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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Hello Dr Bristol, Hope your Valentines Week has been wuffy. Ours has been hectic.

You will never guess what Pappy did! He gave Mimi a kiss on the cheek and a big hug. It was yucky and sweet. I sounded the

alarm and went to woofing. He should seriously know by now that I don't want him kissing and hugging my Mimi.

He says his heart belongs to Mimi and Mimi says that hearts are very special and that we need to take care of our hearts because, Jesus and love live there.

My question is this: How do you take care of doggie and kitty hearts? Do our hearts get sick, too?

Love, Ms Avery Pearl



have exercise intolerance, and/or develop a cough. It's also important that pet owners avoid feeding a grain-free diet unless their vet specifically prescribes this diet. Several studies have indicated that grain-free diets can contribute to dilated cardiomyopathy, and this can often be very difficult to manage.

Cats can develop heart disease as well, and they can have very subtle symptoms early in the disease process. They may not even develop a heart murmur before they develop symptoms, so routine evaluation of our geriatric feline friends is critical to keeping them healthy.

Often times, heart disease can occur no matter how well we take care of our furry friends. We can, however, completely prevent one of the most devastating cardiovascular diseases of all - heartworms. Dogs and cats can both be exposed to heartworms through a mosquito bite. Mosquitos transmit microfilaria (immature heartworms) into the bloodstream, and these "babies" mature into adults within the

pulmonary artery. This will lead to heart disease and eventually heart failure if not diagnosed and treated early. We have treatment options for heartworm disease, but this can be quite expensive and can have several severe adverse potential complications as well. The good news, though, is that this disease is almost 100% preventable with a variety of products including monthly chews, topical monthly products, and injectable products. Your vet can help you determine the most appropriate preventive product for you and your pet. In the south, we need to give our critters heartworm prevention year-round because we have mosquitoes all year-round. You can also help minimize risk to your pet by removing standing, stagnant water from near your home. You're a lucky girl, Ms. Avery, because your Mimi has been giving you heartworm prevention ever since you were a little puppy! I bet you don't even mind taking your monthly pill because it takes so good!

Well, Ms. Avery, I hope that you've enjoyed this nice, warm winter that we've had. Just remember... A warm winter means early bugs. Please make sure all of your furry friends are taking their heartworm prevention and flea/tick meds year-round. And, don't forget to thank your Mimi for taking such good care of you!

Your friend, Dr. Bristol

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

BINGO for adults is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 - 11:30. Our current hours are Monday 10:30-3:00, Tuesday 3:00-7:30, and Wednesday 9:00-12:00.

Oakdale Public Library welcomes patrons. The current library hours are: Monday 1:00 - 3:00 Tuesday 4:30 - 7:00 Wednesday 9:00 - 12:30 Thursday 9:00 - 1:00.

Scheduled activities include Afterschool Activities on Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30, Craft time on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30, BINGO for adults on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30, Preschool Story Time on the 1st and 3rd Thursday 10:00 - 11:00 and Family Story Time on the 2nd

and 4th Thursday 10:00 - 11:00.

Announcement of Morgan County Republican Party Reorganization of Executive Committee

To Whom It Concerns, In preparation for the upcoming county party reorganizations, the Morgan County Republican Party would like to ensure our citizens are provided all necessary information and proper notification of the reorganization process.

The Morgan County Republican Party Reorganization of the Executive Committee will be held: Thursday, March 2nd, 7pm eastern at American Legion, 202 S. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887

If you are interested in seeking the office of Chairman to the County Executive Committee, please contact our Contest & Credentials committee at Steve Highland at steve@highland.net Any candidate seeking the office of Chairman is required to notify the Contest & Credentials committee seven (7) calendar days prior to the reorganization of their intent to seek the chairmanship. If a Chair candidate does not notify the C&C within the timeframes, they will not be eligible for office. All other positions can be nominated from the floor.

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In Loving Memory

Wade B. Nance, 80

November 12, 1942 – February 6, 2023

Wade B. Nance left this world due to a tragic accident on February 6, 2023. Although he is gone, he will never be forgotten by his wife Robin, family and his many friends.



Wade grew up in Lancing, Tennessee one of six children of Stobert Carr and Lola Norris Nance. He was always an adventurous spirit, and always seemed to gather strength from every challenge that he faced throughout his life.

While in High School, he was an avid electronics student. He assisted the late Dickey Wilson on TV repairs and the two remained lifelong friends. He also opened the first private garbage service in Wartburg during his high school years with classmate Larry Hargis.

After graduating from Central High School, he began work with the TECON construction company who were constructing the railroad tunnels at NEMO. It was on that project he began his lifelong passion for surveying that continued for the rest of his life.

He attended college at the University of Tennessee, studying Civil Engineering. While attending college, he and his best friend Alan Peters, worked odd jobs and paid for flying lessons. He eventually obtained his pilot's license and for a time enjoyed flying single engine aircraft. Many of their friends still recall the duo buzzing low in a plane over downtown Lancing, only later denying the episode to his concerned father. Later in life, this love of airplanes manifested into flying remote control aircraft for the grandchildren at his home on Kubley Hill in Lancing.

During his long career of Land Surveying, he operated a business in downtown Knoxville where he mentored several surveying apprentices. Many would go on to become Licensed Land

Surveyors, including his son Michael. Wade also had a very successful oil and gas business, which he and his wife Robin managed for many years.

Wade and his first wife Margaret Dagley Larue had two children, Michelle Nance Collins, and Michael W. Nance,

who both have successful careers in teaching and management in the energy sector respectively.

To those who knew Wade well, you know that his wife Robin was his entire world, the two of them shared something very special together. He was a devoted husband and his love for Robin was unquestionable in every regard. Wade was also a good father and grandfather.

His quick wit, undisguised opinion, intellectual curiosity, and ability to never judge people by their social status are all things that those of us that loved him will forever miss. You never had to wonder what he thought about an issue, he was unafraid to share his opinions with anyone. He was an ally to the downtrodden, and could match intellectual debate with the worthiest courtroom opponent in the many Land Surveying cases he testified in. The world is now a lesser place without him.

Wade was preceded in death by his loving mother Lola Norris Nance, father, Stobert Carr Nance, brother Jimmy Nance and sister Marian Jewell Nance Worley,

He is survived by his wife Robin Carrigan Nance, Daughter Michelle Collins, Son Michael W. Nance, Stepson Andrew Leonard, Brothers, Robert Eugene Nance, Stobert Alan Nance, Sister Kathryn Perry, Granddaughters Isabella Collins, Sophia Collins, Morgan Nance, step granddaughter Olivia Leonard, and step grandson Cooper Leonard, also many nieces and nephews and lifelong friends.

Angela Michelle Justice, 54

In memory of Angela Michelle Justice
February 17, 1968 - February 1, 2023

Angie (54) from New River passed away February 1, 2023 at her apartment in Oak Ridge TN. She is preceded in death by her loving mother Marcella Justice, brothers Owen and Doyle (Bug) Justice and sisters Susie, Sandra, and Donna Justice. She is survived by her son Jonathan Justice, Brother Robert Justice, Sister Caroline Adkission, and a host of special nieces, nephews, extended family, and loving friends. She was many things in her life. She was a mom, daughter, sister, Aunt, and dear friend to many.

Angie enjoyed many things. She loved to color, cross stitch, play her games like yahtzee and solitaire.

She enjoyed playing cards and going fishing. She loved watching her favorite TV shows like Andy Griffith and Gilmore Girls. She was a big UT Vols fan and wore her Vol colors and sunglasses every chance she got. She enjoyed cooking and cleaning her apartment and talking on the phone to her family and friends.

Angie was a loving and giving person at heart. She would help anyone she could and give the shirt off her back if need be. She was loved by many and will be missed terribly by all. She will be cremated and placed with her mother, sister Donna, and her brothers Owen and Bug at Phillips Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Angie Michelle Justice.

William "Billy" Dean Howard, 61

William "Billy" Dean Howard, age 61, passed away February 3, 2023 at Cumberland Medical Center after his long battle with cancer. Billy was the first born son of William and Donna Howard, born August 14, 1961.



son and half sister Rhonda Williams.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Bill Durham officiating. Interment will follow in the

He leaves behind his lifetime partner and mother of his 2 children, Teresa Houston; children Donna Mae Howard and William Reynolds along with 2 children David & Tiffany Schriener; brothers Herbert & Travis Howard; sisters Teresa Earhart, Marsha Earhart, Lisa Pol-

Flat Rock Cemetery in the Chestnut Ridge Community.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of William "Billy" Dean Howard.

