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**Ms. Avery Pearl**  
Pet Columnist

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Dear Dr Bristol,  
I hope you had some  
yummy ham and  
turkey for Thanksgiv-  
ing. I was so lucky because Pap  
dropped a tiny piece of that  
yummy goodness and I gobbled  
it up! I was so happy. Mimi, not

so much. She told Pap that he had to be more careful because, I can't eat a whole lot of people food.

Don't tell Mimi, but he sneaked around and gave me a nibble of that most delicious ham, too. I was in doggie Heaven. We had a houseful of people for our first Thanksgiving in the new house. I was thrilled because they gave me so many belly rubs and ear scratches, I thought I was dreaming. Especially my Great-Aunt Margie and cousin Erica. They wuffed on me, like I was their long lost baby! I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Rob came and he always gives me the meats, then teases Mimi that she tries to make me a vegetarian. Man alive, this has to be what Heaven is like! I can't imagine it being better than this. I hope your Thanksgiving was as great as mine. Mimi says Christmas is next. What do you suggest for a safe, fun, and happy Christmas season for me, Ricco, Mr Murphy and all our furry friends?

Mimi didn't take me Black Friday shopping. Are dogs allowed? Any-woof, she doesn't do that anymore. She says it's just not good for her. I don't know what Cyber Monday is. If it involves turkey and ham, count me in!

Love,  
Ms Avery Pearl



Happy holidays, Ms. Avery Pearl!

I hope that you had a nice Thanksgiving visiting with friends and family. Did you and Mimi head out early the following day for a bit of Black Friday shopping, or do you prefer Cyber Monday? I hope you don't wait until the last minute to purchase gifts for the people and critters on your list!

I'm sure that you'll have plenty of terrific presents under the Christmas tree, Ms. Avery. Sometimes, I find it difficult to find the perfect gifts for my human friends and family, but my pets always seem to love their presents! There are so many great options for our furry friends.

For our canine companions, we can gift stylish clothing like your dresses, Ms. Avery. Additionally, sweaters and jackets are a great idea to keep our pets warm during the upcoming winter months. Accessories such as seasonal bandanas, bows, or a nice, new collar with reflective material and contact information are great gift ideas, too.

We can also purchase health-conscious products for our fuzzy friends. Winter is a great time to begin focusing on oral health as February is Dental Health Month. I know that your Mimi takes great care of your teeth, Ms. Avery, but it's easy to forget about this at times. If your pet will allow, it's great to brush his/her teeth with CET (canine/feline specific) toothpaste on a damp wash cloth or soft-bristled toothbrush every 24-48 hours. If your critter won't tolerate brushing, dental chews such as Greenies are a great option. Unfortunately, Ms. Avery, not all dogs are good candidates for dental chews, though. Some dogs are over-eager to chow down on dental treats, and this can present a choking hazard. It's important that we never leave our pups alone with a new treat or chew. If they don't take time to actually chew the treat, this won't be a good option for them.

Speaking of safety, microchips are a great Christmas present for our four-legged critters. Just remember to maintain current contact information with your pet's microchip so that you can always be reunited with your loved one. We would all be devastated to lose our four-legged friend, and microchips are the best way to ensure that they find their way back to us.

As expenses pile up during the holidays, it's important to remember to keep your pet's vaccinations, heartworm preventive, and flea/tick control current, too. This, in and of itself, is a great gift, as we strive to keep our pets happy and healthy.

And, of course, we all love to buy our critters toys and treats for Christmas. My favorite toys for both dogs and cats are ones that can't be swallowed or chewed into pieces. I'm a big fan of size-appropriate Kong toys as these are nearly indestructible; and, when filled with treats, can prove to be great distractors for our busy critters (especially puppies!). Rope toys that can unravel or small toys for large dogs can prove hazardous as pups love to swallow these items. Then, holiday merriment is quickly replaced with an ER visit and surgery. We have to read labels on new treats thoroughly, too, as dog/cat treats with excess fat or ingredients that they haven't eaten before can lead to vomiting and/or diarrhea (and another trip to the vet).

Lastly, a great gift for all of the special critters in our life... attention and love. No matter what you wrap for your pet, his/her favorite treasure will always be you. During this holiday season, remember to cherish your pets as much as they cherish us. We're so fortunate to have them in our lives.

Merry Christmas, Ms. Avery Pearl. Love, Dr Bristol For more of my Pet Perspectives like and follow me on my Facebook Page at Ms Avery Pearl. You can find Dr Bristol at the Roane Veterinary Hospital in Harriman. She's the best.

**WEEKLY WEATHER**

Tue 29	62°/55°	
Wed 30	61°/25°	
Thu 01	46°/30°	
Fri 02	54°/45°	
Sat 03	57°/47°	
Sun 04	59°/53°	
Mon 05	61°/55°	

## 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.

Together Morgan County, in partnership with Frozen Head State Park, will host the 3rd annual Christmas Drive Thru on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 - 1:00 at Frozen Head State Park.

**Together Morgan County Upcoming Events**  
There will be a GREATS (Guardians Raising Exceptional and Talented Students) meeting on Tuesday, November 29 at Oakdale School beginning at 5:30. This meeting is being hosted by Save the Children and Together Morgan County. GREATS is a newly organized program offering support and re-

sources for adults who are raising non-biological children. There is no paperwork or other requirements. A meal will be provided for the entire family and there will be fun family activities and give aways. Sydney Ladd, the Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent for Morgan County, will provide a food demonstration during the GREATS meeting. The meal will include meal preparation techniques, healthy eating tips, healthy food alternatives to best suit your diet, and other resources to try at home! If you register yourself and your family for the GREATS meeting by Tuesday, November 22, you will be provided the ingredients needed to complete the meal Sydney demonstrates at home. Contact Sandra Helton at heltons@mcsed.net to RSVP with the number of family members attending.

Together Morgan County is making plans for the 3rd annual Christmas Drive Thru. This will be a Free Drive Thru Event for Families on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Frozen Head State Park from 10:00 - 1:00. All safety precautions will be in place allowing families to enjoy this holiday event from the safety of their car. Scenes depicting "Christmas in the Cumberlands" will be created by Morgan County organizations. As guests drive along the route, they can view each scene and enjoy the creativity of the participants. Be prepared to see scenes depicting Country Christmases from the past. Together Morgan County welcomes all businesses, organizations, churches and school groups to join us in providing holiday cheer to Morgan County Families. Anyone interested in creating a scene or volunteering the day of the event can contact Sandra Helton @ heltons@mcsed.net for more information.

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## In Loving Memory

### Jonathan Dwayne Hammond, 35

Jonathan Dwayne Hammond age 35 of Robbins Tennessee.



Jonathan was born on Dec. 14, 1986. He went to heaven on Nov. 18, 2022 at his home in Robbins.

He is preceded in death by his Dad John Hammond; Grandparents: Harley & Easter Duncan, Frank Sr. & Dolly Hammond, and Cecil & Golda Jeffers; aunts and uncles: Gary Ray & Roger Duncan, Rosetta & Doyle Miller, and J. L. Webb; cousins: Ronald Duncan, Mike and Jeff England & Annie Evans.

He is survived by his son Mason Hammond; parents, Wanda & Randy Jeffers; sister Jessica Nicole Hammond; Brothers, Ray Hammond, and Josh & Jordon Jeffers; aunts and uncles: Eva England & husband Oscar, Ju-

nior Duncan & wife Sue, Jimmy Duncan, Vickie Webb Graham & husband Billy, Eddie Jeffers & wife Marlena, and Richard Jeffers & wife Freda; nurses: Ashley Byrge RN, and Katie Pierce RN; caretakers Sandy Slaven and Maria Voiles along with a

host of extended family and special friends.

The family will receive friends Monday November 21, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright. The funeral will follow at 7:00 with Bro. Steve Gadd and Bro. Don officiating. The graveside service will be Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. at the Black Creek Crossroads Cemetery in Robbins, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jonathan Dwayne Hammond.

### Thelma June Francis, 86

Thelma June Francis, age 86, of Wartburg went home to be with the Lord on November 22, 2022. June loved the Lord and served her community in many ways, visiting the elderly and the sick. She volunteered many hours at the crisis pregnancy center, the Unicorn Fund, and visiting residents at the Lifecare Center of Wartburg. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Sunrise Chapter Number 364. She enjoyed gardening, birdwatching, playing cards, and spending time with her beloved grandchildren.



June was preceded in death by her husband JC Francis, parents Charlie and Estie Woods, infant siblings Mary Magdalene, Dolly, and Charles, brothers James and Gary "Pete" Woods, and sister Betty Hawn.

