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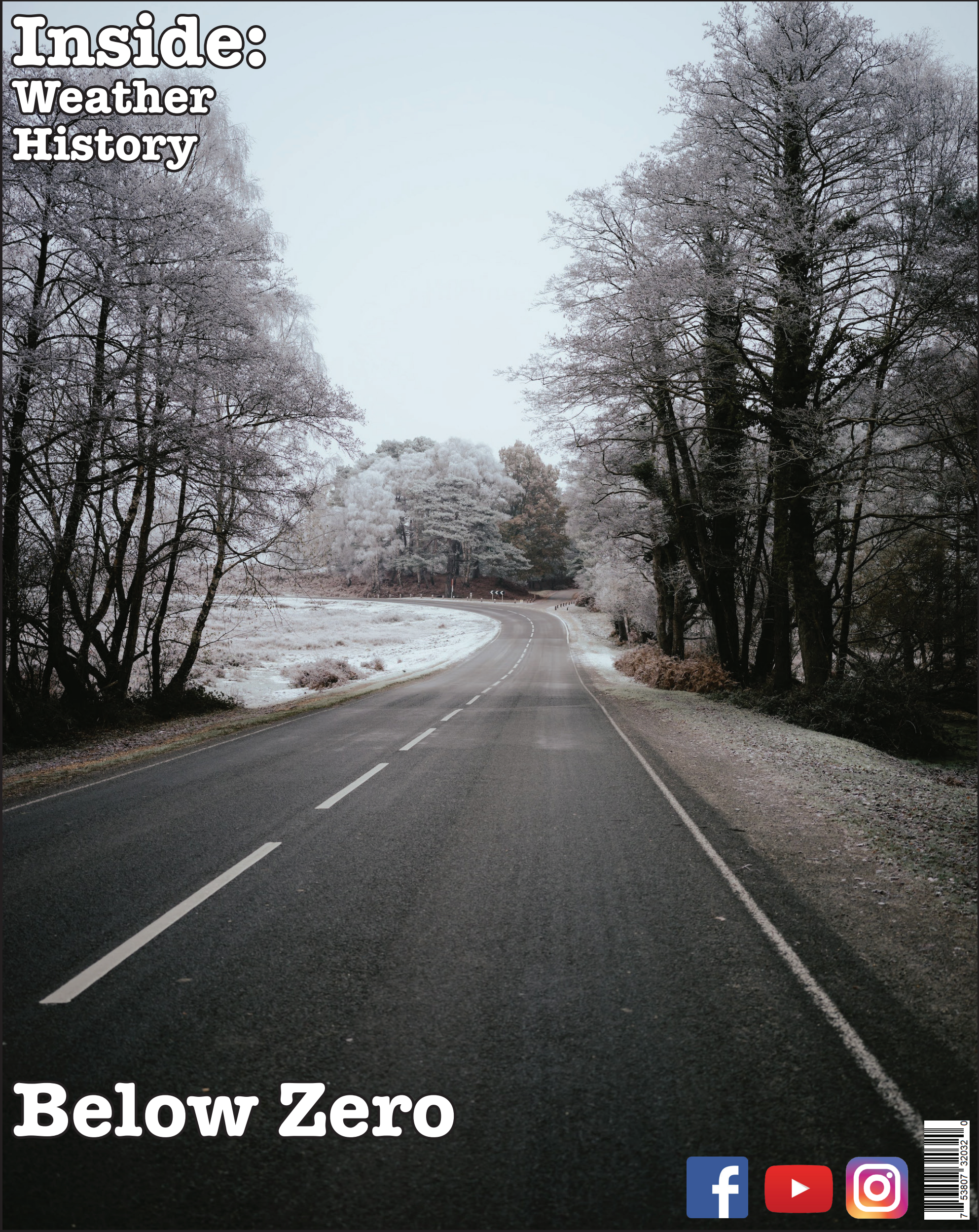
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Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Announcing the 3rd Annual Ms Avery Pearl Christmas Pet Picture Contest. The Pet

Picture with the most likes will receive \$25 from Morgan County Today. Go to the Morgan County Today Facebook Page and share your favorite pet picture (doesn't have to be a Christmas picture) and the picture with the most likes will receive \$25 and have their pets picture shared on the Ms Avery Pearl Facebook Page. Good Luck and Merry Christmas.

Winner will be announced on Christmas Eve.

The winner is Archie B.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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.

WEEKLY WEATHER

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The Bulldog Banner



**Daniel Bunch
(Big Man Dan)**

As one of your editors of the "Bulldog Banner" in the Morgan County Today, I feel you should know a bit more about me. I am 14 and in the 8th Grade. Some of the things I do is t ype a newspaper for my school (WCMS), play basketball, and play soccer. I have been playing soccer for 8 years. And I currently play

Defensive Midfield. Basketball I have played for a much shorter time. It's been 3 years since I started.

I am not the guy you will ever see drawing a good picture. You may see me drawing but the picture will be downright terrible. Now you're probably wondering about the nickname "Big Man Dan." Well, I play basketball and last year I never really got to play or go into the game. So we were winning one game by a lot and the coach put me in and everyone on my team on the bench was yelling "GO BIG MAN DAN!" And it kind of just stuck. I live with my Dad, Mom, sister, 2 dogs, and 2 cats. My dad works as a supervisor for Norfolk Southern (Railroad/Train Company). My mom works at WCMS where I go to school. The two dogs are named Cocoa and Nutmeg but we call her Meg. The two cats are called Cleo and Loco.

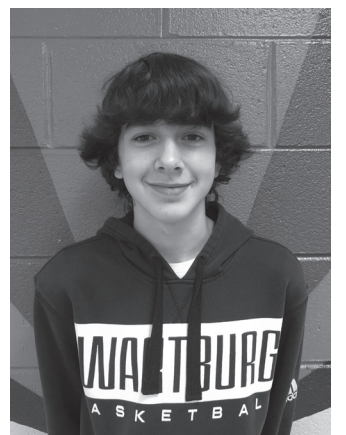
Well, guys, that's all from me. Now to hear from my partner.

**Cole Burchell
(CatFish Cole)**

A hard act to follow after, my partner, but not a challenge for Weston "Cole" Burchell. Yes, my first name is Weston but most people call me Cole. I am 14 years old and am also in the 8th grade at WCMS. I haven't always gone to MoCo schools, though, I have grown to love them and their community. It was at WCES that Daniel and I started our paper in 5th grade. With the help of Mrs.

Katie Knox, we sold several editions of the WCES Weekly Newsletter and helped raise money for an art program for the school, which we succeeded in. Then once we reached middle school we picked right back up with the name changed to WCMS Weekly Newsletter. Now here in 8th grade, we have already released various editions and with the kind help of Mr. Francis expanded to the county paper.

Enough about that now, let me give you an insight into my life. As an avid hunter and angler, I love to get outside and be in nature. Camping with my family, one of my most cherished activities, is my favorite way to get lost and be away from it all. While going on the adventures it is all captured by my camera for everyone to see on YouTube, my channel Catfish Cole hence the nickname. Here I post various videos about hunting, fishing, cooking, crafting, and plenty of other fun things I do. Besides this I participate in 4-H being the president of my class as well as cross country. To end here are some facts about me... my favorite movie The Outlaw Josey Wales, book With the Old Breed, president Ronald W. Reagan, place to camp Norris Lake, song You've "Lost That Loving Feeling" - Halls & Oates and car brand Ford. Now that you know more about us I hope you can enjoy and understand our columns even more.



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



In Loving Memory

Dolphus Carroll, 78

Dolphus Carroll of Wartburg, age 78, passed away December 20, 2022 at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, TN. Dolphus was born in Anderson County on August 31, 1944.



Dolphus was a member of Beech Grove Baptist Church, a coal miner for over 20 years, business owner for seven years, worked on the railroad, and worked for Morgan County Waste Management for six years. He built and remodeled houses probably more than he wanted to. He knew the importance of life did not rely on the riches of this life but laid up his riches where moth and rust does not corrupt. Dolphus loved the LORD! He enjoyed traveling, time with family and friends, telling stories, and being right. Dolphus never passed up an opportunity to help others and would oftentimes go out of his way to do so. He never met a stranger.

