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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

The response to the Ms Avery Pearls Christmas Pet Picture Contest was tremendous! Thank

you to all that entered. We had so much fun looking at all my furry friends. I am so glad that each one of them is loved by their people. Congratulations to Archie D.

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



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.

BENEFIT DINNER
The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center will have a benefit dinner on Saturday, January 7 from 11AM until 3PM. The dinner will consist of Bar-B-Que ribs or pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, potato wedges, cole slaw, drink, and dessert. Cost will be \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. All proceeds will go for center maintenance. Dine-in, carry-out or delivery. Call 423-965-5000 before 10AM for delivery.

WEEKLY WEATHER

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The Avalon Center is proud to announce Madison Sendek as Employee of the Year 2022!

Madison became a member of the team April 2022; and in the 8 months since she's been here she has shown a constant drive to assist in the communities we serve. Starting as a sexual assault advocate, she has since moved to the position of Case Manager for clients at our shelter.



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

In Loving Memory

Joshua Isaiah Keith Williams, 24

Joshua Isaiah Keith Williams, age 24, passed away December 19, 2022 at his home in Petros. Isaiah was a special young man who lived life to the fullest. The highlight of his life was



his son Noah Dean. He loved him with all his heart. He loved spending time with his brothers and sisters. His Nay Nay was such a big part of his life as well. Isaiah has a really big family and a long list of friends he has made throughout his life and loved each and everyone. Isaiah is with God now and is no longer in any pain at all, though it hurt we are thankful for that. And it brings us comfort to know he is now with so many that has gone before him.

He is preceded in death by his mother Keisha Williams; papaw Keith "Crud" Dagley; mammaw Rena Williams; uncles Wayne "Little Crud" Dagley and Leo Jenkins; great grandmothers Rhoda Dagley, May Bunch, Barbara Schubert, Geneva Milron; great uncles Howard Dagley, Johnny Bunch and; great aunts Joy Dagley, Faye Cooper, Deanna Coleman; cousins T.J. Williams, Aaron Gunter and Joshua Crouch.

He leaves behind son Noah Dean Williams, Noah's mother and husband Mariah and Chasen Jones; father Josh Williams; brother Kayne Williams; sisters Jonah, Emma, Olivia Williams - Nay Nay Ann Dagley; papaw Bernie Williams; uncles Jessie Williams, Jamie Jenkins, Tony Dagley, Chucky Freels, Aaron McGhee, Joe Armes, Nathan Basler, Jamie Basler, Terry

"Tiger" Basler; aunts Heather Daugherty, Heidi Williams, Amanda Walls, Tonya Dagley, Sue Anderson, Dotty York; great uncles Buck Dagley, Johnny Armes, Joe Armes, Lonnie Bunch, Eddie Bunch,

Bob Calvert, David Ward; great aunts Patty Bunch, Dean Bunch, Randy Armes, Mandy Armes, Susie Basler, Melissa Walls, Nina Calvert, Rita "Debbie" Dishman; cousins Gunter & Britany Dagley and son Keith Dagley, Elijah Jenkins and children Maverick and Myia Jenkins, Lyndsay Branam, Robby Williams, Levi, Lucas, Shelby and Nathan Williams, Cayden and Amelia Williams, Landon Ben Graham, Grace Hensley, Mark Noe, Makenzie Freels, Mason Freels, Mathew Dagley, Tyler Keathley; future brother-in-law Zack Moore; cousins Lydia and Reid Branam; sister Laura; niece Sadie Snow; grandmother Mamaw June; special friends Bennett Tassell, Ben Kiser and Matthew Russell. We know there are many more family and friends that we've missed, but to all that ever knew him you are in our hearts also. Special "thank you" to everyone at Kiser Restoration.

The family will receive friends Monday, December 26, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 6:00 p.m. with Bro. Jamie Basler officiating. Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Old Petros Cemetery in Petros.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Joshua Isaiah Keith Williams.

Irene Bunch Hall

Irene Bunch Hall passed away December 23, 2022 at the Life Care Center in Wartburg.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Haggard Hall; parents, Clifford and Xina (Portwood) Bunch; brothers, Eldon and Leon Bunch; and nephews, Randel and Bobby Bunch.

She is survived by her brother, David Bunch; sister, Annette Bunch (Ricky) Newport; sister-in-law, Gail Bunch; four nephews: Ricky, Brian, and Stanley Bunch, and Michael Newport; five nieces: Linda Curee, Diane Lane, Lisa McGhee, Amber Lovin, and Amanda Leopper. She is also survived by a beloved aunt, Thelma (Bunch) Lowe; along with special friends, Bobby Trammel, and Brenda and Benny Walker.

Irene was employed by Tennessee Weaving Company for many years until its closure.

She leaves behind many neighbors, friends, and relatives that she loved and cared about very

much. She was always checking in on her neighbors, friends, and family by visiting, calling and many times taking food to help them in any way she could.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Life Care Center for

the care they gave Irene the past several months after suffering a stroke.

The family appreciates the staff at Schubert Funeral Home for their professional and thoughtful attention to our every need during this difficult time.

The family will receive friends Monday December 26, 2022 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg with the funeral to immediately follow with Bro. Jason Lowe officiating. The grave side service will be Tuesday December 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the Union Cemetery in Joyner, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Irene Hall.

Mary Lee Haynes Brown, 78

Mary Lee Haynes Brown, age 78, passed away December 25, 2022 at Cumberland House in Crossville, Tennessee. She was born February 19, 1944 in Philadelphia, PA to Lee and Marie Haynes. Mary grew up in the Sunbright/Deer Lodge community and was the valedictorian of the 1962 Sunbright High School graduating class. She was baptized into the Sunbright Baptist Church, later becoming a member of Greenwood Chapel. Mary retired from Highland Telephone Cooperative after 42 years of service. She was active in the Deer Lodge Fire Department for a number of years and was previously vice chair of the local emergency planning committee.



Mary is survived by sons, Allen Lee Brown and Matthew Brown; sister, Linda Haynes Marlowe and Jim (Collegedale, TN); brothers-in-law Lonnie Brown and Barbara, James Brown, sister-in-law Janet Brown Wormsley; Grandchildren: Justin and Ragan Rutherford, Stephanie and Ron Baird; Great-grandchildren: Leia Rutherford, Jaxon Baird, MJ Baird, and Alice Baird and a host of nephews, nieces, and friends.

The family wishes to extend thanks to special friend, Curtis Evans; beloved sister-in-law, Janet Brown Wormsley for her loving and expert care over the last several months; the staff of Quality Hospice and Cumberland Hospice House.

Mary will be remembered for her love of God, devotion to family and friends, and her warm and generous heart.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Brown; parents, Lee and Marie Haynes; sister, Martha Haynes Johnson and Mitchell Johnson, sister-in-law Jean and Morris Johnson, brother-in-law Amil and Jeanette Brown, and Leon Brown.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening, December 29, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Schubert's Funeral Home in Sunbright. The funeral will follow with Pastor David Morgan officiating. Graveside service will be Friday, December 30, 11:30, Mount Hope Cemetery, Deer Lodge, TN.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cumberland House 140 Kates Korner, Crossville, TN. 38555

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Winter Storm Elliott, Once in a Generation Winter Storm!



Michael Nance
Columnist

Going into Christmas weekend the National Weather Service issued a plethora of winter storm warnings, watches, and advisories. According to the National Weather Service, from December 23-25 Over 200 million people, or roughly 60% of the U.S. population, were under some form of winter weather warnings or advisories across the nation. Winter Storm Elliot lived up to the early hype and generated dangerously cold temperatures as far south as Texas, where the National Weather Service issued a wind chill warning in Austin for only the second time in history. As of Tuesday 12-27-2022, the death toll of Winter Storm Elliot is 56 deaths.

According to the weather service the deep freeze is being attributed to a once in a generation winter bomb cyclone. This was to me an unfamiliar term, but according to NOAA;

“A bomb cyclone is a fast-developing storm that occurs when atmospheric pressure drops at least 24 millibars over a 24-hour period,”

For our hometown, on Thursday 12-22-2022 the temperature prediction was for lows between 2 and 12 degrees over the Christmas Holidays. On Thursday, based on the weather predictions, hardware stores were filled with people purchasing items to prepare for this significant cold snap.

By Friday morning the measured temperature in Wartburg was hovering between 0- and 1-degrees Fahrenheit. On Saturday morning, it was about 6 degrees Fahrenheit. It turns out these few days of bitter cold were too much for several home plumbing systems.

On Sunday morning many local homeowners woke up only to find their water

pipes frozen. Some homeowners who had built their homes over 30 years ago, for the first time woke up only to a drip. Nathan Langley, a resident who lives on Ridge Road was one of these local homeown-

ers. vice by the close of business Friday. Georgia’s Governor had already declared a state of emergency on Wednesday, anticipating the impacts of the winter storm.

