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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

### Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

I posted on my FB page that my Mimis nephew, Thomas Blank passed away earlier this week.

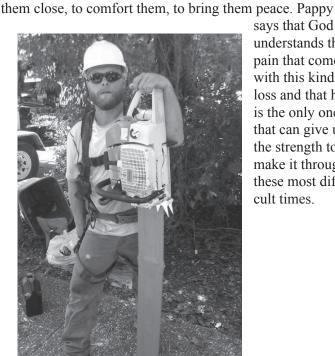
It has taken a few days to process this tragic news.

I never got to meet him. But, with everyone being so sad, I can't help but feel that he must have been very special. Thomas was a graduate of Oliver Springs High school where he excelled in academics and as a star football player. Everyone says he was especially smart. When he was in his calculus class at the University of Tennessee, his professors depended on him to actually teach the class if they were absent.

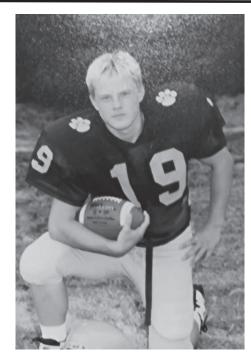
His intelligence and athletic ability were only 2 of his gifts. He was also a gifted arborist, and electrician.

Thomas wore many titles in his life and most favorite title of all was DAD to his 4 babies.

Thomas leaves behind his mom Cindy Street and her husband James. His dad Greg Blank and wife Noria. His brother Alix Blank and wife Joanie, and brother Dylan Blank. His ex-wife Candy Blank and his partner Marcie. The coming days will be so very difficult for those who loved Thomas. So, when you pray, please ask God to hold



says that God understands the pain that comes with this kind of loss and that he is the only one that can give us the strength to make it through these most difficult times.





### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday 1:00 - 3:00 Tuesday 4:30 - 7:00

Wednesday 9:00 - 12:30 Thursday 9:00 -1:00.

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

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@mcsed.net to RSVP with the number of family members attending.

> 'COMMUNITY DINNER' Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center SATURDAY, FEB 4-NOON TO 3PM

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### **In Loving Memory**

### Walter Cordell Burgess, 82

Walter Cordell Burgess, age 82 of Kingston passed away January 22, 2023 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.

He is preceded in death by his father Burgess; Jessie mother Vesta Burgess; sisters Violet Perkey, Visie Arve-

nia Shepherd, Ethel Blalock and Shirley Burgess; brother James Burgess.

Walter is survived by his sister Glenda Daugherty and husband Herbert; children Linda Young and husband, Paul of Kingston, Wendell Burgess of Kingston, Angela Britt and husband Denzil of Kingston, Robin Roberts and husband Jerry of Kingston and Christopher Burgess and wife Danielle of Lafollette; grandchildren Joshua Cooper, Jeremy Cooper, Jared Cooper, James P. Young, Toni Young, Klint McCullie, Cory Burgess, Holly Burgess, Derrick Silvey, Shane Silvey, Jessica Babineau, Kayla Thomas, Jenny Bennett, Renee Manning,



Robert Luttenberger; grandchildren great Jordan Cooper, Alexis Cooper, Jacob Cooper, Jasmine Cooper, Destiny Cooper, Abby Cooper, Nathan Runions, Harley Mae Cooper, Jackson Burgess, Jaycianne Burgess, Aubree Burgess, Emersyn Burgess, Corbin Silvey, Brynlee Silvey,

Addison Silvey, Chris Babineau, Lilly Babineau, Alex Babineau, and Hope Manning, and Teagan McCallie and a host of great great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, and nephews and extended fam-

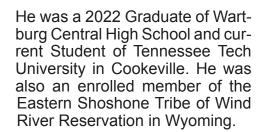
The family will receive friends Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Dale Watson officiating. Interment will follow at Union Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Walter age 77, of Deer Lodge, Cordell Burgess.

### Kaleb Latham Moore, 19

Kaleb Latham Moore age 19 of Mossy Grove went to be with the Lord Sunday, January, 22,2023.

He attended Faith Missionary **Baptist** Church in Lancing and Liberty Baptist Church in Kingston.



He was a loving son and brother to six siblings and a friend to all.

Kaleb is loved and survived by:

and Edwin Dorlan of Kingston, Michael Moore Jr and Amanda Swint-Moore of Mossy Grove. Siblings: Andrew Tyler Latham [25] of Kingston, Keaton Swint [17], Mallory Moore [11], Balin Moore [10], Mabry Moore [9] and Whitley Moore [4] all of Mossy Grove.

Grandparents: Iris Coulston on of Wyoming, Patsy Ruppe, Larry and Pam Dorlan all of Kingston. Gary and Kay Latham of Wartburg, Kelly and Helen Swint of Sunbright, Michael Moore Sr. of Punta Gorda, FL., and Ben and

Jane Wilhite of McMinnville.

Jane Pelfrey of Wart- Arnold and Veachel burg

Uncles and Aunts: Brandon and Rachel Nation of Oliver Springs, Michael Swint

of Sunbright, Ben and April Moore of McMinnville, Mike and Christy VanBuskirk of Lima, OH, Lorie Bethe Moore of Punta Gorda, FL and Joe and Monica Latham of Wartburg.

Wyoming Family: Celeste Coulston, Andria Prettyflower Tindall Felter, Cassey Tindall, Joshua Tindall, Candice Ute Hereford and Shanessa Ute, along with many others.

Parents: Carrie Latham Moore Kaleb is also survived by a host of many loving cousins and dear friends.

> Celebration of Life Services will be officiated by Kaleb's Grandfather Kelly Swint and Pastor Jeff Price.

> Services will be held Saturday, January, 28, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, TN 12-2pm Officiants to follow.

> Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kaleb Latham Moore.

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

### Jessie Eugene "Bo" Miles, 96

Jessie Eugene Miles, age 96 of Pine Orchard passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on January 23, 2023 at her home. "Miss Bo" was a lifelong member of Pine Orchard Baptist Church and was known for her 50+ years of teaching preschoolers and her love of missions. Mis-

sionaries Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon were her "two best friends". She was very active in the community she called home all of her life. The Pine Orchard Community Club, Homemakers Club and Fair were among some of her favorite things. Bo also loved to quilt, work crossword puzzles and play Scrabble. She was also a weekly news writer with Morgan County News for many

Bo is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years Buster Miles; parents Gene and Annis Blake and her siblings Alvin, Fannie and Mona.



She is survived by her two sons Harry (Lavanna) and Joe (Tammy) both of Pine Orchard; grandchildren Clint (Olivia) Miles, Carla (Randy) Smith of Pine Orchard and Zack (Madison) Miles of Knoxville; great grandchildren Colt, Lige, Belle Miles, Emily and Emery Smith all of Pine Orchard.

Family and friends will gather for a graveside service at Pine Orchard Baptist Church Cemetery, January 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Randy Nickles officiating.

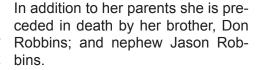
In honor of her love of missions, the family request in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Mission Fund at Pine Orchard Baptist Church, 206 Pine Orchard Rd. Oakdale, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jessie Eugene "Bo" Miles.

### Marilyn Joyce Robbins, 77

Marilyn Joyce Robbins, TN, passed away on Monday, January 23, 2023 at NHC-Sparta, in Sparta, TN after a short illness.

She was born July Special Great Aunt 16, 1945, daughter of Shannon Robbins.



Marilyn leaves behind brother James (Carmen) Robbins of Deer Lodge, Tn.; nieces Lisa (Chris) Jordan of Deer Lodge, Tn., Donna Robbins of Livingston, Tn., Kayla Robbins (David) of Jamestown, Tn., Courtney (Tyler) Cox of Glascow, Ky., Jessica (Greg) Jordan of Knoxville, Tn., and Cera Jordan of Deer Lodge, Tn.; nephew Jared (Deborah) Northrup of Sunbright, Tn., great nephews Braylon Northrup, Lincoln Cox, and Jayden Gunter; great nieces Beth-

any Northrup, Braelyn Asberry, Khloe Naiper; sister in law Charlene Robbins; aunts Vinadean Griffith of Ohio and Velva Turner of Tn., and a host of extended family and friends.

Those who knew her, always remembered her fun loving ways and the life of

the party. She enjoyed being with the Sunbrigth Senior Citizens group and being in the bell choir, were she had so many friends throughout the county. Most of all she loved being with her family members.