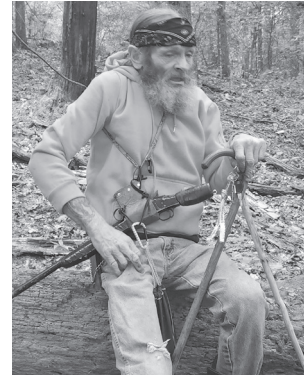
He is preceded in death by his parents, Sammie and Hazel Carroll; sisters, Rozella Carroll and Medella Lowe; brothers, James Carroll, Houston Carroll, Willie Carroll, and Herbie Carroll; and sons-in-law, Mart Kennedy and Ernie Fletcher.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Sue Carroll of Wartburg; sons: Michael (Tammy) Carroll of New River, Everett (Gwen) Carroll of New River, and Jerry Carroll (Precilla) of the Stephens community; daughters: Patricia Kennedy of the Stephens community and Dova (Lonnie) Fletcher of Clinton; step-children: Greg (Betty) Patterson of Petros, Angela (Randal) Shockley of Knoxville, and Amy (Scottie) Sisco of Crossville; sister, Omer Bunch of Stephens Community; sisters-in-law: Fredia Carroll, Joyce Carroll, Teresa Carroll, Charlene Jones, Lorine (Wilbert) Tackett, Pauline Leab, and Judy Young; brother-in-law, Ray (Christine) Young; along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Thursday, December 22, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 10:00-12:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Scotty Sisco and Rev. Lee Young officiating. Interment will follow at the Phillips Cemetery in the New River Community.

Daniel Alvin Williams "Boo"

Daniel Alvin Williams, known as "Boo" to his friends, passed away December 17, 2022 at his home.



He is preceded in death by his parents, Audrey and Alvin Williams; brother, Walter Williams; daughter, Jessie Stringfield Welch; and grandson, Lucas Zeke Potter.

He is survived by his sisters: Becky (JC) Draper, and Juanita Lamance; daughters: Victoria Lay and son Jaden Bailey,

Maureen Blevins, Ashlynn Boveuman, Havyn McBride, Kylin Boveuman, and Lacey Russell; grandsons: Jacob and Mason Welch; son-in-law, Nathan Welch; nephew, Stephan Williams; Nieces, Kathleen Hurst and Jade Draper; and special friend/brother,

The family will receive friends Monday December 19, 2022 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg with the funeral to immediately follow.

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

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Remembering the Goat Man!



Michael Nance
Columnist

Every generation that grows up in a small town witnesses a large amount of change during their lifetime.

Everyone also remembers

events and happenings that occur during the formative years of their childhood. This article will undoubtedly bring to the surface memories to people in our community that were children or young adults in the 1950s and 60s. Many that I have spoken to of the era remember the traveling "Goat Man."

Although I am not old enough to remember seeing the goat man, many elder members of my family recall local conversations about a man traveling with a wagon pulled by a team of goats. Many remember he was very religious and always sold postcards and photos to make a little "traveling cash."

Who was the Goat Man and what was he about? Well, it's a lengthy story, and I will start at the beginning.

Charles "Ches" McCartney was the traveling goat man. He was born on July 6, 1901, in Sigourney, Iowa. He had an interesting family life as he was married at least three times. One of those marriages was to a Spanish knife thrower ten years his senior. The records confirm he had one son, Albert Jean, but folklore and supposition indicates there could be at least two more children to his credit.

Much like the life of Forrest Gump, McCartney's life seemed to intertwine with historic events. According to his own testimony, He was a farmer until the 1930's when he lost all of his money in the banking failures. From history we know that the 1929 stock market crash and the following "Great Depression" caused many banking failures. This event changed McCartney's life and he began working for the "New Deal Program," the Works Project Administration, or WPA. In 1935, while working for the WPA he had a tree fall on him, crushing the left side of his body. Again, according to his testimony they declared him dead at the accident and sent his body to the morgue. He claims he awoke at the morgue before the

undertaker had touched his body. His body was crushed, which left him handicapped and unable to hold down a full-time job. At this time, He decided to begin traveling with his goats and see everything there was to see around the United States. According to one source, this traveling quest by McCartney was



The Goat Man

tucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and on to Florida where he would spend the winter.

One writer claims that the Goat Man and his team of goats hold the world record of being the fastest goat team to circle the old Atlanta speedway in Rome, Geor-

many people from Roane, Blount and Morgan counties still have memories, or have listened to the stories about the Goat Man from family elders. The former Morgan County Historian, Jean Pollard remembers the Goat Man and his team of goats pulled over near the river crossing in Kingston as a child. She recalled that a long line of cars and children were crowded around to see the famed Goat Man.

Circa 1975, Robin Nance remembers seeing the Goat Man in Maryville, Tennessee. He would stop at the Giant Food Market at Midland Center and go through their eggs and if he found one that was broken, he would suck the contents out with a straw. She also stated he would pass through Maryville a couple of times per year.

In 1978, his home in Georgia burned down, and he purchased a bus which he converted to live in. Sometime in the 1980s he decided to hitchhike to California as he

had become obsessed with actress Morgan Fairchild. Although before he could display his love to the actress, he was mugged in Los Angeles convincing him to return to Georgia. According to sources, sometime in



Postcards of the Goat Man

further spurred by reading the novel Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe.

Sometime circa 1937, he began traveling with a team of 18 goats in a wagon that he constructed himself. He made money by taking pictures of him and his goat teams. He even had postcards made of his goat caravan in North Carolina. I obtained some original postcards, and they are featured accompanying this article.

He crossed the United States some 15 times and traveled over 100,000 miles. He was well-known across the U.S. as a traveling preacher, and many remember him tacking signs to trees that would say a bible verse or the phrase "Prepare to meet Thy God." Several articles were written about him and his travels, and even a book. His typical route was from Iowa through Ken-

gia. The author could not confirm that assertion, but it would not be surprising considering McCartney's long history of traveling.

Being an experienced traveler and obviously leading successful tours across the U.S. soon modern progress would make the Goat Man's travels much more difficult.

After the former Allied Commander of World War II, Dwight D. Eisenhower became president in 1953, his administration developed and pushed for an interstate highway system. Eventually this resulted in the passage of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956. The development of the interstate system and the production of faster automobiles made the travels of Goat Man much more dangerous.

During all of his travels he suffered many insults and even assaults. In 1968 three young men attacked him as he slept in his cart. This event happened near Signal Mountain, Tennessee. He was injured having three broken ribs, but much to his dismay, two, or eight (source dependent) of his goats were also killed. This depressed McCartney which spurred him to retire from his travels and return to his Jeffersonville Georgia Mission.

My research revealed that

June of 1998, Albert Jean, his son was found shot and murdered in an abandoned school bus in Twiggs Georgia. This is the same bus that he had purchased in 1978, which had been used as a home. The murder was never solved.

The Goat Man died on November 15, 1998, at 97 years old while in a nursing home in Macon, Georgia. Even the New York Times reported his death in the newspaper on November 23, 1998.

When the Goat Man died it is interesting to realize that he traveled across America through some of our most notable historical moments. While traveling with his goats and wagon he witnessed the effects of the "Great Depression," the rationing effects of World War II, and the racial tensions of the 1960s. He watched all of these changes in society while riding on his goat powered wagon from town to town.

In conclusion, the Goat Man is an important part of our local history, and he had a profound impact on the histories of many communities where he traveled.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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**From Ed Butler
State Representative District 41
and Staff.**



BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Yeshua in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What prophetess of about 84 years of age approached Mary and Joseph and thanked God for the infant Jesus?
Anna, Baara, Junia, Phoebe
3. What phenomenon had led the wise men to the young Jesus and Savior?
Whirlwind, Star, Rainbow, Rain-fall of sparkling gold
4. From Matthew 2, to what country did Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus flee?
Jordan, Syria, Oman, Egypt
5. An angel appearing in a dream told whom about the death of Herod?
Mary, Joseph, Matthias, Rachel
6. Where did Jesus live as a boy?
Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Bethany

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Anna, 3) Star, 4) Egypt, 5) Joseph, 6) Nazareth
 Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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How to Give Your Pet a Healthy, Happy New Year

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: This week, many Americans are celebrating their newest gift to the family: a cute puppy or kitten, duck or chicken, or pocket pets like hamsters and Guinea pigs. It's also a time to form new resolutions in anticipation of the New Year.

I hope that new pet owners' first resolution will be to establish a relationship with a veterinarian with expertise in their specific pet. Some pets need to start or continue a vaccination schedule so that they grow up healthy. Puppies are at risk of contracting parvo virus, for example, so bolstering their immune system is very important.