She is survived by her son, Charles "Richard" Francis and wife Teresa, grandsons Aaron, Jason, Malachi (Kendra), Lucas (Olivia), and Seth (Aaryel) Francis, granddaughter Rachel (Matt) Holbrook, and 18 great-grand-

children: Kylie, Wyatt, and Aiden Francis; Kyra, Elijah, Owen, and Abby Harmon and Hailey and Logan Holbrook; Tristan Cunningham; Mackenzie Spurling and Micah, Hunter, and Ainsley Francis; Addalee and Emmalee Francis; and Eleanor and Enoch

Francis. Brothers Leslie (Diane), Robert (Gail), Stanley (Cathy), and Wayne (Pam) Woods. Sisters Charlene Hall, Helen (Don) Putz, Gail Walker, and Barbara Hall.

The family is receiving friends Saturday, November 26, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral service to follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg.

Pallbearers: Grandsons Jason, Malachi, Lucas, and Seth Francis. Great-grandsons Elijah and Owen Harmon.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Thelma Francis.

### Phillip Dale Goodman, 48

Phillip Dale Goodman, age 48, of Wartburg suddenly passed away on November 22, 2022. He was born October 25, 1974. He graduated from Central High School in 1992. Phillips was a talented singer and songwriter and loved carpentry.



He is preceded in death by his grandparents Pauline & Willard Goodman and Donald & Jennie Daugherty.

He leaves behind his children Cayden Goodman and Bethany Bunch; his wife Stephanie Goodman; parents Donna & Steve

Jerden and Dale & Terecia Goodman; sister Leigh Ann & Kenny Wilks; nephews Dylan & Levi Wilks; niece Lauren & Jacob Harris and their children and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and step siblings; mother-in-law Regina Montross; sister-in-

law Suzie Richardson; brother-in-law Daron Montross, friends and his beloved dog "Frodo".

There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Phillip Dale Goodman.

### Mayme Mae Yeary, 88

Mayme Mae Yeary, age 88, of Flat Fork Community near Wartburg, passed away at her home on November 18, 2022 surrounded by her children.



She is preceded in death by her parents Wilmer & Winnie (Garrett) Dilbeck; husband Franklin Yeary; brothers George & Marvin Dilbeck; sisters Beulay Bunch & Vivian (Leslie T.) Preston; niece Norma Briggs; nephews Darrell Keesler & Gary Bunch.

Duane & Terry Yeary; daughters Tina (Mike) Rankin, Regina (Jimmie) Rayder and one very special grandson Gabriel Rayder.

Special Thanks to Quality Home Health, UT Hospice Services & Schubert Funeral Home for all their help during this difficult

time. Mayme's request is to be cremated.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mayme Mae Yeary.

### Bob Nelson, 83

Bob Nelson age 83, of Lancing passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2022, with his family by his side. He was born on August 8, 1939. Bob loved his family and friends, farming, fishing, hunting, and being outdoors. He enjoyed life to the fullest.



He is preceded in death by his parents: Sewell Nelson, Doshie Nelson Davis. Siblings: Loreen Nelson, Maxine Goss Jeffers, Lester Nelson, Bill Nelson, and John Nelson.

Bob is survived by his wife of 63 years Hellena (McCormick) Nelson Son: Rick Nelson and wife Rebecca Peters Nelson

Also surviving are nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and other family friends

One special daughter-in-law whom he thought of as a daughter.

The family will receive friends on Monday, November 28 from 2-4 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 4 pm with Bro. Melvin Howard officiating. Graveside services will be Tuesday 11 am at the Potters Chapel Cemetery, Lancing, TN

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bob Nelson.

### Misty Blue Anderson, 45

Misty Blue Anderson, age 45, of Lancing passed away November 20, 2022 surrounded by her family and friends at Fort Sanders Medical Center.



Misty was a wonderful mother, wife and friend to many. Her family was her everything. She loved watching her daughters play softball and their frequent trips to Disney. She will be missed so much by everyone who knew her.

Misty leaves behind her beautiful daughters Cassidy and Lindsey; husband Mark and mother Barbara Vann.

The family will receive friends Saturday, November 26, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 with Bro. Chris Inman officiating. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Lancing.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Misty Blue Anderson.

She is preceded in death by her fathers Harold Workman and Mike Vann.



**Anita Rose Cooper Butcher, 91**

Anita Rose Cooper Butcher, age 91, was born on September 21, 1931 in Morgan County Tennessee and passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 22, 2022. Anita graduated from Oakdale High School in 1949 where she participated in the 4-H Club, Future Homemakers of America, Glee Club, Home Economics Club, and was a member of the basketball team. While living in Morgan County Anita attended Boswell Chapel Baptist Church. Anita married (Senior Master Sergeant) Wade Hampton Butcher in June of 1952 and spent much of her life traveling the United States and Europe when Wade's Air Force Base assignments changed. At each stop Anita supported activities such as being a Home Room Mother for schools and teaching in Sunday Schools. Anita also enjoyed sports such as bowling and table tennis. On the return trip from Germany on the S.S. United States, she won the women's table tennis tournament and enjoyed telling friends she was the 1961 "United States" ping pong champion. She loved her big band music and participated for years in both ballroom and square dancing. Anita was the loving mother of one son, Dwight David Butcher of Oak Ridge.



Anita was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Dora (Stephens) Cooper, husband Wade, sisters Marjorie Walls and Mildred Headden, brother Kenneth Cooper, brother-in-law Maurice Walls, and sister-in-law Reba

Cooper.

She is survived by her son, Dwight, daughter-in-law Donna, grandchildren Dr. John Wesley (Meg) Doty, Christina Butcher (Dr. Nick) Sutton, Amber Butcher (Dr. Nathan) Kapoor, and brother-in-law L.G Headden. She enjoyed time with our special family member Ragan Monger who made wonderful banana pudding for her. She enjoyed dancing for years with her close friend, Joe Virgilio. The family offers special thanks to the Oak Ridge Hospital, the Alexander Guest House, Diversicare, and the Hospice care provided by Covenant Health.

The family requests any memorial donations be made to either a Parkinson's Disease foundation or First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Anita Rose Cooper Butcher.

**Barry Edward Nyberg, Sr., 74**

Barry Edward Nyberg Sr., age 74 of Wartburg, passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 After a brief illness. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania to Ed & Margorie Nyberg. After graduating high school, he joined the United States Navy, serving on the USS Neosho AO 143. After his service in the United States Navy, he went to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigations in Washington, DC. This is where he met his wife of 47 years Wanda Bray Nyberg. They were married May 15, 1970 and moved to Wartburg, where they raised their children Eddie & Kelly. He went on to work for Tennessee Department of Corrections for 44 years. During this time he also Pastored Pleasant Green Church of the Nazarene, Rockwood Church of the Nazarene, and Assistant Pastor of Wartburg Church of the Nazarene. He also served as Secretary for Wartburg Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He always had a love for God and Family and was known for his smile and humor. Barry was preceded in death by his wife: Wanda Bray Nyberg, parents: Ed & Margorie Nyberg, mother and father-in-law: Clyde and Geneva Bray, brother-in-laws: Tony Bray, Charles Harbison, and Harley Cutchens, and Great Grandson: Sawyer Otto McCoig. He is survived by his children: Eddie & Brandy Nyberg



Kelly & Nate Thomas  
Sister: Becky Cutchens  
Brother and Sister-in-laws: Kenneth & Jean Bray, Steve & Michelle Bray, Rhonda Harbison, Wayne & Angie Bray.

Grandchildren: Kyle McCoig, Travis McCoig & Hannah Miller, DJ Nyberg & Chelsie Jackson, Addison Nyberg, Cody Nyberg, Michael Johnson, Matthew & Denise Johnson, and Josh Johnson

Great-Granddaughter: Nova L'Rain McCoig

Nieces & Nephews: Sandy & Sherydane Cutchens-Ross, Nick & Molly Cutchens, Erin & Cody Jennings, Lexie & Payton Anderson, Tony & Lydia Bray, Kenny & Jessica Bray, Keith & Ronnie Bray and David & Joanie Bray.

Also surviving are many great nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 27, 2022 from 12-2 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral Services will follow at 2pm with Best Friend and Brother in Christ: Rev. John D. O'Neal. Internment will follow in the Morgan Memorial Gardens, Wartburg, TN.

In Lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to help offset the funeral expense.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Barry Edward Nyberg Sr.

