, FedEx allows us to use the new isotope efficiently.

I sent the CEO of FedEx a letter a few years ago and told him how proud I was that a company in East Tennessee at Oak Ridge, and his company in West Tennessee, worked together to save lives around the world while reducing the exposure to radioactivity because of their

reliable shipments. He wrote me back and thanked me for letting him know how Tennessee was improving the lives of people around the world, and he would be thinking of Dad when he got his next nuclear EKG. So, the karma of Building 9731 is still being felt in hospitals and cardiologist's office around the world. Dad would be so proud, as should everyone associated with the research at Oak Ridge.

The lessons learned growing up with nuclear physicists were interesting. Before I was in Kindergarten, I asked Dad, as does nearly every kid, "Daddy, why is the sky blue?" I didn't get a simple answer. I got an explanation of water in the air, humidity and how the water molecules bend the light and make it appear blue - called refraction. A few months later I was at my neighbor's house and there was a prism on the coffee table. I picked it up, looked at the light coming in the window and said to my friend, "Look Arthur how this glass refracts the light into the colors of the rainbow. "I can remember Dr. Snell whirling around and saying, "Bobby, how do you know that word 'refraction'?" I proceeded to explain to him how the light was bent by the glass just like it was by the water in the air that made our sky blue. Can you imagine a four-year-old kid lecturing one of the foremost nuclear physicists in the world?"

The colors of the rainbow are always in the same order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. That day Dr. Snell introduced me to Mr. Roy G Biv. the letters representing the colors of the rainbow. I was a senior in high school before many of my friends met Roy G Biv in class.

As we now know, Y-12 released tons of mercury into the creek that runs down the middle of town. Dad knew that was happening, but the Defense Department felt it was more important to produce nuclear bombs faster than Russia. However, one Saturday, Dad gathered Mom, my sister and I around the dining room table. He broke a thermometer and let the mercury run onto a piece of glass. He explained that mercury was a metal that was liquid at room temperature, and it could be absorbed through our skin. He told me if I ever saw any, I should mark the spot with rocks like an Indian and then mark the trail out to the road so I could take him back to show him where it was. He never said anything about Y-12. He just wanted us to be safe and to help keep everyone else safe.

I was also not allowed to play in that creek. I could go anywhere else in the city outside the fences, but not that one creek. One day, I was with a friend and jumped across the creek. I didn't make it all the way and my foot went into the water. I laid awake tossing and turning all night long worried my foot was going to rot off, turn blue or something. Dad asked me why I had been up so many times the night before and I had to confess I had stepped in the creek. We went to the tub and scrubbed my feet with lye soap and a brush. It was 30 years later before I learned the connection between the broken thermometer and the danger in that creek.

We were taught national security and the importance of secrecy from a very young age. By the time I was in high school, I knew three houses of policemen or security officers at the plants that had arsenals in their houses. Not, just standard police weapons, but machine guns, bazookas, and a wall full of M-1's. I knew all the police, FBI and plant security officers that went to my church. We were taught for as long as I remember that if I ran across an issue of national security, I was to tell Dad, or one of the appropriate law enforcement officers.

The procedure was for me to simply tell one of the FBI agents after church, "I need to talk to you." He would then lead me to an empty classroom where I could tell him my concern. In my current job, 40 years later, I have had some contacts with the FBI. I always ask them if the form 201's are still in my file from the 50's. They try to repress a grin but are usually not very successful.

So, it is funny that many of our views toward the FBI and federal government are different. The FBI was in Oak Ridge to keep all of us and the country safe. We appreciated their efforts. Well, except the "Class of 1965" was painted on the water tower at K-25 for decades. That water tower was behind two 8' chain length fences in one of the most secure areas in the country. I hope my classmates who painted the tower confess in their obituaries. Until then, I don't want to know.

Thanks, Bob, for sharing those memories of your dad. The details you recall help provide a better understanding of the importance of the work being done by your dad and others.

The Copper 63 sample that was the first isotope other than uranium to be separated in a Calutron is still in existence today. It was placed in a small plastic container and given to Leon Love as a gift when he retired. His daughter has it in Texas. For several years she loaned it to the Y-12 History Center. It is my hope that she wills that sample to Y-12 for permanent exhibit there at the museum.

Russian Energy Blackmail in Europe



Michael Nance
Columnist

Europe is facing an energy crisis with winter just around the corner. This crisis is manufactured from page one of the Putin playbook. To put the situation into context, European

natural gas prices have reached \$3100 per 1000 cubic meters in mid-August. This represents a 610% increase over the same time last year.

What is causing the skyrocketing energy prices? None other than the want-to-be Russian Tsar, Vladimir Putin, and his energy blackmail policies.

In response to the sanctions over the Ukraine war, Russia shut down natural gas flows through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline last week. This move sent shockwaves throughout the European energy sector which was the genesis of the most-recent price spikes. European leaders are on the edge as they realize that the European economy has proved less resilient than the United States, and these events could foretell a wholesale recession in Europe.

Russia's state-run oil company Gazprom ties the pipelines ills to western sanctions. Gazprom recently indicated that pipeline malfunctions are linked to repairing German-made turbines in Canada, which the sanctions impair according to the Russians.

The EU and the world see through the Russian ruse and a top EU official was quoted as saying:

"If the weaponization of energy will continue or will increase in response to our decisions, I think that the European Union is ready to react," he told CNBC at the Ambrosetti Forum in Italy on Saturday.

So how did we get here? Well Russia purposely obtained a position of energy dominance, thanks to bad decisions on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Brigham McCown, a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute and director of its Initiative on American Energy Security was recently quoted as stating:

"American and security leaders have been telling Europe since the rise of the Soviet Union that they needed to diversify their energy supplies and not be captive to Russian oil and gas," Those warnings were not heeded and now an energy-initiated recession in Europe could spawn a global slowdown. But conversely, it was the Biden Administration that lifted sanctions on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline whose executive is a former East German intelligence officer. This evidences that both the EU and the Biden Administration have made mistakes that have allowed Russia the geopolitical high ground in the energy battle.



Photo Courtesy of Markus Spiske

Many experts point towards the many reports that Putin has cancer and not long to live. Although the world would be a safer place absent the dictator, being terminally ill doesn't bode well for the short-term prospects in Europe. Putin's ill health could turn out to be a double-edged sword, as terminally ill people can make emotional decisions.

We can only hope that the situation in Europe has imparted understanding with our elected leaders that domestic energy independence is a national security imperative.

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A King's Ransom: Chapter 16



Carol Hall
Author

Night had fallen.

Bronwyn dragged her feet as she swayed from side to side. Weariness had long taken the motivation for speed from her.

They had walked for hours, and still no village.

She glanced up. The sliver of a pale, crescent moon hung in the sky, surrounded by a blanket of twinkling stars.

Nicodemus had long since curled up under her hair and gotten comfortable. His lack of chatter had confirmed to Bronwyn that he, too, was worn out.

"Nicodemus," Bronwyn said, feeling dejected. "I think we'll have to find a place to sleep out here in the woods tonight."

"If you say so," came his tired response.

Bronwyn picked her way over some small jutting rocks and broken limbs until she came to a large, fallen log. Lifting a leg, she straddled the downed timber. As she hauled her other leg over it, her toe caught on a piece of loose bark, pitching her forward. She waved her arms frantically in the air trying to catch herself, but it was no use. She crashed to the ground landing hard on her stomach.

Nicodemus was thrown off her shoulder as she went down. His tightly curled body bounced across the ground several times before coming to rest a few feet in front of her. With each bounce a grunt issued from him.

"Nicodemus!" Bronwyn cried out. "Are you ok?"

Getting no response, Bronwyn crawled around on her hands and knees until she located him. He was laying on his back with his legs up in the air.

"Nicodemus?" she asked, cautiously. "You ok?" She gently poked his belly.

"Uuuggghhh," he moaned. "I don't think I can move."

Bronwyn scooped him up in her hands and cradled him next to her body.

In the inky darkness of the night, it was hard to make out his form, since he, too, was black.

Stroking her finger down the underside of his belly, she felt tears coming on. "I'm so sorry, Nicodemus!" she began to wail. "I should have been more careful. I didn't mean to fall and toss you across the ground."

Nicodemus wrapped his eight legs around her hand and squeezed. "I'm alright," he said. "I just got the wind knocked out of me."

She lifted him to where he was directly under her nose, so she could see him better. "Are you sure?" she asked, feeling somewhat relieved. "Are you hurt?"

"Just my pride," he said, flipping over onto his legs.

Bronwyn tucked him under her chin and hugged him. "You scared me," she said. "I thought I killed you."

"It would take a lot more than bouncing me across the dirt to do that," he assured her. "I've gone through worse. Remember the cat?"

Bronwyn laughed in relief. "Well, you still have your sense of humor, so you must be alright."

She gingerly dusted him off and re-positioned him on her shoulder. "I think this would be a good place to stop for the night," she said. "What do you think?"

"I hear music," he said.

Thinking the fall had addled his brain, she started to argue with him.

"No," he said. "Listen."

Bronwyn stood stock still and listened. He was right. The faint strains of stringed instruments drifted to them through the trees.

"Where's it coming from?" he asked.

"I don't know," Bronwyn said. She craned her neck and looked around.

"There!" Nicodemus said, exuberantly. "I see light!"

Bronwyn couldn't tell which direction Nicodemus was looking in.

"Where?" she asked.

Nicodemus used one of his legs to turn her head in the direction he was looking. "There," he said.

Bronwyn searched through the thick trees of the forest until her eyes came upon a faint light glowing on the horizon. "I see it!" she exclaimed.

"Maybe it's a village," Nicodemus said, hopefully.

"Let's find out," Bronwyn said. The thought of finding a village brought on a renewed vigor in her step.

They wandered through thick stands of trees, over more fallen logs, then climbed up a small rise. There, below them, they saw a village in the throes of a large festival.

Hundreds of lanterns lit up the common area, and folks dressed in festive garb danced around. Their gaiety and laughter carried up to where Bronwyn and Nicodemus stood, looking down.

"What's going on?" Nicodemus asked.

"Some sort of festival," Bronwyn said. "This is great!"

"Why?" Nicodemus asked. "With all those people roaming around, we'll be seen for sure."

"Exactly," Bronwyn said. "But no one will think anything about it. We'll blend in with the crowd."

