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Mon 20 51°/31°



Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl



The weather has been so beautiful and spring like, lately. Now, the weather is supposed to turn back to winter like temperatures. What's up with that? Did God change his mind? Was he just teasing us all? Was he in Heaven saying, "Watch this? I give thee, spring." So the trees bud and the daffodils come out in all their glory. The Bradford Pear trees bloom and they are so pretty. But, boy

do they ever stink. Mimi calls them Beauty and the Stink (that must be another thing God does to get a good laugh). Now, God must've said, "Tricked ya! It is still winter!" I bet he is giggling with glee. What a sense of humor the Lord must have.

Don't forget to do something nice for someone this week.

For more of my Pet Perspective like and follow me on my Facebook page at Ms Avery Pearl.

In Loving Memory Jeffery Cross



by Shenia Pressley

My mom wrote a poem and before she passed away, I found that poem in my Bible that she had give us. Part of that poem said "When I bid this world goodbye, my children do not cry. For, I'll be with Jesus you see, so be happy for me." As I have been praying for Syble, the Lord laid on my heart, that Jeffery would be saying: "When I bid

this world goodbye, MY ANGEL please don't cry. For, I AM with Jesus you see. So be happy for me."

God sent my MY ANGEL as my mama. MY ANGEL was my voice. She carried me on her hip and her heart. She willed me to live by her tears and her prayers. She guarded my very breath, every day of my life. She never gave up on me. Her love for me is pure and I feel it deep in my soul.

Now, it is my turn to be HER ANGEL. To carry her, to guard her. Because NOW, I can do all those things that she always did for me. I can run. I can breathe and eat what ever I want without any machines, wires, or tubes. I can speak and I can sing.

I can tell my Jesus all about MY ANGEL. One day it will be time for Jesus to meet her at the gates of Heaven. I will tell him WAIT. I will run so fast that I will beat him to the gates. There I will tell him, it is MY turn to hold MY ANGEL. I will wrap my arms around her, hold her, and tell her that I LOVE HER. Then, I will take the precious hand of MY ANGEL and give it to Jesus.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

Scheduled activities include Afterschool Activities on Tuesdays

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

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE: Together Morgan County will hold their monthly meeting on THURSDAY, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. est at Morgan County Schools Central Office located at 136 Flat Fork Road, Wartburg, TN.

March 28

There will be a GREATS meeting Tuesday, March 28 at Oakdale School at 5:30 p.m. est. GREATS (Guardians Raising Exceptional and Talented Students) is a free program for families raising non-biological children. GREATS meets in different areas in Morgan County in an effort to reach more families. There will be a free meal and more fun activities. Please RSVP to Sandra Helton @ heltons@mcsed.net by Wednesday, March 22 with the number of family members attending so we will be prepared with plenty of food and activities.

Check Out the New EV6 at Rusty Wallace Kia of Knoxville Today!



## In Loving Memory

### Patricia Lynn Clayton, 72

Patricia Lynn Clayton, age 72, formerly of Sunbright passed away March 3, 2023 at the home of her daughter. She was born July 29, 1950 to John and Opal Pemberton.



Patricia enjoyed reading, crochet, and her job where she worked as an auto and homeowners insurance agent.

She is preceded in death by her parents John and Opal Pemberton.

She is survived by her husband Richard Clayton; sons John Clayton, James Clayton, Patrick Clayton and wife Amy Page Clayton of Lenoir city; daughters Sara Scott and her husband David of Crossville, and Jessica Desimone and

her husband Joseph of Spring City; grandchildren Cheyenne, Savannah, Christopher, Autumn, Jon, Robert, Emily, Shirley and Lauren and Demi; great grandchildren Maleah, Carleigh Marshall Jr. and Caylen; brother John Pemberton and wife Shirley; sisters

Lisa Keller of Sweetwater, Tammy Lindsey of Harriman and Debbie and her husband John Lackey of Nashville.

The family will receive friends Wednesday March 8, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 3:00-5:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 5:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Patricia Lynn Clayton.

### Lillie Mae Aytes, 64

Lillie Mae Aytes, age 64, of Frankfort Community, passed away unexpectedly on March 6, 2023.



She is preceded in death by her late husband, Roy Eli Aytes; her father, Bernard Roland Hall and mother, Nina Mae Adams Hall; sister, Frances Hall Boster and her husband, Don Boster; nephew, Stephen Boster; brother, Roland Claude Hall; brother-in-law, Harry Williams.

She is survived by son, James Roy Aytes (Nancy); grandchildren, Chelsey Aytes (Brent), Gabriel Aytes, and Matthew Pittman; 3 very special great-grandchildren, Liam Miller, Luella and Owen Shelton; sisters, Marilyn Hurst, Freda Williams, Hazel England (Tommy), Helen Hamilton (Leland); Special niece Melissa Byrge and a host of nieces

and nephews who she loved dearly.

She was a caregiver at heart and enjoyed spending time with her great-grandchildren and her family. She also enjoyed reading, sewing, and gardening.