On Friday, the Tennes-

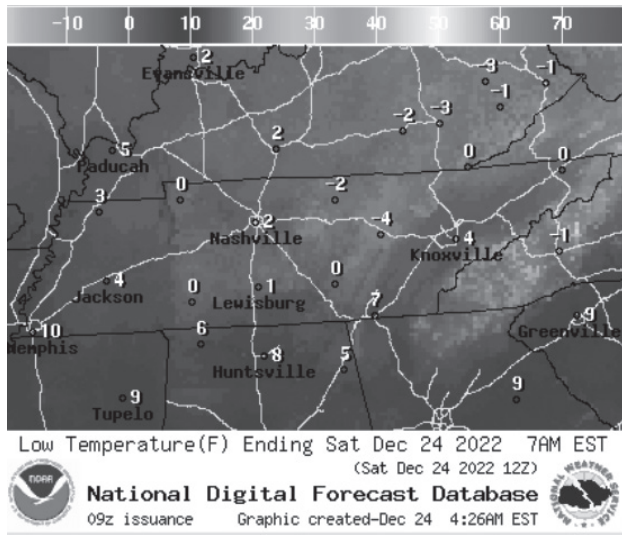
nation created havoc. Near Sandusky, Ohio a huge pileup involving 50 vehicles occurred on the Ohio Turnpike. This accident claimed the lives of four motorists.

The winter storm devastated New York and to date is responsible or 28 deaths in that state. New York authorities named the winter storm Elliot the “blizzard of the century.” New York also experienced the most U.S. snowfall from Elliot, which was 39 inches recorded in Snyder, New York.

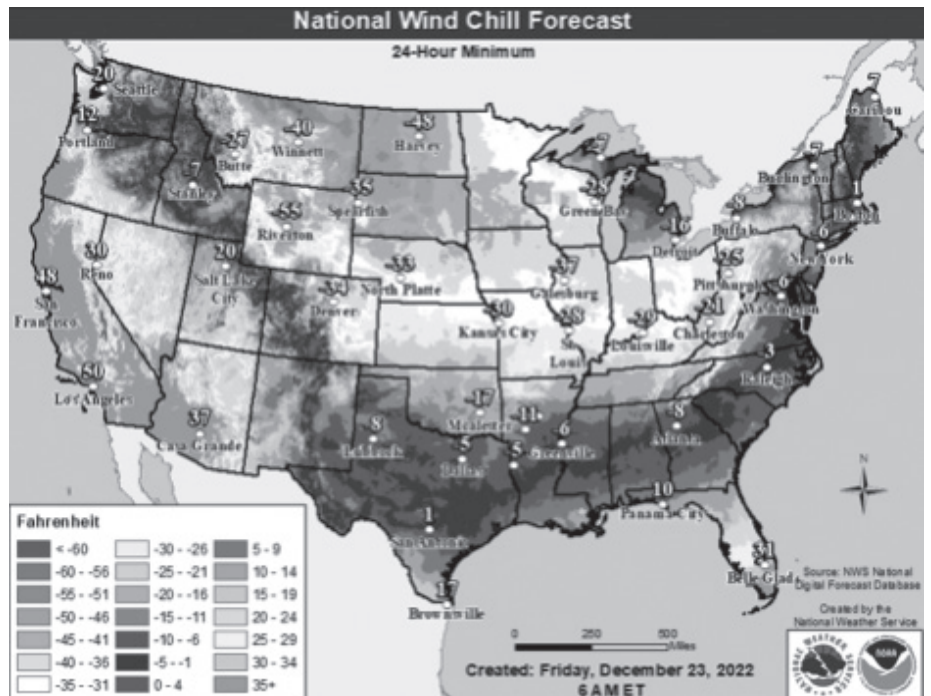
The city of Buffalo experienced some of the most ferocious consequences of the storm. After reviewing the conditions in Buffalo, New York’s Governor, Kathy Hochul, was quoted as saying: “It is like going to a war



(Photo Courtesy of Donald Allen)



Low Temperatures Saturday December 24, 2022, Image Courtesy of NOAA



Wind Chill Forecast December 23, 2022 (Image courtesy of NOAA)

ers. Winter Storm Elliott’s freezing temperatures tested all our utility systems, and the energy grid was no exception. According to published reports, for the first time in the Federal Agency’s history, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) called for temporary energy load reductions, also infamously known as rolling blackouts. The call for load reductions was employed to stabilize the regional power grid. Those efforts were successful, after the rolling blackouts power systems returned to normal service.

On Friday, Tennessee as a state had approximately 80,000 customers without power, and Georgia had over 100,000 residents without power. Georgia’s number doesn’t include another 120,000 residents which Georgia Power had returned to ser-

see Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) activated to a Level 3-State of Emergency as the bitter cold blanketed the state.

The Level 3-State of Emergency designation indicates “a serious emergency or minor disaster has occurred, or a situation is deteriorating rapidly, and public warnings are issued.” When this occurs the States Emergency Operations Center is activated.

Other states that declared an emergency include, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, New York, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Air traffic was seriously impacted by the storm as well. Reports on Tuesday the 27th indicated over 20,000 flights had been cancelled over the extended weekend. Road conditions across the

zone, and the vehicles along the sides of the roads are shocking.” President Joe Biden agreed, and on 12-26-2022, he declared a federal emergency for the state of New York, authorizing government assistance and a FEMA response.

Reviewing the United States as a whole, we were fortunate in Morgan County, Tennessee. Despite some frozen pipes, temporary power outages and very uncomfortable temperatures, Morgan County survived a “once in a generation” winter storm virtually unscathed.



The Bulldog Banner



WCMS 2022 Rewind

Cole Burchell (CatFish Cole)

As the end of the year draws near, it is always nice to reminisce

about what we have accomplished and experienced with friends and family that we hold dear. Here at WCMS, these memories are especially important as they help us to grow and learn to be the best versions of ourselves. Here is a compiled list of our most memorable and cherished WCMS moments of 2022.

WCMS welcomed new teachers/staff including the following: Markus Miller, Diana Morgan, Mrs. Adele Mathis, Mrs. Melissa Henry, Mrs. Lydia, Mrs. Tonya, Mrs. Katie and ROS Officer Tony Taylor.

The WCMS football team competed in the championship game for the first time since the late 90s. After a 5 game winning streak their hope for the title ended in a disappointing loss of 35-0 to undefeated Oneida. To quote Coach Peyton Tinker, "From the outset, the focus and intensity that Oneida brought did not match ours and it resulted in a dominant 35-0 win for Oneida." Even with this disappointing loss we are proud of our team! GO BULLDOGS!!

WCMS Cross Country teams are established by Mark & Vicki Simpson with great turnout even though it was the teams first year. All male and female team members showed much dedication and improvement, with the boys team ending the season with a meet win.

WCMS received coats from Operation Warm in a special way with several students showcasing

a variety of coats of all colors on our homemade runway. With the help of Ms. Malea Potter Fairest of the Fair, the event was successful in hyping up the distribution of the coats and creativity of the students.

WCMS and the nation mourned the loss of Queen Elizabeth II. Students and teachers alike came together to watch the televised funeral in each classroom of the WCMS building. Shrouding the school in remorse as we witnessed a historical moment. We loved on our resident Brit, Mrs. Adele - school nurse, by decorating the classroom doors with the English flag and having tea with her during lunch on the day of the late Queen's funeral.

WCMS hosted various dances including the first ever Valentine's Day Dance, Winter Wonderland Dance, and Halloween Assembly, all themed to their respective holiday with a little WCMS magic. These after school dances included a DJ, refreshments, photo ops, and dance offs.

WCMS celebrated Spirit Week with great themed dress up days resulting in impressive and creative outfits around WCMS campus. This year's Homecoming Queen candidates were Ivy Dolan (8th), Maeve Hudson (7th), and Jada Klein (6th). These ladies worked hard to raise money to earn the spirit stick and title of Homecoming Queen. Miss Ivy Dolan was crowned the winner.

Now that we have taken the time to reflect on the past, it is important to make sure we look to the future and include kindness, compassion, and appreciation to everyone you meet. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." - Ronald Reagan

Wartburg Central Middle School Basketball Goes to Main Event

The WCMS Boys Basketball team went on a trip to 'Main Event,' the arcade/bowling arena, for their Christmas party during the Christmas break. The boys could bowl as many times they wanted; all they had to buy were bowling shoes rentals. When you go to 'Main Event' you can play pool and table shuffleboard (shuffleboard using your hands).

I (Daniel Bunch/BigManDan) had a great experience and a great time playing laser tag, the arcade games, and table shuffleboard for the first time. I found that their food was very good. Some of the kids ordered milkshakes, ice cream sundaes, wings, and I ordered chicken tenders and fries. From what I saw, every boy had a good time. Two of



Daniel Bunch (Big Man Dan)



the basketball coaches (Mr. Daniel Byrd and Mr. Wayne Frasier) were there and participated in the bowling, shuffleboard and laser tag. They're basically big kids themselves and very competitive! Some of the player's parents were there to help chaperone. It was a great way for the players to make their friendships stronger.