"But they're all dressed up in nice clothes," Nicodemus pointed out. "You're in rags. They'll notice that, I'm sure."

"No, they won't," Bronwyn said. "They'll be so busy having fun, no one will pay us any attention."

"What are we going to do?" Nicodemus asked, somewhat skeptical.

"We'll wander through the crowd for a short time, then while everyone is still enjoying the festivities, we'll sneak into some homes and rustle up some food and clothes," Bronwyn explained. "Then, we'll head off into the woods to sleep for the night. No one will realize anything is missing till morning, but we'll be long gone by then."

"Sounds like a good plan," Nicodemus said. "I just hope none of the king's soldiers are around."

"Even if they are," Bronwyn said. "It's too dark for them to recognize me. Especially with all the other people around."

Bronwyn trotted down the hill, entering the village from the opposite side of the common area.

"Why are we going the long way?" Nicodemus asked, realizing they had skirted the village before entering it.

"The idea is to enter the common area from the village, not the hillside," Bronwyn said. "If we'd come flouncing down the hill into the center of the festival, everyone would have noticed us. But by coming through the village, it looks like we're part of the community. No one will give us a second glance. The whole idea is to not draw attention to ourselves."

"Ohhh, good idea," Nicodemus agreed.

"And speaking of not drawing attention to ourselves," Bronwyn added.

"It would be best not to talk to me, or ask me questions, while we're at the festival. If it looks like I'm talking to myself, folks are going to take notice."

"Right-o," Nicodemus said. "Got it. No talking."

"Are you ready?" Bronwyn asked, adjusting her skirt and rubbing her hand over her hair.

"Yep," Nicodemus said. "Let's do this."

Bronwyn sauntered through the village trying her best to look, and act, like she belonged there.

After passing several people who paid her no mind, she was confident that her plan had worked. She walked past the quiet, empty houses, through the main part of town and down a couple of short alleyways until she came to the place where the festival was set up.

Lanterns lined the street and hung from poles, illuminating the whole area. Colorful streamers tied from trees rippled on the breeze that was whipped up from all the bustling activity around them. People in vibrant, fancy clothes laughed and danced around while music played in the background.

It was the largest festival Bronwyn had ever attended. All the lights, bright colors and abundant activity dazzled her. She felt a giddy excitement fill her as she took in her surroundings.

She strutted her way into the midst of the crowd, keeping her eye out for any soldiers. If any were present, the over-illuminated area would make her visual, thus recognizable.

Not seeing any, she shouldered her way past a throng of people to see what was going on in the center of the common area, where whoops and hollers could be heard resonating through the air.

Bronwyn peered out from behind two women whose attire gave her a moment of pause. The flounced sleeves on their ornate gowns reminded her of the dress she had worn for the king. Maybe Nicodemus was right. Her state of raggedy dress might cause some of the villagers to take notice of her and realize the fact that she didn't belong.

The loud music came to a stop as a man on stilts entered the circle.

"Hear ye, hear ye!" his booming voice called out, as he extended his arms out to his sides. "Come and see the greatest act of all times! A true wonder to behold! A marvel to witness! An act so dangerous that only one man has ever attempted it! May I introduce to you, the man, the myth, the legend... Fire Eating Fortin! Give him a loud round of applause, folks!"

Bronwyn watched in fascinated horror as a half-naked man stepped into the ring. He was shirtless, wearing only baggy trousers. His large, muscular arms were damp with sweat, and his slicked back hair appeared greasy.

She gasped out loud as he twirled around two batons whose ends were lit on fire. She nearly fainted when he lifted one of the batons over his head and lowered the burning end into his mouth.

Her eyes went wide with shock when he pulled it back out and spewed some kind of liquid onto it, causing the flame to explode.

She was so engrossed in watching this man, that at first she didn't see the pair of eyes across the circle staring at her.

When the fire-eater blew more liquid onto his batons, causing the flames to cast an eerie, orange glow over the crowd, she lowered her eyes to gauge the reactions of the people across from her.

That's when she saw the man who was staring at her.

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



how blessed he is for his wife Jennie, their two daughters; Tara England (married to Todd England), Amy Welch (married to Mark Welch) and their four grandchildren.

Specialist George Wright we at Morgan County Today thank you for your service and sacrifices for our country and what most importantly want to say, "Welcome Home!"

George Wright of Morgan County is a Vietnam veteran and we are thankful to honor him in such a humble way. He and his loving wife Jennie were both raised in Campbell County. They married in 1971 and have enjoyed their life together ever since. After George retired in 2011, they decided to move to Morgan County and are thankful they did.

George was drafted to serve in the United States Army in 1968 at the age of nineteen. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 1969 to July 1970 and completed his military service at the rank of E-4 specialist after two years of serving honorably.

Throughout his tour of duty in Vietnam he was assigned to the 11TH Armored Cavalry Regiment as a track mechanic but due to the needs of the army he was being reassigned to serve as a tank crewmember. During the approval of his reassignment a Huey door gunner was injured and George asked to be his replacement. George's request was granted and he served the rest of his tour of duty as a Huey door gunner.

When asked what it was like serving as a Huey door gunner, George stated, "we were shot at with a little bit of everything. We even had a crash landing in a rice patty after our helicopter experienced an in-flight mechanical failure."

George had nothing but joy to speak of when explaining



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week



We honor fallen Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Florida who was tragically killed in the line of duty on September 22, 2022.

Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick succumbed to injuries received when he was struck by a front-end

loader on I-275 at 10:30 pm.

Deputy Hartwick was working an overnight assignment directing traffic for construction work on I-275. He was outside his cruiser when the front-end loader carrying concrete barriers hit him.

The construction worker who was driving the front-end loader fled the scene but was apprehended ten hours later. Another construction worker who helped the subject hide his work vest and flee was charged with accessory after

the fact.

Deputy Hartwick had served with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for nineteen years. He was fifty-one-years-old and is survived by his two sons and mother.

Property Tax Relief for Seniors

*Pushing for and passing
legislation allowing more
Senior Citizens to qualify for
Property Tax Relief.*



NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

 * A Tip From JoAnn: I like bottled water, but it's expensive and creates a lot of waste. I have plenty of reusable bottles, but bottled water always seemed more convenient and, frankly, better. I found that what I really like is to take a bottle of very cold water out of the fridge and drink it, so instead of storing those reusable bottles in the cabinet, I fill them straight from the dishwasher and put them in the fridge. Now I have the convenience of bottled water without spending the money, and I happily am not creating waste.

* To remove stubborn contact paper from kitchen shelves, use a hair dryer set on low to loosen the adhesive. Peel away slowly.

* Here's a trick for removing hard-water stains on windows or glass doors: Apply full-strength fabric softener to surface. Let dry, then use a wet cloth to

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* In 1962, former MLB catcher Harry Chiti was traded from the Cleveland Indians to the New York Mets for "a player to be named later." After a poor showing, Chiti became that very player, making him the first ever to be traded for himself.

* The average person will grow 590 miles of hair (including nose hair) in their lifetime.

* Speaking of hair, prior to L'Oreal's launch of the first mass market hairspray in 1960, women had to choose between slicking their hair down with a greasy brilliantine or using a mechanical sprayer to coat it with shellac dissolved in a solution of water and alcohol. Thank you, L'Oreal.

* When it comes to landing an effective punch, boxers have nothing on the mantis shrimp, the strike of which has been clocked at about 50 mph and described by Science as accelerating faster than a .22-caliber bullet. Take that, Mike Tyson!

* Forks were once considered a sacrilegious tool by the church.

* In 1898, nearly 75% of Alabama's entire annual state revenue came from convict leasing to private railways, mines and large plantations.

* Brazilian doctor Heron Werner uses 3D printing to help blind parents feel their baby's ultrasound results.

* David Wayne Oliver, "the San-

ta Claus Bank Robber," walked into a Colorado Springs bank claiming to be armed, stole an undisclosed amount of money, and took the bag out to the street, tossing cash into the air while shouting "Merry Christmas." He then proceeded to a Starbucks to watch the resulting commotion while waiting for his arrest.

* In an effort to limit the Dalai Lama's power, China has banned Tibetan Buddhist monks from reincarnating without government permission.

 Thought for the Day: "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." -- Thomas Edison

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remove, rinsing the cloth frequently.

* "Hang a bag of clothespins near the laundry basket. Then if something has a stain that needs to be addressed, put a clip on it before adding it to the basket. This way, you'll know what to pretreat on wash day." -- D.W. in Washington

* "To keep pants on a hanger from creasing, I slit a paper towel cardboard roll and slip it over the hanger. I tape it together and then put the pants over it. This has worked for me for many years." -- I.R. in Nebraska

* Got a grease stain on your shirt? Cover it with baking soda right away. The baking soda will absorb oil. Repeat several times and launder as quickly as you can.

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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

1 Black, in verse

5 Galoots

9 Stitch

12 Oompah band member

13 One

14 La-la lead-in

15 Post-WWII period

17 Texas tea

18 Hot and humid

19 "Haystacks" painter

21 Infinitive part

22 Follow

24 Merit badge holder

27 Chopper

28 Fury

31 Mom's mate

32 Morsel

33 "Gosh!"