Kimberly Diane McLemore Hall, 45

Kimberly Diane McLemore Hall, age 45 of Petros, TN, passed away January 31, 2023 at St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro, TN.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Olivia Cheyenne Hall.

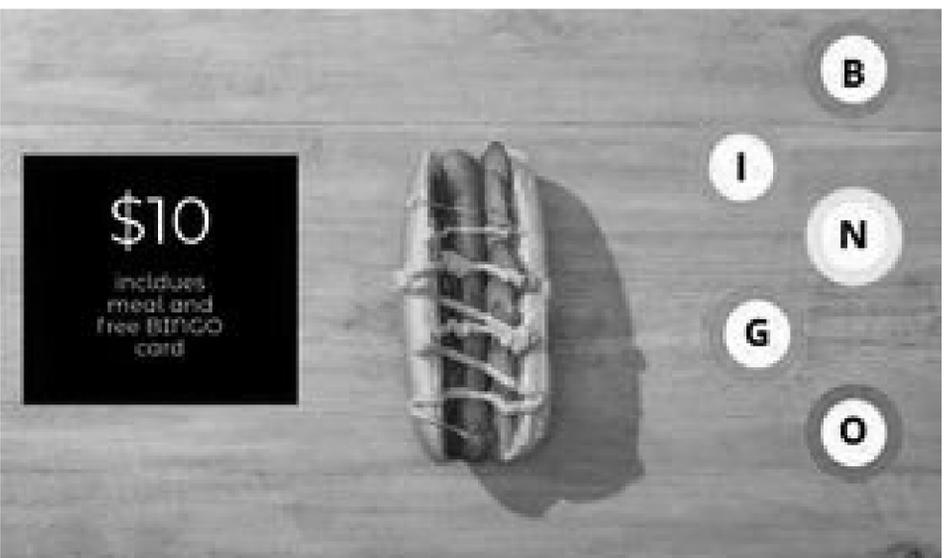
She leaves behind her husband, Michael Dewayne Hall; three sons: Michael "Mikey" Dewayne Hall II, Austin Michael Hall, Connor Jacob Hall; one daughter, Abigail "Abby" Elizabeth Hall all of Petros, TN; mother, Wilma Sue Storms of Cookeville, TN; two sisters: Sue Ann Flatt and Chrystal Gail Christian; brother, Brandon Taylor of Murfreesboro, TN;

father & mother-in-law Joey and Donna Hall; sister-in-law Jennifer Fields and husband, Robert and brother-in-law Joe Hall along with several nieces and nephews of Sparta, TN.

The family will receive friends Tuesday February 7 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Petros Church of God Fellowship, with the funeral to follow at 2:00 with Bro. Jamie Basler officiating. The graveside service will follow immediately at the Petros Cemetery in Petros, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kimberly Diane McLemore Hall.

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A Heart-to-Heart with February

By: *CatFish Cole*

The season of love has filled the air once more and it's starting to show everywhere you look. Though, I'm not particularly in love with it being during one of the busiest times, February. You are probably wondering "What about December and November, what all happens in February?" and you'd be surprised. We try to celebrate Black History Month (All Month), Groundhog Day (2nd), Super Bowl LVII (12th), Valentine's Day (14th), and Presidents Day (17th) this year all within 28 days. So before you forget make sure to grab some chocolates, flowers, and flags. By the way, who decided to put so many holidays into the shortest month? Why not a couple in August or April to spread things out some? Well anyhow, with so much going on, I really want to remind everyone it's alright to feel stressed or overwhelmed during this time of year or, any time actually. Which you must be alright if you can take the time to read the paper. Anyway, that's why it's important that we look at the positive things in life. For instance, I love the cooler weather this time of year and snow and seeing all the love shared amongst everyone and how it can really make your day feel just magical. Plus a tip for any nervous boy/girl: the worst thing they can say is no and it might stink but let yourself learn and become better from it like with everything. I guess I'm just rambling now but, isn't it nice sometimes just to have a heart-to-heart?

PS (With all the craziness now it's important to communicate with each other especially our loved ones so go sit and chat or whatever you want with the people closest to you and Happy

Valentine's Day. - Love CatFish Cole)

The Ups and Downs of an Injury and The Life of an Injured Athlete

By: *Daniel Bunch (BigManDan)*



Daniel Bunch
(Big Man Dan)

As some of you know, I recently had an injury while playing in a basketball game. I dislocated my kneecap and my ACL pulled off the bone while doing so it pulled off a chunk of my bone. I had to have surgery, which went a lot better than I thought it would. I am looking forward to taking this brace, the bandages, and the stitches out. Now to the Ups and Downs of being injured. So laying down all day and relaxing is fun, but it also is very boring. Being an athlete I'm not used to being so lazy and just want to get back to playing. Now to the life of an injured athlete. I wake up a couple times through the night to take medicine to keep the pain away. I wake up a little later tired because my body is healing and from waking up multiple times in the night. From there I usually either get up to wash up which is very hard because I'm on crutches and I have a brace on my knee that I'm not allowed to take off. I usually have someone make me something to eat which is nice because it would be hard for me to do I'm lucky that my family does these things for me. From here I don't really do anything important except lay around maybe do a little school work here and there and, maybe go outside for a bit but then that's all. It's pretty boring but you gotta do what you gotta do.

(Pi Day Ad)

Central Middle School will be celebrating Pi Day on Tuesday, March 14. Students are encouraged to wear a Pi or Albert Einstein shirt to receive an extra credit daily grade in their regular math classes. Shirts may be designed at home by students or may be purchased from t-shirt vendors or sites such as Amazon. There will be a cash award for the student who can recite the most decimal digits in Pi. Math teachers will be providing students with more details soon!



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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Valentin (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ..." *Hope, Abundance, Touch, Truth*
3. In Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all ..." *Sins, Beings, Creation, Enemies*
4. Which Old Testament book reads like a love story? *Ruth, Daniel, Habakkuk, Song of Solomon*
5. Where does one find the phrase "God is love"? *Genesis, Nehemiah, Hebrews, 1 John*
6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honorable in all? *Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Truth, 3) Sins, 4) Song of Solomon, 5) 1 John (4:8, 16), 6) Marriage

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Should I Buy a Pet on an Online Marketplace?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I was scrolling through my social media account and an ad popped up showing a really cute puppy for sale. What are people's experiences buying pets online? — Curtis, via email

DEAR CURTIS: The short answer is, don't. It's unlikely that what you saw was an approved ad, because most social media companies do not allow pet sales or advertising for the sale of pets. Probably, someone created a post and made it public.

Avoid responding to the post, even if you think you know the person who posted it or think you know the location. Chances are it's either a scam to part you from your hard-earned money, or you will receive a puppy that is not the one advertised or is very ill and needs a lot of medical care. I've heard too many stories from owners who got scammed from such online transactions.

If you just want a cute animal companion, adopt a pet through your local shelter. You'll be able to see and interact with a potential pet, and the shelter will help you evaluate whether you're ready for a dog at this point. There is a cost involved with adoption, but those fees are upfront. And I guarantee it is substantially less than what you will pay a shady pet dealer (or pay out in medical bills later on).

If you absolutely want a specific breed of dog, do the homework required. Find nearby breeders who specialize in the breed you're interested in. Read up on the breed. Find out the financial requirements to match with, purchase, train and care for that dog.

No matter which path you pick, know that pets are an investment of money and time. The dividend is a healthy, happy pet that adores you. Don't take a shortcut.

