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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

This year has started ruff. Not only is my family dealing with the loss of Thomas but, we have been spend-

ing a lot of time with Mimi's sister that is trying to heal from a very bad accident.

You see, she is kinda famous for not liking dogs. But, you know what? I think she kinda wuffs me. She plays with me and pets me, let's me sit in her lap and even gives me Shreaded Wheat from her very own bowl. Mimi says she has never saw her treat a dog like she does me.

Well, I do try to be very nice to her and I give her my best puppy dog face when she

eats. She tells me that I am going to get her in trouble with Mimi. So shhh, don't tell Mimi that she gives me Shreaded Wheat. Mimi tells her I get the trots if I eat stuff that Dr Bristol says I'm not supposed to. That doesn't seem to faze her. She gives me some anyway. It sure

is yummy. I wish she would give me more than she does but, she says that she doesn't want to get into trouble with Mimi.

That woman, I wuff her but, who does she think she is? Telling people to NOT give me yummy things. I just don't know about her sometimes...

So any-woof, for more of my Pet Per-

spectives like and follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING

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

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

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

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

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

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 reor-

ganizations, 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.

Morgan County Republican Party steve@highland.net 505-414-9399

Together Morgan County will meet Friday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m. at Morgan County Schools Central Office. The February meeting will focus on the 2023 Action Plan and ways the collaborative can work to benefit Morgan County Families. Current projects include GREATS, Kindergarten Readiness Kits, Little Free Libraries and a new story walk for Morgan County. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WEEKLY WEATHER



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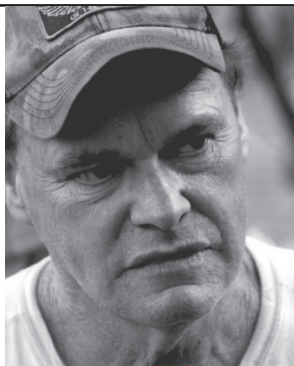


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In Loving Memory

Johnny Armes, 71



Johnny Armes, 71, of Petros began the path that led him into the arms of Jesus and the beautiful homecoming in Heaven with his family waiting for him on Sunday, January 29, 2023. We know they were as happy to be rejoined with him as we are heartbroken to be separated, even for a short time.

Johnny was preceded in death by his wife Joy Armes; parents Morgan and Carrie Armes; brothers Billy, Fred, Morgan Jr., Jimmie, Steve and special cousin Sidney Armes; sisters Agnes Thompson, Carolyn Armes, Tate Trout, and Martha Armes, infant and loving nephew Joshua Crouch and a host of numerous uncles, aunts, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces, granddaughter, many special friends and his mother-in-law Rhoda Dagley who was always on his side.

He is survived by his son TC Armes, daughters April Hutcherson, Nina (Andy) Moore, and Kerri (Adam) Carroll; grandchildren Kera (Brad) Frederick, Allie Pat-

erson, Andrew Moore, Micah (Jake) Cooley, Johnny Carroll, Peyton Hutcherson, Anthony Hembree, John Thomas and Vincent Potter; great grandchildren Bailey, Brady, Bentley, Cashlyn and Joy Patterson, Milah and Jase Cooley; brother Joe Armes and wife, Ran-

di; sister Gerilda Armes; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Bob and Nina Calvert and brother-in-law Buck Dagley; sisters-in-law Ann Dagley and Barbara Majors and a host of nieces, nephews, too many to count but he counted every one of them.

Johnny was the rock of the family that we all leaned on. He loved the mountains, hunting, his dogs, and most of all, his family and friends who he always stood with, no matter what.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Johnny Armes.

James JW Armes, 74



Mr. James "JW" Armes, age 74 of Wartburg, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. He was a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church. JW was also a member of Emerald Lodge #377 F&AM in Wartburg where he served as Chaplain for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Sabe and Madie Daugherty Armes. And one brother: Edwin Goad.

He is survived by his sister: Betty Armes. His nephew: Eddie Goad. Special friends: Faye and Buffy.

Along with several extended family members and a host of friends and loved ones.

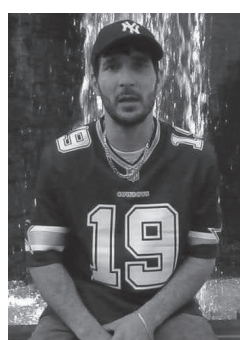
The family will receive friends Saturday February 4, 2023 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg. A Masonic

service will be held at 11:00 AM followed by funeral services with Rev. Jamie Basler and Rev. Buster Armes officiating. Interment will follow in the Petros Cemetery.

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, is honored to serve the family of Mr. James "JW" Armes.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.davisfuneralhomes.com.

Eric Coleman, 43



Eric Coleman, 43, of Lancing passed away January 30, 2023 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.

He is preceded in death by his mother Emma Coleman; father Revell Coleman; brother Walter Collier and son Gauge Coleman.

He is survived by his wife Freedom Ridge; children Dustin Coleman, Kolt "Duece" Murphy, Jasmine Copher, Dakota Hooks and wife Dakotah Hooks, Madison Ridge, Bryson Phillips-Ridge and Chloe Hayes; and several grandchildren; brother Revell and wife Cheryl Coleman; sisters Angela and husband Mike

Reynolds, Sue and husband Jason Anderson, Tabitha Coleman, Angel Stevens and Samantha Wynn; in-laws Gina Sutton and Gordon Rogers, Michael Ridge, and Sharon Rich and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, February 2, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. Graveside services will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Old Petros Cemetery in Petros.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Eric Coleman.

Edith Johnson, 76



Born October 8, 1946, in Orange County, Texas to parents Joseph William and Dollie Mae Ellis, Edith Marie Johnson passed away peacefully at home with her loving husband of 40 years by her side on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Edith was an almost-life-long resident of Wartburg.

She had a love of music, dancing, fishing, cook outs, swimming, and being at the beach; she loved nothing more than spending time with her family. When Edith wasn't working, she was busy spoiling her grandchildren. Her smile would light up the room and her hugs would warm your heart. Edith's sweet, kind, and loving spirit will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by both of her parents; brother, George and wife Shirley Ellis; son, Mickey Lynn

Goad.

She is survived by her husband, Rick Johnson of Wartburg; Daughter, Cathy Potter and husband Don of Frankfort, TN (Cassie, Don, Chad); Daughter, Teresa Pierce of Oliver Springs (Crystal, Sara, Jonathan, Karan); Son, Clyde Goad of Wartburg (Jodie); Daughter, Tammy Mullins of Clinton (Robert Lee, Delicia, Tabatha), and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5:00PM to 7:00PM, Friday, February 10, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, with funeral services following at 7:00PM, officiated by Brother Gene Garrett. Graveside service will be held 11:00AM, Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Willard Park Cemetery in Harriman.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Edith Marie Johnson.

Mildred Henry, 92



On January 30, 2023, Mildred Henry, age 92, moved to her heavenly home to live forever with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a devoted mother who loved her children with such a passion that she could barely contain it. Her love was immeasurable, and her family was her world.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Quenton; two sons, Quenton (Dickey) and Jeff Henry; and beloved son-in-law, Kirk Adams; parents, Charles Smith, Farley and Pearl Davis; brothers and sister; Paul, W.C., Junior Smith, and Violet Gunter.

She leaves behind her daughter and caregiver, Tammy Adams; Daughters-in-law, Mary Lou and Judy Henry; grandchildren, Summer Henry, Todd (Kellye) Henry, Tamekka (Corey) Keathley, Skylar Adams, and Megan Henry

(Caleb); seven great grandchildren: Nevaeh, Emma, Elijah, Sawyer, Reese, Brynlee, and Mallory. Also, her best friend, Jo Tilson and very special friend, Ruby. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and her church family.

Mildred was a very special lady and was loved by all who met her. She will be missed so dearly. Especially by her daughter.

The family will receive friends Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg, from 1-2 PM with funeral service to follow at 2:00 PM with Pastor Ralph Nance and Bro. Randall Landrum officiating. Interment will follow in the family cemetery in Sunbright (Mill Creek).