34 Dieter's target

36 UFO fliers

37 Phone inventor

38 Small change

40 Rocky Balboa's greeting

41 Words to live by

43 Sounded content

47 Grazing land

48 Period before one's golden years

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27 Help a hood

29 Solidify

30 Slithery fish

35 Foundation

37 Northern

39 Wanderer

40 Actor Brynner

41 Family

42 Actress Russo

43 Shareable PC files

44 Exceptional

45 Swelled heads

46 Cozy rooms

49 Equal (Pref.)

50 Use a shovel

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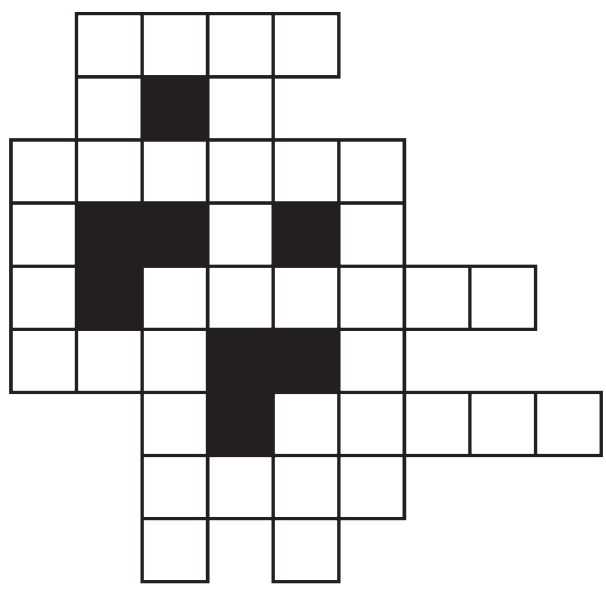
3 Slender woodwind

4 "Broadway Joe"

5 Charlie Brown's psychiatrist



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- PLIXE
- ORN
- MANSPA
- ♥ DEPLA
- SUCE



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.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Abimelech in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 15:5, Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the ..." *Water, Wind, Tree, Branches*
3. According to Paul, what kind of giver does God love? *Loving, Generous, Cheerful, Reluctant*
4. What wicked queen wanted to kill the prophet Elijah? *Athaliah, Herodias, Maachah, Jezebel*
5. From Exodus 13, who was Moses' personal servant? *Joshua, Zilpah, Gehazi, Elisha*
6. Which of these describes Amos the prophet? *Priest, Herdsman, Carpenter, Fisherman*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Branches, 3) Cheerful, 4) Jezebel, 5) Joshua, 6) Herdsman

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Dog Balks at Eyedrops

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My dog is being prepared for corrective eye surgery, and has to be given special drops. However, Maisie won't hold still for me at all, and I can't get the drops in. What can I do? — Lauren, via email

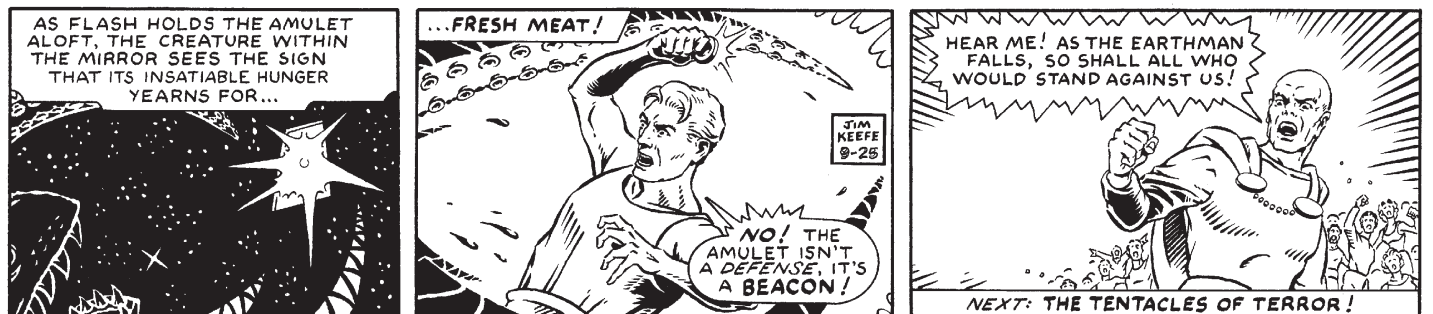
DEAR LAUREN: Pets don't like being given medicine, and they really, really don't like getting eyedrops. Approaching Maisie head-on or holding the eye dropper directly over her eye will freak her out. Instead, keep her comfortable and unaware of the dropper until the very last moment. Here's how:

- Approach her from the side, and pet her into a sitting position, giving lots of praise. If she is a large dog, have a friend cradle her from the side or stand behind her, placing your legs behind her shoulders so she can't back up. If she is small, cradle her until she is calm.
- Cup one hand below Maisie's chin so you can gently lift her head upward.
- Quickly wipe the eyes clean using a damp cotton ball or cloth.
- Unscrew the eyedropper top or have a friend do it where Maisie can't see.
- Lift her head and gently tug down her lower eyelid.
- Bring the eye dropper up and hold it at an angle to the eye so it's close but not directly in her view.
- Gently tug her upper eyelid upward and quickly put a drop into the eye, being careful not to touch the eye.
- Repeat with the other eye.
- Wipe away excess medicine with a clean cotton ball.
- Give Maisie a treat right away — she deserves it!

For visual details, watch this video by VideoJug/Battersea Dogs & Cats Home: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8TtdwnPpzo>.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT



"The only thing left is a reality show about producing a reality show."

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Crime Is a Legitimate Issue

There's been a wave of violent crime the last couple of years, and the best way to address the issue is for everyone to pass over it in silence. That's the implication of the liberal pushback against the GOP attacks on Democrats as soft-on-crime in the closing weeks of the midterms.

The Democrats are running defensive ads and have passed a police-funding measure in the House, but a big element of their case for themselves -- as always -- is that it is unfair and racist to call them out on crime.

The Washington Post just ran a piece headlined, "GOP strategy elevates clashes over crime, race in midterm battlegrounds." In its own report, The New York Times says the Republican offensive "has swiftly drawn criticism as a return to sometimes deceptive or racially divisive messaging."

Exhibit A is the advertising barrage against Mandela Barnes, the 35-year-old African American lieutenant governor of Wisconsin who is running against the Republican incumbent, Sen. Ron Johnson. The Post relates that allies of Barnes "have derided the attacks as racist messages that feed on stereotypes."

There are a couple of counts against the anti-Barnes ads. One is that they associate him with "The Squad," the group of left-wing congresswomen. But this is hardly dirty pool since Barnes has gladly associated himself with them. He went to an event with Rep. Ilhan Omar in 2019, and said about her in a tweet afterward, "She's exactly who we need in Congress right now fighting for what's right."

The idea is that it is racist to portray Barnes in an ad with an image of the Squad because all its members are non-white. But what's most notable about The Squad is that it exemplifies out-of-the-mainstream progressive politics. Are attacks on the group supposed to be off limits until it recruits a more diverse membership?

It is also supposedly wrong to depict Barnes' name written in graffiti. This is an attempt, according to one Democratic operative, to "ghettoize him." The case against Barnes isn't that he's a graffiti artist, though; it's that he supports policies that have made the wave of disorder in American cities worse.

Graffiti is a symbol of such disorder. If this sort of imagery is illegitimate, no Democrats should be able to use footage of violence on January 6 against Republicans.

Finally, there's an ad that calls Barnes "dangerously liberal on crime." But another ad also calls John Fetterman, the Democratic senate candidate in Pennsylvania, "dangerously liberal on crime." Fetterman, it must be observed, is a large, tattooed white man.

Crime isn't a racial issue; it's about affording all Americans, and especially vulnerable communities, the protection they deserve from lawlessness. Obviously, violent crime is not a blight on the lives of upper middle-class white people.

In Milwaukee, 87% of the victims of homicide this year have been Black or Hispanic, according to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel's tracker.

In Philadelphia, there have been more than 1,750 shootings this year. According to the count maintained by the city's office of the controller, 92% of the shooting victims have been Black or Hispanic.

Democrats like Barnes and Fetterman reflect the anti-incarceration ethos that's been ascendant in the Democratic Party for years now, especially in the wake of the killing of George Floyd.

Barnes was on board two of the worst and most destructive public policy ideas in contemporary America. In 2020, when defunding the police was all the rage, Barnes said money could be taken from police departments and given to neighborhood services. He also introduced legislation to end cash bail when he was in the Wisconsin state assembly in 2016.

He, and other Democrats, have the choice of trying to defend their ideas or to rule out any pointed discussion of them. It tells you all you need to know that they are heavily invested in the latter.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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24-Hour Refrigerator Vegetable Pickles

On a recent afternoon when my son texted me to check in, I nimbly replied with sticky fingers, "I'm preoccupied with taking pics of pints of pickled" While laughing at the preponderance of P's, I accidentally pressed "send." He immediately wrote back, "Pickled PEP-PERS? ... ha!"

OK, so I may have left the peppers out of this recipe, but keeping with the "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled ..." verse that took us back to his childhood, I simply replied, "perhaps." Wordplay and food play are interchangeable with kids, no matter their age.

Preparing pickled veggies this time of year is the perfect antidote for using and enjoying the abundance of fresh, tender and tasty produce in our gardens and markets. You and your kids can create jars full to stack in the refrigerator in less than an hour for a month of tasty sides. Discover, like my family, that the vegetables will be sweet like bread and butter pickles, but will pack more flavor than the traditional grocery-store fare.

Here's how to "pickle it" all:

24-HOUR PICKLES

Makes 6 pints

For the brine:

5 cups distilled white vinegar

5 cups sugar

2 tablespoons kosher salt
1/4 cup mustard seed
1 tablespoon celery seed
1 tablespoon black peppercorns
6 bay leaves
Fresh dill (optional)

For the vegetables:

3 cucumbers, sliced in discs or quartered lengthwise
6 medium carrots, peeled and quartered lengthwise
2 big handfuls of green beans
1 medium cauliflower, broken into pieces
2 onions, halved and sliced

1. In a saucepan, combine the first six brine ingredients and bring to a boil, stirring until sugar is completely dissolved.

2. Place the vegetables in a large bowl.

3. An adult should pour the hot brine mixture over the vegetables. Cool. Transfer equally to six clean jars, tucking a bay leaf and dill (if you choose) in each one. Screw lids on tightly and place in the refrigerator.



4. Refrigerate for 24 hours before serving. Keep refrigerated and use within one month.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

VA to Tackle Care for Long Covid

The Department of Veterans Affairs has just published "Whole Health System Approach to Long Covid," a holistic guidebook for the treatment of veterans suffering with long Covid. It's estimated that 2% of the U.S. population will develop long Covid, which equates to 24,000 to 42,000 veterans.

The VA was the first to realize that recovering from Covid didn't mean it was gone, that a long version was emerging, bringing with it extended illnesses. They opened 20 long Covid programs and dug into research where they looked at those who still had vascular and heart disease a year after the original Covid.

The program is a multipronged whole-health approach, with an individual plan at the heart of each patient's treatment wherein medical staff can assess and manage the symptoms and direct treatment as the patient needs.

In the guidebook there are guides for each facet, from

signs and symptoms to treatment recommendations (tinyurl.com/3r8xvthf). There is also an assessment with 31 questions.

To read more about the VA's approach, check their Covid page at tinyurl.com/4kyrhv6y. A factsheet can be found at tinyurl.com/bdfm8ha2.

