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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.

- 11:00.

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

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

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

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

Oakdale Public Library welcomes patrons. The current library hours are:

- Monday 1:00 - 3:00
- Tuesday 4:30 - 7:00
- Wednesday 9:00 - 12:30
- Thursday 9:00 - 1:00.

Scheduled activities include Afterschool Activities on Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30, Craft time on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30, BINGO for adults on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30, Preschool Story Time on the 1st and 3rd Thursday 10:00 - 11:00 and Family Story Time on the 2nd and 4th Thursday 10:00

There will be a GREATS (Guardians Raising Exceptional and Talented Students) meeting on Monday, February 6 at Morgan County Schools Central Office located at 136 Flat Fork Road in Wartburg beginning at 5:30. This meeting is being hosted by Save the Children, Together Morgan County and SCAN (Save the Children Action Network).

GREATS is a newly organized program offering support and resources for adults who are raising non-biological children. There is no paperwork or other requirements. A meal will be provided for the entire family and there will be fun family activities and give aways. Local agencies will be on site to explain various resources available in this area.

Valentine activities are planned and families that register by Friday, February 3 will get to make chocolate dipped goodies to take home. Contact Sandra Helton at heltons@mcscsd.net to RSVP with the number of family members attending.

**'COMMUNITY DINNER'**

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**Marty McGhee, 54**

Mr. Marty McGhee, age 54 of Oak Ridge, passed away suddenly January 10, 2023 at his home.



He enjoyed racing classic cars (driving, restoring interior and exterior, and building the motors), four wheeling, playing the guitar, and being in the outdoors and with nature.

He is survived by his daughters: Mahayla McGhee and Marti Cheyenne McGhee; father, Leon McGhee; brothers: Ralph Lee Ridenour, Tony McGhee, Jack McGhee, Bobby McGhee, and Dusty McGhee; sisters: Lisa Seiber, Amy McGhee, and Marilyn Stergil; and long-time girlfriend, Holly Wray.

The family will receive friends Monday January 15, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. There will be no funeral or graveside service.

He was preceded in death by his son, Justin McGhee; and his mother, Linda Brock McGhee.

**Harold Edward Haynes, 65**

Harold Edward Haynes, age 65 of Wartburg, departed this life to his eternal home on January 12, 2023. He was a Class of 1976 graduate of Wartburg Central High School. He retired from the Tennessee Department of Corrections. Harold foremost loved the Lord. He also enjoyed watching old western movies and working puzzles. He was an avid college football, dirt track racing, and NASCAR racing.



He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Lawson and Ella Mae Hardwick Haynes; brother Rex Haynes, nephew Wayne Hensley.

3rd Class Walker Aydelotte, and Chris Aydelotte and Samantha Hodges and granddaughter Nayeli Hodges; sisters and brothers-in-law Diana and Freddy Armes, Barbara and Mike Cox both of Wartburg, Lucy Cox, Veria and Randy Hensley of Dixon Springs, TN.; brothers and sisters-in-law Doyle and Cheryl Haynes, Brian and Kimberly Haynes, Patty Haynes all of Wartburg and a host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday 1:00-3:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. with the interment to follow in the Petros Cemetery in Petros.

He is survived by his daughters Jennifer Simpson, and grandsons Ian Aydelotte, Petty Officer

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Harold Edward Haynes.

**Shayna Simms, 51**

Shayna Simms, age 51, of Wartburg passed away January 11, 2023 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. Shayna loved cooking, cleaning, traveling, she was a artist at heart but most of all she loved her family and cared about everyone around her.

She is preceded in death by her co-workers of MCCX and BMSP who she considered close family. Great friend Otto Melhorn; grandpa Vicante B. Tainatongo.

She is survived by her much loved husband Robert Bruce; children Willie (Mikayla) Rayder, Tyia (Austin) Rayder, Amanda (Kevin) Owen; stepson Will Bruce; grandchildren Aiden, Cam, Aspen, Pearson, Grayson and Wilder; parents Patricia Davis

Simms and Angel Simms (Margie); siblings Jennifer Simms, Zsanic (Scott) Carle, Larry "Butch" (Amanda) Simms and Annisha (Bryan) Sandefur; special Alabama family Grandma, Auntie Yen (Jason), Mike, Anita Mary Jane (Ed), Loni (Ben), grandma Mariquita A. Tainatongo and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:-3:00 p.m. Shayna's wishes were to be cremated.

Shubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Shayna Simms.

**WEEKLY WEATHER**



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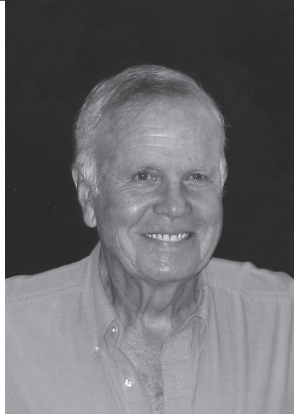


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## In Loving Memory

### David Goodman, 80

David Goodman, 80, of Old Hwy 27, Lancing, TN went home to be with our Lord on January 18th, 2023 at UT Medical Center, Knoxville, TN.



David was a devout man of God and has been a prominent figure in Morgan County throughout his life as a Baptist minister, cattleman, and small business owner. He also served on boards of directors at Citizens First Bank for more than 20 years and with Farm Bureau for more than 30 years (10 years as president). David was also instrumental in establishing the Morgan County Cattlemen's Association.

David was preceded in death by his wonderful wife of more than 40 years Carolyn (Pittman) Goodman, mother and father Willard and Pauline Goodman, sister Freda, brother Wayne, and nephews Joey Campbell and Phillip Goodman.

He is survived in death by his lovely wife of 16 years Barbara;

Children: daughter Linna, son and daughter in law William and Laura, son and daughter in law

Mark and Andrea;

Step Children: stepson and wife Duane and Lisa Scott, stepson and wife Steve and Jennifer Scott, step-daughter and husband Susan and Kenny Larue, step-daughter and husband Kaye and Troy McCartt.

Siblings: brother and sister in law Dale and Terecia Goodman, sister and brother in law Jeanette and Tom Patrick, sister Marilyn Milligan, and sister in law Sara Jo Goodman.

Also, 16 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, and a wonderful church family.

Family will be receiving friends from 4:00pm-6:00pm on Sunday, January 22nd, with the funeral service at 6:00pm @ Mossy Grove Baptist Church where he has held positions of Pastor, Associate Pastor, and most recently Senior Adults Director along side his wife Barbara. There will be a graveside service @ Wartburg Cemetery at 11:30am on Monday, January 23rd. Services will be officiated by Bro Jim Disney pastor of Mossy Grove Baptist Church.

### Gorman Dale Price, 61

Gorman Dale Price of Lancing, passed away at age 61 on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023, while surrounded by his loved ones. Dale was preceded in death by his grandparents Eugene and Bessy Price, and grandparents Gorman and Geneva Spradlin, his father Billy Price, Sr., his Brother Rodney Price, Sr., and his niece Celina Cheyenne Price.



He is survived by his mother, Norma (Spradlin) Price of Lancing; Two children, Daughter Misty Price Foster of Kentucky, and son Andy Price of Wartburg.

Dale is also survived by two siblings: Billy Price, Jr. and wife Angela of Oldsmar, FL, and Rhonda Price Catalino and husband Billy of Wartburg; along with a host of other family members and friends.

Dale was a stern man of many talents. He worked with his hands in jobs such as the construction trades or auto mechanics. However, his truest passion was anything related to auto-body work, and his skill with a paint gun was unrivaled. When someone in the area needed their vehicle painted, they called Dale Price. He may have been covered in Bondo dust, and he may have had paint in his hair, but there was no orange peel left behind in the paint he sprayed on a water

sanded surface.

A sailor in his younger years, Dale took great pride in his military service for the United States Navy. Dale attended Operations Specialist "A" School in Virginia Beach, VA, and served his time in the Navy working in the

Combat Information Center of the USS Scott DDG-995 doing radar surveillance of friend and foe submarines, ships, and aircraft. Dale's military discipline as a young man spilled over into all areas of his life. He was upfront, honest, and organized. If you ever visited him at home, then you know he ran a "tight ship."

Dale valued his family and dear friends above all else. Most especially, his precious mother. In the last of his days, he still worried about her, us, and about preparing to meet his creator. He faced his final days with outstanding courage that is worthy of an honored veteran. The love he carried for us shall never be forgotten.

The family will receive friends Monday, January 23rd, 2023, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. Jim Disney officiating.

### Wanda Joyce Spurling Richards (Nanny), 79

Wanda Joyce Spurling Richards, ("Nanny"), 79, passed away peacefully surrounded by her cherished family on January 12, 2023, in Orlando, FL. She was a faithful servant of the Lord. Her fondness for travel led to visiting all 50 states. She loved to read, learn, and explore, and enjoyed many adventures. Her children and grandchildren were the light of her life. Her kind, giving spirit will be her legacy.



(Michelle), Jerrod "Angel Boy" Albright (Jen), Mandy "Princess" Denny (Evan), and Haylin "Angel Girl" Etheridge (Doug); great-grandchildren Oriana, Colton, Calvin, Adley, and Ruby; sister Marilyn (Gary), brother Herbert; and dozens of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends. She was loved by all who knew her and never met a stranger.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bill Richards, (father of Billy and Collette); former husband and father of her children William A. Capps; mother Amy Spurling, father Robert Spurling, and siblings Jr., Nancy, and Susie.

She is survived by daughters Tammy Capps Ratcliff and Tanya Capps Brien (Tim); grandchildren Stephen "Bucky" Denny

The family will receive friends Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church in Sunbright with Bro. Perry Spurling officiating. Interment will follow in the Union Grove Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Wanda Joyce Spurling Richards.

### Mary Shannon Newberry

Mary Shannon Newberry of Wartburg went to be with the Lord on January 12, 2023 after a brief illness at Park West Hospital. She had been a resident of Ben Atchley Tennessee State Veteran's Home since October 2022. Those who knew her consistently say she was "always smiling" and she absolutely loved to get out of the house and go places. It didn't matter where! She enjoyed working puzzles, sewing and cooking. Her Chicken & Dumplings and special cakes were the best ever! Most of all she loved being around family and she will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know her. She was a lifelong member of Liberty Baptist Church in Wartburg.



zler Brother-in-Law: M. L. Newberry and wife Peggy of Chattanooga  
Special friend: Russell Duncan who she enjoyed spending time with and talking on the phone. Special neighbor and friend: Russell Thomas who helped her daily and has been her neighbor since 1964. Good neighbors

are a blessing from God! Many special lifelong friends including Relda Oney, Roberta Mehlhorn and Sue Scott who her daughter is named after. Many nieces and nephews that she loved dearly!