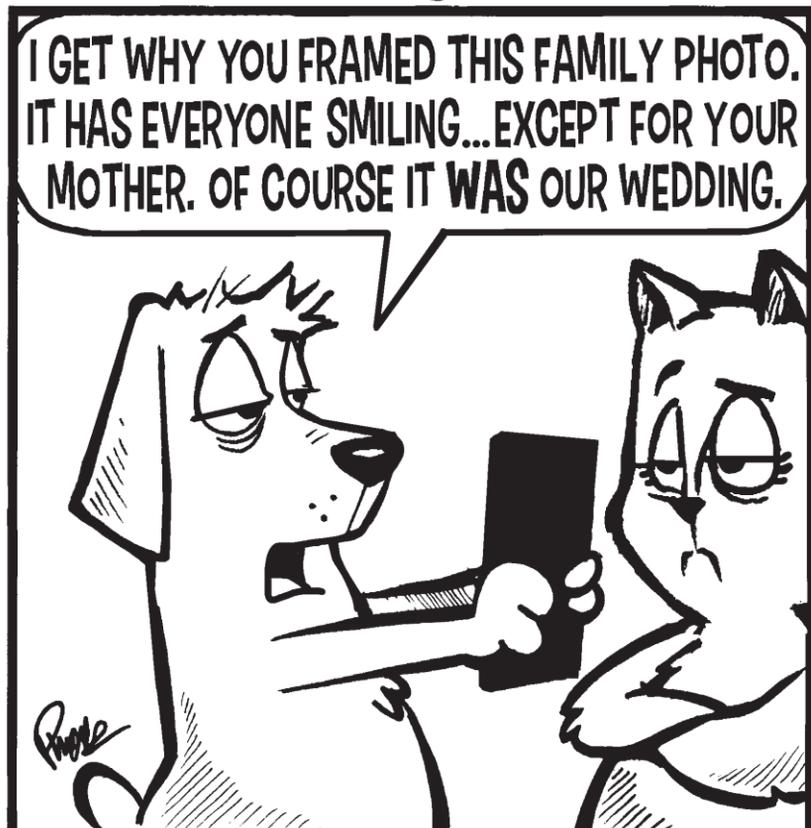
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN THE BEAR IT



"In the future, all threats will be accompanied by a smiley face."

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

 * "It can be tricky to add new keys to a key ring, especially if you don't have much of a fingernail. I have found a foolproof way to get the key started. Just use a staple remover. It works wonders!" -- T.R. in Indiana

* If you find that you have small scratches in your wood furniture, try this old trick: Rub a walnut over dings to cover them up. Or find a matching brown crayon, rub it lightly into the scratch, and finish with a hair dryer held 10 inches away for about 10-15 seconds. It melts the wax of the crayon, and then you can buff it with a soft rag. Any excess is swept away and the color remains.

* Got small kids? If your little one keeps rolling out of his bed, here's a tip: Use a pool noodle tucked under the fitted sheet, lengthwise along the edge of the bed. It's just enough of a bumper to send a sleeping child back to the cen-

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Nintendo was founded in 1889 as a playing card company.

* Garbage collectors in Turkey have filled their own library entirely from books thrown away by residents. Originally destined for landfills, around 6,000 tomes are now safely housed on shelves, waiting to be reread -- or discovered -- by the public.

* Gray cats are frequently the result of a diluted black fur gene.

* The World's Largest Collection of the World's Smallest Versions of the World's Largest Things is a museum in Lucas, Kansas, created by Erika Nelson. It consists of miniatures created from photos of the world's largest objects.

* On May 9, 1945, reports that Nazi Germany had surrendered to the USSR triggered a 22-hour celebration that caused the country to temporarily run out of vodka!

* An Arizona man didn't realize he was a big winner at a Las Vegas slot machine because its lights and buzzers never went on. Fortunately, an investigation by the Nevada Gaming Control Board resulted in a happy ending and the bestowal of the gentleman's \$230,000.

* Not only can you be right-handed or left-handed, you can be right or left eared and eyed.

* "Tartle" is a Scottish word referring to the feeling of hesitation or panic you experience when unable to recall another person's name.

ter of the mattress.

* "If you have many mismatched frames that you would like to use, you can try spray painting them all the same color. I had several that were different colors and a little bit beat up, but I wanted to use them in one big group. I painted them all glossy black, and they look great!" -- W.F. in Arkansas

* Hanging shoe racks are a wonderful organizational tool, especially the ones made of plastic that have see-through pockets. You can use them on the back of your bathroom door for small towels and toiletries, or how about on the back of baby's door as a diaper organizer? My favorite use is on the back of my garage door to hold all the cleaning bottles and solutions with other supplies. They are nice and high, and out of reach of little hands.

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

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* Though heavy metal music originated in the U.S. and the U.K., Finland has the most metal bands per capita, with Sweden and Norway tying for second place and Iceland coming in third.

* There's a name for three consecutive strikes in bowling: a turkey or sizzling turkey. Any additional strike after that is called a bagger.

Thought for the Day: "Management is about persuading people to do things they do not want to do, while leadership is about inspiring people to do things they never thought they could." -- Steve Jobs

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by Linda Thistle

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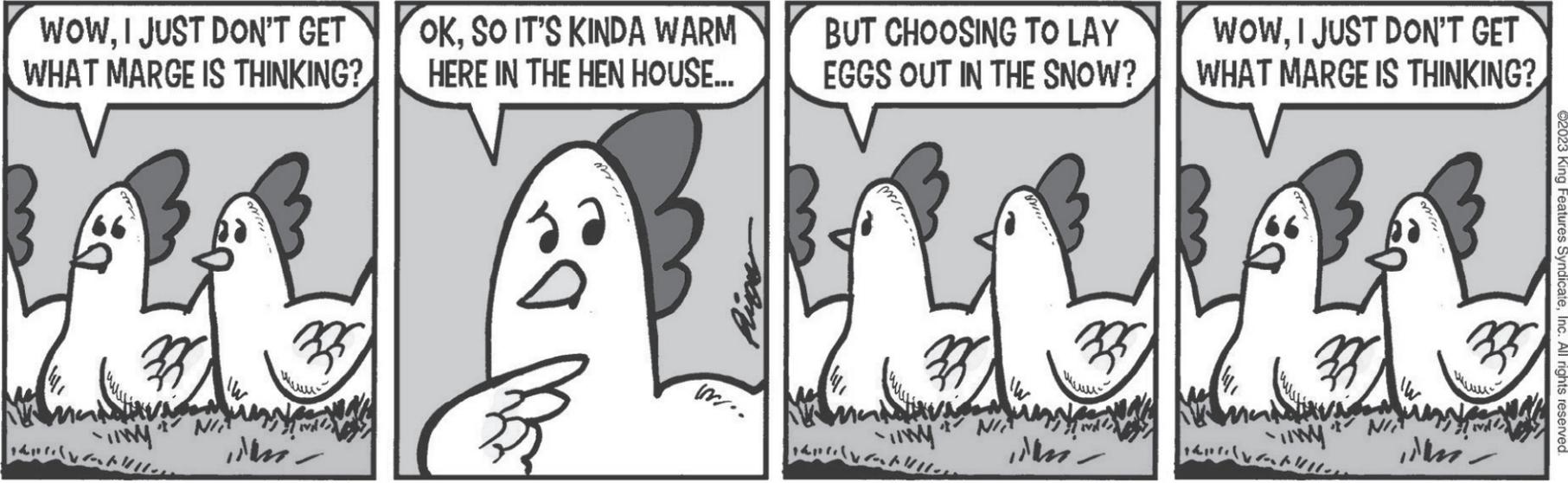
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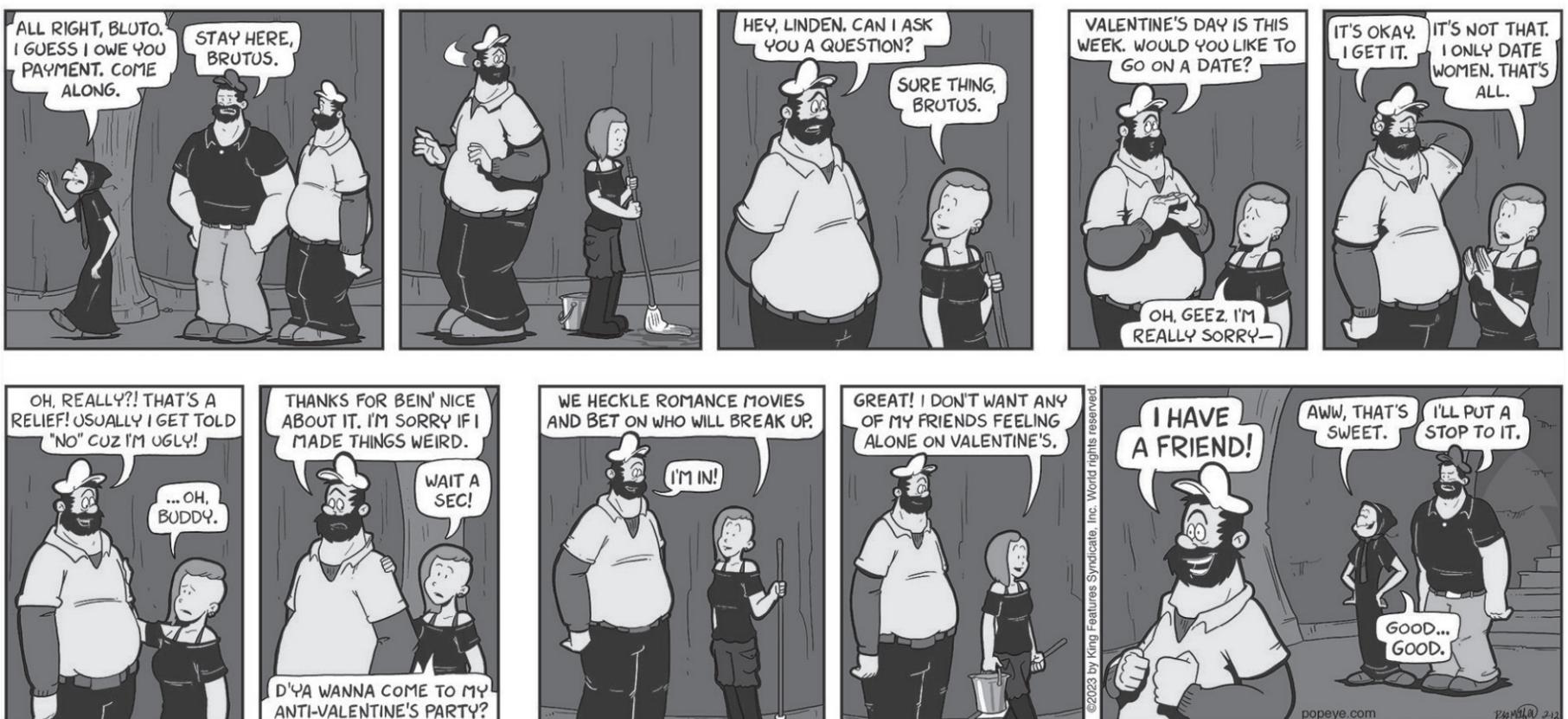
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Trump's futile attack on DeSantis

