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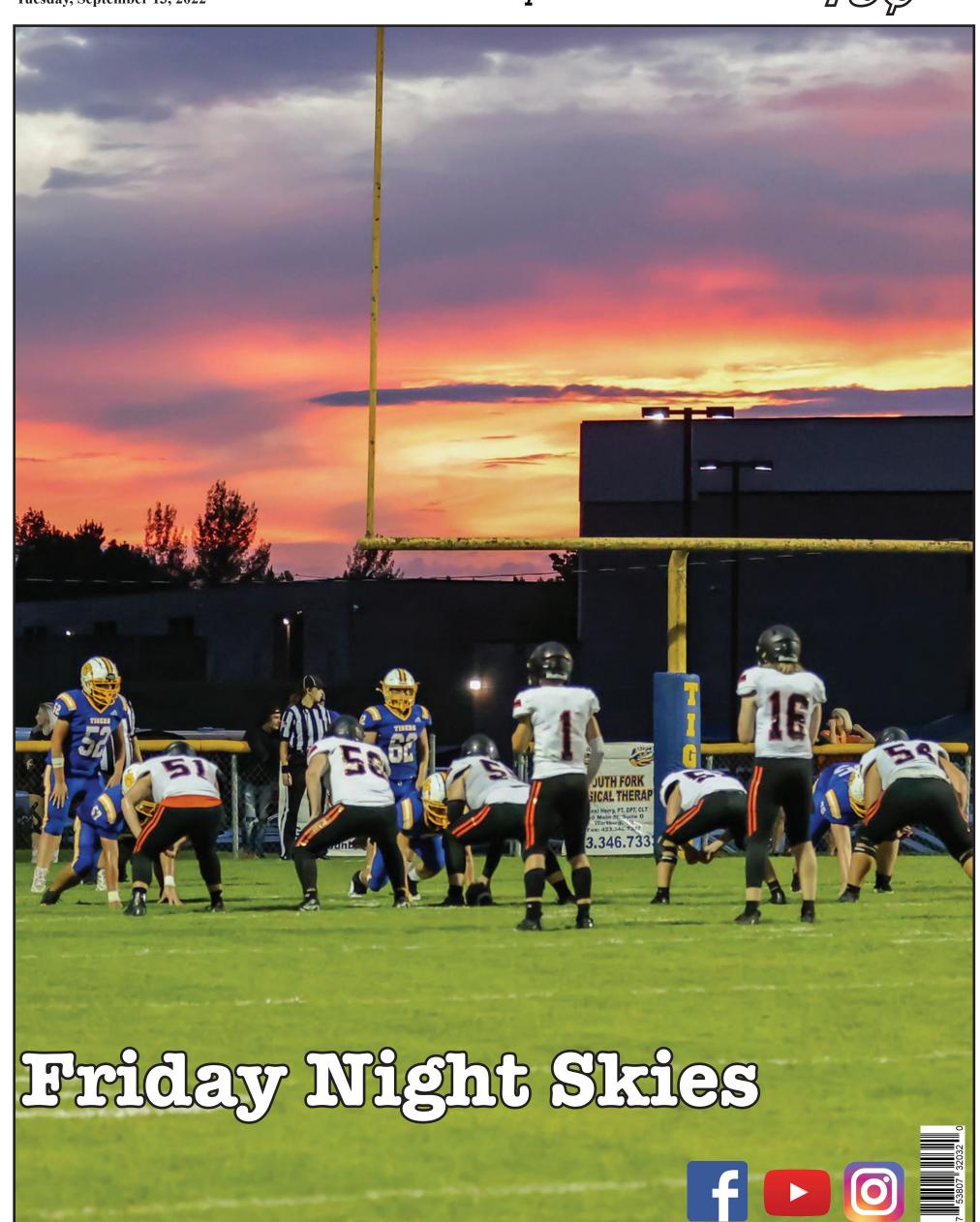


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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

There has been a lot of talk this week about

9/11. Mimi and Pap says it is a time of sadness and remembrance

of all victims, lost on that terrible day. I try not to get political on my Pet Perspective but, how can people ever have so much hate

in their hearts to do such horrible things?

How can we as Americans forget how we came together and UNITED as one nation under God?

On the day the world stopped turning: Color did not matter. Gender did not matter. Wealth or lack thereof, did not matter. Religion did not matter. We loved, helped, and prayed for one another on that September day.

We as a nation realized the value of our police and first responders. They got the respect and recognition, they deserved. We honored the fallen and their families. Some of the heros of that day had fur. Some of my K-9 friends worked "The Pile" to help recover remains of those lost. Oh, the horrible things they must have seen and smelled. My

little heart hurts for them. Their little paws would bleed and were burned. Yet, they still went forward to finish their mission. So thankful for their service and sacrifice, as well.

We need to get back to the nation we were on the days following that day.

The hate that crashed those planes showed the rest if the world what it meant to be American. That we may have our differenc-

> es but, we love each other, we support one another and unite when we are threatened.

Through all the carnage of that day at the World Trade Center, there was a cross. Those steel beams were a reminder of that old wooden cross, where another man died 2000 years before. Jesus died for our souls and the victims of 9/11 died showing us that our freedoms are not free.

So on this sad week of remembrance, God bless America and her people.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DLARMC CHANGE IN MEET-

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

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

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

Oakdale Library News We are getting back into the swing of the school year. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our summer reading programs. Special thanks goes to Save the Children for their generous grant, as well as TN State Library for granting us a free virtual tour of Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies. The following businesses also donated coupons or items:

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

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

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

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

Elizabeth Baptist Church will have a Homecoming Service on Sunday, September 18th starting at 10am. Bro. Randall Landrum will be

bringing the message, and Crimson River will be singing. Everyone is invited to attend.

Benefit for Beard Family A Gospel Singing is planned Saturday Oct. 24th at 6pm until approx 8:30 pm to benefit the Beard family. To be held in the Senior Citizens **Building in Wartburg.**

Scheduled to sing are White Water "The Roy Freels Singers", Nellie Fisher, Dee Kennedy, and Hunter Stewart. All Donations are appreciated. A love offering will be received. Donations can be made at One Bank. and possibly at Smart Bank. This is a worthy cause a wife and 3 children left behind please help in some way. Make plans to attend for info call **Roy Freels 865.253.0017** or Danny Freels at

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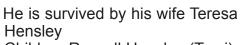


In Loving Memory

Everette (Sam) Carlton Hensley, 83

Everette (Sam) Carlton Hensley, born July 16, 1939, went to be with the Lord on September 9, 2022, at the age of 83.

Sam was born in Habersham, TN and resided in Lafayette, TN in his younger years. He lived in Florida many years before returning to Tennessee.



Children Russell Hensley (Tami), Jeff Hensley, Laura Boledovic



(Derek), Chad Hens- Mossy Grove, great grandkids.

He was a great man earth, we know he ther Ross Jones has been welcomed

into the Lords Arms.

(Sam) Carlton Hensley.

Charlotte Ann Boshears, 82

Charlotte Ann Boshears of Harrison, Tenn., passed away on the morning of Sept. 2, 2022. She was

Born in Wartburg, Tenn., on July 22, 1940, to the late Foy and Hattie Tilson, Charlotte taught elementary school for 35 years and was a long-

Church. Those two institutions the school and the church—were the source of her dearest friendships, of which she had many.

Charlotte is survived by her husband, James Joseph "Joe" Boshears Sr., whom for 56 years she made a better man. She loved him, fed him, laughed with him, laughed at him, and traveled alongside him all over this country and several others. They saw the world in pick-up trucks, Euro vans, tour buses, pleasure boats and cruise ships.

She is also survived by her son, James Joseph "Joe" Boshears Jr., whom she raised to be fiercely intelligent, dangerously generous and preternaturally empatheticwhich is to say, just like her. Joe Jr. followed his mother into a career as an educator and became an U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain to boot.

Charlotte leaves behind two grandsons, Tilson, 15, and Emory, 9, whom she adored and spoiled rotten, just like a good "Nana" should. She is also survived by daughter-in-law Jenifer Lee Boshears of Harrison, Tenn.; sisters Roberta Mehlhorn (Philip) of Joyner, Tenn., and Shelby Burgess of Dunlap, Tenn; and sisterin-law Norma Jean Boshears of Nashville.

Charlotte is preceded in death by her sister Ruby Pass and sisterin-law Frankie Black.

Charlotte was considered a "second mom" by many of her nieces and nephews, and she was a



friend, mentor and confidant to dozens of teachers who worked with her over the years. Among her expansive circle of family and friends Charlotte was renowned for copious coffee consumption and plainspoken

time member of Bayside Baptist candor. In conversation, be it inside a teacher's lounge or around a kitchen table, she had a gift for delivering hard truths with a dusting of sugar and always, without fail, finding something nice to say about everyone.

> Charlotte attended Central High School in Wartburg and received a B.A. in Education and an M.Ed. David Lee West, age at the University of Tennessee 57, of Wartburg went at Chattanooga. During her 35 home to be with the years as an educator, she taught Lord Tuesday, August 1st and 2nd grades at Chickamauga, Spring Creek, Harrison battle with COPD. He and Wallace A. Smith Elementaries, impacting the lives of more than a thousand children in the community where she lived. (Including one who would later write her obituary while sitting at the breakfast counter of a Waffle House, trying hard not to cry.)

Charlotte's family will receive visuntil noon, as well as from 2 p.m. and Andrea. until 5 p.m.

A celebration-of-life service to He is survived by his 3 sisters Lee West. honor Charlotte will be held Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Bayside Baptist Church, immediately following visitation. Rev. Jason King will officiate.