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mildred Henry.

James Edward Ledford Sr., 77

Mr. James Edward Ledford Sr., age 77 of Deer Lodge, passed away Thursday, February 2, 2023, at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. James was a proud member of the Sunbright Church of God of Prophecy.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Robert Ledford and Ethel Fielding Ledford And two sisters: Evelyn Husky and Linda Bridges

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years: Mary Garrett Ledford

Two sons: Jimmy (Jeannie) Ledford and Clifford Ledford Two daughters: Shawna (Trevor) Loy and Tonya (James) Andrews Five grandchildren: Rachel Andrews, Chloe and Hunter Coffman,

Ethan Greenway and Jonas Ledford One brother: Denny Ledford Five sisters: Della and Wanda Ledford, Carrie Henderson, Delsie Everett and Wilma McClain And a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

The family will meet at the Sunbright Church of God of Prophecy on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM for the memorial service. Pastor Terry Potter will be officiating.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.davisfuneralhomes.com

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, is honored to serve the family of Mr. James Edward Ledford Sr.

Who is New York, Democrat Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader in the House of Representatives?



Michael Nance
Columnist

Everyone is waiting to see how the newly elected Republican Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy and the Democratic minority leader Hakeem Jeffries

work together in Congress. It doesn't look promising as Jeffries recently attempted to reappoint Representatives Eric Swalwell and Adam Schiff, both Democrats from California to the intelligence committee. He attempted this move despite House Speaker Kevin McCarthy being previously on the record that he would reject such a reappointment. This article gives a brief glimpse of Jeffries biography, career and voting record that can be contrasted against McCarthy's. It appears from the data, that Jeffries and McCarthy are on opposite ends of the political spectrum, not a good sign for bipartisan legislation.

Hakeem Sekou Jeffries was born on August 4, 1970, in Brooklyn, New York. He grew up, and called home, Brooklyn's Crown Heights neighborhood. He attended the State University of New York at Binghamton, obtaining a bachelor's degree in political science in 1992. In 1994, he earned a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He then later attended New York University law school and graduated in 1997. After clerking for Judge Harold Baer, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in 1997-98,

Jeffries entered private legal practice working for the law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Jeffries was eventually offered a partnership, but instead decided to pursue a career in politics. Beginning in 2000, Jeffries began to criticize fellow democrat incumbent New York State Assemblyman Roger Green. Jeffries pointed at Green's focus on running for higher office and subordinating the concerns of his constituents as complaints. Jeffries challenged Green in the 2000 state election but lost in the democratic primary. In 2006, Green set his sights on congress and sought to unseat 10th congressional district Representative Edolphus Towns. His bid for congress was unsuccessful but he had to resign his New York State Assembly post to run in the congressional election which gave Jeffries the opportunity to run for the state seat. Jeffries won the election and became a New York State Assemblyman in 2006.

During his six years in the New York Assembly, Jeffries was politically active, introducing over 70 bills of legislation. Soon, Jeffries also looked towards capitol hill and ran for election in the U.S. Congress.

Jeffries was elected to the House of Representatives in 2013. He defeated both his democratic primary challengers and Republican Alan Bellone in the general election by huge majorities.

Being in congress less than 6 years, Jeffries challenged California Congresswoman Barbara Lee to become the chairman of the House Democratic Caucus. On November 28, 2018, Jeffries defeated

her gaining this very powerful position within the democratic political machine in Washington. Reviewing his current net worth, most sources indicate that he is worth an estimated at 1.5 million dollars. Reading his voting record, on many subjects it is diametrically opposed to the position of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy. AA brief summary of his voting record is listed below.

According to <http://politicsthatwork.com/voting-record/Hakeem-Jeffries-412561>:

Summary of voting record:

Representative Jeffries opposes big business, hawkish foreign policy, taxing the middle class, domestic surveillance and supports taxing businesses, consumer protection, disaster relief, funding education, environmental protection, financial sector regulation, gun control, public health, foreign and humanitarian aid, humane



immigration policy, labor rights and wages, lgbt rights, avoiding default, poverty amelioration, racial equality, increasing revenues, taxing the wealthy, countering Russian interference, a robust safety net, higher spending, women's rights.



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Cole Burchell (CatFish Cole)

Valentine's Day Traditions from Around the World

With Valentine's Day creeping around the corner, everyone is beginning to feel the love in the air, the love across the globe even. The traditional flowers and chocolate hearts are an icon here in the States during February. Though, the nations of the world seem to have very different and unique ways of celebrating their love for one another. Like in-

Denmark - The Danish send their crush a joke letter signed with dots so that the recipient must guess the identity of the sender. If they are correct the sender owes them a chocolate egg.

South Korea - Where it is quite the opposite to here in the U.S. with boyfriends and husbands being praised and receiving chocolates and flowers.



Germany - Instead of hearts the Deutsche exchanged chocolate pigs which represent luck and other things.

Philippines - Where they hold mass weddings with many couples coming together to say their vows. Sponsored by the local government to allow the poverty class to marry.

Argentina - Instead of cold Feb. Argentinians celebrate in warm July with "the week of sweetness" where they exchange the usual gifts.

Ghana - The second largest producer of cacao has celebrated National Chocolate Day instead since 2007.

Mrs. Connie Simpson's (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!

WCMS Tutoring Program

By: Daniel Bunch (BigManDan)



Daniel Bunch (Big Man Dan)

Here at WCMS, we have a Math Tutoring Program from 7:45 AM-8:10 AM, which is before the official day starts. We offer this every morning except for Wednesdays. The kids that show up for tutoring have improved a lot. The tutors consist of some of the 8th Grade class. We get distracted sometimes having fun, but we have fun and get the job done. The tutors are Melody Morgan, Kat Defensor, Tru Scarborough, Cole Burchell (CatfishCole),



Daniel Bunch (BigManDan), Paxton Quinney, Cody Nyberg, and Madi Aslinger. There are many ways that we can tutor students. They can bring their notes in, assignments, specific math problems that their teacher wants them to do, Delta Math, IXL, Zearn, and previous tests to discuss missed problems. On average we have 4-8 students show up (we would love it if more kids would show up). Mrs. Tara does oversee us while we're



tutoring and most of the time will tutor other kids herself. She will usually take on the 8th grade students who want help and that allows us to focus on the lower classmen. Mrs. Tara is also encouraging mentoring by putting kids with an assigned tutor to help build relationships between the upper and lower classmen. We're not very strict, if a usual kid doesn't show up we are very understanding about the ordeal and will not make a fuss. The math teachers offer different incentives to encourage students to attend. Kids can get breakfast from the cafeteria before showing up if they want. We would encourage that if you have a child that goes to WCMS to send them to our math tutoring. Thank you and have a great week. :)

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Eliab (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 21, who was commander of Abimelech's army? *Benaiah, Omri, Sisera, Phichol*
3. Saul consulted a medium wanting to talk to whose spirit? *Goliath, Moses, Samuel, Solomon*
4. Which natural disaster occurred only once in the Bible? *Windstorm, Flood, Drought, Earthquake*
5. Who was known as the "Weeping Prophet"? *Jeremiah, Nathan, Elisha, Daniel*
6. Who was the mate of Rachel? *Ananias, Boaz, Jacob, Isaac*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Phichol, 3) Samuel, 4) Flood, 5) Jeremiah, 6) Jacob

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Paw's corner

by Sam Mazzotta

Headline

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: This winter, a lot of my family has had colds and flu. Can my cat catch a cold from us? — *Darlene, via email*

DEAR DARLENE: Cats don't catch colds directly from humans, but they can suffer from upper respiratory infections that are just as uncomfortable.

A number of viral and bacterial infections can make your cat sick. Some of these, such as FVR (feline rhinotracheitis) and FVC (feline calicivirus) can be prevented by making sure your cat gets an annual check-up and vaccinations. An underlying health condition also can make your cat more susceptible to upper respiratory infections. Again, regular check-ups and shots can keep it healthy.

