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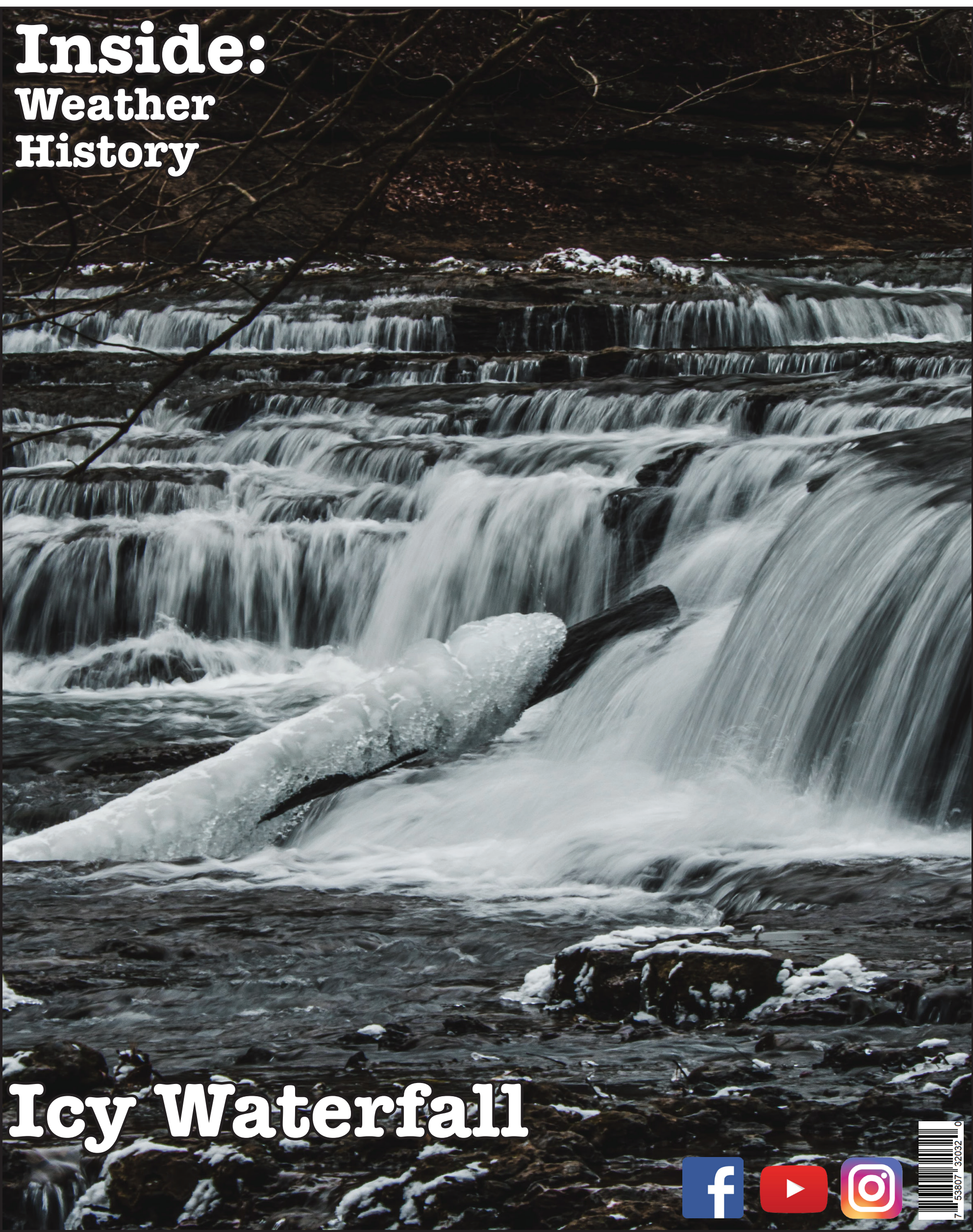
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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Hi Dr Bristol! Hope you had a great Christmas. We had a lot of visitors at our house. I know lots of people got puppies and kittens for Christmas. Can you give

advise on what those babies need and tips on how to train them? Thank you so much and hope you have a Happy New Year!

Love, Ms Avery Pearl

Happy New Year, Ms. Avery! I hope you enjoyed counting down to the ball drop. I could barely stay awake until midnight! I hope that Santa was good to you. You may have received some new dresses, and you may find that you have new puppy or kitten neighbors as a lot of people bring home a furry friend this time of year. We always enjoy meeting these sweet little babies in January, and I'm sure you will, too.

There's a lot of care that goes into raising young dogs and cats, so we always encourage people to bring their new friends into the clinic for an exam. During this initial exam, we evaluate for health issues, check a stool sample for intestinal parasites, update vaccinations as needed, and prescribe heartworm and flea/tick medications. Intestinal parasites (i.e. worms) are VERY common in puppies and kittens. A lot of people think that their critters don't have intestinal parasites if they don't have diarrhea or obvious worms in the stool. Adult intestinal worms live in the intestines and pass eggs which are shed in the stool. These eggs are microscopic, though; so without appropriate diagnostics, puppies and kittens can become quite ill before people know that they have any problems.

We also really stress the importance of appropriate vaccinations for all pets. The most devastating disease that we see in puppies is parvo. Unfortunately, parvovirus is very common in our area. This virus lives in the soil and can lie dormant for several years. Then, if your puppy ingests the virus from the ground where an ill dog previously shed the virus, he/she can become quite sick. Puppies with parvo will become lethargic and will then develop vomiting and diarrhea (eventually bloody). Parvovirus is life-threatening, and usually requires aggressive hospitalization with IV fluids to try to save the puppy's life. This treatment can be very expensive, and the prognosis is often still guarded.

So... one of the most important things people can do for their new puppy is take it to their veterinarian for its vaccinations. Puppies require a series of vaccinations to acquire complete immunity from parvo, and a single parvo vaccination will not provide adequate immunity. Your veterinarian will discuss other appropriate vaccinations for your puppy or kitten based on its lifestyle and risk of exposure. Additionally, Tennessee law requires a rabies vaccination for all dogs and kittens between 12 weeks and 6 months of age.

Now, I know that you always behave Ms. Avery, but new puppies and kittens like to tear, shred, and eat all sorts of things. We discourage rope toys or toys that can unravel. Size-appropriate Kong toys are a great option for those pups who like to chew. They'll probably still prefer your favorite shoes, but you can reach for the Kong toy as a distraction.

I remember your Mimi telling me that you were really easy to train. Not all puppies learn that quickly, though. We recommend taking your puppy out immediately after it awakens and quickly after eating/drinking. Puppies will need to go out to urinate and defecate several times daily. Reward your puppy with praise and a dog treat outside immediately after it urinates/defecates. Make sure that you don't give the treat when you come inside as the puppy will often associate the indoors with the reward. You can encourage your new kitten to use a litter box by utilizing pheromones/attractants. Don't place the litter box near the kitten food, and try different types of litter boxes and litter to determine what your kitten prefers.

Little breeds like you, Ms. Avery, are much more prone to dental disease than big pups, so we recommend introducing dental hygiene such as tooth brushing while young. It's great to begin brushing your new puppy, trimming its toenails, and cleaning its ears as needed while small, too. If your new pet is exposed to this while young, it makes it a lot easier to work with them when they're older and bigger.

Finally, we recommend feeding good-quality, size-appropriate puppy and kitten food until your new pet is at least 12 months old. Even though it's tempting, resist the urge to offer any people food. If your new critter never begins eating people food, they won't beg for it and will have less risk of pancreatitis and diabetes when they're older.

I hope that the new year brings good health to you and your four-legged friends, Ms. Avery. Stay warm, and enjoy all of your new Christmas goodies!

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.

Together Morgan County will meet Friday, January 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Morgan County Schools Central Office. The January meeting will

focus on the 2023 Action Plan and ways the collaborative can work to benefit Morgan County Families. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

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## In Loving Memory

### Stephen Lee Seiber

Mr. Stephen Lee Seiber of Sunbright, Tennessee passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. He was 80 years young. Steve was born in Devonia, Tennessee and was a U.S. Army Veteran, a member of Sunbright First Baptist Church, a member of American Legion Post 149 Wartburg, and a retiree of the Tennessee Department of Corrections.



Steve was preceded in death by his Mother, Oma Giles; Sisters Darlis Burford and Dorothy Bray; Grandson Stephen Seiber; Nephew Jimmy Campbell; and Son-in-law Mickey Steelman.

Steve is survived by his loving wife, Deanna Cooper Seiber; Son Steven Seiber; Sisters Hazel Campbell (Harold) and Joann Headrick (Earl). Also surviving are stepdaughters Kathy Steelman, Sherry Oody (Barry), Susie Kuliasha (Mike), and Pam Diden (Jake). Steve was blessed with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a great-great grandchild: Derek Freels, Jeremiah Richardson, Kasey Stout, Bobby Collins, Michelle Alexander, Megan Deheck, Tommy Steelman, Marie Miles (Brent), Jay Oody (Krista), Ian Kuliasha (Jasmine), Cary Kuliasha (Alicia), Andrea Jones (Chris), and Andrew Kuliasha. Great Grandchildren are

Madison Starkey, Scott Alexander (Deme), Jordan Logan, Emma Deheck, Kaitlin and Thomas Steelman, Nikita and Anastasia Kuliasha, Hazel Jones, Callum McGrew-Kuliasha, Avery, Evan, Cason, and Alley Miles, and George and Hannah Oody; Great-Great Grandson Caeden Logan spent Thanksgiving 2022 with Papa Steve and Nana in the Great Smoky Mountains!

This soldier stood at attention that evening for his final inspection before his heavenly commander with his uniform pressed, boots polished, and brass shined as he took his final assignment in Lord's Army!

The family will receive friends Sunday, January 1, 2023, at Sunbright First Baptist Church from 1 until 2 p.m. Funeral services will be held with full-military honors beginning at 2 p.m. followed by interment at Sunbright Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Steve's memory to American Legion Post 149, 202 South Kingston St., Wartburg, Tennessee 37887. Schubert Funeral Home and the Reverend Michael Hammonds are leading arrangements.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Stephen Lee Seiber.

### Pamela Watts, 58

Pamela Watts, age 58, of Oakdale passed away Thursday, December 29, 2022 at Fort Sanders Regional with her family by her side. She was a wonderful wife, mother, nana, sister, aunt and friend to many. Pam loved her church and church family at New Life Apostolic Church in Mossy Grove.



Watts of Wartburg, Jonathan (Amber) Watts of Maryville; 12 grandchildren; sisters Carol Lay of Sunbright, Tammy (Larry) of Wartburg, Faith (Johnny) of Oakdale; 3 sisters-in-law; 4 brothers-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Saturday, December 31, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Anthony Pemberton officiating.

She is preceded in death by her parents Arnold (Buster) and Eva Sue McGinnis; sisters Diana Seay, Rose Manners and Rhonda Jones.

Pam is survived by her husband of 40 years Mike Watts of Oakdale; daughters Jennifer (Anthony) Irwin of Wartburg, Angel Watts of Oakdale, Michael (Danielle)

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Pamela Watts.

### Daniel Joseph "DJ" King, 43

Daniel Joseph "DJ" King, 43, passed away at his home in Wartburg, on Saturday, December 31st, 2022. He had a passion for music, playing guitar, and writing songs. He enjoyed making music with his wife Sarah and making up silly songs for his daughter, Alyssa, the light of his life. He also loved art, praising and encouraging Alyssa to paint, draw, and create art of her own. He adored his daughter and was a great father, and his creativity and passion will live on through her, a daddy's girl through and through.



Gouge-King, and his daughter, Alyssa Jane King, both of Wartburg. Father, Danny King of Oakdale; brothers, Kevin King of Newport; Dustin and Lacey King of Oakdale; sister, Jennifer and Paul Bradlock of Oakdale. Several nephews, a niece, great nephews, and a great niece. Uncle, Paul David and Rachel Overton of Ohio; aunt, Janet Overton of Jellico. Cousins, Caitlin Overton of Ohio; and Shirley Overton Phillips of Athens.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Shubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, with the funeral at 6:00 PM being officiated by the Rev. Roger Stanley and Bro. Tim Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pamela "Pam" Overton King; maternal grandparents, Joseph "Joe" and Sue Overton, and paternal grandparents, Everett and Maggie King of Jellico.