It is Coach Daniel Byrd's first year as the head coach of the basketball team. He is also our school counselor and a great coach. The WCMS boys, who are 9-2 in their season, will have their next game on January 5th, 2023 against Oakdale at Oakdale. Boys JV starts at 5:00.



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"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." - Mark Twain

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 3 Corinthians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who received the command from God, "Take off your sandals"? Abraham, Joshua, Aaron, Moses
3. From John 21, how many times did Jesus ask Peter, "Do you love me"? 2, 3, 7, 10
4. What Jewish maiden became the wife of King Ahasuerus? Keturah, Tamar, Puah, Esther
5. Who's the only Egyptian queen mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? Sarah, Tahpenes, Ruth, Tamar
6. What city did David establish as capital of his kingdom? Antioch, Tarsus, Jerusalem, Gaza

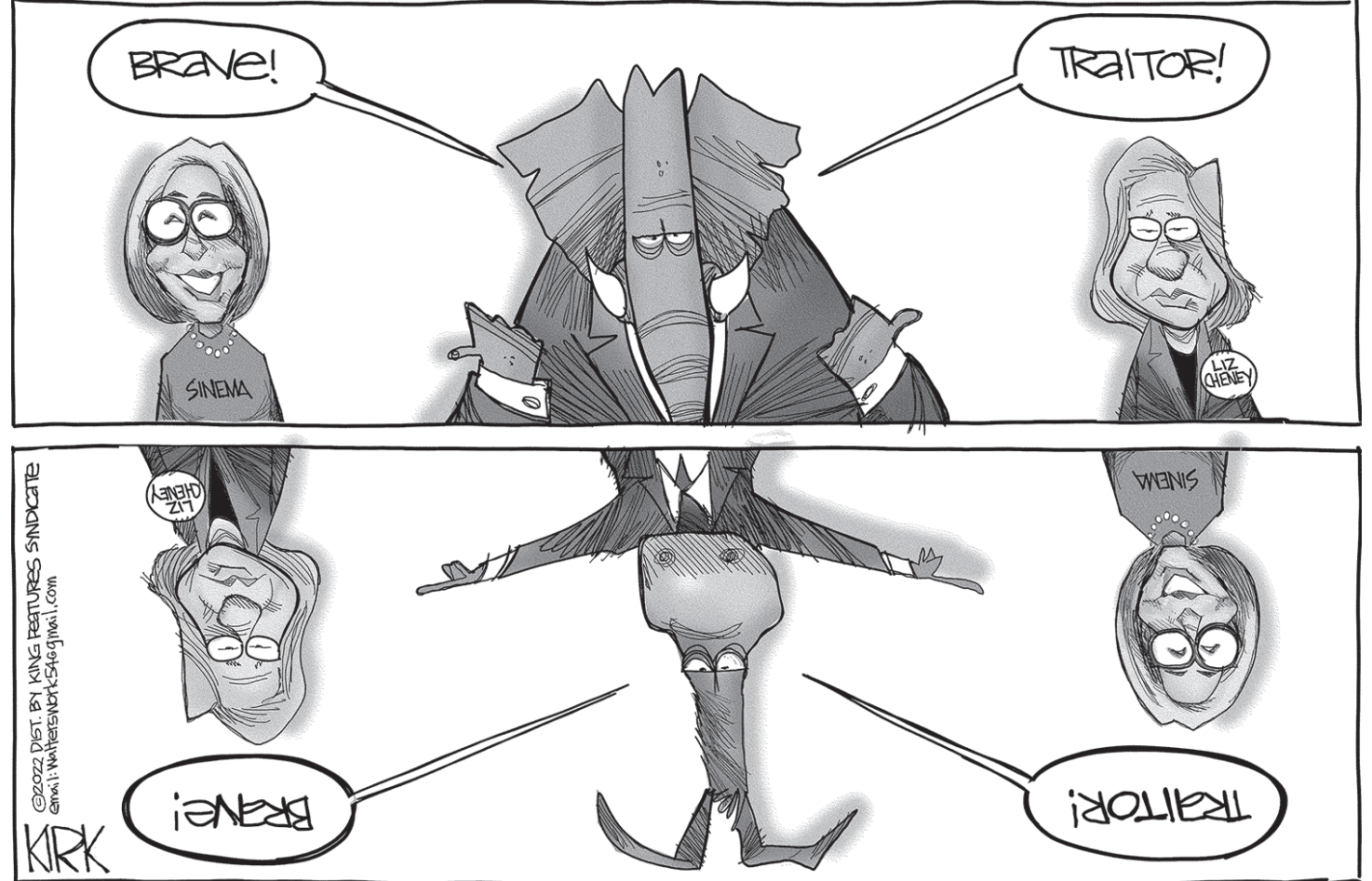
ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Moses, 3) 3, 4) Esther, 5) Tahpenes, 6) Jerusalem (1003 BCE)

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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Should You Pay for Dog Training?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I love my new puppy, Star. He is so easy to train, listens to my commands, and his potty training is going well. Still, I'm wondering if we should also work with a professional trainer. He has some resistance issues to certain commands, and he is a bit reactive to other dogs. Is this normal, or should I pay for training? — Ricardo G., Orlando, Florida

DEAR RICARDO: A good trainer can look at the most obedient dog in the world and find behaviors to work on. That's because no dog is perfect, and neither are we.

It sounds like you're doing a great job with Star, and you want to continue to level up his behavior training. This is a caring and responsible thing to do.

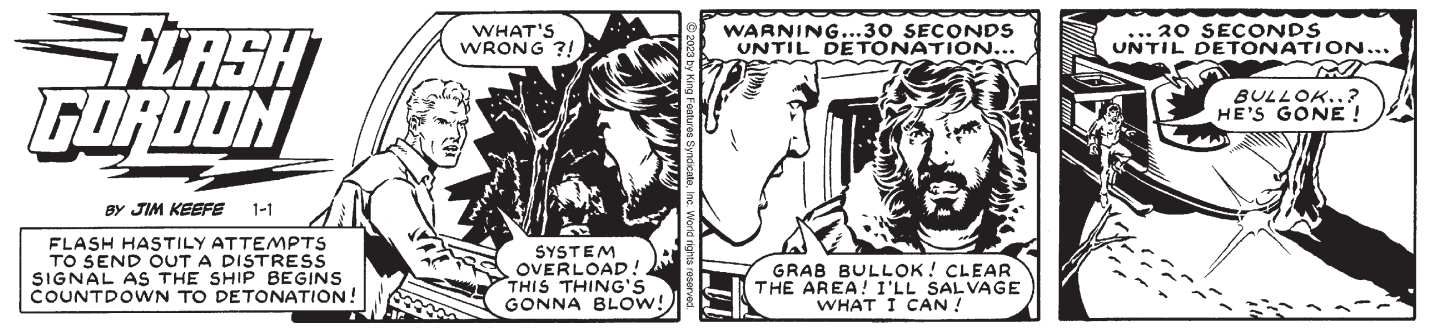
You've got a few training options to consider. While I personally prefer to train alongside my dog in a group or one-on-one training session, I have friends who send their dog to day camp where they receive obedience training and socialization while they're away at work. Others send their dogs to intensive one- to two-week programs.

You'll want to check out a potential trainer or training school carefully before committing. Dog training can take a chunk out of your budget, so you'll want to be sure that Star is getting the training he needs. Meet with a trainer in person, with Star beside you, to chat with them about what you'd like to achieve in training and get a feel for how well the trainer works with Star.

Best of luck! I know that Star will do great.

Share your tips on professional dog training at ask@pawscorner.com.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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"Your money is going through a slight downsizing."

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* To make a nice ice pack, enclose several ice cubes in a plastic, sealable baggie, then wrap in a bandana. You can tie the ends together to keep the cover from slipping. When you want to refreeze, put the baggie in the freezer, and hang the bandana to dry. It will dry very quickly and can be reused soon.

* Want to get the most bang for your buck at the takeaway salad bar? Load up on bacon, walnuts, cheese, meats and dried fruits; go light on green beans, cucumbers, hard-boiled eggs, celery, radishes and chickpeas, which were marked up 200% to 300%.

* "When you clean out your fish tank, recycle the used water by pouring it on your house or garden plants. I don't know what it is in the water, but it makes shrubs and flowers grow like crazy." -- Patti in Orlando, Florida

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* A Cornish milkman named Steve Leech was making his rounds when he saw a shop on fire. Using 320 pints of milk, he not only extinguished the flames, but saved seven other stores in the process, earning a "Hero Milkman of the Millennium" award from the National Dairymen's Association.

* An albatross typically spends the first six years of its life flying over the ocean without ever setting foot on the ground.

* In the 1990s, a mysterious soda vending machine dispensing rare and discontinued drinks appeared in Seattle. No one knew who filled it, but sadly, in 2018, it vanished as suddenly as it came, with an explanatory note saying it "went for

a walk."

* The first women's boots were designed for and worn by Queen Victoria.

* "Ergophobia" is the fear of work or the workplace. Psychologists attribute the condition to a combination of concerns about failing at tasks, public speaking and social anxiety.