Your vet also can provide advice and tips for caring for pets. Guinea pigs, hamsters and rabbits communicate happiness or distress in unique ways that a new owner may not be familiar with. Puppies are wiggly and energetic. Kittens are curious and fearless. Vets can help new owners navigate these waters and provide regular checkups to help keep pets healthy. — Dedicated Vet in Boston

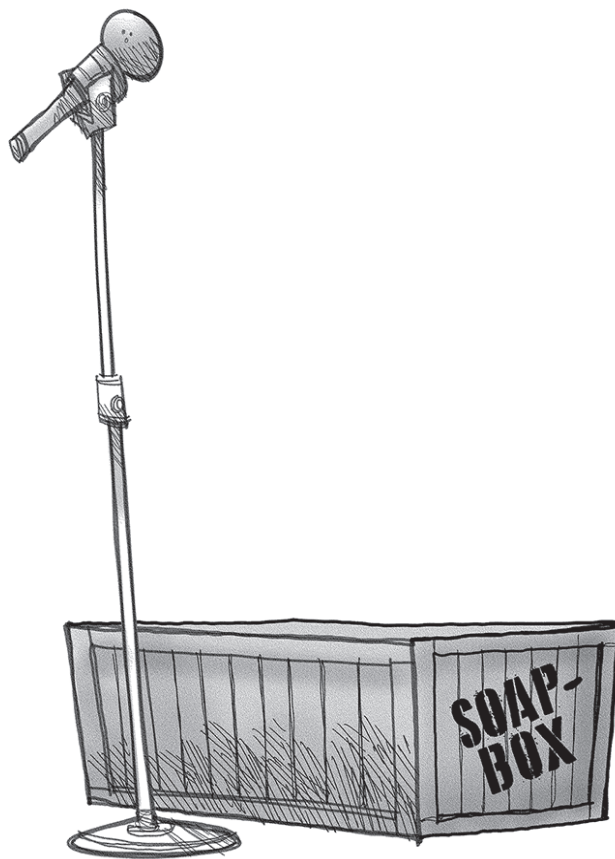
DEAR DEDICATED: Thank you for sending this! Establishing a care routine with a veterinarian is so important. It should sit at the top of owners' to-do lists, along with providing comfortable, warm bedding, a clean and safe environment and, especially for puppies, a daily training routine. Mark your calendar with key dates, including checkups with the vet, appointments with a trainer and regular resupplies of food, litter, bedding, and everything else your new pet needs.

Here's to a happy, healthy and fun New Year with your pet!

Send your New Year pet pics to ask@pawscorner.com, and we may share them in a future column!

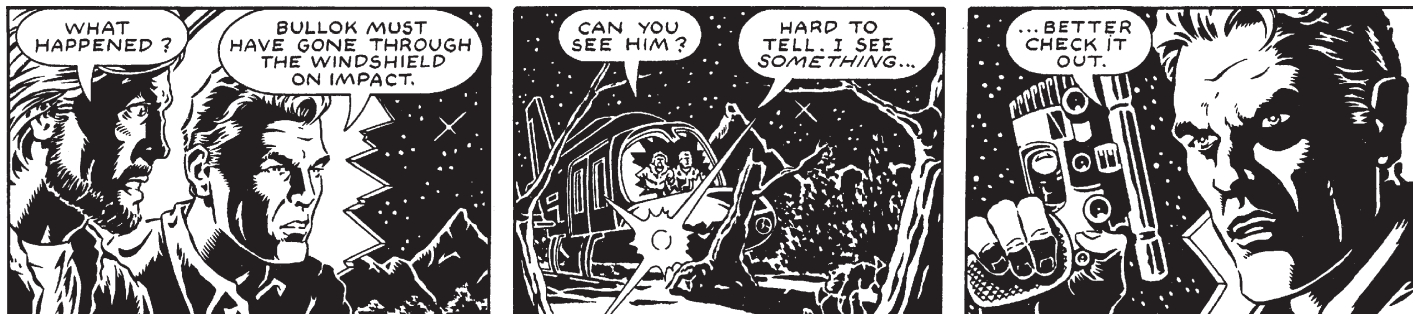
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN the BEAR IT



"It was touch and go there for a while, getting that lampshade off his head."

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* The end of the year is a great time to pick up next year's holiday decorations at a discount. Before you pack away your holiday lights, ornaments, cards, etc., do an inventory and see if you are able to find what you need to complete your look at a slashed price.

* Computer grocery lists can make not only shopping easier, but organization as well. Keep a file listing all the items you usually purchase from week to week. You can even create sections based on where certain items are located throughout the store. This will ensure you don't miss something, necessitating a return trip to the store. Stay organized to save money.

* "Keep a small package of antibacterial wipes in your car to clean your hands after pumping gas. Not only is there any potential gas to get off your hands, but these handles don't

get cleaned often, and are very dirty." -- R.D. in South Carolina

* "If you have extra papers that are only printed on one side, save them. You can cut them in quarters and staple several sheets together to make scrap paper pads to keep near the telephone or on the fridge. They are handy, and you'll be reusing material, which is good for the environment." -- U.L. in Missouri

* Putting up new calendars? Before you toss your old one, be sure to look through it for important anniversaries, and cut out and save any pictures or art that might be reusable for craft projects.

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

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Martial arts icon Bruce Lee could throw a single grain of rice into the air and catch it with chopsticks.

* A 2009 study found that lost wallets were 88% more likely to be returned to their owners if they contained a photo of a baby. Barring that, you're also more likely to recover one if you typically carry pictures of a puppy, family members or an elderly couple.

* The word "checkmate" comes from the Arabic "shat mat," or "The king is dead."

* Want your candles to burn longer and drip less? Put them in the freezer for a few hours before lighting them.

* In what must qualify as one of the oddest marketing campaigns ever created, Burger King launched one that entitled customers to a free Whopper if they unfriended 10 Facebook friends. Those folks would receive a message explaining that their digital relationship was less valuable than the sandwich. Hey, we like Whoppers too, but really!

* Dolphins have been witnessed amusing themselves by creating underwater bubble rings.

* There's a Google Map for Mercury, Venus, Earth's moon, Mars, Pluto, three out of four of Jupiter's moons, and all but one of the round Saturnian moons.

* Leonardo da Vinci often bought caged animals just to set them free.

* Early 19th-century composer Robert Schumann had an interesting, if grisly and ineffective, method of attempting to cure any disease he had or might have: plunging his hands into the guts of recently slaughtered animals.

* Sid Nouar, owner of the 1000&1 Signes restaurant in Paris, was the first deaf person to open a restaurant in France. It is also staffed entirely by deaf employees.

Thought for the Day: "Take action. An inch of movement will bring you closer to your goals than a mile of intention." -- Steve Maraboli

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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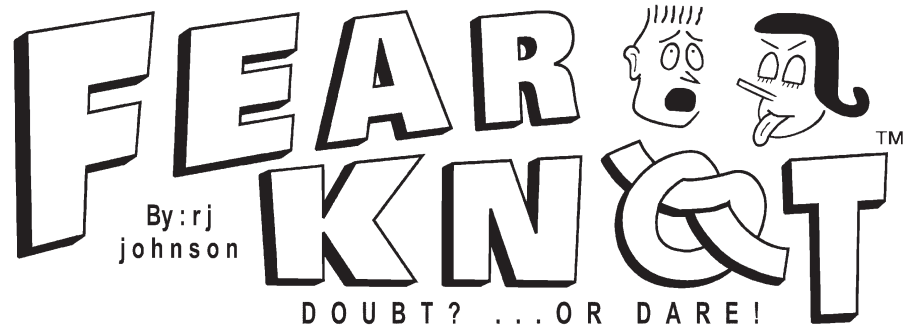
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- 18 Duo
- 19 Sikhs' headwear
- 21 Enjoy, as fine food
- 24 Luau bowlful
- 25 Guitar's kin
- 26 Yule quaff
- 28 Desert flora
- 32 Simple
- 34 Drench
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- 39 Super Bowl VIP
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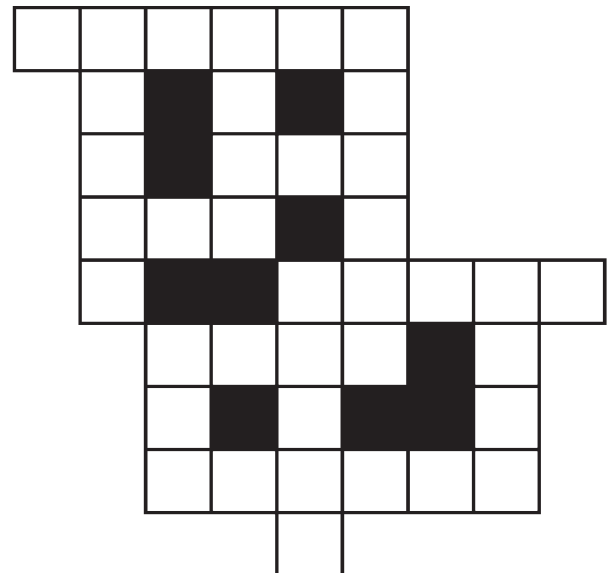
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- 58 Here, to Henri
- 59 BPOE members
- 60 Beloved
- 61 Fanatic
- 9 "Funny!"
- 10 Bard's river
- 11 Big name in oil
- 16 Farm female
- 20 Sinbad's bird
- 21 — luck (accidental success)
- 22 Furniture brand
- 23 At once
- 27 Jewel
- 29 French chicken dish
- 30 Undecided
- 31 "Meet Me — Louis"
- 33 Pizza slices, often
- 35 Sports bar sets
- 38 Asian language
- 40 Wan quality
- 43 Screen Actors —
- 45 Compete
- 46 Existed
- 47 Slanted type (Abbr.)
- 48 Chore
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- 54 Post-op area
- 55 Little louse