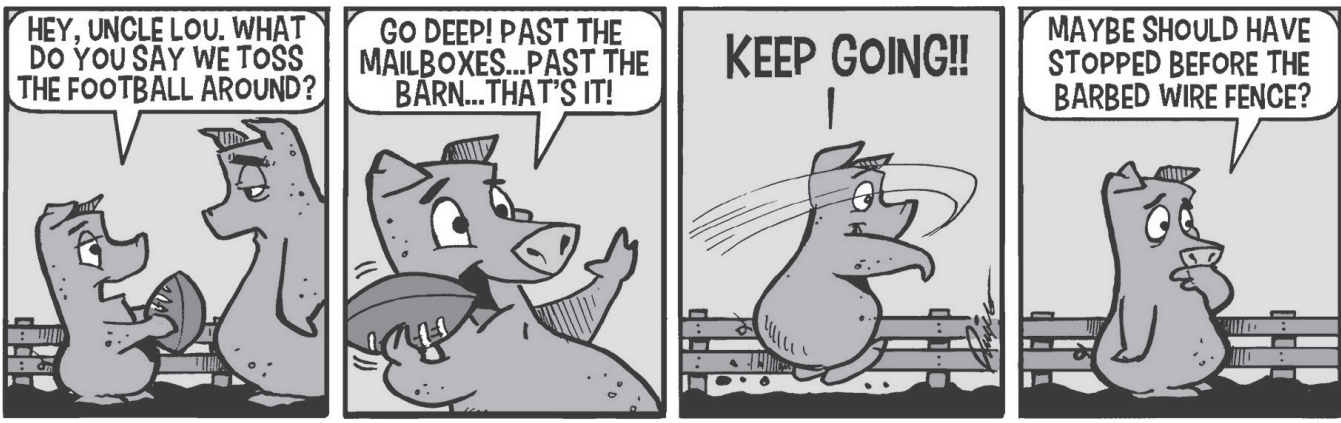
In addition, the government has the National Research Action Plan on Long COVID (www.covid.gov/longcovid). Scroll through the 85-page document to see what the government is doing and click on the study links to see what researchers are doing and have discovered.

You'll see that when it comes to an actual definition, the Food and Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization and the VA have differing opinions about just what constitutes long Covid. To make matters more complicated, not everyone calls it by the same name. Mostly it's patients, some researchers and Wikipedia that call it "long Covid." NIH, for example, calls it "Post-acute Sequelae of SARS CoV-2 infection."

Remember: It's not over yet. Keep up the hand-washing. Ignore the 20-second rule and scrub for a full minute or more.
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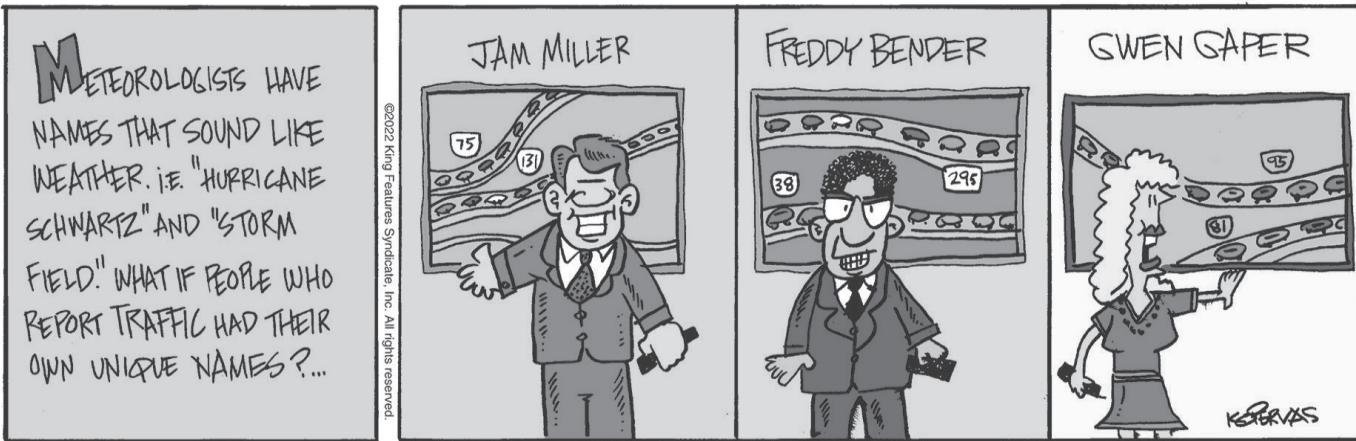
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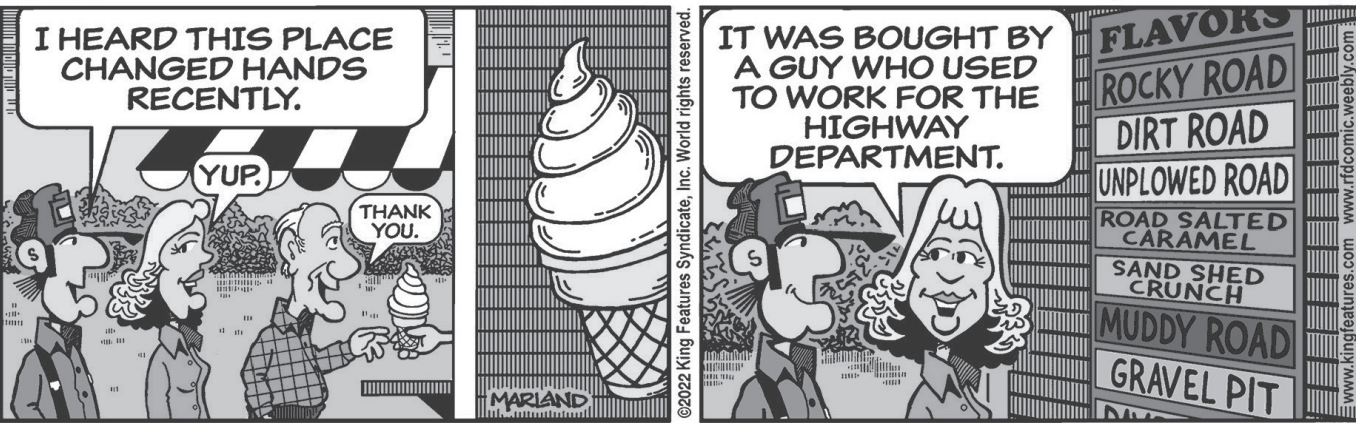
Out on a Limb

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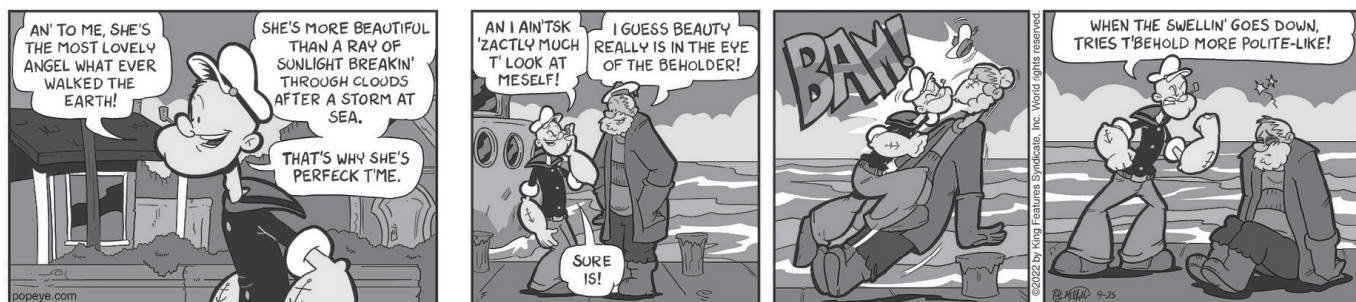
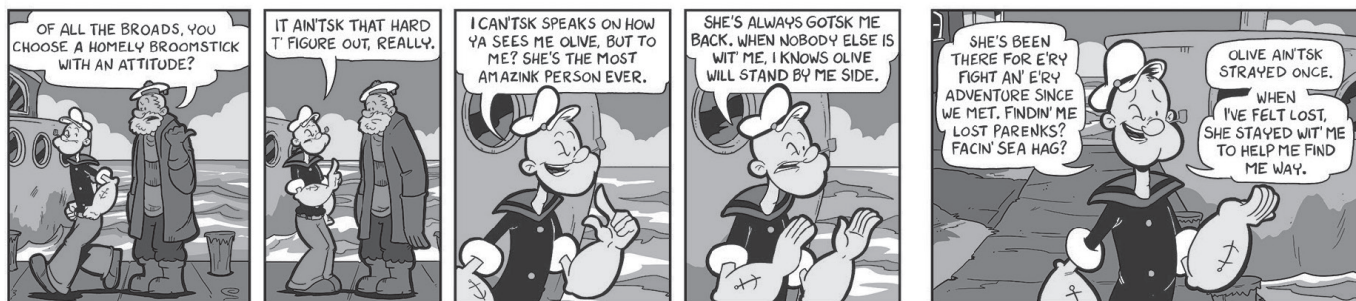
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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Oct. 21, 1797, the USS Constitution, a 44-gun U.S. Navy frigate, is launched in Boston Harbor. She was built to fight Barbary pirates off the coast of Tripoli and won the nickname "Old Ironsides" during the War of 1812, when British shots merely bounced off Constitution's sides.

* On Oct. 19, 1931, David Cornwell, known as spy novelist John le Carre, is born in Poole, England. He published his first spy novel, "Call for the Dead," in 1961. The novel, like his second, "A Murder of Quality" (1962), featured spy George Smiley.

* On Oct. 22, 1957, in Saigon, Vietnam, 13 American military personnel are wounded in three terrorist bombings. During America's official involvement (1964-1973), over 3 million armed forces were deployed to Vietnam, resulting in 58,220 deaths.

* On Oct. 20, 1968, 21-year-old Dick Fosbury sets an Olympic record at the Mexico City Games when he high-jumps 7 feet, 4 1/4 inches. Fosbury's unique jumping, known as the Fosbury Flop, was described in the press as "a guy falling off the back of a truck."

* On Oct. 18, 1974, singer Al Green is attacked when an ex-girlfriend pours a pot of hot grits on his back while he was in the bathtub. Green was left with severe injuries but also a spiritual awakening. By 1976, Green had become an ordained Baptist minister and established a Memphis church.