She will be laid to rest Friday, Sept. 9, at Lakewood Memory Gardens East in a private cere-

You are invited to share your condolences or a personal memory of Charlotte at her online memorial located at www.companionfunerals.com.

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

Barry Lewis Smith

(Steve), Amy Barnes Barry Lewis Smith of ley (Jamie) and also nessee passed away 7 grandkids and 2 at Methodist Medical Center on September 4th, 2022.

who was loved by He was preceded in While we will death by his brother miss him here on Jeff Smith and Stepfa-

He leaves behind wife Laurel Smith, his twins Jacob Smith Schubert Funeral Home is hon- (Kendra) and Amanda Crouch(ored to serve the family of Everett Cale) and Kylie Richardson. His beloved grandchildren Hannah, Ava, Ina Smith and Caleigh, Evan and Reese Crouch. His mother Joan Jones of Mossy Grove and Father Edward Smith of Elgin. Brother Chris Smith and Sister Molly Smith, and his Toledo sisters Kim, Jody, Kelly and Karry along with a host of family and friends.

> Barry was a graduate of Wartburg Central school class of 1975. There he played basketball, baseball and football and could be frequently found at home games with other Alum reminiscing and giving their game tactics to anyone that would listen.

Barry served in the US Navy for almost 17 years from 1976-



1993. He served on the USS Francis Scott Key (SSBN-657) where he retired as Missile Tech(SS) First Class Petty Officer.

He could be spotted on the golf course, at Wartburg Central High

school games, and UT Knoxville supporting all Vol sports!

He enjoyed his retirement spending time with his wife, reconnecting with classmates and old Navy buddies, and his beloved grandchildren.

It's hard to describe such a big personality in a small space. He lived life to the fullest and made everyone feel like a friend. His big smile and laugh will be missed by all who knew him. Go Vols!

The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 8, 2022 Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg from 4-6 pm. Memorial Service will follow at 6 pm with Bro. Jim Disney officiating. Military Honors provided by American Legion post 149 will follow the Memorial Service.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Barry L. Smith.

David Lee West, 57

30, 2022 after a long was born September 3, 1964 and raised on New River (Devonia). He loved the outdoors and tinkering with this vehicles and clocks.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ray & Bobbie Jo Phillips itors at Bayside Baptist Church West; son Jonathan; grandson (6100 Hwy 58, Harrison, TN) on Jason III.; brothers Jimmy, Larry, Thursday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. Jerry and Andy; nieces Rhonda



Lisa Hawkins of Wartburg, Susie West of Caryville, Rosa Byrd of Powell; sons Bobie Lee and Joseph, of Clinton daughters Amber and Ashley of Clinton; stepdaughter Samantha; 14 grandchildren which he loved and adored.

The family will be having a private memorial service at a later date with Pastor Chris Hawkins officiating. Interment will follow in the Patterson Cemetery in New River.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of David

Jerry Carl West, 63

Jerry Carl West, age 63, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 after a long battle with COPD.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ray & Bobbie Joe Phillips West; broth-

ers Jimmy, Larry and Andy West; nieces Rhonda & Andrea West; nephews Jonathan Byrge and Jason Braden III.

He is survived by his wife of 16 years Wendy Denton West; brother David of Wartburg; sisters Lisa of Wartburg, Susie of



Caryville and Rosa of Powell; sons Mickey of Texas, Jason & Robert of Clinton; daughters Crystal of Knoxville, Rebecca & Carla of Crossville; stepdaughters Brittney & Jennifer; 18 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren.

The family will have a private memorial service at a later date with Pastor Chris Hawkins officiating. Interment will follow in the Patterson Cemetery in New River.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jerry Carl West.

James Edward Hardwick, 82

James Edward Hardwick, age 82, of Lancing departed this life to his eternal home on September 1, 2022. He was born September 30, 1939.

James was known as a hard-working man who loved farming and loved his grandchildren. He was a won-

derful Dad and Papaw, and he had a special fur buddy, Dixie. James was saved and baptized in 1957.

He is preceded in death by his parents Doc & Effie Wilson Hardwick; wife Catherine Hardwick; sisters Jackie Will, Ella May Haynes, Mary Jane White and Celia Evertt; brothers Tom & Arlis Hardwick.

He is survived by his son Darryl (Sue) Hardwick; daughter Angie Sills; grandchildren Chasity (Bobby) Newberry, Der-



rick (Britney) Sills, Chad Patsy Sills, Emily Shannon, Dustin (Jasmine) Hardwick, Dale (Christy) Cunningham Hardwick; great grandchildren Austin Laymance, Logan Laymance, Patsy was born July Eli Sills, Callie Walker, 7, 1963 and grew up Isaac Sills, Caden Sills, in the Armes Chapel Paiton Shannon, Sawyer Shannon, Windsor Griffin, Chesney Griffin and Brock Hardwick;

great grandchildren Chase Laymance; sister Opal Porter and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family members.

The family will receive friends Hamby Siblings Sister Glenna Sunday, September 4, 2022 at Smith Brothers Martin Ray Davis Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Mitch Hawn officiating. Interment will follow in the Forrestner Cemetery in Lancing.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of James Edward Hardwick.

Patsy Jean Davis Hamby, 59

Jean Davis Hamby, 59 of Wartburg, passed away September 1, 2022, at Roane Medical Center after a short illness.

Community. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church and former employee at Red Kapp.

She is preceded in death by: Parents Marion Glen Davis and Thelma Lee Basler Davis Parents in Law Raymond and Dossy Hamby Daughter Jessica and Robert Davis Brother-in-law Johnny Hamby

Survived by husband of 41 years James (Joe) Hamby Daughter Amanda of Wartburg Son Joseph of Wartburg 7 grandchildrenTrenton Brown, Blake Pappas, Brooke Waterbury, Jayden Hamby, Brantley, Makenna and Weston Hamby, Lilly Bowman Sister Shirley Hamilton of Wartburg Brothers Calvin Davis of Rockwood, Carl (Debbie) Davis

of Oliver Springs, Gary (Dean) Davis of Petros, John Davis of Clinton, Virgil Davis of Sunbright Sisters in law Kathy (Don) Storher of Knoxville, Brenda Hamby of Wartburg Brothers in law Dennis (Tabitha), Randy (Phyllis), Raymond (Cheryl) all of Wartburg A host of nieces and nephews

The family will receive friends Saturday, September 3, 2022, 1:00-3:00 pm with the funeral to follow at 3:00pm with Bro. David Armes and Bro. Dustin Bonham officiating. Interment will follow in the Armes Chapel Cemetery.

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NOW HIRING

Morgan County Head Start is accepting applications for a Head Start Teacher Aide. This is a 9 month position and requires a HS Diploma or GED. CDA or Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education & experience working with low income children & families is preferred. If you don't possess a CDA, center training to obtain one must begin within one year of employment. Valid driver's license & reliable transportation are required. Transportation duties are required, applicants over age 25 must have a CDL, or be willing to obtain one within 90 days of hire. Valid driver's license, reliable transportation also required. Successful candidate must pass a drug screen and criminal background check..

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A King's Ransom: "No, sir," Theobold answered, timidly. "I swear it." Brone they

"Fine," Sir Gamel relented. "But if I find out otherwise, I'll be back."

"Yes, sir," Theobold said.

Carol Hall Author

Bronwyn heard the impatient stamping of horse's hooves as Sir Gamel mounted his horse.

"Good day," Sir Gamel said, snidely. He clucked his tongue at the horse, who whinnied loudly.

The fading sound of pounding hooves alerted Bronwyn that he was gone.

Fearful of making a move yet, Bronwyn clung to the rope with both hands, her fingers going numb with the effort.

"Is he gone?" Nicodemus asked.

"I think so," Bronwyn breathed out.

"That stupid cat almost gave us away," Nicodemus said, angrily.

"I know," Bronwyn said. "I was afraid Sir Gamel would find us down here because of him."

"I should have bitten him when I had the chance," Nicodemus said.

"No, you shouldn't have," Bronwyn said. "He's just doing what cats do."

"Well, he almost got us caught," Nicodemus argued.

"I know, but you can't blame the cat," Bronwyn said. "It didn't know any better."

A sudden jerk on the rope brought their attention to the top of the well.

"I'm going to pull you up now," Theobold said.

Each turn of the wheel brought them closer and closer to the top and into the light of day. Even though the well was the perfect place to hide, Bronwyn was glad to escape its murky depths. The gloomy recesses reminded her too much of the dungeon.

When they reached the top, Bronwyn scrambled out of the well, glad to have her feet on solid ground again.

"You must leave," Theobold pleaded, finding Bronwyn's arm and squeezing it. "I'm not sure Sir Gamel believed me. He may be back. You need to go. Now!"

"You almost gave us away," she said, hotly. "Telling him that there must be a spider down the well. If he had looked, I'd have been caught."

"He wasn't going to look down the well," Theobold assured her. "He's not a fan of cats. He wouldn't have approached Barto for any reason. You were safe. And I knew it. But he demanded a reason for Barto's behavior, so I told him the truth. However, he didn't need to know there was a girl down the well with the spider, as well."

Bronwyn saw him smile. She knew then that he truly believed they had been safe. He hadn't put their lives at risk, after all.

Chapter 14: Part

Throwing her arms around his neck, she thanked him again.

"Go now!" he said. "It's not safe here, anymore. And be careful. He won't give up the hunt, you know."

Bronwyn hurried along the wood line in the direction Theobold had told her to go, staying just inside the trees so as not to be seen by any of the other villagers. She couldn't risk having someone in the village see her and turn her whereabouts into Sir Gamel. It was going to be tough enough trying to stay hidden from him as it was, if he continued to chase after her. Somehow, she knew he would. He was the kind of person who wouldn't like being bested by someone he deemed inferior to himself.