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

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By Rich Lowry

Trump's Miserable Month

So far, Donald Trump is having the worst campaign launch since Beto O'Rourke.

Like almost everything else he's done lately, his early announcement of his next presidential campaign has proved a flagrant political misjudgment.

A move that was supposed to demonstrate his strength is showing his weakness; a move that was meant to keep other candidates out of the race is an invitation to other candidates to get in; a move that was supposed to serve notice of his continued dominance of the party is pointing toward its potential end.

He's been eclipsed as an internet troll by Elon Musk, and as a vote-getter by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

He's managed to get the worst of both worlds -- he's been largely invisible at the same time that he's been involved in several damaging controversies.

His midterms got even worse, with the final thudding defeat of one of his prized political projects, Herschel Walker in the Georgia Senate runoff.

And Trump's entry hasn't boosted his poll numbers, or even stabilized them. He's continuing to slide versus DeSantis, with a couple of new polls showing him trailing the Florida governor in a hypothetical head-to-head matchup.

In short, it's hard to imagine how Trump could have had a worse monthlong run. Ordinarily one might say, as a way of exaggerating to emphasize the point, that it only could have been worse if he had had dinner with a Nazi -- but, of course, he did that, too.

It's still early, and premature to count Trump out. Elected Republicans remain scared of him, and we still can't know if the only potential candidate to show strength against him, DeSantis, will run, or how he'd perform.

If Trump is going to win the nomination, though, it will involve recovering from his disastrous announcement and aftermath.

He clearly believed that the act of announcing in and of itself would be sufficient to cement his status as top dog. That was wrong, and it meant he never thought through the rather crucial question, "So you're a candidate -- now what are you going to do?"

There's been no media blitz. There's been no tour of the country. There's been no rollout of policy or any unifying theme.

If it's too early to make too much of the polls, the former president is still in a uniquely vulnerable place. It's one thing to be trailing if you are a new figure on the national stage who still has room to grow; it's another if you have universal name ID and everyone already has an extremely well-formed view of you.

It's going to be hard for Trump to find a second act when his act hasn't changed since 2015. Besides, even if he purports to have turned a new leaf, who at this point is going to believe him?

He doesn't have easy levers to use to change the narrative. It's not as though he can have a good legislative session next year like the governors who are thinking of running or use his executive powers to pick useful fights.

There probably aren't even exciting new events he can hold to grab the attention of voters or the media. His signature, of course, are his rallies. They were fresh and new in 2015 and 2016, and quite powerful throughout his presidency and immediately afterward. Now, they are as old and familiar as a Rolling Stones concert.

What's been most damaging to Trump is that association with him in general and "Stop the Steal" in particular proved politically toxic in the midterms. Other Republicans can try to achieve distance in the future. But obviously Trump can't.

These things would have been true even if he hadn't announced already, but if he hadn't gotten in, people would have wondered if he'd instantly look stronger once he was actually in the race. Now, he's answered that question for his adversaries decidedly in the negative.

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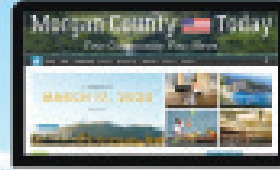
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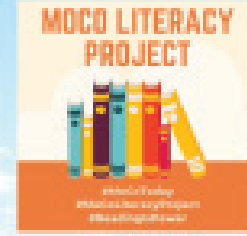
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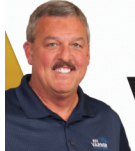
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Tom Redmon
Columnist

As we proceed down life's highway, we meet many people we didn't expect to meet and become close to. If I had time, I could relate to you many that I met on my 87 years going down life's highway. I will tell you about several that became close friends with me.

Around four years ago I started writing for the Morgan County Today and I met a young man by the name of Fred Mize. Fred was in the Army National Guard with Tommy Francis. He was helping Tommy to get the paper off the ground.

Fred lives in Kingston but is originally from Strawberry Plains. He served in Iraq for a year and what he saw there had really affected him. He suffered with PTSD for years. He just recently retired from the Army National Guard as a Master Sergeant.

We became friends the day we met. We were at the newspaper office with Tommy and Charles Shadden when someone suggested we go to lunch at Angie's. While at Angie's I started telling a Navy story about survival training and when something else came up to interrupt me Fred still requested that I finish the story. He was interested in what I had to say. From that day on we have been close friends.

When a man hugs you every time, he sees you and tells you that he loves you then shows you that he practices Christian principles, you know you have a true friend. Fred is the one who gets my articles ready to put into the paper and he's the reason I have a book out. I wouldn't have stayed with the paper this long if it hadn't been for Fred Mize.

Another friend I am thankful for is a principal in Manatee County Florida. In 2014 I got a call from Kathy Price from Myakka City School in Florida. She wanted to know if I would come down to Florida on a certain day to retrieve and open a time capsule that we had buried in the Fall of 1994 when our new school building's opening dedication ceremony. It had been twenty years.

I didn't know Kathy Price at that time because I had retired from the Manatee School System in July 1995 and Kathy had come later. She knew my son Scott who had taught her children at Haile Middle School.

Kathy now was principal of Myakka City School, the one I had worked on for several years to get built, and since I was principal when the time capsule was buried, it would be good for me to open it. I talked to my wife Margaret and asked her about going down to Florida in September. She said okay and we started planning.

I knew when I walked into MCS and met Kathy Price that I would like her. I guess I wasn't a total stranger to Mrs. Price because I had been the principle there for fifteen years (1980-1995) and several of the teachers I had hired were still there and there were large photos of all the principles over the last fifty years were on display outside the office. Kathy had shown interest on my picture and she must have liked my looks because she talked about it a lot.

From the start when I first saw Kathy, I liked her, and as the day's activities went on, I said to myself this is a woman after my own heart. She had organized and planned the day's activities like I had done when I had programs at Myakka. What a leader this lady is.

Eight years later I returned to Bradenton, Florida and went by Mrs. Price's new school which was Willis Elementary. Kathy saw me when I walked into the door and she hurried up to greet me in a

way that you knew she loved you. I needed that hug. When my friend Fred greets me and comes up to give me a hug, I know I am loved. It's the same way with Kathy. Why can't more people be like this? It would be a better world.

Another friend that I have met on life's highway is Lee Lutner. Lee is my neighbor who moved in from Union County. He lives in a mobile home below my place, and this man is what you call a real handy man. He can do about anything with his hands.

I went down to meet and greet Lee and I had one of my Navy caps on. After we got acquainted Lee thanked me for my service to my country.



At the time Lee was working at Y-12 in Oak Ridge where my dad worked for many years. I told Lee if I could be of any help to him just let me know. I am here about all the time.

That was about five years ago and Lee and I have become good neighbors and good friends. I believe he would do anything to help me. Unlike Fred I guess Lee is not the hugging type but I can tell by his actions and words that he cares about me. Like me I was raised by parents who didn't hug much, nor did they say "I love you" much. But people like Fred and Kathy have convinced me that it is good to show love.