* On Oct. 17, 1986, President Ronald Reagan signs into law an act that approves \$100 million in humanitarian and military aid for Nicaraguan Contras with a goal of overthrowing the Sandinista government. Shortly afterward, however, the Iran-Contra scandal was revealed wherein the U.S. had sold missiles and arms in secret deals with Iran and \$30 million were diverted to the Contras.

* On Oct. 23, 2002, nearly 800 people in a Moscow theater are taken hostage by 50 Chechen Army rebels. Russian special forces surrounded the building and pumped in a gas that rendered the terrorists and hostages unconscious. During the subsequent raid, 120 hostages were killed as well as most of the rebels. 2022 Hearst Communications, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Rep. Windle Honors Armes Upon Her 32 Year Retirement From TDOT



Jewel Armes has given the majority of her life to public service. She worked hard for the Tennessee Department of Transportation for 32 years and finally decided it was time to retire. Representative John Mark Windle was on hand to congratulate her and honor her with a resolution from the state of TN for her years of service.

“Thanks to Ms. Jewel Armes for 32 years of dedicated service to the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). After decades of battling snow, ice and hot pavement, we hope you enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Thank you for letting me share today with you,” said Windle.

Being a state employee and public servant for 32 years takes a lot of dedication and determination. She worked for many supervisors and various as well as working through many changes throughout the years and made it through them all.

Some of her current and former coworkers were on hand to enjoy the day with her.

Left: L to R Rep. John Mark Windle and Jewel Armes

Below: Front row George (hot rod)Crabtree, Zach VanNortsan , Ronnie Lee , Sidney Hayes, Retiree Jackie Morgan , Todd Sexton, Adrian Covell

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Oneida Routs Rockwood on the Road

By Richard Spears



In a huge District road win Thursday (Sept. 22) the Lady Indians shut out Rockwood 7-0, as every Lady Indian got into the game, which Oneida Head Coach Phil Newport said was played with “extreme efficiency by our team.” Oneida seniors Aliyah Douglas and Claire Burress accounted for all of the Lady Indian goals in the first half, as Burress blasted the game’s first score with barely one minute off the game clock followed by Douglas nailing two in succession, then Burress booting in a goal in the waning minutes of the first period to give Oneida a 4-0 lead over Rockwood at halftime. Coach Newport told the Morgan County Today, “We capped a good week with this win, which puts us in second place in the district, and I liked the way we worked together on the field. The girls passed well, played a solid game on both offense and defense.” Newport commended the play of the Lady Indian seniors, including Kenlee Duncan. “Kenlee can play well on either side of the field,” Newport said. In the game’s second half, Douglas scored her third goal for a hat trick; Alexea Jones and junior Ali Smith scored to give the Lady Indians a 7-0 lead, which was the final. “Our goalie, Ayla Sims made some good saves, especially in the first half. Then after halftime, I put our backup goalie, Amayah Pace in and she did a great job of preserving the shutout. Our defense as a whole did a great job of shutting them down,” Newport added.

Oneida followed their win over Rockwood with another road victory, besting William Blount 6-1 on Tuesday, September 27. In the first half, Lydia Kline, Alexea Jones, Claire Burress and Jillian Cross scored, as William Blount put one goal in before the end of the frame, which ended with Oneida up, 4-1. In the second half, Kamryn Kennedy scored off a Claire Burress assist, then Burress scored on a header off a corner kick by Aliyah Douglas to put the Lady Indians ahead, 6-1. That was the game’s final score, Burress had 3 assists to accompany her goal. Oneida was scheduled to play Scott

High at home (Thursday, Sept. 29) then Cumberland County on the road (Monday, Oct. 3) to finish out their regular schedule, as they ready for the post season, and as Coach Newport said, “Means us meeting up with Cumberland Gap again.”

Lady Highlanders Sting Kingston With Huge Overtime Win

In a close, physical battle on the Scott High football field, the Lady Highlanders outplayed and outlasted the Lady Jackets in a key district matchup, with Scott taking a resounding 5-4 win, scoring the game winner in overtime. Scott Head Coach Eric Henry said, “We powered through this one, moved the ball well. A good win to put us as a second seed in district post season play.” Chloe Tucker got things started, scoring unassisted after almost half of the first period had elapsed to put Scott up, 1-0. Ten minutes later, Kingston scored on a penalty kick, to tie it at 1-1. That was the score at the break. The Lady Highlanders started the second frame on fire, as Chloe Tucker took an assist from Ellie Lowe in the first 7 minutes and shot a rocket into the net to give Scott a 2-1 lead. Minutes later, Kingston got a questionable favorable call that gave them another penalty kick, and the Lady Jackets tied it, 2-2. Scott senior Katie Tucker gave the Lady Highlanders a 3-2 lead, and momentum as she scored unassisted on a long breakaway down the field, followed by Rachel Garrett (assisted by Olivia Rector) drilling a goal to give Scott a 4-2 lead with 19:48 on the game clock. Kingston doggedly never gave up, and scored twice in the final 15 minutes to tie the game, 4-4 before the end of the second half, sending the game into a 10 minute “golden goal” overtime period. But 30 seconds was all Scott needed to finish Kingston off, as Ellie Lowe, assisted by Rachel Garrett, nailed the winning goal at the 9:30 mark and sealed the 5-4 Lady Highlander win. Scott was scheduled to play Oneida away (Thursday, Sept. 29), then host 2 home contests, Alcoa (Tuesday, Oct. 4) and Fulton (Thursday, Oct. 6) before meeting Kingston again on Highlander Field Saturday (Oct. 8) to begin the district tournament. Head Coach Henry told the Morgan County Today, “We moved the ball well against Kingston. We were tired, they were tired, but we came out with the win, and home field advantage against them for the District tournament game.”



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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Miami



When I wrote this article, I Googled the weather in Wartburg, TN. It was a chilly 29F and temperatures are expected to dip all the way down to 20F. That is some cold weather for the south. Winter is coming soon, and you may be already planning a warm weather getaway. I have been to Miami, FL several times and recommend it as a vacation spot

I would stay in South Beach instead of downtown Miami. South beach is about a 25-30-minute drive with traffic from downtown Miami. There are many great restaurants in the downtown Miami area,

but my guess is your escaping cold weather for the beach. You'll have access right to the beach with a lot of hotels especially during the pandemic and limited business travel. Depending on traffic, the Miami airport is about 30 minutes from South Beach; this will again depend on what time of day it is. Miami traffic can be pretty crazy.



If you're traveling as a family, I would recommend blocking off a day to visit The Everglades Safari Park. **Zack Ballinger** You can purchase tickets for a ride on the airboat. They take you deep into the Everglades National Park and you'll get to see alligators close up and personal. It's a pretty neat experience being that close to alligators in their natural habitat. They also have a pretty fun animal show where they feed the gators, present some information, and they give you an opportunity to pet a baby gator.

Miami is a great place for different cultures. There are many immigrants that live there from south America and during the winter there are a lot of European travelers. It's always a great experience to meet people from different countries and cultures. If you need motivation for the gym, Miami is the place to visit. South Beach is known for sculpted bodies, workouts on the beach, and everyone that lives there tends to be in top physical shape.

You have to eat Cuban food if you visit Miami, FL. My favorite Cuban restaurant is Havana 1957. It has authentic Cuban food. I recommend the black bean soup, a Cuban sandwich, and the Cuban roasted chicken. There are several locations in the area. Take a look at your food bill before you tip. Many restaurants in South Beach have an automatic gratuity of 18%. I would recommend restaurants away from the main strip. Those tend to be the priciest and they often price gouge tourists.

Miami isn't the cheapest place in Florida. Depending on where you stay, it can be pretty expensive. If you plan a head, especially during the pandemic, you can pull off a nice trip to Miami without breaking your bank account. They have lots of outdoor malls for shopping. South Beach has really nice beaches and they are well maintained throughout the year. If you never been to Miami; I would encourage you to make it a destination vacation spot.

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October Brings Pumpkin Bisque With a Twist

Oh, October! It's officially pumpkin-flavored everything month! If you want to see the face of bliss, offer your loved ones this easy-to-prepare scrumptious Pumpkin Apple Cider Soup lovingly paired with adorable grilled cheese croutons.

Although incredibly nutritious, pumpkin on its own is a little bland. We're infusing complexity into it by adding onion, garlic, lots of seasonal spices, apple and apple cider. The cider and the apple bring the perfect balance of sweetness and acidity to this soup. However, this is a savory soup; don't expect a pool of pumpkin pie!

If your budget allows, this is the time to splurge on some good unfiltered cider. You only need one cup for the soup; the rest you get to sip when evenings get chilly.

You can choose to make this soup as chunky or as smooth as you like. The outcome depends on how small you chop the ingredients and if you decide to puree the finished soup. I chose the middle ground with finely diced onion and apple and was very pleased with the results. My family loved the little bursts of apple spiking the rich and savory soup.

PUMPKIN APPLE CIDER SOUP

Total Time: 40 minutes
Yield: 8 cups

1 tablespoon each of olive oil and

butter
1 cup onion, diced
1 cup apple (any variety), peeled, cored, and diced
1 teaspoon garlic, minced
1 (large 29-ounce) can pure pumpkin
4 cups (32-ounce box) chicken or vegetable broth
1 cup apple cider
1 teaspoon thyme
1/2 teaspoon each of cinnamon and ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Optional for bisque: half and half or heavy cream
Garnish: sour cream, pepitas, roasted pumpkin seeds



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This creamy pumpkin soup is sure to be a family favorite.

In a heavy bottomed soup pot or large saucepan over medium heat, bring the oil and butter up to a sizzle and saute the onion for about 3 minutes. Next, add the apple and continue to saute until both are quite soft. Add the garlic and stir to combine and take a moment to appreciate that amazing aroma. Don't you love a great savory and sweet combo? Now, let's make soup! Add the pumpkin, chicken or veggie broth, apple cider and stir. Now add the spices, thyme, cinnamon, ginger, salt and pepper. Stir to combine and let this simmer for 20 minutes. Remove from heat. Adjust

seasoning to taste.

At this point, for a creamier, totally smooth soup, you can use an immersion blender or transfer soup to a blender to puree until it reaches your desired consistency. You also can choose to add half and half or heavy cream to make pumpkin bisque. I'd start at half a cup and add from there.