Very special thanks to Pud and Roy Langley who lovingly checked on her daily with visits, calls, and food. A very special thank you to Debbie Roddy for the phone calls and care packages that she enjoyed so much! Special thanks to the staff at Ben Atchley Tennessee State Veteran's Home and the residents who quickly became her friends. She loved working puzzles with you! Thank you for brightening her days. A very special thanks to Angelique Laster for caring for her and giving special attention to her wigs that were so important to her.

The family will receive friends Sunday January 15 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. The funeral will be at 3:00 with Bro. Roy Langley officiating. The graveside service will immediately follow at Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg, TN.

## China's Domestic Problems and Strategic Alliances



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

Many mainstream news articles have focused on China's increased relations with Russia, Iran, and Saudi

Arabia. These strengthening alliances have downstream consequences concerning global energy prices, intelligence partnering, global economics, and some claim potential global domination! China is squarely at the center of the debate. Is this more media hype, or is there a real concern for our elected leaders?

The opinions concerning China in Washington are also all over the map. Former President Trump once described President Xi Jinping as a: "terrific president, a great leader of China." Nikki Haley Trump's United Nations Ambassador was quoted as saying: "China has become our foremost national security concern." In her position as ambassador, Haley had access to the best information to understand China, so her words should concern us all. President Biden was quoted as saying about Chinese President Xi Jinping: "He firmly believes that China, before the year 2035, is going to own America because autocracies can make quick decisions." What is the truth? Is President Xi Jinping just trying to survive as China's leader, or is world economic or ideology domination his goal? History teaches us that developing strategic partnerships can mean many things and should be analyzed in context of the climate of the country, its ideology, and its leader. Reviewing the climate of modern-day China. President Xi Jinping has some very difficult domestic problems to navigate inside his borders. It appears his solution of choice is to develop strategic alliances both inside China and abroad. As President Xi develops and strengthens international relationships with countries like Russia and Saudi Arabia, the United States will need to match every move in this geopolitical game of chess. Otherwise, we could be finding

ourselves an energy hostage of the 21st century.

So, what are the domestic problems brewing in China? Well, there are many issues that President Xi is confronting, and it will be interesting to watch how he confronts these challenges. First you have the rapid industrialization of the most populated country on earth. This has presented energy challenges that are hard to imagine without context. To provide that context, China leads the world in total ener-



gy production, and produces almost twice the amount of electricity as that of the United States. Also consider that a third of China's population still live in poverty, and do not have adequate access or usage of electricity. This signals that China's energy consumption will continue to grow in the coming decades.

China has faced international criticism for being one of the world's largest polluters. Although it was a surprise even to me, they have been trying to curb their use of coal due to international pressure.

As of 2021, China's energy generation was made up of 54% coal, 19% oil, 8.65% Gas, 7.77% Hydro, and the remaining a mix of nuclear and renewables. Like many other countries China had been reducing its reliance on coal due to environmental emissions initiatives. For example, in 2007, China's energy was 73% from coal generation. But in the summer of 2022, the reliance on hydro generation in the Sichuan province proved to be destructive to the economy. The countries Yangtze River dried up due to subpar rainfall

and extreme heat and impacted hydro electric generation and water supply for tens of thousands of Chinese citizens. This forced many factories to close, and the conservative operations of electrical distribution systems.

It is noteworthy that the Sichuan province contains 21% of the entire Hydro generation capacity of China. Making a drought in that area devastating to the country's hydroelectric strategy.

The events of 2022

have made China think twice concerning diminishing their coal generation. It also played right into the hands of Russian President Vladimir Putin. As China experienced a power pinch, and Beijing decided to buy more coal, Russia was a motivated seller. This supply and demand relationship helped Putin to inject some much-needed revenue into the Russian economy to relieve some of the economic sanctions over the invasion of Ukraine.

Besides the Chinese 2022 energy crisis, President Xi Jinping also witnessed some of the most significant protests from his citizens in the fall due to covid lockdowns. Since the beginning of the Covid outbreaks, the Chinese government has adopted a zero-tolerance policy. This process includes targeted lockdowns, quarantines, and mass public testing. Although government reports indicate this has been successful, it has placed draconian demands on the public. These demands include food shortages and almost house arrest conditions.

These protests and the

extent they occurred across China (Shanghai, Tibet, and Xinjiang) seemed to have shaken up President Xi Jinping. In the Chinese Communist Party Congress Party meeting in October of 2022, President Xi Jinping demonstrated his internal power by appointing top leadership positions to known political allies and forcing political rivals to abdicate top posts. This is an indication that President Xi Jinping is concerned by the political protests inside China and expects more to come.

Although they are many more domestic issues inside China, I will just mention one more. The demographics of the workforce of China are seriously hampered due to the 35 years of the China one child policy. China adopted the one child policy to control the population, but as they learned it had serious unintended consequences. Now China has a largely aging workforce and not enough younger workers to fill the gaps. This will become a bigger problem in the future especially to maintain the benefits of the retirees with a much smaller working population.

In conclusion, although China having alliances with Russia, Saudi Arabia, and Iran should be deeply concerning from an energy perspective, it is highly unlikely this is a partnership that could function in an organized fashion for several reasons. First Saudi Arabia and Iran are bitter enemies and will never fully cooperate due to religious ideology. Russia and China could fully cooperate, but Vladimir Putin cannot be trusted and any alliance between Russia and China would be one of convenience and would lack longevity. The real concern for the U.S. is energy. The whole lot of the above countries could cooperate on energy prices and economically damage the United States. Let's hope our elected leaders understand this imperative and drive our country towards energy independence as expeditiously as possible, making energy concerns unnecessary.

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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Nahum (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Leviticus 19:25, the fruit of a newly planted tree must not be eaten until which year? 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
3. What was Bathsheba doing on the roof when David first saw her? *Bathing, Praying, Singing, Hiding*
4. Samson's strength was correlated with what part of his body? *Heart, Chest, Hair, Legs*
5. Job suffered from what physical affliction? *Deafness, Boils, Blindness, Coughs*
6. Who was the mate of Esther? *Jehu, Darius, Xerxes, Abner*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 5th, 3) Bathing, 4) Hair, 5) Boils, 6) Xerxes

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

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## Cats Can Hide Illness Symptoms, So Be Aware

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My cat Sisko became very unaffectionate a few days ago. He hid under the bed or crouched in the corner of the living room and refused to cuddle. Then I noticed when he sat in the litter box that he meowed as if he was in distress. I called the veterinarian, and they had me bring him right in. Turns out that Sisko had a urinary tract infection! He's doing fine now, but I wanted to tell my story so that other readers will know that a sudden behavior change in their cat could be a medical problem. — Kurt W., Parsippany, New Jersey

**DEAR KURT:** Thank you for sharing! You did absolutely the right thing: You noticed a sudden change in your cat's behavior, kept a closer eye on his activities and litter habits, and contacted the vet's office to share your observations and get advice.

Cats are very secretive about their health. It's an instinctive behavior that helped their ancestors hide from predators. So it is common for owners not to notice when their cat is experiencing pain, such as a sore tooth or an illness like a urinary tract infection.

While the occasional hairball episode isn't a cause for concern, there are some symptoms that should prompt a call to the vet for an appointment.

— Your cat acts withdrawn, sits hunched over, refuses to play or be petted.

— Eating or drinking habits change.

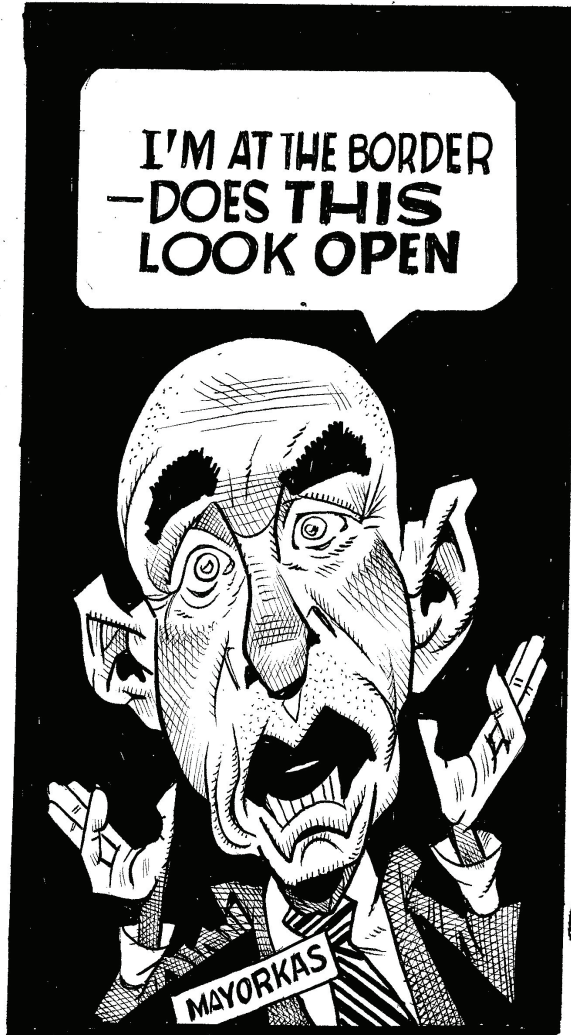
— Litter box behavior changes: meowing, missing the box or noticeable diarrhea.

— Grooming problems develop, or they have clumpy fur or irritated skin.

— Physical symptoms: eye or ear discharge, strange breathing, unusual vomiting, lethargy or drooling.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

\* Toothpaste works well as a silver polish. Wet your silver, plop a little non-gel toothpaste on it and rub gently to clean. Rinse well and let it shine.

\* A great hint from Mary R. of Duluth, Georgia: If the kids are drawing with felt markers and their hands get covered with ink, don't worry. Just spray their hands down with hairspray, then wipe off the ink with a paper towel. Don't forget to wash their hands afterward!

\* Dip your toothbrush in baking soda before you add toothpaste when brushing your teeth. You get used to the taste, but the extra scrub really gets your teeth clean, and it's very inexpensive to use. -- R.E. in Arizona

\* Have clumped-up sugar in the canister? No worries. To keep sugar from hardening, add a slice of bread to the container

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* During World War II, the Lay-Z-Boy company had to stop producing recliners because of the war effort. Instead, they used their production facility to mass produce (we hope much more comfortable) seats for tanks and other military vehicles.