Another man who came into my life about seven years ago is about as old as I am. He is from Michigan and I met him at my church. Margaret and I asked Bob and Linda Cox to go out to lunch with us. The more Bob talked to us the more I was convinced that he would be a good person to visit the sick and shut-ins with me.

I guess we made over fifty visits to the elderly people that I love. Bob loved it and he was another one of the huggers. He took a gospel song book on every visit and he always sung a couple of songs. Bob now has Alzheimer's and cannot go visit with me but strangely he remembers our visits and it kills him to think that part of his life is over.

A word to my readers

We do not have enough love in this old world, and many times when we do use the word love we do not use it in its true Biblical meaning. If you go to 1 Corinthians 13 you will find what true love is all about. Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, it keeps no record of wrong, it rejoices with the truth, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes. Verse 13 and now there remain: faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.

We love others because God first loved us. He tells us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. He even tells us to love our enemy (now try to do that).

Some people go through life without ever hearing the words "I love you." Some never experience a good hug.

I believe my great-grandfather brought with him his Irish culture when he came to the United States and it was handed down to my grandfather and on down to my father. I never heard my parents say they loved each other and I never heard them say they loved

me. When I came home from Guam after a twenty-one-month tour Mom hugged me, but Dad just shook my hand and said, "how you doing son?"

They provided food and shelter for us and I guess that was enough. I changed that when my kids came into the world. We hug and we say "I love you" a lot. There was no doubt that Mom and Dad loved each other and they loved us. They just didn't show it in an open way.

Maybe we have evolved. I love the people who do not hug me because they show me in other ways that they care about me. Then too the people who hug me and say the words, "I love you" make my day. God must have known we need that. When Fred and Kathy come up to me, I can feel the love radiate in me.

I believe Jesus hugged a lot when he was here on earth in person. Love was his favorite word, for God is love.

John 3:16

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Columnist

IRS warns about filing your return early

You may be someone who doesn't like procrastinating and files your tax return as early as possible. Or you may be planning to use your refund to buy a car or make another purchase. However, the IRS is warning you to use caution when filing early this year.

The problem with filing early is that a new law will result in people receiving Form 1099-K which may report income as taxable when it's not. The IRS has no way of knowing if the money you received is taxable income. Failing to report sales of nontaxable personal items or reimbursements from friends could result in IRS problems and potentially an audit.

To prevent income tax evasion, Congress changed the requirements for reporting the 1099-K. The 1099-K will create problems for people who don't report them. If you fail to report the amount from a 1099-K, you may receive a letter from the IRS claiming you owe additional tax and need to file an amended return.

Experts are saying many people will receive a 1099-K for the first time in the upcoming tax season. A recent IRS press release is urging early filers to make sure they won't receive a Form 1099-K from receiving money from a third-party payment network such as Venmo or PayPal.

The IRS is warning everyone that if you received over \$600 on Venmo or PayPal, you should wait for your K-1 before filing your return in 2023.

The IRS urges you to immediately contact the company which issued your 1099-K for correcting adjustments.

In previous years, Form 1099-K wasn't required to be reported unless you had more than 200 transactions with a total amount exceeding \$20,000. But the new law reduced the threshold to \$600, and even a single transaction can require Form 1099-K.

When filing your return, it's essential to include information from all tax forms.

The IRS receives income directly from reporting companies, and the IRS computers flag mismatching income. It's better to wait to ensure you included all income. Otherwise, you'll risk receiving error notices from the IRS with penalties.

One way to prevent way to check for missed tax forms is to log into your online IRS account to see your wage and income transcripts. You can also ask your tax professional to retrieve your transcripts, but they may charge a fee. The IRS doesn't usually post transcripts until May or June, but the date varies each year. This is a good reason for filing an extension.

The deadline for companies to send 1099-Ks is Jan. 31. However, you should allow a little time for slow or misdirected mail. The forms can also get lost in the mail.

If you've moved during the year, your 1099-K could be sent to your old address.

If you are filing early, don't overlook a 1099-K.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

One Billion Safety Recalls

It was recently disclosed that in the first half of 2022, there were over 1 billion recalls across the country of products that we buy.

That's billion, with a "b." Depending on the level of the recall, some of them can be extremely serious ... even deadly.

How do we know whether we missed an announcement about a product we own? We can go online to Recalls.gov and look. They cover everything from sports equipment to electronics, household items and more. You can search on that site by date, the type of hazard and the country where an item was manufactured. I searched for clothing. It was shocking to see a dozen children's items recalled for fire hazard. And the padded rolling desk chair with the legs that can break. And the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that don't work. And laundry deter-

gent with dangerous bacteria in it.

To be notified about recalls, go to www.cpsc.gov/Newsroom/ Subscribe and sign up for the free email alerts.

If you need to keep up with recalls and alerts for a vehicle, go online to www.nhtsa.gov/recalls. You'll need the vehicle identification number (VIN), which can be found on the door jamb behind the driver door. Or you can search by year, make and model of your vehicle. For the very latest vehicle recalls, Kelley Blue Book also has them listed on the front page at www.kbb.com/recall.

Food is another area where we need to keep up with any recalls and warnings. Search for "FDA Recalls, Market Withdrawals, & Safety Alerts" for the latest information on cosmetics, veterinary items, medical devices and food. Right on the front page was a list of alerts for products with undeclared wheat, potential listeria, salmonella and more. In the medical devices it was disturbing to learn of rust on needles.

You'll see a link there to sign up for alert emails.

Let's make 2023 our year to be aware and safe.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Which artist wrote and released "Abracadabra"?**
- 2. What was Phil Vassar's "Just Another Day in Paradise" about?**
- 3. Name the singer who wrote and released "All Around the World" on her debut album.**
- 4. Which group released "Careless Whisper"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "In a cafe or sometimes on a crowded street, I've been near you, but you never noticed me."**

Answers

- 1. The Steve Miller Band, in 1982. The song was ignored by U.S. record companies ... until it became a chart topper in Europe. The song was then released in the U.S., and it shot to No. 1.**
- 2. The 2000 country/pop crossover single (from his debut album) was about homelessness.**
- 3. Lisa Stansfield, on her "Affection" album in 1989. The song received a nomination for a Grammy for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance. Stansfield had won the "Search for a Star" competition at the age of 14 in the U.K. in 1980.**
- 4. Wham!, in 1984.**
- 5. "My Cherie Amour," by Stevie Wonder, in 1969. The song was originally titled "Oh, My Marsha." Legend says that once record producers got involved, they wanted to add a French flavor to it similar to the Beatles' "Michelle" and changed the name.**

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2 Timothy Chapter 4

(2 Tim. 4:1-5) The Final Charge: With a final, authoritative command, under the view of God and Christ (who shall judge the living and the dead), Timothy is to “preach the word.” The phrase, “by his appearing and his kingdom,” may emphasize the certainty of his coming and his regal authority. It has nothing to do with a supposed “millennial reign,” as commonly assumed. The fact that his coming will be one of “appearing” negates the “secret rapture” theory. The young man is obligated to “preach” (publicly proclaim) the gospel with urgency and in all “seasons” (times). The aim of the preaching is to “reprove” (convict of wrong-doing), “rebuke” (condemnation of sin), and “exhort” (a strong appeal to encourage). The actions, however, are to be flavored with “longsuffering” (patience), along with instruction.

The basis for these strong imperatives is in view of a coming apostasy, when “sound teaching” will be disdained. Instead, fickle people will demand their “itching” ears be soothed with messages that satisfy their own desires, and there will be plenty of hirelings to accommodate them. They repudiate objective “truth” and gravitate toward “fables” (myths) because evidence means nothing to them (v.5). Timothy is encouraged to continue being “serious” (levelheaded) and remain dedicated to the evangelistic work of spreading the gospel. “Suffering” (persecution from evil people) is bound to come, but it must be patiently endured for the higher good of the truth. The youth must “fill to the brim” his ministry and obtain his just reward.