What symptoms does a cat with a URI have? It may be sniffing and sneezing, along with a clear or cloudy discharge from the eyes or nose. Your cat also may have little to no appetite and might be lethargic.

Contact the veterinarian right away if your cat has any of these symptoms. The vet will want to examine your cat to confirm what kind of URI it has. Use a cat carrier so other cats in the waiting room won't be exposed, and to keep your cat safe.

Follow the vet's instructions on caring for your sick cat. You may be given a prescription, and you will be asked to keep the cat comfortable and warm, and to try to get it to drink water and eat some food. Dry food may be a turn-off, but it may eat a little wet food. If your cat won't eat or drink, contact the vet again — an IV may be needed to keep it hydrated.

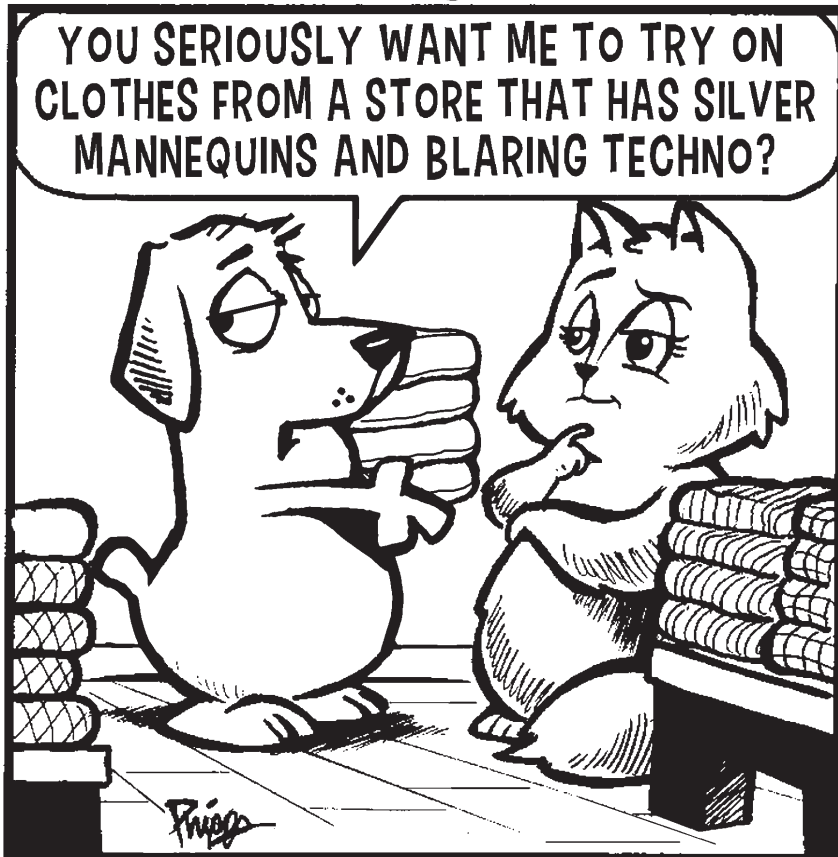
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN the BEAR IT



"My client is a simple shoemaker. OK, so they're cement shoes."

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* Save smaller bits of leftover veggies in a large freezer-safe container or bag, in the freezer. When it's full, make vegetable soup.

* "Be sure you use bathroom fans correctly, turning on to remove steam, but turning off to keep from pumping out heat. This is equally important in the summer, when you pump out valuable cooled air. Many people don't think of fans this way, and they end up running for hours." -- R.D. in Mississippi

* Keep salt or baking soda by the stove for small quick cleanups. A good dose of salt will stop an egg from running all over the place. Dip a damp cloth in baking soda for a handy scrub. Although a handful of either might work in a pinch on a small flare-up on the stove, you should have a fire extinguisher close by for fires.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* A Calvin and Hobbes comic from 1992 referred to the start of the universe as the "Horrendous Space Kablooie" because they thought "The Big Bang" was too boring.

* When a man noticed that his food supply was mysteriously diminishing he set up a webcam, only to discover that a woman had been living in one of his closets -- for a year!

* The cable car is the only moving National Historic Monument in the world.

* During Spain's colonial period, the builders of Filipino churches used millions of egg whites in the mortar to make the structures more durable. This also accounts for why Filipino desserts often use lots of

eggs: Many of the recipes were developed to use up all those leftover yolks.

* In 2013, Belgium created five limited edition stamps that smelled and tasted like chocolate.

* A service operated in several Chinese cities that we'd like to see replicated in America is that of "jam busting." Drivers stuck in traffic snarls who urgently need to be somewhere make a phone call and two people show up on a motorbike. While one stays with the driver's car, the other transports the frustrated driver to their destination.

* According to the American Kennel Club, dogs will fake a sneeze for play and communication purposes.

* Iceland has the largest population

of green-eyed people in the world.

* Modern negligence law resulted from a 1932 Scottish court case, *Donoghue v. Stevenson*, aka the "Snail in the Bottle" case, in which Mrs. May Donoghue sued beer manufacturer Mr. David Stevenson after she drank a bottle of ginger beer with a dead snail in it and became ill.

Thought for the Day: "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." -- Maya Angelou

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* "I used to comb through my last year's calendar for important yearly dates when transferring them to the new year's calendar. This year I have gotten smart. At the end of the month, before turning the page, I have highlighted the items I would want to put in next year's calendar. When I look back, I will not have to search through all the entries for the good stuff." -- U.L. in Ohio

* "I just spent a lot of time cleaning my mother's bathtub in a long-neglected bathroom. To keep it from mildewing, I used paste wax to protect the walls. You can use car wax for the same purpose, and many people know about this helpful tip. But I wanted to add a caution: walls only. Especially if you have an elderly resident (or a child), do not wax the inside of the tub, and make sure to have a nonslip mat in the tub at all times." -- A daughter in Oregon

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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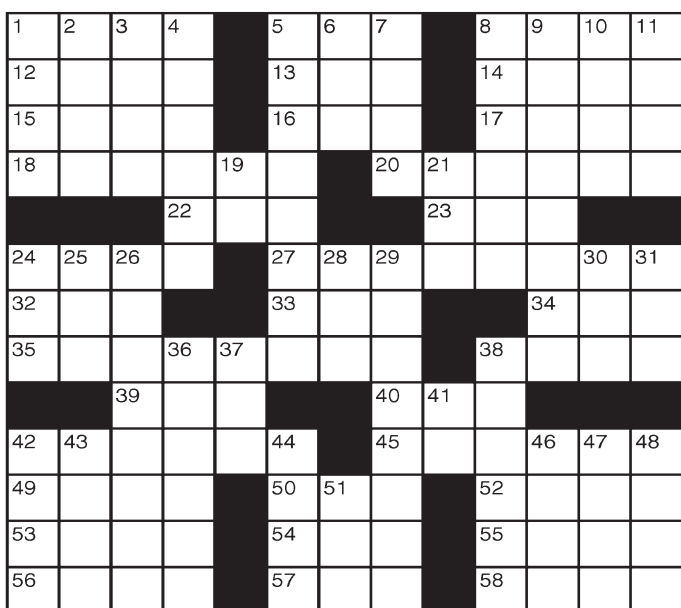
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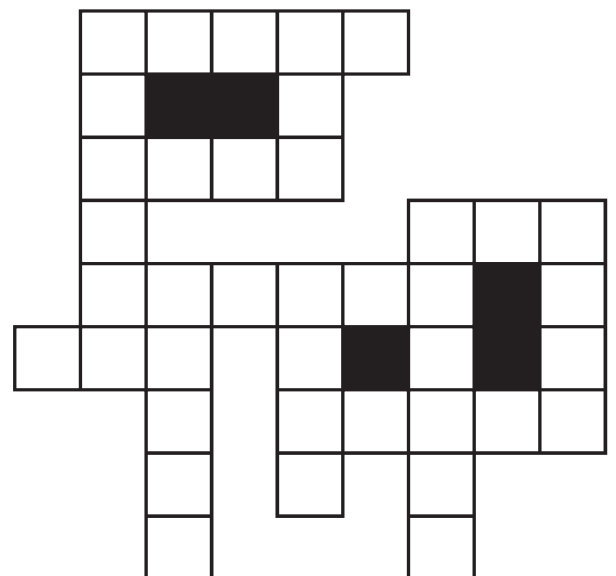