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

**Denise Lowery Willard, 63**

Mrs. Denise Lowery Willard, age 63, of Wartburg, passed away peacefully at her home Tuesday November 22, 2022, with her family by her side. She was a devoted wife of 43 years and a loving mother. Her family was her world, and the love she had for them, especially her grandchildren, was immeasurable. Of all the names, she treasured being Nanna most. But above all, Denise loved the Lord, and left behind a beautiful example of Christian love for all to follow.



Family will receive friends at Milestone Baptist Church, Morgan County Campus (GPS: 230 Portwood Store Road, Oliver Springs, TN 37887) on Monday, November 28 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. A Celebration of Life will follow,

led by lifelong family friend and pastor, Dr. Fred Garmon, to honor the life of Mrs. Denise Lowery Willard.

The family would like to express their gratitude to S.H.O.C. for their kindness, their support, and especially their prayers throughout this difficult journey and requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to S.H.O.C. at S.H.O.C., c/o Anna Harlan, 235 Spruce Drive, Wartburg, TN 37887.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Gene and Barbara Lowery. And her aunt and uncle: J. L. and Wiladean Davis.

She is survived by her husband: Dennis Willard. Two daughters and sons-in-law: Micaliah and Joe Parker, and Tasia and Jesse Keith. Five grandchildren: Brayden, Sebastian, Layton, Riley, and Wren. Her brother: Kenny Lowery. And her sister: Kim Clowers.

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Denise Willard.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: ww.davisfuneralhomes.com



# RaeZack's Blesses Community by Giving Over 750 Free Dinners



L-R: Jagger Coffey, Trent Coffey, Nana Lowe, Paula Bridges, Sharon Baird, Michelle King, Dan King, Raeleigh Craft, Jacob Craft, Gabe Krahn

Every Thanksgiving, for the past four years, Raezack's Restaurant in Scott County has given free dinners to the community, and increased the number of dinners by 200 each year. "We did about 600 last year, so we came in and prepared enough turkey dinners for about 800 people this time," Raezack's owner Michelle King told the Morgan County Today. "We served over 750 members of this county and the surrounding community. The Lord has blessed us so much. We just wanted to bless the people of this area for Thanksgiving. We wanted to show them some love," she added.

Dan King, Michelle's husband and Raezack's co-owner said, "We were blessed much more than the people we served. We're thankful we're able to do this." King said members of his staff, and friends and family worked to prepare and serve the meals. "About 635 dinners were carry out, and over 100 people

ate inside the restaurant," King said. The dinners, which included turkey, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, drink and dessert were available to anyone who wanted one, from 12 noon to 2:00. Raeleigh King, Dan and Michelle's daughter said, "My brother, Zack had his daughter, Denver, who is 21 months old, here serving and helping, so we had four generations of the Lowe/King family represented." Michelle King's mom, Nana Lowe was also there doing her awesome cooking (see photo of Michelle and her mom below).

Paula Bridges, who volunteered her time to come and serve as she has done the past four years told the Morgan County Today, "I thank God for giving us all the opportunity, and the good health to come out and do this."

This year, the fact that a local family restaurant in a small community was willing to take the time, and cost of bringing Thanksgiving to so many folks even got the attention of the Knoxville media. "We had Channel 10 television from Knoxville show up to cover this, and see what it was all about," Michelle King said.

What grew out of a "food trailer" called "Shelly's Fill Your Belly" that the King's operated years ago into one of the most original and successful restaurants in the region- Raezack's normally serves customers from Scott, Morgan, Fentress counties, as well as visitors to the Big South Fork and Brimstone- will continue to grow, Michelle King said, when asked if she and Dan looked forward to next Thanksgiving. "We hope to keep this going for years to come," she said.





# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Issachar in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What bread component did Jesus compare with the kingdom of heaven? *Yeast, Crust, Gluten, Wheat*
3. Which of the 12 tribes of Israel wasn't allotted any land? *Simeon, Dan, Asher, Levi*
4. Who removed a thorn from the lion's foot? *Benjamin, Job, Naphtali, Androcles*
5. How many books of the Bible (KJV) are credited to Moses? *3, 4, 5, 6*
6. What was first to be released from Noah's Ark? *Gull, Dove, Raven, Serpent*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Yeast, 3) Levi, 4) Androcles, 5) Five, 6) Raven

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy).

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## A Handful of Dog Treats Help the Medicine Go Down

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I have a tip for the owner who is struggling to give their dog eye medicine. Our dog had cataract removal surgery earlier this year, and we've had to give him drops ever since. We've got it down! All you need are high-value treats given before, during and after the drops. Please feel free to share my suggestion. — Jenny H. Asheville, North Carolina

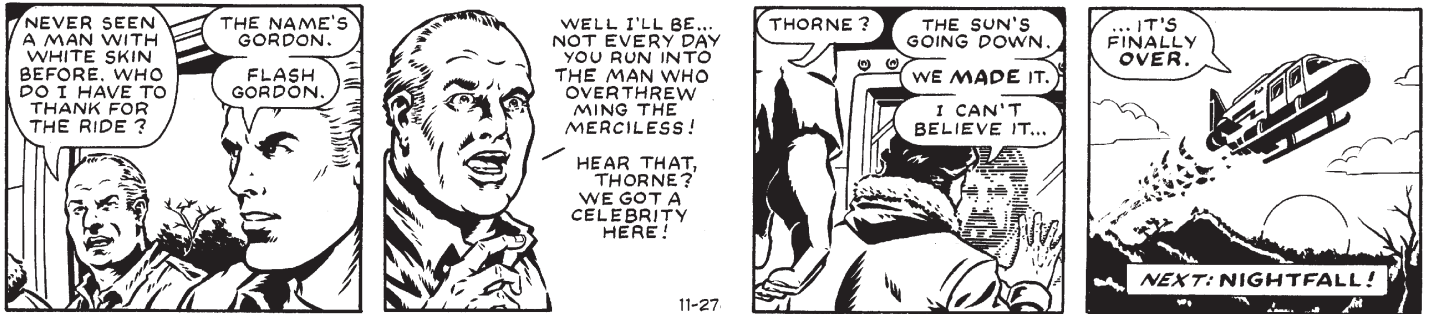
**DEAR JENNY:** Many thanks for the advice! Making "medicine time" less stressful and more positive is so important for pets. Folks, Jenny recommended a 100% meat dog treat, which is a great high-value snack. Look for a product like this in the pet store's fresh food aisle. Peanut butter is another fave among dogs. One of my dogs is a huge fan of Doritos. (I have to hide them.)

Here's some more tips for giving oral medication or drops to a dog or cat:

- Work off some of your pet's energy beforehand. Take the dog for a walk or have your cat play with a toy.
- Make sure the pet is held safely. Place the cat on your lap and cradle your arm around their body, placing your hand on their chest. Have the dog sit or lie down at your feet (or in your lap), facing forward or to the side.
- Stay calm and positive. Give your pet a small treat while being encouraging and petting them.
- Give the medication as quickly as possible. Don't force or rush the process, but gently open their mouth and pop the pill in as far back as possible, then rub the underside of their jaw and throat to encourage swallowing. If giving eyedrops, gently lift one eyelid and put in the drop, then repeat on the other side.

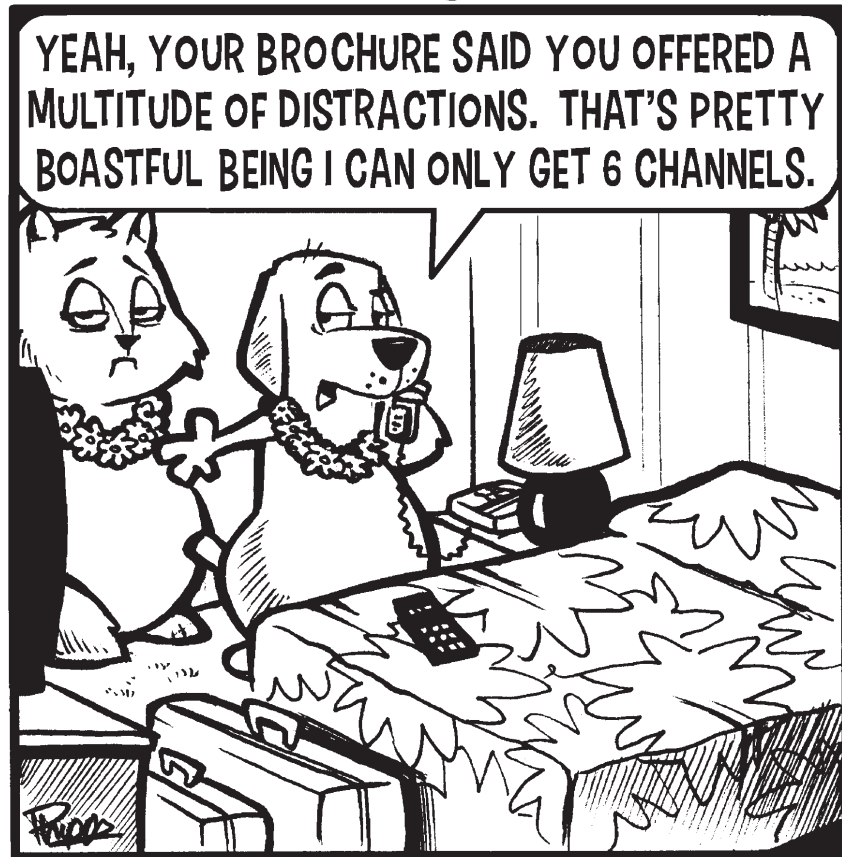
How do you give your pet their medication? Let us know at [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



"I'll be back when the turkey runs out."



# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

- \* Use silicone caulk to make non-skid beads on the bottom of your pet dishes. They will stay in one place instead of getting scooted all around the kitchen.
- \* Need a quick iron job but don't have the time to iron? Spray a clean kitchen towel with a mixture of water and a little fabric softener until damp. Pop it in the dryer with the item that's wrinkled. It shouldn't take more than 10 minutes to get all the wrinkles out and smell great to boot!
- \* While we're on ironing tips, here's a great one from T.C. in Alabama: "If you have mineral deposits on your iron, use a toothbrush and toothpaste (mild abrasive) to polish them off your iron's face. Rinse with water, and next time, use distilled water for steaming."
- \* "When driving a nail into a plaster wall, first put down a

- piece of tape at the spot where you will insert the nail. Tap the nail in right through the tape, then pull it away to discard. It often will keep the surrounding plaster from crumbling at the site of the nail." -- W.L. in Oregon
- \* When your cabinet door magnet locks are too strong, try putting a piece of tape over the magnet. It decreases the strength of the magnet.
- \* If you paint your radiators, make sure that the paint you use is intended to be heat-resistant. To get the best finish, paint while the radiator is warm.

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

- \* In the early 1990s, cyclists who doped at the Tour De France used so much erythropoietin that they had to exercise throughout the night to avoid having heart attacks in their sleep.
- \* Pringles once tried to evade a hefty tax payment by claiming their product wasn't potato chips.
- \* Do bears appreciate beauty like us humans? Some wildlife experts think so, as there have been many sightings of the animals sitting at scenic points and staring out at vistas of mountains, rivers, etc. They appear to have no other purpose there than enjoying the view!
- \* Humans are more likely to die at around 11 a.m. than any other time of day.
- \* Who needs Harry Potter? Not the city of Christchurch in New Zealand. Until 2021, the city paid Ian Brackenbury Channell \$16,000 a year to act as a state-appointed wizard. His duties? To perform "acts of wizardry and other wizard-like services" for two decades.
- \* In the first few centuries of the Christian Era, controversy over whether or not Jesus was divine at birth created political and social unrest that frequently resulted in full-scale warfare.
- \* Some DVD copies of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" include a subtitle track called "Subtitles for People Who Don't

Like the Film," comprised of lines from Shakespeare's "Henry IV Part 2" that vaguely match what the actors are saying.

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Thought for the Day: "Few people know how to take a walk. The qualifications are endurance, plain clothes, old shoes, an eye for nature, good humor, vast curiosity, good speech, good silence and nothing too much."  
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

◆ Moderate    ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Asian desert
- 5 Weep loudly
- 9 Swiss peak
- 12 Mideast gulf
- 13 "Night" author Wiesel
- 14 Life story
- 15 Pantheon members
- 16 Quest
- 17 Director Howard
- 18 Region
- 19 Texter's "Wow!"
- 20 Full house, e.g.
- 21 Dolphins' org.
- 23 Here (Fr.)
- 25 Used a hoe
- 28 Put a price on
- 32 Dole out
- 33 Stage
- 34 Show bad posture
- 36 Creatures
- 37 Your
- 38 Ornate vase
- 39 Corn castoffs
- 42 Tavern
- 44 Party pooper
- 48 Small battery
- 49 Ireland
- 50 Theater box
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**DOWN**

- 1 Quite enthusiastic
- 2 Bloodhound's clue
- 3 Eliot's "Adam --"
- 4 Important details
- 5 Observe
- 6 Grad
- 7 Improvise
- 8 Allow
- 9 Start of a spell
- 10 King of the jungle
- 11 Frogs' hang-out
- 20 Everywhere
- 22 Command to Fido
- 24 Prank
- 25 "Now, where -- I?"
- 26 Right angle
- 27 "Xanadu" band
- 29 Cooking fuel
- 30 Ballpark fig. -- Moines
- 31 -- Moines
- 35 Cross
- 36 Stovetop feature
- 39 Mama -- Elliot
- 40 Swearword
- 41 Commanded
- 43 Suffix for billion
- 45 "Arrivederci --"
- 46 On in years
- 47 Actor Hackman
- 49 Punk-rock subgenre

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# FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

GBU

GALENT

♥ TRALE

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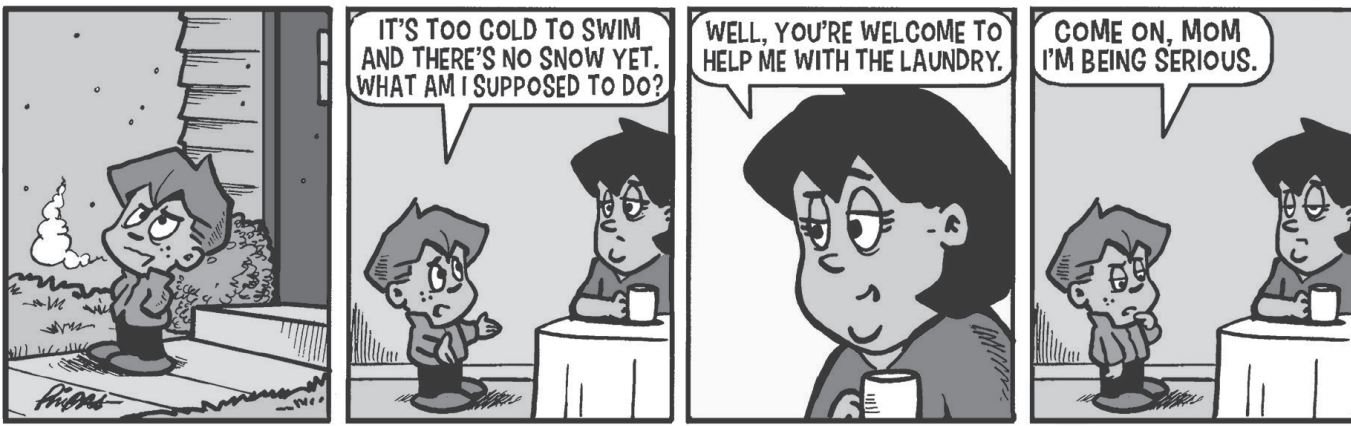
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down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

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# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



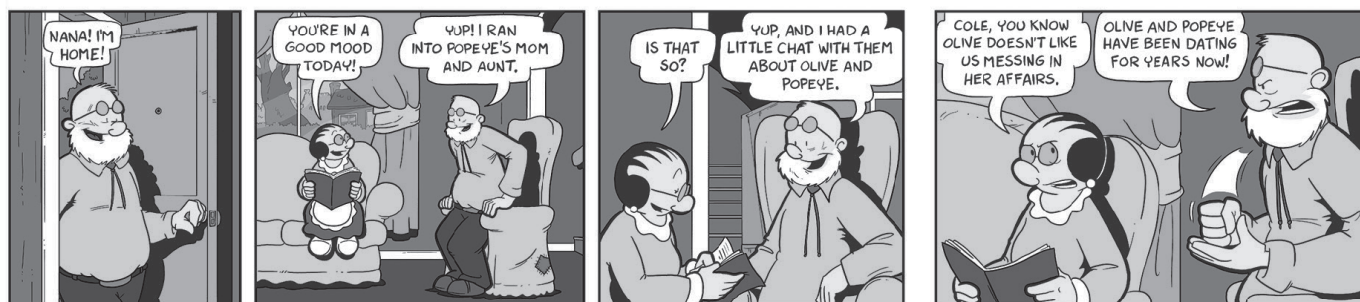
# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



# MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

\* On December 16, 1773, a group of highly disgruntled Boston colonists board three ships loaded with taxed tea from Britain. While it would undoubtedly have been enjoyed by the locals, following the refusal of officials to return it, the men hurled the tea into Boston Harbor as a form of protest against "taxation without representation."