(2 Tim. 4:6-8) The victory shout: Paul now speaks of the grand victory that appears on his apostolic horizon. The expression, “I am already being offered,” literally is, “I am already being poured out.” Under the Old Testament regime, a drink offering of wine was poured out before the sacrificial altar preliminary to the offering of various sacrifices (Ex. 29:40; Lev. 23:13). The apostle knows his death is imminent, and he considers it a sacrifice acceptable to God. “Departure” is from a Greek term signifying “to loose up,” and likely is a reference to the departure of Paul’s soul from his body as such would make its flight upward to be with the Lord (Phil. 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:8). He has fought “the good fight” (there is only one good fight) (1 Tim. 1:18; 6:12), He has finished the race. The verbal tenses suggest that his life is virtually over. Paul has “kept the faith” (v. 7); “faith” may refer to his personal faith, the gospel system, or embrace both ideas.

Accordingly, there is reserved for him “the crown of righteousness” (v.8). This is not human perfection, nor anything earned. It does constitute the fulfillment of a glorious destiny promised to the faithful who have attempted full conformity to the law of God, together with forgiveness bestowed when the Christian has failed through weakness. The Lord is characterized as “the righteous judge.” In this descriptive, one sees an echo of Genesis 18:25---“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” The question is rhetorical and implies he certainly will. The “judge” obviously is Christ, since his “appearing” is referenced at the conclusion of the passage (Mt. 25:31; 2 Cor. 5:10). The fact that Jesus possesses the natures of both deity and humanity makes him the perfect judge, even from man’s vantage point (1 Tim. 2:5). The reward is not merely for Paul, but for “all” who have maintained their love for his appearing with faithfulness. Compare Rev. 2:4, where the “first love” of the Ephesian church had been abandoned.

(2 Tim. 4:9-13) Personal requests: Paul urges Timothy to “come shortly,” if possible. His young friend would surely comfort him in his final days. Other associates have left already---one, Demas, under a cloud. Demas is mentioned three times in Paul’s letters. Once he is complimented as a “fellow-worker” (Philem. 24), then with no complimentary comment (in contrast to Luke) (Col. 4:14); now he is mentioned negatively---Demas has fallen in love with this present world (v. 10). Luke is with the apostle, possibly attending to his medical needs in addition to rendering solace. Mark, who once seemed useless (Acts 13:13; 15:36-41), now is “useful.” Timothy is encouraged to bring him when he comes. Tychicus had been Paul’s helper on several occasions. He seems to have conveyed the apostle’s letters to the Ephesian and Colossian churches (Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7), and he was in the company that took the collection from several predominately Gentile churches to the needy saints in Jerusalem (Acts 20:4). Paul also requests some personal items---his “cloak” for warmth and “books and parchments” for intellectual satisfaction. Carpus obviously was a trusted brother who cared for some of Paul’s possessions.

(2 Tim. 4:14-18) Foes and the friend: “Alexander the coppersmith” is impossible to identify with any degree of precision. He might have lived in Ephesus. What is known is that he did the apostle “much evil” (harm resulting from an evil heart). He had “greatly withstood” Paul’s “words.” This might refer to Paul’s initial defense before the Roman tribunals or the apostle’s gospel preaching. Whichever, “the Lord would render to him according to his works.” “Render” means to “give back, to repay.” This is Paul’s confident declaration of eventual divine justice (Lk. 18:7; Rev. 6:9-11). Let those who allege “works” are not to be taken into account on the day of judgment take note.

Paul says that at his “first defense no one took his part, but all forsook him.” “First defense” probably refers to a preliminary phase of his recent trial. Resulting in his present confinement. Tragically, “no one” in a position to do so stood with him on that occasion (1:15; 4:16). Where were those of the Roman church who had traveled out so joyously to meet the apostle when he first approached the seven-hill city (Acts 28:13-15)? Had many of these been martyred already? Certainly no assistance could be expected from the “anti-Paul” faction in Rome (Phil. 1:15). The most amazing thing about this circumstance is Paul’s attitude concerning those who “forsook” him. He wrote: (May) it not be laid to their account.” Clearly this is an allusion to the final judgment. Heresy is never condoned; human weakness under tremendous pressure may be a different matter.

The Lord (Christ) “stood by” him, however, and “strengthened”. The verbs may point to specific occasions, the details of which are not supplied. The divine intervention allowed Paul some venue through which to continue teaching among the Gentiles, the reason being that in concert with that event, he was “delivered from the lion’s mouth” (v. 17). The latter phrase is metaphorical and seems to suggest that he was not put to death after the first phase of this trial. He was confident, however, that though his physical death was imminent, the Lord would deliver him through death from his evil persecutors. He would be granted eternal salvation and citizenship in the “heavenly kingdom: (not an earthly, “millennial” kingdom). The doxology of “everlasting glory” is a burst of prayer and praise to his Lord.

(2 Tim. 4:19-22) Salutation and request: Paul sends greetings to Prisca (Priscilla) and Aquila (for background, see Acts 18), who were now obviously in Ephesus, after having lived again in Rome for a while after their initial expulsion from Italy (Acts 18:2; Rom. 16:3-4). For information on Onesiphorus, see 2 Tim. 1:16-18. A brother named “Erastus” is mentioned in the book of Acts (19:22) as one who ministered to Paul; and when the apostle wrote Romans from Corinth, he also mentions an “Erastus” (16:23). These references could have been to the same brother, though that is not certain. A stone pavement block, discovered in Corinth, mentions an Erastus who was “treasurer” of the city.

Trophimus was in the company with Paul who transported the Gentile contribution from Greece to Jerusalem (Acts 20:2-6). At some point between Paul’s two Roman imprisonments, he and Trophimus had travelled together, and the apostle was forced to leave the brother at Miletus because his friend was “sick” (v. 20). This is significant because Paul, with his supernatural gifts, did not “heal” the brother. This establishes the fact that miracles were not for personal benefits, but to confirm divine revelation (Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4). Finally, the apostle urges Timothy to hurry to him---“Come before winter.” Travel on the Mediterranean was exceedingly “dangerous” (Acts 27:9) in the winter.

Four others are acknowledged who are not mentioned elsewhere in the New Testament. Likely they were Christians known to Timothy, but not terribly close to Paul. The Catholic tradition that “Linus” was the first “bishop of Rome” has no basis in biblical fact. The apostle closes with a “prayer-wish” on Timothy’s behalf; “The Lord (Jesus v. 8, 14, 17-18) be with your spirit.” “Grace” would imply the ongoing favor of God on behalf of Timothy’s work.

According to the historical records available, God’s apostle to the Gentiles was beheaded at Aquae Salviae, about three miles outside the city of Rome on the Ostian Way. The murder of Paul was probably a result of Nero’s general persecution against Christians, which began during (or shortly after) A.D. 65.



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The Garden Bug

In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the *Festa de Iemanjá* is held every January 1 to honor the sea goddess who protects sailors and provides fish for all fishermen. Dressed in white, the people make their way to the sea’s edge as they dance, sing and play music. Baskets filled with colorful flowers and small statues of *Iemanjá* are carried through the crowds. The fishermen load their boats with all the offerings, and the people follow them out as far as possible as the fishermen set out to sea to present the gifts to *Iemanjá* to seek her favor. - Brenda Weaver

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*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh...*

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Historically Speaking

Julia Daniel part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

In this second and final part of the Julia Daniel story, Benita Albert brings us a story she first learned of when researching her story on Molly Brown, an Oak Ridge schools graduate. The history goes back to the days of plantations prior to the Civil War. The coming Tri-County African American Cultural Museum in Oliver Springs will bring this story and others like it to life for African Americans and others interested in the area earlier history as well.

Now continue to enjoy this adventure back into the history of our area.

Julia Hopper Daniel is on a quest to uncover history and to share the legacy of the African American people from the Tennessee counties of Roane, Morgan, and Anderson. Her dream is soon to be realized with the establishment of the Tri-County African American Cultural Museum in Oliver Springs. Fittingly, the town of Oliver Springs contains parts of all three counties listed above.

The Hopper family counts seven generations of extended family members who have called the Oliver Springs area their home.

I asked Julia what motivated her to take on such an ambitious project. She answered, "I am constantly reminded of the old African proverb: 'Until the lion tells his side of the story, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter.'" She decried the paucity of local African American history. She has hopes that the museum could serve not only as a documented repository of the African American culture and contributions, but also as a dynamic environment in which further information resources develop to extend and enrich the history.

As a previously published part of her story related, Julia has researched family and area history from oral stories and print records to modern day aids such as internet genealogical searches and DNA ancestry kits. She has completed three books documenting her ancestral families' legacies as well as contributed to numerous historical documents. Julia uncovered the enslavement origin of the early life of her great-great-grandmother Adeline Staples Crozier, and she has celebrated the accomplishments and successes of Adeline's progeny.