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 - 19 "Hey!"
 - 21 Annoy
 - 24 — canto
 - 25 Parisian pal
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 - 28 Arctic seabird
 - 29 Shrinking in fear
 - 30 Here, in Dijon
 - 31 Chest muscle
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Unscramble 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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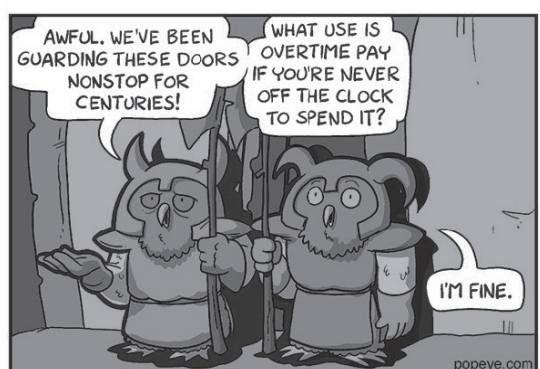
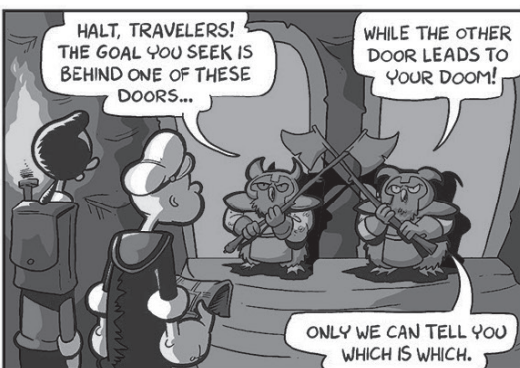
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Memphis is not about racism

There's nothing white supremacy can't do. It is supposedly so pervasive and powerful that it can cause Black men to sign up to serve as police officers in a majority Black city and severely beat a Black arrestee. It is to the contemporary left what capital was to Marx, sex was to Freud, and gravity was to Newton. It is the King Charles head of American public life, a matter of obsession that comes up in debates and contexts where it has no possible relevance.

An opinion piece at CNN by former Obama official Van Jones was headlined, "The police who killed Tyre Nichols were Black. But they might still have been driven by racism."

A piece at The New York Times on Memphis related the view that it "is the system and the tactics that foster racism and violence," not "the specific racial identities of officers."

This argument gets points for novelty but none for plausibility. The Memphis officers who brutalized Tyre Nichols may be guilty of many things -- incompetence, malice, criminal wrongdoing -- but white supremacy is unlikely to be one of them.

Presumably these officers don't all hate their parents, children, neighbors, and colleagues as unworthy, racially inferior people who deserve no protection under our laws.

Maybe it's only as police officers that these men become unwitting tools of white supremacy? This makes no sense, either. The Atlantic noted in an article last year that FBI data showed Memphis to be the most violent metropolitan jurisdiction in the United States in 2020. According to The New York Times, Memphis had nearly 350 murders in 2021, when New York City -- 13 times larger -- had about 480.

Of course, these murders disproportionately affect young Black men. Isn't this just how a white supremacist would like it -- overwhelmingly Black neighborhoods under siege as Black men kill other Black men? Why would white supremacy want to interfere with this dynamic by deploying police units to try to quell the disorder?

Indeed, the false consciousness in Memphis must run deep. Cerelyn Davis, the city's first African American woman police chief, created the just-disbanded special police unit implicated in the Nichols beating. Understandably, she thought it was very important to get a handle on rising homicides and dangerous reckless driving, but, unbeknownst to her, she was just serving the man.

The obsession with white supremacy is perverse and insulting on several levels. It implies that if urban neighborhoods are under-policed and dangerous, that is their natural state, whereas if they are robustly policed to try to make them safer -- a worthy project that tends to be supported by people of all races -- that is somehow an inherently "white" initiative.

It suggests that good African American, Hispanic and Asian cops are dupes, puppets on the string of nefarious white people using them to perpetuate white rule. And, finally, if taken seriously, it would vitiate the agency of the cops involved in the abuse of Tyre Nichols. How can they fully take the blame if an ineradicable, unavoidable force was ultimately responsible for their behavior?

The explanation for what happened in Memphis is more straightforward than any of this. Police are given considerable authority, and human beings -- of all races and creeds, in all times and places -- have a natural tendency to abuse authority unless constrained by institutions, norms and accountability.

If you are unwilling to believe that the cops in this case were self-loathing Black men, then their behavior becomes a function of poor training and supervision, abysmal decision-making, anger in the moment, free-floating cruelty, or some combination of these things.

The left elevates race above all the other factors that might play into a police encounter gone horribly wrong because the racial interpretation allows it to make a broader critique of American society and force wide-ranging political and social changes.

This is a very useful narrative, which is why it is loath to give it up even in an incident involving Black cops.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

how Alan Jackson was doing with his problem.

It appears that Alan has a little more than neuropathy. It is called (CMT) or Charcot-Marie-Tooth. A weird name for a hereditary condition that Alan Jackson inherited from his father. It is strange that I have the same disease that Mr. Jackson has so it looks like I could be following the same path he will travel. He has had the disease for ten years and I have had mine for twelve years.

Alan Jackson reported his condition in 2021 because he was afraid that he would fall on stage and he didn't want his fans to think he was drunk. He has had to call off some of his tours and in the future, he thinks things will get worse.

How does CMT affect a person's body? Like Parkinson's it is a neurological disease. This means it affects the nerves in your feet, legs, and hands. I remember when neuropathy first came on. My doctor in Florida diagnosed it as arthritis but I got no relief from what he recommended. The next time I went to him he was at the hospital and his wife took care of his patients. I told her how I hurt and when it comes on. She said, "that is not arthritis that is neuropathy."

I had never heard of neuropathy, but I sure have heard of it lately. To make sure of my diagnosis when I came back to Tennessee, Dr. Eric Redmon assigned me a doctor and they ran me through a few tests and neuropathy was confirmed. The doctor recommended a medicine, in which didn't work, so here I was a guinea pig on the way to trying several medications until I found something that would work.

Now along comes CMT, a progressive nerve disease. It affects one in 2,500; nearly 3 million worldwide. In Alan Jackson it affects the peripheral nervous system that controls sensory information and muscle function in the lower legs and forearms, impacting touch, movement, and balance. So you can see why he came forward on T.V. to tell all his fans if they saw him stumbling around on the stage he was not drunk but the real reason is CMT.

Jackson said he had been stumbling around on stage for years but now I'm

Have you heard of a disease by the name of Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT)? Well I hadn't until I did a little research on neuropathy to see

having a little trouble balancing even in front of the microphone, and so I just feel very uncomfortable, and I just want people to know why I look like I do.

There is no cure for CMT. It usually progresses slowly and doesn't affect expected life spans. That is about the only good thing about the disease.

Although Alan has been performing on stage for over 35 years and he has made millions on his records he still doesn't want to give up touring. He says



he wants to be like George Jones, Loretta Lynn, and Charley Pride who went on performing until their deaths, but he knows what this disease did to his Dad. It put him in a wheelchair for a lot of his life.

Alan could go on writing songs, because he writes great songs, and he could go on recording and give up tours, but it seems that performing live is what these singers live for.

I'm experiencing the same things

that Alan Jackson is and my biggest fear is falling. I use a walking stick but the other Sunday even a walking stick didn't keep me from falling; two people did. I also have another fear. My daughter has Parkinson's and I'm wondering since CMT is inherited did Robin get this from me. The two diseases are related. I sure hope she didn't. It would kill me to think I handed Parkinson's down to her. She has really suffered.