\* On December 18, 1912, amateur archaeologist Charles Dawson discovered human remains in the Piltdown gravel pit in Sussex, England. Dubbed the "Piltdown Man," he was thought to represent the missing evolutionary link between apes and mankind until it was confirmed at a 1953 international congress of paleontologists that the specimen was a fraud, consisting of skull parts both human and orangutan.

\* On December 12, 1917, with a loan of \$90, Father Edward Flanagan founds an orphanage originally called The City of Little Men, dedicated to caring for at-risk children, with national headquarters in the village of Boys Town, Nebraska, for which it was later renamed.

\* On December 17, 1969, the U.S. Air Force closes its "Project Blue Book," started in 1952 to determine whether UFOs were a threat to national security and to analyze UFO-related data. The closure came after concluding there was no actual evidence of extraterrestrial spacecrafts behind the 12,618 UFO sightings it had collected.

\* On December 13, 1978, the U.S. government honors women's suffrage icon Susan B. Anthony by minting a dollar coin named for her, but its close similarity to the quarter ultimately doomed it for public acceptance.

\* On December 14, 1997, in advance of a visit from Pope John Paul II, Cuban president Fidel Castro declares Christmas to be an official holiday for the first time since his takeover in 1959.

\* On December 15, 2001, the Leaning Tower of Pisa reopens to the public after a team of experts spent 11 years repairing it, at a cost of over 30 million euros. While the Tower was stabilized, this third attempt at eliminating its famous lean also notably failed.



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## THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

### Kevin McCarthy's Task

Kevin McCarthy may now have the hardest job in Washington.

Assuming that he becomes speaker of the House, which will require the near-unanimous support of his caucus and isn't necessarily a foregone conclusion, he's signing up for the most miserable experience of any congressional leader since John Boehner barely controlled a Republican House majority in the Obama years.

Boehner presided over a caucus infused with new tea party members who expected to do great things, when the leverage a congressional majority has over a president of the opposite party is inherently limited.

The mismatch between their hopes and their power led to continual frustration, which was taken out on Boehner. By the time he resigned, the Ohio Republican could be forgiven for wondering if his dog was going to turn against him.

Now, House Republicans will have a microscopic majority in a Washington still arrayed against them. It will be hard enough to pass anything consequential or controversial out of the House before it runs into a brick wall in the Democratic-controlled Senate. House Republicans presumably won't be able to get their handiwork within hailing distance of President Joe Biden's veto pen.

In light of this, the first priority for House Republicans should be tempering expectations. Their most important achievement has already occurred -- namely ensuring that Nancy Pelosi will no longer be speaker with all that that entails for Biden's agenda.

Making the most of their opportunity otherwise will require some realism, subtlety and creativity.

Deadline-driven fights loom over the debt limit and budget next year. Republicans will want to extract their pound of flesh but shouldn't overestimate their influence. They aren't going to reform entitlements or put the U.S. on a fundamentally different fiscal path in a dramatic, down-to-the wire confrontation over the debt limit or a possible government shutdown. Usually, the aggressors in such fights lose, and it'll be hard to maintain GOP unity with more cautious Republican senators hesitant to go down this path.

Republicans would be well-served to choose a few plausible policy objectives at the outset of these fights -- say, revoking the new Biden IRS agents -- rather than coming up with large, superficially attractive demands that inevitably have to be abandoned.

Then, there are the investigations. Here, Republicans don't have to worry about the balancing act involved in getting to 2018 votes. The House Oversight Committee can simply get busy. There are still pitfalls to avoid, though.

The Hunter Biden investigation obviously needs to focus on the public corruption and the question of the president's involvement more than Hunter's lurid personal life. Republicans should steer clear of any counterprogramming on January 6, especially given what the midterms showed about the political costs of any association with "Stop the Steal." And impeaching Biden without even a majority in the Senate would be an exercise in futility.

Otherwise, the field is wide open for probes that could be substantively important and politically useful, whether on the origins of COVID-19, how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other government entities responded to the pandemic, the Afghan withdrawal, and government pressure on social media companies.

Finally, House Republicans should pass legislation, not in the hopes of getting any of it signed, but to show that the party has a solution-oriented agenda. This was an element of the party's message that was woefully lacking in the run-up to the midterms. They should pass bills to address inflation, support families, control the border, move toward a more merit-based legal immigration system, push back against the "woke" education bureaucracy, reduce college costs, and point in a more sensible direction on crime.

The party should demonstrate that it's pro-family and pro-law and order, while trying to sell itself to the middle again as serious and competent.

This will be no small task with a very narrow, fractious majority, but no one said Kevin McCarthy's job would be easy.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

# My Trip South and Hurricane Ian on the West Coast of Florida

It was 6:30 AM on October 28, 2022 when I got into my car with my son Scott and my daughter Robin. They would take turns driving my Toyota Venza to their home on the Florida West Coast. I sat there in the passenger seat contemplating what had happened in the last three months and wondered why it happened. Life had been good for twelve years but now at 86 years of age I couldn't help but wonder "what now?" I didn't like living alone and Robin wanted me to live with her and Earl all winter. I might even look at a home for me, but then again, I would be alone.

In Florida I have many big decisions to make. Should I sale my home in Wartburg? I have some great-grandchildren in Florida that I didn't get to see very often and all my grandchildren except one who lives in Texas. Where there are three great-grandchildren who would make any grandpa feel proud. Little Gabby is seven-years-old, cute as a button, and in the gifted class at school. The twins, Alec and Maddox are five and one-half years of age and one day Daddy hopes they will be stars for the Braves baseball team. But what about Tennessee? I loved my church and Sunday school class and my two brothers are there to help me as are some great neighbors who lent a helping hand during the pandemic and then during the time someone, I loved left me alone.

In Florida I wanted to drive south on the West Coast down to where Hurricane Ian had devastated Fort Myers and four hundred miles of the West Coast. I knew I could find people who were in worse shape than I was. I had visited a lot of folks in nursing homes in Manatee and Sarasota Counties after my wife had died of cancer and I had retired from a career that I loved. Now I would be back to see if I could help the elderly, the people God had put love in my heart for. The first week in Florida my daughter and I went to DeSoto County to a town on the Peace River that had been hit hard by the hurricane. The article that I wrote about that trip appeared in the Morgan County Today on November 15th. It was bad, but nothing like we would see ten days later when we went South to Eaglewood, North Port, and Boca Grande.

Robin has a good friend in North Port that she went to school with. Patricia stayed home to ride out the storm and later she wishes she hadn't. I guess many in Charlotte and Lee Counties thought, well since its going to hit Tampa maybe we will be safe. This lady had also witnessed Hurricane Charley in 2004 which had taken the same path as Ian took 18 years later. The big difference was that Charley would stay around less than two hours then move on but Ian stayed around ten hours with winds of 125 mph. Patricia said the house shook and they huddled in the house for ten long hours, scared to death. Their electricity went out the first hour of the storm so they had no T.V., or radio, and they could not call anyone, and the rain came down seemingly in bucket fulls. It turned out to be a day they would like to forget.

But farther south in Lee County around Fort Meyers Beach, things were worse. A couple in their seventies got the husband's 97-year-old mother out of her trailer home and took her to their home which wasn't far from the beach. He said, "Mom you should be safe here." During the storm water started coming into their house and soon it rose where they had to go to the 2nd floor and when the son told his mom they would have to go on the roof where they could be rescued, she said, "son you know I can't climb

up on the roof." I guess they carried her up and they were rescued by boat, but a lot of people in Lee and Charlotte didn't make it – 114 in all. Over 65% of the people who didn't survive were over 70 years of age and several of them were over 80 and 5 were over 90 years of age. Most of them died by drowning.

I had been to Boca Grande twice and my family has been vacationing there for over 20 years. It is a very popular vacation spot off the coast of Charlotte and Lee Counties. President George H. W. Bush vacationed at Boca Grande and stayed at the Gasparilla



Inn. There is a nine-hole golf course in the back of the inn.

We drove all over the seven-mile island. At the widest point it is around a mile.

We saw a lot of damage to the trees and the



roofs of many buildings. There was a lot of furniture, mattresses, and household items stacked along the streets. I would guess that the storm surge had reached many of the homes and most of the things inside were ruined. Huge trees that I guess would be a hundred-years-old were down.

There were many workers there trying to get the island back in shape for tourist. Some houses there were valued at three and four million dollars. An eating place where the family liked to go was destroyed by fire. It happened in the middle of the hurricane. A man who worked there said the family planned to build it back.