Donald Trump hasn't been impressing anyone with his political acuity lately, but at least he is fully aware of one of his own vulnerabilities.

His early attacks on the COVID-19 record of Ron DeSantis show that he knows the Florida governor has outflanked him on the populist right -- indeed, outflanked him in general -- regarding one of the most central issues of the last couple of years.

In typical style, Trump isn't tiptoeing around the issue, but driving right at the governor in an attempt to take away one of his foremost strengths.

The "free state of Florida"? No, despite what you might recall, it was really the "shut down Sunshine state."

"Florida was actually closed, for a great, long period of time," Trump told reporters during his first campaign swing. "Remember, he closed the beaches and everything else? They're trying to rewrite history."

This is brazen even by Trump's standards. It will take all of his powers as a political sloganeer, marketer and wrecking-ball to counter the DeSantis brand on the coronavirus, which has the advantage of being grounded in reality.

For Republicans, the DeSantis approach of getting out of shutdowns as soon as possible and resisting mandates and restrictions has been vindicated and has appeal to nearly all factions.

For populists, he resisted the elites and self-appointed experts. For limited-government conservatives, he (although this is complicated) lightened the heavy hand of government. For everyone right of center, he forged his own path in the face of conventional wisdom and got attacked for it in the media and the left -- demonstrating the paramount GOP virtues of having courage and the right enemies.

DeSantis would have much to brag about in his record in Florida absent COVID-19, but it is his response to the pandemic that sets him apart and makes him, for the moment, a near-legend for many Republicans.

Trump is correct that DeSantis issued shutdown orders like nearly everyone else at the outset of the pandemic. In March 2020, the governor issued statewide restrictions and then more far-reaching measures in Palm Beach and Broward counties. Beaches, as Trump said, were shut down.

The trouble Trump has is that DeSantis was initially acting in keeping with the guidance of the federal government that Trump led.

Despite some grouching, Trump had at his right hip during the entire pandemic the man that has come to represent for Republicans all that was wrong with the pandemic response -- Dr. Anthony Fauci.

It tends to be forgotten, but Georgia went first in reopening in late April 2020 and Trump hit Brian Kemp for it.

At his coronavirus briefing, Trump said, "I told the governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp, that I disagree strongly with his decision to open certain facilities."

When DeSantis, too, moved to reopen, Fauci attacked the state for moving too quickly.

By May 2020, Florida had a clearly distinguishable approach to the pandemic. DeSantis was already skeptical of shutdowns and focused on protecting the most vulnerable rather than population-wide measures. Crucially, the state was absolutely insistent that schools return to in-person instruction.

Over time, DeSantis shifted from simply lifting restrictions to using the power of his office and the state to block further COVID-19 restrictions by localities, school boards and private businesses. He kept localities from obstructing businesses from opening or fining people for violating mask ordinances. He forbid vaccine passports. He prevented schools from forcing parents to mask their children.

DeSantis' response to the coronavirus isn't going to be decisive in a prospective 2024 primary battle with Trump. It is, however, what has put him in the game. It also is a large part of the reason that Republicans feel vested in and defensive of the governor, making it harder for Trump to mock and belittle him -- not that he isn't going to try. Trump accuses DeSantis of disloyalty and, if developing an issue that is going to be almost impossible for Trump to counteract counts, he's guilty as charged.

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

Things my Children will find it hard to Believe

As I write this my children are in their forties. Two were born in the sixties and one in seventy-two. When they came into the world, we had all the modern conveniences that we needed to make life comfortable. We had an air-conditioned home and cars. In 1953 Eisenhower approved the building of the interstate highways which by 1972 was moving ahead rapidly.

I would like to go back around twenty-eight years, 1936, when I came into the world. Following are a few things that you will find hard to believe. Most rural area especially in the south and Midwest had no electricity.

Only one in five families had an automobile.

About half of the public roads were impassable most of the year.

Poverty rate was over 25%.

Many schools were heated by coal or wood burning stoves.

Air travel was still years away (on a large scale).

Here are a few things our family went through

In the winter time we only had heat in the living room. If you put a glass of water in one of our bedrooms it would freeze to solid ice overnight.

A few nights when it snowed, we woke up with snow on the top quilt.

We walked everywhere we went; to the grocery store, to church, to neighbors. There were no fat kids back then. Winters were more severe back then.

Most children went barefooted in the summertime. We usually owned one pair of shoes which were worn to school and church.

Mom did not allow us to play in the house, even during winter time. We always found something to do outside. In good weather we played football, or board-on-deck ball, kick-the-can, or Annie over. In the winter time we went rabbit hunting, ice skating, or sled riding.

There was no T.V. until the 1950's. Most of the time we had no radio. We had to go down to the neighbor's home who had a radio.

Telephones were very rare in our

neighborhood. We got our first phone in 1953.

In our high school usually, no student had a car. Only about half of the teachers had a car. I got my first car in 1954 when I was a senior.

All nine of Mom and Dad's children were born at home. All lived to be at least 70.

Parents did not take their children to the doctor very often. It usually had to be an emergency.

At Christmas we usually got one or two toys. We made our own things to play with like; sling shots (flippers), bow and arrows, boats, sleds, click and wheels, and whistles.

It was tough back then but we had fun and very few of our failed our military tests.

We trusted our government, more.

We had fair elections.

We had very few divorces.

Neighbors helped neighbors.

Schools had good discipline because homes had discipline.

Children did chores at home.

College was hard and most students didn't go.

Most boys wanted to serve their time in the military.

Schools were for education. Sports were secondary.

Leaders loved their country.

Crime was low. Rural people didn't lock their doors.

The military was tough. Most men who lead

the training were WWII and Korea Vets.



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David Zubler
Columnist

Filing your return with a paystub

If you can't get your W-2 or other documents, there may be a way to file without them.

The IRS Form 4852 may be able to be used if you are unable to attain forms such as your W-2. Form 4852 can also be used for 1099-R which reports retirement distributions.

Form 4862 can also be used if the forms are incorrect. If you received an incorrect W-2 or 1099-R, you should always

attempt to have them send a corrected form.

The IRS requests that this form only be used after unsuccessful attempts to retrieve your W-2 or 1099-R.

Form 4852 is not designed to help you get your refund quicker, but it's an option when forms aren't provided in a timely manner.

The IRS assists people in getting their tax forms from employers or financial institutions if the forms haven't arrived by the end of February. However, this may not be their top priority if the IRS is understaffed.

Your last paystub may provide only some of the information needed to file your tax return correctly. Missing data includes amounts contributed to your retirement and employer contributions to health savings accounts.

Suppose you later receive your W-2 or other document and determine that your return was not correctly filed. In that case, you will need to file an amended return.