I pray for all of you who have neuropathy. It doesn't mean you have CMT, but it could. I hope for you it is only neuropathy, because it is bad enough. Both neuropathy and CMT are hard to diagnose and so is Parkinson's. My daughter had to go to the large city of Tampa to find a doctor that could tell her what she had so she could be treated. She has had a very difficult time and she has had to put in for early retirement from her difficult job.

I do not know what my future holds but I know that my condition

has already progressed to the point where I have a problem in standing and balance is terrible. When I sit a long time and get up I need to stand still a while to get my equilibrium back. Believe me it makes you want to stay home and give up doing anything, but I could have given up a long time ago. I don't think I'm ready to give up. I'll still try to visit folks who are worse off than me. I'll see you soon Donna.

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Columnist

Avoid refund delays

Delays can be caused by many reasons.

The National Taxpayer Advocate reported that paper tax returns are like “kryptonite” to the IRS. IRS employees must manually enter the data from paper returns into their computer system, which creates a backlog due to limited staffing. The IRS had a backlog of about 10 million returns at the beginning of this year’s tax season.

Unfortunately, some people don’t have the option of efilng. Some IRS forms can only be filed using paper forms. In a recent report, the National Taxpayer Advocate informed Congress that some forms aren’t available for efilng. If you are concerned that an ex-spouse might incorrectly claim any of your dependent children, you should file as early as possible. Suppose your ex-spouse files first and incorrectly claims your dependent. In that case, your return will be rejected if you efile and claim your dependent. Consequently, you must mail your return or efile the return without claiming your dependent. You can amend your return later and claim your dependent to get the remainder of your refund. However, amended returns can take several months to be processed.

Receiving your refund by direct deposit to your bank account is faster than receiving your check in the mail. Eighty percent of filers get their refunds by using direct deposit. It’s safe and secure. There’s no chance of it your check getting lost, stolen, or destroyed. This is the same transfer system used to deposit over 95 percent of Social Security and Veterans Affairs benefits.

It’s crucial to use accurate numbers. The IRS compares

your numbers to the numbers that third parties have reported. For instance, your refund could be delayed if you estimate your mortgage interest and it’s more than reported by third parties. If your numbers don’t match third parties’ numbers, the IRS may send you a letter notifying you of the discrepancy. Due to the IRS mail backlog, it could take months for the IRS to process your response and get your refund.

Be sure to include all income, such as interest, dividends, or any 1099, which reports your income. W2s and 1099s are not required to be mailed until January 31, and you may not receive them for several more days. If a form doesn’t arrive that you are expecting you will need to notify whoever is sending the form. Wait until you have all your tax forms before filing your return. Sometimes people are in a hurry to get their tax refund or want to finish the filing process.

Filing an accurate return and verifying it for correctness can help to avoid refund delays.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Lowering Our Drug Costs

I got a shock the other day when I went to the pharmacy to pick up the latest refill of my three drugs and realized that the pharmacy assistant had neglected to run it through GoodRx, the program that helps reduce the price of our drugs. Once he did that, the cost dropped significantly.

It made me realize just how much other seniors are paying for the drugs we need to stay healthy. There are ways to cut those costs. It just takes a little work and a lot of monitoring on our part to make sure it happens.

As mentioned, there’s GoodRx (www.goodrx.com), which I’ve used for several years. Their website isn’t the easiest to use, but after you try it once, you’ll appreciate being able to cut the costs of your drugs every time you need a refill.

There are other ways as well:

RxAssist (www.rxassist.org) has programs that are run by the pharmaceutical companies to help those who can’t afford their prescriptions. If your drugs cost more than \$10, present your RxAssist card to get the lowest price. Check the website for a long directory of patient assistance programs. Beware that some programs involve a small fee to be a member and many have eligibility requirements.

Consider Walmart pharmacies for their generic program. A 30-day prescription will cost \$4 and only \$10 for a 90-day prescription. Not all generic drugs will qualify for those prices, but it’s worth making a call to your local Walmart pharmacy to find out if your drugs are on that list.

NeedyMeds website (www.needy meds.org) was started by a physician in 1997 to help gather information about reduced drug and health care costs. The website says over \$337 million has been saved so far.

And finally, check the prices at Mark Cuban’s Cost Plus Drugs (costplusdrugs.com). For some drugs, this one is the lowest of all.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Which group released “Takin’ Care of Business”?
2. Who were Marisa, Merlina, Tony, Benny and Nino?
3. Name the group that released “Freeze-Frame.”
4. Who released an album titled “Disco Train”?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: “Maybe I don’t wanna know the reason why, But lately you don’t talk to me, Darling I can’t see me in your eyes.”

Answers

1. **Bachman-Turner Overdrive in 1973. Randy Bachman had started playing with ideas for the song when he was still a member of The Guess Who.**
2. **The DeFranco Family. Their best known hit was “Heartbeat, It’s a Lovebeat,” in 1973. They were on Dick Clark’s “American Bandstand” nine times.**
3. **The J. Geils Band, in 1981, on the album of the same name. The song charted around the world.**
4. **Donny Osmond, in 1976. His cover of “C’mon Marianne” was the one song from the album released as a single, and it only went to No. 38. The Four Seasons’ original 1967 release had climbed to No. 9.**
5. **“(Our Love) Don’t Throw It All Away,” by Andy Gibb in 1978. Written by his brother Barry, it was Andy’s fifth Top 10 single. Others have covered the song, including Barbra Streisand in 2005.**

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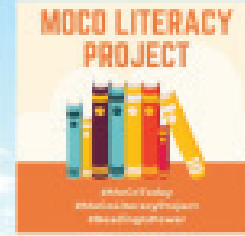
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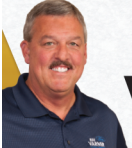


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Hebrews Chapter 2

(Heb. 2:1-4) The danger of neglect: In view of the exalted position of Jesus Christ, the recipients of this document ought to give surpassing attention to the message they had heard (the gospel), otherwise they certainly will drift away. Apostasy frequently comes slowly. This is not a light matter. The “word that came through angels” was Moses’ law. Under that system, violators (all the disobedient) were justly punished (v. 2; 10:28-29). That being the case, how would it be possible to “escape” God’s wrath if one neglects the salvation revealed by his Son (in the new covenant)? The new covenant is a divine system authenticated by supernatural manifestations that were “signs” pointing to Jesus’ deity, works that excited “wonder,” and demonstrations of divine “power” by means of gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit (v. 3-4).

(Heb. 2:5-9) Subjection of the world: Now comes another argument of the superiority of Christ over angels. The “world to come” is not the “millennial age,” but a reference to the Christian age. This era was not subjected to angels, but to man (particularly to be exercised by the perfect man, Christ) (v. 9). A quotation from Psalm 8 asks: “What is a man that God has been so mindful of him?” Though as to his nature man was made a little lower than the angels, he has been crowned with glory and honor, and placed over the works that issued from God’s hands, with all things put under his feet (v. 6-8). When man departed from the ideal authoritative role he was intended to have, it remained for the perfect Man to achieve the task. Again, there is no reference in the context to the mythical “millennium,” as dispensationalists contend. Acts 2:29-30 “Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne.” Hebrews 1:8 “But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.”

Christ himself was made lower than the angels. The verbal tense indicates that the “lower” (human) identification remains at the time of this writing, even after Christ has returned to heaven. By virtue of his suffering death and subsequent resurrection, Jesus has been crowned with glory and honor; he “tasted of death” so that every person who so chooses could be saved (v. 9; Mt. 23:37). Here is affirmed the doctrine of universal atonement (through not universal salvation), in contrast to right-wing Calvinism and its dogma of “limited” atonement.