\* Champagne was originally a holy wine.

\* The only people guaranteed to get Super Bowl rings, regardless of a game's outcome, are the referees, though their rings aren't nearly as large or valuable as that of the players.

\* In the 1880s, a railroad signalman named James Edwin Wide taught a South African baboon to perform his job by recognizing the whistles

that indicated a train was about to change tracks. Dubbed "Signalman Jack," the animal performed his duties so well that not only was he formally hired at a salary of 20 cents per day and half a bottle of beer per week, he carried on for nine years until his death from tuberculosis in 1890.

\* Trees were not around for 90% of Earth's history.

\* Queen lead singer Freddie Mercury's overbite resulted from four extra teeth in his upper jaw. He refused to have them removed, however, for fear the surgery would affect his voice and vocal range.

\* In the 2015 film "Jurassic World," Chris Pratt's character carries a stainless Marlin 1895 -- the only firearm on Marlin's website that's rated for a T-Rex.

\* Two churches in Vrontados, Greece, have a particularly unconventional way of marking the Easter holiday: They fire rockets at each other! While they used to use cannons, those were outlawed. The tradition has been carried out for at least four centuries.

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Thought for the Day: "The heart of man is very much like the sea, it has its storms, it has its tides and in its depths it has its pearls too." --Vincent Van Gogh

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from time to time, and leave it there a day before removing.

\* Use this quick fix for oily hair. Rub a small amount of cornstarch into the oily areas of your hair. The cornstarch will soak up the dirt and oil; you just brush it out.

\* A reader from Michigan wonders: How can I keep from having static head, especially when using a hat? The answer: You probably already have a tube of lip balm in your pocket or purse. Rub some on your palms, then run your palms over your hair.

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

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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## King Crossword

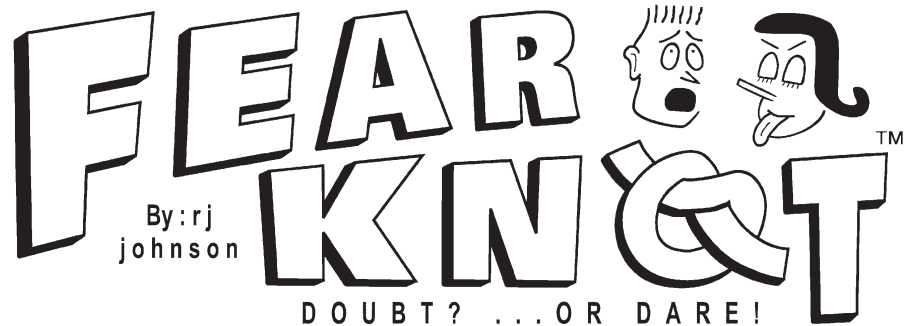
### ACROSS

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- 14 Out of the storm
- 15 Rub with an emery board, perhaps
- 17 Speck
- 18 Author Fleming
- 19 T-shirt fabric
- 21 Primitive
- 24 Spartan queen
- 25 Hamilton-Burr showdown
- 26 Criticize again and again
- 30 Nabokov novel
- 31 Two-tone cookies
- 32 Ms. Thurman
- 33 Road marker
- 35 Help a crook
- 36 Temporary calm
- 37 Steinway product
- 38 "With any luck"
- 41 Fragrant tree
- 42 2004 on a cornerstone
- 43 Color akin to turquoise

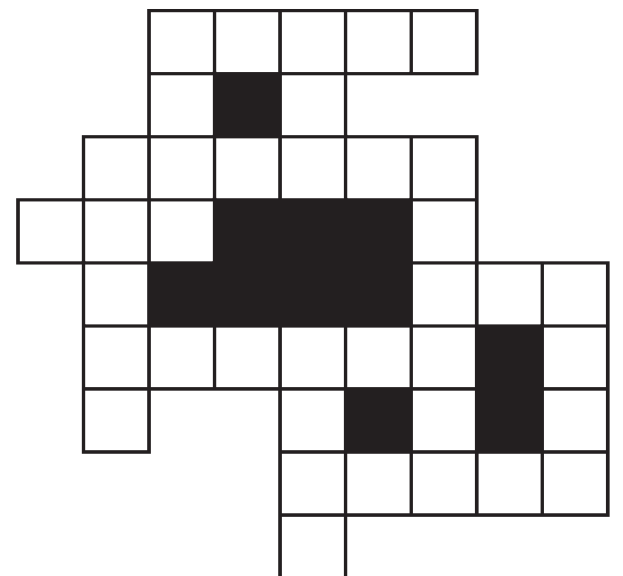
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- 48 French river
- 49 Wildebeest
- 50 Cold War initials
- 51 Getz of jazz
- 52 Kenny G's instrument
- 53 Litigates
- 7 Guinevere's lover
- 8 Rum cocktail
- 9 Oodles
- 10 Presidential power
- 11 Penn or Astin
- 16 Calendar box
- 20 Praiseful pieces
- 21 Dutch cheese
- 22 German car name
- 23 Authentic
- 24 "The Sound of Music"
- 5 of Black, in verse
- 6 Murphy's —
- 28 Portent
- 29 Peacekeeping org.
- 31 Piece of work
- 34 Football team
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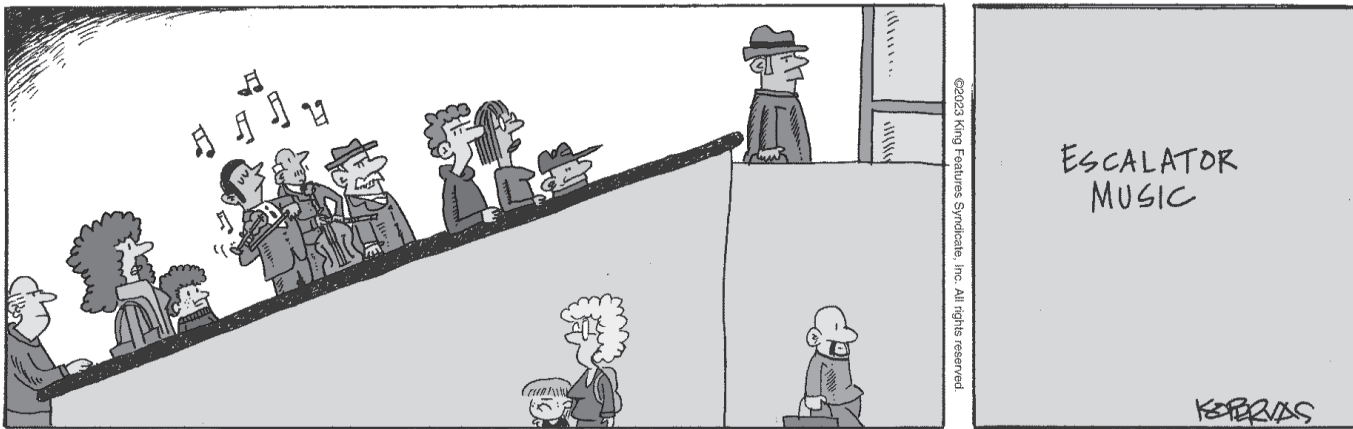
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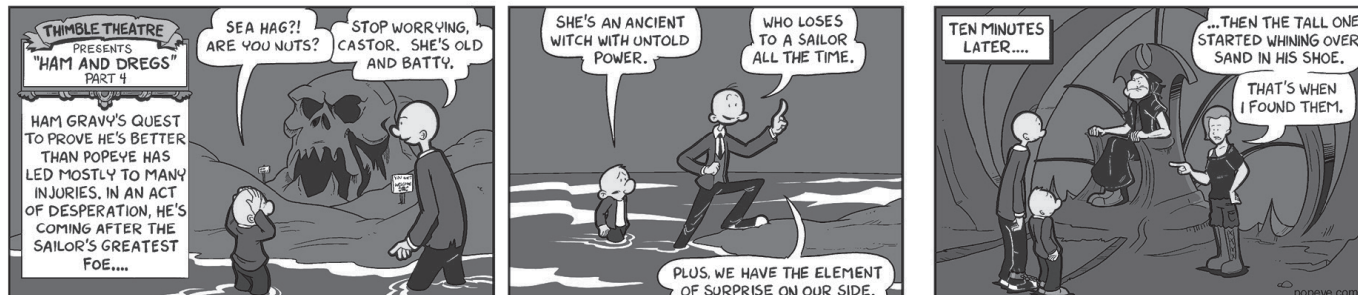
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# MOMENTS IN TIME

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\* On Feb. 10, 1535, notwithstanding the winter chill and in a form of protest that was, unsurprisingly, ridiculed by both Protestants and Catholics, a small group of Anabaptists ran stark naked through the streets of Amsterdam, shouting that they "had been sent from God to communicate the naked truth to the godless."

\* On Feb. 9, 1861, Jefferson Davis and Alexander Stephens were respectively elected to six-year terms as the Provisional President and Provisional Vice President of the Confederate States of America, after running without opposition.

\* On Feb. 11, 1916, American feminist and anarchist Emma Goldman was arrested and imprisoned for violating the Comstock Act just before she was scheduled to deliver a public lecture on birth control, which she argued was essential to women's social, economic and sexual freedom.

\* On Feb. 6, 1952, England's King George VI passed away, making his daughter, Princess Elizabeth, Queen Elizabeth II. The sovereign received the news from her husband, Prince Philip, while on a trip to Kenya, which was immediately cut short as she prepared to assume her new role.

\* On Feb. 7, 1964, the music world would never be quite the same after the Beatles arrived in New York for their first visit to the U.S., where thousands of near-hysterical fans waited to greet them at Kennedy Airport. During their appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," they whipped up an even greater frenzy, with 73 million viewers watching on their TVs at home.

\* On Feb. 8, 2008, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the electric chair, which was the only execution method used in that state, represented a violation of human dignity and was consequently unconstitutional, adding that electrocution "has proven itself to be a dinosaur more befitting the laboratory of Baron Frankenstein than the death chamber."

\* On Feb. 12, 2014, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, a sinkhole estimated at about 30 feet deep and 40 feet wide opened under the National Corvette Museum, swallowing eight of the rare sports cars. The building suffered no structural damage and remained open, and though damaged, the vehicles were returned to display and remain a popular attraction.  
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**THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN**

By Rich Lowry

**No, You Can't Believe 'The Science'**

Copernicus surely had no idea when he got the Scientific Revolution underway in the 16th century that an unintended effect would be empowering agenda-driven bullies and fanatics.