DJ is survived by his wife, Sarah

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the funeral home under DJ's name to help with his final expenses.

### Opal H. Porter, 85

Opal H. Porter, age 85, of Wartburg passed away on December 28, 2022 at home surrounded by her family. She was a lifelong resident of Morgan County and a 1955 graduate of Wartburg Central High School. She retired from Roane Hosiery after 30 plus years. She was an avid Tennessee and Lady Vols Fan.



She is preceded in death by her parents Doc & Effie Wilson Hardwick; son Tony Porter; sisters Jackie Will, Ella Mae Haynes, Mary Jane White and Celia Everett; brothers Tom, Arlis and James Hardwick.

She is survived by her son Greg Porter of Wartburg; brother-in-law Larry Will; grandson Brady Capps; grand daughter Sarah Porter and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Opals wishes is for everyone to wear Tennessee Orange and White or their favorite teams attire.

The family wishes to thank Quality Hospice Care and nieces Angie & Chasity for their special care Opal received during the last several

months.

The family will receive friends Saturday, December 31, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Kerry Ruppe officiating. Interment will follow in the Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg.

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

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Opal H. Porter.

### Virginia L. Bertram Cottrell, 85

Virginia L. Bertram Cottrell, age 85 of Sunbright passed away January 1, 2023 at her daughters house.



chelle) Bertram, and Jeff Bertram and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother Ernie Terry; father Russel Hughes; sons Glen David Bertram and Ricky Lee Bertram; daughter Brenda Bowling Bertram; granddaughter Jennifer Sue Lyons; sisters Mary K Miller and Wanda Foster; special son-in-law Harold Galloway; sister-in-law Marilyn Hughes.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 12-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Russell Jones officiating. Interment will follow in the Baptist Memorial Cemetery in Robbins.

Pallbearers – Rocky Bertram, Nathaniel Bertram, Troy Powers, Joshua Scott, Chris Upchurch, and Derek Gardener.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Virginia L. Bertram Cottrell.



**Kevin A. Blackburn, 55**

Kevin A. Blackburn of Wartburg, TN went to be with his heavenly father on Saturday, December 10, 2022. He was born May 21, 1967 in Niles, Michigan.



Phillips; brother Neil Blackburn and wife Deanna; son Jeremy Troy Blackburn of Indiana and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.

Kevin was a machinist for many years. He loved working on cars and would always lend a helping hand to anyone who needed help. He had a big heart and a beautiful smile and big dimples that everyone loved.

He is preceded in death by his brother Troy Blackburn; father Jimmy Blackburn; grandparents Reuben & Pearl Phillips and James & Wilma Blackburn and step-father Jay C. Phillips.

He is survived by his loving and devoted mother Carol Blackburn

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

“God has you in his keeping. I have you in my heart.”

Love, Mom

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kevin A. Blackburn.

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**Lillian Esteleen Sweat, 88**

Lillian Esteleen Sweat, age 88, of Wartburg passed away January 5, 2023 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.



ry (Barbara) Sweat; 5 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Esteleen loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents Homer & Dorothy Hooks; husband Howard Sweat; brother Ray Hooks.

She is survived by her children Teresa (Eddie) Lane and Lar-

The family will receive friends Monday, January 9, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12-1:00 p.m. with a graveside service at 2:00 p.m. at Anderson Memorial Gardens in Clinton with Pastor Robbie Leach officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home in honored to serve the family of Lillian Esteleen Sweat.

**Morgan County will receive more than \$5 million in Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) grants that will be used to improve wastewater and drinking water systems.**

By Hugh Willett

TDEC announced last week that the grants, to be funded by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), will be distributed across four utility systems including the Cumberland Utility District, the Plateau Utility District, Morgan County Coalfield Wastewater System and the City of Wartburg Sewer System.

“More than ever, infrastructure is critically important to our local communities,” said Lt. Governor Randy McNally, R-Oak Ridge.

Three Asset Management Plans to be completed with the funding will provide important upgrades to the infrastructure in the county, he said.

“The money will allow these cities and towns to address deficiencies and make improvements that will pay dividends not just in the present but in the years to come as well,” McNally said.

He said he greatly appreciates the work of the governor and the Fiscal Accountability Group for their work in making sure the federal funding was used efficiently.

The grants are a part of about \$125 million distributed by TDEC to communities across the state.

Governor Bill Lee said the grants will address important water infrastructure needs throughout the state, especially those among disadvantaged communities.

“We look forward to the improvements the projects will bring and we commend the communities that have gone through the application process,” Lee said.

The City of Harriman will also benefit from the TDEC program, utilizing transferred funding from Oakdale, Roane County and Morgan County to address critical needs in the city’s water and wastewater systems. The projects will include plans to eliminate excessive water loss, upgrade failing equipment, replace asbestos and potential lead containing distribution lines and reduce excessive infiltration and inflow from the wastewater collection system.

To the Editor:

Together Morgan County would like to thank each individual and group who had a part in the “Christmas In The Cumberlands” drive thru at Frozen Head State Park on Saturday, December 3. It is wonderful to see communities come together to offer events for our county. A special thank you goes to Frozen Head State Park for partnering with us and allowing the event to take place in the park. Frozen Head is a beautiful area and provided the perfect backdrop for the drive thru. Thank you to Friends of Frozen Head and to Ranger Jacob Ingram for his support and guidance.

Thank you to each group who participated by creating a Christmas scene. It is a very hectic time of year and the willingness of these groups to donate their time to this event is greatly appreciated. Thank you to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Youth Group, Morgan County Litter Grant Project, Sunbright Mayor Karen Melton, Morgan County Executive Brian Langley, Ridgeview, the Avalon Center, CASA, Morgan Scott Project, Oakdale Save the Children, Morgan County Kindergarten Readiness

Ambassador Kim Summers, Morgan County Libraries and Central Elementary School Save the Children for setting up and giving away goodies to families.

Thank you to Morgan County Food and Nutrition Director Peggy Hamby for bringing Gus the Bus to the park and to Mark and Vicki Simpson for serving hot chocolate and snacks to guests as they arrived. Thank you to Daniel Garrett, Sophia Hamby, Kendra Knox and Kinley Hamby for greeting guests with a program and bag for collecting goodies as they entered the drive thru. Thank you to Kitty McDowell who created fliers for promoting the event and the programs for the day of the event and to Julie Duncan for printing materials.

Thank you to Together Morgan County Collaborative members Jamie Gilreath, Sydney Elrod, Patricia Conner and Diana Smith for volunteering and distributing goodies. Thank you to Save the Children representatives Misty Stewart and Michelle Smith and SCAN representative Rachel Russell for attending.

Thank you to our local media for helping promote the drive thru. The support of WECO, Morgan

County Today and Morgan County News is appreciated. Thank you to the Morgan County Tourism Alliance and Morgan County Chamber of Commerce for promoting the event.

Thank you to the many donors who generously contributed to the event. Donors include Cash Express - Wartburg, TN, the City of Sunbright, Flowers Bakery - Crossville, TN, Friends of Frozen Head State Park, Morgan County Medical Center, Rhonda Laughter and Save the Children.

Together Morgan County wishes everyone a Happy New Year. We hope you will join us in 2023 by taking part in collaborative activities. The first meeting for the year will be Friday, January 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Morgan County Schools Central Office. To learn more about Together Morgan County, check out their Facebook page or contact Community Engagement Coordinator Sandra Helton for information.

Sincerely, Sandra Helton Morgan County Community Engagement Coordinator heltons@mcsed.net





# The Bulldog Banner



**Cole Burchell  
(CatFish Cole)**

## WCMS Resolutions

With the new year in full swing, many people are challenged with main-

taining their resolutions. These simple-seeming tasks that we put before us bring excitement and optimism but, more often than not end in disappointment. According to history.com, 45% of adults in the U.S. say that they make a new years resolution with only, 8% of them achieving their goals. That is why today we want to put you in that 8% and help you better yourself for 2023. Compiled below are various WCMS teachers, faculty, and staff resolutions and their advice plus tips for making the most of the new year.

SRO Mark Taylor's resolution is to become a better SRO this year than last year.

- "My plan is to continue being a positive role model for all the students and also be available to all students/staff inside Central Middle School in a time of need."

Mrs. Sheena Morgan has her own view on resolutions.

- "I will be honest, I have never been the type to do New Year's resolutions. I know it's a great way to start your year, but I think with the added pressure that it's something that is expected it makes your resolutions difficult to follow through. If I want to make changes in my life I would rather do it as the need arises, at my own pace knowing that if I accomplish the change it will be something I did on my own."

Mrs. Tara Bunch hopes to improve her health with new routines this year. - "Thank you, boys for asking me about my New Year's Resolutions. I don't always make resolutions but I did this year! Resolutions can vary greatly. They can be deep and meaningful or can be simple and on the lighter side. This year, I chose a simpler habit. As I'm getting older, I'm realizing the importance of taking care of myself. So this year, I'm trying to get myself in the habit of taking

my vitamins and supplements daily. I'm also trying to up my skin care routine. We need to love the skin we're in but it's also important to take care of our bodies.

Mrs. Adele looks for a positive beginning to 2023.

- "I resolve to always do better. Let go what u can't change and move forward with a positive attitude and outlook always xx"

Mr. Jeff Moore with multiple resolutions hopes to make 2023 the best year yet.

- "One of my resolution, as it is every year (insert sarcasm) is to try to eat less and to eat better, as well as become more active. Diving deeper into the gospel of grace is another one and allowing the lord to use me in teaching what He shows me in The Road Home podcas. And I suppose lastly, is to take chance to do the things I've really wanted to do when the chance arises, because you never know if those opportunities will come again.

Mrs Megan Liles bringing back old traditions for a new year.

- "I don't know that I really believe in New Year's Resolutions, but I do strongly believe in one's self care. And this time of year those two tend to morph into each other as we reflectively look back on the past year and determine to move forward with a fervor to make changes in our lives to preserve and improve our own well-being and happiness...the exact definition of self care. I did not make ant traditional New Year's Resolutions this year, butrecently have discussed with my side of the family that we want to bring back our family games nights. So, in the coming year we have decided we will make a point to get together more often to have a yummy dinner and play board games together. All of us girls are grown and now officially out of our parents house, it's such a feeling of nostalgia to go to Mom and Dad's house for game night. I'm very excited to start them again.

Mrs. Mason resolution is to spend more time with her family. - "My New Year's resolution, and your daddy's, was to spend more time with family this year. We realize that we are getting older, and we need to make more of an effort to make sure that we spend time together.

## Death of "The King"

As the New Year rolled in we lost a very impactful individual to the game of Futbol, Edson Arantes do Nascimento better known as Pele. He was born on October 23, 1940 in Tres Coracoes, Brazil and died on December 29, 2022. Though possibly the most impactful player in Futbol, Pele was very modest. Even though he was nicknamed "The King" of Futbol it was not always this way. He was rejected by multiple professional Futbol clubs until he was signed to "Santos Futbol Team" at the age of fifteen.

Pele was the most prominent and highest paid player of his time. He is known world wide for is famous 'Bicycle Kick.' He led his country, Brazil, to win three World



**Daniel Bunch  
(Big Man Dan)**



Cups in 1958, 1962, and in 1970. He scored 77 goals in all of the World Cups together and at the end of his career he had scored 1,283 goals in a total of 1,363 games. He was Brazil's highest scoring player ever. Pele had a total of 92 hat tricks, which is the most ever in history. A hat trick is where you score three goals in one game.

Pele grew up in the slums which is a very poor and dangerous place. He lived in poverty and didn't even have enough money for cleats or a real ball. He made sock stuffed Futbols and played barefoot.

Pele truly was one of the most inspirational Futbol players that ever lived and had many great quotes. I think the best one for middle school kids, such as myself and older, would have to be "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

As you can probably tell, Pele earned his nickname "The King" and also all the respect in the world. May he Rest in Peace.

If you would like to learn more about Pele there are many written works and movies about him and his life. I would suggest watching 'Pele: Birth of a Legend', a 2016 movie.