* A 59-year-old man with no previous criminal record held up a bank for the measly sum of just \$1. So what was he actually after? A prison sentence, so he could get free health care.

* Red is the first color a baby sees.

* If diamonds really are a gal's best friend, she might like to pay a visit to the planet known as 55 Cancri e,

which is believed to be principally covered in graphite and diamond. Of course, she would also need to bring enough rocks back home to cover the cost of the \$12 million spaceship she'd need to get there.

* There are more historic artifacts under the sea than in all of the world's museums.

Thought for the Day: "I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear." -- Rosa Parks

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* "The all-time best remedy for a runny nose or sore throat doesn't cost hardly a thing: It's plain old saltwater. Mix a half-teaspoon into a cup of hot water and gargle twice to three times a day. If the taste is off-putting, try swishing a bit of mouthwash in your mouth just before you gargle with the saltwater. This works so well, and even my doctor thinks it's a great idea." -- F.L. in Michigan

* Use salt to clean out your garbage disposal. Kosher salt has larger grains that work very well. Dump a half-cup in the disposal, run the cold water and hit the switch. The grains scour the inside, leaving a better smelling drain.

* "Here's a great after-workout drink I just found out about: chocolate milk. The trainer at my gym prefers it over the fancy and costly "post-workout" drinks at the gym's smoothie bar." -- I.E. in Oregon

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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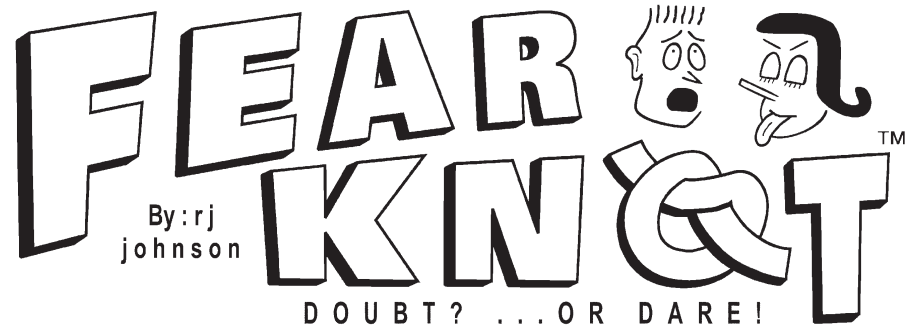
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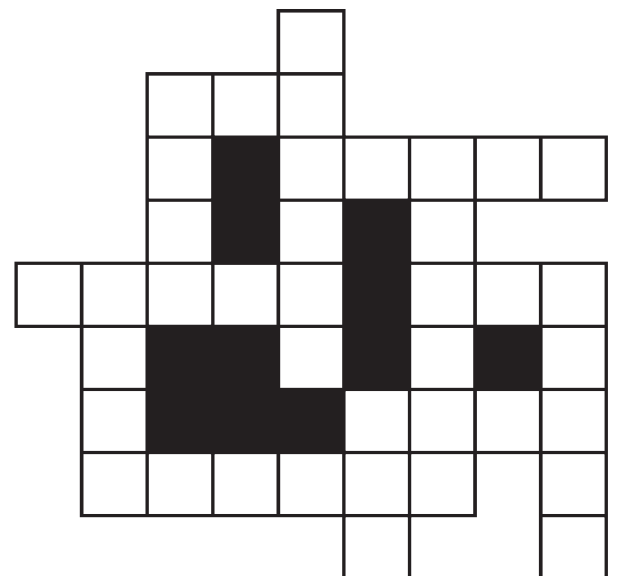
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER**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

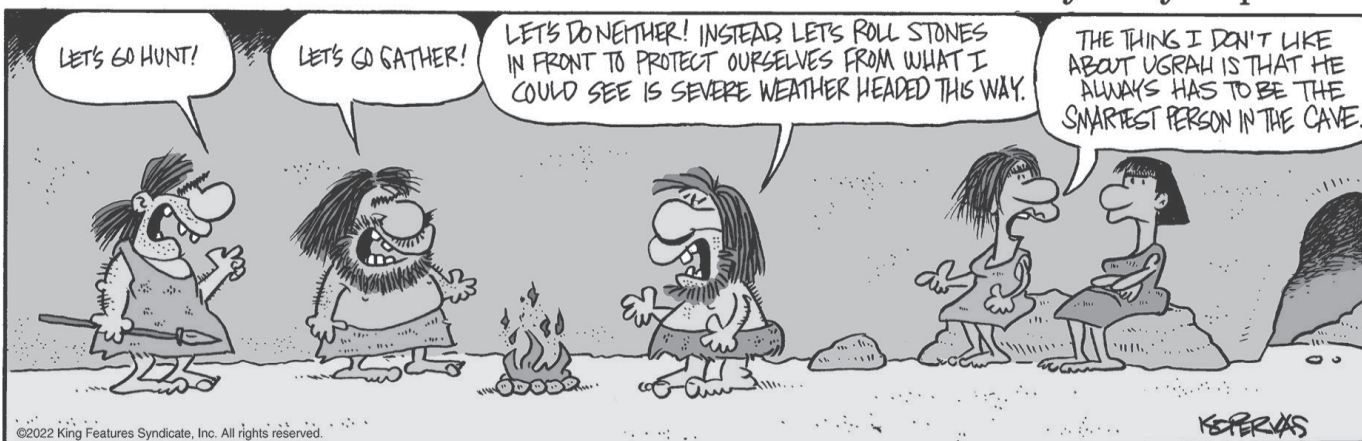
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by Dave T. Phipps



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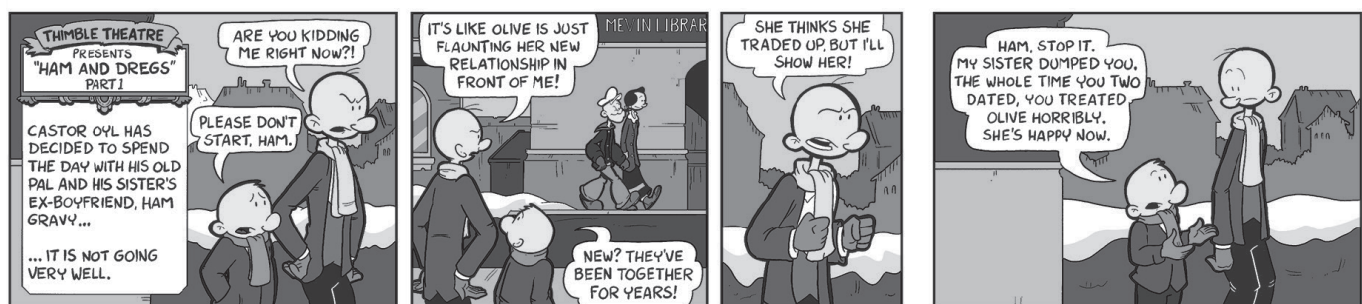
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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Jan. 16, 1547, Ivan IV Vasilyevich (aka "Ivan the Terrible") crowned himself the first czar of Moscow. But was that nickname really deserved? Yes and no: "Terrible" more accurately meant "strong," "menacing" and "impressive" in his day, but there's no denying the ruler had a pretty fierce, and on occasion murderous, temper as well.

* On Jan. 22, 1930, excavation began for the Empire State Building. Completed just a little more than a year after construction started, at 102 stories it held the record for world's tallest building until 1972, when it was succeeded by the city's World Trade Center.

* On Jan. 17, 1949, the first Volkswagen Type 1, or Beetle, in the U.S. arrived from Germany. It was designed by Ferdinand Porsche at the request of Adolf Hitler and sold well because it was not just well built, but reasonably priced, soon becoming "America's budget car."

* On Jan. 19, 1977, citizens of Miami received a jaw-droppingly unexpected gift from the sky -- a dusting of snow for the first time in the city's history. To date, it was also the last occurrence. Well, maybe next year ...

* On Jan. 18, 1996, Lisa Marie Presley filed for divorce from Michael Jackson. Speculation as to the cause of the split ran as rampant as the questioning of the rather bizarre coupling in the first place, but Presley herself laid the blame simply on "irreconcilable differences."

* On Jan. 20, 2010, the Chinese government banned the movie "Avatar," claiming its plot mirrored the nation's forced land evictions. Officials feared the fictional indigenous Na'vi race's revolt could prompt a similar uprising among real-life citizens.

* On Jan. 21, 2014, activist Kanstantsin Zhukouski nominated his pet parrot in a local council election in Belarus. Unfortunately, he never found out whether the parrot could have actually won, as he soon withdrew its candidacy, probably to avoid a penalty after proving his aimed-for point on the uselessness of his country's politics.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Beware Aggrieved Empires

China sent 71 aircraft and seven ships toward Taiwan in a 24-hour period, while Russia shelled the Kherson region more than 70 times.

These acts of aggression -- occurring 5,000 miles apart, one in a grinding war of attrition, the other as part of an ongoing political and diplomatic struggle that may well result in open hostilities -- are related.