Of course, science is a pillar of modern life for which we should be deeply grateful. It has given us longer and healthier lives, incredible material abundance, and abilities that were unfathomable a few generations ago.

It is "science" -- science used as a rhetorical tactic and ideological weapon -- that is a blight on 21st-century American life.

This faux science is not dispassionate but fired by a great moral certainty. It is not open to counter arguments and different interpretations but insists on only one answer to complicated or ambiguous questions. It is not rigorously neutral but aims to achieve cherished political goals.

The debate over gas stoves illustrates perfectly the faux scientific method.

First, researchers conduct flawed studies reaching alarming conclusions. Second, the media generates headlines about the findings that don't note the methodological inadequacies. Third, advocates agitate for changes to public policy based on what has magically become "the science."

A new study, for instance, concluded that a suspiciously precise 12.7% of childhood asthma cases are attributable to gas stoves.

The study relied on findings from other papers that, as economist Emily Oster points out, arrived at widely divergent outcomes, didn't account for other factors in households using gas stoves that might contribute to respiratory problems, and sometimes produced results that weren't even internally consistent.

All of this would have counseled caution that was notably missing in the media coverage. A headline in The Washington Post read, "Gas stove pollution causes 12.7% of childhood asthma, study finds." Yahoo News: "Gas stoves have given 650,000 U.S. children asthma, study finds." And so on.

Yes, the headlines include the caveat of "study finds," but the phrase brings with it the presumed authority of scientific rigor and detachment.

It is similar to the phrase "scientists say" so often used in stories about climate change and its potential harms.

A report in The Washington Post on the gas stove controversy was a classic in this genre. It related, "Scientists say the world needs to rapidly transition away from fossil fuels, including replacing gas appliances with cleaner versions that emit no pollution, such as electric and induction cooktops." And then added, "Scientists say a growing body of research shows that gas stoves pose a threat to the planet and public health." That's a lot of sayin' by a mass of mostly unidentified scientists.

A more strictly accurate phrase in stories like this would be "some scientists contend," and a less tendentious formulation would be "some scientists say, but others aren't so sure." This would ruin the point, though, which is to imply that research -- and facts and rationality -- all point one way.

If it can be asserted that "science" has arrived at a conclusion -- that gas stoves are a major health hazard, that climate change is responsible for extreme weather, that young kids must wear masks during the pandemic -- then any dissenters or doubters can be marginalized for not "believing the science."

This means that they aren't just wrong or misguided, but dangerous and contemptible. As such, they can be belittled, intimidated, or even -- as we've seen in the debate over COVID-19 policy -- actively suppressed.

It's hard to imagine an enterprise less in keeping with the scientific spirit. The motto of the Royal Society, the storied British academy of sciences, is nullius in verba, or "Take nobody's word for it." As the Society's website explains, "It is an expression of the determination of Fellows to withstand the domination of authority and to verify all statements by an appeal to facts determined by experiment."

For today's self-styled champions of so-called science, that sentiment badly misses the mark. Why bother with the facts as carefully and rigorously established over time, when you can misuse the authority of science to try to dominate instead?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

I want to take you back seventy-five-years right after WWII was over. See how many of these things you can remember. A lot of changes took place in the year 1947.

Victorious American G.I.'s returned

home after a long and exhausting two front war and began adjusting to a peaceful world. Over one million vets enrolled in college under the G.I. Bill of Rights bringing enrollment up to 2.5 million students. At the same time women lose millions of jobs as companies hire returning veterans.

The birthrate in the United States increased to 2.8 per family after the war. It is higher on farms than in cities.

The Marshall Plan was started by Secretary of State George C. Marshall to plan for financial aid to Western Europe to assist in a long-term plan for recovery and restoration.

Disasters in 1947

111 perished in mine disaster in Centralia, Illinois

169 died in tornado that swept across Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

53 were killed in an Easter Airline DC-4 crash near Port Deposit, Maryland.

1900 died in a tidal wave as it hit Honshu Island, Japan

New Products Introduced

The Whirlpool appliance brand was introduced to consumers.

The Toni Home permanent introduced the Toni Twins.

Dr. Edwin Land introduced the Polaroid Land Camera which produced a picture within 60 seconds.

Bell Labs invented the transistor.

BF Goodrich invented the tubular tire.

The long-playing record (33 rpm) was invented by Columbia.

Prices in 1947

Bread \$0.14

Cornmeal (lb.) \$0.10

Milk (gal.) \$0.21

Coca-Cola - \$0.05

Sugar (lb.) \$0.10

Coffee (lb.) \$0.47

Gas (gal.) \$0.19

Flashlight battery \$0.09

Record \$1.25

Shampoo \$0.34

Average Salaries

Average income \$2,657.00 per year

Gas & Electric employee \$2,994.00 per year

Public school teacher \$2,261.00 per year

Radio broadcasting and television employee

\$4,073.00 per year

Medical & Health Science employee \$1,821 per

year

Baseball

Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier, becoming the first African American to sign a contract with a major league club.

World Series - New York Yankees edged Brooklyn Dodger 4-3.

Player of the Year - American League - Joe DiMaggio

Rookie of the Year - Jackie Robinson

Season home run kings; Ralph Kiner, Pirates - Ted Williams, Red Sox

## What a Year It Was, 1947

Most Valuable Players - Joe DiMaggio and Bill Elliot

Boxing

Welter Weight Champion - Sugar Ray Robinson

Heavy Weight Champion - Joe Louis

Football

Army whipped Navy: 21-0

Chicago Cardinals beat Philadelphia Eagles: 28-21

Heisman Trophy winner: John LaJack quarterback of Notre Dame

Basketball

Pro - Philadelphia Warriors over Chicago Stags: 83-80

College - Holy Cross beat Oklahoma University: 58-47

Famous Births



Kareem Abdul-Jahbar  
O.J. Simpson

Headlines

Communist and Socialist gain majority hold through rigged elections in Poland.

U.S. rushes grain to West Germany to help restore civil unrest and food strikes.

The United States signs 99-year peace treaty with the Philippines guaranteeing presence of American military and naval bases.

Nazi Germany divided into four zones of occupation by victorious allies.

French troops suppress rebellion in Cambodia.

Princess Elizabeth heir to the English throne marries Philip Mount Fahren Duke of Edinburgh

at West Minster Abbey.

Al "Scarface" Capone dies at age 48 of a heart attack brought on by complications of syphilis.

Grace Moore is killed in a plane crash out of Copenhagen.

The Spruce Goose, world's largest airplane test flight one mile by Howard Hughes. It cost 25 million and only flew once.

29-year-old Oral Roberts reigns broadcasting over radio.

The aircraft carrier Midway fired first rocket from a ship.

The U.S. Air Force becomes Independent of the Army.

One couple out of five move in with relatives.

One in seven married women do not have children.

The U.S. post office introduces the air letter. A sheet of paper that folds into a stamped envelope.

Storm hits Montreal Canada with drifts of 10 - 15 feet of snow.

A blizzard blankets New York in 28 inches of snow.

Sydney Australia is bombarded with hail storms as big as cricket balls.

Record temperature is recorded in the Yukon at 83 degrees below zero.

Britain sees its worst winter since 1894.

Henry Ford inventor of the Model T and Model A dies at 74.

That's All Folks

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David Zubler  
Columnist

## Home upgrade credit news

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) was passed in August of 2022 and improved the credit for people who make certain home upgrades.

I have been contacted by readers of this column requesting more information regarding the new credit for home upgrades when it becomes available. The IRS recently released a Fact Sheet for the Energy Efficient Home Improvements Credit and the Residential Clean Energy Property Credit. I want to emphasize that the IRS stated that the Fact Sheet is not tax law yet, and the rules may

change. However, I wanted to provide the latest credit news for the readers as it becomes available.

The Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit previously had a \$500 lifetime. Beginning in 2023, the annual credit is \$1,200. The amount of the credit is 30% of the sum of the amounts paid for certain qualified expenditures.

The following energy-efficient home improvements are eligible for the Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit:

- Building envelope components satisfying the energy efficiency requirements: This includes expenditures for exterior windows and skylights (30% of costs up to \$600); exterior doors (30% of costs up to \$250 per door, up to a total of \$500); and insulation materials or systems and air sealing materials or systems (30% of costs).
- Home energy audits (30% of costs up to \$150).
- Residential energy property (30% of the costs, including labor, up to \$600 for each item). This includes natural gas, propane, or oil furnaces and hot water boilers; central air conditioners; natural gas, propane, or oil water heaters; and improvements to or replacements of panelboards, branch circuits, sub-panelboards, or feeders that are installed with building envelope components or other energy property.

- Heat pumps, biomass stoves, and biomass boilers (30% of costs, including labor) satisfy the energy efficiency requirements. This includes electric or natural gas heat pumps, biomass stoves, biomass boilers, and electric or natural gas heat pump water heaters.

There is no dollar limit for the Residential Clean Energy Property Credit. The following residential clean energy expenditures are also eligible for the Residential Clean Energy Property Credit of 30% of the cost:

- solar water heating property expenditures (solar water heaters)
- solar electric property expenditures (solar panels)
- geothermal heat pump property expenditures
- small wind energy property expenditures (wind turbines)
- fuel cell property expenditures
- battery storage technology expenditures

In 2033, the credit percentage rate phases down to 26 percent and 22 percent for property placed in service in 2034. The credit is not available for property placed in service after December 31, 2034.

According to the IRS news release, if the rules change, you will not be subject to a penalty if you reasonably acted in good faith and relied on the current information.

More details can be found in IRS Fact Sheet FS-2022-40.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Covid ... It's Still Here

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of Covid cases has steadily risen since December. Earlier in the fall, Covid took a short break while the flu and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) made it to center stage. Those illnesses are now waning a bit, and here comes Covid again.

It doesn't help that we have a new variant -- an offshoot of Omicron, the XBB.1.5 -- taking off around the country. By Christmas nearly half the cases of Covid were that new variant, so it's growing.

Seniors, as usual, are being hit hard with those in the age 70+ range being the largest group affected, followed by ages 60-69.

If you're hesitant to go back to being extremely careful, we're experiencing what some

doctors are calling the Senior Wave. It means the numbers on a graph show that the largest group affected with hospitalizations are seniors.