Grumbling under her breath at her misfortune, she trudged along until she was far enough away from the village to take a break.

Finding a large fallen tree branch, she socked herself down for a rest.

The woods were somewhat thinned out in this section of the for-

A slight breeze lifted the curls off her neck, and Nicodemus came squirming out from under them.

"You know something?" he said. "Your neck stinks when you sweat."

"Thanks for the observation," Bronwyn frowned. "You try hoofing it through the woods in these horribly heavy clothes, and see if you don't sweat."

"Spiders don't sweat, I'll have you know," he said, proudly.

"Why don't you get down and do some exploring while I cool off," Bronwyn suggested. "There are plenty of things around here for you to smell, taste and feel."

"Good idea," he said, a little too chipper for her taste. "I think I'll wander over this way for bit and let you dry up."

"Good," she said, irritated. "Don't be in a rush to get back either."

"La de da de da," Nicodemus sang as he trotted off, disappearing under a small scrubby bush.

Bronwyn tilted her head back and allowed the sun to warm her face. Not that she was cold, but the golden rays lifted her spirits and made her feel at peace, at least for the moment. She closed her eyes, letting her mind drift off into a familiar daydream.

"Hello?"

The voice startled her out of her fantasy, bringing her to her feet in an instant.

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Veteran of the Week

United States Army veteran Major John J. Duffy served in the Vietnam War while assigned to Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) Team 162, 5TH Special Forces Group.

On April 14-15, 1972, Major Duffy demonstrated great acts of bravery in direct combat with the enemy. On July 5, 2022 he was presented with the Medal of Honor for those heroic actions at the White House by President Joseph R. Biden Jr.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: Major John J. Duffy distinguished himself by acts of gallant-

ry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as the Senior Advisor to the 11th Airborne Battalion, 2d Brigade, Airborne Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam in the Republic of Vietnam, during the period of 14 to 15 April 1972. In the two days preceding the events of 14 to 15 April 1972, the commander of the 11th Airborne Battalion was killed, the battalion command post was destroyed, and Major Duffy was twice wounded but refused to be evacuated. Then on 14 April, Major Duffy directed the defense of Fire Support Base Charlie, which was surrounded by a battalion-size enemy element. In the morning hours, after a failed effort to establish a landing zone for resupply aircraft, he moved close to enemy anti-aircraft positions to call in airstrikes. At this time, Major Duffy was again wounded by fragments from a recoilless rifle round and again refused medical evacuation. Shortly thereafter, the enemy began an artillery bombardment on the base and he remained in an exposed position to direct gunships onto the enemy positions which eventually silenced the enemy fire. Following the bombardment, Major Duffy assessed the conditions on the base and personally ensured the wounded friendly foreign soldiers were moved to positions of relative safety and the remaining ammunition was appropriately distributed to the remaining defenders. Shortly thereafter, the enemy resumed indirect fire on the base, expending an estimated 300 rounds. Nevertheless, he remained in an ex-



posed position to direct gunship fire on the enemy positions. In the late afternoon hours, the enemy began a ground assault from all sides of the firebase and Major Duffy moved from position to position to adjust fire, spot targets for artillery observers, and ultimately to direct gunship fire on a friendly position which had been compromised. As the evening wore on, it became clear that the defenders could not withstand the overwhelming enemy forces and he began to organize an evacuation of the firebase under the cover of night. With the goal

of a complete withdrawal, Major Duffy was the last man off the base, remaining behind to adjust the covering fire from gunships until the last possible moment. When the acting battalion commander was wounded, he assumed command of the evacuation and maintained communication with the available air support to direct fire on the enemy. In the early morning hours of 15 April, the enemy ambushed the Battalion inflicting additional casualties and scattering some of the able-bodied soldiers. Major Duffy organized defensive positions during the ambush and ensured the friendly foreign forces could successfully repulse the enemy. After withstanding the ambush, he led the evacuees, many of whom were significantly wounded, to an established evacuation area, despite being continually pursued by the enemy. Upon reaching the exfiltration site, Major Duffy directed gunship fire on enemy positions and marked a landing zone for the helicopters. Only after ensuring all of the evacuees were aboard, did Major Duffy board while also assisting a wounded friendly foreign soldier in with him. Once on board, he administered aid to a helicopter door gunner who had been wounded during the evacuation. Major Duffy's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week



Cobb County Sheriff's Office, GA Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Randall Koleski and Deputy Sheriff Marshall Samuel Ervin Jr. were both shot and killed in the line of duty while serving a felony theft warrant at a residence on September 8, 2022.

They were taking the subject into custody when another subject inside the home confronted them with a firearm. Both deputies gave commands for the man to drop the firearm before an exchange of shots. Both deputies

suffered fatal wounds. The wanted subject and the shooter both barricaded themselves in the home but were both taken into custody later that night.

Deputy Sheriff Koleski was forty-two-years-old, was a United

MEETING NOTICE TO CITY OF SUNBRIGHT RESIDENTS

September 20, 2022

States Army veteran and had served with the Cobb County Sheriff's Office for fifteen years. He is survived by his wife.

Deputy Sheriff Ervin had served with the Cobb County Sheriff's Office for ten years. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Deputies Koleski and Ervin,

Thank you for your sacrifice for our nation. May you be with the Lord and may he be with your family.

Det. Russ Cain Pittsburgh PD September 11, 2022



COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA) will distribute Commodities, Thursday, September 22, 8 am to 12 pm, at the Wartburg Civic Center. You may pick up for 3 households only. Please bring a box for your commodities. Households can pre-register prior to distribution date at the ETHRA office located next to Wartburg High School. For more information, call 423-346-6651, option 5. This program is funded under an agreement with the Department of Agriculture. In accordance with federal law and USDA, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Sunbright Community Center 7 P.M.

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

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

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

Karen Melton, Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE

John William Swaine III has applied for a permit to sell beer OFF premises at the location known as:

Deer Lodge Market 1665 Deer Lodge Hwy Deer Lodge, TN 37726

Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the Morgan County Beer Board on the 22th day of September 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Office of the County Clerk.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

- * "If you have a fish tank, you can use the fish tank water to fertilize your rose bushes. I do this, and it's rich in minerals that the bushes love!" -- A.U. in Alabama
- * Make your own bed buddy hot pad with a long sock and rice. Use a sock that's knee high, and fill it about two-thirds with plain, uncooked white rice. Knot it an inch or two from the top of the rice, so it's nice and loose. Once it's secure, you can stick the sock into the microwave for 1-2 minutes. The rice heats up and the heat is stored in the rice. It's wonderful for aches and pains -- or just for keeping toes toasty!
- * Shower caps can be placed over a planter and used to make a kind of greenhouse for planting cuttings. Just water and place it in a sun-filled window. Be sure to check it often, because even though it may be moderate or even cool out, your little greenhouse can get pret-

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * A town in Washington has a treetop bridge over a busy road that's just big enough for squirrels, called the Nutty Narrows Bridge.
- * Russian author Vladimir Nabokov came up with the idea for smiley emoticons in 1969.
- * Now here's a great way to "go green": Residents of Surabaya, Indonesia, can pay their bus fare with plastic waste, which will earn them two hours of travel time. The dual aim is to reduce waste as well as the number of cars on the road by encouraging the use of public transportation.
- * A U.S. constitutional amendment was proposed in 1893

suggesting that the country be renamed The United States of Earth.

- * If you've ever questioned the idea that smartphone addiction is real, consider the case of computer programmer Maneesh Sethi, who hired a woman (at \$8 an hour) to slap him in the face every time he tried checking Facebook during working hours!
- * The average MLB baseball lasts for just 5-7 pitches. In the beginning of a game, at least 90 balls are required on hand, with about 60-70 used per the average game.
- * When Apple purchased rural land for a new data center in Maiden, North Carolina, an older couple refused to sell the one-acre plot they'd originally purchased for \$6,000 more

ty hot with only a few hours of sun.

- * "Loosen tight jeans with a cutting board! First, wash in cold water, then button them around something that's about an inch wider than the waist, say, a cookie sheet, chair top, cutting board, etc. Air dry. It's magical." -- V.L. in New York
- * "When I was a kid, the side of my yard was soft sand, but it's where my brother and I kept our bikes. I liked my bike to stand up, because it kept the sand out of my gears. The kick stand was sinking in the sand, and my dad gave me an old tennis ball that he had poked a hole into. I put it on the kick stand, and from then on, it stayed standing up. Thought I would share." -- M.N. in Florida

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than three decades earlier. After all offers were rejected, Apple finally asked them to name a price. Success at last! For just a cool \$1.7 million.

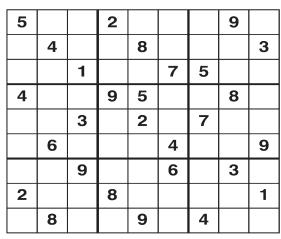
- * The Spice Girls' nicknames were created by Top of the Pops magazine in a 1996 article.
- * Monopoly, originally called The Landlord's Game, was invented by Lizzie Magie to share her views on the dangers of capitalism.