When filing Form 4852, you will be required to certify that you were unable to get the forms or that you received incorrect forms. It also requires you to certify that you contacted the

IRS before filing your return. You will need to explain how you arrived at your amounts. A simple statement such as "amounts taken from final paystub".

The IRS does not currently accept Form 4852 for e-filing. Your return will need to be mailed to the IRS.

Fill out Form 4852 to the best of your ability. However, there are several potential penalties for anyone who uses Form 4852 to attempt to avoid or evade their tax liability. These penalties can be steep. The 20% accuracy penalty is based on the amount that should have been paid. Civil fraud penalties equal to 75% of the tax that should have been paid can also be charged. The penalty for filing a frivolous tax return is a \$5,000 penalty.

IRS transcripts of your W-2 and 1099-R are another option for obtaining your information. However, the transcripts are typically unavailable until late May or early June.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Are There Recalled Foods in Your Freezer?

How many food items in your freezer, refrigerator or kitchen cabinet are on recall lists?

I spotted a food recall alert on the news, but I only heard part of the announcement. On to the internet I went, looking for the information. And sure enough, for the first time ever, I actually had a recalled food item. It was a bit unnerving to realize that I hadn't been reading all the recall alerts I get in my email inbox.

While looking for more sites that provide alerts, I came across one I hadn't known about: FoodManufacturing.com. Just in the past few weeks, they've put out alerts for a certain soup because of an error on the label, several brands of Vienna sausages, hot chocolate K-cups (it might contain peanut products), a pot roast meal, sprouts, fro-

zen chicken entrees, popcorn, frozen manicotti, diced beef ... and more.

To look at their list, go to the site and click on the "Recalls/Alerts" tab.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service arm of the Department of Agriculture issues alerts as well at www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls. Note the advanced search feature on the left side of the screen where you can filter by cause, risk level, states and more.

Food Safety (www.foodsafety.gov) provides information on the safe handling and storage of food.

Recalls.gov is another good site for recall notices. Click on the "Food" tab to see your on-line choices.

And what should I do with that recalled product I found in my freezer? I'm going to take it back to the store for a refund, of course.

On a sad note, did you see the Consumer Reports research on the amount of lead and cadmium in our favorite dark chocolate bars? Go to ConsumerReports.org and put "Lead and Cadmium Could Be in Your Dark Chocolate" in the search box.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Who released "Lady Sings the Blues" and when?
2. "I'm Still Standing" was released on which Elton John album?
3. Which song was the first to rank as No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100? When was that?
4. In 1953, Elvis Presley recorded a double-sided record with "My Happiness" and "That's When Your Heartaches Begin." Who was the record for?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Too many long conversations and no one is hearin' a word."

Answers

1. Diana Ross, in 1972. The song was on the double soundtrack album for the film of the same name, a biopic about singer Billie Holiday.
2. "Too Low for Zero," in 1983. The song did well on the charts, helped by an MTV video.
3. "Poor Little Fool," by Ricky Nelson, in 1958. The first thing Billboard ranked, however, wasn't records, it was sheet music, in 1913. Records weren't listed until 1936.
4. His mother, as a birthday present. Presley paid \$3.98 for the recording fee.
5. "Dancin' Shoes," by Nigel Olsson, in 1978. Olsson got his start in England with the Plastic Penny band and eventually collaborated with Elton John, Neil Sedaka, Rod Stewart and several others on numerous albums.

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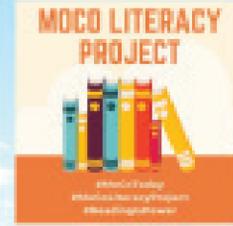
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Hebrews Chapters 3 & 4

(Hebrews 3:1-6) Christ in contrast to Moses: The readers are addressed as “holy brothers” who are “partakers of a heavenly calling”. They were called by the gospel (2 Thes. 2:14) into a special saved and set-apart relationship with God, namely the church (the origin of that term signifying “called out). Jesus is, in a special sense, designated as an “Apostle” because the word means “sent forth”, and God “sent” his Son to earth to die for sin (Jn. 4:34). Christ’s role as high priest is the major theme of this book (see 4:14). “Confession” suggests the Christian’s commitment to Christ in obedience.

Jesus was faithful to God to the point of perfection; Moses, Israel’s great leader, was “faithful” (relatively so) as well. Moses was faithful in God’s house (v. 2). The argument now unfolds that Christ was superior to Moses in several particulars, the point being the new covenant (of Christ) is greater than the old covenant (of Moses). (a) Jesus was the builder of God’s house; Moses was an inhabitant in God’s house. The builder is worthy of “more glory” than the resident (v. 3). (b) Every house is built by someone. This is the law of causation. Every effect must have an adequate cause! God is the builder of all things (v. 4)! The pre-incarnate Word (Christ (Jn. 1:14) was the active agent in the construction of the entire universe (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2, 10). (c) Moses was faithful in his house as a servant; Jesus was over his house as a Son (v.5).

The argument is clear; Judaizing apostates are leaving the greater for the lesser! These Jewish Christians must hold fast their hope to the very end (v. 6). Christians can forfeit their salvation, Calvinism to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Hebrews 3:7-11) Israel’s unbelief in the wilderness: the sacred writer quotes from the Holy Spirit, a divine person who speaks, and who speaks through Scripture (Psa. 95:7). There is an urgent warning to the reader. “Today”, do not “harden your hearts”. Hardening is a gradual process, and if allowed to continue, becomes fatal. Many church members today have religious arteriosclerosis. This is what the nation of Israel did during the days of Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, even though they saw the wonderful works of the Lord; God was not pleased with them (v. 10). Jehovah, with the measured “wrath” of justice, took an oath that they would not enter into his rest. As will be apparent subsequently, the “rest” was a symbolic picture of heaven. The unfaithful Christian risks losing his hope of heaven.

(Hebrews 3:12-19) the application of the example: the Old Testament example had an appropriate application to straying Christians in the first century. Note: (a) The warning is addressed to “brothers”, not those outside of Christ. (b) It is possible to develop an “evil heart of unbelief”. (c) Such results in “falling away” from God. (d) That falling away leads to eternal punishment (10:27; 30-31).

Accordingly, the saints are to exhort (encourage) one another every day, while there still is a today (of opportunity), so that sin does not “harden” them to the point of being beyond feeling (v. 13; Eph. 4:19). (The inference is that there is no postmortem plan of salvation---contra the theories of purgatory, baptism for the dead, a second chance after death, etc.)

If, therefore, one is to be a “partaker of Christ”, he must “hold fast” the confession (pledge of faithful obedience) which he made at the beginning of his Christian life; yes, grasp firmly to the very end (v. 14). Again the psalm is cited to buttress the point (v. 15). Was it not Israel who was led from Egypt by Moses? Was not God displeased with them for forty years? Did not their sins cause them to die in the wilderness (v. 17)? Those disobedient unbelievers were forbidden to enter his rest. The suggestion is: “Those of you flirting with apostasy had better take note; learn the lesson of history!” (Ps. 95:7-11).

(Hebrews 4:1-13) the conditional promised rest: the warning about missing the “rest” is repeated. Four times in this chapter the author seeks to encourage by the repetitious, “Let us”---an expression of exhortation. One must have a reverential “fear” of not receiving God’s “promise” of rest (non-rest is too horrible to contemplate!). While the promise remains, everyone should take advantage of it. It is

possible to “come short” of it. We Christians have had access to the gospel, just as ancient Israel had God’s word, but it did not profit them. Why not? Because that word did not express itself in faithful obedience (v. 2; Rom. 9:31-33).

Those who live their faith, according to divine guidance, can enter in (Rom. 6:1-5). God has undergirded his promises and warnings with a solemn oath (v. 3; Psa. 95:11). The present tense of the verb suggests a contemporary rest (Mt. 11:28), which ancient Israel never really enjoyed. It was not because Jehovah’s plan was ill-prepared; not at all, his plan was finished when the creation events were concluded on the initial week of earth’s history (v. 3).

Alluding to the final day of the creation week (Gen. 2:2), “rest” was used in the sense of the Lord’s cessation from creating activity (God never grows tired). The writer transitions to a different type of “rest”. It is a divine rest yet available, but which ancient Israel did not appreciate and never entered, Israel missed out because they were stubbornly rebellious (v. 4-6). And these wavering saints who are being addressed were on the precipice of missing the rest as well. Again, David’s psalm (95:7) is cited to make the point: “Pay attention to Scripture immediately”. The ever-present “Today” is defined as the time to “hear” God’s truth, refrain from hardening your heart (v. 7), and “obey” (implied from v. 6) him.