Which means it's still not time to let down our guard. If anything, it means renewing our efforts to stay safe. Frequent handwashing, wearing a mask in the store, even if you're the only one who is, staying out of large groups ... we know how to do this.

And like it or not, we should. The growing number of seniors being hospitalized or dying due to Covid should shake up all of us.

Another, and possibly even more accurate, statistic for the spread of Covid is the wastewater. This is where municipalities test the sewage for Covid. People can hide their exposure and illness by using the at-home tests we all received in the mail, thereby skewing the "official" numbers, but the sewage in an area is sure to be more accurate.

To see the wastewater data by county, go online to CDC.gov and search for "National Wastewater Surveillance System" (NWSS).

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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- 1. Who sang "Seasons in the Sun" in 1974? Bonus for knowing what the song is about.**
- 2. Name the group that recorded "The Love You Save."**
- 3. Who released the popular version of "Wild Thing"?**
- 4. Which Kool & the Gang song was selected for inclusion in the National Recording Registry?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "It's hard for a back street affair to be easy, For each hour of happiness there's two hours of pain."**

## Answers

- 1. Terry Jacks. The singer is dying and is saying goodbye to family and friends.**
- 2. The Jackson 5, in 1970. It stayed at the top of the soul charts for six weeks. Michael Jackson was 12 years old at the time.**
- 3. The Troggs, in 1966. Their name came from Troglodytes, who were cave dwellers. The Wild Ones version of the song in 1965 didn't chart.**
- 4. "Celebration," in 1980. It was their only song to top the Billboard Hot 100 chart.**
- 5. "Any Which Way You Can," by Glen Campbell, in 1980. The song was the title track in the film by the same name, a sequel to the 1978 film "Every Which Way But Loose." The films starred Clint Eastwood and an orangutan named Clyde.**

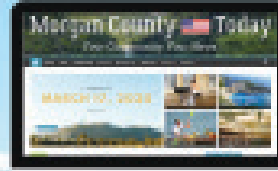
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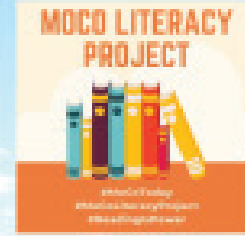
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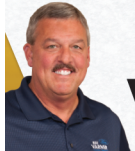


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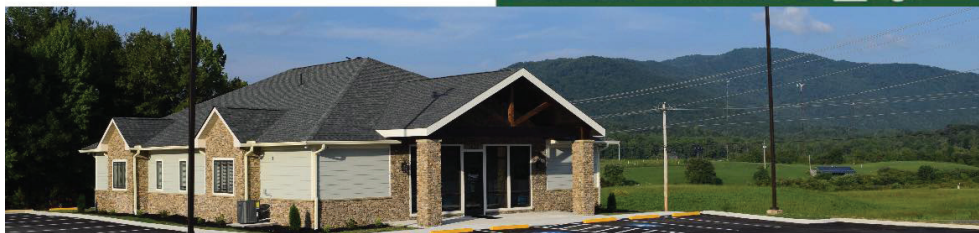
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# Philemon Part 2

Paul concedes that the slave had once been unprofitable to Philemon (evidenced by his flight). Now, however, he was profitable to both Paul and Philemon---to Paul as a personal helper, to Philemon to love and value his service to the apostle! The name "Onesimus" means "profitable"; he finally has lived up to his mother's desire for him (v.11)! Now Paul was sending him home. Reflect upon the trust that Paul has placed in both Onesimus and Philemon; the one, not to flee elsewhere, but returning to his master; the other, that he will treat his new brother with compassion. As Onesimus departs for Colossae, Paul's "very heart" (deepest level of affection) is pained at the loss (v. 12).

The apostle desperately wishes he could have kept this brother longer. He was much needed and was tremendously helpful in ministering to Paul, who was captive of Rome, proclaiming a "gospel in bonds" (v. 13). But without Philemon's permission, holding on to the brother was out of the question, because (a) It would have violated Roman law. (b) It did not pass the test of Paul's personal moral code. (c) Such would have negated Onesimus' full repentance. (d) It would not have been in Philemon's best interest, robbing him of surrendering the services of his servant on a voluntary basis.

Hence, the apostle would not force the issue; it must be a matter of Philemon's "free will" (v. 14). Those who contend that man does not possess free will are in conflict with an inspired apostle.

Paul sees the distinct possibility of providence in the events that have transpired. "Perhaps he was parted from you temporarily that you might have him eternally" (v. 15). Note: (a) God did not orchestrate the action of Onesimus in fleeing from his master, and whatever else occurred in connection with that situation. The flight was wrong and the Lord does not precipitate or condone evil in any form. (b) However, God can, through mysterious and inexplicable ways, manipulate events (while not overriding free will) so as to bring good out of evil (Gen. 45:5, 8-9; 50:20). (c) Divine providence is hinted by the passive form of the verb, "was parted." (d) The temporary separation of Philemon and Onesimus in time was but a prelude to the familial association to be enjoyed eternally in heaven. Clearly, personal recognition in heaven is implied.

Paul passionately hopes that as Onesimus, together with Tychicus, arrive in Colossae (bearing the two epistles, Colossians and Philemon), that Onesimus will be warmly received, no longer as a slave, but as a "beloved brother" (v. 6). "The word emancipation seems to tremble on his lips, but he never utters it" (Lightfoot). Paul says that Onesimus is a specially loved brother to him personally, and he should be so to Philemon as well, indeed, "much more" henceforth. The runaway is home now, not merely to resume a fleshly relationship, but as a kinsman "in the Lord." It was this concept that eventually conquered in infamous practice of slavery in the civilized world!

Note Paul's "if then" that begins the next sentence. He is laying the foundation for an argument from which Philemon must draw a moral conclusion (v. 17). "If then you consider me as your partner (as I'm sure you do), receive him precisely as you would if I were there." What is the inference? "If you don't receive him, it amounts to a rejection of me!" Paul doesn't have to say the words; Philemon is too intelligent to miss the point, and too spiritual not to be moved by it.

Now the apostle discretely introduces a sensitive topic, veiled, but nonetheless quite suggestive. Paul says, "If he has wronged you..." The particle

"if" in this case assumes something to be true. Doubtless Onesimus had acknowledged to Paul that when (or before) he left, he had wronged his master (in addition to fleeing). The following text would seem to imply he had stolen from Philemon. How would a slave have financed a thousand mile trip to Rome? The various facts suggest a foul deed to the careful expositor. Be that as it may, Onesimus is a changed man. His past sins had been washed away (Acts 22:16); such, however, did not nullify the need for restitution if possible. Paul assures Philemon that he himself will make good any financial score that needs to be settled if Onesimus is unable to do so personally, or if Philemon is unwilling to cancel the obligation (v. 18).

Normally, Paul dictated his letters and signed off with a handwritten salutation. In this case, if he used an amanuensis for the greater part of the body, he took quill (likely with a trembling hand) and pledged his own guarantee of security. "If anything is owed, put it on my bill, and at the opportune time, I will repay it" (v.18). Then with a stroke of heavenly genius he suggests: "I won't even mention what you owe me, even your own self!" (v. 19). The apostle is suggesting that Philemon's salvation is somehow tied to him. While it appears Paul had never visited the region in which Colossae was located (Col. 2:1), they might have come in contact elsewhere (perhaps Ephesus). In some manner Paul was instrumental in Philemon's conversion. The fact was, therefore, Philemon was on the "I owe you" side of the ledger far more than Paul was.

Then this final blow: "Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord." The verb rendered "have joy" is a play on Onesimus' name. "I am returning your 'profit'; how about some 'profit' in the Lord for me? Refresh my heart in Christ" (v. 20). Paul has benevolently bludgeoned him with every argument at his command. He is virtually asking for severance of the master---slave relationship, and hopefully the use of Onesimus as a helper again. With a genuine compliment he concludes: "I am firmly persuaded that you will comply with my request; indeed, that you will go beyond what I have asked" (21). We may certainly infer that the request was granted. How so? This letter would never have been included in the sacred canon otherwise!

(Phil. 22-25) Conclusion: Here we must remind ourselves that Paul is under civil restraint (bound with a chain) (Eph. 6:20) as he awaits his appeal before Caesar (Acts 25:11). When he penned Philippians, he was uncertain how the disposition of the case was going (Phil. 1:19). For some reason he seems more confident of release now, to the extent he can say to Philemon: "Prepare for me a place to stay: for I hope that as a result of your prayers, I will be granted the opportunity to come to you" (v. 22). It is clear the apostle believed in the power of prayer and in the efficacy of those offered by the Christians in Colossae. Moreover, it is certain he was released. In the period between the first Roman imprisonment (Acts 28), and the final one (2 Tim. 4:6) he penned 1 Timothy, Titus, and 2 Timothy---in that order.

Epaphras, a native of Colossae, Paul described as a "beloved fellow-servant," a "faithful minister of Christ," and currently a "fellow-prisoner" (either an actual prisoner or Paul's attendant in prison). He likewise sends his greetings to Philemon and others there (Col. 1:7-8; 4:12-13). Greetings are sent also from Mark (Acts 19:29; 20:2-4; 27:2; Col. 4:10), Demas and Luke. These brothers are called "fellow-workers." Paul's benediction breathes a prayer that the grace (favor) of Jesus may be with your spirit. The spirit is an entity separate from the body (Jas. 2:26).



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### "Pear Blossom"

All alone by the veranda railing,  
teardrops drenching the branches,  
although her face is unadorned,  
her old charms remain.  
Behind the locked gate,  
on a rainy night,  
how she is filled with sadness.  
How differently she looked  
bathed in golden waves  
of moonlight, before the darkness fell.

Chinese poet Qian Xuan (1280)

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She made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come on his head."

1 SAMUEL 1:11 *187*

Detail of "Les Morphinomanes"  
by Paul-Albert Besnard (1887)



# Historically Speaking Winningest Boys Basketball Coach at Robertsville Middle School – John Spratling

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

John Spratling has coached the Boys' Basketball program at Robertsville Middle School for 24 years. On December 12, 2022, John won his 346th game. This surpassed previous legendary Coach Keys Fillauer's record. Coach Spratling earned a bachelor's degree (1993) and a Masters degree (1995) in Education from East Tennessee State University. He graduated with Cum Laude honors.

Coach Spratling is a 5th grade educator at Robertsville Middle School where he has taught for 28 years. He is married to Vanessa, and the couple have two children, Trejon and Imani.