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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 Goliath (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. From Exodus 10, who made a false confession to Aaron and Moses? *Herod, Malachi, Satan, Pharaoh*
  3. Who was bespoken by an angel to save Israel from the Midianites? *Ish-mael, Job, Gideon, Philip*
  4. From 1 Samuel 9 and 10, who was the first king of Israel? *David, Saul, Solomon, Jehu*
  5. Who laughed on hearing she would have a child in her old age? *Sarah, Ruth, Lydia, Esther*
  6. From John 8:44, what is Satan the father of? *Sin, Lust, Scepters, Lies*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Pharaoh, 3) Gideon, 4) Saul, 5) Sarah, 6) Lies
- Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit [www.TriviaGuy.com](http://www.TriviaGuy.com).

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## Do Cats Really Need Potty Training?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I read with interest your recent column about cats using shop towels rather than kitty litter to do their business. How did their owner manage to train the cats to use the towels and switch from litter? And why not just let a cat do its business outside? — **Caroline D., Winchester, Virginia**

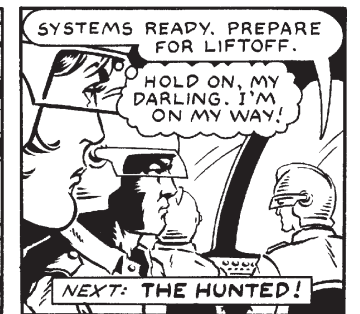
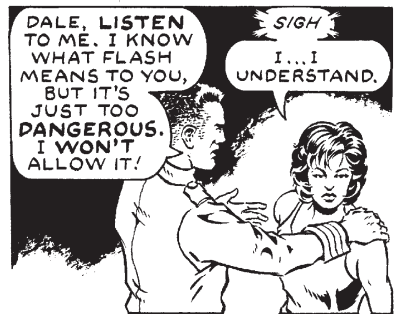
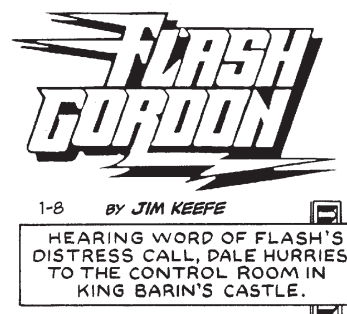
**DEAR CAROLINE:** Compared with dogs, cats are usually easy to potty train (or litter train) because they have very specific potty behaviors. Cats instinctively bury their poop to hide their scent from potential predators — hence the use of cat litter, which also absorbs urine well and masks the scent for a few days.

I'm not sure how the reader did it, but one way to switch a cat from litter box to a pad is to place the new pad and tray next to the old litter box so that a cat can sniff around it, check it out and become familiar with it. After a day or two, remove the litter box and put the pad in its place. Many cats will get the message right away. Others might hunt around for their box; if you notice this, place them gently on the pad to help them make the connection.

I'm not a big fan of letting indoor cats go outside to do their business. They'll often head straight for the nearest flower bed, leaving a surprise that I'm personally not thrilled about. They also are at risk in the outdoors, from coyotes, turkeys (yes, turkeys in the Northeast), cars and other cats. It's better to provide a safe spot indoors with a clean litter box.

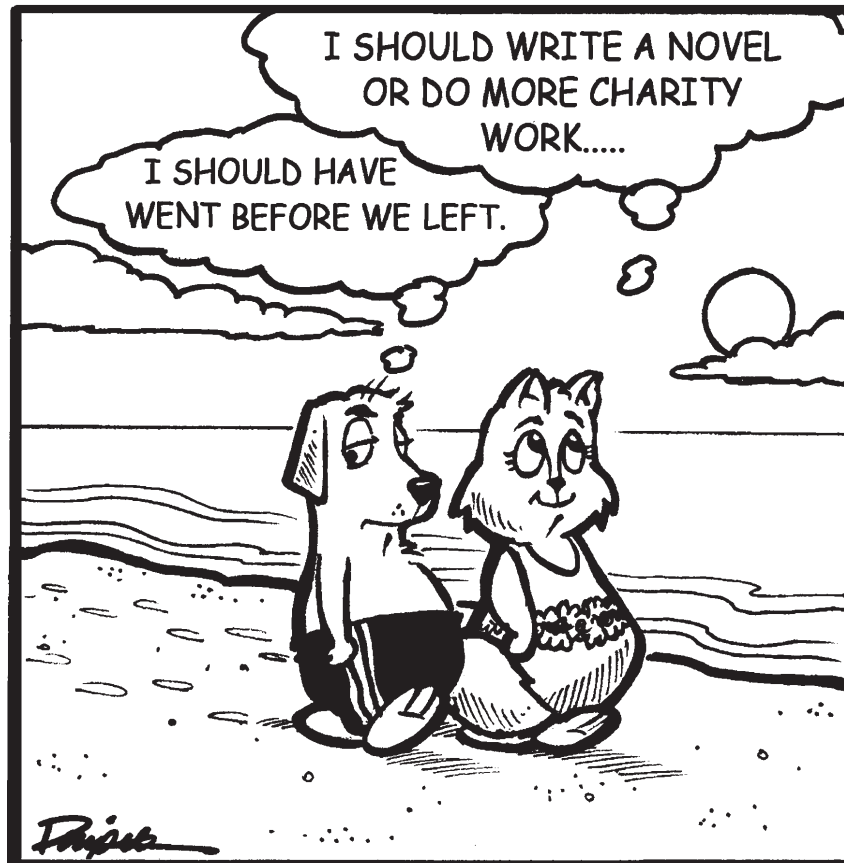
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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## GRIN AND BEAR IT



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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

\* If your straw broom isn't working as well as it did when new, try giving it a spruce-up. Beat any dust out of the ends, then trim off any bent straws. Trim a section from a leg of stretched out pantyhose or tights and wrap it around the bristles, about two inches up from the bottom. This keeps the bristles nice and tight, and it will collect dirt better.

\* When you replace old brushes -- hairbrushes or toothbrushes -- wrap a length of masking tape around the handle. That way you can use them for cleaning purposes, and they will never be mistakenly used for the wrong purpose.

\* "When cooking rice, add a little bit of lemon juice to the water. It does not really flavor it, but it will keep it nice and white, plus it seems to be a bit fluffier when I do this." -- R.E. in Mississippi

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* Michael Buffer has made over \$400 million from his trademark catchphrase, "Let's get ready to rumble!"

\* Martin Van Buren was the first U.S. president to be born an American.

\* After the terrorist attacks that destroyed New York City's Twin Towers, thousands of radio stations across the country received memos from media companies with a list of songs they considered "lyrically questionable" for a grieving nation. The list included The Beatles' "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" and (perhaps unsurprisingly) "Jump," by Van Halen.

\* Bacteria can live longer than four

weeks in carpets, as well as other types of flooring, and can instantly transfer those germs to any food that touches them. In other words, forget that famous "five-second rule," folks!

\* Fingers prune in water to give you a better grip.

\* In 2017, 70 students drank so much alcohol at a fraternity house party in Maryland that the air inside the house registered .01 on a breathalyzer.

\* Woodpeckers are the only animals to make sounds with something other than a part of their bodies. They will drum on a variety of objects to mark their territory, attract mates, locate food, or maybe just exercise or play.

\* There's a town named Hospital, in

County Limerick, Ireland, that has no hospital.

\* Not that most of us will ever get a chance to consume polar bear liver, but in case someone does offer it, you're best off refusing. The meal might, and quite unpleasantly so, cost you your life. It contains too much vitamin A for humans to handle.

\* During a 1976 strike by Los Angeles medical doctors, the death rate decreased by 18%.

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Thought for the Day: "A bad attitude is like a flat tire; if you don't change it, you won't go anywhere." -- Joyce Meyer

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\* "When my child was mostly finished potty training, I put her baby potty in the car with some wet wipes and plastic baggies. Seems like she had emergencies when we were driving, and it wasn't always convenient to find a business with a bathroom in time. But it was easy to pull into a parking lot and let her take care of business." -- E.E. in Maine

\* Store extra plastic grocery bags in empty tissue boxes. They are easy to store this way, and you can keep them under the sink or in the car for easy access.

\* "Keep your garage floor nice by lining the area where you park with carpet remnants. Road salt and other nasty business that your tires pick up will not corrode the floor. You can shake out the rugs outside." -- C.Y. in New York

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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8 "Cheers" order	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65
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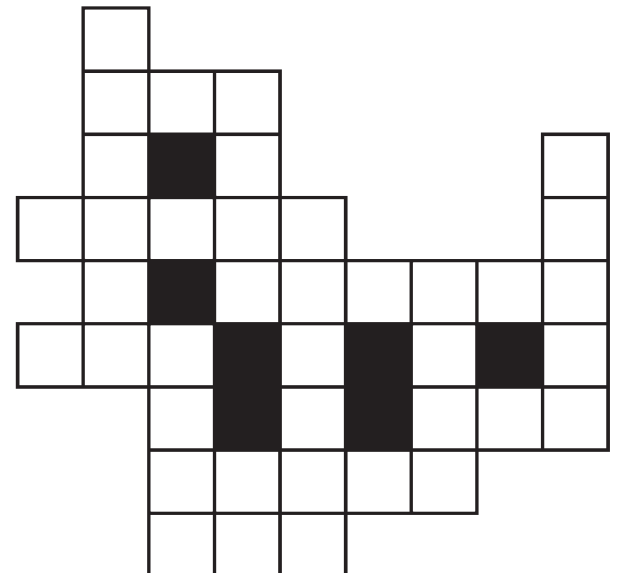
### DOWN

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2 Lofty	8 Energizer mascot	14 Ming, for one
3 — about (roughly)	9 Fencing sword	15 Kismet
4 Fragrant wood	10 List-ending abbr.	16 Reply (Abbr.)
5 Unfriendly	11 Bakery buy	17 Seconded
6 Noisy	12 Debtors' notes	18 "True Colors" singer Lauper
	19 Pester	19 Different
	20 Rm. coolers	20 Not naked
	21 Sign before Virgo	21 Abode
	22 Lad	22 Banister
	23 Pallid	23 Asta's feeder
	24 Joplin tune	24 Relocate
		25 Squad
		26 NYC gallery