The family will receive friends Friday, January 27, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 12:00-1:30 p.m. EST with the funeral to follow at 1:30 p.m. EST with Bro. John Robbins officiating. Interment will follow in the Slick Rock Cemetery in Robbins, Tn.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Marilyn Joyce Robbins.

### Walter Franklin "Odell" Grayson, 66

Walter Franklin "Odell" Grayson, age 66, of Oakdale, went home to be with his Lord on Monday, January 23, 2023.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter

and Hazel Grayson. Sister, Karleen Massengill. Nephews, Lecil Crouch and Rustin Grayson. Best friend and partner of 25 years, Geraldine Collinsworth.

He is survived by his pride and joy, grandson, Zander Ray "Happy" Dirkson. Sisters, Glenna Waters (Bob), Wyvonnia Dillard (Carl Di-Pietro), Rita Grayson (Jeff Carr). Brother, Eddy Grayson (Kim).



Children. Lisa Blair (Gene), Ronnie Moore (Teresia). Special niecand caregivers, Debbie Ford and Becky Manis.

A host of grandchildren, grandchildren,

nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Friday, January 27, 2023 at Schubert's Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4-6 pm with the funeral to follow at 6:00 pm. with Bro. Doug Dalton officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Walter Franklin "Odell" Grayson.

### Michael Nance the election of **Columnist**

### Who Is California Republican Kevin McCarthy, The New Speaker of the House?

I am certain almost everyone has is almost exhausted about hearing about the 15 iterations of the Speaker of the House. I noticed that several of the

left leaning news outlets had already given up on McCarthy winning the election and were forwarding many opinions on who could be the speaker of the 118th Congress. But McCarthy's perseverance and willingness to compromise won the day. But, instead of reliving the election of the speaker, this article focuses on attempting to discover who Kevin McCarthy is and what he is about.

Kevin Owen McCarthy is the current and 55th Speaker of the House. He was born in Bakersfield, California on January 26, 1965. His mother was a homemaker and his father a firefighter. His childhood neighborhood was College Heights, a middle-class section of the city of Bakersfield. He graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1983 and later attended Bakersfield College. At the age of 21, he started his own small restaurant business, "Kevin O's Deli", He later sold the business and went back to college and received an M.B.A. from California State University Bakersfield. While studying for his M.B.A. he interned for Congressman Bill Thomas and later became a member of Congressman Thomas's staff.

He married his wife Judy in 1992

and she was once quoted as saying: "I actually liked one of his friends, but you know, Kevin's personality wins you over, and he doesn't give up," A fitting remark considering his recent experience in the election of the speaker of the house. He and his wife have two children together, a daughter named Meghan and a son named Connor. McCarthy's home in Bakersfield home is a modest home of 1,571-square-feet built in 1987. He and his wife purchased the home in 1996.But it is clear that some media outlets are muddying the water about Mc-Carthy's net worth and home. One source claimed the congressmen had a net worth of \$95 Million dollars, making him one of the richest politicians in the United States and owned in an 8800 square foot mansion. Both of those pieces of reporting appear to be inaccurate.

The aggregate of evidence and sources indicate that McCarthy's net worth somewhere between \$300,000 and \$1,500,000. Almost a pauper when contrasted against the former Speaker Nancy Pelosi's net worth of \$120,000,000.

After winning the recent speaker election, McCarthy made several remarks, but one of his remarks is refreshing when cast against the current political polarization in the country when he said: "As Speaker of the House, my ultimate responsibility is not to my party, my conference, or even our Congress. My responsibility our responsibility — is to our country." McCarthy has also pledged a number of first actions, which include defunding the 87,000 IRS agents and having a Congressional Hearing on the southern border concerning immigration policy. Now let's see how the speaker and the slim republican majority governs and if they keep their pledges to the citizens... more to come. As a footnotes, the following are the largest contributors to McCarthy's campaign in 2021, per justfacts. votesmart.org and a summary:

Enterprise Products Partners \$49,200.00 Comcast Corp \$40,600.00 Altria Group

\$34,400.00 Rock Holdings \$33,200.00 Omnicom Group \$27,800.00 ConocoPhillips \$25,800.00 Amgen Inc \$22,000.00 Kirkland & Ellis \$21,800.00 \$21,600.00 Federated Investors Inc Harbinger Strategies \$20,900.00 Summary of voting record:

Representative McCarthy opposes taxing businesses, consumer protection,



funding education, environmental protection, financial sector regulation, gun control, humane immigration policy, labor rights and wages, lgbt rights, poverty amelioration, racial equality, increasing revenues, taxing the wealthy, countering Russian interference, a robust safety net, women's rights and supports big business, disaster relief, hawkish foreign policy, taxing the middle class, military spending, avoiding default, domestic surveillance.



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### The Bulldog Banner





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### The Blizzard of '93

March 12, 1993, the Gulf of Mexico is consumed with the storm of the century, a chilling, cold-brewed cyclone birthed from the Atlantic heading straight for eastern North America. At its height, the storm would span from Canada to Honduras leaving chaos wherever it went. From Mar. 12, - Mar. 14, The United States experienced the worst of it. 56 inches of snow was recorded on Mt. Le Conte, TN, and wind speeds of 100 mph in Florida. Over 300 people

lost their lives due to this storm, including \$5.5 billion dollars of damages which today would be worth a little over \$11.1 billion. An estimated 40% of the U.S.'s population would feel the effects of the storm and electricity would be lost to over 10 million homes. Preventing people from having basic necessities like water and forcing them to hibernate in their homes till the snow and ice

thawed. Here in MoCo most of you probably remember this event 30 years ago, though for the younger generation it is only an old story told here and there and, that's why with these first-hand accounts we hope to teach what it was like to truly be snowed in.

"Because heavy snowfall was forecasted we expected to lose power, and we did for 14 days. Before that though, we cleaned and filled the bathtubs with water so we could flush our commodes because we had well water and this was the only thing we could do. Once we used all that water up we gathered snow in metal pans and melted it on the wood-burning stove. We then used the heated water to bathe and wash dishes. This was also where we cooked all our meals and, to keep food cold we packed it into the snow outside. We could not leave due to the large snow drifts covering our driveway which lifted our truck off the road, but it was a unique experience."

Anita Effler

"Friday, March 13th, 1993. I was off work going to the YEC conference in Gatlinburg. I had left work and was driving home from Wartburg, when it started to snow on Montgomery road. By the time I got home there was 6 inches of snow on the ground. I drove my bronco to Sandy's house, where we played in the snow with Wilbur, her Labrador. We would drop him in the snow and he would totally disappear. Driving back home, I pulled 21 vehicles out of the ditch, in just 7-8 miles. I went through snow so deep at night, that my headlights were covered!" Travis Gosnell

"During the Blizzard of '93 I was in 3rd Grade. I had just moved from Sunbright School to Central Elementary. I remember the snow on the

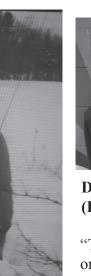


ground, and especially the snow drifts, being so deep you could make an igloo. I also remember the power being out for days. Luckily, we had a wood stove to keep us warm. I wish everyone could experience a snow like that in their lifetime."

Wayne Frasier



Photo Submitted by Katina Richardson



**Daniel Bunch** (Big Man Dan)

"The best memories I have of the snowstorm of 93 are having to hook up a wood stove we

had in the basement. We had to use the wood stove to heat the basement, which we stayed in until the electricity came back on, which took days. We also used the wood stove to cook on. I fixed pinto beans, which took ALL day to cook. When we opened the basement door the snow was half way up the door. This is the most snow I can remember in Deer Lodge, since I have lived there."

Diana Morgan

"I was in the 5th grade during the 93' blizzard. I would've been 10 years old. I lived in Burrville. We had gas heat, cook stove and hot water heater so I remember that we were doing pretty good despite not having electricity for 5-7 days! I remember putting our frozen food outside in a cooler and putting milk jugs filled with water outside to freeze to place in the refrigerator to help keep it cool. I went out every day and collected icicles and put them in the refrigerator as well. I remember thinking that I was helping out by doing that and doing my part. Ha Ha! We ate a lot of pinto beans and beef stew. My favorite memory other than playing in the snow was playing cards by kerosene lantern with my family at the kitchen table while listening to WECO." Tara Bunch

"I remember the 1993 Blizzard very well because my family was still snowed in on my birthday. It was my 8th birthday, and my mom already had my gift. For an eight year old, that was important. I can still recall opening my gift. It was a baby doll that was inside a backpack carrier called Magic Nursery - My Baby Bundle. You opened the backpack up, and it had a note of congratulations, and if your doll baby was a boy or a girl. My doll was a girl. I can't remember what I named her. It's a special memory because of the snow, being home with my mom and sister, and having a birthday party at home during the big blizzard." Tonya Redmon



"I was working at a daycare and we had parents night out/sleepovers once a month. When we woke up the next day, the Blizzard of '93 had started! Only 2 kids were not able to be picked up that Saturday morning. So 2 other workers and myself stayed at the daycare until Sunday, when they could be picked up. We had a great time eating whatever we could find in the freezer and watching ice skating on television."