I predict Boca Grande and Gasparilla Islands will live again. Stay tuned for more on Ian.

Next, I will tell you about the people who lost everything, mainly in Lee County. Hurricanes seem to have a mind of their own. When they form on the Coast of Africa you don't know which direction they will go. The National Weather Service will track them and when it looks like they are coming toward the United States they will start giving the people on the coast a warning. The trouble is they don't know which path they will travel. Take Charley in 2004 for example. He was predicted to hit around Bradenton-Sarasota but ended up hitting around Punta Gorda in Charlotte County around sixty-miles south of Sarasota. A group from our church ended up going down there to help out. It really looked bad in Port Charlotte and other towns around there. Now, eighteen years later Ian the worst destructive hurricane to hit Florida, was predicted to hit around Tampa Bay. It ended up taking the path that Charley took. This time it ended up killing over 114 people in Charlotte and

Lee Counties and a majority of them were elderly people over 70 years of age.

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David Zubler  
Columnist

## America losing billions to tax cheats

Charles Rettig, the IRS commissioner, estimated that the United States could be cheated out of as much as \$1 trillion in unpaid taxes annually. Some experts dispute that amount; however, our country is losing hundreds of billions of dollars. The tax gap has surged in the last decade. The tax gap is the amount of taxes that are owed but are not paid in a timely or voluntary manner. The previous official estimate reported by the IRS was an average of \$441 billion per year was underpaid from 2011 to 2013.

According to Mr. Rettig, most unpaid taxes are due to tax evasion by the rich and large businesses. He attributed the expanding tax gap to several reasons. Taxpayers are aware of the decline in IRS auditors, and realize they are far less likely to get caught underpaying their taxes. The rapidly growing cryptocurrency has little regulation and has been a major source of tax evasion.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (G.A.O.) was recently asked to report tax trends. The report stated that millions of taxpayers don't report and pay their actual tax liability.

The U.S. Treasury reported, "A well-functioning tax system requires that everyone pays the taxes they owe. Today, the "tax gap"—the difference between taxes that are owed and collected—totals around \$600 billion annually and will mean approximately \$7 trillion of lost tax revenue over the next decade."

Tax evasion is concentrated in the top income level because higher-income taxpayers can use accountants and tax preparers who help shield them from paying their actual tax liability. Many tax professionals know the IRS audit rates have drastically declined, which has caused voluntary

compliance rates to be lower.

Mr. Rettig said, "the size of the IRS's enforcement division has declined sharply in recent years Mr. Rettig said, with its ranks falling by 17,000 over the last decade." The IRS has the fewest experienced auditors since World War II.

From tax years 2010 to 2019, audit rates have decreased for all income levels. On average, the audit rate decreased from .9 percent to less than .3 percent. Audit rates with the largest decrease were from people with over \$200,000 in income. These audits are generally more complex than lower-income taxpayers. The decrease in audits of people with complex tax returns is due to the decline in experienced auditors.

The audit rate for low-income taxpayers claiming the Earned Income Credit was higher than average. Audits of the taxpayers who claimed the Earned Income Credit resulted in the most additional tax per audit hour other than the highest-income taxpayers. IRS officials explained that Earned Income Credit audits are primarily audits completed by correspondence, which requires less time. Also, lower-income audits tend to have a higher rate of change to taxes owed.

"The fact is that nurses and firefighters have to pay with every paycheck, and so many highfliers can get off," said Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Workout Goals for 2023?

We love our new exercise coach. This is the young student who used us as guinea pigs for a college class project, graduated and has now been hired by the senior center as our permanent workout guru. It's only been a month, and already we want to make him Employee of the Year.

Somehow he managed to convince the town to spend large dollars to outfit a space in the rec center dedicated to workout equipment for seniors. But we haven't just been turned loose with all that fancy new gear. Coach has required that we all have a personal session with him wherein he will instruct us on each machine and fill out our personal goal sheet with the weights and repetitions for each one. Periodically he will stalk through the room, instruct on posture, scrutinize someone's goal sheet and ensure the machine's weight is set

correctly.

The bonus for us is that the cost per month is less than one-quarter the amount charged by the regular gyms in our area.

Is a gym workout in your plans for 2023? While you might not be lucky enough to have a personal coach and a brand-new dedicated-for-seniors exercise room at your rec center, you still might be able to join a gym near you.

Do you qualify for a low-cost SilverSneakers fitness membership through your Medicare advantage or supplemental plan? Many plans have this benefit (standard Medicare does not), and over 17,000 gyms across the country participate.

If you find a local gym (don't forget about the YMCA), ask whether a fitness expert will show you how each machine works and to generate an exercise plan for you. It's often included in the membership.

One bonus to signing up for a gym membership at this time of year is that gyms frequently offer discounts for the new year.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Which pop song was about the exploits of Manfred Albrecht Freiherr von Richthofen?
2. What was "Lady D'Arbanville" about?
3. Who wrote and released "Tell Her No"?
4. Which artist wrote the song "Woodstock"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I've built walls, A fortress deep and mighty, That none may penetrate."

## Answers

1. "Snoopy vs. the Red Baron," by the Royal Guardsmen in 1966. Baron von Richthofen was credited with 80 air victories in 1917 but was himself shot down and killed in 1918.
2. Cat Stevens wrote the 1970 song when his girlfriend left on a modeling gig for a month. The song mentions a coffin; the girlfriend was justifiably upset and ended the relationship.
3. The Zombies, in 1965.
4. Joni Mitchell, in 1970. Mitchell herself did not actually attend the Woodstock festival after being told by her agent that it would be better for her career to appear on "The Dick Cavett Show" instead.
5. "I Am A Rock," by Simon & Garfunkel, in 1965. The song had different versions, with acoustic guitar and then electric. Then a red vinyl demo was released for radio stations, with mono on one side and stereo on the other.

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# 1 Timothy Chapter 6

(1 Tim. 6:1-2) Concerning slaves and masters: Slavery was a prevailing institution in the first century. It was not the aim of Christianity to overthrow this evil by violent means. The influence of Christ would ameliorate the matter eventually. In the meantime, servants were to honor their masters with respectful dignity, thus exhibiting Christian character and bringing glory to God. Those who had Christian masters (as Philemon) were not to despise their masters, but acknowledge them as brothers in the Lord, and thus the master/brother would be blessed by their service. This principle must be taught, and both masters and servants are encouraged to acknowledge and practice it.

(1 Tim. 6:3-10) False mercenaries: The corrupt teachers troubling the saints at Ephesus must be addressed. Some were teaching a “different doctrine” and not consenting to the “nourishing words of our Lord Jesus.” The phrase may refer to words “from Christ” and “about Christ.” Jesus’ teaching requires “godliness,” and these charlatans reveled in wickedness. They are inflated with a sense of self-importance and are wholly ignorant. Their discussions and disputes are sick and produce the most horrible results, envy, quarreling, abuses, low-down suspicious, and constant friction generated by those corrupt in their thinking and utterly void of truth. They are so crooked they think religion is a good way to make money (v. 4-5).

There is “great gain” to “godliness,” but the gain is in “contentment”—of which vast multitudes know nothing (v.6). When we come into this world, we bring nothing. When we leave, we take nothing with us. There are no pockets in a shroud (v.7)! The true child of God will be content, if need be, with the basic necessities of life (v. 8). In contrast, those who are obsessed (the force of the Greek) with the ambition to be rich keep falling into temptations and traps of the sort that overwhelm men like a destructive flood that brings absolute ruin (v. 9).

A love of money is a bitter root out of which springs a multitude of evils—robberies, murders for hire, gambling, neglect of others, etc. Those consumed with money-lust (covetousness), who “keep on reaching after for themselves” (the Greek force), are thus led away from gospel faith. But that is not the end; they commit spiritual suicide, stabbing themselves through with countless sorrows.

(1 Tim. 6:11-16) Exhortations to Timothy: Paul now offers words of personal encouragement to Timothy. He compliments him with the expression, “man of God,” one who belongs to the Lord, Four verbs commanding action follow: “flee,” “follow,” “fight,” and “lay hold.” (a) Flee (continuously) the list of transgressions previously chronicled, (b) Steadily follow after right-doing, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and meekness. (c) Keep on fighting the good fight of the faith (one fight; one faith). (d) Lay hold (clutch tightly) on eternal life to which you “were called” (by means of the gospel) (2 Thes. 2:14)., when you made “the good confession” (in connection with his

immersion) (Acts 8:37) in the presence of many witnesses (v. 11-12).