John is proud of his heritage and credits the Scarboro 85 for paving the way for him to be accepted in Oak Ridge and to become a coach. While he is a humble man, he gets excited too.

John said, "WE DID IT! To GOD be the glory! This is truly a SANKOFA moment. I am mindful of Fred Guinn, Dr. Ahmed Alhamisi (formerly Lawrence Graham) and Robert Berry for their SACRIFICIES made for me and all of us back in 1955. Without them there is no me!

"I am very grateful for my family, friends, past teachers, coaches, mentors, former assistant coaches and players for without each of you this would not be possible. I am truly humble to represent this historic school, Woodland Elementary, Jefferson Junior High School, Oak Ridge High School, East Tennessee State University, the city of Oak Ridge and my beloved Scarboro Community where I grew up. We say THANK YOU to you ALL!!

This webpage (<https://www.berea.edu/cgwc/the-power-of-sankofa/>) from Berea College gives the definition of SANKOFA as:

"Sankofa is an African word from the Akan tribe in Ghana. The literal translation of the word and the symbol is "it is not taboo to fetch what is at risk of being left behind."

The word is derived from the words: SAN (return), KO (go), FA (look, seek and take).

"The sankofa symbolizes the Akan people's quest for knowledge among the Akan with the implication that the quest is based on critical examination, and intelligent and patient investigation.



John Spratling coaching



The Scarboro 85 Monument Committee: Front Row left to right, Pat Postma, John Spratling, Martin McBride; Back Row left to right, Karla Mullins, Trina Watson, Rose Weaver, Vanessa Spratling, and Anne McBride. Not pictured, Naomi Asher, Ram Uppuluri, Ziad Demain, and Ray Smith (Photo by Luther Simmons)

"The symbol is based on a mythical bird with its feet firmly planted forward with its head turned backwards. Thus, the Akan believe the past serves as a guide for planning the future. To the Akan, it is this wisdom in learning

from the past which ensures a strong future.

"The Akans believe that there must be movement and new learning as time passes. As this forward march proceeds, the knowledge of the past must never be forgotten.

The SANKOFA symbol has been chosen as the logo for the Scarboro 85 Monument Committee who desires to recognize the gallant efforts of these young individuals in 1955 who desegregated the Oak Ridge High School and the Robertsville Junior High School in Oak Ridge.

Many of them are now getting up in age and several have already passed on with what has been little to no recognition for the amazing forever-change they initiated. Those still living are finally being recognized since the 67th anniversary in 2020. And even more recognition is planned!

John desires his honor to reflect positively on their valor. The Scarboro 85 are mostly now getting up in years, but they are still as humble as ever and look on their accomplishment as just something that needed to be done and they were the ones who had to do it.

The desegregation in Oak Ridge did not cause the uproar that occurred one year later in Clinton, TN, or two years later in Little Rock, AR. However, there were certainly hardships here and those Black students had to be under daily stress to endure kinds of seemingly small things that hurt greatly. Yet, that is exactly what they did, they endured, with only minor upheaval in the city or even in the schools.

I am proud to have been asked to serve on the Scarboro 85 Monument Committee, along with John Spratling (chair), Naomi Asher, Pat Postma, Rose Weaver, Vanessa Spratling, Anne McBride, Martin McBride, Karla Mullins, Ram Uppuluri, Ziad Demain, and Trina Watson.

If you would want to learn more about the actions being undertaken to recognize the Scarboro 85 in A. K. Bissell Park, please contact any of the committee members or send me an email at [draysmith@comcast.net](mailto:draysmith@comcast.net).

And a final thank you to each of the 85 students, much older now, who can hold their heads high and accept appropriate recognition that has been withheld far too long.

John Spratling is evidence that it was worth it all. And he is not alone, many Black people now can enjoy opportunities denied far too long.

Thank you, a heartfelt thank you, to all who struggled for integration.



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## Top Uses for Pasta Sauce Besides Pasta

You know those inexpensive pasta sauces? While they're indispensable for making quick spaghetti dinners, these sauces are useful for so much more than pasta. Here are several ideas that think outside the pasta box. Not a noodle in sight.

**Easy Creamy Tomato Soup** — In a saucepan, lightly saute 1/2 cup fresh basil (minced) in 1 tablespoon butter or olive oil. Add one (24-ounce) can of pasta sauce, 2 cups water and heat through. Remove from heat and stir in 1/2 cup heavy cream. Yields 4 servings. This soup told me it's lonely without its best friend. So please make a grilled cheese sandwich, too.

**Sloppy Joes** — Brown 1 1/2 pounds ground beef with one (16-ounce) bag frozen pepper and onion blend. Add 2 cups pasta sauce, 2 tablespoons cider vinegar, 1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce and 1 tablespoon brown sugar. Divide the mixture between 4 to 6 hamburger buns.

**Tomato Butter** — In a food processor or mixing bowl with a hand mixer, blend 1 stick (1/2 cup) softened butter, 1/4 cup pasta sauce and 1/4 cup chopped parsley or basil. Use plastic wrap to roll the compound butter into a log; refrigerate. Slather on fresh baked breads, fish, chicken, cooked vegetables or rice.

## ITALIAN POT ROAST

Yield: 4 to 8 servings

Total Time: 2 to 3 hours, 15 minutes

Here's a great recipe for those times when you can linger in the kitchen and enjoy your home leisurely filling with the aroma of a slow-cooked roast.

What You'll Need:

3 to 5 pounds chuck roast

1/4 cup flour

1 teaspoon each: salt, pepper, garlic powder

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 onion, sliced (about 1 1/2 cups)

3 carrots, peeled and chopped (about 1 cup)

3 celery ribs, chopped (about 1 cup)

4 - 6 cloves of garlic, minced

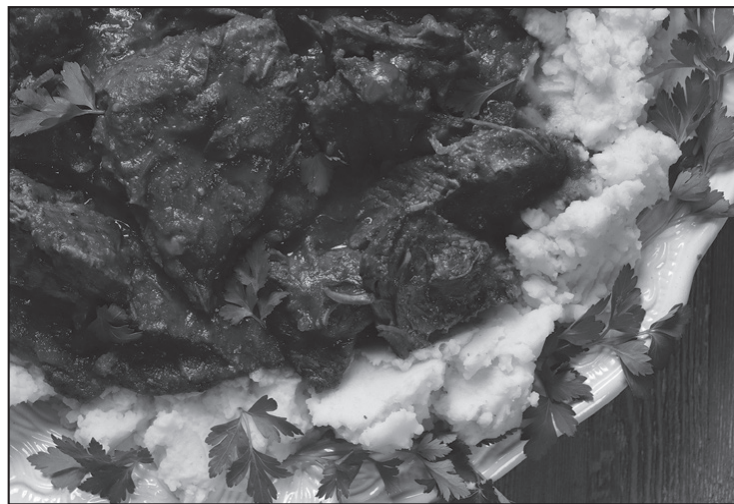
1 cup red wine

1 (24 ounce) can pasta sauce

1 (14.5 ounce) can Italian style diced tomatoes

Mashed potatoes or polenta for serving, optional

Chopped parsley, optional garnish



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**Try this slow-cooked roast over mashed potatoes or polenta.**

Here's How:

In a small bowl, mix flour, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Sprinkle the flour mixture evenly over the roast. In a Dutch oven, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the meat and

brown well on all sides. Remove to a plate and set aside.

Reduce heat to medium-low. Add the onions, carrots and celery and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and continue cooking for another 2 minutes. Then add the wine, scraping all the lovely, browned bits off the bottom of the pan, and cook until it reduces a little, about 5 minutes. Add the pasta sauce and canned tomato and stir to combine. Then return the roast to the pot and cover. Turn the heat down to low and let it simmer gently for 2 to 3 hours, until fork tender.

When finished cooking, transfer the meat to a chopping board and let rest for about 10 minutes before slicing. If the sauce isn't thick enough for your liking, you can continue boiling over medium-high heat, uncovered, until it reduces enough to reach your desired thickness. Taste and adjust seasoning. Cut the roast into gorgeous big chunks and return to the sauce to serve.

Some of these recipes don't use the entire can of sauce. You can easily freeze extra sauce for future fun recipes by placing the sauce in ice cube trays or muffin tins, then freeze and store in plastic freezer bags.

So next time you're feeling a little saucy, remember life is about exploring all the pasta-bilities, even those beyond pasta.

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Genesis 1 opens with the most important theology statement in eternity past. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. In the original language of Hebrew as God presented Moses with the Torah, would read "Beersheeth Elohim Bara et shamayim et erets"!

If one is to ever understand salvation, we must understand the trinity from God's point of view. To understand that our creator

became a human in the womb of a virgin Jewish girl, to grow to understand and overcome the temptations that beguile men and women each day, only to offer himself as a ransom and dowry on the cross of Calvary.

When Jesus Christ looked in the mirror, he saw the Trinity. His divinity was sanctified eternally when the man Jesus Christ, walked out of the borrowed tomb and proclaimed to be the risen Messiah and coming King over all the nations of the earth. Satan knew his time was short.

Lucifer enjoys many titles in the Bible. Most important is the name God gave him. He is the Nachash, or shining one. He is the anointed cherub that covereth of Isaiah 14. He is the King of Tyre in Ezekiel 28. He has dominion and power over all the kingdoms in our world. He manifests as a man often to lie, kill, and destroy. He has been moving our world from God's order to complete chaos.

He led a rebellion in heaven prior to God creating the world inhabitable for humans. He is the origin of evil in our world. He convinced Adam and Eve to question the sovereignty and character of God in making and keeping his promises. He is still at it today in the houses we proclaim to worship only God in.

Man and woman were created to replace Lucifer as God's created worship leaders. Lucifer had convinced one third of the angels to usurp God's identity as sole creator, and these angels bowed at the feet of the shining one, and worshipped him.

Jesus Christ watched this event live as he proclaimed, "I saw Lucifer fall from heaven like lightning." The original rebellion required God replace the rebels with humans, for he must be worshipped and he can not let rebellion go unpunished.

As a result of the fall of Lucifer, he was given dominion over the earth. Men were created solely for the purpose of being saved. God is proving to Lucifer that he alone is sovereign over the affairs of his creation. We are pawns in a carefully designed plan of God to teach the original rebel a very harsh lesson.

What tools has Lucifer used to mock God as creator? The sun, the moon, and the 12 constellations of stars that show up in the darkness of the night sky, fertility in women, the deification of men and women as demigods and the very trinity of God.