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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

# by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Ruth (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From 2 Samuel, who commanded the rebel army when Absalom rebelled against David? Arioch, Abner, Abishai, Amasa
- 3. In the Old Testament, who said, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth"? Noah, Isaiah, Samuel,
- 4. Who wrote most of the Proverbs? David, Solomon, Paul, Isaiah
- 5. What's the Sea of Galilee called in John 6? Tiberias, Dead, Jordan,
- 6. Who was the mate of Zipporah? Hosea, Amos, Moses, Malachi

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Amasa, 3) Samuel (1 Samuel 3:9), 4) Solomon, 5) Tiberias, 6) Moses

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### Crying in the Car Is Never a Good Thing

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My Border Collie, Sugar, gets very anxious during car rides. She is not one of those dogs who likes to stick their head out of the window! Instead, she whimpers, cries, drools and paces around on the back seat. I'm very worried that she'll try to jump into my lap. How can I stop her crying? - Wendy G., Atlanta

DEAR WENDY: Poor Sugar! Anxiety in pets is often tied to a distressing experience in their past. And her uncontrolled movement around the car is a safety issue.

Talk to Sugar's veterinarian about her behavior. They can provide advice and help determine if and when antianxiety medication should be given.

Adding a pet restraint system (like a doggie seat or seat belt) or kennel cage will keep Sugar from sliding around in the car and may help her feel more secure.

Next, help reduce Sugar's anxiety by helping her associate car rides with good things. This will take a little extra time and effort each day, but it's worth

- With the car parked in the driveway, sit in the back seat with Sugar (in her seat or cage) for about five minutes. Give her a small treat and lots of praise when she does. Do this daily, without driving anywhere.
- When Sugar regularly stays calm, shift to the driver's seat after sitting with her in the back seat.
- Step up to the next level: Turn on the car, giving Sugar a treat when you do so. Put soothing music on the radio.

A trainer can be a good investment, as well. They'll work with Sugar (and often the vet) to make her car rides bearable, and maybe even enjoyable.

How does your pet stand car rides? Tell us about it at ask@pawscorner. com.

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### CLEANUP BEGINS AFTER THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM





















Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps







"We've lost communication until after the Super Bowl."

### NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

- \* To store asparagus, trim the ends and wrap them in a few paper towels that you have dampened. Keep it in the fridge for two days max. This will keep it very fresh and tasty.
- \* "To stretch your food dollar -- especially now that the weather is colder, and soups and stews are daily fare -substitute peas, beans and lentils for meats whenever possible. Not only will this semi-vegetarian diet keep your food dollars down, it will make you healthier and it's a more eco-friendly diet." -- K.F. in Connecticut
- \* If you add dried fruit or raisins to your batter for cakes or muffins, roll them or shake them in flour first. This will prevent them from sinking down to the bottom of the pan.
- \* Bathroom fan reminder: When you leave your bathroom fan running excessively, you are pumping heat out of your house.

Set a timer for 10 minutes maximum, and then turn it off.

- \* "Old pantyhose can be washed and cut up to use as stuffing for a toy. The same is true for other light materials. This can be a good way to get one more use out of something rather than putting it in the trash bin." -- P.L. in Pennsylvania
- \* If your bathtub has a grainy or rough texture, try soaking the bath in vinegar, either by adding a large bottle to some water and plugging it up, or by laying down a towel and soaking it in vinegar. Scrub and remove.

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

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### STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- \* In the 1800s, popcorn was often eaten as a cereal with milk and sugar.
- \* Players of the video game "Call of Duty" have spent more hours thus engaged than the entire course of human existence.
- \* There are more than 400 Scottish words for snow.
- \* The longest surgical procedure in history, in which doctors separated a pair of Nepalese conjoined twins who were born with a shared brain cavity, took place in Singapore in 2001 and lasted 103 hours.
- \* Cats born in May were once thought to be not just poor rodent killers, but prone to bringing home

snakes.

- \* Valentine's Day weddings are apparently 18-36% more likely to end in divorce.
- \* A Harvard study found that a person's IQ can drop by as much as 13 points when they are under financial stress, due in part to the amount of brain power used to think about such burdens that causes distraction.
- \* Alexander the Great loved his horse, Bucephalus, so much that when it died in 326 B.C., he named the town of Bucephala for it.
- \* "Guerrilla grafting" is the illegal process of turning city-maintained sterile fruit trees into fruit producers by splicing compatible branches onto the sterile trees with branches from the fruiting trees.

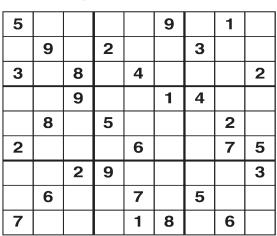
\* When Indian police caught a thief who allegedly stole a gold chain from a woman on the street in Mumbai, the miscreant swallowed the object. An enema was subsequently administered at a hospital, but no results were achieved, until the man was force-fed over 40 bananas -- one of the best digestive food aids -- after which he was made to clean and disinfect the chain before relinquishing it.

Thought for the Day: "Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can." -- Danny Kaye

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### Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine

### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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### **King** Crossword

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Appear
- 5 Commotion
- Online auction site
- 12 Actress Fisher 13 Part of DJIA
- 14 Dell 15 Youthful
- countenance
- Laundry appliance
- 18 Soft leather 19 Columns of
- light
- 21 Pro votes 24 Numerical
- prefix
- 25 July's stone 28 It ain't worth a
- nickel 30 Prattle
- 33
- perp
- 35 "Bali —"

- 38 Wild guess
- 43 "No cheat-
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### **MOMENTS IN TIME**

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\* On Feb. 19, 1473, Nicolaus Copernicus was born in Poland to a prosperous merchant family. Originally designed for a career in church law, he is considered the father of modern astronomy and was the first European scientist to propose that Earth and other planets revolve around the sun.

\* On Feb. 16, 1894, gunslinger John Wesley Hardin was pardoned after spending 15 years in a Texas prison for murder. Reputed to have fatally shot one man merely for snoring, Hardin likely killed more than 40 people, and while he became an attorney after his release, the following year he took a bullet in the back himself in a revenge shooting.

\* On Feb. 18, 1937, severe dust storms hit five western states, resulting in a dozen deaths within a few days. Citizens were advised to plug their window sills and door jambs, and hang wet sheets over their doors and windows. They could taste dirt and dust in their food, and the clouds of it were so thick that they blocked the sun.

\* On Feb. 15, 1953, 17-year-old Tenley Albright, of Boston, became the first American female to win the world figure skating championship at an outdoor rink in Davos, Switzerland, with all seven judges giving her a first-place vote. Three years later, at the Winter Olympics, she also became America's first female skating gold medalist.

\* On Feb. 14, 1962, Jacqueline Kennedy led a virtual tour of the White House's state rooms, which she had recently refurbished. Wearing a red wool dress and pearls, she described the mansion's antiques, furnishings and historic portraits to a wide TV audience at home, earning both critical praise and an honorary Emmy.

\* On Feb. 13, 1974, the Symbionese Liberation Army, which had kidnapped 19-year-old heiress Patricia Hearst, demanded a ransom in the form of \$70 worth of food to be given to every needy Californian -- an exchange that could cost as much as \$400 million. \* On Feb. 17, 2007, customs officers in Sydney, Australia, freed Sylvester Stallone after holding him for several hours and confiscating items from his staff members' suitcases. Officials claimed X-rays revealed banned products but refused to give any further details, and Stallone called the incident "a misunderstanding." The actor was in Australia to promote his Rocky Balboa character. 2022 Hearst Communications, Inc. All Rights Reserved

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### THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

#### The Trump-Biden embrace

America may not want a Trump-Biden rematch, but Donald Trump and Joe Biden sure do.