Julia's appreciation for the one-room schoolhouse education she received in the Oliver Springs Colored School (OSCS) led her to further advocacy. Mayme Carmichael taught at least three generations of families during her tenure at OSCS. Julia said, "Miss Mayme pushed her students to have a bulldog tenacity, to stick to any task until it was successfully completed." Her teaching mantra was etched on Julia's psyche.

She has founded and served as President of the Mayme Carmichael School Organization. She solicited the support of Oliver Springs Mayor Omer Cox and other city officials, legal aid from the Honorable Joseph Van Hook (lawyer and advisor), and volunteer services and donations from many interested partners. Her efforts have resulted in The Carmichael Park, a public gathering place on the site of the OSCS grounds.

Julia's leadership and service have been manifested in many ways. In a 2012 speech she delivered to the Women's Ministry of the Knoxville District Baptist Association, Julia opined: "The church and school have long been the strongest institutions for Black families."

Julia and her mother, Nannie Smith Hopper, worked with fellow members of the Little Leaf Baptist Church to complete a commemorative quilt. Their stitchery art skills created the 'Coal Miners' Quilt' honoring the Oliver Springs area coal miners, over sixty of whom were Black. In addition, Julia has chronicled quilt patterns depicting historical and biblical stories as an African American art form.

In 1855 Julia's Great-Great-Grandmother Adeline (age ten) was brought to Winters Gap (now Oliver Springs) to work on the plantation of William Staples. She and her four-year-old son, Jack, were freed from slavery in February 1865, two years after Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and just three months before the official end of the Civil War on May 25, 1865. Adeline and her son lived out the rest of their lives in the area, and Adeline became one of the charter members of Little Leaf Baptist Church.

Julia chose to honor Adeline by portraying her and conducting tours during the 2012 October Sky Festival in Oliver Springs. This portrayal was described by Julia: "The main point about Adeline and her family is that education, serving God, and giving back to your community and country are very important."

Julia's additional activities include attending family reunions from numerous ancestral branches. She wrote of her passion: "I am from a family where knowing your history is very important. My mother (originally from Jefferson City, TN.) had a family gathering as early as 1945. I have researched family history in the Dandridge, TN old court room, and my family has traced our history back to 1790."

Julia has shared her research skills via numerous speaking engagements. She has shared her own family search experiences, and she has offered advice on conducting genealogical searches. In a presentation she gave at a 1996 Blacks In

museum attendees to see the contributions of previous generations of farmers, coal miners, washwomen, and other area workers, and of the broad ranging accomplishments of their descendants. She smiled when mentioning just a few from her family and local area neighbors who have gone on to excel in careers in medicine, education, law, science and engineering, government service, and military service including one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen.

"The Tri-County African American Cultural Museum will educate, inspire, and challenge everyone who visits to make a difference and to contribute to society," per Julia's hopes and dreams. "The museum will explore the past adversities of slavery, educational access, and economic opportunities. Also, museum exhibits will honor the accomplishments and contributions across at least eight generations of local African American citizens and their extended families." Julia concluded her comments by passionately stating, "Education and faith have paved the 'Road to Freedom' for African Americans."

Julia was asked to describe herself in one word for a questionnaire/interview of the honorees of the 2015 YWCA Tribute to Women in East Tennessee. She replied, "Overcomer."

Julia and her husband of fifty-five years, Julian Daniel, have raised two children, Mark, and Michele, and now count themselves blessed with five grandchildren. Julia began a 35-year career in government service at Oak Ridge Associated Universities, transferring to the Atomic Energy Commission, and retiring from the Department of Energy in Information Services. This "overcoming" woman managed a career and nurtured her family while also completing an undergraduate degree in Business Administration followed by an MBA/Accounting graduate degree.

When Julia was asked to explain "overcoming" in her personal experience, she said: "I am someone who has sought to overcome adversity through education, both for myself and others."

The "others" to whom she refers includes both her adult children who are college graduates and to scholarship recipients she has known through her leadership on the Concern for Students Committee in her church. The committee's Edgar Fritz Memorial Scholarship Fund has provided higher education financial support to more than thirty students.

The term "overcoming" is based on the belief that education opens doors to success, something many of Julia's ancestors found difficult to access. She strongly identifies with the words of famed polymath Albert Schweitzer: "One who gains strength by overcoming obstacles possesses the only strength which can overcome adversity."

Julia retired from government service in 2003. She served as a charter member of Federal Employed Women as well as a charter member of Blacks In Government. She honed research and leadership skills in her career that she now applies to her advocacy for archiving and sharing stories of the contributions of the African American culture.

The Tri-County African American Cultural Museum is a gift to the local community and to successive generations. Julia defines a next important step as getting the younger generation involved. In a speech delivered to Oliver Springs High School students, Julia gave the following advice: "Never be bitter about the past or events that happened in your life. All my bad news has been outweighed by my good news. Daily ask yourself: Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?"

The planned museum offers an opportunity to get involved, to educate ourselves on a part of history too long neglected, and to take away an appreciation for the contributions of African Americans in our region. Thanks to Julia Hopper Daniel's passionate endeavors, we can look forward to hearing the "lion's tale," to furthering an appreciation of "overcoming histories," and to rejoicing in the gift of greater understanding and kinship.

Thank you, Benita, you have certainly enlightened us on a portion of our history that has not been well told. The upcoming museum, scheduled to open in February 2023, will be a welcome addition to the museums in our area. I look forward to visiting there as soon as it opens.



Adeline Staples Crozier, great-great grandmother of Julia Hopper Daniel



Antebellum home acquired as part of the Hopper farmland purchase and home to the family until the early 1960s when it was demolished

Government training conference, she cautioned the attendees that there would be difficulties.

Her list of difficult issues included: no legal records, missing surnames, identifying slave plantations, and mixed ancestry. She also offered tips on sources worth investigating: your own memory, home/personal papers and records, church records, cemeteries, interviews, newspapers (births, marriages, and obituaries) and letter writing requests.

Nowadays, Julia would add internet searches and DNA test results to the above tips. And I would add: Be like Julia, share your findings, get involved with local historical societies and special events, and be as tenacious as her beloved teacher Mayme Carmichael taught her to be. "Stick to any task until it is completed."

Julia recognizes that her dreams of completion, of doing justice to the story of the important contributions of the African American people in the local area, depend on a village. That village has relied heavily on older generational memories and oral histories; on city, county, and state government officials' cooperation; on dedicated researchers; and on volunteer workers and donor support.

Current donations to support the Tri-County African American Cultural Museum may be through Julia Daniel, President of the Mayme Carmichael School Organization, Inc., P.O. Box 516, Oliver Springs, TN. Donations by check should be written to MCSO, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Considering the site of the museum and the problematic space and traffic concerns of locating in Carmichael Park, an easier public access site has been secured. The Tri-County African American Museum will be housed in space purchased in the former Tri-County Mall on Highway 61. The grand opening is tentatively planned for Black History month, February 2023.

Julia mentioned her dreams of young people visiting the museum and becoming curious about their own family heritage. She would love to see history extended and enriched through their inquisitive and creative minds. She wants



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Merry Christmas



Patrons of the Coalfield Public library enjoyed an evening of *Painting Parties Plus with Rose Molley*. Follow the Coalfield Public Library on Facebook to know when the next painting class will be. The Coalfield Public Library hosts every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. a kindergarten readiness class. Children ages 3 years old to five years old are welcome to join. This is a family event so come and plan to engage with your toddler the earlier literacy skills needed for kindergarten.

Each month the library hosts a family evening. You can expect an engaging time with a story, craft, and refreshments. Other special events happen throughout the year. To help support the library consider joining the "Friends of the Coalfield Public Library." For more information on this group you can email: coalfieldlibrary@yahoo.com.



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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Job's Reward

In the book of Colossians, Paul treats as believer to a history lesson as to the identity of the Son of God. The Hebrew law of inheritance must be understood, if a believer is to rightly divide who was on the cross. To understand Jesus Christ as God, one must grasp what God says in the entire Bible.

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the glorious kingdom of his dear Son. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature, for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers, all things were created by him, and for him and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Beware lest any man spoil you through vain philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son (He saith): Thy throne oh God is a scepter of righteousness.