Paul charges (commands) Timothy in the sight of the all-seeing God (who gives life to all his living creatures) and of Christ Jesus, who confessed his deity in the presence of Pontius Pilate (Jn. 18”13), that the lad “keep” (protect the integrity of) the gospel. The qualifying phrase, “without spot, without reproach,” suggests that this is the intrinsic nature of gospel truth. The duration, “until the appearing of Christ,” demonstrates that the charge is to all Christians unto the end of time (13-14). The time of the Lord’s return is nowhere indicated in Scripture; the expression, “in its own times,” simply means “at the appropriate time.”

At that time God (v. 13) will reveal his own majesty. He is: (a) the unique Potentate (in possession authority and power); (b) King of kings, Lord of lords (an affirmation of supreme sovereignty, elsewhere applied to Christ as well) (Rev. 19:16; 1:5); (c) immortal (which signifies that he is “not liable to death” and expresses the idea of the underived immortality characteristic of the entire Godhead); (d) dwelling in “light unapproachable” (this describes the absolute glory of deity (Psa. 104:2); Acts 22:11 with reference to Jesus); (e) one “whom no man has seen, nor can see” in his intrinsic essence; (f) due praise on account of his horror and eternal power.

So be it (v. 16).

(1 Tim. 6:17-19) Warnings concerning the rich: Timothy is to continue warning those who are financially wealthy to cease being arrogant and not to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but upon God. He richly and continuously provides us with all things to satisfy our enjoyment (in things good for that enjoyment). Good stewardship demands that we use the things given us for the implementation of good---good gifts for good purposes. The best wealth is being “rich in good works,” ready to hold out the hand to others, sharing that which God has given us (v. 18). In so doing, the Christian is “laying up in store” (depositing in the “bank of heaven”) (Mt. 6:19) for the time to come (eternity), thus firmly embracing the hope that is “life indeed” (v. 19).

(1 Tim. 6:20-21) A final charge to Timothy: The concluding statement is charged with pathos. “Keep” is in a verbal form that suggests urgency. Timothy is to “guard” that which had been deposited with him, namely the gospel, at the same time “turning away” from the heretics who “babbled” their philosophy and opposed the word of God. The “knowledge” of which they boasted (embryonic Gnosticism) was nothing but a conglomerate of lies. Some church members were professing this phony system and in so doing had departed from “the faith” (the gospel of Christ). Such was a route to eternal condemnation. There is a concluding breath of prayer, namely that God’s favor would abide with them.



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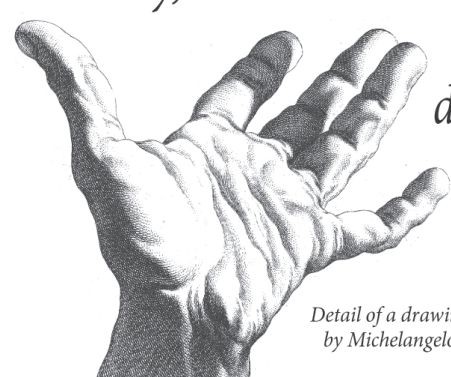


### Making wreaths

from natural items has been done since ancient times. In Mediterranean cultures, wreaths worn on the head showed a person's job, social rank and achievements. Laurel wreaths crowned the victors in the Olympic Games. Wreaths were made from the harvested crops and hung up to show how the gods had blessed the household during the year.

Sources: [www.getty.edu](http://www.getty.edu), wikipedia

- Brenda Weaver



### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*For out of the heart come evil thoughts: murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.*

Detail of a drawing by Michelangelo

MATTHEW 15:19, 20



## Historically Speaking

### Denise Kiernan – The Girls of Atomic City goes INTERNATIONAL!

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

NOTE: This was first published in 2013. Because of the historical nature of the events, I have left those 2013 dates intact. The book, *The Girls of Atomic City*, remains one of the most read books on Oak Ridge. I am constantly getting calls from book clubs that have read it or tour groups coming to Oak Ridge who have read the book. Enjoy a look back to 2013 when the book first came out.

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Our most famous current author of a book on Oak Ridge history, Denise Kiernan, returned to Oak Ridge on Tuesday, 5/21/13, to speak at the League of Women Voters lunch about “The Girls of Atomic City.” Her book featuring several Oak Ridgers has climbed as high as seventh on the New York Times Best Seller list! Now that may well be a record for a book on Oak Ridge! And that’s not all, the book is soon to go international, but more on that later in the column.

First, let me tell you about the event on Tuesday, 5/21/13. The Social Room of the Unitarian Universalists Church was filled to overflowing. Many of Denise’s “girls” were there and proud to be given well deserved recognition. Those in the crowd who could purchase a book were toting several for the author to sign. Several individuals complained that some of the local stores were out of stock.

At one time during her talk, Denise just stopped everything and said, “Stand up if you were here in Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project.” Many in the audience stood to resounding applause. At first only the ladies who were here during the Manhattan Project stood and then soon a few men stood...well that brought the house down. Pretty soon everyone in the room who had been here during the Manhattan Project were either standing or straining at their walkers or canes and reaching for support as they too attempted to stand to accept the applause.

I stress the feeble nature of some of our seniors to point out to readers of *Historically Speaking* that we have treasures among us that were quickly slipping from our grasp. Our Manhattan Project era seniors were even then reaching the age when their mobility was often limited, their hearing was failing, their stamina was growing less and less and they were often beginning to have trouble with their memory. Of course, many of us younger folks have some of those symptoms to a greater extent than do some of our seniors.

For example, I dare not question the facts that Bill Wilcox, Ed Westcott, or Bill Tewes (all 90 years old or older) recall and I really dare not question the memory of Colleen Black, Helen Jernigan, or Earline Banic (and I dare not tell you these ladies’ age!). Of course, I have just gotten myself in really big trouble with several other folks because I left out so many names of people who could have easily been included...but you get the idea.

As was the case when she first talked to an Oak Ridge audience at the American Museum of Science and Energy in March about *The Girls of Atomic City*, Denise was again in touch with her audience and knew that Oak Ridgers represented a different and more

knowledgeable audience about things that existed in Oak Ridge. She took the opportunity to talk about her experiences sharing Oak Ridge history with people who are not aware of it. Our history, that all too often we may take for granted, is a huge new insight to many with whom she is coming in contact.

She told of questions like, “Is Oak Ridge still in existence?” Imagine that.

At the beginning of her talk, she credited Ed Westcott and his photographs as being something totally unique to Oak Ridge. She admonished us to realize how valuable the asset that Ed created for us by taking literally thousands of excellent photographs of a vast array of events, activities and people doing normal everyday things during that most unusual time that was the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge.



Denise Kiernan, Oak Ridge’s best ambassador  
(Photo Submitted)

Of course, she told the story of how she came to know about Oak Ridge and the “girls.” One audience member asked her to repeat the story during the question period at the end of the program. She went into even more detail about the impression made on her by the photograph showing young girls right out of high school sitting on stools, monitoring meters, and turning knobs without knowing more about what they were doing than just which meters to monitor and which knobs to turn to maintain the proper reading on the meter. This photographic image was intriguing to her, but she knew nothing about Oak Ridge at the time except it was only two hours from Ashville, NC, where she lived.

She was asked about documentary films and quickly cited Keith McDaniel’s *Secret City: The War Years* and *Secret City: 1945-2006*, as excellent educational tools. She noted the oral histories contained there as well as complimentary use of Ed Westcott’s photographic images helped make the films excellent documentaries.

When asked if her book would be made into a movie, she was uncharacteristically quiet and carefully chose her words. She finally relented and promised the

audience that if such a thing were to be decided, Oak Ridgers would be among the first people she would tell.

Denise also pointed out Jordan Reed, of the Oak Ridge Public Library’s Center for Oak Ridge Oral History, who was in the audience and encouraged the audience to make sure time is taken to capture the stories of older people among us. She emphasized the importance of “telling your story,” even if you think you do not have anything to tell.

Denise indicated that her experience interviewing for the book made her realize just how much really good, detailed history individuals had to tell. She found that almost everyone she interviewed started out by saying, “Aw you don’t want to interview me, I don’t have anything to tell,” but soon realized that she was learning new things and collecting lots of really good material from the people who “didn’t have anything to tell.”

She indicated that she was constantly being told stories by people she met or who contacted her by phone or email. Someone asked if she planned a sequel. I am not sure if that is the case, but she assured us that she was capturing all the stories and would determine what to do with them a little later when she finished the rush of book signings and promotional events.