A CNN poll late last year showed that 6 in 10 Republicans and Republican-leaning independents want a different GOP nominee in 2024, and a roughly similar proportion of Democrats hope for a nominee other than Biden.

Not that either man is inclined to pay any attention.

Trump wants revenge against a president who humiliated him in 2020 and who, with an approval rating in the mid-40s, would seem ripe for the picking.

Biden wants to run against a persistently unpopular, controversy-plagued former president whom he beat once before and used to great effect as a foil in the 2022 midterms.

Trump's best argument is that his policies were better than Biden's.

Biden's best argument is that he's not Trump.

It's the weirdest, and most dispiriting, symbiotic relationship in politics. It's the career politician soaked in conventional politics versus the upstart developer with zero respect for rules. The establishmentarian versus the populist. Boring versus erratic. And ... unpopular versus unpopular, as well as, now that you mention it, old versus old.

If Biden stepped aside, Trump might feel a little less driven to run, whereas if Trump declined to run, Democrats would have to be much more nervous about how Biden would match up against a younger, less toxic opponent.

As it is, the weakness of each is a motivator and prop for the other.

Just consider: It's probably a good rule of thumb not to run a presidential candidate who's under federal investigation for mishandling classified documents. But does that rule hold when your candidate could well be running against another candidate also under federal investigation for mishandling classified documents?

Such are the imponderables that a potential Biden-Trump rematch presents. Both can point at the other and try to argue, in effect, "Hey, your special counsel investigation is much worse than my special counsel investigation."

Trump tucked into this debate in his characteristic fashion. In a Truth Social post, he mocked Biden for having classified documents "on the damp floor" of his "flimsy, unlocked, and unsecured" garage, whereas Mar-a-Lago is "a highly secured facility." (Of course, Biden famously insisted that his garage was locked -- he has a classic Corvette to protect, after all).

Biden's team and allies have made the opposite case that, in contrast to Trump, his mistakes were inadvertent and immediately reported to authorities. Regardless of the merits, there's no doubt that Biden's possession of classified documents materially assists Trump in his case; it might save him from indictment.

By the same token, Trump's possession of classified documents materially assists Biden in his case; the discovery of the documents in Biden's various unsecure locations may be a fiasco, but not one as drawn out and legally fraught as the Mar-a-Lago drama.

It's a little like both parties running candidates in the 1972 campaign who had authorized break-ins, or in a 1980 campaign who had presided over double-digit inflation.

Now, it's entirely possible that the second season of Trump versus Biden never makes it to production. Despite all signs indicating that he wants to run again, Biden might pull up short because he doesn't feel up for it. For his part, Trump has a significant chance of winning the Republican nomination, yet it isn't a gimme, and it shouldn't help him that Biden and the Democrats so obviously want to run against him, just as they wanted to run against so many of his acolytes last November.

If the prospect of returning to 2020 is unappealing, look on the bright side: We never really left.

Trump has never let us forget that he lost to Biden (although he prefers to refer to it as getting the election stolen from him), while Biden has never let us forget that Trump is waiting in the wings.

Despite their enmity, both men want and need each other politically, whether that's what the country is interested in or deserves, or not

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Tom Redmon Columnist

When the GIs sailed for Europe, they were coming to the continent not as conquerors but as liberators. Their

great leader, Eisenhower

had told them their mission was: "The destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed people of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world."

He also told them that the success of this operation can only be judged fifty years from now. "If Germans at that time have a stable, prosperous democracy, then we shall have succeeded." This was June 1945. Both of these missions were accomplished.

The same can be said about the war with Japan after September 2, 1945. The GIs were fighting Japan to defeat Tojo and the warring machine, and to free the world of tyranny in Asia. Like the German people the Japanese were controlled by despots who didn't care how many people were killed; they wanted to show they were a master race, and to control the world.

The occupation of Japan went smoothly from September 1945 to 1950, and when General McArthur left Japan thousands of people lined both sides of the road in tears. They loved what this man had done to bring democracy to their beloved nation. Seventy-four-years later Japan is one of the leading industrial nations in the world and their people enjoy freedom. We didn't go there to conquer but to free and liberate the people from evil men.

Eisenhower and McArthur were my heroes. I've read a lot about both of these two World War II generals. As you know Ike became president in 1952 and in 1956 he ran again and won by a landslide victories both times. We saw many badges that said, "I like Ike."

Douglas McArthur was criticized a lot because many people thought he only wanted publicity, and he did toot his own horn a lot but General Douglas McArthur was a sound military man. He came from a military family and many historians thought he had a real keen military mind.

Both Roosevelt and Truman realized that both of these men were brilliant as leaders of men. The men under them loved them too. When Ike realized that in order to defeat Germany he would have to send soldiers into Europe and many would lose their lives on D-Day, June 6, 1944. It is said by one of Ike's aides that after he talked to a group of soldiers who were ready to get on one of the landing

### Why the GIs Were Over There

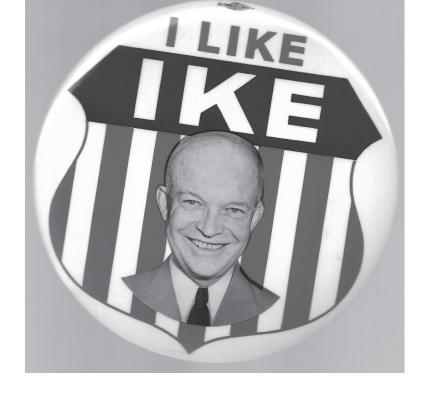
crafts he came into his office with tears in his eyes. He said to one of the generals, "I sent some of those men to their death but to win the war it had to be done." Ike hated war but he understood the ramifications of doing nothing when despots



like Hitler came to power. He had to be defeated and to do that America lost over

400,000 men and 300,000 were wounded.

General McArthur stayed in Japan for five years and helped set up a democratic government during what they call occupation. It has been over seventy-five-years and Japan is a democratic nation and one of the wealthiest nations in the world. If Russia had been the victor, do you think Japan would have been free today? Certainly not because they fought wars to capture countries and hold them. Look what they did in Europe after WWII.



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built that island nation up to what it was but Castro took it over in 1959 and private citizens from the U.S. lost everything they owned there. Since 1959 Cuba has not been a democratic nation. Japan, Germany, and Italy certainly have been free. Eisenhower meant what he said in 1944 when he said we came to liberate.

Our leaders made many mistakes when they signed a peace treaty in 1919 when they ended WWI. H.G. Wells said, "this is the war that will end all wars."

In less than twenty years Adolph Hitler had led Germany and Italy into the worse war in our history. In another article I'll tell you about the mistakes we made.

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David Zubler Columnist

### Use caution choosing your tax preparer

The IRS is reminding everyone to use caution when choosing a tax return preparer. Most preparers provide quality service. However, some may cause harm through fraud, identity theft, and other scams. Choosing a tax professional carefully is essential. You are responsible for all the information on your income tax return, regardless of who prepares it. Review your return before signing it. Ask questions if

when hiring an individual or firm to prepare a tax return, you need to understand important questions to ask. Check their credentials and background. If you have a tax problem, attorneys, CPAs, and enrolled agents are licensed to represent you

before the IRS in any situation.

Paid preparers are required to sign any tax return they prepare and include their PTIN. A ghost preparer is someone who doesn't sign returns they prepared. A ghost preparer may attempt to make a quick profit by charging fees based on the amount of your refund. They may file a fraudulent return with a larger refund to make a larger tax preparation fee. You should avoid "ghost" tax preparers.

When choosing your tax preparer:

Use a preparer who's available year-round. If questions come up, you may need to be able to find your preparer after tax season is over.

Check the Better Business Bureau for information about he tax preparer.

Avoid preparers who determine their fees on a percentage of the refund.

Don't use a preparer who e-files a tax return using your pay stub instead of a Form W-2.

Never use a preparer who asks you to sign a blank or incomplete return. You're responsible for filing a correct return. Avoid preparers who deposit all or part of the refund into their account.

Be wary of preparers who claim they can get larger refunds than their competitors. However, good preparers may find missed deductions or credits that other preparers miss. Getting a second opinion could provide significant tax savings.

You can report preparer misconduct to the IRS using Form 14157, Complaint: Tax Return Preparer. If you suspect a preparer filed or changed your tax return without your consent, you should file Form 14157-A, Tax Return Preparer Fraud or Misconduct.