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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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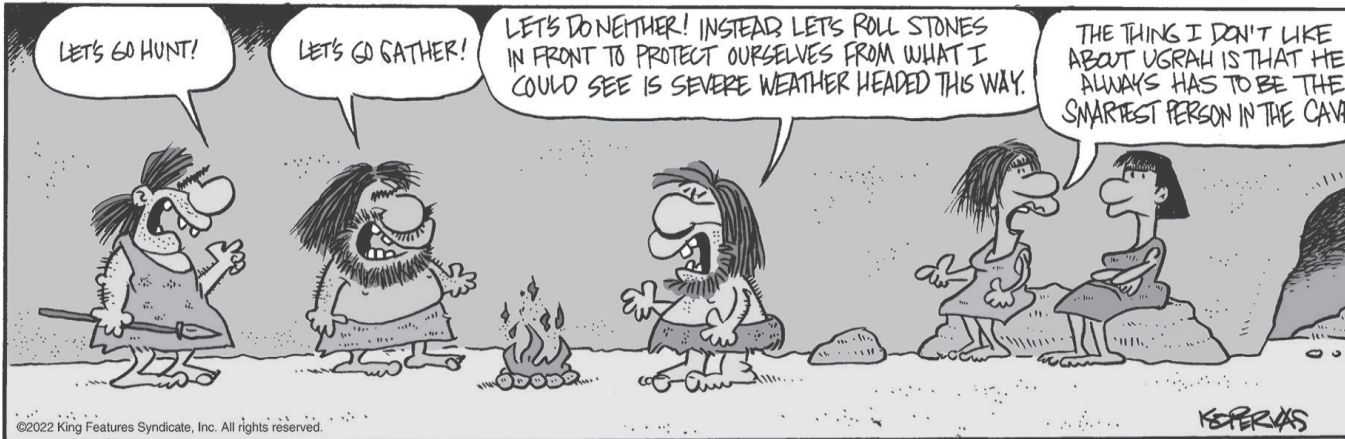
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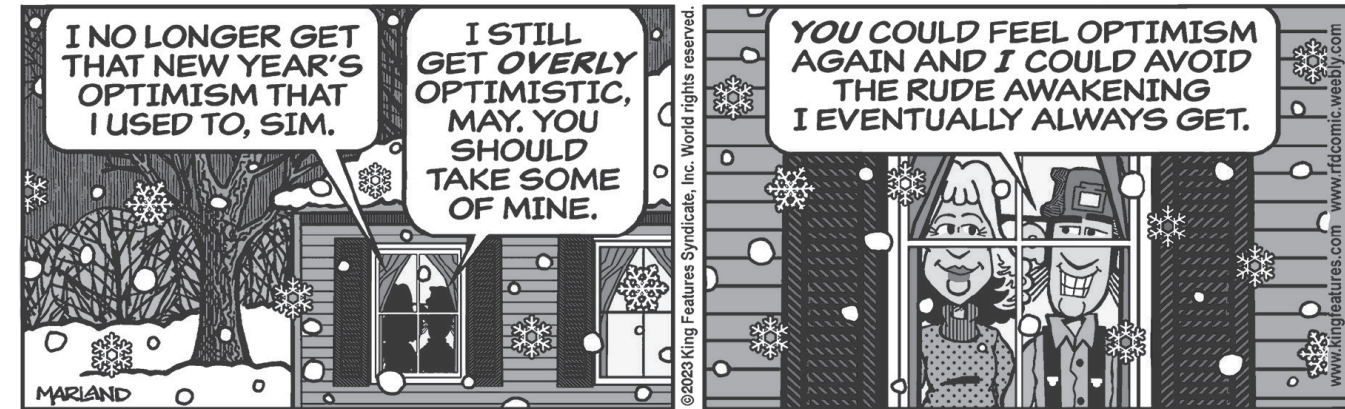
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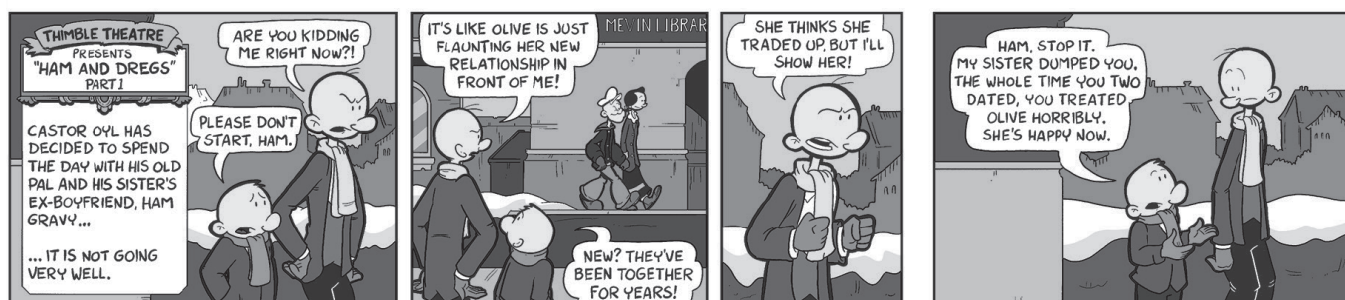
# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



# MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

\* On Jan. 25, 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married Anne Boleyn. The bride was pregnant with the future Queen Elizabeth I, and the ceremony took place shortly before dawn with just a handful of witnesses present. Its stealthy nature was, of course, due to a lack of papal permission.

\* On Jan. 29, 1886, Carl Benz applied for a patent for his "vehicle powered by a gas engine." His first model, known as the "Benz Patent Motorwagen," was financed by his wife and business partner Bertha's dowry, had three wheels, and ran on an internal combustion engine similar to modern automobiles.

\* On Jan. 23, 1922, a second injection of insulin brought Leonard Thompson, a 14-year-old diabetic, out of his coma at the Toronto General Hospital. An initial dose caused a severe allergic reaction, but after biochemist James Colp worked nearly two weeks to improve and purify the extract, he was rewarded with success and Thompson survived.

\* On Jan. 24, 1935, the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Company of Richmond, Virginia, sold the first canned beer, Krueger Cream Ale, to the public. When approached by the American Can Company, Krueger executives were unenthusiased, but American Can's offer to install the necessary equipment for free helped seal the deal, to a nearly 100% customer approval rating.

\* On Jan. 28, 1978, TV viewers were treated to their first sight of the mysterious Mr. Roarke and his sidekick, Tattoo, on a tropical beach with the debut episode of "Fantasy Island." While there were hints that Roarke was immortal or at least centuries old, the real entertainment was in watching guests learn unexpected life lessons or, on occasion, carry out last wishes as they lived their enormously expensive dreams.

\* On Jan. 27, 1993, French wrestler Andre the Giant (Andre Rene Roussimoff), who stood nearly seven and a half feet and weighed over 500 pounds, died of a heart attack after his father's funeral. Afflicted with acromegaly, Roussimoff had declined potentially life-prolonging medical treatment for fear it might hamper his career.

\* On Jan. 26, 2006, Western Union announced the end of its paper telegram service. The very first telegram had been sent by Samuel Morse, inventor of the Morse Code, to his partner, Alfred Vail, in May 1844. It read simply, "What hath God wrought?"



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# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## “Yellowstone” Is Not a Show About Race

Long after it has run its course on TV, the show “Yellowstone” will provide fodder for countless Ph.D. candidates in whiteness studies.

In certain precincts, the verdict about the smash hit that has spawned a cottage industry of spin-offs is in: The show is about whiteness, and particularly white grievance.

In a recent podcast about “Yellowstone,” Sam Sanders of New York Magazine said, “Kevin Costner sets up the imagery of conservative white grievance without any of the negative baggage.”

His interviewee, New York Times critic Tressie McMillan Cottom, added that the context is a “show in post-Trump America, the political backdrop of white grievance and white reclamation that we are undergoing, trying to claw back to a sort of mythical 40, 50 years ago, when our systems worked better for white Americans than they did for non-white Americans.”

Got that?

Another piece at New York Magazine a couple of years ago observed that the show advances “a desperate and threatened appeal to American identity and white masculinity.”

The debate over “Yellowstone” isn’t new; the show is in its fifth season, and after a brief hiatus, the latest episode drops on January 8. But the debate matters. As the most popular scripted show on cable TV, it is a significant cultural phenomenon.

So, is the hostile and racially reductive critique of the show accurate?

It is certainly true that the protagonist (and anti-hero of the show), John Dutton, is white. The family patriarch and owner of the Rhode Island-sized Yellowstone ranch in Montana, Dutton fights off hostile forces threatening his land-empire through political subterfuge and murder -- you know, the way all white people do.

That you can’t help but sympathize with Dutton, despite his loathsome methods, is a count against the show, although too much shouldn’t be made of this.

Dutton has charisma on his side -- he’s played by big-time star Kevin Costner, who looks like the Marlboro Man and sounds like Clint Eastwood.

Taylor Sheridan, the show’s creator, has been at pains to deny “Yellowstone” is a conservative show.

About this, he is correct. It has no sympathy for capitalists, corporations or economic development. But it is decidedly populist -- and right-leaning populist -- in its disdain for these things. By skewering assorted coastal elites while taking an unsentimental view of Native Americans, it steadfastly refuses to bend to contemporary progressive pieties.

In its appreciation for land, place, family and tradition, the show channels Wendell Berry via the ethos of the Wyatt Earp vendetta ride.

There’s nothing particularly “white” about this. Protecting and valuing what’s yours is a universal American, nay, human, quality.

Then, there’s the notion that the land is somehow “white” because the white man stole it from the American Indians. The show doesn’t have any problem acknowledging Native American claims. The chairman of the local tribe, Thomas Rainwater, has a vision of buying back all the land with the profits from a casino project.

Kathryn VanArendonk of New York Magazine maintains that Rainwater is “an otherness to Dutton’s whiteness.”

Yet, Rainwater is less of an “other” than someone who wants the same thing as Dutton -- namely, the land -- and who schemes and maneuvers to try to get it.

The true hero of “Yellowstone” is traditional masculinity as reflected in the ideal of the American cowboy. Of course, there’s an exaggerated emphasis on fisticuffs and violence. But in a show where most people are unhappy, the grace notes tend to come via the bunkhouse, where the ranch hands socialize among themselves, and in honeyed moments of appreciation for the outdoors and for horses.

In a culture that relentlessly boosts college degrees and other credentials, “Yellowstone” at its best is an oasis of a different way of looking at accomplishment and value.

This aspect of “Yellowstone” must account for a large part of its appeal. The progressive critics who see the show through the prism of “white grievance” are only proving that they, not Taylor Sheridan, are the ones obsessed with race.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.





**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

They came down from Greenville, Tennessee every summer. The oldest boy said that his mother saved her egg money every year so they could make the seventy-mile trip. Velma was one of Grandpa's daughters and her boys just loved the country around Morgan County. The two oldest boys were about the same age as my two oldest brothers and one was around six or seven years younger. Their two girls were the youngest ones in the family. And I don't think Molly, the youngest one, had come along yet when this even happened.

The boys played well together but the least one, Rex, really thought he was as big as the other boys. When Willie and Shirly went behind the barn to smoke rabbit tobacco ole Rex was right there with them. He puffed on the cig until it almost burned his lips. One of the boys told him that they had a bottle of whiskey a few weeks ago that the men had hid in the corn crib. He might be too little for that but Rex said no, I can do what you two do.

The older boys liked to go up into the mountains in what they called Winchester Hollow. Greene County where they lived was mostly rolling hills. The foothills of the Smokies were far off. In 1942 when the Pruitt family came down it had rained hard for over a week and Mud Creek was way over its banks. The pastures had little islands where the livestock had to stand to stay out of the deep water. The footlog was over water and the current in Mud Creek was more like a river during a flood.

The barn was really close to Mud Creek and all the boys had gathered there to play. They played mumblety-peg with their knives on the dirt floor of the barn. But as boys do, they got bored and ventured outside by the flooded creek. All of them were bare-footed and had their breeches legs rolled up. Rex got to the edge of the water and someone said, "Rex don't you dare go into that swift water."

## A Hero on Grandpa's Farm

But Rex, being the dare devil he was, didn't listen. He took three steps out into the water and he slipped into the swift current. Rex yelled help as he started down under the swift water.

All the boys knew he was a goner unless someone acted fast. Don and Allen were Rex's older brothers but hesitated before they acted because the water looked too scary. Willie was the oldest Redmon present that day and now that all

out of his lungs. I'm sure he didn't know artificial-respiration but he knew what drowning was all about. He knew the water had to be gotten out of his lungs. Rex told me Willie definitely saved his life because he was drowning.

It was a lesson to Rex and all the other boys there that day. Everyone knew that Mud Creek was usually a calm creek and not very deep but, on this day, it was a wild river. A young seven-year-old boy could have lost his life that day. That was around the year 1942-43, during the 2nd World War. In the 1950's after Willie served his time in the U.S. Navy he and Mabel moved to Greeneville. For a short time, Willie even stayed with the Pruitt's until he could get them a place to live.

In the summer of 1953, I went up to Greeneville to stay with Willie and Mabel and see if I could get a job. For a while I helped Willie on his milk route until I got a job at a restaurant.

The owner of the restaurant knew and liked Willie and although he didn't need another worker, he hired me anyhow. Well, I didn't last.



the witnesses are gone, I will have to tell how Willie rescued Rex by what he and Rex told me.

Willie dove into the muddy swift water and grabbed Rex before he got under the footlog. He pulled him up to the closest bank and began working to get the water

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David Zubler  
Columnist

## IRS Refund news

The IRS will begin processing E-filed tax returns on January 23. However, your return information can be entered into tax software earlier and then E-filed on January 23. The IRS will begin processing paper returns a week or two later.

The IRS is warning you to refrain from counting on getting your refunds by any specific date.

Some returns will need extra time to review and could take longer to process. Returns that claim some tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, may take longer for filers to get their refunds.

By law, the IRS can't issue the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit refunds before mid-February. This includes your entire refund, not just the part that's related to the credit you claimed on your tax return. If you claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit, you can expect your refund on March 1 if you E-file and use direct deposit.

Most E-filed returns receive their refunds within three weeks. Filing a paper tax return requires manual processing and can take six months or more.

The due date for filing W2 and 1099s is January 31. However, you may not receive all the forms needed for your return until the first week of February if they are mailed to you.

The IRS is also cautioning that taxpayers may receive smaller refunds for their 2022 returns because of the expiration of many pandemic benefits that had been designed to help Americans cope with the crisis.