It's no accident that the two most dangerous powers in the world, China and Russia, are aggrieved empires seeking to right what they consider the wrongs that resulted in their humiliation and diminishment in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Whereas in the 2000s the most pressing problem of the international system seemed to be malicious sub-national groups operating in ungoverned spaces, now it is malicious would-be supranational entities seeking to take over spaces governed by others.

In his masterly book, "Diplomacy," Henry Kissinger observed, "Empires have no interest in operating within an international system; they aspire to be the international system."

The fall of the Roman Empire was a social and economic catastrophe for the West, but it's been a blessing that no such over-awing behemoth ever rose in its place.

Russia and China, in contrast, never lost their imperial DNA, and have chips on their shoulders.

Russia achieved some success in its long-running ambition to be considered a major European power through top-down reforms and military conquest. It gobbled up an estimated 50 square miles a day across a couple of centuries. But it lost the Crimean War in the mid-19th century, suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Japan in 1905, and then experienced utter cataclysm in World War I.

Marxism-Leninism was supposed to provide a way for backward Russia to leapfrog the West. That didn't happen, but Moscow established a new Communist empire of considerable extent. Of course, this came a cropper with defeat in the Cold War, an event that Vladimir Putin, notably, considers "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century."

The man who has statues of Peter and Catherine the Great, accomplished Russian imperialists, on display in the Kremlin considers an independent Ukraine merely a tool of hostile Western forces and a wayward part of Greater Russia. Such ideas -- and a deep feeling of shame at Russia's fall -- justify the brutish attempted occupation and dismemberment of Ukraine, a cynical and crude operation even by Russian standards.

If Russia sought to be a respected member of the European club, China believed it needn't bother. It was the Middle Kingdom, the only civilization in a world of barbarians who owed it tribute and deference. Its sense of superiority was punctured by the Opium Wars in the middle of the 19th century and, as with Russia, a shocking defeat in a conflict with Japan.

Eventually, China, too, turned to Marxism-Leninism. After yet more humiliation and failure, the CCP now is fired with audacious visions of a return to imperial grandeur.

President Xi Jinping is more or less explicit about it. He has said that "since the Opium War of the 1840s the Chinese people have long cherished a dream of realizing a great national rejuvenation." Now, it is on the cusp of providing "a new option for other countries," and "a Chinese approach to solving the problems facing mankind." In short, "it will be an era that sees China moving closer to center stage."

This is a vision of Middle Kingdom redux, although couched in bloodless phrasing.

Xi views Taiwan much the same way as Putin views Ukraine -- it rightfully belongs to China, and re-taking it will help salve the geo-political and psychological wounds of imperial China's spectacular descent into disaster and powerlessness. "We cannot lose even one inch of the territory left behind by our ancestors," Xi told a U.S. official in 2018.

The war in Ukraine shows that when an autocrat ruling a once-great empire speaks in such terms, it is time to arm the targeted state to the teeth and dispense with all illusions.

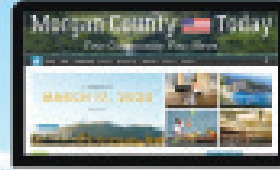
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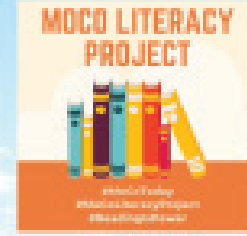
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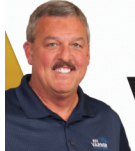
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Tom Redmon
Columnist

She said she would Stand up for Jesus

Warning: This story is about a tragedy but it is also one that will touch your heart. It will show the evil side of some teenagers in today's world but at the same time will show how a

young seventeen-year-old girl showed courage in the face of death.

At the time it happened (August 20, 1999) Columbine was the largest high school shooting in our nation's history. This is not a blow-by-blow report on the terrible event because that story has been told many times in the past. Rather this is a touching story about one of the victims whose action led to martyrdom. Her name was Cassie Bernall.

Brad and Misty Bernall who lived in Littleton, Colorado had two children, Cassie, and Chris. They were in the upper middle class and parents who really appeared to care about their children. Misty even quit her job at Lockheed Martin so she could spend more time with her kids.

You might say the Bernall family was like many families in the 1990's. Cassie was a Daddy's girl and when she came along it really changed Brad's life. He said I wanted to be with her a lot and do everything with her. When he left the house, she would crawl after him, cry and scream at the door until he was gone.

The Bernall's had their children in church a lot and everything seemed to go fine until Cassie was in the 8th grade. That is when she began to toss her parent's values and rules out the window in favor of a classmate's opinion.

While looking for a Bible that a relative had given her daughter Misty came across a stack of letters that would shock any parent. In one of the letters the bad classmate had written about one of her high school teachers. She invited Cassie to help her murder Mrs. S., the letter ended with drawings of knives, vampire teeth, and a caricature of Mrs. S. lying in a pool of blood, with knives protruding from her chest.

In one letter the writer went to great lengths to describe how much she hated her dad; and in another how much she adored Marylyn Manson. Cassie was advised to kill her parents. Murder is the answer to all our problems it said.

When her parents faced Cassie, she tried to play it down saying they were just fooling around. They didn't mean any of that.

Cassie's parents couldn't let this just slip by. They had to do something in addition to punishing her. First, they took the letters to their pastor and youth director at church. Cassie attended the youth group at West Bowles Community Church. They also took the letters to the police department. They received suggestions from both the church

and police department but were told you have done the right thing, now you need to stay on it.

Cassie was really influenced by her youth group at West Bowles Community Church on March 8, 1997 she was "born-again." The event was a life changing one. She even regarded this as her 2nd birthday.

Cassie like many of her friends struggled with trying to live a Christian life because of the many temptations that they faced every day. As Cassie and a friend put it the

immediately. Cassie and her girlfriends had gone into the study hall to work on an English report. That is where the two misfits ended up. Many of the students had gotten under the library tables. Cassie was one of them. One of the shooters said as he entered the study hall, "we've been wanting to do this our whole lives." They were cheering after every shot.

They went over to Cassie who was trying to hide under a table. One of them asked her if she believed in God, and she

said, "yes." A witness said she didn't sound scared. It was strong, and when they asked her why they didn't give her a chance to respond. They just blew her away.

Twelve good people died in that massacre that day along with the shooters. Rachel Scott was another seventeen-year-old who stood up for her faith and she paid for it with her life. She had, had classes with both Harris and Klebold and had told them she didn't like their gory videos and their vio-

lence made her sick. She seemed to be targeted for her principles.

Cassie struggled like everyone else but she knew what she had to do to let Christ live in her. It's called dying to yourself, and it had to be done daily. It means learning to breach out of the selfish life... It's not a negative thing. There's several lessons we can learn from what happened that day at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. First of all, what the parents of Cassie's did, helped her get back in church and have a desire to accept her parents' values.

The parents of the boys should have known what was going on in their homes. How could they make so many pipe bombs in their basement and no one be aware of it. Parents do not let things like the letters Cassie and her friend wrote just pass by.



birth of a baby is a wonderful thing, but it's only the opening act. The best part is watching it develop and grow.

Cassie certainly grew in her Christian faith but she was not considered overly religious by her classmates. She had got her wish to be transferred from a private school to Columbine in 1997.

April 20, 1999 started out like all other days at Columbine High School. The Bernall family had gotten up at around 5:30 am. Brad and Misty got ready to go to work but Misty didn't have to leave home until the kids had left.

Little did anyone know that two boys Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold would enter the school wearing trench coats and under them they had many guns and explosives (pipe bombs). They began shooting almost

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David Zubler
Columnist

IRS delays \$600 reporting rule

An IRS press release in late December announced a delay in the \$600 reporting rule for companies like PayPal and Venmo. The rule will no longer apply to the 2022 tax year.

The \$600 rule would have created IRS issues for many people this year. The IRS had previously warned taxpayers about filing their tax returns early due to the new \$600 threshold rule. One of the problems

with the \$600 reporting rule was that the IRS had no way of knowing if the money you received was taxable income.

The IRS said, “the law is not intended to track personal transactions such as sharing the cost of a car ride or meal, birthday gifts, or paying a family member or another for a household bill.”

The \$600 threshold amount was enacted as part of the American Rescue Plan of 2021. It was intended to begin with the 2022 tax year.

The IRS said that calendar year 2022 would be a transition period for implementing the new rule.

“The IRS and Treasury heard a number of concerns regarding the timeline of implementation of these changes under the American Rescue Plan,” said Acting IRS Commissioner Doug O’Donnell. “To help smooth the transition and ensure clarity for taxpayers, tax professionals and industry, the IRS will delay implementation of the 1099-K changes. The additional time will help reduce confusion during the upcoming 2023 tax filing season and provide more time for taxpayers to prepare and understand the new reporting requirements.”

The IRS believes that the law is essential because tax compliance is greater when amounts are required to be reported to the IRS, like the Form 1099-K. However, the IRS said it needs to be carefully managed to help ensure that 1099-Ks are only given to people who should receive them. In addition, everyone must understand what to do due to this new reporting.