You can check on disciplinary actions and the license status for credentialed preparers. Information can be found about CPAs on the State Board of Accountancy's website. Information can be found about enrolled agents at Verify the Status of an Enrolled Agent.

In addition to answering readers' questions, I also provide free reviews for readers concerned about deductions or missed deductions.

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## SENIOR NEWS

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By Matilda Charles

**Ways to Train Your Brain** 

There are several "brain support" online programs out there, but many cost more than we'd like to pay.

Lumosity (lumosity.com) comes in seven languages and has games that promote memory, attention, flexibility, problem-solving and more. After you sign up, you'll get three free games per day, and the Brain Performance Index monitors your progress. There is a subscription plan, of course, if you want access to more areas of the site, and you can pay by the month or the year. Test the free version first to see if you like it.

BrainHQ (brainhq.com) is another cognitive training program that you can access online. Their exercises explore brain speed, memory, attention and more. And you can design your own program. Their goals are to help you think faster, focus better and remember more. You can try it out by subscribing to their email newsletters, which have free daily exercises to sample.

As for me, I've found books that don't cost much and are good at putting my brain through its paces on a daily basis. The New York Times series of puzzle books begins with the Monday editions, which are the easiest of the week. (The crossword puzzles get increasingly difficult as the week progresses.) I found the whole series of spiral-bound puzzle books (50 to a book) on Amazon.

Then there are the online jigsaw puzzles at TheJigsaw-Puzzles.com. The puzzles (a new one every day) can be set in any number of ways, including the number of pieces in a puzzle. I've found that the 100-pieces level is plenty challenging when viewed on a computer monitor.

And then there is online chess, for those of us who used to play back in the day but would be embarrassed to lose to a small child now without serious brushing up of our skills. Try this for free at www.chess.com and play against their computer.

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### FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Who wrote and released "Never Surrender"?
- 2. "Caribbean Queen" was also known under what other titles?
- 3. Which group released "Won't Get Fooled Again"?
- 4. Name the hit instrumental by the Surfaris.
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Livin' alone, I think of all the friends I've known, But when I dial the telephone nobody's home."

#### **Answers**

- 1. Corey Hart, in 1985. The song won numerous awards and was used in both "Future Man" and "Stranger Things" television episodes.
- 2. Depending on where it was released, the 1984 song was also titled "African Queen" and "European Queen."
- 3. The Who, in 1971. The song was written by band member Peter Townsend. Over the years he penned over 100 songs for the group.
- 4. "Wipe Out," released in 1963. The song started as the B-side to "Surfer Joe," a song that never got much attention. "Wipe Out," on the other hand, has been used in 20 television shows and movies.
- 5. "All By Myself," by Eric Carmen in 1975. Singer-songwriter Carmen modeled the song after Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto (1901), which he mistakenly thought was free for the taking, in the public domain. The Rachmaninoff family let him know that, no, the song was legally protected and he had to pay them royalties.

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### Hebrews Chapter 1

No book in the New Testament has been immersed in more controversy concerning its authorship than Hebrews. Some editions of the King James Version even had the title, "The Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews." Some argue for the Pauline authorship as if such were a matter of faith, but such is not the case. It has been contended that the thoughts were Paul's, but the writing style another's. Some have argued for Barnabas, Luke, or Apollos as possible authors. One of the early church commentators Origen (A.D. 182-253), confessed: "Who wrote the Epistle God only knows certainly" (quoted by Eusebius). If God, for his own purpose, wanted the authorship of the book to remain obscure, does it stand to reason that modern scholars can figure it out? Ultimately, the Holy Spirit is the author! Its place in the New Testament canon has been widely recognized for centuries, in spite of questions pertaining to authorship.

Date: The precise date is unknown. It may have been composed in the sixties A.D., for it seems to anticipate the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. It was certainly in circulation at least by the mid-nineties.

Purpose: The document was prepared for Christian Jews who were under assault for having severed their ties to the Mosaic regime. Unquestionable, the pressure was weighing heavy on some of these. The allegation was being made by false teachers that Jesus was not the real Messiah. Rather, the genuine one was yet to appear. These Christian Jews, therefore, should leave "the faith" and wait for the genuine Messiah. The author's logic is persuasive. Jesus Christ was the real promised one of Old Testament literature, the design of which had been to prepare for the Lord's first advent. The superiority of the new covenant over the old is a primary factor in this document. As a practical matter, the book is a devastating argument against the Calvinistic heresy that it is impossible for a child of God to fall away from the faith and be lost. The book falls into two major categories---doctrinal (1:1-10; 18) and (10:19-13:25).

Old Testament Quotations: One interesting feature of Hebrews is the way in which writer used the Old Testament. One scholar states that "there are no fewer than eighty-six direct references to the Old Testament in Hebrews, and these are traceable to at least one hundred Old Testament passages" (Scroggie). Many of these are from the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Hebrew text). This version may differ somewhat from the Hebrew text; and in some cases, even the chapter and verse numbers differ. The Greek version is abbreviated as LXX, suggesting the approximate number of ancient scholars producing this translation. If, therefore, in this citations from the Old Testament do not match the New Testament text in your Bible, this is the reason.

Outline: 1. Introduction (1:1-3); 2. Superiority of Christ over Angels (1:4-2:18); 3 Superiority of Christ over Moses (3:1-4:13; 4 Superiority of Christ to the Old Testament High Priest (4:14-10:18); 5 Practical Applications (10:19-13:17; and 6 Conclusion and Benediction (13:18-25).

(Hebrew Chapter 1:1-3) Introduction: In pre-Christian times, God spoke to the patriarchs through "prophets," in various measures and through different modes (dreams, visions, theophanies, etc.); but in the final age of time (the Christian dispensation), the Lord has spoken by his Son (having become such by the incarnation). Christ was appointed as "lawful owner" of all things. He also was the agent through whom God made the universe (v. 2; Jn. 1:3; 1 Col. 8:6; Col. 1:16). Christ is a reflection of the Father's glory and the exact representation of his essence. Jesus continuously up-

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holds all things by his powerful word ("in him all things consist") (Col. 1:17). As soon as he had completed his work of providing a means of "purification of sins" on behalf of humanity, he was enthroned at the right hand of God. This imagery reveals that Christ's redemptive work is finished and that he is reigning now (not in some future millennium). Daniel 2:44 "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Seek the kingdom which Jesus is presently reigning over. Matthew 16:28 "Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." Acts 2:33-36 "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Colossians 1:13 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son". If your god and your christ failed to establish His kingdom; you need to hear and obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has never failed.

(Heb. 4:4-14) Christ's Superiority over angels: This is the first of the writer's arguments to demonstrate the superiority of the Christian regime over that of the Mosaic system, and thus prevent a return to that system on the part of weak Christians. (a) The law of Moses came through angels (Gal. 3:19). (b) The new law came through Christ (Jn. 1:17). (c) Christ is superior to angels and the new law is better than the old (though the old was sufficient for its time and purpose).

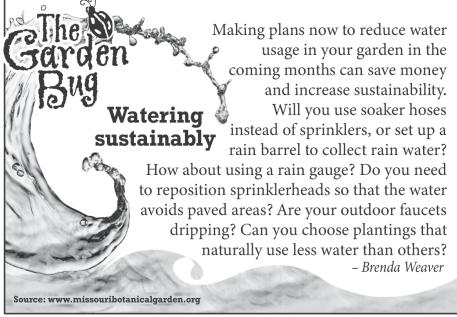
Jesus is characterized as "much better than the angels." The adjective "better" is found thirteen times in this book. He is eternal; they are not. He is deity in nature; they are not. He is enthroned at God's right hand; they are not. Consequently, he has 'a more excellent name" than angels---indicative of his supreme status. The writer will now argue his case from Old Testament Scripture (certainly authoritative to the Jews).