Thought for the Day: "Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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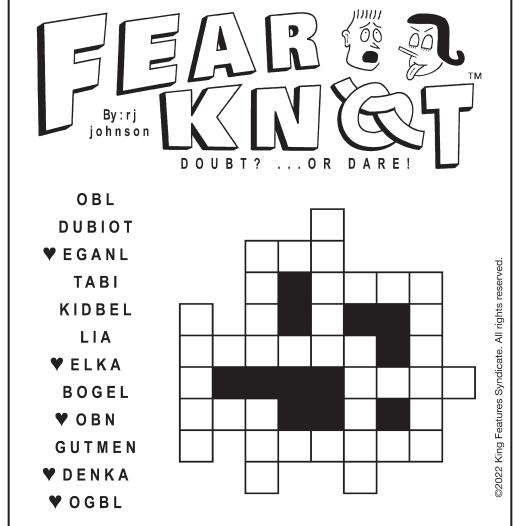
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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



- 1. Is the book of III Chronicles in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. What "holy" thing did Paul tell Timothy that Christians should lift up in prayer? *Hearts, Hands, Voices, Children*
- 3. From 2 Kings 9, which king of Israel drove his chariots like a madman? *Manasseh*, *Ahasuerus*, *Zimri*, *Jehu*
- 4. Who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Chaldeans? *David, Darius, Daniel, Daegel*
- 5. What place was known as the "Land of Promise"? *Israel, Canaan, Babylon, New Jerusalem*
- 6. Who was the brother of Moses? *Noah*, *Aaron*, *Eli*, *Seth*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Hands, 3) Jehu, 4) Darius, 5) Canaan, 6) Aaron

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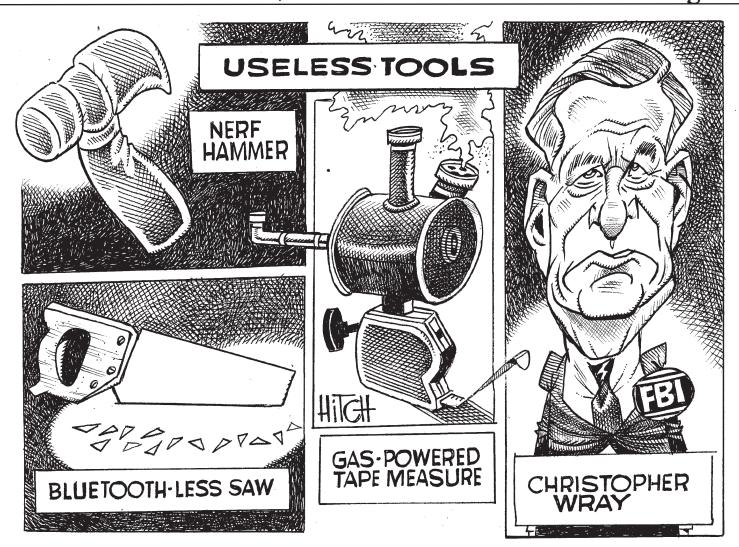
by Healthy Exchanges

Party Pasta Salad

The last days of summer are upon us. Maybe you'll choose one last visit to the beach or maybe a trip to a state park or maybe even your own back-yard. Wherever you choose to "party," be sure to take this easy pasta dish along. It's sure to please.

- 1/2 cup fat-free French dressing
 - 2 tablespoons fat-free mayonnaise
- 3 cups cold cooked rotini pasta, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1. In a large bowl, combine French dressing and mayonnaise. Add pasta, celery, onion and parsley. Mix well to combine.
- 2. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Gently stir again just before serving. Makes 6 (3/4 cup) servings.
- Each serving equals: 132 calories, 0g fat, 4g protein, 29g carb., 259mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Vegetable.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps





"Let's adjourn for a short celebration."

THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Who Says Bipartisan Cooperation Is Dead?

Joe Biden and Donald Trump are proving that even sworn enemies can cooperate to promote one another's political interests.

President Biden, with his criticism, and his Department of Justice, with its search of Mar-a-lago and related investigation, have boosted Trump's profile to the benefit of both Biden and his party and of Donald Trump.

Everyone wins, except Republicans increasingly worried about the midterms and anyone hoping that the GOP would turn the page in 2024.

Several weeks ago, Republicans were nervous that Trump would announce his latest presidential bid prior to the midterms. Now, it is almost irrelevant -- Democrats and the DOJ have effectively announced for him.

Whenever things aren't going well for a White House or a political campaign, the natural advice is to try to change the subject. This often doesn't work -- the maneuver is too obvious, or the new hoped-for subject can't possibly compete with the old unwelcome subject.

That's not the case here. Trump is something everyone wants to talk about: people who love him, people who hate him, journalists whose work gets more clicks and viewership, and of course, above all, Trump himself, who has never found any other topic quite as compelling or important.

To the extent Republican officials and candidates identify themselves with Trump's delusions about 2020 and get sucked into debating whether the FBI should exist, they are creating vulnerabilities or distractions where none need exist.

According to a new CBS News poll, 47% of voters say that how they feel about Trump will have "a lot" of influence on how they vote. Independents who say that Trump is a factor for them are voting to oppose him by a 4-1 margin.

All of this is good for Democrats in general and Biden in particular. If the president can define himself as the last, best obstacle to Trump returning to the White House, it helps quell the extensive doubts about him within his own party. Biden is barely above 40% approval in polling averages, a nightmarish position, and yet he's only down 2.2% in a hypothetical rematch with Trump in 2024, according to RealClearPolitics.

Trump is his life-preserver and comfort blanket, providing a political boost based on the easiest political argument in the world -- "See that guy over there obsessed with fanciful theories about the 2020 election? I may not be a very good president. But at least I'm not him."

Meanwhile, the Trump phenomenon has always been a form of political jujitsu, using the force deployed against it as a source of strength. The more Trump is called names and investigated, the better. Not to make light of it, but if the FBI had shown up at Mar-a-lago with an armored vehicle and a couple of helicopters, Trump's lead over Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, which had dwindled before jumping back up after the search, would be all but insurmountable.

If Trump is bolstered by Biden's hostility, he also benefits from his weakness. Trump's favorable rating is about 40%, a poor showing that would be enough to make him the underdog against any president who hadn't been cratering over the past year. Trump doesn't just narrowly beat Biden in prospective 2024 polling, he handily defeats Vice President Kamala Harris. There's being fortunate in your enemies, then there's hitting the jackpot.

So Trump and Biden compensate for one another's weaknesses, and they are effectively working together to get Trump nominated -- which Trump wants because it's the first step back to the White House and Biden wants because Trump would be the riskiest GOP candidate in a general election.

It's not the most edifying relationship. Indeed, it's a de facto partnership toward a demoralizing re-run of 2020. But neither Trump nor Biden is as likely to get where they want to go without the other.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Donna's Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Kids Can Help Make a Rustic Pear Galette

Pears star in this easy-to-make rustic galette that school-age kids will enjoy helping you prepare. The crust can be mixed quickly with young hands and muscle (or you can roll out a store-bought pie crust). The final step is fanning out the pear slices and admiring the culinary "art" before you pop it in the oven

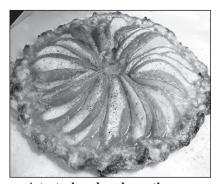
For a free-form family-style "Rustic Pear Galette" of 6-8 servings, you'll need:

DOUGH

- 1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 5 tablespoons unsalted, cold butter cut into 1/2 inch chunks
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon milk
- 2 teaspoons milk for brushing on crust

- 3 tablespoons fig or apricot fruit spread
- 2 large Anjou pears
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1. For the dough, place flour, sugar and salt in a mixing bowl and let your child stir it together with clean fingers. Scatter butter chunks into flour mixture, and toss and rub between fingertips until mixture resembles small peas. Or, use a pastry blender.

- 2. Meanwhile, whisk together the egg and 1 teaspoon of milk. Add half of the egg-and-milk mixture to the dough. Mix well. Add remaining portion and mix until the dough comes together. Shape into a disk and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes
- 3. Roll out dough into a 10-inch circle. Transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Brush the center portion with the fruit spread and return it to the refrigerator while you prepare the pears.
- 4. Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. Halve and core the pears, then slice lengthwise. Arrange them in a fan shape on the chilled dough, leaving a 1-inch border. Drizzle the melted butter over the pears. Sprinkle with sugar



A tasty, handmade rustic pear galette is ready to serve.

and nutmeg.

- 5. Fold the border edge up and over toward the pears in slightly overlapping pleats to form the edges of the galette. Brush dough rim with milk and bake 25 minutes, or until the edges are golden brown.
- 6. Cool slightly, slide onto a serving plate and enjoy with vanilla ice cream.

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ones who knew he wasn't authorized to have it.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

The VA OIG Strikes Again

I have the utmost respect for the VA Office of Inspector General and even more respect now. It appears they'll go after anyone breaking the law, bending the rules, doing wrong ... even one of their own.

In this case it came to their attention that a senior OIG employee was still carrying an OIG-issued firearm and credentials after no longer being eligible to do so. Having been transferred out of one position into another one where carrying the firearm was not authorized, the individual should have turned the firearm in when he switched jobs. Didn't happen. Further, others knew of this and didn't speak up ... for six months.

Enter the OIG investigators.

They unearthed a tangle of job classification language that revealed that nobody was reading the fine print nor filling out the correct forms, even the ones who should have done so. And nobody stepped forward to take the firearm away from the employee, even the

Eventually word reached two people in the organization who knew instantly that the employee was not authorized to carry an OIG-issued firearm and credentials, and acted pronto to retrieve both the firearm and the credentials.

The end result is a thing of beauty. The employee in question retired. Two senior executives are no longer employed by the OIG, having resigned during the investigation. Another employee received a letter of reprimand. And the two employees who were in charge of the firearms program are no longer in charge of the firearms program.

If you suspect something is wrong in either the VA programs or operation, contact the VA OIG hotline at 800-488-8244. You also can go online to www.va.gov/oig/hotline. If you need to submit a complaint about violations, abuse, fraud, mismanagement or other problems, that's where you do it. They don't take regular email submissions. To see the OIG's reports, go to www.va.gov/oig.