While the rest was never obtained under Joshua, nonetheless, the writer contends, “There remains a sabbath rest for the people of God” (v. 9). This passage has been seriously perverted by two groups---Sabbatarians and those under the spell of Darwinism. The Sabbatarians allege that the text constitutes proof that the Sabbath is binding in the Christian age. Those who seek to accommodate the Bible to evolutionary chronology contend that this is proof that the “day” of Genesis 1 were long eons of time. This supposedly accommodates evolution’s gradual development. Even Darwinists admit that without billions of years of time, evolution could never have occurred. Time is called the “key” to Darwinism.

Both groups commit the same interpretative error. They substitute a figurative use of the term Sabbath (here in Hebrews 4) for the literal use in Genesis 1. This irresponsible confusing of the two contexts is a colossal blunder. Back, then, to the Hebrews theme, the inspired author affirms that whoever enters into God’s rest enjoys a cessation from labor, just as the Lord did on the original Sabbath (v. 10).

Again, there comes the “let us” call to faithful service. Christians must give diligence to enter that rest, and not fall after Israel’s bad example of disobedience. There is an emphasis in this book on “obedience” versus “disobedience”---in glaring contrast to the notion that salvation is by “faith alone” (v 11). The point now to be made is that unfaithfulness never remains undetected.

The “word of God” (that issuing from God) is not a dead document. It contains intrinsic power to enliven and energize. Its penetrating power is depicted as shaper than a sword with two edges. It divides between the “soul” and “spirit” (sometimes used interchangeable; always considered intimately connected) and between the “joints” and “marrow” (a hyperbolic statement representing its surgical-like precision in discrimination). It probes the thoughts and intentions of the mind. No creature is hidden from God; all things are exposed before him to whom we must give account ultimately.

(Hebrews 4:4-16) a preview of our high priest: next is preparatory introduction to a lengthy section concerning the high priesthood of our Lord. We, as sinful creatures, have a tremendous need for someone to intercede for us before the perfectly holy God (Isa. 6:3), who is too pure to tolerate sin (Heb. 1:13). Thank the Lord, therefore, that we have a “great high priest” in heaven, Jesus Christ. He is touched by our infirmities and helps us with our burdens. He knows what temptation is like, for he was tempted in the major avenues of temptation while he was on earth (Mt. 4:1; 1 Jn. 2:15-16). We must, therefore, hold fast our confession (commitment to the Savior), and with boldness draw near to the throne from which he dispenses divine favor for our assistance in times of need.

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The Garden Bug Our national flower

In 1985, the United States Senate passed a resolution asking the president to declare the rose as the national floral emblem. On Nov. 20, 1986 President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation certifying the rose as the U.S. national flower in a ceremony at the White House Rose Garden. - Brenda Weaver

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When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

LUKE 5:4-6

Historically Speaking

2023 Lunch 4 Literacy Luncheon featuring Kim Michele Richardson

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Kim Michele Richardson is a NEW YORK TIMES, LOS ANGELES TIMES and USA TODAY bestselling author. She lives in Kentucky and writes historical fiction set in familiar surroundings, with characters easily identifiable with the rural Kentucky setting.

Richardson has said of her writing, "I stumbled across the heroic librarians of the Great Depression and the rare blue skinned Kentuckians. I could not stop thinking about them and wanted to embrace their strengths and uniqueness in story." And that she has most certainly done. The lead characters in her books are strong-willed women who face hardship head on and demonstrate the strength of character often found in women who have struggles in life.

Have you heard of the blue-skinned people? You may want to preview this condition prior to the luncheon so you will better understand what Richardson is including in her story and why the condition existed in rare individuals, as recent as the 1970's: <https://www.iflscience.com/the-science-behind-the-mysterious-blue-people-of-kentucky-47413>

Troublesome Creek, Kentucky, is the setting for this look at the mysterious blue skinned people starting in 1820 when Martin Fugate came to live there and married Elizabeth Smith. Four of their seven children were blue skinned. The latest person to exhibit this rare condition was Benjamin Stacey, born in 1975.

Richardson captures the impact of such odd colored skin as well as other struggles of the region during the Great Depression and shows the determination of a single woman who was convinced books could bring meaning to the depressed area and their people who were struggling just to make a living. The narrative is exciting and is said to be an "...important footnote of history that should be prized and preserved." See the many more accolades here: <https://www.kimmichelerichardson.com/the-book-woman-of-troublesome-creek>

She has been recognized with multiple awards for her five historical fiction novels and a bestselling memoir. We are fortunate she has agreed to speak to the Lunch 4 Literacy Luncheon.

Richardson has agreed to be the featured speaker via Zoom at the annual Lunch 4 Literacy luncheon held by the ALTRUSA Club of Oak Ridge and the Breakfast Rotary Club of Oak Ridge. The past few years have seen the luncheon remain a premier annual Oak Ridge event despite the limitations caused by the pandemic.

In addition to the event, here are some other methods of enjoying a fuller experience of Richardson's work: Passage Read by Author: <https://youtu.be/2Ln-lKjogt3M>

Free 70-page Book Woman of Troublesome Creek Companion Booklet download with historical photos, recipes, and tips from the 1930s KY packhorse librarian initiative:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/sum63mkpyw63ocw/BookWomansDaughter-BookClubGuide.pdf?dl=0>
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Official Book Woman of Troublesome Creek Book

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/pytN4Lrsees>

Official Book Woman's Daughter Book Trailer:

<https://youtu.be/r6NZVWtuBes>

Full Version Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXc7cjPUOsY>

"Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" tribute song by Ruby Friedman Orchestra: <https://youtu.be/tPPvk-TkxNc>

\$32,218 was awarded by the Altrusa Foundation and the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club Foundation.

The 2022 Lunch 4 Literacy grant recipients were: Clinton Middle College and Career Academy, Lake City Middle School, Norris Middle School, Norwood Middle School, and Robertsville Middle School received funding for author visits by popular children's author Nathan Hale for students of all six Anderson County and Oak Ridge middle schools.

Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC) received funding for backpacks and

supplies for its annual School Supplies Program.

Boys & Girls Clubs of North Anderson County received funding for books and supplies for the "Rookie Readers" after-school program for K-2 kids at four club locations.

Clinton Middle College and Career Academy received funding for copies of graphic-novel version of book, to support eighth-grade English instruction.

Dutch Valley Elementary School's "Future Pioneers" program received funding for books and supplies for outreach to preschool-age children and families.

Dutch Valley Elementary received funding for books and supplies for Reading Enrichment activities to encourage readers to develop more advanced reading skills.

Emory Valley Early Learning Center received funding for math and literacy games, toys and books for the new outdoor classroom/natural playground.

Friends of Literacy received funding for Literacy to Go book/resource packs for use by Oak Ridge Preschool families during school breaks.

Glenwood Elementary School received funding for books for the school's "Book Vending Machine" used in an initiative to reduce truancy by incentivizing attendance.

Grand Oaks Elementary School Library received funding for books to update the collection in the school library.

Grand Oaks received funding for art supplies and books for programming that links art and literacy.

Grand Oaks fourth grade received funding for "book tasting" and other activities to engage students and families in reading. Roane Imagination Library received funding for contribution toward the local share of costs of sending Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books to local kids.

So, make plans now to attend the annual Lunch 4 Literacy Luncheon on March 21, 2023, at 11:30 AM at the Oak Ridge High School for social networking gathering and box lunches, or at 12:45 PM for the event and online speaker in the auditorium.

Tickets are available at Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-lunch-for-literacy-tickets-517107651907>



2023 Lunch for Literacy
featuring
Kim Michele Richardson
March 21, 2023 -- 11:30-1:30
Oak Ridge High School
Tickets available on
Eventbrite
\$50
In-person luncheon and program
with keynote speaker attending
virtually.
Doors will open at 11:30 for
networking and boxed lunch in
the ORHS Food Court. Program
will begin at 12:45 in the ORHS
Auditorium. Guests may enjoy
their lunch prior to the program,
or they can wait to "grab and go"
at the program's conclusion.

Signed copies of both books available for purchase at the luncheon.