The IRS said that additional details on the delay would be available soon. For people who may have already received a 1099-K, the IRS is working rapidly to provide instructions and clarity so everyone will understand what to do.

The IRS also said that the previous 1099-K reporting threshold of \$20,000 in payments from over 200 transactions would remain in effect.

The purpose of the law was to lower the tax gap between the amount people owed and the amount that they paid. A recent report by the Joint Committee on Taxation estimated that the law would bring in \$8.4 billion in tax revenue from 2021-2031.

The delay in the \$600 rule doesn’t mean you aren’t required to report all taxable income to the IRS.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

A Heads Up at the Grocery Store

The time has come to study the labels of foods you buy, even if you’ve used those same products for a long time. Not only are manufacturers changing the size of the containers, they’re changing the ingredients. At this point we need to take a very close look at what we’re actually eating.

Changes to the ingredients in products we’ve always trusted might well be blamed on supply chain problems. If a manufacturer can’t easily get one ingredient, they might substitute something else.

But it means that what you assumed you were getting might no longer be true.

If, for example, you have to keep an eye on your sodium levels, you might discover that the amount of salt in a particular food has increased. You

might have to adjust how much you eat or look for a different product.

We can no longer grab a dozen eggs and assume all will be well. If you’re baking, too-small eggs won’t work in your baked goods recipes. You need to open the carton and look at them. If you’re watching your cholesterol, you need to squint and read the fine print on the nutrition panel.

However, a warning: At the beginning of the pandemic, the Food and Drug Administration issued a temporary respite to food manufacturers. To help them keep producing food, the FDA said manufacturers didn’t have to put certain new information on labels when “minor formulation changes” were made to food. The policy, started in January 2020, was intended to remain in effect only for the duration of the Covid pandemic and has been renewed every 90 days. It was to expire January 2023. Since they have to give 60 days notice to end the designation, it’s not likely that it will end until April, if that.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Who wrote “While My Guitar Gently Weeps”?**
- 2. Which song would Elvis Presley always sing to end his concerts?**
- 3. What type of music did Country Joe and the Fish play?**
- 4. Name Bobby Hebb’s best known song.**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: “I lost at love before. Got mad and closed the door. But you said try just once more. I chose you for the one. Now we’re having so much fun.”**

Answers

- 1. Beatle George Harrison, who also sang the lead. The song was written after the group came back from studying transcendental meditation with a Yogi. The demo included a verse that wasn’t used.**
- 2. “I Can’t Help Falling in Love With You.” It was also the last song he performed at his last live concert, in 1977.**
- 3. Psychedelic rock, circa the 1960s, in Berkeley, California. Think: counterculture, free love and anti-war songs.**
- 4. “Sunny,” 1966.**
- 5. “You’ve Made Me So Very Happy,” by Brenda Holloway in 1967 and Blood, Sweat & Tears in 1969. Holloway wrote the song, but BS&T took it to near the top of the charts, bested only by “Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In” at the No. 1 position.**

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Titus Chapter 1

Author: Since the mid-eighteenth century, liberal critics have denied Paul's authorship of Titus, occasionally suggesting he might have written some fragments, but not the document as it is. But the evidence—both external and internal---for the genuineness of the book is compelling. Titus is cited by Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Justin Martyr, Tertullian, etc.---all close to the apostolic age. By the end of the second century, the books of Timothy and Titus were recognized as part of the New Testament throughout the world of Christendom and were not questioned until a couple of centuries ago. The internal evidence for genuineness is equally compelling. The multiple citations of personal names and places---matters easily open to examination in the days of the late-apostolic era---provide a sense of authenticity. There is no historical or logical reason to deny Paul's authorship of the narrative.

Date: It is impossible to fix a precise date to this letter. However, it is commonly recognized that the letter to Titus was written after the first letter to Timothy, yet before the second epistle to Timothy. Moreover, the matter is further complicated by the fact that it cannot be determined exactly where Paul was when this letter was written. Various points of origin have been suggested, Ephesus, Corinth, Nicopolis, or somewhere in Macedonia. Accordingly, suggested dates range from A.D. 63 to 67.

Purpose: Basically, the design of the book is threefold: Titus was to set things in order among the churches on the island of Crete (congregational leadership), he was to instruct concerning the danger of false teachers who could corrupt the faith of the saints, and he was to admonish and encourage godly living in the corrupt world of that day. One may assume that Paul had every confidence that his friend was qualified for such a noble task. Crete is a mountainous island near the entrance of the Aegean Sea (to the north). It is about 155 miles (east to west) by some 35 miles (north to south). There were people from this island present on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:11), and subsequently, at some point, Christianity was established there.

(Titus 1:1-4) Salutation: Paul introduces himself (for the benefit of others who would read the letter) as a "servant" of God (one who has surrendered all personal rights) and an "apostle" of Christ. "Apostle" is used in the official sense. The expression, "the faith," may refer either to one's personal faith that motivates obedience or to the gospel system. The expression, "common faith," demonstrates that there are not faiths from which one may choose to be right before God (v.4; Eph. 4:5; Jude 3). The "elect" refers to those "chosen by God" through the gospel (Eph. 1:4). The confidence of our salvation is grounded in God's integrity and is accessed through a "knowledge of the truth" as "manifested" in a message of words (not by a direct operation of the Spirit). "Eternal life" is both a present reality and a hope of the future (1 Tim. 4:8).

Titus was a Gentile missionary who worked closely with Paul on various occasions. With much affection, the apostle calls him "my true child after a common faith." This almost certainly indicates that Paul converted this man, who was to prove of much value in the cause of Christ (1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:2). Titus is mentioned thirteen times in the New Testament---all references by Paul. The term "true" indicates a legitimate child, brought to the Lord with the genuine gospel. Not everyone who thinks he is a "child of God" is one.

(Titus 1:5-9) Elders' Qualifications: One of Titus' duties was to

appoint qualified elders (bishops, shepherds) in every city where qualified Christian men could be found. The "appointment" of elders would be a process, not a mere event. It would involve teaching the Christian men the qualifications that must be present in their lives and the responsibilities that would be associated with their work. It was not an enterprise that could be accomplished hastily (1 Tim. 5:22). The qualifications are subsequently listed. There is a parallel catalog in 1 Timothy 3:1. Here we will discuss only those unique to Titus. (a) An elder must have "children that believe." This almost certainly means Christian children, those old enough to have obeyed the gospel. And having done so under the tutelage of their father (1 Tim. 4:3, 10, 12; 5:16; 6:2), have remained faithful so that the father is accounted as "blameless" (see 1 Tim. 3:10). After children leave home, they are responsible for their own behavior. (b) He must not be "self-willed," stubborn, one who purses his own interests. (c) "Not soon angry" denotes one who does not have a hair-trigger temper. (d) "Lover of good" suggests an affection for truth, good people, etc. (e) He must "hold to the faithful word," remain steadfast personally and "hold out" against false doctrines. (f) Convicting "gainsayers" refers to identifying false teachings and battling against them. Elders must be up to the task of dealing with error. They must be able to recognize it and be willing to see that it is met head on! Because some are not so able and willing, churches are overcome by apostasy!

(Titus 1:10-16) Dealing with false teachers: After speaking of "gainsayers" (those who contradict truth), Paul becomes more specific. There are those who refuse to follow "rules" (religious outlaws). Their messages are "vain" (empty of content) and "deceitful" (misleading). Particularly was this true of certain Jews---or probably digressive church members with considerable Jewish "baggage." These heretics cannot be tolerated, for they are destroying families and teaching false ideas---even for mere money's sake (v. 10-11). Appealing to a Cretan writer, Paul argued that even their own people acknowledged their tendency to distort truth (v.12). This obviously was directed toward these lying false teachers afflicting good brethren.

This defection warranted sharp rebuke so that, hopefully, these rebels might be won to "soundness" (healthy teaching) in the faith again. Some were yielding to Jewish influences---either antagonistic Jews or else Christians who had retained parts of Jewish law. The corrupters were advocating the "commandments of men" which were "turning" (a process underway already) sincere people away from the truth (v. 14).

Verse fifteen does not mean: "If one is pure in his motive, nothing he does is to be perceived as impure." Instead, it most likely is a warning about proto-Gnostic ascetics, somewhat in this sense: "To the clean (those who have been cleansed by their obedience to the gospel (Acts 22:16; 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 5:26) and have arrived at a fuller knowledge of truth), all things (foods, vessels, etc.) (Mk. 7:3-4) are clean, to be viewed no longer as ritually unclean)." These false teachers are "defiled," both intellectually and morally (v.15).

There are those who openly declare they "know God," but by their "works" (the actions of their lives) they "deny him." **By example one may affirm or deny a proposition.** They are depicted as "abominable" (detestable to God), "disobedient" to gospel requirements, and "reprobate" (one who fails the divine test) (v. 16).