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Amber Waves







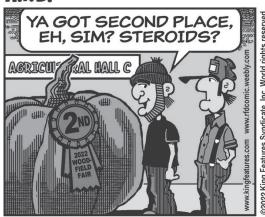


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D. by Mike Marland

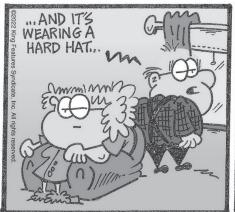


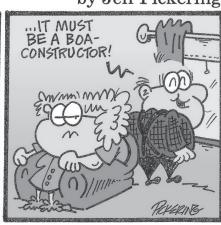


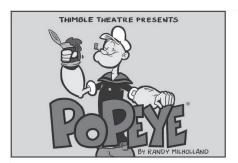
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering





























MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- * On Sept. 30, 1868, the first volume of Louisa May Alcott's beloved coming-of-age book "Little Women" is published. Alcott dedicated most of her life and writing to supporting her family after her father's failure at running a school.
- * On Sept. 28, 1901, Ed Sullivan, who will become the host of the long-running TV variety program "The Ed Sullivan Show," is born in New York City. During the peak of its popularity in the 1950s and 1960s, Sullivan's program showcased a wide range of entertainers.
- * On Oct. 1, 1920, Scientific American magazine reports that the rapidly developing medium of radio would soon be used to broadcast music. Experimental concerts were being conducted from the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards with local radio operators being used to see if the transmissions could be heard hundreds of miles away.
- * On Sept. 27, 1930, Atlanta golfer Bobby Jones wins his fourth major tournament of the year, making him the first person ever to win the Grand Slam of golf. Jones had the picture-perfect swing of every golfer's dreams, despite never having taken a lesson.
- * On Sept. 26, 1945, Lt. Col. Peter Dewey, a U.S. Army officer with the Office of Strategic Services in Vietnam, is shot and killed in Saigon. Dewey was the head of a seven-man team sent to Vietnam to search for missing American pilots.
- * On Sept. 29, 1954, Willie Mays, center fielder for the New York Giants, makes an amazing over-the-shoulder catch of a fly ball hit by Cleveland Indians first baseman Vic Wertz to rob Wertz of extra bases in game 1 of the 1954 World Series. The catch has gone down as one of the greatest in the history of baseball.
- * On Oct. 2, 1965, a team of scientists invent Gatorade, a sports drink to quench thirst, in a University of Florida lab. The name Gatorade was derived from the nickname of the university's sports teams. A coach had asked for something to help his players who were negatively affected by the heat during play, and the salt and sugar drink was developed. (c) 2021 Hearst Communications, Inc. All Rights Reserved





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Oneida's Aliyah Douglas Breaks School Scoring Record

Lady Indians Go 3-0 For the Week With Three Shutouts
By Richard Spears



After rolling over Campbell County, 9-0 at home Thursday, September 1, in a game where three Lady Indians each scored three goals, Oneida gained momentum as they followed with two district shutout wins, defeating first Harriman 9-0 at home, then Oliver Springs 7-0 on the road. Against the Harriman Lady Blue Devils, Oneida senior Aliyah Douglas broke the school girls soccer scoring record of 62 held by Macy Dunlap with her four goals in the game.

Lady Indians Alexea Jones, Kamryn Kennedy and Douglas, all with hat tricks accounted for all of Oneida's scoring in their 9-0 win over Campbell County, as the Lady Indians finished the game with the mercy rule in effect just halfway into the final half. After the game, Oneida head Coach Phil Newport said,"I liked what I saw with our defense, shutting them out. Our goalie, Ayla Sims had a great game, with some really good saves. We closed them down well."

Oneida won their first District game on the schedule Tuesday (Sept. 6), with a 9-0 victory over Harriman as Aliyah Douglas drove in 4 goals, breaking the OHS scoring record in the process. The Lady Indians held a 5-0 halftime lead over the Lady Blue Devils, on goals from Presley Queener (assisted by Alexea Jones), two straight unassisted scores by Kamryn Kennedy, and an unassisted score by Douglas, followed with Aliyah scoring off an assist by Kennedy just before the end of the first frame. In the second half, Douglas drilled a goal in the first four minutes, assisted by Alexea Jones to tie the OHS record, following that 3 minutes later with a rocket shot past the Harriman goalie (with another assist by Jones) to give her 63 for her career, and put Oneida up 7-0. With 28:55 on the game clock, Lydia Kline booted in a goal for an 8-0 Lady Indian lead, and 8 minutes later, Oneida junior Rory Blevins scored unassisted, to give Oneida the 9-0 shutout

victory. After the game, Oneida Head coach Phil Newport said,"I'm proud of our team, and the way we started this game. I'm proud of Aliyah. Good way to start the district schedule." Oneida Coach Amanda Terry told the Morgan County Today,"We're so excited for Aliyah. She's put in a lot of work to get to this point in her career. She had a lot of family members in from out of town to watch her play tonight. It was good to see her make the record breaking goal at home."

Oneida went on the road to Oliver Springs Thursday (Sept. 8) and took their second district win of the season, blowing out the Lady Bobcats 7-0, in a contest where many of the younger Lady Indians got significant playing time. Aliyah Douglas, assisted by Presley Queener, gave Oneida a quick 1-0 lead. Alexea Jones and Lydia Kline both had unassisted scored to put Oneida up 3-0 at the half. Just barely into the second half, Alexea Jones blasted a goal unassisted, then Oneida freshman Kamryn Stiltner followed with two scores, one off an assist by Jillian Cross, another unassisted, to give Oneida a 6-0 lead. Lady Indian Junior Ali Smith hit a penalty kick to give the final, 7-0. Oneida was scheduled to play Corbin at home Monday, September 12. Lady Indian Head Coach Newport said,"How we play Corbin will tell us a lot as we get ready for C-Gap."

Lady Highlanders Tough At CAK Going Into District Play

Scott played hard on CAK's huge field Tuesday (Aug. 30) never giving up, and falling to the Lady Warriors 3-1 as the Lady Highlanders prepare to start their district schedule on the road at Anderson County Tuesday (Sept. 13). Trailing at the half 2-0, Scott scored in the second frame off a corner kick from Olivia Rector to Alyssa Crabtree, but CAK added another goal to over-

take the Lady Highlanders 3-1. Scott Head Coach Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today,"We're getting more cohesive. They're first two goals were on our defensive miscues. Bella made a lot of good saves for us. We showed much better effort all around. We played hard and smart." Scott senior Kaitlyn Butts said,"We need to have the same mentality going to AC as we had against CAK." Lady Highlander senior Olivia Rector added,"At Anderson County we need to play to the best of our abilities. We outplayed CAK in the game's second half."







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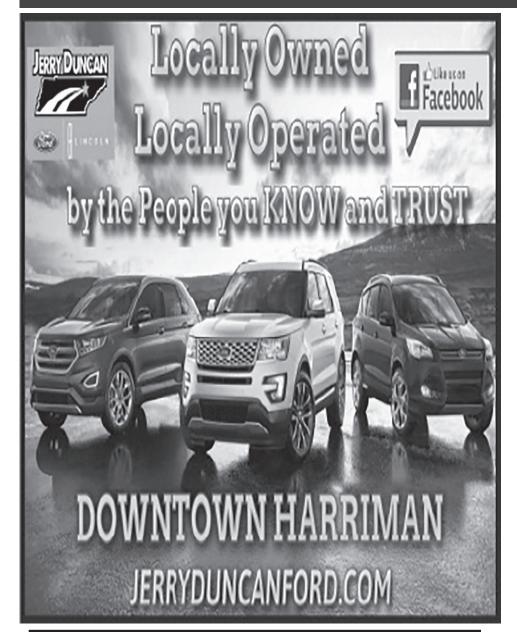




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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Life Is Short

"This is the moment I accept the most challenging times will always be behind me and in front of me." -Kobe Bryant

As a kid, I was an avid NBA fan. I rooted for a couple of different teams and

players, but Michael Jordan was my favorite basketball player. I remember when Kobe Bryant came out of high school and was drafted to the LA Lakers. I wasn't a big fan. When Michael Jordan retired from the league, Kobe Bryant was the best basketball player. I actively rooted against the Lakers. I don't remember wanting Kobe or his team to win in any game.

I respected Kobe's work ethic and his devotion to his family. He was beginning the second chapter in his life; he realized some of his earlier mistakes and seem-

ingly began changing lives in his family and community. The world found out on Sunday, January 26th, 2020 that Bryant was killed in a tragic helicopter accident along with 8 others including his daughter, Gianna Bryant, age 13. The world mourned as these folks lives ended so abruptly. There are countless other examples of lives being ended too soon.

What can we take away from this moment? I have been speaking on this topic around the world. It's not a very uplifting truth, but truth is truth. The message



we can take away is quite simply: Life is Short. We take life for granted every day. I do. Each moment, second, minute and day is another opportunity to be alive.

During my most recent TEDX TALK, I give two analogies on life. A cemetery is made up of many



Zack Ballinger

people that have deceased. Most of them have headstones marking their grave site. On every head stone there's someone's name and a number. The number is the

year they were born, and the end number is the date they passed. There is something in the middle of the number that really sums up life. There's a dash in the middle of the numbers, for example: 1964-2001. That dash is the summary of our life; it's a very short moment in time. What will you do inside your dash?

The last example I provide is the Pacific is the largest landmass in north America. 30% of the world surface is cov-

ered by the Pacific Ocean. The ocean is 64 million square miles long. The world is about 4.5 billion years old. If I was to measure lives in the terms of the size of rocks: Gianna Bryant's life would be measured as a pebble, Kobe Bryant's life would be measured with an average size rock, and someone that lived to be 100 years old would have the biggest rock. If you throw all those rocks in the Pacific Ocean there is no ripple effect. It's not about the size of your rock it's what you do with your rock. That's how short your life is verses the measurement of time.