Lunch 4 Literacy poster featuring Kim Michele Richardson, New York Times bestselling author

An interview with Kim Michele Richardson: https://www.bookbrowse.com/author_interviews/full/index.cfm/author_number/3243/kim-michele-richardson

Additionally, signed copies of The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek (\$16) and The Book Woman's Daughter (\$17) will be available for purchase at the following locations:

Bud's Coffee Shop
The Ferrell Shop
The Oak Ridge Library
Southern Bliss Boutique
TN Bank

As you can see, this year is no exception for the annual Lunch 4 Literacy Luncheon as a nationally well-known bestselling author is again featured. Also, other experiential options to enjoy the program are available as well as the opportunity to purchase and read her books.

Thanks to the several faithful sponsoring organizations and the continuing support of attendees, more literacy grants are anticipated in 2023. Last year



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John Burns

Opinion Columnist

This is a word every Christian should learn if they intend to be part of Jesus Christ's future Kingdom.

It first appears in scripture in Genesis 8. It is no coincidence that water and until are contained in the first teaching of the Bible. Water is always replaced by something better, and water baptism is no different.

Jesus Christ is a Jewish rabbi. He wrote the Bible before he spoke our universe into existence. He is sovereign over the affairs of men, and he saw water baptism being prostituted by men claiming faith in Messiah, long before it became a Christian phenomenon after the reformation of Martin Luther.

Luther failed to bring blood baptism back into Christian witness as he moved further and further away from Old Testament truth. Martin Luther believed gentiles replaced Jews in God's salvation plan. Nothing can be further from a scriptural truth perspective than this heretical doctrine.

Genesis 29:5 is an allusion to the future baptism of the Holy Spirit after the resurrection. Until the stone was rolled away, the shepherds had no anointing to feed the sheep. Jesus Christ solidified this teaching when he restored Peter three times after the resurrection as he extolled him to feed his sheep.

In Genesis 33, Jacob wrestles with an angel, until the light of day replaced the darkness that permeated Jacob the deceiver's life. Now God could use him, and he changed his name from one who deceives to one who wrestles with God and wrestles with man, Israel.

Genesis 49:10 is an important prophecy not understood by gentile Christians in America. The scepter would not depart from the kingly line of Judah until Shiloh come. Shiloh is an Old Testament name of Jesus Christ. It is a place and it is a reference to the first coming of Jesus Christ.

A scepter is what rulers carry as a symbol of authority. By the time of the advent of Messiah, the true king in Israel was replaced with an Edomite sitting on the throne of Judah, and the priests had been stripped of their right to enforce capitol punishment for violating God's covenants.

Both occurred only years before Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. This is one reason according to the word of God, Jesus Christ had to arrive on the scene when he did. The Babylonian pantheon was being accepted by the priests in Jerusalem, and Herod the Edomite was being accepted as king. Our high priest had to come fulfill God's perfect will for his life to fulfill an until prophecy.

Exodus 10:26 shows how far away from monotheism established in the garden had morphed into Egyptian ideology. They were concerned with leaving cattle behind in Egypt for fear of not being able to fulfill the religious nature of the worship of YHWH. They had forgotten God intended to save humanity through a lamb, not a bull.

Until the Israelites entered Sinai, the law had still not been given. How did men govern themselves morally without the letter of the law? Why did they forget that God saved Eve and Adam through the blood of a lamb? The comfort of Egypt where the pollution of the Mazza Roth began, caused them to forget their responsibility to teach God's plan of redemption by gazing skyward at night.

Exodus 12 introduces us to the unleavened bread representing sin. The Israelites are commanded to eat it from the 14th day of the first month until the 20th day of the first month. After the lamb was slain and prepared, the blood was smeared upon the doorposts, the Hebrews were commanded to eat nothing but unleavened bread for 7 days. Why?

Leaven is a symbol God uses often in the Bible to point out sin.

Until

Only the blood of Messiah could cover the leaven of sin permeating the lives of all of us. Nothing else deals with sin.

Water was changed to wine at the wedding supper of Cana because Jesus Christ became our high priest of the eternal covenant, and God was teaching his plan to reward Jesus Christ with a virgin bride covered in the blood of the Lamb of God. No need for her to be immersed in water.

Why has Jewish tradition been adopted by gentile preachers? Matthew 23, a very Jewish book and a very Jewish phenomenon rendering God time through the written word.

Jesus Christ reveals the plan of God in human history. The tragedy of all human history, and the triumph of all human history.

Oh, how often I desired to gather you unto myself, like a hen gathers her chicks, and ye would not. Behold your house is left unto you desolate, and ye shall not see me henceforth UNTIL ye say, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

This statement alone proves God is not done with my ancestors and your gentile cousins. Replacement theology is the most destructive heresy the organized church has ever adopted, and all of those who would advance this doctrine, will never enter the coming Kingdom of Yeshua ha Messiaich.

Jesus Christ uses until to teach us how many times we are to forgive others. This is an abject lesson in mercy. To forgive seven times is never enough, but until you forgive seventy times seven times. Hallelujah! I am so glad I can be forgiven so many times by God and I pray the men who killed the prophets will realize this!

Wine is an analogy to human suffering. Jesus Christ said he would drink no more of the wine of human suffering until he came into his Kingdom. Why? It was Passover, and in a few hours, he would endure the cross.

Drinking wine would have to wait until he received his promised bride as a reward, and his Davidic kingdom as an inheritance. When will Jesus Christ's kingdom manifest?

Luke 21:24 Until the times of the gentiles be fulfilled. This is the key to understanding God keeps time through the lens of national Israel and we are in the last days of the times of the gentiles. God is once again saving Jews through the blood of his Lamb, and Israel is in the land and prospering.

Return to belief in Old Testament truths, and leave Roman religious bondage for a life serving the King of eternity! He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood.

He is alive forevermore, and he is returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 8-21-2022

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

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

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

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MoCo Today's Veteran of the Week

United States Navy veteran Captain Thomas Gunning Kelly served our country during the Vietnam War while assigned to River Assault Division 152. While serving in the Ong Muong Canal, Kien Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam he went above and beyond the call of duty in combat on June 15, 1969.

For his heroic actions in combat, he was awarded the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Richard M. Nixon on May 14, 1970.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in the afternoon while serving as commander of River Assault Division 152 during combat operations against enemy aggressor forces. Lt. Comdr. (then Lt.) Kelley was in charge of a column of eight river assault craft which were extracting one company of U.S. Army infantry troops on the east bank of the Ong Muong Canal in Kien Hoa Province, when one of the armored troop carriers reported a mechanical failure of a loading ramp. At approximately the same time, Viet Cong forces opened fire from the opposite bank of the canal. After issuing orders for the crippled troop carrier to raise its ramp manually, and for the remaining boats to form a protective cordon around the disabled



craft, Lt. Comdr. Kelley, realizing the extreme danger to his column and its inability to clear the ambush site until the crippled unit was repaired, boldly maneuvered the monitor in which he was embarked to the exposed side of the protective cordon in direct line with the enemy's fire, and ordered the monitor to commence firing. Suddenly, an enemy rocket scored a direct hit on the coxswain's flat, the shell penetrating the thick armor plate, and the explosion spraying shrapnel in all directions. Sustaining serious head wounds from the blast, which hurled him to the deck of the monitor, Lt. Comdr. Kelley disregarded his severe injuries and attempted to continue directing the other boats. Although unable to move from the deck or to speak clearly into the radio, he succeeded in relaying his commands through one of his men until the enemy attack was silenced and the boats were able to move to an area of safety. Lt. Comdr. Kelley's brilliant leadership, bold initiative, and resolute determination served to inspire his men and provide the impetus needed to carry out the mission after he was medically evacuated by helicopter. His extraordinary courage under fire and his selfless devotion to duty sustain and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week



Supervisory Officer Jacqueline Montanaro of the United States Department of Homeland Security died tragically on Saturday, January 14, 2023 from injuries she sustained while trying to rescue her daughter from a fire in Hazlet, New Jersey.

When the fire broke out around midnight, Officer Montanaro evacuated from her burning home with her husband and eight-year-old daughter. She re-entered the home in an attempt to rescue their six-year-old daughter who was still inside.

Officer Montanaro was found unconscious, trapped inside with trauma to her arms and hands. She was transported to Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center where she succumbed to her injuries at 1:40 am. Her six-year-old daughter did not survive the fire.

Officer Montanaro had served with the United States Department of Homeland Security – Customs and Border Protection – Office of Field Operations for sixteen years and was assigned to the Newark Liberty International Airport.

She was forty-years-old and is survived by her husband, daughter, parents, grandmother, sister, and two brothers.

Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers in Jesus' name.