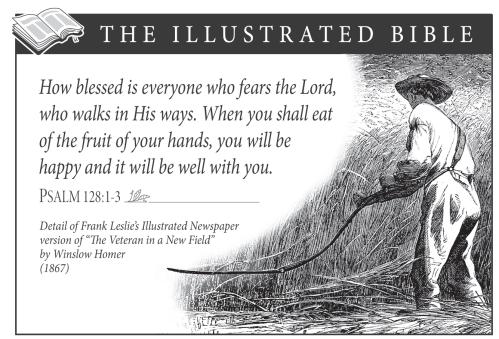
Christ stands in contrast to angels in the following ways: (a) He is God's Son, with the symbolic status of "firstborn" (v. 5-6; Psa. 2:7; 2 Sam. 7:14). (b) Jesus is worthy of worship; angels are not, but are merely ministers (v. 6-7); Dt. 32:4; Psa. 104. 104:4:4). (c) The Son is addressed as God (an affirmation of deity), and he rules with righteousness over his kingdom presently (v. 8-9; Psa. 45:6). (d) He is anointed of God, preeminent above all others (v. 9). (e) Christ functioned as Creator, laying the foundation of the earth and arraying the heavens with splendor. These will grow old and perish, but he is eternal (v. 10-12; Psa. 102:25). (f) By appointment he sits at the Father's right hand (Acts 2:34), anticipating the complete conquest of his enemies. The angels minister on behalf of them who are to inherit salvation (v. 13-14; Psa. 110:1).

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### **Historically Speaking**

### Oak Ridge Enhanced Technology & **Training Center the latest in a long** line of training successes, Part 1

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

This two-part Historically Speaking series introduces the latest enhanced training facility in Oak Ridge and explores the history of such training since right after the Manhattan Project until today and even takes a brief look at what the future might hold for Oak Ridge.

It was prepared with the help of the Y-12 National Security Complex staff and includes photos from their archives.

Another important milestone was reached on January 9, 2023, with the official opening of the Y-12 National

Security Complex's new Oak Ridge Enhanced Technology & Training Center (ORETTC). For nearly 80 years, Oak Ridge has been the home to a remarkable number of training programs and facilities that impacted the course of world history – the birth of the U.S. Nuclear Navy, treatments for cancer, and creating NNSA's National Prototype Center.

The first building on the ORETTC campus, located on Oak Ridge Turnpike in west Oak Ridge, is the Emergency Response Training Facility (ERTF), a \$15 million, 40,000 sq. ft. facility, funded by the State of Tennessee through the efforts of Gov. Bill Lee, Lt. Gov. Randy McNally, and Sen. Ken Yager. It will provide a unique opportunity to train first responders and others in dealing with radioactive events using training environments in which experience in the field.

"By the use of this technology, we will train current and future generations of first responders to a level of competence never achieved

before," said ORETTC Director Ashley Stowe. "Y-12 has long provided the expertise, talent, and people to provide this type of training, but the availability of the ORETTC allows us to take it to a higher level of hands-on, real-world experiences."

"The Oak Ridge Enhanced Technology & Training Center creates yet another opportunity for Tennessee to be a global leader in nuclear energy," said Tennessee Governor Bill Lee at the center's groundbreaking. "We look forward to welcoming first responders and experts to this new space and pioneering best practices for nuclear safety."

A second \$20 million 35,000 sq. ft., NNSA-funded building, the Simulated Nuclear & Radiation Activities Facility (SNRAF) will soon begin construction adjacent to ERTF to allow practical application of the training received at the training center.

This new advanced training facility has state of the art technologies, equipment, classrooms, and multiple use spaces which will make it the premier facility in the nation to train those responsible for safeguarding nuclear and radioactive material with the latest nuclear security, detection, and nonproliferation technologies. That same facility will also train first responders and other experts in nuclear operations, safeguards, cyber, and emergency response.

While this training facility is the newest one, Oak Ridge has a history of exemplary training initiatives. The first one was the Clinton Training School started by Eugene Wigner and operated from 1946 to 1947. Then Caption Hyman Rickover attended and realized by using enriched uranium a nuclear reactor could be small enough to go inside a submarine...thus began the U. S. Nuclear Navy!

Then beginning in 1950, Rickover and Alvin Weinberg began a collaboration to reestablish the school as the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology. The school was the only one in the world where comprehensive training in nuclear reactors could be obtained.

The Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology was the first to provide students with hands-on experience to a variety of nuclear reactor designs including the legendary first graphite reactor, pool reactor, high temperature gas reactor, molten salt reactor, fast reactor, and high flux reactor. Eventually, enrollment of 100 students per year and included international students as well as students from across the nation. Many of the graduates became leaders in the nuclear industry. It was closed in 1965 after universities began to develop their own Nuclear Engineering programs.

Another early effort that included training which was developed in Oak Ridge is now known as Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. It was originally conceived



Ribbon cutting for the new Emergency Response Training Facility Left to right: Dr. Chris Whaley – President, Roane State Community College, Rep. John Ragan – 33rd District, Tennessee House of Representatives, Dr. Ashley Stowe - Director, Oak Ridge Enhanced Training and Technology mixed-reality technologies creating Center, Jim Palmer - Chair, Roane County Industrial Development Board, Dr. Mark Watson - City Manager, Oak

Much like the Training and Ridge, Wade Creswell – Roane County Executive, Sen. Ken Yager – 12th District, Tennessee Senate, Rep. Monty participants are placed in unlimited Fritts - 32nd District, Tennessee House of Representatives, Lt. Gov. Randy McNally - 5th District, Tennessee Senscenarios replicating what they will ate, Warren Gooch - Mayor, Oak Ridge, Dr. Rich Tighe

– President and CEO, Consolidated Nuclear Security, Teresa Robbins – Manager, National Nuclear Security Administration Production Office, Kent Calfee – Former Tennessee State Representative, Art Atkins – NNSA Assistant for Manufacturing Technology Deputy Administrator of Global Material Security, Jim Dodson – Member, Oak Ridge City Council (Photo by Y-12 (ORCMT) in the 1990's was National Security Complex)

> by University of Tennessee physics professor Dr. William G. Pollard as a peacetime purpose for the nuclear science developed through the Manhattan Project.

On October 17, 1946, the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies was formed. The name was later changed to Oak Ridge Associate Universities (ORAU). In 1992, the Department of Energy formed Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) by consolidating several legacy programs and selected ORAU to manage the newly formed ORISE.

An ORISE program, Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site, is a world-renowned leader in emergency medical response to radiological/nuclear incidents with training courses that annually reach thousands of healthcare professionals, emergency responders and health physicists worldwide.

One of the most unusual training programs ever developed in Oak Ridge was the Training and Technology program located at Y-12. In 1966, Y-12's contractor, Union Carbide Corporation's Nuclear Division, began participating in a demonstration industrial training program in cooperation with the Department of Labor, the Atomic Energy Commission, and Oak Ridge Associated Universities. This experiment in learning came about because "...millions of Southerners are unable to make reasonable use of their potential for work mainly because of inadequate education and training." The dedicated and continuing effort to train unemployed and underemployed persons was a forerunner of other similar programs across the nation in later years. It was best known just as "TAT" or the "TAT School" and was officially named Training and Technology. The TAT School lasted until 1984.

TAT graduated over well over 6,000 trainees with a job placement rate exceeding 90 percent and an average salary that far exceeded other such efforts to provide jobs to the unemployed. Within three years, the money invested by the government in the training program for each student was returned by providing skilled jobs that resulted in increased income tax payments. Other aspects of the unusual and ground breaking TAT program was that by 1976 the percentage of female trainees had risen to 13 percent. The percentage of minorities of all types had also increased substantially.

In 1972 and again in 1975 a work release program was established with local prisons that enabled model prisoners to attend TAT. The story is told of one instructor who went by the local jail each morning and picked up a trainee and then returned him to jail in the evenings. Yet another example of the relationships built between instructors and trainees involved a program that was created whereby local high school seniors could participate in the training as well.

> TAT's success is a great story and may well be one that just because of its success was able to help change the way training was done across the nation and thus put itself out of business.

Others became able to do the training because of the model training program developed right here in East Tennessee by Oak Ridge Associated Universities and Union Carbide Nuclear Division with the support of the Department of Energy. Such prototype work was common to Y-12 even then. Today Y-12 is recognized as a highly successful National Pro-

totype Center.

Technology program of the 1960's through the early 1980's, the Oak Ridge Centers also a most unique and unusual effort. It was a pioneering approach to solving tough

manufacturing problems.

The ORCMT was another of the historic initiatives to come from Oak Ridge that had widespread implications for industry, literally nationwide. The innovative approach to addressing difficult problems in companies was a joint effort between the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Y-12, along with several other intermediary partners.

Those intermediary partners were Center for Industrial Services at the University of Tennessee; National Technology Transfer Center housed at Jesuit College in Wheeling, West Virginia; Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Tennessee Department of Education; the Tennessee Valley Authority's Office of Planning & Development Services; and the National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership. ORCMT was engaged in a very widespread initiative to assist the many small businesses across the nation.