Kobe Bryant's inspiration lives on in many people. What will you do inside your dash? Rest in Peace, Mamba.

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Cool Solution for Quick and Easy Lunches

Life is complicated, right? So let's make one thing very uncomplicated. Why not put lunch on auto-

Here's the plan: We're going to make a bunch of delicious heatand-eat burritos to stash in your freezer for a quick on-demand lunch, snack or dinner.

Compared with commercially frozen burritos, these taste better and are far healthier. Just look at the ingredients on frozen burrito packaging if you need further convincing.

You'll find that these belly-filling burritos are easy, inexpensive and delicious, and you get to choose exactly what to put in them.

You'll need burrito-size (10-inch) flour tortillas for this purpose. They come in packages of eight, so that's the quantity used for this recipe. If we're going to the effort of making burritos to freeze, might as well make a whole bunch, as this recipe easily multiplies.

The burrito rule of thumb is one generous cup filling for each 10-inch tortilla. If you're making eight burritos, you'll need eight cups filling.

One issue people have with making burritos at home is folding them so they don't burst and make a mess. My tip: Don't overfill them! A 10-inch tortilla can handle no more than 1

1/2 cups filling, and using less makes folding even easier.

How to fold a burrito: Warm the tortillas for easier handling, either individually in the microwave for 10 seconds each, or heat the whole package in the oven by wrapping the tortillas in foil and heating for 10 minutes at 350 F. Spoon fillings onto each tortilla just below the center. First, fold in the sides that are perpendicular to the lines of ingredients. Pull the bottom edge over the top, squeezing the filling toward you as you roll the burrito away from you. Continue rolling, leaving the seam at the bottom.



These quick and easy burritos make a delicious on-demand meal or snack.

How to freeze a burrito: Place burritos seam side down on individual pieces of foil. Wrap tightly in the same manner as you folded the tortillas. Use a permanent marker to date and label them. Place in a freezer-safe bag and freeze for up to three months.

How to heat a burrito: Take a burrito from the freezer, remove the foil and wrap in a damp paper towel. Place the wrapped burrito on a plate and microwave on high for 2 to 3 minutes, until heated through. You also can heat foil-wrapped burritos in the oven at 350 F for 20 minutes. That's best for heating several at once.

BEEF AND BEAN BURRITOS

Total Time: 40 minutes Yield: 8 burritos

2 pounds (85/15) hamburger

1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce Taco seasoning, purchased or home-

made, to taste 1 (16 ounce) bag frozen pepper and

onion blend, defrosted

l (15.5 ounce) can refried beans

2 cups cooked rice

1 cup shredded cheese

8 burrito size flour tortillas

Preheat a large skillet to medium-high: cook the hamburger until no longer pink. Drain excess fat and add the tomato sauce and taco seasoning, stirring to combine. Add the defrosted pepper and onions, squeezing most liquid out before adding, and cook thoroughly. Let cool.

Meanwhile, gather the rest of the ingredients and warm your tortillas. It's unnecessary to heat any of the other ingredients because we're freezing these. Evenly divide ingredients between the tortillas,

and fold and freeze as directed above. The easiest way is to assembly-line the process, with extra hands if possible.

Usually, when life is complicated, I'd suggest taking something off your plate. Instead, I'm suggesting putting something on your plate that's delectably easy. Buen provecho!

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David Zubler Columnist

IRS refunding \$1.2 billion in late penalties

The IRS has announced that it will waive penalties for people who filed their tax returns late during the pandemic. Almost 1.6 million filers will receive over \$1.2 billion in penalty refunds or credits. The penalty relief is for individuals and

The penalty relief is for individuals and businesses that filed their returns late for 2019 and 2020.

People who have already paid the late filing penalty will automatically receive a

refund. Most refunds are expected to be sent by the end of September.

The refunds will average about \$750. However, you should not expect a \$750 check since the refund amount is based on the amount of the late filing penalty that was paid.

"Throughout the pandemic, the IRS has worked hard to support the nation and provide relief to people in many different ways," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig.

According to the IRS, there were 9.3 million unprocessed tax returns as of August 12. However, Chuck Rettig has "absolutely" promised that the backlog will be resolved before December.

"The penalty relief issued today is yet another way the agency is supporting people during this unprecedented time," he said.

The waiver is for the late filing penalty. The penalty is 5% of the unpaid balance per month. The maximum penalty is 25%. Late payment penalties may still apply. However, the late pay-

ment penalty is only 0.5% a month compared to the more significant 5% late filing penalty.

The eligible tax returns include the individual, partnership, corporate, estates and trusts.

The tax returns must be filed by September 30 to qualify to be waived. If you have not filed your 2019 or 2020 returns, it's crucial to file them by September 30.

The IRS has two reasons for the penalty abatement. They wanted to provide "unprecedented" relief for the Covid pandemic. The penalty relief will also enable the IRS to focus its resources more effectively.

The IRS still has a backlog of millions of unprocessed tax returns. Penalty relief normally requires the taxpayer or their licensed tax professional to call the IRS and request abatement.

According to the IRS, you don't need to do anything to receive the credit if you are eligible. At this time, it is not known whether the refunds will be sent by mail or direct deposit. The IRS has not announced if taxpayers will be able to check on the status of their refund.

If you have not filed your 2019 or 2020 tax returns, don't miss the September 30 deadline to avoid paying a late filing penalty.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Meals When the Larder Is Empty

I learned of a neighborhood group, six seniors, who are trying to keep themselves fed against all odds. They've come up with a brilliant plan: At the end of each week they pool whatever foods they have left over and have dinner together. They split the leftovers to take home.

The woman who told me about this talked about a website she discovered where all manner of ingredients could be entered, with the machine scouting the internet for recipes that could be created using those ingredients.

Whoever created the Super-Cook website (www.supercook. com) did a fantastic job. Meats, grains, fruits, vegetables, dozens of cheeses, nuts, spices, dairy substitutes ... it's all there, ready to be clicked. You only need to scroll down the left side

and select the ingredients you have on hand.

I tried it out, clicking that I have butter, milk, onion, ground beef and rice. The result came back that I could make a potential 521 recipes. Some of them actually sounded pretty good. When I swapped the ground beef for bacon, it was even better. A little suggestion note at the top of the screen said that if I had certain other ingredients on hand, I could find an additional 51 recipes.

Another website, My Fridge Food (myfridgefood.com), offers the same thing, although on a more limited basis. There's even a phone app, and when you click on a recipe it tells you the cooking time, calories and serving size of each recipe.

Once I found those two sites I went on a hunt for more and found a public library database titled "Finding Recipes for Ingredients You Already Have." You can check it out at www.penningtonlibrary.org/finding-recipes-for-ingredients-you-already-have.

Maybe you don't need another trip to the grocery store, at least not yet. Maybe you have on hand what you need to make a meal once you find a creative recipe.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. "In Sixteen Tons" by Tennessee Ernie Ford, what does the reference to owing your soul to the company store mean?
- 2. Who released the 1981 version of "Bette Davis Eyes"?
- 3. Name the artist who released "All Those Years Ago."
- 4. Who were the musical guests on the first "Saturday Night Live"?
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I saw your lips, I heard your voice. Believe me, I just had no choice. Wild horses couldn't make me stay away."

Answers

- 1. The song is about coalminers. They were paid in scrip, not cash, and that scrip was only good at the company store. This kept the miners from saving cash and leaving.
- 2. Kim Carnes. The song netted Grammy awardsfor Song of the Year and Record of the Year.
- 3. George Harrison, as a tribute to slain fellow Beatle John Lennon.
- 4. Janis Ian and Billy Preston, on Oct. 11, 1975.
- 5. "Hello Mary Lou," by Ricky Nelson, in 1961. There was a plagiarism problem when the record label was sued by a Catholic priest who'd formerly been in a band when he wrote "Merry, Merry Lou." The settlement included giving the priest co-writing credits and royalties.

Historically Speaking Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge - A brief history

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

I am privileged to be in the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club with Mary Lou Auxier and Jim Michel. Mary Lou and I first knew each other at Y-12 before she retired. She and I both admire what is happening at the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge, where, as the recent story Donna Smith published in The Oak Ridger stated, Jim Michel makes a difference in people's lives.

Jim is an unassuming, kind and caring individual who sincerely wants to help people and he does! Along with fellow physician Tanya Vargas, they co-direct the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge. In the short time this service has been available, literally some 2,400 plus people have been provided much needed medical help who may well have otherwise not been able to afford medical care.

So, being a historian, let me help you understand just how this phenomenal service to our community came to be... and its history! Mary Lou shared with me a document, "The Birth of the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge by John Auxier and Mary Helen Rose, written in March 2011. She wondered if I would like to publish this material in Historically Speaking.

Of course, I most certainly did and I really do appreciate those of you who, like Mary Lou, think of Historically Speaking when you see something historical that should be published. Not a single day goes by that someone does not tell me how much they appreciate Historically Speaking column. I am hesitant to say too much, as I don't feel comfortable doing so, but the feedback is tremendous, and I just want to say "Thank You" to those of you who appreciate what I am trying to do and who take the time to tell me so. I do appreciate it!

Now, let's learn together about the "birth of the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge" as written by John Auxier and Mary Helen Rose:

The genesis of the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was in the Clinics of Hope USA (COH). COH grew out of the efforts of a group of men from the greater Knoxville area of East Tennessee. The group included Dr. Tom Kim, originator, and head of the Free Medical Clinic of America, located on Chapman Highway in Knoxville.

His ambition, which permeated the group, was the establishment of free medical clinics to serve the working poor and medically uninsured. Members of the group participated in a bus trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with members of congress and to display a sign on the steps of the capitol to create greater interest in the approximately 47 million uninsured persons in the USA.