(Heb. 2:10-18) Christ our brother: God is spoken of as the one for whom the creation exists (it is his); and he is its source as well. He is exercising his plan to bringing many spiritual sons (not national Israel) to a state of glory. The Author (trailblazer, Jesus) of that salvation has achieved the goal by means of his suffering (Rom. 3:21). This involved Christ becoming flesh (Jn. 1:14), so that the sanctified, along with the sanctifier, are of the same human nature (v. 11). This is not a denial of Jesus’ deity; it is an affirmation of the retention of his human nature resulting from the emptying of himself and taking upon himself of manhood (see Phil. 2:5). For this cause the ascended Christ is not ashamed to be identified with the redeemed as brothers. The mystery in this is breathtaking! He thus is happy to declare

and praise Jehovah’s name in the congregation of his people, even as the psalmist had foretold centuries earlier (v. 12; Psa. 22:22). This quotation, along with others, identifies Psalm 22 as messianic (Psa. 22:1, 16-18). The unity of Christ and his people is reinforced from Isaiah 8:17 by the term “children” (v. 13).

Since his “children” (Isa. 53:10) are “flesh and blood” humans, he himself “partook” of the same to render inoperative him who currently (though temporarily) (1 Cor. 15:25-26) holds the power of death, namely the devil (v.14). This does not mean that Satan determines who or when someone is to die, but is a reference to his initial malevolent murder of the human race (Jn. 8:44). Human beings are enslaved to the fear of death throughout their lives, but the power of Christ’s death and resurrection, as conveyed through the gospel message, has significantly delivered the Christian from the dread of that (v. 15; 2 Tim. 1:10; Phil. 1:23).

The reference to “angels” (v.16) is capable of two possible views: (1) Christ did not lay hold on (assume the nature of) angels in order to assist them; instead, he came to deliver the spiritual “seed of Abraham” (Gal. 3:24-29 “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Galatians 6:15-16 “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.”) (2) Jesus did not become incarnate to deliver angels, but to deliver men---specifically the spiritual “seed of Abraham.” This may indirectly suggest that there is no plan of salvation for those rebellious angels who lived in such close proximity to God, yet sought to be his rivals (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6). The two ideas are not mutually exclusive.

Another aspect of “being made like his brothers” in all things (without sin, of course) lies in the fact that he wanted to be a merciful and faithful high priest in divine matters. He is a “faithful” (trustworthy) priest, thus dependable for the role; he is a merciful priest with the passion to deliver. He functioned as a “high priest” in the offering of his life as a sacrifice. In this sacrificial act he would “make propitiation” for the people (v. 17). Christ’s role as high priest---one flawless in character and permanently effective with the offering of one sacrifice (rather than many repetitiously) (10:1)---marks him as unique and is the major theme of this document. The aim was to provide “propitiation,” the price necessary to satisfy the justice of God required to atone for sin. He was eminently qualified for this role in that, being tempted himself (4:15), he is able to wholly empathize with his people when they are similarly tempted. What wonderful comfort is to be found in Christ our high priest!

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My flesh longs for You
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Where there is no water.
So I have looked for You in the
sanctuary, to see Your power
and Your glory.

PSALM 63:1,2

Historically Speaking

Oak Ridge Enhanced Technology & Training Center – the latest in a long line of training successes, Part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

This is the second and final part of the series on the history of training in Oak Ridge and the most recent enhanced training capability brought by the Y-12 National Security Complex’s Oak Ridge Enhanced Technology & Training Center.

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grams in Oak Ridge, it is surely obvious that excellence in training programs is a valued Oak Ridge tradition. The Oak Ridge Enhanced Technology & Training Center is one in a long list of effective training programs in Oak Ridge, TN!

Now for the most recent example of the continuing exceptional Oak Ridge training tradition.

The COVID pandemic forced many to adapt to a new way of work and training at Y-12 was no exception. Safety and security professionals could no longer travel to Y-12 for Alarm Response Training, so Y-12 developed distance learning platforms to continue this vital mission. A green screen production studio allowed Y-12 instructors to recreate radiological source theft scenarios as short video clips to help participants visualize their response strategy at a distance. This technology was just the beginning. Tabletop exercises are a vital part of challenging the funda-

the scenario and then it can be reset to practice again.

ORETTTC continues to develop and deploy training technologies to provide the most effective, immersive training into the future. The new facility includes advanced video production tools including an LED wall more likely to be found on a Hollywood movie set.

“The LED wall allows us to extend the simulated environment much further so that the participant is fully immersed into the scenario. This makes a high consequence emergency training scenario feel real without exposing the trainee to hazardous situations,” described Director Stowe. The center will soon combine these technologies to create a mixed reality training experience where trainees can reach out and touch virtual objects, communicate with other trainees and with digital game characters.



The online training concept was created to support the needed training during the COVID pandemic and is continuing to be provided to assist those who may need refresher training or cannot travel to Oak Ridge

The campus will also bring trainees back to real life with emergency response drills utilizing the campus itself. Each of the buildings and structures on campus can be adapted such that trainees must defend, protect, or respond to a variety of emergency response situations.

The grand opening of ORETTTC well-positions Oak Ridge to build upon its tradition of providing the United States and her allies with best-in-class training, leveraging its unique expertise born through the Manhattan

Project and continuing through enduring missions at the Y-12 National Security Complex.



The LED wall can be reconfigured quickly to simulate various facility conditions enabling more realistic training experiences

The history of excellent training provided by the various Oak Ridge facilities is a demonstration of the dedicated professionals who have over the years risen to the occasion of the nation’s needs for skills development and enhanced experiential learning. As one of the leading scientific and engineering centers in the nation, and the world, Oak Ridge continues to be among the very best in advanced technological training and development.

From its origin in the Manhattan Project where first of a kind technology was used to help end World War II to more than 80 years of helping deter global conflict and protect our nation’s freedom to

mentals being taught in training classes.

The Y-12 team developed an augmented reality tool using the latest game design engines allowing instructors and trainees to interact in the same scenarios despite great distances between them. Augmented reality headsets are sent to a university or hospital where participants join the scenario to find Y-12 instructors waiting for them online. In this live training, each participant role—radiological security officer, law-enforcement, site security—plays their part as the instructor steps through the simulation.

Participants get to see how well their tactics work as the simulation proceeds. Beyond the advantage of bringing training participants together at a distance, they can see in real time how well their decisions and actions worked in

the future being pursued through introducing advanced nuclear reactors, continued scientific discoveries, and enhanced training, Oak Ridge proudly serves our nation and the world. Undoubtedly the future will see even more such efforts coming out of Oak Ridge, TN.

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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Water and Spirit

Continuing our conversation between Jesus Christ and Nicodemus, Christ reminds him unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. He is addressing Nicodemus as Creator and Rabbi. He is teaching him a mystery that will be revealed to Paul, about the desire of God to indwell every believer born of the womb of woman in water, with his Holy Spirit.

Nicodemus was an educated Priest in the sect known as Pharisees. These men were deeply pious to the law, yet they denied the messiah the prophets and the law pointed them too. Christianity has denied the absolute morality of the law, with a new zeal for outward piety found in New Testament replacement theology.

All the while claiming to know Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord over their lives. What has been lost is the mercy the knowledge of the law provides. To know God's law is to know the heart of God. It is the law that teaches every human exactly what we need mercy from. The law was given to teach humans humility in the frugality of trying to please God through outward piety.

It amazes me that New Testament preachers are still separating Jesus Christ from his reward and his inheritance. Once again, Jesus Christ stands at the door of your church wanting back in, just like he is explaining to outwardly pious Nicodemus.

To enter the Kingdom as one who was born in the water of his mother's womb, he must now understand God's desire to fill all those born again with his true Holy Spirit.

Nicodemus understood the messianic promises given to the prophets of old. He understood that one born of the line of Judah as the root and offspring of David, would also one day sit upon David's throne in Jerusalem. He believed Jesus Christ was Israel's Messiah and future King.

What has happened to cause modern Christians to believe water baptism is a requirement to enter heaven? Has separating the Old Testament blinded them to solid truth about immersion in water, found in the lives of Jewish priests.

Can anyone build a house upon bad foundations? Have Christians exchanged Old Testament truths for religious traditions begun by men? Have Nicaolaitans denied the Holy Spirit in favor of ancestor worship? The Jews did. And now, so have modern Christian preachers as they look just like the world they have been called out of.