Next, we will continue our look at the history of training in Oak Ridge and look at what the future may hold as technology continues to advance.







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#### Birth New

happy, and what has it produced in our world? Is the world being saved in church?

I will focus on the Hebrew term for womb. The word is recham. It is the root word for God's greatest attribute, eternal mercies. God alone possesses eternal mercy, and to be born again, is to show eternal mercy. Rechamim is the dual meaning word in English for where mercy begins. It is womb of your mother.

Jewish Nicodemus was taken behind the veil of eternity by our Jewish Rabbi, to teach him the product of the born-again experience. It is no coincidence, the Be-attitudes begin with blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy.

Jesus Christ was teaching Nicodemus that mercy alone is the key to unlocking the unwavering grace in the lives of those we encounter in our world every day. To be born again, is to exist in a state of eternal mercy from God. To be overcome by mercy and to show mercy, is why Messiah had to die to pay my sin debt.

What is mercy and why did Jesus Christ believe Nicodemus was the Pharisee he could trust with this wisdom? Because as the man Jesus Christ, he recognized Nicodemus' humility. He could use him in the coming kingdom. As God, he gave him a lesson steeped in the science of creation and why we were created.

Lucifer had led a rebellion in Heaven prior to our world being prepared for our existence. Lucifer was cast to an earth that was without form and void. He convinced one-third of the angels to worship and follow him. We are God's replacement for Lucifer and his fallen angel army. Mercy is our foundation.

Mercy to understand we are not God the creator. Mercy is to not receive what we all deserve, for the wages of sin is death, giving birth to the gift of God, which is eternal life.

The foundation of Christian testimony has always been the mercy of God. To show mercy with all we encounter is our true Christian conundrum. To go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, is to show the mercy of Jesus Christ on the cross with all you encounter. No church needed!

He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood.

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

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

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

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

John Burns

night? Jesus Christ identifies by many titles in the Bible, that God also shares. One, is he claimed to be the light of the world. From a **Opinion Columnist** teaching perspective, what did he mean?

between our Jewish rabbi, Jesus Christ, and

a Pharisee who has come to him at night.

Why did Nicodemus come to Messiah at

John 3 begins with a conversation

Many educated men claim to know science. I have come to trust only the Bible when it comes to human discovery. The Bible claims wisdom is imparted to only those who fear God as creator. God is Elohim, and he alone is worthy to be praised for the creation he gave humans for the purpose of discovery.

We learn in Genesis 1 that all science has its foundation in the Bible. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. If you believe this statement, the Bible should be the only book you read. I am often asked "Can you prove the Bible was given to men by God?" I always answer emphatically, "I can prove the Bible was totally conceived outside of how humans experience time!"

It begins at creation. The Bible begins with the Hebrew word Beersheeth. It is the word beginning. Science has its foundation, in figuring out the origin and beginning of our creation. Our entire four-dimensional conundrum, has as its foundation the very reckoning of time. Whose time? Whose beginning?

If God is indeed sole creator, does he exist outside of how humans experience time? He has too! And our entire creation proves the existence of an intelligent designer, science has chosen to forgo the one book that points to every scientific discovery in history. The true scientist, trust the God of the Bible!

Entropy is the foundation of science. Entropy is the reduction of chaos and movement toward perfect order. On day one, God began reducing entropy by speaking instantaneous light into existence. Modern science is confused about the origin of the light of the world. He exists in ten spatial dimensions as light.

Day one ends with the statement, and the evening and the morning were the first day. Interesting that the sun and moon are created on day three yet light exists instantaneously on day one. In Hebrew the word Erev is evening and Tov is the morning.

Erev is the night. It is darkness. It is the time things are indiscernible. The evening is where Lucifer exists, in the darkness. The reason darkness is addressed by God first, by introducing light, proves that the rebellion of Lucifer caused God to destroy the world he created perfect, through a flood prior to speaking light into existence.

God keeps time by the evening and the morning. Humans have perverted this principal, and most exist in church without the light of the world. Until light replaces darkness, there is no born-again experience, just religious traditions of men. Doing what is right in our own eyes.

Nicodemus plays prominently in the gospel narrative. He is an educated Pharisee that is also incredibly wealthy. Yet he comes to Jesus Christ by night. Did Nicodemus recognize Messiah as the light our world indeed needs?

Nicodemus spoke the language of our Messiah. It is Hebrew. When Jesus Christ explains to Nicodemus the principal of being born again, he asked a question that is steeped in Hebrew interpretation. Can a man enter a second time into his mother's womb?

From our current reality, we are trapped in four special dimensions. Length, width, depth, and time. Albert Einstein is credited with quantum theory, I tend to believe Paul as he explains our predicament to all those stuck in three-dimensional churches, never giving Jesus Christ any more time than three hours maximum per week. Is God

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### Veteran of the Week

United States Navy veteran Rear Admiral Richard Hetherington O'Kane served our country in combat against the Japanese throughout World War II. At that time, he served as the submarine commander of U.S.S. Tang SS-306.

Due to his heroic and decisive actions in combat he was awarded the Medal of Honor on March 27, 1946 by President Harry S. Truman.

Rear Admiral O'Kane's Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as commanding officer of the U.S.S. Tang operating against two enemy Japanese convoys on 23 and 24 October 1944, during her fifth and last war patrol. Boldly maneuvering on the surface into the midst of a heavily escorted convoy, Comdr. O'Kane stood in the fusillade of bullets and shells from all directions to launch smashing hits on three tankers,

coolly swung his ship to fire at a freighter and, in a split-second decision, shot out of the path of an onrushing transport, missing it by inches. Boxed in by blazing tankers, a freighter, transport, and several destroyers, he blasted two of the targets with



his remaining torpedoes and, with pyrotechnics bursting on all sides, cleared the area. Twenty-four hours later, he again made contact with a heavily escorted convoy steaming to support the Leyte campaign with reinforcements and supplies and with crated planes piled high on each unit. In defiance of the enemy's relentless fire, he closed the concentration of ships and in quick succession sent two torpedoes each into the first and second transports and an adjacent tanker, finding his mark with each torpedo in a series of violent explosions at less than 1,000-yard range. With ships bearing down from all sides, he charged the enemy at high speed, exploding the tanker in a burst of flame, smashing the transport dead in the water, and blasting the destroyer with a mighty roar which rocked the Tang from stem to stern. Expending his last two torpedoes into the remnants of a once powerful convoy before his own ship went

down, Comdr. O'Kane, aided by his gallant command, achieved an illustrious record of heroism in combat, enhancing the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

### Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

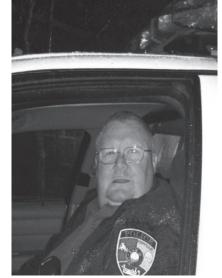
St. Francisville Police Department, Louisiana lost Police Officer Carl Douglas Kimball to a battle with COVID-19 on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Officer Kimball died from complications as the result of contracting COVID-19 while assigned to the West Feliciana Parish Hospital.

Officer Kimball had served with the St. Francisville Police Department for ten years and retired from the Louisiana Department of Corrections. He is survived by three sisters, someone who was like a son to him, his grandson, and his granddaughter.

Beginning in early 2020, thousands of law enforcement officer and other first responders

throughout the country began to contract COVID-19 during



the worldwide pandemic. Due to the nature of their job, law enforcement officers were required to work and interact with the community even as the majority of the country was self-quarantined. As a result, hundreds of officers died from COVID-19 related illnesses and other complication.

Corrections agencies, in particular, suffered tremendous losses due to the constant and close proximity between the corrections officers and large inmate populations. Since March 2020, ODMP has verified that over 900 law enforcement officers have died as a result of a confirmed or presumed exposure while on duty and continues to work with hundreds of other agencies that

have suffered a COVID-related death.