Members of the group subsequently visited several other operating free clinics to ascertain the range of facilities and medical support at those sites. In addition to more local clinics, the group gave special attention to the free clinics at Hilton Head, South Carolina, and Chattanooga, Tennessee. The group also contacted the organization, Volunteers in Medicine (VIM), an enormously helpful agency.

The group decided that a formal association should be formed as a 501(c)3, and the Clinics of Hope USA was incorporated, received the approval of the IRS and a State of Tennessee license, and became an active organization. The formative group included eight persons: Randy Overbey (President); Carl Faught (Secretary); Edward Cate (Treasurer); Albert Auxier; John Auxier; Tom Kim, MD; B Ray Thompson;

Hiroshi Toyohara, MD; and Randy Tyree. The overall mission was the establishment of free medical clinics.

In the summer of 2008, John Auxier invited Dr. Tom Kim to address his Sunday School class at First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge (FUMCOR). Dr. Kim's talk ignited a huge interest in free medical services for the uninsured poor, such that John Auxier decided to attempt the formation of a clinic in Oak Ridge. With the support and encouragement of Clinics of Hope, a meeting was held at FUMC on July 19, 2008



John Auxier, Dr. Kim and Britney Bailey of Channel 10 when they did a story on the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge (Photo Submitted)

All persons who would like to volunteer in such a clinic were invited. The response was amazing, with more than 100 persons attending. After the initial publicity, both citizens and organizations made monetary contributions that allowed for acquisitions of materials that were not otherwise donated. The conclusion was clear — a free clinic would be spawned by these volunteers!

At the organizing meeting, John Auxier talked about things that would have to be done before a new clinic could be opened. Among those, we would need to elect a board of governors and officers; to choose a name for the clinic; and find a site for the clinic. The group elected the following officers: John Auxier, President; Jim Giles, Vice President; John Yarbrough, Secretary; and Ann Munz, Treasurer. Mary Helen Rose served as Recording Secretary from the beginning, and later was elected Secretary.

The initial board members (governors) included James Michel, MD; Tanya Vargas, MD; Dale Allen, Glen Arnold, Ed Cate, and Mayme Crowell. Drs. Michel and Vargas agreed to be co-medical directors of the Clinic. Over the next few months, Dale Allen and Glenn Arnold resigned to put their efforts into other activities and business, and Ed Cate resigned as he was on the COH board. Later still, James Barnes, Sharon Cabe, Michael McCutcheon, and Pat Petrie were added to the board.

The new Board of Governors explored several possible sites for the new Clinic. FUMCOR owned the former church property of Trinity United Methodist Church as a result of a merger. The property included a training building, which seemed entirely suitable for the new clinic, and FUMCOR agreed to lease part of the building to the clinic for a nominal \$1/year. John Yarbrough, co-chair of Missions at FUMCOR, handled the lease agreement and continues to act as liaison with FUMC.

The men's group at Kern Methodist Church took on the bulk of the work in preparing the space for the Clinic. A hurdle became obvious when restoration of the education building was considered. It needed, in addition to the usual refurbishment, the rebuilding of a restroom to accommodate handicapped persons, and this had to be done according to City of Oak Ridge codes. This effort included "jackhammering" up a section of concrete floor and doing extensive plumbing (the commode had to be an inch farther from the wall to meet the codes). Jim Giles and David Allen, along with other volunteer workmen, put in hundreds of hours in preparing the space for the clinic to open.

Board members considered applying for a charter and non-profit status for FMCOR, but eventually decided to be an affiliate of Clinics of Hope USA. By the summer of 2009, the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge had finished the necessary legal paperwork from the

State of Tennessee to be an affiliate of COH. FMCOR signed an Operating Agreement with COH on November 4, 2009. (Note: In March 2011, the COH board of governors decided they would like FMCOR to be a separate corporation, and that process began.)

Active solicitation of medical support personnel and equipment was initiated. A great contribution was given by the Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge (MMC) in the form of a commitment to provide significant medical supplies, laboratory services, and imaging. Obviously, there were and are limits on the amount of assistance, but it was and is generous!

A major factor in the preparation and startup of the clinic was the diligent work of Ed and Nancy Cate. They had extensive experience with Dr. Kim's clinic, and they were strongly focused on the factors which could easily make or break the new clinic.

The countless hours that they devoted to the legal work and managerial details were crucial to the preparation for the operation of the clinic. With their efforts, the efforts of Drs. Michel and Vargas, and the general support of the board, the church, and the public, a date was set for seeing the first patients.

The clinic opened for patients on January 15, 2010, with hours all day Friday and on Saturday mornings. Volunteers were at the clinic every morning to answer the telephone and make appointments. A Grand Opening was held on January 25 in the Fellowship Hall of the Trinity Church building, with TV personality Bill Williams as the master of ceremonies and a sizable crowd present.

At the Board meeting on July 25, 2010, John Auxier announced that he was stepping down and going off the Board, as he "felt his usefulness to the clinic had about run its course." His mission of getting the Clinic up and running had been achieved. At the next Board meeting on September 1 (John's last meeting), the following officers were elected: Jim Giles, President; John Yarbrough, Vice President; Ann Munz, Treasurer; and Mary Helen Rose, Secretary.

By the end of the first year of operations, the clinic had seen over 700 patients in about 1,500 office visits. Finances were in good order, handbooks and other operational documents were in place.

Thanks to Mary Lou for sharing this and to John Auxier and Mary Helen Rose for writing the history of the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge.

Today there are three clinic locations (Oak Ridge, Harriman, and Briceville) to serve the low-income and uninsured residents of rural Anderson, Morgan, and Roane Counties of Tennessee. In excess of 50,000 patient encounters and millions of dollars of primary and medical care provided.

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1Thessalonians Chapter 3

brethren of a past circumstance that affected both of them. After the successful work at Berea (Acts 17:10), Paul left and proceeded to Athens, Silas and Timothy remaining behind (Acts 17:14). From Athens the apostle sent a message to his companions urging them to join him with all haste. One may assume they came. Presently, Timothy was dispatched back to Thessalonica to assist with the work there.

Timothy is described as "our brother and God's minister." They are common kinsmen in the Lord by their common "new birth" (Jn. 3:3-5). (Though we don't have a record of Timothy being born again, we know that he was just like the Ephesians were in Acts 19:4-5 and just like Paul was in Acts 22:16). Too, the young man served God as his "minister." The Greek term is commonly rendered "deacon," but in this instance it merely indicates one who serves, frequently at his own expense. The phrase, "gospel of Christ," refers to the nature of his service. He is a gospel teacher. The aim of Timothy's visit to Thessalonica was to "establish (strengthen) and "comfort" (encourage) them in their faith, so that none of them might be "moved" (disheartened) by the persecutions to which they were being subjected. Paul felt a divine responsibility in this matter. He left them a legacy of suffering. He reminds them that when he was with them he had warned them of the hardships that would befall them. Those difficulties had been realized. He tells them that he had been anxious to hear of their welfare, hoping that they had not yielded to temptation and abandoned the faith (v.5). Finally, he could stand it no longer. He must know of their condition.

(1 Thess. 3:6-10) Timothy's report and its effect: When Timothy arrived, Paul sent him back to Thessalonica to see how they fared. When the young man returned with a good report, the apostle was wonderfully relieved and penned this letter in response. Paul was thankful for the good news of their "faith and love," of their fond remembrance of him, and their wish to see him again (v.6). His concern for them had been greatly relieved when he was assured of their "faith" (v.7). It was as if

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(1 Thess. 3:1-5) The mission of Timothy: Paul reminds the he had been revived (v.8), to know that they were standing firm in the Lord (as faithful Christians). Fidelity is essential for the child of God if he eventually is to see heaven. Paul wonders how he could possibly thank the Lord enough for the joy this news brought him. He fervently prays that he might see them again and bring to completion whatever may yet be lacking in their faith (v.9-10). Every Christian should strive to perfect his faith. It is a lifelong pursuit (1 Cor. 15:58; 10:12; 2 Peter 2:20-22).

> (1 Thess. 3:11-13) Paul's prayer: Paul dispatches a prayer to "our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus." Protests to the contrary notwithstanding, Christ is addressed along with the Father. It was hoped that they (Father and Son) might direct their way back to Thessalonica to see these loved ones again. The apostle strongly believed in the providential operation of God. It was neither a superficial nor selfish prayer, but one that would spiritually enrich both of them. He prayed that their love for one another would increase and overflow, even toward all men. He expressed his own deep love for them (v. 11-12).

> The ultimate goal was that their "hearts" (minds, souls) might be made stronger, even "unblameable" before God, in view of the Lord's return with his saints. Here are several important points: (a) None of us is as strong as we can be. We must constantly strive for growth. It does not come by "coasting," but by great exertion. (Revelation 3:15-16 "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.") (b) "Blameless in holiness" is a relative expression (Tit. 1:6). No one is absolutely perfect. But one can be "blameless" in the sense that no charge of wanton sin can be laid against him. (c) There will be accountability at the time of the Lord's return (2 Cor. 5:10). (d) When Jesus comes, he will not only come for his "saints," he will bring with him those precious spirits whose bodies have been

sleeping in earth's dust for centuries (see 4:13). Then both souls and resurrected spiritual bodies will be rejoined (1 Cor. 15).