Was Job a righteous man, and why? Did Job receive salvation in Christ by believing God would one day become a Lamb sacrificed to pay his sin debt? Jesus Christ is the propitiation for sin. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Our creator became the Son of God, in the womb of a virgin Jewish girl, to die to pay the sin debt of all who would believe. To include Job.

The Book of Colossians reveals a truth lost to most of the Church. In their haste to learn Greek hermeneutics to interpret scripture, they have lost 87% of Bible literacy. They have become those who separate Jesus Christ's humanity as a Son, from his divinity as the creator.

The Colossian letter teaches us about Gnosticism. This is a class of men, educated at western seminary who married the world and brought Roman-Greek paganism into our houses of worship. You will know them by the effort they make to separate Jesus Christ from his Jewish inheritance promised by God.

The Colossian letter introduces us to the Christians of Laodicea. An interesting point, for Jesus Christ would reveal Laodicea to John in 95 AD, forty years after Paul received the revelation to exchange the Colossian letter with the Church of Laodicea. Proving, God wrote all human history in advance.

Until one understands that the Bible was conceived outside of how we humans experience time, there will be no power emanating from their churches. Revival will not reach church in America until they repent of their move away from sound Hebrew Bible instruction, taught by Jesus Christ in the Gospels, and Paul in his letters, and away from Greek Eugenics taught at most western seminaries for 1,900 years.

We are living in a time the Bible says more about than the time Jesus Christ walked the shores of Galilee, and the streets of Jerusalem. Study to show yourself approved, a workman rightly dividing the word of truth. The two-edged sword identified by Messiah in Revelation 2.

What was Job's reward? Chapter 38 is the most amazing science lesson in human history. It outlines how we receive all scientific information from the creator. God was proving to Job, that as our creator, Job should rest knowing he alone holds the creation in the palms of his hands!

God goes to the extreme measure of placing Job's head in a tornado? How far has God gone to get our attention, and will we recognize the men he has anointed to chasten us all back to belief in him as creator?

We learn many things about what God created and how it all points to Messiah suspended between Heaven and Earth for the forgiveness of our sins as humans created in his image.

Job is introduced to the Mazza Roth. To understand this phenomenon, is to unlock everything wrong with church in America. Travel with me to ancient Egypt, to a pagan temple for our clue.

The Temple of Dendera is the oldest pagan temple on Earth. Inside the temple are tile mosaics on the floor. The greatest being the Mazza Roth. It depicts the twelve-star constellations common to all who could view the night sky.

This is why, we are all without excuse. God wrote the story of redemption in the stars. Beginning with a virgin, ending with a lion receiving a kingdom. When the stars are unpacked according to their order of brightness, they tell how God has always intended to save mankind.

The God who laid out the heavens and named every star by Jesus Christ, loves the creation, and he delights in making and keeping his promises from the beginning. His greatest promise was to become a Lamb slain, that would one day inherit his earthly kingdom, and after all our unbelief, sit down to rule his kingdom from Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Proverbs 30 introduces us to the creator who holds the weather, the wind, the storms, and the entire creation, in the palms of his hands. Do you realize these are the same hands that were nailed to the cross of Calvary?

How many Christians understand how far our creator went to redeem the creation from the curse?

How many Christians understand Jesus Christ as creator? Revival will begin in America, when God and his Bible are placed back in the hands of our children and the science of creation is once again taught in public education. Trust our children to decide whether God indeed went this far to prove he loves his creation.

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 7-23-2022

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

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

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

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King Crossword

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Public Notice

Morgan County has been petitioned to remove a section of Arnold Potter Rd. from the Highway Maintenance List. Any interested party wanting to speak for or against the removal may do so at the Public Hearing at the Counties next scheduled County Commission Meeting. The public Hearing will be held at 6:45 immediately before the Commission Meeting held at the Courthouse. Purposed removal is approximately 390 ft. at the very end of the road.



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Bids will be accepted at City Hall until Wednesday January 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The bids will be open at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council meeting and a decision will be made by Council to accept or reject the bids. The City of Wartburg reserves the right to accept or reject all received bids.

Open Position: Petros Library Director

Begins Jan 2, 2023

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... if a small dog wanders into the library and you know which owner to call.

While these examples make us chuckle, they also highlight a simple truth.

Being a small-town librarian is, indeed, a singular calling. Yes, there is plenty of paperwork and monthly reports to fill out, and meetings to attend. There is often more work to do than one person can accomplish in a day. But the joys far outweigh the challenges. A rural librarian delights in serving the community and in finding creative solutions to problems; in making kids happy to read and surprised with their creative discoveries; in sharing with adults the one book that best fits their interest, in guiding the exasperated senior who is stymied with a computer problem. Above all, the small-town librarian is accepting of all persons and genuinely appreciates their diversity. He or she advocates for her patrons whenever possible and makes the library a welcoming center for all.

JOB DESCRIPTION/ Duties

Part-time: 22-26 hours a week

Computer knowledgeable

- Develop programs for various age groups & interests
- Able to prepare and present reports as needed
- Attend meetings, trainings, and workshops as assigned.
- Be creative and innovative with ideas
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- Excellent communication and relationship skills

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

U.S. Marine Corps Corporal John Henry Pruitt served in World War I while assigned to 78TH Company, 6TH Regiment, 2D Division.

For his heroic actions in combat, he was posthumously awarded both the Army Medal of Honor and the Navy Medal of Honor for the same deed in combat on October 3, 1918 in France.

Corporal Pruitt's was killed the next day on October 4, 1918, which was also his 22nd birthday. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery (MH) (18-2453). His Medals of Honor are on display at the National Museum of the U.S. Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia.

His Medals of Honor citation read: Army Medal of Honor: Cpl. Pruitt singlehandedly attacked two machine guns, capturing



them and killing two of the enemy. He then captured 40 prisoners in a dugout nearby. This gallant soldier was killed soon afterwards by shellfire while he was sniping at the enemy. Navy Medal of Honor For extraordinary gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving with the 78th Company, 6th Regiment, 2d Division, in action with the enemy at Blanc Mont Ridge, France, 3 October 1918. Cpl. Pruitt, singlehandedly attacked two machine guns, capturing them and killing two of the enemy. He then captured 40 prisoners in a dugout nearby. This gallant soldier was killed soon afterward by shellfire while he was sniping at the enemy.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Detective Paul Daniel Newell of the Benton County Sheriff's Office, Arkansas was tragically killed in a motorcycle crash on Saturday, December 17, 2022 while he was escorting vehicles delivering wreaths to veteran gravesites as part of Wreaths Across America.

Detective Newell lost control of his police motorcycle when he struck a curb which caused him to then collide with a tractor trailer that he was escorting. He succumbed to his



injuries at the scene.

Detective Newell was a United States Army veteran and had served with the Benton County Sheriff's Office for 24 years. He was fifty-one-years-old and is survived by his wife, two daughters, mother, father, two brothers, and a sister.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Life Insurance From the VA

As of now, for the first time in 50 years, the Department of Veterans Affairs is opening up enrollment in Veterans Affairs Life Insurance, aka VALife. Veterans who are age 80 or under, with any level of service-connected disabilities, are guaranteed to be accepted to receive up to \$40,000 in whole life insurance.

A bonus is that there is no requirement for medical underwriting, meaning that no one is going to squint at the health details of your application and try to decide whether or not to offer you insurance.

The VALife changes are to the existing Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI):

-- You'll be able to apply online and get a fast decision.

-- There is no time limit to apply (the existing insurance requires you to sign up for life insurance within two years).

-- There is no good-health requirement (the existing insurance requires you to be

healthy, except for conditions that are service connected).

-- You can now apply for \$40,000 in insurance (the existing insurance limits you to \$10,000).

Before you sign up, read about whole life insurance versus term insurance. Whole life can stay with you for your lifetime as long as you keep paying the premiums, and it accumulates a cash value that you can withdraw or borrow from. Term insurance is for a specific period of time and doesn't accrue cash value. BUT whole life costs more, sometimes a lot more. Do your homework and know what you're getting if you sign up for the VA's whole life.

A fact to notice: With the VALife policy, it will build cash value for two years and then convert to face value. If the veteran dies during the two years, beneficiaries will get back the premiums paid, plus interest.

If you currently have the old S-DVI, you'll be able to switch over to the VALife, should you choose to do so.

To see the fine print, go to www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/valife.asp. Click on the Cost link to see a chart showing the premiums.

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