All have been perverted by Lucifer and men have left the word of God in favor of human religious traditions. Men and women now worship the creation more than the God who created our entire universe.

Polytheism has replaced the monotheistic creator of Genesis with pagan religions that all mock Elohim our creator. Not one modern denomination can claim they are free of Roman pagan practices. Cult practices have replaced the worship of the one true creator God.

Religious ideology has replaced sound Bible instruction. The foundation of God's plan for man, the Old Testament, is overlooked in favor of replacement New Testament only theosophy. One where men lord over the lives of professing believers, while they accept Roman religious practices. All the while teaching believers it is their job to judge others behavior, never their own behavior.

Enoch came to our world as God's teacher. During his life, the

# Why Creation

daughters of Adam were having marital relations with the fallen angel army of Lucifer. Satan had set about trying to stop God's plan to redeem mankind through an unblemished Hebrew offspring born to a virgin.

God wrote his plan in the nighttime sky. He named every star at creation. The 12 constellations every human being experiences each night, were placed there by Elohim the creator for the purpose of teaching humans the plan.

Enoch is the seventh son in the messianic bloodline established by God in Adam. His son Methuselah would earn the mantle of trigger, for during his life he was taught by Enoch that his death would bring the promised deluge of God.

Enoch is appointed the title of teacher before civilization had developed writing. His classroom for the generations of Adam prior to the flood is the creation. Job is given a lesson from God that humbles him. The Mazzaroth of Job 38, identifies our creator has left us without excuse.

It is in Enoch that God established the doctrine of the rapture of the bride of Christ. Three people groups would be dealt with through the flood of Noah. Those removed prior to the flood. Those preserved through the flood. And those who perished as a result of the flood. God had to remove righteous Enoch prior to bringing the wrath of judgement.

God always removes the righteous before bringing his wrath! Elohim our creator is intimately involved in the affairs of his creation. He holds the wind, the weather, kingdoms, angels, and humans in the palm of his hands. We are part of a carefully devised plan of our loving creator to teach the ultimate usurper a harsh but necessary lesson.

I alone hold creation in the palm of my righteous right hand, and I alone control the destiny of my creation. I alone am to be worshipped says the Lord. Enoch was given the task of teaching how God planned to redeem creation from the grasp of the fallen angel usurper and his principalities and powers of the air.

We humans were created to worship the one true triune God. Enoch was preserved and removed prior to the flood, because he was counted righteous by God, and because he followed God's plan for his life to the letter. He was the world's second evangelist.

Enoch is a pattern of the virgin bride of Christ. His son Methuselah would grow, and become the world's oldest human in history. Enoch did not pollute his bloodline by allowing his family to pervert the plan of God. He was rewarded with a son who lived a very long time. What a mighty God we serve!

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 8-13-2022

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Answers

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# Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Terry Lawson grew up in Kingston, Tennessee and always felt the need to serve our country in the way of a soldier. He was also inspired by his uncle who served in the United States Army as a Military Police Officer rendering aid to the citizens of Germany by providing clothing, food, and burying the dead in the aftermath of World War II.

Terry fulfilled his hearts desire to serve by enlisting into the United States Army in 1980. He completed Basic Combat Training and Advance Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon graduating from Fort Benning, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. While assigned to the 101st he served in both the 506th Infantry Regiment and the 502nd Infantry Regiment.

While assigned to the 502nd his unit was deployed as part of a Multinational Force and Observers attachment to the Sinai Peninsula which is the northeaster extremity of Egypt and adjoins Israel and the Gaza Strip on the east. He served primarily along the side of the Red Sea.

Terry completed his term of service in October 1983 at the rank of E-4/Specialist. As with all veterans there are always moments of time that will always remain with them. With Terry it is a moment of great tragedy that took place on December 12, 1985. Although his time in uniform was already completed, he lost a great number of friends "brothers-in-arms" on that terrible day.

Terry wished for us to honor the fallen by providing our readers with what is known of that tremendous air disaster.

Arrow Air Flight 1285R was an international charter flight carrying U.S. Army personnel from Cairo, Egypt, to their home base in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, via Cologne, West Germany, and Gander, Newfoundland. On the morning of Thursday, 12 December 1985, shortly after takeoff from Gander en route to Fort Campbell, the McDonnell Douglas DC-8 serving the flight stalled, crashed, and burned about half a mile from the runway, killing all 248 passengers and 8 crew members on board.

The accident was investigated by the Canadian Aviation Safety Board (CASB), which determined that the probable cause of the crash was the aircraft's unexpectedly high drag and reduced lift condition, most likely due to ice contamination on the wings' leading

edges and upper surfaces, as well as underestimated onboard weight. A minority report stated that the accident could have been caused by an onboard explosion of unknown origin before impact, with one of these dissenting investigators later telling a United States congressional committee that a thin layer of ice could not bring down the aircraft.

The aircraft, a McDonnell Douglas DC-8-63CF, was chartered to carry U.S. Army personnel, all but 12 of them members of the 101st Airborne Division,



back to their base in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. They had completed a six-month deployment in the Sinai, in the Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping mission. The DC-8 involved in the accident (registration N950JW) was manufactured in 1969, and was first delivered to Eastern Air Lines and then leased to other airlines before being leased to Arrow Air under its owner/parent company, International Air Leases.

The flight was made up of three legs, with refueling stops in Cologne and Gander. The aircraft departed Cairo at 20:35 UTC on Wednesday 11 December 1985, and arrived at Cologne on Thursday 12 December 1985, at 01:21 UTC.

A new flight crew, consisting of Captain John Griffin and First Officer John Connelly (both 45), and Flight Engineer Michael Fowler (48), boarded the aircraft before it departed for Gander at 02:50 UTC. The aircraft arrived at Gander International Airport at 09:04, where passengers departed the aircraft while the aircraft was refueled. Witnesses

reported that the flight engineer conducted an external inspection of the aircraft, after which the passengers re-boarded the aircraft.

The DC-8 began its takeoff roll on runway 22 from the intersection of runway 13 at 10:15 UTC (06:45 NST). It rotated near taxiway A, 51 seconds after brake release, at an airspeed of about 192 mph. Witnesses reported the aircraft showed difficulty gaining altitude after rotation. Once airborne, the airspeed reached 198 mph before decreasing again, causing the DC-8 to descend. After crossing the Trans-Canada Highway, located about 900 feet from the departure end of runway 22, at a very low altitude, the aircraft's pitch increased, and it continued to descend.

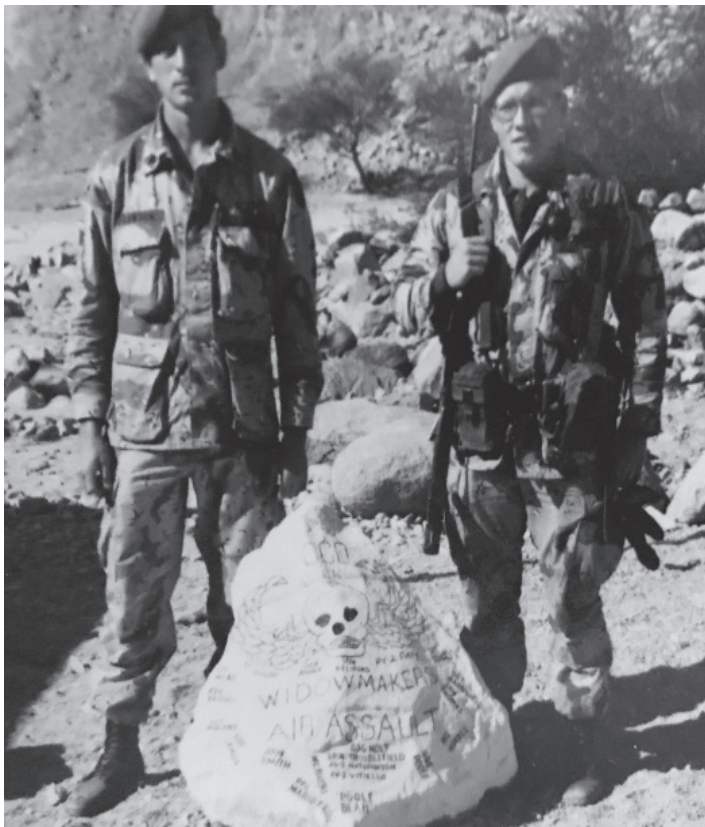
Witnesses driving on the highway stated that they saw a bright glow emanating from the aircraft before it struck terrain just short of Gander Lake and crashed approximately 3,500 feet beyond the departure end of the runway. Flight 1285R broke up, struck an unoccupied building and exploded; this started an intense fire fed by the large amount of fuel carried on board for the final leg of the flight. All 248 passengers and 8 crew perished.

This was the deadliest single event in the history of the 101st Airborne Division.

Terry is and will always be thankful for his military service, but most importantly, he is thankful for God blessing him with his loving wife, Karen, and the life which they have enjoyed together for the past 44 years.

Terry and Karen married on April 1, 1978 and they are blessed with two children Rebecca and Dana along with three precious grandchildren.

Terry and Karen, thank you both for your service and sacrifices each of you made for our country throughout the years. We pray in Jesus's name that you'll continue to be blessed with many more years together.



## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week



Deputy Sheriff Darnell Calhoun of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, California was shot and killed in the line of duty on Friday, January 13, 2023.

Deputy Calhoun was responding to a domestic violence call after a call-taker heard the sounds of a struggle after an occupant of the home had called to report a child custody issue at the residence. Deputy Calhoun was the first deputy to arrive on the scene and

was shot. Deputy Calhoun's backup arrived and discovered him wounded in the street. The second deputy became engaged in the shootout with the subject and wounded the man.

Deputy Calhoun was transported to Valley Medical Center where he succumbed to his wounds. He had served with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for eleven months and had previously served with the San Diego Police Department for two years.

Deputy Calhoun was only thirty-years-old and is survived by his expectant wife and two sons.