Water baptism begins in Babylon with pagan priests. By the time the nation of Israel has spent 400 years in Egyptian bondage, unbelief had manifest and God sent his messenger in Moses. Moses has a stutter. He forgets God is the creator who allowed for his nervous twitch. Instead of asking to be healed, he asked God to send someone else out of fear of embarrassment.

Moses denies his birthright to be the deliverer of Israel. The pattern continues and one day Moses will appear in Israel the second time, and be martyred at the hands of those he has been sent to chasten. Moses is one of the two Jewish witnesses to appear in Jerusalem during the 7 years tribulation found in Revelation. He gets it right this time. God's eternal mercy on display in the life of Moses.

God allows for Aaron to become Israel's priest. He is commanded to take an immersion bath in the Nile River and he is to dip seven times. The Levitical priesthood is begun with Aaron and it will end with John at the baptism of Jesus Christ where all righteousness is fulfilled.

John the Baptist was Israel's anointed High Priest. Caiaphas was an Edomite appointed By Herod who also was an Edomite. the

eternal enemies of God the Creator. Jesus Christ came to shift the priesthood away from the Levites and back onto the shoulders of the Melchisedecan line.

At his water baptism the trinity was united in their desire to offer salvation to all who would believe Jesus Christ was indeed God. The product of that belief was always supposed to be the baptism of believers by the Holy Spirit of God. Jesus reminds all of us when he corrects the thinking of John and James about baptism.

He poses an incredible question? Are you willing to be baptized with the baptism that I am to be baptized with? This occurred prior to his crucifixion, and two years after his water baptism. Please explain what baptism Jesus Christ is explaining is a true requirement for salvation? Has water baptism replaced blood baptism? Will water save a person without the blood covering their sins? Has water baptism caused a false sense of salvation and hindered the ministry of the Holy Spirit? I believe it has.

Why would Jesus Christ burden people with an outward expression of piety when he is saving the soul and the spirit of humans? Does God judge by outward expression or does he judge righteously by inward conviction? Has water replaced the wine of the new birth in the knowledge that only the blood of God's Lamb can immerse us all in true righteousness imputed by God to all those who would believe?

No scripture is available for individual interpretation. I believe until you study the history of the Gospels and the order of events in the lives of our Jewish ancestors, you will perish believing that water baptism makes your salvation secure.

Why would God institute a pagan practice in Jewish worship? It was a temporary appeasement as he gave them the desires of their heart. He warned them that he does not dwell in houses made with human hands, yet still they cry for a temple to kidnap God on earth in!

Moses capitulated and God gave them a temporary priesthood in Aaron that ended with John the Baptist when Jesus Christ became the High Priest of the permanent blood covenant. This is why Jesus Christ reminded Nicodemus that all the law and the prophets were until John!

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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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Marine Corps veteran Colonel Robert Joseph Modrzejewski served our country during the Vietnam War while assigned to Company K, 3D Battalion, 3TH Marines, 3D Marine Division (REIN) FMF in the Republic of Vietnam.

While serving at the time the rank of Major During July 15-18, 1966, he went above and beyond the call of duty in combat. In doing so he was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House on March 12, 1968.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. On 15 July, during Operation Hastings, Company K was landed in an enemy-infested jungle area to establish a blocking position at a major enemy trail network. Shortly after landing, the company encountered a reinforced enemy platoon in a well-organized, defensive position. Maj. Modrzejewski led his men in the successful seizure of the enemy redoubt, which contained large quantities of ammunition and supplies. That evening, a numerically superior enemy force counterattacked in an effort to retake the vital supply area, thus setting the pattern of activity for the next 2 1/2 days. In the first series of attacks, the enemy assaulted repeatedly in overwhelming numbers but each time was repulsed by the gallant marines. The second night, the enemy struck in battalion strength, and Maj. Modrzejewski was wounded in this inten-



sive action which was fought at close quarters. Although exposed to enemy fire, and despite his painful wounds, he crawled 200 meters to provide critically needed ammunition to an exposed element of his command and was constantly present wherever the fighting was heaviest, despite numerous casualties, a dwindling supply of ammunition and the knowledge that they were surrounded, he skillfully directed artillery fire to within a few meters of his position and courageously inspired the efforts of his company in repelling the aggressive enemy attack. On 18 July, Company K was attacked by a regimental size enemy force. Although his unit was vastly out-

numbered and weakened by the previous fighting, Maj. Modrzejewski reorganized his men and calmly moved among them to encourage and direct their efforts to heroic limits as they fought to overcome the vicious enemy onslaught. Again, he called in air and artillery strikes at close range with devastating effect on the enemy, which together with the bold and determined fighting of the men of Company K, repulsed the fanatical attack of the larger North Vietnamese force. His unparalleled personal heroism and indomitable leadership inspired his men to a significant victory over the enemy force and reflected great credit upon himself, the Marine Corps, and the U.S. Naval Service.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

The Loudon County Sheriff's Office shared the following on their Facebook page to the honor and memory of fallen Officer Chris Jenkins. We want to honor him now by sharing their heartfelt tribute with you now.

When they say "one of the good ones," it doesn't even come close to describing the greatness Chris Jenkins was.

Scottish writer Thomas Carlyle, at the beginning of the century, once wrote that "The history of the world is but the biography of great men." Another well know man, Winston Churchill, said "History will be kind to me, for I intend to write it."

Now, if you were to ask Sergeant Chris Jenkins if he thought he could be compared to Winston Churchill, he'd give you one of his signature looks, quickly followed by a smile, and then say "you've lost your mind."

Today marks one year since Chris Jenkins laid his life down, in the ultimate act of service, protecting his community. As painful as it is to think of Chris's death, there's so much to actually reflect on - things that we want you to know about him, and truth be known, things that he wouldn't ever think to tell you about himself.

Chris wasn't just an average cop, but rather a great one. He wasn't an average father, but an extremely committed one. And he sure wasn't a normal son, brother, fiancé, or uncle, he was a dedicated family man to the very core of his body. Chris didn't just work at the Sheriff's Office, but instead he embodied what it meant to be a teammate. He didn't just work a shift and go home but instead, always in a class of his own, he stayed over if it was busy, he responded at all hours of the night from his home, and he was the first one on his shift to go in-service and start answering calls right out the gate. Chris wasn't just another "leader" in the agency that filled a spot. He was the guy who took his role seriously and saw it as



a responsibility to be an advocate for his team. He stood for a lot of things, and one of those things was his people. Chris didn't have to tell you that he had our backs, we already knew it because time and time again, he proved it by his actions. He was an example for old and young alike. He was the epitome of what it means to wear the badge with honor, integrity, and professionalism. In fact, besides backing his patrol car in reverse, he was pretty much one of the greatest men to have ever walked our hallways and protected our streets.

Now, back to those quotes by Carlyle and Churchill. If the history of our world is but the biography of great men, then the history of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office is inked in the many impacts that Chris has on all

of us, his squad, and his community. His is a story that will live on forever in the stories we tell of him to new deputies and by the many memorials of Chris that line our walls. Long after we are all gone from LCSO, Chris Jenkins will be a living piece of its history. And when Churchill said he intended to write history, we are pretty sure that Chris never would have said such a thing. But in comparison to Churchill's quote, little did Jenkins know that just through his actions, his work, his leadership, and his friendship, he was doing just that. He set the bar high and he continues to have a presence in our agency. May we always treat our employees, our team, like Chris would have - with all the love in the world, with a slice of humor on the side and with the greatness he was.

We love you, Chris. Rest easy knowing you are alive in our hearts and in our actions and in our purpose, each and every day we represent this agency - that you loved so deeply.