To serve, ladle into bowls and serve with grilled cheese croutons — instructions below. For extra Diva flair, you can garnish with little dollops of sour cream (it doesn't dissolve into the soup like heavy cream would) and a sprinkle of bright green pepitas (shelled pumpkin seeds) and/or roasted whole pumpkin seeds.

GRILLED CHEESE CROUTONS

Total Time: 10 minutes
Yield: 12 croutons

1 baguette (day old is perfect!)
1 (8 ounce) block sharp cheddar cheese, room temperature
1/4 cup butter, room temperature

Preheat a skillet on medium-high heat. Slice a baguette into 24 (1/4 inch) slices. Slice cheese into 12 slices. Place a slice of room temperature sharp cheddar cheese between two slices of bread and butter the outsides, like little sandwiches. Grill the croutons in the skillet until golden brown.

Make extra, because these are simply addictive! I kid you not. This is a dish destined to become a fall family favorite.

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David Zubler
Columnist

IRS increasing efforts to catch crypto cheats

The IRS has indicated that catching crypto cheats is a very high priority. They continue pursuing actions to find taxpayers who have not paid tax on their crypto gains.

In 2021, Congress passed the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law, requiring an annual tax reporting provision for digital currency brokers starting in 2023.

The measure may bring in nearly \$28 billion over a decade, according to a 2021 estimate from the congressional Joint Committee on Taxation.

The IRS recently had a big win. The U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, granted the IRS a so-called John Doe summons of M. Y. Safra Bank after an investigation of SFOX, a digital currency broker. Judge Paul Gardephe said there was a reasonable basis to believe at least ten people may have failed to pay tax on crypto transactions.

The court order will provide information regarding over 175,000 users and over \$12 billion transactions since 2015. It's not the first summons for crypto records. However, it's unusual because the broker is relatively small, which suggests the possibility of more to come.

"The government's ability to obtain third-party information on those failing to report their gains from digital assets remains a critical tool in catching tax cheats," IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig said. "The court's granting of the John Doe summons reinforces our ongoing, significant efforts to ensure that everyone pays their share. Taxpayers earning income from digital asset transactions need to come into compliance with their filing and reporting responsibilities."

If you are audited for not reporting taxable crypto activity, you may incur interest, penalties, or even criminal charges. It may be considered tax

evasion or fraud.

It is much better to file an amendment than to let the IRS audit you for not reporting crypto gains.

Depending on your scenario, you could potentially be subject to a 20% accuracy-related penalty and a 75% fraud penalty or worse. The greater the frequency and the larger the unreported gains, the more likely the IRS will be interested in the fraud penalty or criminal referral charges.

It's crucial to file an amended return before you are contacted by the IRS. A Qualified Amended Return (QAR) is an amended return that is filed before the IRS contacts you.

The gains reported on a QAR that were omitted from the original return are excluded from the deficiency calculation on which accuracy-related penalties are based. However, an amended return does not qualify as a QAR if the amount reported is a correction of a fraudulent position taken on the original return.

If you haven't reported cryptocurrency income on your tax returns, you should speak with a tax professional with digital currency expertise.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Storing Food When There's No Space

During the past two years when I stocked up on grocery staples, I ended up with canned foods and dry goods stored in three different places around the house.

I'd have to check all three places to be sure I grabbed the green beans with the nearest expiration date. Pasta was the same. Worse was when I discovered that I wasn't having spaghetti for dinner after all because I'd used the last of the pasta and only thought I had one more tucked away somewhere.

Enter the internet and the wide selection of kitchen storage products available.

I wish I'd known of this two years ago: a metal stacking unit that holds 36 cans. I put it on the buffet in the dining room, all cans in easy reach around the

corner from the kitchen.

Not having a pantry, I've pulled the hall coat closet into service, moving the hangar bar close to the ceiling and opening up the whole bottom half of the space for four rows of wire shelving and baskets for dry goods and envelopes.

And when all seems lost, when you have no pantry and no basement, when your coat closet can't be reconfigured, there are still handy places you can store food. A small bookcase will hold cans. Slide a few baskets under an end table. Cereal keepers are smaller than boxes. A row of clear canisters for envelopes will let you see what you have at a glance.

The immediate benefit of having alternate storage places is that it opens up space in your cupboards for currently used items. The box of instant rice and the jar of peanut butter will all be right in front of you.

For more ideas to organize your food, search online (especially Amazon and the big-box hardware store near you) for food storage for small spaces.

Remember to get a black marker to write expiration dates in big letters!

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Name the group that had a No. 1 R&B hit with "Just to Be Close to You" in 1976.**
- 2. Who released "Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word"?**
- 3. The title of which song was a phone number that prompted thousands of prank calls across the country?**
- 4. Who released "Every Breath You Take"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I love every movement, And there's nothing I would change, She doesn't need improvement, She's much too nice to rearrange."**

Answers

- 1. The Commodores. The song, written by Lionel Richie, topped the R&B charts and stayed there for two weeks.**
- 2. Elton John, in 1976. John and his writing partner Bernie Taupin wrote the song in minutes after John had fiddled briefly with a melody and lyrics.**
- 3. "867-5309/Jenny," by Tommy Tutone in 1981. Callers only needed to add in any area code to the number. Years later many people were still receiving prank calls.**
- 4. The Police, in 1983.**
- 5. "Poetry in Motion," by Johnny Tillotson in 1960. This chart topper has been covered widely around the globe, including releases by artists in Sweden, Germany, Finland, Chile and Czechoslovakia.**

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2 Thessalonians Chapter 1

Author: As with the first letter, this epistle is assigned to Paul, Silvanus (Silas), and Timothy, with Paul being the author, yet joined by these two companions in sentiment (1 Cor. 1:1).

Date: Internal evidence in the two books appears to indicate that the second letter was written within a few months of the first. The document thus probably dates at about A.D. 51.

Purpose: Though he commends them and sympathizes with their persecutions, this narrative has more of a note of alarm. These saints still were troubled with matters dealing with the return of the Lord. Some teacher (or teachers), either personally or by written communication, had created a sensation among them, contending that “the day of the Lord” is very near (or already had arrived). Paul refutes the idea by demonstrating that certain prophetic events must begin to unfold before the Savior’s return. He therefore exhorts them to be patient and to cultivate strengthening qualities that would assist them to remaining faithful to the cause they had espoused.

Outline: 1. Salutation (1:1-2), 2. Comfort in Affliction (1:3-12), 3. The Coming Apostasy (2:1-12), 4. Thanksgiving and Prayer (2:13-17), and 5. A Collection of Exhortations (3:1-17).

(2 Thess. 1:1-2) **Salutation:** The salutation is essentially the same as that in the previous letter, except that “our” is added to preface the Father. Also, there is the recognition that grace and peace are from both the Father and the Lord Jesus. The Father and Son are united in such a fashion as to clearly affirm the deity of the latter. The apostle’s typical greeting, in both Greek and Hebrew style (“grace and peace”), is included.

(2 Thes. 1:3-12) **Comfort in affliction:** The apostle begins by thanking God for these brothers, recognizing that their faith was growing tremendously and their mutual love for one another likewise was increasing. Faith either grows or it dies. Love either flourishes or it is replaced with suspicion and bitterness. Paul was proud of these folks, and he could not resist bragging on them to other churches. Yes, they were subjected to many persecutions which brought sore affliction (severe pressures), but they were standing firm in their faith in the Lord (v.4).

Their trials were not to be perceived as a token that God did not care for them. No, they were proof of the Lord’s “righteous judgment.” How so? To the end that they might be able to demonstrate that they were “worthy of the kingdom of God” (v.5). In the absolute sense, no one is worthy of what the Lord has done for us; in a relative sense, those who abide faithful are worthy of the reward to be received. As Christ will say, “Well done” (Mt. 25:21, 23). Those who labor faithfully are “worthy of” their present status in the kingdom and of the future reward in the eternal kingdom (2 Tim. 4:18; 2 Pet. 1:11, 23). Additionally, the righteous God who observes the Christian’s calamities will cause his hostile afflictors to reap a harvest of the very crop they have sown. Judgment is coming, and what appears to be injustices will be remedied (v.6).

Hope blossoms eternal. Those who are being afflicted will eventually find “rest (relied; the term is a picture of tension relaxed) with us.” They had suffered with Paul; they would find rest with him. The two words, “with us,” imply both reunion and recognition in the world to come. How thrilling! When will this victory be achieved? It will be realized at the “revelation of the Lord Jesus” when he comes with his powerful angels in blazing glory (v.7). At that time, vengeance will be meted out. “Vengeance” signifies “that which proceeds from justice.” It is not the human type of

impulsive vengeance; it is divine justice. This vengeance is coming to those who “know not God” and to them “who obey not the gospel” (v.8). The first class embraces those who were without knowledge of the true God (Rom. 1:28; 1 Thes. 4:5). Some exclude those who could not know due to no fault of their own. That is presumptuous and precarious. The latter group has been exposed to a knowledge of God, but they have refused to obey the gospel (1 Pet. 4:17). The gospel contains facts to be believed (Mk. 1:15) and commands to be obeyed (Jn. 3:36). This nullifies the dogma of salvation by “faith alone.” Knowledge + belief – obedience = punishment. (Hebrews 12:2) “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” If you believe Jesus, you obey Jesus. Some of Paul’s writings are hard to understand and with those, many distort even the scriptures easy to understand. (2 Peter. 3:16). The preacher who distorts Paul’s writings makes null and void the words of Jesus. Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

Disobedience results in “suffering punishment”; the Greek expression means “paying a just penalty.” Those who refuse to let Christ bear the penalty for their sins (Gal. 3:13; 2 Cor. 5:21) will pay for themselves. The punishment will be “eternal,” absolutely unending (Mt. 25:46). Some attempt to argue that “destruction” implies ultimate extinction, but that is not the case. The Greek term suggests the idea of “future misery” (Thayer); the word does not suggest annihilation, but conscious torment (“ruin” (1 Tim. 6:9). Paul illustrates it by compound phrases---a separation “from the face of the Lord, and from the glory of his might” (v.9). Absolutely nothing could be more horrible than utter abandonment by the Creator.

In “that day” when Christ comes, he will “be glorified in his saints” (Jn. 17:10); the glory of his redemptive work will be manifest in his people and be “marveled at” (admired) by those who committed themselves to him in belief. That faith initially came by apostolic “testimony,” not by some direct operation of the Holy Spirit. If anyone’s faith is wavering, he should take note.