Some tax credits will return to 2019 levels. This means that if you receive the credit, you will likely receive a smaller refund compared to your 2021 refund. Changes to credits include the Child and Dependent Care Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Child Tax Credit.

The Child Tax Credit was \$3,600 per dependent in 2021 but has been reduced to \$2,000 for 2022. The Child and Dependent Care Credit returns to a maximum of \$2,100. The maximum credit in 2022 was \$8,000. The Earned Income Credit for people with no children was about \$1,500 in 2021 but will be reduced to about \$500 in 2021.

The IRS is hiring thousands of new employees with the goal of being better prepared for the 2023 tax filing season.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Goals for 2023

I didn't rush to create my goals for 2023, but the time has come ...

One year ago I made two goals: to buy weekly food donation cards at the grocery store to give to the food bank and to continue to pick up weekly groceries for three elderly neighbors. I made it three-quarters of the year on both of those.

Food prices just got too high for me to continue to buy a donation card each week. And picking up groceries for the three elderly ladies was no longer necessary once I introduced them to the food bank. Now I have new goals for 2023.

I'm going to continue with "Growing Stronger," the free 126-page strength-training book for seniors on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (cdc.gov). I've reprinted new, blank pages

for the charts, such as Long-Term Personal Goals and How Fit and Strong Are You Now? I'm just about ready to buy a pair of slightly heavier hand weights. If you decide to start the "Growing Stronger" strength program, ask your doctor first if it's appropriate for you. And remember: Start slowly, with low weights.

In the tech category, my goal is to successfully set up a personal Wi-Fi hotspot. (A hotspot is letting your phone's cellular service serve as Wi-Fi.) This desire comes after a day with no power during a storm. No power meant no computer, but I did have cellphone service. Had I been able to set up a hotspot, I would have been able to access the internet on my tablet. If you decide to try this, be mindful of security.

As a final goal for the year, I'm going to have a banana each and every day. Whether it's sliced over cereal or put in a smoothie, I'll get my fiber, magnesium, potassium and vitamins B6 and C ... like it or not.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. **Shep and the Limelites are best remembered for which song?**

2. **Which group started as Billy Lee & the RIVERS?**

3. **Name the group that wrote and released "Shout."**

4. **Rolling Stone magazine named a Beatle as Man of the Year. Which Beatle was it and when?**

5. **Name the song that contains these lyrics: "And so you're back from outer space, I just walked in to find you here with that sad look upon your face."**

## Answers

1. **"Daddy's Home," in 1961. The song was kept one spot from the top of Billboard's chart by Ricky Nelson's "Travelin' Man."**

2. **Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels. Their first hit was "Jenny Take a Ride," in 1965.**

3. **The Isley Brothers, in 1959. It only went to No. 47 on the charts, but eventually went gold from all of the years being played.**

4. **John Lennon, in 1970.**

5. **"I Will Survive," by Gloria Gaynor, in 1978. The song was the mostly ignored b-side on the single (they only took 35 minutes to record it) ... until a DJ listened to a demo copy that he'd been given and launched the song out into the world. It took the Grammy Award for Best Disco Recording in 1980.**

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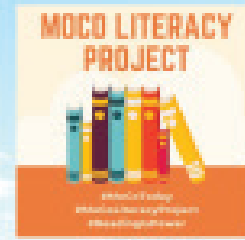
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# Titus Chapter 2 & 3

(Titus 1:1-5) Instruction to the Aged: Paul now turns his attention to a different class of people---those who need help and are willing to accept it. Older men were to be (a) “temperate” (clear-headed 1 Tim. 3:2, 11) (b) “grave” (serious, dignified); (c) “sober-minded” (1 Tim. 3:2); (d) “sound in the faith” (healthy trust) (1:13) (e) “love” (dedicated commitment) (1 Cor. 13:4); (f) “patience” (tough steadfastness).

Now for aged women. They should: (a) be “reverent in demeanor” (a serious, holy-like attitude in serving God); (b) be “not enslaved to much wine” (due to the common use of medicinal wine) (1Tim. 3:8; 5:23; Tit. 1:17); (c) be “teachers of good” (that in harmony with the Scriptures and commensurate with their distinctive roles) (1 Tim. 2:12); (d) “train younger women” (encouragement toward proper responsibility); (e) “love their husbands and children” (the cultivation of genuine affection, perhaps in marriages that were arranged).

(Titus 2:2-8) Instruction to the Younger: Younger women were to be (a) “sober-minded” (prudent, in control of self); (b) “chaste” (pure in all areas of life---habits, dress, language, etc.); (c) “workers at home” (giving due attention to their husbands and children; the unjustified absence of mothers contributes to juvenile delinquency); (d) “kind” (good natured, considerate; life was hard on the ancient woman, and there may have been great temptation to gruffness); (e) “submissive to their husbands” (the authority arrangement within the home (Eph. 5:22; 1 Tim. 5:14), which runs counter to the modern culture of feminine “independence”).

The ultimate goal? That God’s word be not spoken against. How grave, then, the instruction!

Younger men are exhorted to be “sober-minded in all things” (in every dimension of life (2, 5). Interestingly, at this point Titus himself is encouraged to be an example in “good works”---perhaps a clue that he is among the “younger” class. Integrity of “doctrine” must be maintained. The young men are to demonstrate seriousness and healthy speech clothed with dignity: thus beyond reproach. There is nothing like a noble example to “shame” the enemies of truth. The “contrary part” (v. 8) may be pagan critics or apostate church members. They must be silenced!

(Titus 2:9-10) Servants and Masters: The master-servant relationship obviously was sensitive issue in the early church, for it is addressed several times in Paul’s epistles (see Eph. 6:5-9). Paul now addresses Christian slaves. They must be in submission to their masters, not grudgingly or out of fear, but sincerely attempting to please them in all ways consistent with the will of God. “Gainsaying” is to be argumentative, disrespectful. “Purloining” is theft, skimming off the top. The slave is to be honest with his master. The Christian slave, even under difficult conditions, was to so live as to bring “luster” to the teaching of God, our Savior.

(Titus 2:11-15) The Manifestation of Grace: Following is a marvelous little galaxy of information concerning God’s grace. “Grace” is redemptive favor that is undeserved. It “appeared” in the form of God’s Son, who gave his life to pay the debt price of sin (Rom. 3:21); thus, a plan of “salvation.” Potentially, it is available to “all” people, hence does not involve a “limited atonement.” The salvation is not “unconditional,” as Calvinism alleges, but conveys a body of “instruction” that requires the exercise of human responsibility (Jn. 6:45). Obviously the message is to be received; but more than that, it necessitates a change involving the repudiation of a sinful life and the adoption of principles of righteousness. It is a system of hope in that it looks forward to the appearing of Christ, whose deity is affirmed in the phrase, “the great God and Savior.” The efficacy of this plan is certified by the redemptive death of Jesus. In view of this thrilling plan, the Lord’s people must be “zealous of good works,” namely those divinely prescribed---obedient people!

The matter sketched out above are crucial; hence, Titus is to speak (v. 1), “exhort” (1 Tim. 1:3; 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:2), and “reprove” (1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2; Tit. 1:13). Because an inspired apostle had authorized him to function in a leadership role among the churches of Crete, Titus was empowered to exercise “all authority,” especially in dealing with false teacher who needed both rebuke and restraint (1:10-11). The authority of Titus was unique and cannot be claimed by any evangelist today. Any Christian, however, has the authority to teach or to rebuke when such is consistent with New Testament law. “Let no man despise you,” is a warning that Titus’ authority may be rejected by the rebellious; yet he is not to yield to the pressure of wicked influences.

Titus Chapter 3 (3:1-2) Respect for rulers: Titus was to constantly remind the saints on Crete of their responsibility to government rulers who keep order in society (Rom. 13:1) so long as they were not compelled to disobey divine law (Acts 5:29). They

were to be ready to implement good works. They were to refrain from “speaking evil” of others. This does not prohibit legitimate rebuke, even sharply (1:13; Mt. 23), but it does censure the vicious, ugly spirit. Christians are not to be “contentious,” constantly negative, always spoiling for a fight---as even some preachers, editors, and writers are today. Instead, God’s child is to be “gentle,” under control, showing kindness to “all” people (without discrimination).

(Titus 3:3-11) Salvation through Christ: One’s unregenerate past is nothing of which to be proud, and recognition of that would help a devout person in his disposition toward others who have made horrible mistakes. Paul includes himself in the folly of his history. “Foolishness” (1 Tim 6:9) is characteristic of those who “know not and know not that they know not”! The “disobedient” are those unable to be persuaded by factual data and cold logic. Many are “deceived,” they have fallen under the influence of myths and twisted ideas that have warped their ability to reason. Corrupt thinking enslaves a person to sensual lusts and unbridled pleasures, together with hostile, hateful attitudes and actions. Such are totally antagonistic to the Holy God.

A new day dawned on planet Earth when the kindness of God our Savior and his redemptive love toward humanity appeared (2:11). By means of the great divine plan of forgiveness, the Lord saved us (Christians). It was not on the basis of any system of works humanly originated, crafted, and implemented (Eph. 2:8-9). Instead, that salvation was divine in composition, and the process was consummated by the washing of regeneration.” This expression is without question a reference to water baptism. This is confirmed by both the parallelism with passages like John 3:3-5, Eph. 5:26, and 1 Peter 3:21, and the almost universal acknowledgment of this by the world’s leading scholars (Thayer, Danker, Spicq)---even some who are biased against the connection between baptism and the remission of sins (Robertson). The term “washing” refers to the washing of the “whole body.” The pronoun “us” identifies the action here specified with Paul’s own conversion (Acts 22:16). The “renewing” of the Spirit signifies the operation of the Spirit through the gospel message, which in turn produces belief and leads the sinner to submit to the act of baptism. The following reference to the “pouring out” of the Spirit probably refers to the ordinary bestowal of the Spirit to believers at the time of their baptism (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 4:6). Note that “saved” (v. 5) is the equivalent of “justified by grace” (v. 7). “Grace” and “obedience” are not in opposition; they complement one another! Herein our “hope of eternal life” is anchored (v. 7).

The “faithful is the saying” expression, so common to Paul (1 Tim. 1:15), suggests that “these things” taught by the apostle are worthy of their trust and confident proclamation. The verb “believed” sums up the entire conversion process (Acts 16:34; 19:2-3). “Believers” are the equivalent of “Christians.” These are to constantly take care to keep on pursuing their obedience, as manifested in their noble actions. Such conduct is intrinsically good, and profitable to others as well.

There are things to be avoided. “Foolish questions” (1 Tim. 1:4; 6:4); 2 Tim. 2:23) are divisive issues which are of no eternal consequence. For “genealogies,” “strife,” and “fightings about the law,” see 1 Tim. 1:4; 6:4. Such matters are not worthy of one’s time and attention. The “factious” (literally, heretics) are to be admonished. These are those who become the center of a “sectarian” cultism. If they persist in their divisive ways, refuse them. Do not let them get a grip on the church. This clearly suggests the exercise of formal discipline, because rebels of this disposition are perverted, obsessed with their sinning ways, and have already condemned themselves.

(Titus 3:12-15) Personal matters and conclusion: Paul has plans to send someone to relieve Titus on Crete. It may be Artemas (of whom nothing else is known) or Tychicus, a brother highly praised by Paul (Acts 20:4; Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:12). Paul had determined to go to Nicopolis for winter. Here Paul likely was arrested and taken to Rome.

Zenas (his name suggests a Gentile) and Apollos, a Jewish brother (Acts chapters 18 & 19), were fellow disciples whom Titus was to assist on a projected trip for the cause of Christ. Additionally, “our people” were to be learning steady maintenance in the practice of good works “necessary” to the implementation of the Christian mission, the result being the production of spiritual fruit.

The letter ends with the common salutation. Greeting and dispatched from Paul and his companions wherever he was this time. Salutations are sent to those who “love us in faith,” not superficially or merely emotionally, but consistent with the whole arena of work in which they were engaged by faith. He prays that God’s favor will abide with all of them, which suggests that others were to read this letter (1 Tim. 6:21).