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Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

LUKE 10: 23, 24

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Historically Speaking

Hidden History: Stories from the Secret City

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

In June 2022, Hidden History: Stories from the Secret City, was recognized with the History in Media Award of the East Tennessee Historical Society. Keith McDaniel and I were honored to accept that award at the Annual meeting of the Society in Knoxville's East Tennessee History Center.

So how did this adventure begin for Keith and me? Like many things, we just kind of fell into it.

In early 2020, the world changed rapidly with most of us not realizing what was happening. However, by March 2020, we were amid a shutdown unprecedented in history. We are still feeling the effects of that economically, mentally, and physically.

The last week of February was an amazing last trip for Fanny and me and we did not realize that either. We were invited to Vail, CO, to participate in a most unusual "roundtable" of some 20 people with amazing stories. Ranging from a young Russian girl just 16 years old who had her legs amputated at the knees but who is a challenged athlete, to the first American to win a downhill skiing gold medal in the Olympics, to doctors who perform cataract surgery in the mountains of Himalaya, to a shark scientist, magicians, film producers, a Blue Angel pilot, a Navy Seal, and Ray and Fanny Smith. See what I mean? Oak Ridge history ranks right up there in the minds of the people arranging this three-day adventure.

The same week Fanny and I were in Vail, CO, the K-25 History Center opened as a roaring success. However, it closed just two weeks later and remained closed for the next year and a half. We hated to miss that opening, but you must understand we had a once-in-a-lifetime adventure that we just could not miss. We stayed in touch with those people via Zoom all through the pandemic.

It was then that Keith McDaniel and I were discussing the idea of a Podcast about Oak Ridge history. We were almost ready to record the first program when the COVID shutdown occurred. We were then unable to travel to record it together. I am not sure which of us first mentioned Zoom. It was available and just becoming a tool for communicating remotely. Rapidly it became common practice for people to use some form of group meetings online. We decided to give it a try. And that is how we "fell into it."

I think Keith said, why not make it a video cast since we are going to be using Zoom anyway. I agreed and off we went. We recorded the first program and Keith started a YouTube channel dedicated to the video cast. In late April 2020 the first two programs were posted. Since then, we have produced 63 programs each lasting some 40 minutes or so.

We began with the thought of featuring some local people who might have insight into Oak Ridge history that might not be well known, and thus the name Keith chose for the program became, Hidden History: Stories from the Secret City.

Mike Stallo was our first guest and we have had him on the program a few times since. Terry Domm was next, and he introduced the Oak Ridge History Museum that was just in the beginning stages when COVID delayed progress, but the museum is now one of Oak Ridge's featured attractions and among the most popular destinations for visitors.

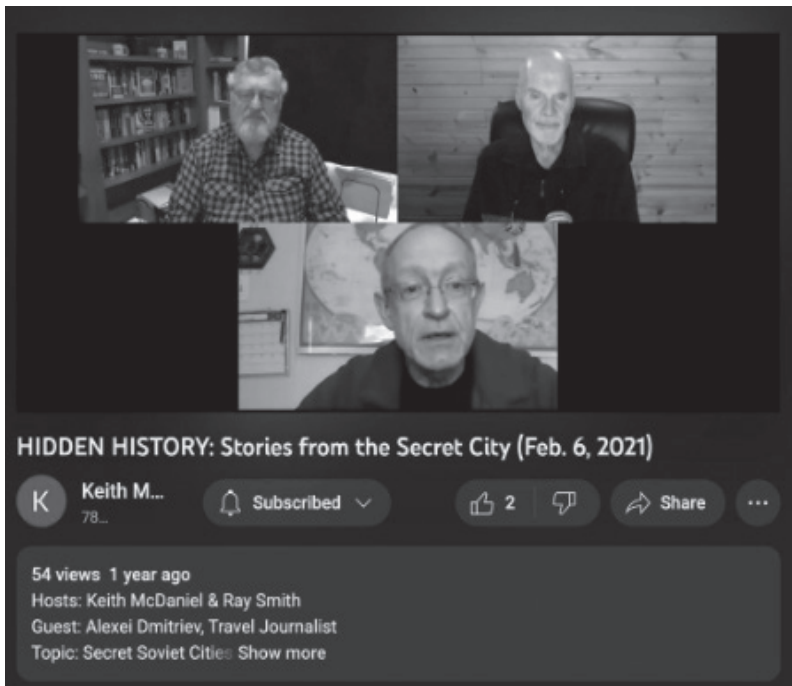
From there we featured Steve Oliphant, the person who formed Secret City Hikes, a social media-based group that routinely hikes the 85 miles of greenways and the 40 or more miles of woodland hiking trails in Oak Ridge. Now, that is a hidden jewel enjoyed by many but unknown to others. Keith and I were still forming the idea of hidden history stories and began to realize just how easy it was to interview folks on

Zoom. Steve was in North Carolina!

Next, we had Katatra Vanquez to introduce her book, Atomic Hope. And we interviewed Alan Lowe and Matt Mullins about the American Museum of Science and Energy. The Manhattan Project National Historical Park's manager, Niki Nicholas, was an early guest and she provided information about what the Park Service was doing during the COVID shutdown. We will have Niki on again in 2023 as the Manhattan Project National Historical Park is rapidly becoming



Kyle Carpenter with me at the Y-12 History Center where we recorded the blog.



Alexei Dmitriev, Russian Travel Writer who toured Oak Ridge to write a story for publication in Russia and agreed to tell us about the secret cities in Russia

a huge attraction for bringing visitors to Oak Ridge. Some things Niki has planned will enhance that even more and we will bring that story to you viewers.

Niki and Katy Watt of Explore Oak Ridge have already installed over 20 wayside markers around town. Have you found them all? More are coming. Also, the K-25 History Center's Viewing Platform will be coming in a few months and Niki and her staff are working with the wayside markers that will be installed around the K-25 Building footprint, which is designated as part of the park.

From there we began to expand our guest list significantly, always keeping a connection to Oak Ridge hidden history. Alan Carr, historian at Los Alamos National Laboratory was a guest, as was Richard Rhodes, author of The Making of the Atomic Bomb, Stan Norris, author of Racing for the Bomb, Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of President Truman, Richard Groves, grandson of General Groves, and, even Todd Rider, who has an amazing online reference work on Germany's nuclear program during World War II and the scientists from Germany who have been key individuals in many of the scientific discoveries we take for granted today.

As we have continued the program every two weeks

with just a few gaps when schedules prevented us doing a program or two, it has become our normal pattern to have invited guests from as far away as the Netherlands. We have also featured stories that I believe would not be known otherwise. Such things as what is happening nationally with Cindy Kelly of the Atomic Heritage Foundation and in Albuquerque with Jim Walther who is soon to retire from his position as director of the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. And we hope to continue featuring individuals with unique expertise from around the world.

I recently met Don Farrell, who lives on Tinian Island. He was working the Stephen Ambrose Tours of the Manhattan Project sites and their first stop was Oak Ridge. I spoke to them the evening they arrived and gave them a tour of Oak Ridge history the next day. It was a delight to meet Don and you can be sure he will be one of our invited guests on the program next year.

Another subject we will cover is the phenomenal short videos "Katie the Calutron Girl" that is being produced by Katy Watt of Explore Oak Ridge. That series of short videos was just honored with the 2022 Excellence in Tourism Award. So, Katy will be featured early in 2023 telling the story of how the videos came to be. If you want to see them now, go to: <https://exploreoakridge.com/katie-the-calutron-girl/>

And you know we could not miss Denise Kiernan, author of The Girls of Atomic City. She worked us into her busy schedule (again because of Zoom we can do wonders with special people and their busy schedules). She is not speaking of it yet but has told me an announcement may be forthcoming soon and promised I would be among the first to know...stay tuned!

We even had a Russian on the program. Alexei Dmitriev is a travel writer whom I met when he and his daughter came to visit Oak Ridge and I gave them an Oak Ridge history tour. As a result, he agreed to be on our program later. On February 6, 2021, he showed us the difference between what he saw in the United States versus Russia regarding once secret cities such as Oak Ridge. He also had an insightful comment regarding the Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell. Here is the link to that program: <https://youtu.be/YgB-DCFe92Ms> He speaks about the Bell at 19:00 to 23:30 minutes.

Our most recent guest was Kyle Carpenter, Medal of Honor recipient injured in Afghanistan in 2010. Kyle has a most sincere positive attitude about his presence on earth after almost dying at least twice, once on the battlefield and again while in the hospital where he was for three years recovering along with some 40 surgeries. He is an amazing individual, so humble, yet so insightful. He has published a book, You are Worth It, Building a Life Worth Fighting For. I am purchasing several as Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Should you want to view that episode with Kyle, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/T0tfq6DBZS0>

I am also honored that Kyle asked me to be interviewed on his Podcast, one of his methods to promote understanding and appreciation for our history. Here is the link to that episode: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-kyle-carpenter-podcast/id1632678407>

The Facebook page, Hidden History: Stories from the Secret City, can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=hidden%20history%3A%20stories%20from%20the%20secret%20city>

The YouTube archive for Hidden History: Stories from the Secret City is located here: <https://www.youtube.com/@keithmcdaniel1364>

In June 2022, Hidden History: Stories from the Secret City, was recognized with the History in Media Award of the East Tennessee Historical Society. Keith and I were honored to accept that award at the Annual meeting of the Society in Knoxville's East Tennessee History Center.