This glorious finale is the goal toward which his (and his companions’) prayers for these brothers were aimed---that God might count them worthy. He will count them worthy because of the Lamb who was worthy in his mission (Rev. 5:1) and due to their submission to him. Their “calling” was that of the gospel, by which they were “called out” of the world into that body designated as the church. Through his power God will satisfy our every longing for goodness, and powerfully bring to fruition our work that has been motivated by faith (v. 11). Paul prays that Christ’s name will be glorified in these saints and that they will be glorified “in him,” within the “in Christ” relationship (Gal. 3:26-27) “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ”. The concluding phrase may be rendered, “according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ” (two persons), or “according to the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ” (one person designated as both God and Lord, namely Jesus). In any event, the nature of the divine two is obvious (Jn. 10:30).

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Ragweed pollen is perhaps the worst single seasonal allergen in North America. Skin contact may even cause dermatitis. The much more colorful goldenrod plant is often mistaken for ragweed, as they are similar in appearance, come into flower about the same time (late summer through autumn) and share farm fields, urban landscapes and areas along roadways and riverbanks. Ragweed heights can range up to several feet; the “giant” variety grows up to 18 feet. - Brenda Weaver
 Source: pollen.com

Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. And the king gave a great banquet, Esther’s banquet, for all his nobles and officials.

ESTHER 2: 17-18

Detail of “Queen Esther” by Edwin Long (1879)

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR MORGAN COUNTY STATE AND FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON November 8, 2022

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Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box next to your choice.

STATE AND FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION GOVERNOR

Vote for One (1)
Bill Lee Republican Party Nominee
Jason Brantley Martin Democratic Party Nominee
Constance M. Every Independent Candidate
John Gentry Independent Candidate
Basil Marceaux Independent Candidate
Charles Van Morgan Independent Candidate
Alfred O'Neil Independent Candidate
Deborah Rouse Independent Candidate
Michael E. Scantland Independent Candidate
Rick Tyler Independent Candidate
Write-in

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

Vote for One (1)
Summary: This amendment would add a new section to article XI of the Tennessee Constitution to make it illegal for any person, corporation, association, or the State of Tennessee or its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person because of the person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.
Question: Shall Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new section?
It is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or this state or its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person by reason of the person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.
Yes
No

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Vote for One (1)
Summary: This amendment would add to article III, section 12 of the Tennessee Constitution a process for the temporary exercise of the powers and duties of the governor by the Speaker of the Senate—or the Speaker of the House if there is no Speaker of the Senate in office—when the governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of governor. While a Speaker is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the governor, the Speaker would not be required to resign as Speaker or to resign as a member of the legislature; but the Speaker would not be able to preside as Speaker or vote as a member of the legislature. A Speaker who is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the governor would not get the governor's salary but would get the Speaker's salary. The amendment would also exempt a Speaker who is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the governor from provisions in the Constitution that would otherwise prohibit the Speaker from exercising the powers of the governor and from simultaneously holding more than one state office.
Question: Shall Article III, Section 12 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language immediately following the current language in the Section?
Whenever the Governor transmits to the Secretary of State, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, a written, signed declaration that the Governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office, the powers and duties of the office of Governor shall be temporarily discharged by the Speaker of the Senate as Acting Governor, or if that office is unoccupied, then by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as Acting Governor, until the Governor transmits to the same officials a written, signed declaration that the Governor is able to discharge the powers and duties of the office.
Whenever a majority of the commissioners of administrative departments of the Executive Department transmits to the Secretary of State, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written, signed declaration that the Governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office, the Speaker of the Senate shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting Governor, or if that office is unoccupied, then the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting Governor, until the Governor transmits to the same officials a written, signed declaration that the Governor is able to discharge the powers and duties of the office.
Whenever a Speaker is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor as Acting Governor, such Speaker shall not be required to resign the Speaker's position as the Speaker or to resign as a member of the general assembly and shall

retain the Speaker's salary and not receive the Governor's salary, but such Speaker shall not preside as Speaker or vote as a member of the general assembly during the time the Speaker is Acting Governor.

and Shall Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language immediately before the period at the end of the Section? except as provided in Article III, Section 12 with regard to the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor as Acting Governor and Shall Article II, Section 26 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language at the end of the Section?

This section shall not apply with regard to the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor as Acting Governor under Article III, Section 12.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2
Yes
No

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3

Vote for One (1)
Summary: This amendment would change the current language in article I, section 33 of the Tennessee Constitution, which says that slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a person who has been duly convicted of crime, are forever prohibited in this State. The amendment would delete this current language and replace it with the following language: "Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime."
Question: Shall Article I, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following?
Section 33. Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime.
Yes
No

Read Both Sides of the Ballot

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #4

Vote for One (1)
Summary: This amendment would delete article IX, section 1 of the Tennessee Constitution, which prohibits ministers of the gospel and priests of any denomination from holding a seat in either House of the legislature.
Question: Shall Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section?
Yes
No

UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 3

Vote for One (1)
Chuck Fleischmann Republican Party Nominee
Meg Gorman Democratic Party Nominee
Thomas M. Rumba Independent Candidate
Rick Tyler Independent Candidate
Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 41

Vote for One (1)
Ed Butler Republican Party Nominee
John Mark Windle Independent Candidate
Write-in

MUNICIPAL ELECTION Town of Oliver Springs

MAYOR

Town of Oliver Springs

Vote for One (1)
Omer Cox Independent Candidate
Jason Stiltner Independent Candidate
Write-in

ALDERMAN Town of Oliver Springs Ward 1

Vote for One (1)
Robert L. Miller Sr Independent Candidate
Write-in

ALDERMAN Town of Oliver Springs Ward 2

Vote for One (1)
Jeffery L Bass Independent Candidate
Write-in

ALDERMAN Town of Oliver Springs Ward 4

Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified
Write-in

MUNICIPAL ELECTION City of Sunbright

ALDERMAN

City of Sunbright

Vote for One (1)
Buddy Tharp Independent Candidate
Write-in

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ELECTION NOTICE EARLY / ABSENTEE VOTING TN STATE / FEDERAL / MORGAN COUNTY GENERAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

THE MORGAN COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION WILL BE OPEN FOR EARLY VOTING FOR ANY ELIGIBLE VOTER TO CAST A BALLOT BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE MORGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 415 N. KINGSTON ST., WARTBURG, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:
October 19-21: 9 A.M.-4 P.M.
October 22: 9 A.M.- 12 NOON
October 24-28: 9 A.M.- 4 P.M.
October 29: 9 A.M.- 12 NOON
October 31-November 1: 9 A.M.-4 P.M.
November 2-3: 9 A.M.- 6 P.M.

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN PERSON OR BY MAIL POSTMARKED FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTIONS WILL BE OCTOBER 11, 2022. VOTERS ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE CONTACT THE ELECTION OFFICE TO ALLEVIATE ANY DISCREPANCY OR QUESTION REGARDING YOUR REGISTRATION, ADDRESS, OR POLLING PLACE. ADDRESS CHANGES CAN BE MADE NOW, OR DURING EARLY VOTING, OR ON ELECTION DAY BY COMPLETING A FAIL-SAFE FORM. VOTERS MUST VOTE IN THE PRECINCT IN WHICH THEY RESIDE.

MAPS OF THE DISTRICTS AND PRECINCT BOUNDARIES CAN BE FOUND AT: https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/pa/gisredistricting/redistricting-and-land-use-maps/redistricting-maps.html ,and https://apps.cot.tn.gov/DPAMaps/Redistrict/Maps?county=Morgan&district=Precinct%20Maps . AT THESE WEBSITES, VOTERS ALSO HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHECK THEIR STATUS AND PRECINCT WITH A MAP OF POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS. REGISTERED VOTERS WHO WILL BE UNABLE TO GO TO THEIR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY MAY VOTE BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE BEGINNING OCTOBER 19TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 3RD, A VOTER DESIRING TO VOTE BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE SHALL GO TO THE MORGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE POLLING SITE, PRESENT A VALID PHOTO ID, SIGN AN APPLICATION TO VOTE, AND CAST THEIR VOTE. THE LAST DAY TO EARLY VOTE BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS NOVEMBER 3, 2022 AT 6PM. PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT FOR ALL VOTERS AT POLLS:

All voters must present a Federal or TN State issued photo ID. The ID must contain the voter's name and photograph. For more information regarding exceptions, acceptable and non-acceptable proof of photo ID, please contact our office or you may visit the Tennessee Division of Elections web site: http://www.GoVoteTN.com . Acceptable PHOTO IDs include: TN driver license with your photo, Department of Safety and Homeland Security photo ID, TN hand-gun carry permit with your photo, United States Military photo

ID, United States Passport, or any photo ID issued by the federal or TN state government (excluding college student IDs). Registered voters that do not have a valid PHOTO ID may add a photo onto an existing driver license or obtain a photo ID for voting purposes at no cost from the Tennessee Department of Safety at any participating driver service center. Also, the Morgan County Clerk office will add a photo onto an existing driver license for a fee. Under the voter ID law, in order to get a photo ID for voting purposes, voters must show the following documentation to the Driver Service Center examiner: Proof of citizenship (such as a birth certificate); and, two proofs of Tennessee residency (such as copy of a utility bill, vehicle registration/title, or bank statement). REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TN STATE OR FEDERALLY ISSUED PHOTO ID WITH YOU WHEN YOU APPEAR TO VOTE. THIS APPLIES TO BOTH EARLY VOTING AND ON ELECTION DAY.

2. VOTING BY MAIL IN ORDER TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL, A VOTER MUST MEET CERTAIN LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS. A VOTER WHICH REGISTERED OR VOTED PREVIOUSLY IN PERSON, DESIRING TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL, SHALL IN WRITING OR PRINT OVER HIS SIGNATURE EITHER IN PERSON AT THE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE OR BY MAIL, FAX, OR E-MAIL WITH AN ATTACHED DOCUMENT WHICH INCLUDES A SCANNED SIGNATURE, REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. SUCH REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY BE RECEIVED NO EARLIER THAN AUGUST 10, 2022 AND MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2022 AT 4:00 PM. THE REQUEST FOR AN APPLICATION CAN SERVE AS AN APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT IF IT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING: NAME, ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ADDRESS OF DESTINATION TO MAIL THE BALLOT (IF REASON FOR VOTING IS OUTSIDE OF COUNTY), THE ELECTION THE VOTER WISHES TO VOTE IN, THE VALID REASON THE VOTER WISHES TO VOTE ABSENTEE, AND THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE.