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**The Garden Bug**  
**The squash bug**

Adult squash bugs spend the winter hiding in sheltered places. Emerging in spring, they seek squash and pumpkin plants, to feed on the leaves and stems and also to lay eggs. Plants can be destroyed from extensive feeding by these pests. To trap them, leave boards or newspaper out near infested plants; squash bugs will congregate under them at night. In the morning, collect the bugs and destroy them. - Brenda Weaver

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Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Detail of “Hand of God” by Clare Leighton (1952)

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# Historically Speaking

## Disappearing Appalachia in Tennessee

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Carolyn Krause brings us an alarmingly simple but profound observation about our region of Appalachia. At a recent Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning class, Harry Moore and Fred Brown brought their book, *Disappearing Appalachia in Tennessee: A Picture of a Vanished Land and its People to life*. Carolyn graciously captured that presentation for *Historically Speaking*.

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Tennessee is losing the Appalachian way of life, including its distinctive buildings, bridges, language, and music. “This vast region that was once a stronghold of firs, farmland and barns stuffed with hay, corn and tobacco is disappearing beneath layer upon layer of asphalt, sprawling cities and the spread of suburbs into what once were lush fields.”

This quote is from *Disappearing Appalachia in Tennessee: A Picture of a Vanished Land and Its People*. The authors of this book, published in 2021 by UT Press, are Harry Moore and Fred Brown. Earlier this year, they told stories and presented slides of photographs from the book to an Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning class.

Moore, who took beautiful black-and-white photos of Appalachian buildings and structures still standing in East Tennessee, is a retired engineering geologist from the Tennessee Department of Transportation and more recently Golder Associates in Atlanta, where he worked a combined 47 years studying the geology of East Tennessee and surrounding regions. Since 1972 he has been involved in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of East Tennessee’s road system.

An award-winning journalist whose assignments took him from the end zones as a sportswriter to several war zones as an embedded reporter, Brown completed his 45-year career as a senior writer who penned regional history stories and features for the Knoxville News Sentinel.

Brown read his descriptions of the “hardy souls” who came here from Great Britain and “braved the extraordinary elements, natural and man-made” to build homes, raise families and plant “long row crops in the rich valleys, high meadows and gently rolling foothills.” He painted a picture of family farms that “spread along dusty roads bisecting thick forests of oak, hickory, poplar, dogwood, hemlocks and firs.”

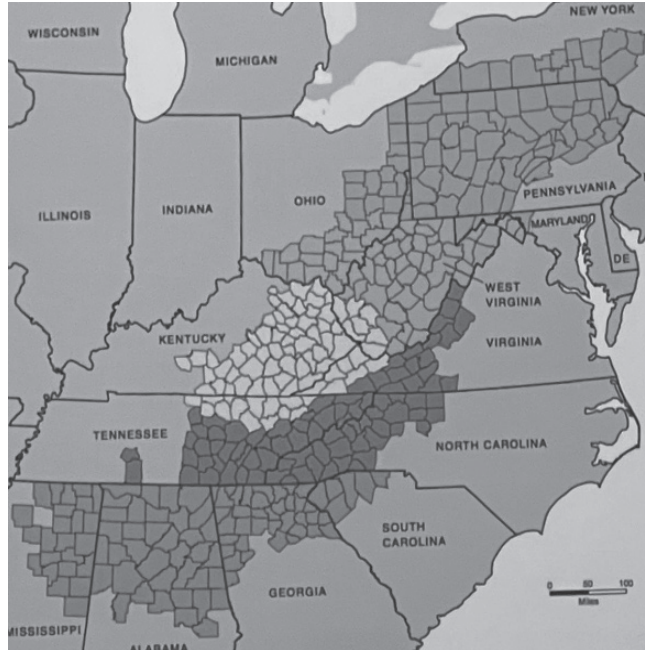
The “rolling hills, rivers, mountains and flatland farms” of East Tennessee are part of Appalachia, which Brown described as “a great swath of states encompassing 205,000 square miles along the spine of the Great Appalachian Mountains. This rugged chain of mountains extends from New York to Mississippi – some 12 states and all of West Virginia compose what is known as Appalachia. East Tennessee borders 6 of the 12 other states. Tennessee itself borders 7 of the 12 states.”

Economically, conditions have changed in Appalachia. “Farmers once produced all they needed for themselves and their families with enough left over to sell to neighbors or to the market,” Brown said. “Life was good. Families prospered and children grew up in a region of quiet civility and respect.”

Today, poverty rates and unemployment in the Southern Appalachian counties bordering Tennessee are higher and the income per capita is lower than the U.S. average. Tobacco farms have vanished, and coal mining has declined as an income source.

“Farmers are aging and the population living on the farm continues to drop,” he added. “East Ten-

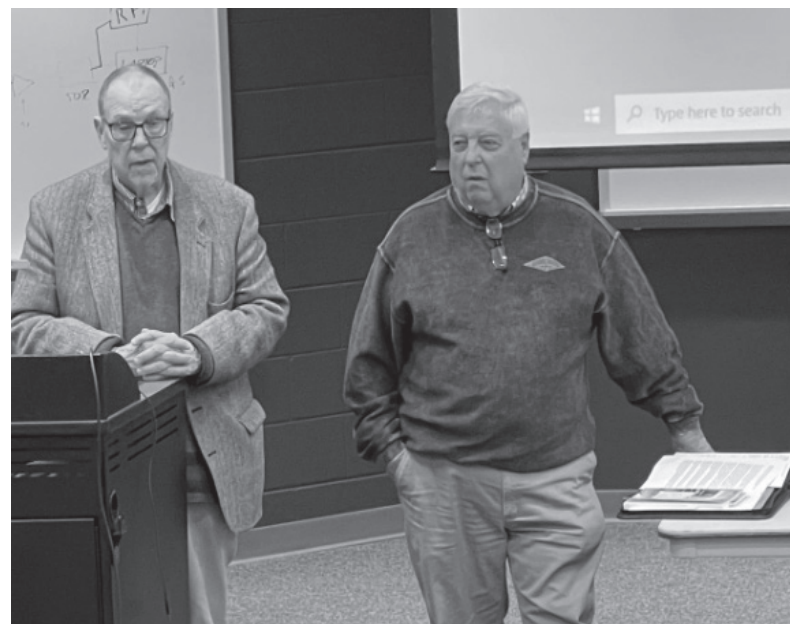
nessee’s portion of Appalachia is changing dramatically. Cities are getting bigger; traffic is growing and small towns are struggling to keep a central business district. What we see along East Tennessee back roads are remnants of another time and place.” He suggested that regional residents have been witnessing the “disassembling of East Tennessee.”



Map showing the portions of the 12 states that are in the Appalachian region. All of West Virginia is in Appalachia.



A cantilever barn. The small building on the ground supporting the cantilever barn section is the only part of the structure that is taxable.



Fred Brown, left, and Harry Moore told a recent ORICL class about what they learned driving around rural Tennessee about the topic of their book: *Disappearing Appalachia*.



An abandoned general store with a single gasoline tank in front.

Moore showed photos of various buildings and structures that are “fading from the landscape.” The most interesting buildings include the “great barns with magnificently constructed cantilevers that housed not only farm animals and cribs but also tobacco hanging to dry and enormous lofts for hay,” Brown said.

Moore explained that a cantilever barn consists of a long “second-floor” structure supported by a much smaller building on the ground. The reason for this design by Scotch-Irish immigrants was the realization that only the square feet of the building touching the ground could be taxed.

He noted that disappearing structures include log cabins made of yellow poplar and oak, one-room schoolhouses, grist mills, general stores, covered bridges and steel-truss bridges. Concrete and steel-beam bridges are replacing the older bridges because they are too narrow and not designed to bear the weight of tractor-trailer trucks. However, he added, most of the old churches have been well preserved because subsequent generations of families that first joined the churches have taken care of the sanctuary buildings.

Brown and Moore drove around East Tennessee and interviewed 15 people in their 80s and 90s who reminisced about the Appalachian way of life.

Glen Cardwell and his family were forced to move from their home because of the establishment in 1934 of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, but he ended up getting a job there as a naturalist. Robert Nicely lived on the family farm purchased in 1835. He told Brown that the family members spelled their names in different ways (Nicely or Niceley) depending on which political party candidates they were voting for.

The authors dedicated their book to Charlie Cavin because he steered them to interesting people to interview. Cavin was an agricultural extension agent in Grainger County who, Moore said, was “responsible for the popularity of the Grainger County tomatoes. He found a variety of tomatoes that would do well in the county’s soil. He figured out that bumblebees are great pollinators of tomato plants. He taught farmers how to grow and market the famous Grainger County tomatoes.”

A carpenter that Moore met lived in a cave his whole life. He built 12 houses and lived on \$300 a year. He had a wood-burning stove in the cave he rented from a farmer for \$1 a year. He built a wooden structure over the mouth of the cave to keep heat in and animals out. He washed his clothes in the Holston River.

This man got by without electricity his whole life. When the authors asked the other interviewees which changes they considered improvements in their life, they all answered “electricity,” which was introduced in the late 1930s and early 1940s, with indoor plumbing a close second.

Brown noted the gradual disappearance of the Appalachian language, which combined the language brought here by Scotch-Irish immigrants with the language of mountain folks. Most of us rarely hear Appalachian phrases like “don’t rightly know, them thar holler and hissy fit.”

The author attributed the loss of the Appalachian language and dialects to the intermingling of the residents with people migrating here from all over the nation. Another impact on Appalachians’ way of speaking, they agreed, is television, which presents the uniform Middle America speech of people in commercials, sitcoms, and newscasts.

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Thank you, Carolyn, for bringing this most interesting book and class to our *Historically Speaking* readers.



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## DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

### Soup Swap Offers Fun by the Spoonful

What do you get when you mix a few friends, a few soups and a chilly afternoon? You get one fantastic get-together! It even has its own holiday. Saturday, Jan. 21 is National Soup Swap Day.

Here's how to throw the easiest, least expensive, most appreciated party of the season: a soup swap. Invite a small number of friends, asking each to bring several quarts of their favorite homemade soup. One quart of each soup will be heated and sampled during the party, along with breads, snacks and beverages. Before going home, everyone exchanges soups. The best part is everyone goes home with a variety of soups to keep them cozy in the cold days ahead.

Soup swaps work best when you invite four to six people. Everyone brings the same number of quarts of soup as there will be people attending the party. For example, if four people will attend, each should bring four quarts. This makes one quart to sample during the party and three quarts to give to friends. You won't bring home your own soup. The host will decide if they will provide soup garnishes like sour cream, crackers and breads, along with beverages, snacks and dessert. Or the guests can bring those items, potluck style.

Send invitations two weeks in

advance, and be sure to communicate clearly how the swap party works and what each guest should bring on your invitations. Ask about food allergies and share that information. It's fun to share recipes, so ask guests to provide printed recipes or to send them to you before the party, then you can print them as a party favor. Guests will label their soups with the name of soup, reheating instructions and any additional comments or ingredients if necessary.

As the host, decide how your guests should bring their soups to swap. Guests might bring their soup in containers that they don't mind giving away. You could consider getting inexpensive quart-size to-go soup containers at a restaurant supply store and sending them to guests before the party. Alternatively, see if everyone has quart-size canning jars they don't mind swapping.



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#### Host a soup swap with this inexpensive yet delicious recipe.

During the party, you will need to heat one quart of each soup. Alternatively, ask guests to bring soup for sharing in their own slow cookers. The remaining quarts of soups should arrive frozen or refrigerated. I recommend either emptying a shelf of your refrigerator or preparing a cooler to

keep the soups cold during the party.

Here's a recipe for the easiest soup ever. It's fresh and light, with only three ingredients, and it's cooked in the time it takes to boil the liquid.

#### TOMATO TORTELLINI SOUP

Yield: 4 quarts (8 to 12 servings)

Time: 15 minutes

8 cups (64 ounces) chicken or vegetable broth

2 (28 ounce) cans diced tomatoes, Italian style (with liquid)

1 (19 ounce) bag of frozen cheese tortellini

In a soup pot, heat the stock and tomatoes to a boil over medium-high heat. When at a rolling boil, add the tortellini and cook according to the package directions. Turn off heat and serve hot.

Here are some variations to try:

**Chicken Tomato Tortellini Soup** – Add 4 cups shredded cooked chicken.

**Cream of Tomato Tortellini Soup** – Add 1 cup heavy cream after cooking the tortellini.

**Fiesta Tomato Tortellini Soup** – Add 1/4 cup fresh cilantro and use tomatoes with green chilies. Squeeze the juice of one lime into the soup.