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Tom Redmon

Columnist

I know many of you will agree with me when I say that life is unfair. Since an early age I have seen this and like you I have learned to live with this unfairness. But yesterday something happened

which is hard for me to take. It isn't fair when my Daddy worked hard in timber and a sawmill and his uncle didn't pay him. He had kids that went hungry and a wife that endured pain because she couldn't buy the kids new shoes before

school started. My Mom told me she had to go to the uncle's house to get money. It wasn't fair when a man put up a big gate to keep us from getting into our house. I was in third grade and coming in from school I had to crawl under a barbed-wire fence. A strand of barbed-wire ripped my leg open and by the time I got home I was bleeding profusely. It wasn't fair when my sister had her broken arm set by a local doctor wrong at age nine and she went through life not being able to use that arm. It affected her marriage and social life greatly. Nothing was done about this.

Life is filled with unfairness. I remember a story about a missionary who came home on a ship after being in the mission field for over fifty years. Before the ship docked the missionary could see hundreds of people standing on the dock where the ship would come in. His thoughts were "wow, I didn't think there would be this many here to see me." But when the ship docked, he saw all the people rushed to see a movie star that was on board the ship. A big lump formed in the missionary's throat as he said, "Lord I've given my whole life doing your work and just look at this." The answer from God came back, "don't worry son you're not home yet. Heaven is waiting."

I want to tell you about this great unfairness of our president paying off student loans. Millions of young people over the years have worked hard to pay for their college degree. I for one only had \$250.00 to my name when I started college at LMU in the fall of 1954. The college had given me a job working thirty hours a week at forty-five cents an hour. I never had any spending money in my pocket. At LMU when the other students were at ballgames enjoying themselves, I was washing the library windows or working at the barn. I was eighteen-years-old student who took twenty-one hours of college credits, worked thirty hours a week, and studied the rest of the time. At Tennessee Tech I worked in the lunchroom, washing dishes most of the time at fifty cents an hour. Many other students did the same thing as I did. The U.S. government wasn't there to help you out. At least four of my classmates had to delay their college because they had no money. Thanks to Ross Wilson, (Superintendent of Schools) he hired them to teach in the elementary grade after they went to college the summer term in 1954. They would continue their education by going all the summer term and by teaching night classes. They worked for very little pay. Even if you had three years of college you would bring home less that \$350.00 a month. Back in those days you had to be really determined to get a college degree, especially if you were poor. The ones that went to college during the 50's and 60's really had a problem in getting money because many of them came from large families to take care of and for instance my Mom and Dad had

The Most Unfair Thing

five children in school besides me and I knew Dad didn't make a lot of money so I didn't ask them for money. Life was hard but I'm glad now that I had to work for my college degrees. They mean more to me because I had to work hard for everything I've accomplished. When I set my goal to get college degrees, I knew it would be difficult, but I knew too that in America, especially back then, I had the opportunity to achieve my goals if I worked hard. I remember what my company commander said back in May 1958 to Company 190. He said, "Anything worth having is worth working for." Our liberal government does not like that. A socialistic government wants



to take over our lives so they can rule us. To do this through taxation, which comes from the middle class they pay your medical, education, and other expenses to make you dependent on the government. In the meantime, your freedoms are being taken away and all individualism is destroyed. Yes, our children and grandchildren will have their education paid for or at least the intelligent ones, who agree and supports the government will be the ones who benefits. If we continue this socialistic government will end up like Russia, Cuba, and Venezuela. Is this worth losing all our freedoms for? I don't think so. I fear what my children and grandchildren will face. We all should be aware that something is wrong and why does the president want to spend millions

more dollars when we are already suffering from inflation rates of 8.6%. This will raise the rate of inflation because we will have to print more money. He acts like money grows on trees. He's been in government all of his adult life and he knows what causes inflation. He's already raised taxes and don't believe him when he says those making \$400,000 or less will not be affected. We have some difficult days ahead.

An author by the name of Jess Stewart from Kentucky was about as poor as most of us were when he attended LMU. He had to work in the lunchroom and on the farm to get an education. He wrote dozens of books; many about

his life. I wonder what he would think about our president paying millions of dollars of our money on student loans. He had a way of himself and it wouldn't have been pretty.

Do you think what Biden did was political? You can bet it was because a good percentage of this debt was for people who were working on their Masters and advanced degrees.

You have to remember that the government has no money. The money to pay off these student loans will be paid off by "us the people." Many of these people have already paid off their student debt. How do you think they feel paying off others' student debt? I can assure you that they are angry about the unfairness. Really

there's nothing fair about the whole thing. Some voters will vote for Biden and some will turn against him.

The tax bill that congress passed a few weeks ago and Biden signed was meant to pay for things like the student education loans. Small businesses who are already suffering will be hit hard. Many will close their doors and the public will suffer.

I hope you readers who didn't go to college will understand that these student loans which were a bad program to start with, because college and banks took advantage of all tax payers and charged high interest rates.



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Genesis 2:24 begins with God proclaiming, there is only one reason he allows for the marriage covenant between one man and one woman for life. What is the single reason our God gave us human sexuality inside the covenant of marriage? Are God's thoughts ever man's thoughts?

For this reason, shall a man leave his father **Opinion Columnist** and mother, and cleave to the bosom of his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. Human

intercourse within marriage is God's gift to us. Render unto each other due benevolence, so that the tempter, tempt ye not. Romans 6.

One flesh begins between a man and woman, only when a man has the courage to leave the trappings of home, and learn without momma, to care for the woman God has rewarded you with. She is to become the glory of man, only when men listen to her, more than listen to momma.

Why was Abraham commanded by God to leave his home in Mesopotamia? Why was it so important to God to separate Abram for his purposes? What was Abram's reaction?

At the time of Abram, the Chaldean, Babylon was the predominate religion, and Assyria and Egypt vied for power over the thriving fertile crescent of commerce. The ancient Babylonian pantheon begun by Nimrod and Semiramis was thriving in Abram's world. Might his parents have been polytheists?

Abram defied God, and only moved a little up river to Haran, and awaited the death of his father, so he could bury him in the land of his nativity. Abram defied God in worshipping his ancestors, more than trust the sovereign word of God. Abram's problems travel with him to Canaan.

When Abram arrives, there is a famine in the land. The same land God had promised Abram would be a land flowing with milk and honey. Doubt now crept into Abram's thoughts and he moves his family into the other pagan capitol of the ancient world, Egypt. Now he deceives Pharoah.

Abram plays a ruse. His wife Sarai is so beautiful, he convinces her to pretend she is his sister, to gain favor with the priest and king of Egypt, Pharoah. This man who believed he was a god, figured out that Sarai was Abram's wife, when he and his family began to experience plagues. Was adultery not an acceptable practice in ancient Egypt?

Pharoah confronts Abram. Why did ye not tell me she was thy wife, had I not had her for myself? He was worried about the punishment for committing adultery in Egypt. To the ancient Egyptians, population was power in military might, and power in leveraging and levying taxes. Men and Women were asked to have many children.

Adultery was punishable by death in Egypt and ancient Assyria, who both required incredible populations to afford their military and their civil affairs people with soldiers, artisans, craftsmen, farmers, fisherman and slaves.

Faithfulness to one wife ensured, children only ever learned Egypt and Assyria's gods respectively. The mother was responsible for teaching children who their father believed in. Dad's gods, were the family's gods. Mom was respected and loved by dad because they alone were raising their children to be productive citizens. Both mom and dad were required in the ancient world that was the beginning of civilization. Each was equal in pro-genitor-ship, or what we call child rearing.

These two ancient civilizations teach us a lot about what has gone wrong in America with the family God alone ordained to be the cornerstone of creation. Why was Abram so willing to lie about being married? Why did Sarai go along with the ruse?

Had Mesopotamia migrated with Abram with the perversion of God's marriage covenant through alternative morality learned in Babylon? Abram was called by God, communed with God, yet he mocked God twice before cutting the Abrahamic covenant. Something had to change for God to use pre-destined Abram the gentile

For Abram to become Abraham, the anointing of God had to overcome his religious pre-suppositions, learned from his ancestors, and that required the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Abram needed the Ruah ha Khodesh of God.

He needed the injection of the H in he and Sarai's life, indicating God intended to anoint them both with the third person of the Trinity. The same requirement today, if you intend to fulfill God's perfect pleasing will in your life. This is the perfect illustration of how God views Israel through the lens of Abraham, and how he sees the bride of Christ through the eyes of Sarai.

Abraham was promised that his descendants would occupy the land of Israel forever. He is called the father of many nations. Be careful to differentiate between the descendants of Abram the gentile and Abraham the Hebrew.

In the story of Abraham, we are introduced to the unnamed servant in his house. We later learn that servants name: Eleazar. His name transliterates as comforter. It is he, whom Abraham sends into the pagan land of his ancestors to find his chosen son a virgin bride.

It is our story, as God has sent the comforter into our world to find his son a virgin bride, and his church worships the pantheon of Roman gods while claiming to serve only Jesus Christ.

God has always allowed one man to be with one woman because he was seeking Godly seed. Godly seed are children instructed in the truths of the Bible beginning in Genesis, ending in Revelation. Godly seed understand our Messiah from the Old Testament view of mercy.

Every perversion of the marriage covenant instituted by God in Genesis, can be traced to monotheism compromising with the polytheist world around them. Has anything changed? Have American denominational preachers allowed pagan religious practices into their professed houses of Christian worship?

Actually, America has a lot said about it in scripture, once you leave denominational religious traditions behind in the Roman church world. Repent and return to both edges of Jesus Christ's professed sword, which is the word of God, given to all of us for the vanquishing of the enemies of God in the lives of all those we encounter.

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 5-20-2022

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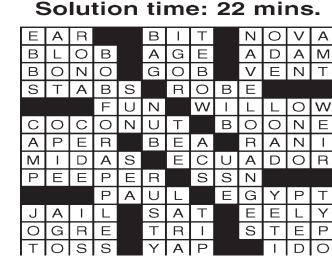
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