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 1 yellow onion
 ¼ cup of flour
 1 cup sour cream
 2 cups chicken broth
 1 cup of 2% milk
 1-3/4 cups of Monterey Jack Cheese
 1 cup mild Cheddar Cheese
 ¼ cup of Parmesan Cheese
 Salt and pepper to taste
Grandma Nancy's Lamb Rub Ingredients
 2 tablespoons of dried rosemary
 1 tablespoon of marjoram
 1 tablespoon dried parsley
 1 tablespoon cumin
 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
 3 teaspoons of garlic salt
 1 teaspoon of lemon pepper
 1 teaspoon ground mustard
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 1 teaspoon ground black pepper

Step one:

Mix contents of Grandma Nancy's lamb rub together in a bowl.

Step two:

Place 2 pounds of sliced lamb chops on a ceramic plate and allow meat to get to near room temperature. Coat meat liberally with olive oil and sprinkle both sides with lamb rub and allow to rest for a minimum of one hour.

Step three:

Slice one yellow onion in small dices, place in a large sauté pan with six tablespoons of butter. Sauté onions in butter till they become translucent (approximately 2 minutes). Add ¼ cup flour and cook for an additional 1 minute while whisking vigorously. Add 1 cup of milk, continue whisking

ensuring there are no lumps. When it begins to thicken, add two cups of chicken broth. Whisk together until ingredients begin to thicken (2-4 minutes).

Step four:

Remove sauté Pan from heat. Add 1-3/4 cups of Monterey Jack Cheese and 1 cup mild Cheddar Cheese, and 1 cup sour cream to creamy base. Whisk until all ingredients are combined. Should be a smooth, creamy mix. Taste base and add salt and pepper to taste. (In my recipe I added a teaspoon of salt and pepper).

Step five:

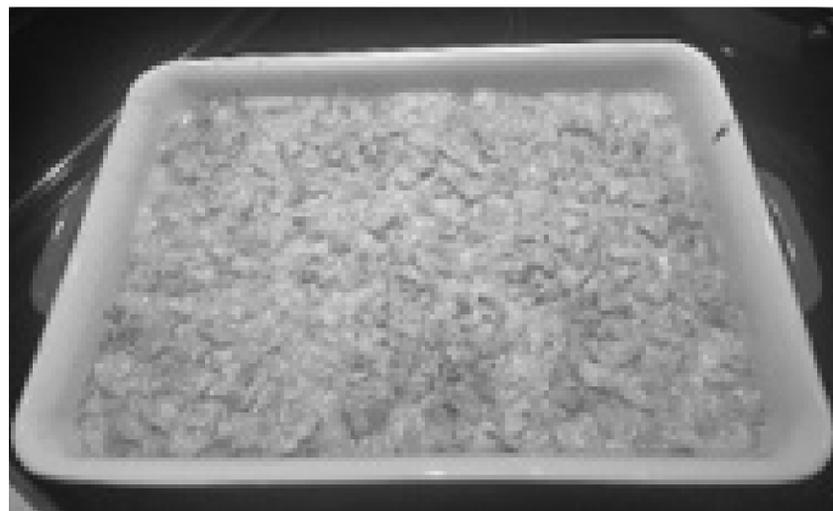
Add shredded hash browns to mixture. Whisk hash browns into creamy mix. (Approximately 1 minute whisking time)

Step six:

Coat 9 x 13-inch pan with one tablespoon of butter, pour hash brown creamy mix into pan. Top with 2 cups of crushed kettle cooked chips mixed with ¼ cup of parmesan cheese

Step seven:

Place Potato Casserole in 350-degree preheated oven. Bake for 45 minutes.



Step eight:

Cook Lamb Chops:

Using a large iron skillet, place two tablespoons of olive oil in skillet with stove set on high temperature. Sear lamb chops for 3 ½ minutes on each side and remove from pan and allow to rest for 5 minutes before serving.



Scott County Today

Huntsville Mayor Dennis Jeffers Has Wonderful News for Entire County: New Mexican Restaurant Coming To Town

By Richard Spears

Huntsville Mayor Dennis Jeffers and El Patron Restaurant Co-Owner Carlos Perez finally got to share the good news they have been working toward for over the past three years: Huntsville will be the new home of a Mexican restaurant with a diverse menu of extraordinary Mexican specialties, as well as all of the regular items you would expect, served by a family of experienced Mexican cooks, and brought to your table with a passion for customer service. Perez, who has restaurants in Wartburg and Rockwood told the Morgan County Today,

“We’re really looking forward to coming to Scott County. Our restaurant in Huntsville will be called ‘Mi Barril,’ and will have a menu similar to our El Patron locations.” It was that menu, Mayor Jeffers said, that attracted him to pursue the possibility of bringing a restaurant of El Patron’s quality to Huntsville. Jeffers told the Morgan County Today, “My wife Amy and I discovered El Patron in Wartburg years ago. We knew they had been there over 14 years and were a really good place to dine out. During one of our trips there about four years ago, I asked to meet the owner and was introduced to Carlos Perez. We began talking about Scott County, and specifically Huntsville, and soon our conversation turned into Carlos coming up to

look into locating a new version of El Patron in Huntsville. We have been working on ironing out the details for over three years, but I’m so excited that Carlos will be locating his new place on Baker Highway, where the Fireside Restaurant used to be.”

On Monday, February 6, Jeffers met Perez at the site and placed a “Coming Soon” sign for Mi Barril Restaurant. Since that day, work has begun to prepare the site for the new building (see photo below). Carlos said he is already ordering custom made furniture and fixtures for the restaurant with hopes of opening near the end of Spring, weather permitting.

Carlos Perez said he was aware of quite a few folks coming down Highway 27 from Scott County to his Wartburg location, attracted by both his very reasonably priced menu and several items on his menu that are unique. “We try to have both the traditional Mexican items, as well as some things we feel like are house spe-



cialties. We also have vegetarian cuisine, and many different combination selections.” Mi Barril will also have quite a few affordable lunch specials, several seafood selections and a popular dessert item- the banana chimichanga, which are bananas rolled in flour tortillas, deep fried, smothered in caramel sauce and served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

While the process has taken some time, Mayor Jeffers said, “The end result, having a new sit down restaurant in the area that will be a great place to go without leaving the county, will, I believe prove to be well worth the wait. But, don’t take my word for it. When Mi Barril opens, try them out and see for yourself. And, I want to say, thanks to Mr. Perez and his family for choosing Huntsville for their new location. A restaurant this good could have chosen to go anywhere.”

Carlos Perez added, “My family and I are grateful and thank God for the opportunity to come be a part of this community. We can’t wait to get to know all the great people in Scott County.”



VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

\$30 Million for Homeless Veterans Grants

The Department of Veterans Affairs is gearing up to award \$30 million to organizations to hire case managers across the country to support homeless veterans for two years beginning this October. Those 150 case managers will assist with searching for and obtaining permanent housing and troubleshooting any barriers to keeping that housing.

Those barriers to finding and keeping housing can range from having a poor credit history, to being behind in rent, to having legal problems and more.

The VA goes by the Housing First philosophy: The veteran needs the stability of housing before taking additional steps to improve quality of life. Once the veteran is in permanent housing, the rest of the work starts -- job training, mental health care, education assistance, medical care ... whatever it takes to keep them in their home. The Housing First model was tested early on, and the results were promising: In a test of the first 177 homeless veterans, the program reduced the waiting time for housing placement from 235 days to 35.

If you're a homeless veteran or know someone who is, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838) or see www.va.gov/homeless. If you know that you're likely to be homeless soon, don't wait until the last minute. Reach out for help now. There are resources to help you with health care, employment, housing and much more. You can also go to your closest VA medical center. While you're there, ask about Community Resource and Referral Centers (CRRCs) and their list of contacts who have the resources to help.

If your community group works to assist homeless veterans, take a look at the Housing First information at www.va.gov/

HOMELESS/nchav/resources/housing-programs/housing-first.asp.

Applications for the Case Management Grants must be received by May 4, 2023. See the notice in the Federal Register at <https://tinyurl.com/27x3djay>. If you have questions, contact the Grant and Per Diem Program at GPDGrants@va.gov.

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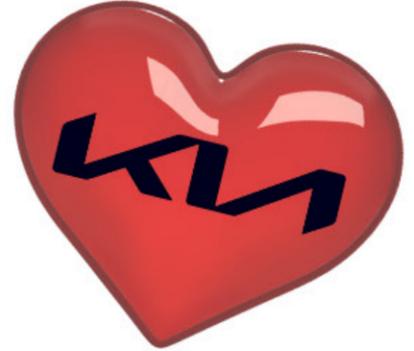
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