Want to make winter feel warm and cozy? Enjoy homemade soups and a casual gathering with friends or family. It's a great excuse for a party that's mmm, mmm good!

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# You Who Killed the Prophets



**John Burns**  
*Opinion Columnist*

When writing becoming Jezebel, I prayed often for the courage to teach what Christians need to hear. They get what they want to hear, every week in church.

The Bible is the most misunderstood book of anything ever written. I completely understand now, why Jesus Christ warned the Ephesian Apostolic church, that they had lost their first Love. Spending two hours in church twice a week has become more important than giving God their time.

Educated men in the model of the Pharisees, opened religious houses of learning, where their interpretation techniques were being taught. Their individual belief systems influenced what men and women learn in church. They advanced an outward piety model.

After King David had Uriah killed, and he had impregnated his wife in an adulterous relationship, the high priest and the prophets wanted David punished openly by God. David reminded them, the God he serves does not judge by outward appearance, but by inward conviction.

He realized the part of him that God desired to save was not his flesh, for his spirit and soul were sanctified by God, and God alone was able to judge David righteously. David quipped; I do not care what men think, for I serve the living God!

Imagine if Christians had the courage to never worry about what other Christian gossips say? Imagine if Christians returned to thus says the Lord in both testaments of the Bible? Christianity would again become the light of the world!

The Bible teaches us the purpose for why the trinity gave us the word of God, before our universe was spoken into existence. All scripture is God-breathed, for reproof and correction. Every heresy being purported upon believers and unbelievers, Jesus Christ saw coming. The Bible alone can correct an individual believer.

The New Testament can be rightly understood, only by grasping the Old Testament. The New Testament is concealed in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament. For every scripture pointing to the first coming of Jesus Christ, there are at least seven times as many pointing to our soon return of the bridegroom to retrieve his bride. Our God wrote every day of human history in advance.

What is missing from Christian houses of worship is hard truth. Most Christians have become completely comfortable never questioning the doctrines of their ancestors. This has led to Lutheran Christians and Roman Catholics rationalizing the killing of Jews during World War II. Antisemitism gripped the first century churches and it has now continued for 2,000 years and counting. Greek, pagan hermeneutics replaced sound Hebrew interpretation techniques employed by every writer in the New Testament.

Men began to build great three-dimensional churches looking just like the pagan world around them. The first century church endured persecution, and people met in the houses of their friends. God is once again saving people in the homes of their friends with no need for buildings where people practice syncretism.

The Gospel is being lived in the sinful world again. People who are searching for a Messiah, are finding him in common people not caught in Roman religious bondage. No need for churches God is not in. His desire is to inhabit the tabernacle of the human condition, one believer at a time.

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel. Last time I checked, there were more people not in church than there are people in church. God desires sinners to be saved. How can that happen if people in church never bring Jesus Christ to the world around them?

It is as if a hostage crisis has been going on. The kidnapping of God's plan in buildings God says he is not in, for he does not dwell in houses made with human hands. Christians have gotten comfortable believing in a form of God, while denying the power of God, to the majority of humanity.

The Church married the world in Pergamos under Constantine. Pagan practices were welcomed into Christian worship, and now our children have been turned into covetous beggars around every holiday venerated by professing believers. Repent Christian America, for our time is short!

God has turned his attention east toward Jerusalem again. Jews are coming to Jesus Christ all over the promised land. Israel is in their land and prospering. This is a reference to the end of the gentile church age. The rapture is on our near horizon as the virgin bride of Christ.

Christianity was never going to be the majority opinion. Men were always going to move away from sound Bible teachings in favor of monetary comfort. There is no middle class in Christianity. We all are poor in spirit if we weep over what made Jesus Christ weep.

For what are those wounds in thy hands? Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

Not only was Messiah crucified, but after his resurrection his disciples denied the resurrection until they could physically touch him? They had lost their first love!

Have we become doubting Thomas's and denying the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, available to all those who would believe? I yearn for miracles of healing, and resurrection power emanating from churches again. I doubt they will have the humility to listen to the prophets they would rather euthanize in favor of continuing in pagan bondage.

God has raised up men willing to forgo the trappings of wealth and power once again, in favor of winning souls for Jesus Christ's coming kingdom. The Shmita will manifest in September 2022 and the American economy will collapse.

What will churches do then? I pray they will return to, thus says the Lord before the majority of professing believers are left behind at the rapture.

Repent and return to a personal relationship to Messiah and become the virgin bride of Christ eagerly awaiting the return of our risen Messiah, Jesus Christ.

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 8-01-2022

*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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## Weekly SUDOKU

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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**TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY**  
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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Truck Driving, Adjunct Instructor**

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

**Minimum Qualifications**

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

**Knowledge Skills and Abilities**

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

**Job Duties**

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

**Salary:** Commensurate with Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology salary guidelines

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

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

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**Public Notice**

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



Plateau Electric Cooperative's NEW outage management system coming soon!

We are excited to announce that we will soon be offering a new outage management system to better serve our members.

This new system will allow you to call in your outage from anywhere and will sync your account with your phone number. It is extremely important that we have your correct phone numbers (both your home phone number and cell numbers) linked to your account, so that the system will recognize your outage.

Please be sure to call in to one of our locations to confirm your current phone numbers. You may also list your phone numbers on your mailing statement or by utilizing our drop box.

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**John Deer Zero Turn Mower 42" cut Z225 Briggs and Stratton 18.5 HP**

**Pull Behind 60" cut swisher Kawasaki FS481V Electric Start/Gas**

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

**Open Position: Petros Library Director**  
Begins Jan 2, 2023

You know you are a small-town librarian...  
... if you stop at yard sales to buy DVD's for the library.  
... if you know the mom, dad, grannie, grandpa, and 1st cousins of the child who is checking out a book from your library.  
... if a small dog wanders into the library and you know which owner to call.

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

**JOB DESCRIPTION/ Duties**  
Part-time: 22-26 hours a week  
Computer knowledgeable  
Develop programs for various age groups & interests  
Able to prepare and present reports as needed  
Attend meetings, trainings, and workshops as assigned.  
Be creative and innovative with ideas  
Financially responsible in ordering  
Excellent communication and relationship skills

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





# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Robert Samuel Biss with his dog King. Bob was born the son of Robert Emanuel Biss and his wife Helen Bilbrough Biss. He grew up in North Wilmington, DE and graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1964. Bob served in Vietnam as a sentry dog handler. He always had a fondness for military dogs, especially German Shepherds, including his own dog, King, named after his dog in Vietnam. Bob always carried the painting of King and him. When he talked of King, he liked having King's likeness close to his heart.

After his service in Vietnam, he graduated from college, earning a degree in Entomology. Bob was employed by ICI Americas, Inc., later AstraZeneca, and spent twenty-five-years (1996-2021) running a home-based business. Bob, passed away on May 18, 2021.

Let's be thankful for the lives lived by America's veterans after their war time service and honor the lives cut way too short by America's veterans who gave their very all.

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Brackenridge Borough Police Department, Pennsylvania Chief of Police Justin McIntire was our nation's first law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty in 2023.

Chief of Police McIntire was shot and killed on Monday, January 2, 2023 during a foot pursuit of a wanted subject, twenty-eight-year-old Aaron Lamont Swan.

Swan was wanted for probation of violation involving weapons and had fled from the Pennsylvania State Police during a traffic stop the previous night. He then fled on foot from Harrison Township the following morning during a traffic stop. At about 2:00 pm he was located and led officers on a foot pursuit for over two hours.



He opened fire on officers in which Chief McIntire was killed and another officer Jordan Schrecengost was wounded.

After shooting both officers Swan carjacked a vehicle and fled into the city of Pittsburgh. He fled into a wooded area following a vehicle pursuit and again opened fire on officers. Swan was shot and killed by return fire.

Chief McIntire had been sworn in as the Brackenridge Borough

Police Chief exactly four years earlier. He was forty-six-years-old.

## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### VA needs More Employees for the PACT Act

PACT is officially up and running as of the first of the year. PACT, aka Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, extends health care and benefits to veterans who were exposed to toxins around the globe and who subsequently became ill with an expanded number of presumptives. The key feature of PACT is that veterans no longer have to fight to prove where their illness came from. It's "presumed" the illness was the result of the toxins in the environment where they served.

Meanwhile, the Department of Veterans Affairs has been on a massive hiring blitz to fill positions in support of the new PACT Act. These positions will be all across the U.S. and Puerto Rico at all 56 regional offices. Not only do they need people to process the 175,000 claims that have been submitted since August (when the PACT Act was signed into law), but they need the people who give the actual support care.

If you, a spouse, a caregiver, a survivor or family member are interested

in signing on for a position, check [usajobs.gov](https://usajobs.gov) and search for "veterans service representative" or "rating veterans service representative."

The first step as part of the big push at the VA is to process the claims for veterans who are terminally ill, something the VA actually started weeks before the official Jan. 1 date. Additionally they will prioritize claims by homeless veterans, those over 85 years of age, those with cancer, those experiencing financial hardship and those who are recipients of a Purple Heart or Medal of Honor.

If you need to learn how to file a claim, go to [VA.gov/PACT](https://VA.gov/PACT) or call them at 800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411). A caregiver, survivor or family member can also make the call for the veteran.

To learn more about PACT, go to [VA.gov/PACT](https://VA.gov/PACT) and read "The PACT Act and your VA benefits."

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## Viktor Bout and Russian Sanctions



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

With the recent prisoner exchange of professional basketball player Britney Grinder for convicted arms deal

Victor Bout, the headlines have been swarming with opinions. Personally, I will refrain commenting on if the exchange was fair. Like many, I am happy Grinder got to come home and I join many others in praying that former Marine Paul Whelan is exchanged or released soon.

Instead of the Grinder-Bout prisoner exchange this article focuses on three central questions, who is Viktor Bout, why was it important for the U.S. to arrest him, and why is he important to Vladimir Putin?

Who is Viktor Anatolevic Bout? If you watched the Nicolas Cage Movie, Lord of War, you have a small glimpse of Bout. The movie's central character is based on Bout's exploits.

Bout was born in 1967, and according to his passport he was born in Tajikistan. He studied economics and foreign language in the former Soviet Union. Bout is reportedly fluent in at least five languages. He undoubtedly was a former Soviet Military Officer, but what service and rank is a widely debated subject. Some sources indicate he was a Lieutenant and some a Lieutenant Colonel. No one has definitive proof as to his actual position and rank in the Soviet Military. It has also been stated in the British Press that Bout was a former soviet intelligence agent having the rank of major. Again, Bout's service to Moscow is heavily secretive, and the information is difficult to come by.

After the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, Bout seems to have become interested in the air freight business. Circa 1995, he began to be seen at the cargo hangars in Sharjah's International Airport, located in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He eventually launched his cargo airline, Air Cess, in the UAE. He be-

gan delivering goods to Africa and Afghanistan. His fleet soon grew to upwards of 50 planes delivering goods (arms) to hotspots across the globe.

Although Bout denies delivering weapons to Al-Qae-

establishing his new office, it was soon after the United Nations identified Bout as a major player in subverting the African arms embargo and delivering weapons to some of the darkest figures on the African

Continents. When the plane landed in Greece, Bout was not on it. It was discovered that during the flight when the message was sent to London, Bout's plane mysteriously diverted into the mountains, disappeared off of radar, and then on to Athens, Greece. When the plane touched down MI6 agents were stunned as Bout was not one the plane. The British authorities were convinced Bout had the assistance of a major intelligence service, as he obviously was warned of the message to London.

The heat intensified on Bout, by 2004, the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control within the Department of Treasury placed him on the "specially designated" nationals list. Being placed on this list immediately froze any U.S. assets he had, as well as prohibiting any transactions between Bout and U.S. nationals.

Bout may have slipped MI6 in Athens, but six years later the DEA napped Bout in a sting in Thailand. He was later convicted in New York in 2011, and since that time he has been imprisoned in Marion Illinois. He was just recently exchanged for basketball star Britney Grinder. This exchange interestingly was partially mediated by Saudi Arabia. But this begs the question, why did Vladimir Putin want Bout back in Russia?