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Dried Beans Are Power Packed for Pennies

In January we're filled with fresh resolve to make the new year better than the last. For many people, that means reigning in both our waistlines and our wallets. If I told you I have one solution to both problems, and you said, "You're full of beans," you'd be right.

Ah, the humble bean. Here we have a budget-friendly vegetable protein with great fiber, loaded with vitamins and minerals, free of cholesterol and saturated fats, with a low glycemic index. Mix them with grains, and you have a complete protein that can replace the protein in meats. At a mere 25 cents per serving, dried beans are economical enough to feed the masses.

I recommend dried beans because they're about one-third the cost of canned beans. Dried beans, properly prepared, taste much better, have better nutrition and less sodium. How many other times do you get a superior product for less money? So, keep some canned beans in your pantry for when you need convenience above all else. But for beans that taste so good you won't want to share them, read on.

It takes minimal active time to prepare beans, and it's easy work.

It's mindless stuff you can do while you're on the phone with your sister.

As dried beans cook, they absorb the cooking liquid and triple in size. So 2 cups (1 pound) of dried beans will yield 6 cups of cooked beans. Incidentally, many recipes call for 15-ounce cans of beans, which is 1 3/4 cups of cooked beans.

Beans are prepared in three steps — clean, soak and cook. Unless you're using a pressure cooker, then you can skip the soak.

First, inspect the beans, discarding any discolored or cracked beans and removing any rocks or debris. Beans are an agricultural product, and grit happens.



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Dried beans are a budget-friendly substitute for meat protein.

Next, we soak. Soaking beans allows them to rehydrate before cooking. Another benefit is that soaking reduces the phytic acid that can cause gassiness. You don't need to soak split peas or lentils. These speedy beans only take about 30 minutes to cook.

Place 1 pound of cleaned beans in a large pot. For an overnight soak, add 8 cups of water and place in the fridge for eight to 24 hours. For a short soak, add 12 cups of water and bring to a

boil on the stovetop for 5 minutes. Remove pot from the heat and let the beans soak in hot water for an hour. When finished, drain and rinse the beans in a colander.

Finally, we cook. To cook on the stovetop, cover the beans with fresh water by 2 inches, optionally adding one minced onion and 2 teaspoons salt, and bring them to a boil. Then lower the heat and simmer for 60 to 90 minutes, depending on the variety of bean (follow package directions), or until the beans are tender. To test for tenderness, mash a bean against the side of the pot with a spoon.

To cook in a pressure cooker, such as an Instant Pot, place 1 pound beans, 8 cups water, one minced onion, two bay leaves and 1 1/2 teaspoons salt in the inner pot of a pressure cooker. Secure lid on Instant Pot and close valve to "seal."

Cook on high pressure for the following times: black beans, 30 minutes; chickpeas, 40 minutes; kidney beans, 35 minutes; pinto beans or navy beans, 25 minutes. Allow the pot to naturally release 20 minutes before doing a quick release.

Wishing you an abundant New Year and cool beans!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Truck Driving, Adjunct Instructor

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology Oneida/Huntsville is accepting applications for a Truck Driving Adjunct Instructor. Position will be scheduled up to 29 hours per week, Monday-Friday, and will be located at the Oneida campus at 180 Eli Lane, Oneida, Tennessee.

Minimum Qualifications

- High School Diploma; Associate Degree from a regionally accredited institution preferred.
- Valid Commercial Driver's License.
- Five (5) years of experience as an over-the road driver with exemplary driving record.

Knowledge Skills and Abilities

- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to develop theoretical and practical instructional activities to prepare students for Commercial Driver License exam.
- Ability to establish and maintain positive working relationships with students, staff, business and industry personnel.

Job Duties

- Instruct students in all phases of the program through lecture, demonstrations, and/or audio-visual aids. Teaching will include the use of simulators and over the road tractor and trailer.
- Prepare and/or revise syllabi of courses of study with detailed lesson plans.
- Administer assessments to evaluate student progress.
- Maintain student academic records and submit reports related to the program (i.e., grades, attendance, discipline, accreditation, etc.). Assist in program recruitment and assist licensed graduates with placement opportunities.
- Attend workshops and/or other training programs to remain current in the Truck Driving industry. Overnight travel may be required.
- Conduct and/or attend school events and/or meetings, with business and industry to develop partnerships and collaborate with partners regarding program initiatives and training methodologies.
- Ensure compliance with all TBR, Council on Occupational Education, institutional, state and federal requirements.

Salary: Commensurate with Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology salary guidelines

*A criminal background check will be required for the selected applicant.

Applications and Resumes should be submitted online at: <https://careers.tbr.edu/jobs/adjunct-instructor-truck-driving-oneida-tennessee-united-states>

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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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- John Deer Zero Turn Mower 42" cut Z225 Briggs and Stratton 18.5 HP**
- Pull Behind 60" cut swisher Kawasaki FS481V Electric Start/Gas**

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

You know you are a small-town librarian...
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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

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- Able to prepare and present reports as needed
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- Be creative and innovative with ideas
- Financially responsible in ordering
- Excellent communication and relationship skills

Send resume to: Petros Public Library, PO Box 147, Petros, TN 37845



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Navy veteran Lieutenant John William Finn fought in World War II as an Aviation Chief Ordnanceman while assigned to VP-14 Squadron (Patrol Planes Squadron).

For his heroic actions above the call of duty during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Finn was awarded the Medal of Honor. He was presented with the Medal of Honor on board the U.S.S. Enterprise by ADM. Chester W. Nimitz on September 15, 1942.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: For extraordinary heroism distinguished service, and devotion above and beyond the call of duty. During the first attack by Japanese airplanes on the Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, on 7 December 1941, Lt. (then A.C.O.M.) Finn promptly secured and manned a .50-caliber machine gun mounted on an instruction stand in a



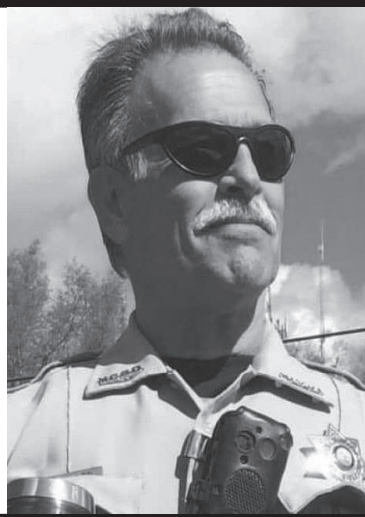
completely exposed section of the parking ramp, which was under heavy enemy machine-gun strafing fire. Although painfully wounded many times, he continued to man this gun and to return the enemy's fire vigorously and with telling effect throughout the enemy strafing and bombing attacks and with complete disregard for his own personal safety. It was only by specific orders that he was persuaded to leave his post to seek medical attention. Following first-aid treatment, although obviously suffering much pain and moving with great difficulty, he returned to the squadron area and actively supervised the rearming of returning planes. His extraordinary heroism and conduct in this action were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Reserve Deputy Brad Miller of the Maury County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee was killed in a vehicle crash on Highway 43 near Williamsport Pike while working a traffic detail at a construction zone.

Another vehicle struck Deputy Miller's patrol car from behind, pushing it from the roadway.

Deputy Miller had served with the Maury County Sheriff's Office for nineteen years. He



was sixty-eight-years-old and is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Get Your Money Faster With Direct Deposit

If you've ever had anything stolen out of your mailbox, or if a check has just failed to show up, you know the angst, trouble and problems that follow because of that missing money.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a way to safeguard the benefit money that comes to you. The Veterans Benefits Banking Program, for veterans and beneficiaries, will do a direct deposit into your account.

According to the VA, if receiving a paper check, you're 16 times more likely to have it lost or stolen. You're 22 times more likely to have it go missing altogether and need to file a claim for it, which of course takes time. They say that since many veterans are using direct deposit, fraud has gone down by 93%.

And with direct deposit, you'll get your money faster. It suddenly just appears in your account, on time, every time, not making its way through the

postal system.

Through the banking program, there are 43 banking institutions that have signed up to provide low or no-cost checking and savings accounts. You can find those banks here: veteransbenefitsbanking.org/financial-institutions. (Don't miss the FAQ. A lot of questions are answered.) Scroll down to the list of banks. (I'm a fan of USAA.) If you already have a bank account (or credit union) and you like them, you can set up a direct deposit right into your account. Call the VA at 800-827-1000 and find more information at www.va.gov/change-direct-deposit.

It can take a little while to think about this kind of change if you've never had direct deposit. But it can be rather disconcerting to have a neighbor from a block away show up at your door with a check that was mistakenly delivered to them.

You can eliminate a big source of worry and potential problems if you consider signing up for direct deposit for your benefit payment.

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