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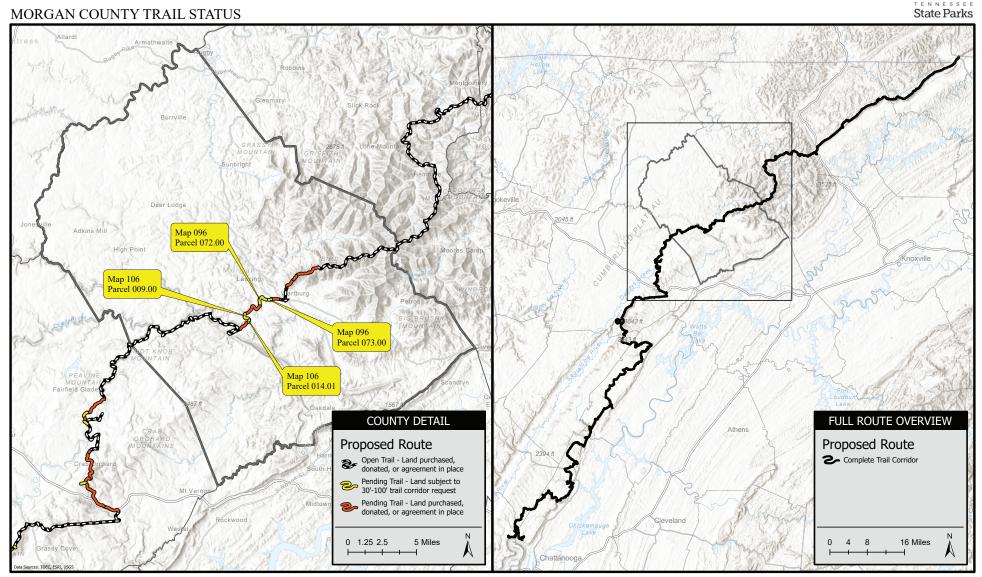


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# Scott County Today

### TREY MORROW BECOMES ONLY FOURTH HIGHLANDER BASKETBALL PLAYER TO HAVE JERSEY RETIRED

By Richard Spears

During his four year playing career at Scott High, Trey Morrow racked up numerous accolades, while stunning both opposing teams and his own teammates, coaches and fans with his phenomenal abilities (see photo of list of honors), and on Friday, January 20 at Highlander Gym in Huntsville, added one more honor to cap them off. Morrow became only the fourth Highlander men's basketball player to have his jersey, number 22 retired, joining Kyle Keeton, Derek Keeton and Rusty Yaden. Yaden didn't have the opportunity to coach Morrow, but is the new Highlander Head Coach, succeeding Jordan Jeffers, Morrow's coach for 4 years, now head coach at Anderson County. And, Morrow, whose younger sister Brittany plays for Head Coach Jake Wright's Lady Highlanders got to watch the Highlanders hang wins on both the Anderson County women's and men's teams in Friday night's action. In a battle of District 4 rivals, the Lady Highlanders pounded the Lady Mavericks 49-18,

while Scott's men's team overcame a huge deficit, at times behind by 14, to defeat the Mavericks 69-58. Scott High Head Coach Rusty Yaden said, "Glad to be able to honor Trey's accomplishments, and happy that we hung in there for the win."

Shown in the photo with Morrow are, L-R: Scott High Principal Jeremy Hamby, Trey's father, Kevin Morrow; mother, Becky Morrow; sister, Brittany Morrow; and, Scott High Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Eric Henry.

Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today,"I've watched Trey play since middle school at Burchfield, and no matter what was happening on the court, he was always a class act- respectful, going hard at it at all times and displaying the most impeccable work ethic both on and off the court, a great student and a truly unselfish superstar of a player." Henry added,

"While we may not have the stats on blocked shots recorded over the past decades, I believe Trey holds the record for those as well."

Morrow is now playing for Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, having earned a full scholarship, where

he is seeing ample playing time this season as a freshman.

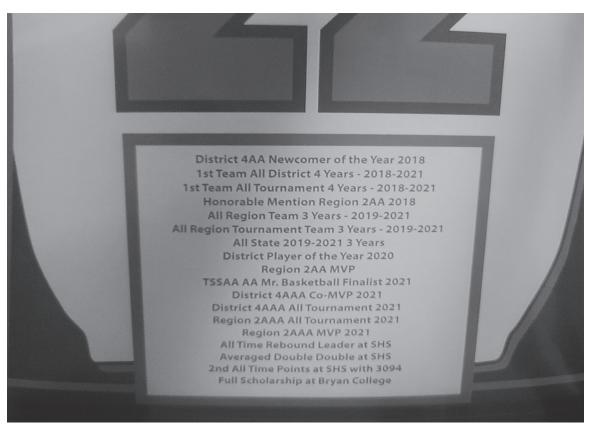
Many memories stick out for a reporter who followed Morrow during his entire career as a Highlander, but the half court shot he launched at



the buzzer to beat Austin East in Highlander Gym in Trey's freshman year is representative of Morrow's ability to take a game on his shoulders and change the outcome with his extraordinary talent. After that game, the Austin East Head Coach said," We heard a lot about this kid. He's the real deal." And, one more:

during a tough battle at Kingston, with Morrow hitting an impossible looking shot going out of bounds from behind the backboard, a Five Star Preps reporter who came to the game primarily to see Morrow play said," They told me this guy was good, and I've seen video of him, but I didn't really know what I would see from him tonight. He's better than they said he is!"

Morrow told the Morgan County Today,"I'm honored to be in an elite group here at Scott High with my jersey being retired. I'm proud to be a Highlander."





### MONTHLY ONEIDA BLUEGRASS JAM HAS HUGE TURNOUT

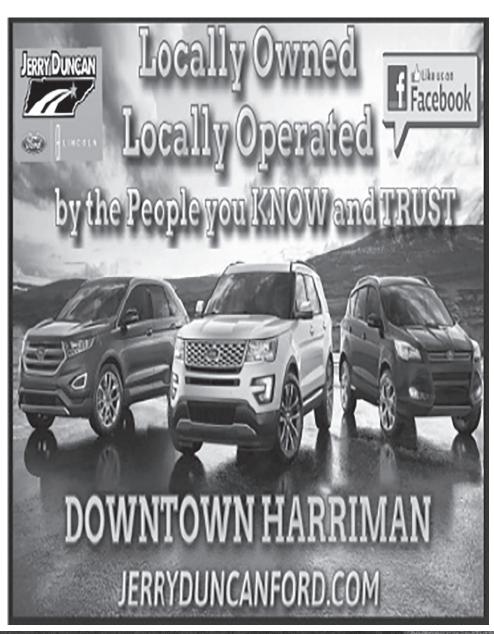
By Richard Spears

The third Thursday off each month in Oneida is a special time for all local bluegrass pickers and players, and this past Thursday, January 19 at the War Memorial Building on Alberta Street, a jam session featured over 30 musicians, including 10-year- old Asher Stephens (in the middle of photo, playing a mandolin), a slew of guitar and banjo pickers, several hot fiddlers, mandolin players and a bass player. Over 50 people came in from the cold to watch and listen to some of the hottest playing this side of Nashville. American Legion commander Avery Honeycutt told the Morgan county Today," This jam session has been going strong for over five years, and we plan to keep having it on every third Thursday of the month. Great crowd, good home cooked food, and plenty of good music. come out and be part of the next one!"

### Francis Paints Mural at Head Start

Over Christmas break, Central High School student, Kylie Francis, used her artistic talents to paint fun, happy murals in the hallway of Morgan County Head Start. Kylie spent time planning and sketching out her design and then went to work drawing and painting. She utilized the alphabet in her design of various playful animals. The children at Head Start are loving the fun animals and searching for their letter. The staff at Head Start are enjoying the design as well. "We are so thrilled with the result of Kylie's work. She is so talented, and it was a pleasure to work with a local student," states Head Start director, Michelle Adkisson. Adkisson also states that they hope to have Kylie work with them in the future to add color and life to more of their hallways.





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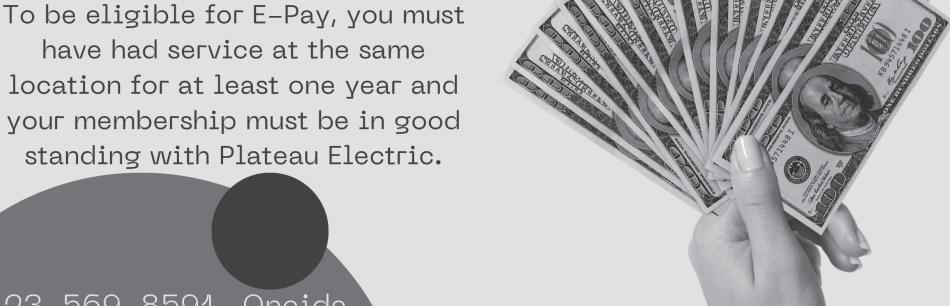
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