Although speculation based on circumstantial evidence, it appears that Putin wanted Bout back due to the War in Ukraine, and the Russian Army's need for soviet era military parts and ammunition. Viktor Bout has detailed knowledge and contacts in many African countries. Many of these countries have large stockpiles of Soviet era parts and equipment. Who better to acquire soviet era parts and ammunition while subverting sanctions than Viktor Bout?

Only time will tell, but if Viktor Bout does decide to engage in arms trafficking again it is certain that the U.S. will not give up the chase. Instead of prison, he might hear the humming of an overhead drone! Only time will tell.



(Photo courtesy of the U.S. Government)



Type of Cargo Plane Used by Bout, (Photo courtesy of Mike Tyurin)

da and insists he only delivered arms to the Northern Alliance, the evidence is compelling he sold weapons to both sides, as well as the Taliban.

This is one major reason that the United States desperately wanted Bout. He has endless contacts in the middle east, and he most likely had information concerning the intricate methods Al-Qaeda utilized to arm their organization. Further, Bout probably knew the names of people within the organization tasked with the logistical day to day operations, which would still be invaluable information for U.S. intelligence services.

These assertions are not entirely speculative on the author's part, rather many, many sources have almost irrefutable evidence that Bout was a significant arms supplier to Al-Qaeda.

In 1997, Bout's company Air Cess opened an office in Swaziland, Africa. The country is now called Eswatini. After

note they stated the following: Victor Bout is known to operate with a number of partners, some of whom are also believed to be involved in sanctions busting activities on behalf of UNITA (an anti-Communist rebel group that fought against the MPLA in the Angolan Civil War.) As noted in the Panel's recommendations, further investigation and exposure of these connections should be a high priority for future sanctions enforcement actions. In order to assist these efforts, the Panel will make available to the Sanctions Committee pertinent information that has already been collected.

Within 2 years of the United Nations report, British MI6 planned to arrest Bout. While in Moldova, Bout took off in a plane destined for Athens, Greece. MI6 agents reported in an encrypted message to British headquarters after the plane left Moldova and was in the air. When the plane

landed in Greece, Bout was not on it. It was discovered that during the flight when the message was sent to London, Bout's plane mysteriously diverted into the mountains, disappeared off of radar, and then on to Athens, Greece. When the plane touched down MI6 agents were stunned as Bout was not one the plane. The British authorities were convinced Bout had the assistance of a major intelligence service, as he obviously was warned of the message to London.



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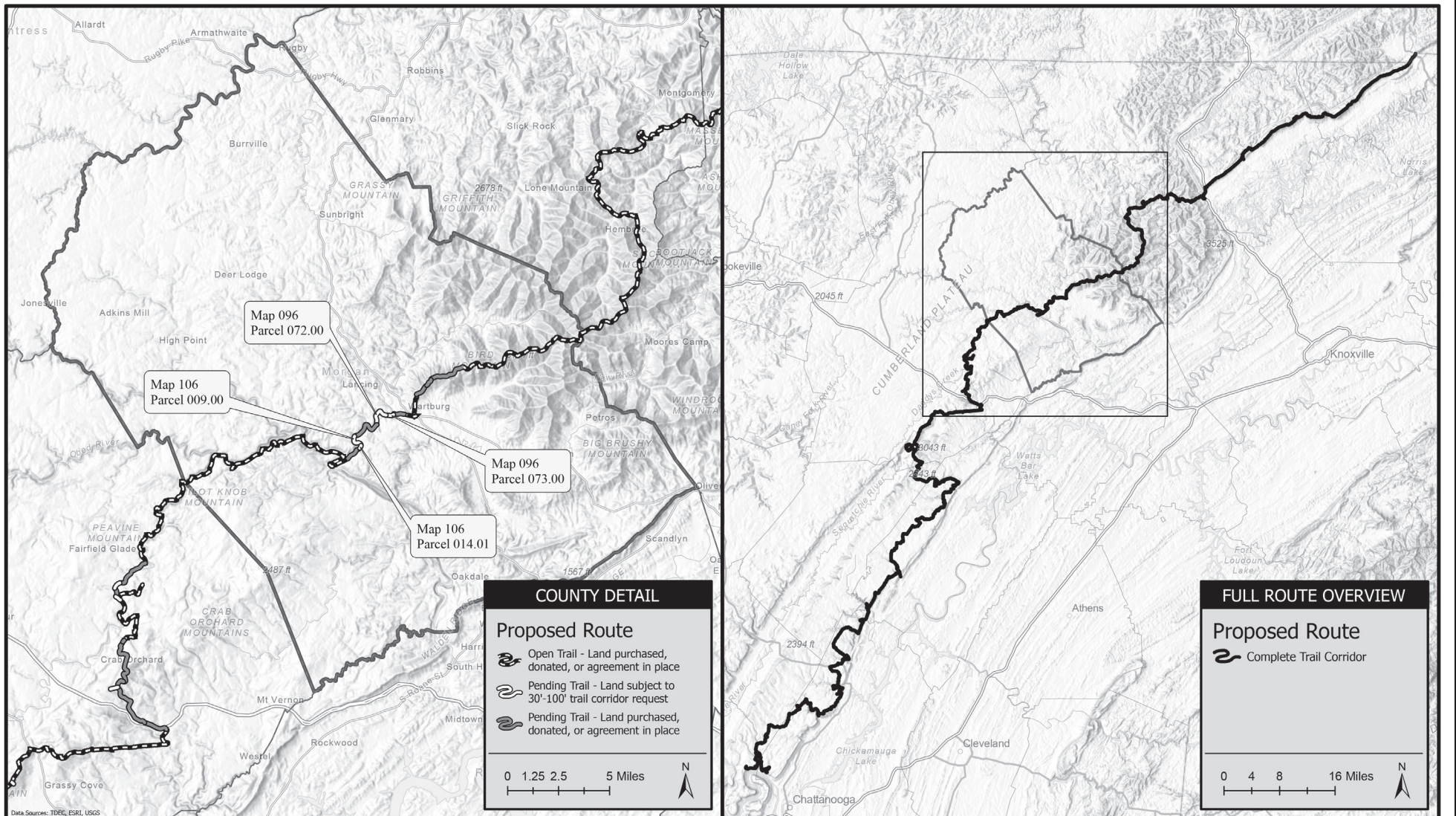
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In accordance with T.C.A. § 11-11-109(1), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation hereby provides notice of the selected route of the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail, which is managed as part of the Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park. The law requires that before locating routes of state scenic trails such as the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail, the Department must select a route which is compatible with preservation or enhancement of the environment it traverses. The Department must also publish notice of the selected route in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the trail is located, together with appropriate maps and descriptions. Pictured with this notice is a map of the selected trail route. Within each map/parcel identified on the map, the trail would run through a corridor between thirty (30) to one hundred (100) feet in width. For more information, please visit <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/cumberland-trail> or email [ask.tnstateparks@tn.gov](mailto:ask.tnstateparks@tn.gov).

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# Scott County Today

## Scott County School Director Bill Hall Named Superintendent of Year

By Richard Spears

Bill Hall has seen the Scott County School system grow, change and constantly strive for excellence over the past 11 years during his tenure as Superintendent, and he has led a highly capable and talented group of educators, school staff including bus drivers; cafeteria workers; maintenance and janitorial professionals; administrators, and all the other stakeholders who comprise a network of 5 elementary schools and one thriving high school through good times, hard times, and ever challenging times. And the journey, Hall says, has been a labor of love and a blessing to him personally and professionally as he has overseen the onslaught of new teaching methods, metrics, technology and the arrival of a pandemic the likes of which our world has never seen before. "We have weathered many storms during these past eleven years, and with the grace of God and the efforts of some of the best people in education anywhere in the world, we've been successful as a school system. I'm blessed and proud to be a part of Scott County schools," Hall told the Morgan County Today.

Recently, Hall was named by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS) as the Superintendent of the Year for 2023. With the state divided into 8 districts, Hall was honored as the

East Tennessee Director of the Year, representing a district that includes Scott, Campbell, Morgan, Knox, Anderson, Loudon, and several other counties.

Bill Hall is as local as local can get. He attended school and graduated high school in Scott County, after college he coached in the Scott County school

ily is imbedded here. Four of my kids have graduated here, and when Olivia Rector walks across the stage at Scott High this May, my wife and I will have 3 grandchildren graduated from here," Hall said.

Hall said while it is a huge honor to be given the TOSS East Tennessee Superintendent of the Year recognition, the award itself is indicative of the excellence of the entire Scott County education program. "This honors everyone in Scott's schools. We all have one focus—the students who are your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, siblings and are truly our future. We do it all for them everyday, no matter what comes," said Hall.

As for the future, Hall said, as always, there will be challenges. "We are looking at a multitude of issues that come from growth, but I'm confident we have the resources available to resolve those issues. I'm humbled to be where I am, and look forward to the future success of our schools," he said. With the Scott County Board of Education having recently given Bill Hall a new contract as Superintendent, for 3 years plus an additional year to be negotiated later, Hall said he greatly appreciates the trust placed in him to continue as Director. "Our schools be-

long to everyone in our community, and with all of us putting our students' education at the forefront, I look forward to where we will be years later, with God's leading and our community's support," Hall told the Morgan County Today.



system, coaching at Oneida as the OHS head basketball and Oneida Middle School football coach for 6 years, and was head basketball coach at Scott High for 13 years, also concurrently taking the Highlander helm as head football coach for 6 of those years. "I love this school system. It's given a lot to me. My fam-

## With 11 Wins Heupel, Hooker, Milton and Company Join Elite Group at UT

By Richard Spears



No one in their right mind would have predicted Tennessee's phenomenal football success this past season, as the Vols saw a number one ranking briefly, and wrapped up the year by demolishing No. 7 Clemson in the Orange Bowl at Miami's Hard Rock Stadium for their 11th win, in just Josh Heupel's second term at the helm.

Tennessee, by obliterating all pre-season predictions, joined just 7 previous teams with 11 wins in UT's 130 plus years of football.

In 1938, Coach Robert Neyland's Vols went 11-0, 7-0 in the SEC. George Cafego was there single-wing tailback/quarterback. Tennessee finished at no. 2 in the nation, to none other than TCU, as the Horned Frogs were awarded the AP poll National title.

Coach Neyland led UT to an 11-1 (4-1 SEC) record in 1950,

to end up at no. 4 nationally in the AP poll, with Hank Lauricella as the single-wing tailback/QB. It should be stated that Neyland had five seasons with zero losses that ended with 9 wins, because teams didn't play 11 games in some of Neyland's early years.

Bill Battle, who during his tenure had moving vans sent to his driveway at his West Knox Fox Den residence, coached his 1970 Vols to 11-1, 4-1 SEC, quarterbacked by Bobby Scott. Tennessee placed no. 4 nationally in the AP poll.

Tennessee Head Coach John Majors' 1989 team completed the season at 11-1, 6-1 SEC, including a huge 21-14 win over no. 4 Auburn to end up at no. 4 themselves, by the final AP poll. The Vols' QB was Andy Kelly, who replaced Sterling Henton mid-season.

UT Head Coach Phil Fulmer did it three times. In 1995, with an 11-1 (7-1 SEC) record, a quarterback named Manning, and a Citrus Bowl 20-14 win over Ohio State, to finish at no.3 in the final AP poll.

In 1997, Fulmer's Vols, again led by Manning concluded the season at 11-2, 7-1 SEC. The 1997 Vols also won the SEC title, by edging Auburn 30-29 in the SEC championship game. Tennessee would be ranked no. 7 by AP in their final poll.

And, in 2001, Coach Fulmer led Tennessee to 11-2, 7-1 in the SEC, beating no. 2 Florida

34-32 in the regular season, but losing to Georgia 26-24 in the SEC championship game. The 2001 Vols were quarterbacked by Casey Clausen, and finished at no. 4 nationally in the AP.

So, Heupel has raised the bar and exceeded expectations with his 2022 Vols' fantastic 11-2, 6-2 SEC finish, with Hendon Hooker at QB until his season ending injury at South Carolina, and Joe Milton's fine finish. At this writing the final national polls haven't been released, but all of Vol nation is looking to next season and hanging on Coach Heupel's statement after the Clemson victory: "The best is yet to come."





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