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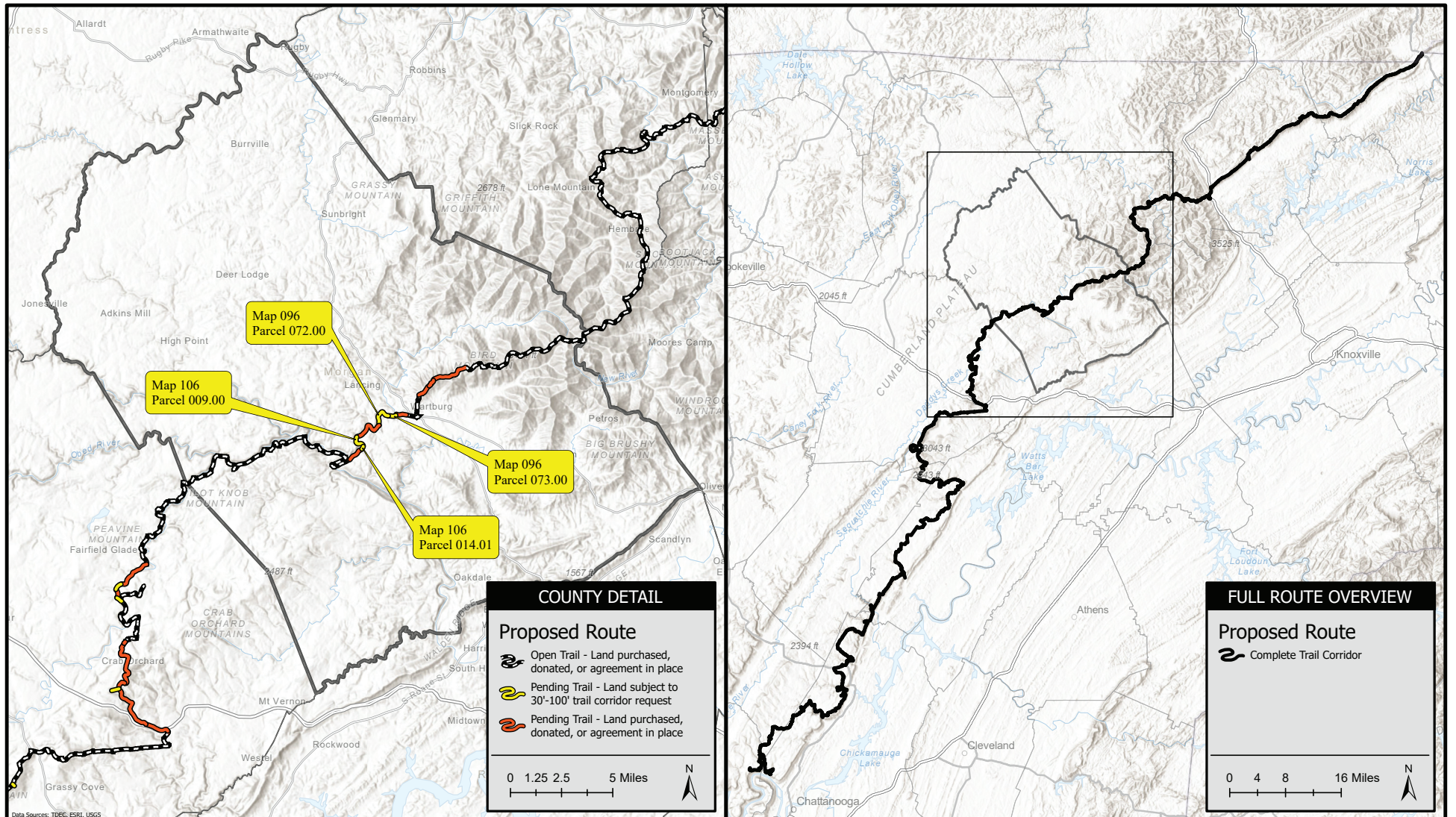
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Scott County Today

Former OHS standout Katelyn Stiltner is excelling both on & off the court at Centre College

Katelyn Stiltner, the former OHS Lady Indian standout, has found her niche and comfort zone as a Sophomore at Centre College--- both on the court and in the classroom.

During her time at Oneida, Katelyn helped the Lady Indians to 99 victories, 2 state tournaments, and a sectional while garnering All-District honors on 3 occasions, All-District Tourney, All-District Tourney MVP, and All-Region. She came up just short of 1,000pts as she finished her career with 947pts and somewhere around 750 rebounds (paperwork is boxed

Biological Society, where she is the Secretary. She is also a member of the National Society of Leadership & Success. Katelyn was also named to the SAA All-Conference Honor Roll as a Freshman.


On the court this season, at the time of this article, the Centre Colonels are 15-5 overall, 9-0 in SAA Conference



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Centre - Katelyn Stiltner Stats



Katelyn Stiltner

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20	N. DUGGINS	19	19	72-129	55.8	2-7	28.6	49-58	84.5	154	52							

play. During a pre-season poll, the Colonels were picked to finish 5th by the coaches. How have they gotten this far? TEAMWORK!!! In a recent interview with Larry Vaught, FR Makya Grinter reiterated Katelyn's sentiments about this overachieving group: "Our main goal from day one was to win the conference and we have been working towards that goal. Nobody cares who is scoring or doing what as long as we get the win at the end of the day. That is what

29 at home. Trailing 77-71, Katelyn ripped off 11 straight points (finishing with 15pts / 6bds) in helping her team rally to a 95-89 victory. She has also had Dennis Rodman like performances, i.e. trip to Berry. During the Berry game, she pulled 11 boards while only scoring 1 point in helping her team rally to a 48-42 victory after trailing 17-4 early.

Simply put, Katelyn has the true Kobe Bryant "Mamba Mentality" of outworking her competitors, both in the classroom and on the court. It's a grind to find the time to make The Dean's List, put in the time to earn the minutes on the hardwood, and work an on-campus job on a near daily basis.

up from a recent move).

As a current student, just starting her 4th semester, Katelyn has already been reaching her goals as a pre-med student. Centre College is a private liberal arts college, making the prestigious list of America's top liberal arts colleges. Katelyn's dream is to become an Anesthesiologist, and as a student at Centre, Katelyn has placed herself at the 22nd best pre-med undergraduate program in the United States.

Off the court, Katelyn has made The Dean's List all 3 semesters she has been on campus. Students must maintain a 3.60 GPA to be included on The Dean's List. Katelyn is also a member of the Tri-Beta

matters!"

During conference play this season, Katelyn is averaging 13 minutes while scoring 6 points and pulling 5 rebounds per game on average. She has reached double-digits on 3 occasions in conference play including a huge 4th quarter during a furious rally vs Birmingham on Sunday, Jan



VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Fast Help for Suicidal Veterans

It has a very long title, but a short, concise purpose. The Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment Act of 2020, or the Veterans COMPACT Act of 2020, section 201, allows eligible suicidal veterans to go to an emergency room for help. This opens the door for 9 million veterans to get the care they need.

But the scope is much wider. An acutely suicidal veteran can go to not only a Department of Veterans Affairs emergency room, but any emergency room.

The VA will pick up the tab, at no cost to the veteran, for inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and then outpatient care for up to 90 days, as well as any necessary transportation. The veteran doesn't need to be enrolled in VA health care.

After getting that care, they'll determine eligibility for any other VA services and benefits and refer the veteran to appropriate programs.

Even though the VA believes that there are 9 million veterans who can take advantage of this, if necessary, there are a few eligibility requirements.

Veterans must have been discharged or released from active duty after serving more than 24 months, and leave under conditions other than dishonorable.

Eligible individuals are former members of the armed forces (including reserves) who served more than 100 days "under a combat exclusion or in support of a contingency operation either directly or by operating an unmanned aerial vehicle from another location" and again, be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

And thirdly, former members of the armed forces who were the victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment are eligible.

If you or someone you know needs help, there are a number of ways to get it. Go online to www.veteranscrisisline.com.

net and view the choices. You can call them by dialing 988 and then pressing 1. You can chat online at that website. Or you can text a message to 838255. Help is available 24/7 from qualified, trained people.

Or, per this Act, help is as close as the nearest emergency room.

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