A surprise to me was to see that *The Girls of Atomic City* was soon to be published in Polish! When Denise showed the PowerPoint slide of the cover of the book in Polish, she mentioned that she was doing phone interviews at a number of places in Europe. So, Oak Ridge was getting international attention!

In addition to Poland, the book had also been acquired by a Hungarian publisher. It was being translated at the time.

Also there have already been Brazilian and Danish publications where articles about the book have appeared. Denise had been interviewed by an Irish radio station, been approached by an Indian book website, and the book had been mentioned or reviewed by at least two British newspapers. Denise’s husband, Joe D’Agnese, told me that one of them, the *Daily Mail*, ran a lot of Ed Westcott photos.

Here is the link: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2306111/The-Girls-Atomic-City-New-book-reveals-untold-story-tens-thousands-women-worked-Manhattan-Project-secret-nuclear-base-Tennessee-helped-win-Second-World-War.html>

In June 2013 Denise gave a talk at the Jimmy Carter Library in Atlanta, and then a bookstore in Lexington, KY, and then she went for her tour out west, including New Mexico. That should have been fun...wonder if THEY asked if Oak Ridge still exists?

WOW, what a resoundingly successful ambassador for Oak Ridge Denise has turned out to be. We have been swept along with her to some really interesting venues.

She tells everyone to “come to Oak Ridge and see for yourself.”



Denise Kiernan, author of the New York Times Best seller *The Girls of the Atomic City* spoke to a crowd at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist church for a League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge sponsored lunch and took their photo, a practice she enjoyed (Photo Submitted)

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## Hot Cocoa Boards a Favorite Holiday Trend

You're familiar with charcuterie or cheese boards, right? Well, it's time for brie and crackers to step aside, because beautiful hot chocolate "charcuterie" boards are here.

What I love about the idea is it takes something simple — a cup of hot cocoa — and makes it an event.

These boards can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose. While it's easy to drop a serious chunk of change on upscale cookies and candies, these boards don't have to be expensive to be festive. You can pick up cocoa mix, a bag of marshmallows and a package of assorted cookies for under \$10. Then arrange a lovely board. You also can make a board with only marshmallows and whipped cream.

The dollar store is a treasure trove for goodies to make these boards. You'll find seasonal platters, mugs and plates — even cocoa, marshmallows and other fun holiday treats to brighten up your board.

To assemble your abundant board, start with the largest items first, spaced evenly around the board. Odd numbers tend to look best. Be sure you have something to add height and visual interest, like candy canes. Next, arrange the medium-size items, like cookies, looking for contrast in shape, color and texture. Avoid straight lines and go for curves instead. Lastly, fill

in any empty space with small items like candies, leaving no bare board.

To add interest, add elements like ribbons, ornaments and mini lights. But don't include anything that's not edible that might look edible to the kiddies (poinsettias and holly berries!). That's a recipe for disaster.

What to put on your board? Here are some ideas to get you started: marshmallows, whipped cream, chocolate chips, peppermint sticks and candies, caramels, peanut butter cups, chocolate truffles, any kind of cookies, meringues, gingerbread, brownies, sprinkles, candied ginger, candied orange zest, flavored syrups, ground cinnamon or cinnamon sticks, instant coffee or espresso powder. Be sure to add something salty to balance all that sugar; mixed nuts are perfect.

For the adults, feel free to spice



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### Try this chocolate twist on a charcuterie board.

things up with Irish cream, coffee liquor, coconut rum and, of course, peppermint schnapps to mingle cheerfully with chocolate.

The easiest method to make hot chocolate is to purchase cocoa mix at the store. But since the ingredients list of most cocoa mixes includes hydrogenated oils, corn syrup solids and other unpronounceable ingredients, here's an easy and affordable alternative.

## EASY DIY HOT CHOCOLATE MIX

With such a small list of ingredients, quality matters. Purchase the best unsweetened cocoa powder you can comfortably afford.

Yield: Just shy of 3 cups of mix or approximately 24 servings of hot cocoa

What You'll Need:

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder

1 3/4 cups granulated sugar

1 teaspoon table salt

Whole milk to serve

Here's How:

Sift the cocoa powder (to remove any lumps), sugar and salt into a large bowl. Whisk all ingredients until fully combined. Store in an airtight container.

To serve: Warm 1 cup of your choice of milk (or non-dairy alternative), add 2 tablespoons hot cocoa mix and give it a good stir. To make 8 servings, add 1 cup mix to 8 cups hot milk.

To prepare a quantity of hot cocoa, use your crockpot to heat the milk and keep the finished cocoa warm for hours. A crockpot is less likely to scorch your hot chocolate than the stovetop

So, let's warm up winter with everything you need to customize your next-level cup of cocoa. Is there a better way to share a cup of cheer? I think not.

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Morgan County School District is accepting bids for the following:

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Other specifications for each walking track can be obtained by contacting Patricia Pace at [pacep@mcsed.net](mailto:pacep@mcsed.net) or 423-346-6214. Sealed bids should be delivered to the Morgan County Central Office

at 136 Flat Fork Rd. Wartburg, TN 37887, and should be identified as "2022 Walking Track Bid".

Bid opening will be Wednesday, November 16th at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room of the Morgan County Schools Central Office in Wartburg, Tennessee. Morgan County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Let us honor World War II & U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, TSGT Neal McCallum who participated in the invasion of Okinawa while assigned to F Company, 29th Marine Regiment, 6th Marine Battalion.

Neal McCallum was born on March 10, 1927 in Star, North Carolina. In 1944, at the age of 17, he volunteered for the U.S. Marines and trained at Parris Island. Neal was assigned to the 29th Marine Regiment, Fox Company.

On April 1, 1945, Neal participated in the invasion of Okinawa. He saw hundreds of enemy and kamikaze planes



attack the fleet. As the Marines took the northern half of the island, the Army needed help securing the southern half. There, Neal and the 6th Marine Division participated in the Battle of Sugar Loaf Hill.

He was wounded on May 19, 1945 while being relieved and coming under heavy Japanese artillery fire. He returned to active duty after just 90 days. Neal was discharged on December 12, 1947 as a Corporal.

We salute you Marine and thank you for your service!

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Deputy Sheriff Christopher Taylor with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Florida was killed on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 after being struck by a drunk driver while conducting a traffic stop on I-75.

Deputy Taylor was standing on the shoulder of the highway with the person he had stopped when the driver of an approaching vehicle lost control of her car and struck Deputy Taylor's patrol car. His patrol car was pushed into Deputy Taylor and the person he had stopped.

Deputy Taylor was transported to Shore Point



Health where he succumbed to his injuries. The other person who was struck suffered minor injuries.

The woman who struck Deputy Taylor had just completed probation for prior DUI charge. She was arrested and charged with DUI manslaughter.

Deputy Taylor had served with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office for fifteen months. He is survived by his parents and fiancée. He was only twenty-three-years-old.

## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### Adaptive Sports

The Department of Veterans Affairs has given out \$16 million in grant money to organizations that provide adaptive sports opportunities to disabled veterans all over the country, thus relieving 13,000 veterans of the need to provide their own financing for their participation in the program. In the past eight years alone, that comes to \$100 million that's been granted.

If you're in physical therapy (and enrolled in VA health care), take a look at the Sports4Vets Throwdown at [www.blogs.va.gov/nvspse/throwdown](http://www.blogs.va.gov/nvspse/throwdown). It's a competition for veterans of all ages and abilities to improve their fitness. Go to the "Click here to access the 2022 workouts" link for videos of weeks of adaptive exercises, broken down by wheelchair, modified mobility, visually impaired and upper extremity. Ask your physician or therapist if any of those workouts would be appropriate for you to increase your fitness.

The program focuses on archery, rock climbing, skiing, hunting, sky diving and Paralympic sports, with a bonus this year: CrossFit, sailing and scuba.

And there's more ... the National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in Portland, Oregon, next July, and registration for it will be open from Feb. 1 to April 5, 2023. There will be more than 500 veterans competing in 22 sports. Get information at [wheelchairgames.org](http://wheelchairgames.org). If you're new to adaptive sports, scroll down and click on "Learn More" to see the list of benefits to becoming involved. Among other reasons, they list maintaining body weight, sleeping better and reducing anxiety and depression. Those alone might be worth the effort of joining an adaptive sport, but they also list controlling Type 2 diabetes and hypertension.

If you're age 55 or older, the National Veterans Golden Age Games might be for you, with over a dozen different sports, such as air rifle, basketball, golf, cycling and bowling.

If you do an online search for "@Sports4Vets, you'll find the VA's adaptive sports and arts Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter. Pay special attention to Facebook, as they've listed a number of programs and events that are coming up.

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