<b>CITY OF WARTBURG, TENNESSEE</b>	<b>Ordinance Number 403-23</b>	<b>First Reading: January 25,2023 at 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Ordinance No. 402-23</b>	<b>Sewer Rate Increase</b>	
<b>AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023</b>	<b>An Ordinance changing the sewer rate for the City of Wartburg in Wartburg, Tennessee</b>	<b>Second Reading: January 26,2023 at 10:00 a.m.</b>


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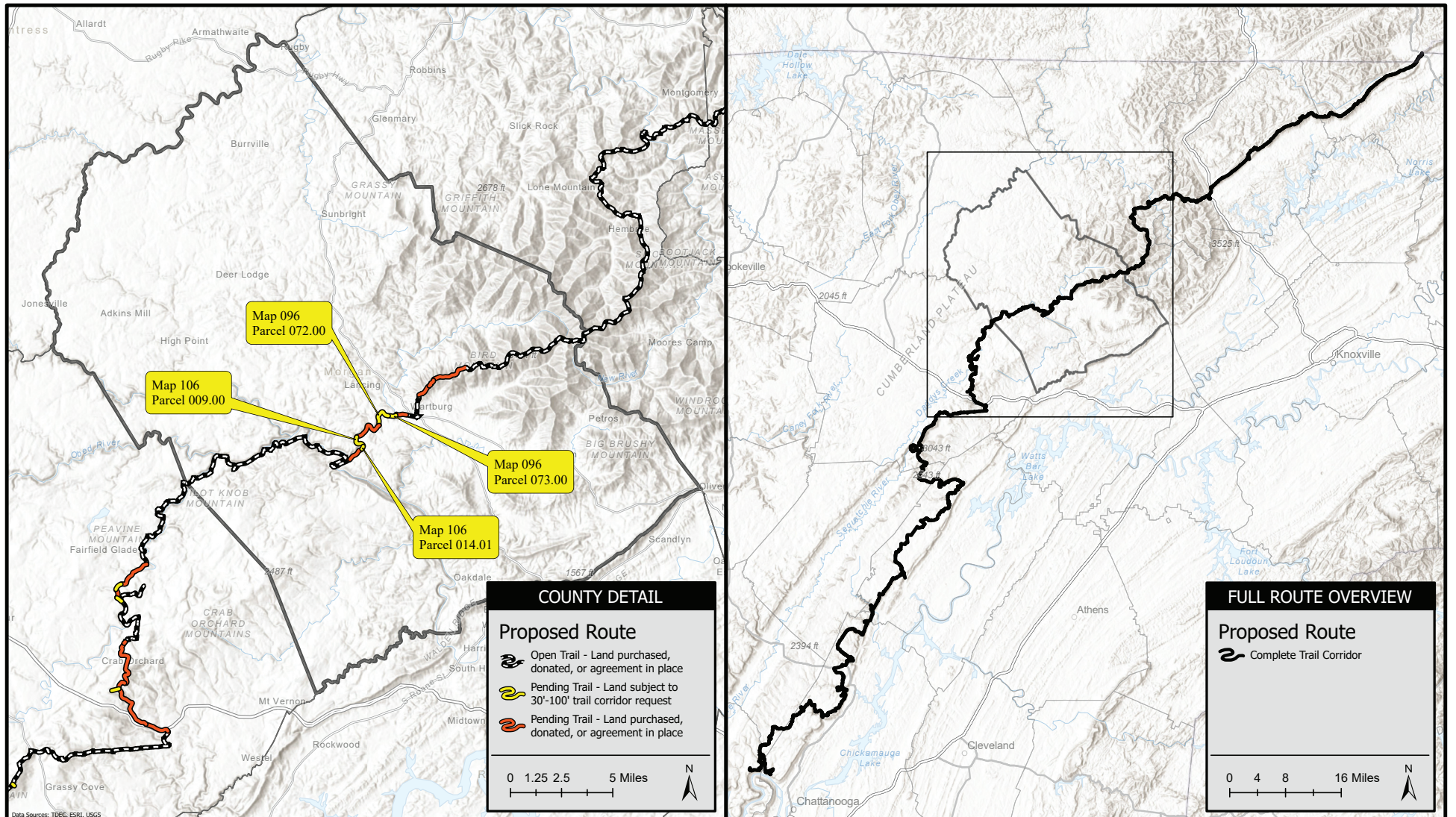
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# The Bulldog Banner



**Cole Burchell**  
(CatFish Cole)

## Bulldog Boys Blast Off

Coming off of a win against Petros, the Wartburg Bulldogs Boy's Basketball team played Coalfield on January 12 with much hype and excitement for their last game of the regular season. This wasn't any ordinary game, not only was it the last regular season game the 8th-grade boys would play on their court, it was their 8th grade night game. For 8th grade night we reconized the 8th graders that worked, sweat, and played for the WCMS Boy's Basketball team. The 8th graders were Paxton Quinney #10, Gavin Keathley #24, Daniel Bunch #32 (BigManDan), Johnathan Kilby #5, Jeremiah Duncan #23 and Eli Swint #12. They were playing for the #1 seed for the tournament in the postseason. The boys were kneck and kneck the whole game. There was no telling who was going to win. Coalfield would be up then in the blink of an eye Wartburg would be up and vice versa. Coalfield was winning at the end of the first half and had a lead towards the end of the 4th quarter. With 7.1 seconds it was Wartburg's ball. They ran a play and Paxton Quinney #10 got a rebound and hit the game-winning shot with 2.1 seconds left. Wartburg had won the game and secured the #1 seed for the tournaments! Now after their amazing win here is an insight into the game from the player's perspective.

### Paxton Quinney #10

-“A very intense game for sure esciecially since the game was back and forth even though, I believed we would still win. It was a very high pressure game but, when I made my shot I didn't have time to think it was mostly instint.”

### Daniel Bunch #32

-“I never thought that we could lose and in the heat of the moment I didn't really get nervous.”

### Gavin Keathley #24

-“At the end of halftime we were down by 2 and going to the 3rd quarter. Probably in the 3rd quarter the whole team combined there skills and we pulled it in with great teamwork.”

### Johnathan Kilby #5

-“I was praying that it would come up and win but it is who ever at the last second threw up the last shot could take it and made me nervous.”

### Jeremiah Duncan #23

-”I was super nervous because they had the lead but I knew that we could come back and win.”

To sum up the season, we will close with these words from Coach Byrd.

-”It's been a great season. The boys really bought into playing for each other. Watching them grow as a team has been really exciting to watch and I'm very thankful to be a part of it. The team is very resilient and determined. If they put together everything they are capable of doing, we can be very competitive in the postseason tournament. There are some really good teams playing in this district so we will have to show up with our best performance to advance.”



**Daniel Bunch**  
(Big Man Dan)

## Dear Reader,

**We would like to add a few more Resolutions to our Volume 4 of the Bulldog Banner. The original article was printed week before last. Enjoy!**

Mrs. Sandy Gosnell's resolution is to get outdoors and on the road.

-“my goal/resolution is to see all 61 National Parks in the south-east.”

Mr. Travis Gosnell hopes to commit himself to various goals this year.

-“Rather than a New Year's Resolution, I'll go a step further and make it a commitment to break a score of 300 on a 40 target archery course with a primitive bow. I'll also commit to learning more about Nikolas Tesla and frequencies and to ride my bicycle more. All doable.”

Mr. Markus Miller's resolution is to improve his mental and physical health this year.

-“My New Year Resolution is to better my physical and mental health. I plan on eating healthier and exercising more to increase my physical health. I plan on doing a lot of reading in many different areas to better my mental health.”

CatFish Cole's resolution is to get out on the lake more this year.

-“As someone who usually make half hearted resolutions. It is nice to have one this year I can really get on top of. This year I hope to go fishing as much as possible. I also hope to upload a consistent stream of video on my YT channel Catfish Cole Outdoors.”

After hearing all these resolution/goals for the new year we hope to inspire you to strive to dedicate yourself to self betterment for 2023.



**“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**

# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## Scammers Nabbed in False Claims Cases

It's not the brightest of individuals who try to con the Department of Veterans Affairs out of goods, services and money. They eventually get caught.

A Pennsylvania company has been fined \$44 million for allegations about services they didn't provide. In this false claims case, the service they allegedly provided was cardiac monitoring. Instead of doing what they'd been contracted to do, when they got "busy," they farmed out the services to India. The diagnostic testing and monitoring, as well as other services, were done by personnel in India who weren't qualified. Patients getting health care via the VA, TRICARE, Medicare and the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, and likely their physicians, had no idea.

To their credit, it was some former company employees who blew the whistle and brought the whole thing to light. (They'll be getting \$8.3 million as a reward.) The company, meanwhile, was fined and denied access to any further government business, right? Wrong. Per the press release, the company was put under a five-year agreement to do assessment and internal review to pinpoint compliance risk.

In another false claims case, a New York man is going to prison for 20 years for crimes involving investment fraud and the sale of nonexistent N95 masks. Over the years, in a long-term Ponzi scheme, he continued to solicit money, using new money to fund new acquisitions and a fancy lifestyle.

Enter the pandemic and the need for masks and personal protective gear in hospitals and clinics. Pretending to have a direct pipeline to U.S. factories that could provide those items, he conned \$7.4 million out of medical supply companies that

believed they were buying the hard-to-get gear. It didn't help that the criminal attempted to con the VA out of \$3 million in upfront money for 125 million masks, in what would have been a \$750 million deal. Besides the 20 years in prison, he'll also be paying back \$106 million in money he stole from investors.

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## BOYS

### WARTBURG

JAN. 20 AT SUNBRIGHT W 42-40  
 TUE. JAN. 17 VS. OAKDALE L 70-84

### COALFIELD

JAN. 20 VS. OAKDALE L 77-84  
 JAN. 19 AT MIDWAY L 54-67  
 JAN. 17 AT JELICO L 30-93

### SUNBRIGHT

JAN. 20 VS. WARTBURG L 40-42  
 JAN. 19 VS. #8 KNOXVILLE AMB.  
 JAN. 17 VS. ROCKWOOD L 47-52

### OAKDALE

JAN. 20 AT COALFIELD W 84-77  
 JAN. 17 AT WARTBURG W 84-70  
 JAN. 16 AT #25 ONEIDA L 40-78

## GIRLS

### WARTBURG

JAN. 20 AT SUNBRIGHT L 51-62  
 JAN. 17 VS. OAKDALE W 48-47

### COALFIELD

JAN. 20 VS. OAKDALE W 59-38  
 JAN. 19 AT #20 MIDWAY L 49-52  
 JAN. 17 AT JELICO W 71-39

### SUNBRIGHT

JAN. 20 VS. WARTBURG W 62-51  
 JAN. 19 VS. #8 KNOXVILLE AMB W 69-10  
 JAN. 17 VS. ROCKWOOD W 65-51

### OAKDALE

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