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Colin Kelly: World War II's First Hero



Tom Redmon
Columnist

What country did the Japanese attack after Pearl Harbor? Hint this country, in the Far East, stood in the way of the "Rising Sun," because the United States had military bases there and it had to be eliminat-

ed before they could advance to Southeast Asia where the resources were that would make them a world power. On December 8, 1941 the United States declared war on Japan and Germany and Italy declared war on the U.S. So here we had war on two fronts. Things were not going good in Europe and we were not prepared for either Japan or Germany. The first nine months in the Pacific did not go well at all.

The country that Japan attacked first was the Philippines which is made up of 7,000 islands. The three main islands are Luzon, Leyte, and Mindanao. On December 8, 1941 the Japanese had many ships stationed near these islands, especially Luzon where the capital Manila is located. Over 250,000 troops were on troop transport vessels ready to attack this island where General Douglas MacArthur was in charge of a small American army and several thousand Philippian troops. MacArthur had asked for more troops but President Roosevelt felt that most of our troops belonged in Europe where the most danger was.

The Japanese attacked Clark Field which was called, "Little Pearl Harbor" and wiped it out along with Iba Field. They then attacked the naval base at Cavite and drove the American Asiatic fleet out of the Philippines. General MacArthur was left on Luzon with practically no air support and no naval support.

At Clark Field desperate and ingenious salvage work put three or four of the riddled B-17's into operational condition. Of the three flying fortresses that took off on December 10th from Clark Field, Captain Colin P. Kelly Jr. was the pilot of one. A Japanese convoy was spotted off the coast of Aparri and it was rumored that there was an aircraft carrier in the group. That is what Colin Kelly and his crew went after with three 600 lbs. bombs that had been loaded at Clark Field. Lt. George Schaetzel piloted another one of the B-17's and was attacked by Japanese zeroes. One engine was out, an oil leak streaked the nacelle, and the tail section was in tatters. Miraculously no one on the plane was hit and Schaetzel landed at San Marcelino safely.

Capt. Kelly was still searching for the carrier and finding no sign of it they returned to Aparri where they thought they had seen a big battleship off the tip of Luzon. A cruiser opened up fire on Kelly's B-17 as the battleship remained obliviously on course moving parallel to the beach line.

As Capt. Kelly turned the plane into a bomb run, he turned the control of the plane over to Sgt. Meyos Levin, the bombardier. One by one the three bombs fell and Levin shouted, "bombs away." The third bomb struck the aft turret. A tremendous explosion shocked the great vessel and it was quickly engulfed in thick black smoke. The men were certain they could see an oil slick on the water surface, but because of the smoke could not determine the actual damage to the ship.

Japanese fighters converged on the B-17,

but soon flew off. Kelly turned the plane toward Clark Field. A zero spotted him and began to attack. The zero pilot was amazed at how much punishment the flying fortress could take. The instrument panel splintered and disintegrated before Kelly's eyes. PFC Robert Altman was wounded, and waist gunner Tech. Sergeant William J. Delehanty was decapitated by an explosive bullet. Another bullet caused the oxygen tanks and the radio compartment to blow up.

In the smoke-filled cockpit Kelly and his co-pilot struggled to keep the plane in level flight. Kelly ordered the crew to bail out. As



observers watched from Clark Field, they counted three parachutes that came from the stricken plane. The number of parachutes reached six which only let two men still in the plane. A few seconds later the plane blew up. When the wreckage of Kelly's B-17 was found strewn along a dirt road to the west of Mount Arayat, Kelly's body was found. His chute had failed to open.

The crewmembers who had survived told they were sure they had sunk the battleship

Haruna. To a nation starved for triumph amidst an unrelenting series of humiliating disasters, the news was electrifying.

Colin Kelly Jr. was hailed as the first great hero of World War II. To save the lives of his crew, Kelly had chosen to stay with the B-17 beyond the point at which he could also save himself.

Kelly was born in Madison, Florida in 1915 and graduated from high school there in 1932. He went to West Point where he graduated in 1937. He was the first Army officer to fly the Boeing Flying Fortress in the Far East.

Captain Colin P. Kelly Jr. was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism and selfless bravery. He is buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Madison, Florida. Many things around Madison have been named in honor of Colin Kelly. Aviation artist Robert Taylor painted the picture entitled the legend of Colin Kelly in WWII. President Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote a letter to the President of 1956 asking for appointment for Kelly's infant son, Colin P. Kelly III to West Point. President Eisenhower said that he wanted to take all the test required and he went to West Point on his own.

The name Colin Kelly was well known all over the United States. I remember hearing the name a lot around Wartburg. I know we had our western cowboy heroes in the 40's but Capt. Colin Kelly was our real hero. I'm sure around his hometown of Madison, Florida they celebrate on his birthday and his son who graduated from West Point in 1963 has kept the name alive. Colin Kelly, like many who gave their life in the early part of WWII were really our heroes. We read to remember them and forget about those NFL football players, who will not

stand for the national anthem. Like Senator John Kennedy says, "they need to get their tails up and stand for our country's flag."

In World War II we lost over 400,000 men; sixty-four of them were from Morgan County. Many of the battles were fought in and around the Philippines. The Japanese took over the islands in 1942 and they were in control until MacArthur returned in December 1944. The Philippines was not a good place to be right after Pearl Harbor.

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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Abandoned by God

There is a certain wrath spoken of by Paul, that affects the nation called for God's purposes when they chose to relinquish the sovereignty of God over our lives. There are specific symptoms Paul instructs are the final phase of the nation abandoned by God.

The title he chooses is a reprobate mind. The mind that cannot distinguish between moral absolutes and self-relativity. Everyone doing

what is right in their own minds. This diagnosis is preceded by the delusion Messiah warned would be poured out in the last days.

Lucifer chose human sexuality and God's first covenant with man, to attack God's single plan of redemption he laid out in the stars of heaven before he brought man into existence. We are all without excuse. Adam and Eve were willing co-conspirators.

When the serpent appears in the garden, he thinks he caught our creator off guard. His rebellion in heaven, continued in Eden when he convinced Adam and Eve to choose religious tradition over faith in God's entire word. Fig leaves are akin to church once or twice a week. The blood of the Lamb is still required if you intend to see God and live!

The marriage covenant established by God in Genesis 2:24, inherently included human intercourse and only with one mate for life. It was Lucifer who attacked the human genome and convinced the daughters of men to mate outside of the marriage covenant.

By Genesis 6, the sons of God were going into the daughters of men creating six fallen angel-human offspring families, with dual DNA. They are called the Nephillim. Their offspring were male, they were warfighters of men, and they were all giants.

Sons of God is only used in the Old Testament to distinguish fallen angels who joined Lucifer in his rebellion. We can become the sons of God, only when we accept Jesus Christ. I believe we are the replacement worshippers God has desired since Lucifer convinced one third of the heavenly host of angels to worship himself.

Jesus Christ said I saw Lucifer fall from Heaven. Peter teaches us One third of the angels were also expelled from heaven. Lucifer now employs them, and Jesus Christ prophesied they are to return soon. Will you recognize the fallen angels courting your daughters?

Such as in the days of Noah, so shall the coming of the son of man be. Genesis 6 explains exactly what was going on at the time of Noah. God had only one covenant and one promise in place by Genesis 6. He had shown Adam how to prepare and sacrifice a lamb for the temporary covering of sin. Messiah would be the last Lamb God will ever allow to be slain!

I have often wondered, is the delusion Jesus Christ identified attached to human sexuality, since it inherently requires us to worship the male and female species? Is the foundation for sin, the perversion of the marriage covenant in any form? I personally believe so.

To condemn the sinner is never the answer. While not accepting sexual perversion in our lives, we are instructed to pray for those caught in bondage to the flesh and nothing more. Jesus Christ offered eternal mercy, and unwavering grace, and so should we! That is what Jesus Christ continues to do.

Ishtar is the feminine deity Jezebel had learned to serve. She is depicted as half bunny rabbit and half virgin girl. She is depicted as possessing a golden egg, denoting her being the deity that gave birth to Tammuz I. He is the son of a fallen angel and the consort of Nimrod. Her name is Semiramis. It was she who perverted God's plan to birth his son in the womb of a virgin Jewish girl.

Semiramis and Nimrod gave us the cult of fallen angel worship in Babylon. Their son was born on the winter solstice. The holiday venerating his fallen angel father is called Saturnalia. It is when Semiramis convinced the world her husband Nimrod was the creator god who controlled the fallen angel cult run by Lucifer.

The celebration of Nimrod's deification, and the birth of his son, both occurred during the feast of Saturnalia. Usually on the 25th of the 12th month on the Babylonian calendar. This calendar is in direct conflict with the calendar God created all pointing to the first and second coming of Jesus Christ.

Messiah was born on the first of Nisan in spring. On the night the new moon was spotted in Jerusalem. He was circumcised on the 8th of Nisan and presented for inspection by the magi on the 10th of Nisan. He would be crucified on the fourteenth of Nisan. Resurrected on the 17th of Nisan.

The feast of Pentecost was 50 days from the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, when the omer was waved by the priest and counted. Israel would have all their needs met by God's Messiah if they chose to believe.

This leads to the feast of trumpets. One day the Lord will descend with a shout in the clouds. The dead in Christ shall rise, and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet him in the clouds. Messiah will be instructed to go retrieve his bride from within his body.

Trumpets leads to the second coming of Messiah to the earth at the end of the tribulation. At least seven years follows the rapture of the church and Messiah's return to earth to judge all nations who have united to stop his plan of redemption.

This time is known as the time of Jacob's trouble. The only chance for salvation during the tribulation, is martyrdom at the hands of the satanic trinity identified by Daniel in Chapter 2 of his book. Many are called, but few are chosen.

The restrainer has been removed and the most chaotic era in human history begins for all those not counted worthy to become the bride of Christ. He that now letteth shall let, until he be taken out of the way. Without the Holy Spirit during the tribulation, one has only death awaiting their testimony of faith.

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 5-28-2022 RLTW

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

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

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

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Answers

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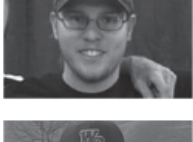


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