Despite being retired she worked part time for ETHRA and loved her co-workers dearly. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. She was known as Nanny to the Frankfort Community and by many others.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1-3:00p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Frankfort Church Cemetery in Lancing.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lillie Mae Aytes.

### Beatrice "Bea" Mary Dickhaus, 89

Beatrice "Bea" Mary Dickhaus, age 89, of Cold Spring, Kentucky passed away Friday, March 3, 2023 at Life Care Center of Morgan County. She was born May 22, 1933 to Stephen and Caroline Krebs.



Bea and her late husband Fritz traveled the country in their RV. In their later years they wintered in Gulf Shores, AL and spent summers with family in Kentucky and Tennessee.

She is preceded in death by her parents Stephen and Caroline Krebs; loving husband of 68 years Fritz; sisters Bernice Krebs, Marian Pedicone, Mary Elaine Krebs and great grandson Lincoln Aloisi.

She is survived by her children Elaine Najmola and husband Ed of Ten Mile, TN., Fred Dickhaus and wife Sandra of Cold Spring, KY., Stefanie Smith and husband Dale of Lancing, TN., and a host of grandchildren, great

grandchildren; brother Stephen Krebs of Ft. Thomas, KY.

Funeral Mass will be held on March 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Harriman, 535 Margrave Dr. Harriman, TN 37748, with Father Michael Sweeney presiding.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Beatrice "Bea" Mary Dickhaus.

### Robert Edmond Hamby, 67

Robert Edmond Hamby passed away March 3, 2023. He was born May 16, 1955 to Stanley and Martha West Hamby.

Robert was a logger by trade and his hobbies included riding horses, auto mechanic and a hands-on uncle in his younger life.

He is preceded in death by his parents Stanley and Martha Hamby, brothers Ellis Hamby Sr., Jim Hamby, Rodger Hamby and Ray Hamby; and sister Lori Hamby.

Robert is survived by sisters

Ima Jean Hamby of Harriman, Edith Godsey of Westel, Wanda Daughtery of Rockwood, Annie Hamby of Rockwood and Patricia Godsey of Crab Orchard and brother L.D. Hamby of New River.

Robert will also be missed by a host of nieces and nephews and extended family.

The family is honoring Roberts wishes to be cremated.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Robert Edmond Hamby.

### Jerry Dale Simpson, 76

Jerry Dale Simpson age 76, of Centerville TN, formerly of Wartburg TN, passed away March 5th, 2023, at his home with his wife Mary and son Jeffery.



Jerry loved collecting knives and pocket watches. He loved helping get store-house ministries started in Wartburg with Mary. He loved his church, and his pastor and he loved watching his grandchildren grow.

He is preceded in death by his parents Warren and Amy Simpson, his brother Butch, his sister Patty and Brother-in-law Marty Groner, and his sister Lisa, all of Michigan. Mother-in-law Lozena Poe, sister-in-law Robin Bonham, brother-in-law Eddie Langley and his wife Brenda, brothers-in-law Terry, and David Langley.

He is survived by his wife Mary Simpson, and son Jeffrey D Simpson of Centerville, and his

wife Rhonda. Brothers; Tommy Simpson of Kentucky and Twin Brother Larry G. Simpson of Michigan, 10 grandchildren Thomas, Jacob, Jeffrey II, and his wife Marcy, Jessica, Caleb, Matthew, Aaliyah, Kaysen, Brinley, and Jessie. Great grandchildren Gunner, Avery, Ellie, Chloe, and

Alice. Many brothers and sisters in law: Roy Langley and wife Pud, Carolyn, Lee and Teresa Holiday, brothers-in-law Darrell Langley, Mike and Becky Stringfield, sisters-in-law Lisa Poe and Danielle, brother-in-law Bobby and Sherry Poe, and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday March 11th, 2023, Schubert's Funeral Home in Wartburg memorial service at 2:00 PM followed by burial in Deer Lodge at a family cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jerry Dale Simpson.

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## In Loving Memory

### Stobert Alan Nance, 88

February 8, 1935  
–March 7, 2023



Alan Nance left this world peacefully with his family by his side on March 7, 2023. Although he has left this earth, he will never be forgotten by his wife Mildred (Bootsie) Nance, grandson Jackson Williams, extended family, friends and many former co-workers.

Alan grew up in Lancing, Tennessee one of six children of Stobert Carr and Lola Norris Nance. He was always a determined man and would never give up on any goal that he set for himself, or his family.

He graduated Central High School and shortly after began a career in teaching, which would prove to be a lifelong passion. In 1955, he began his first teaching job at Oak Hill School in Gobey. In the winter months he would drive to the school the night before class to kindle the fires in the pot belly stoves to heat the one room school before the students arrived the next morning.

While teaching in Morgan County, he attended college at the University of Tennessee, studying education. He would earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in education from UT. His siblings still remember the many nights he worked on his old automobile to make sure it was roadworthy for the long trip to Knoxville to attend class the next evening.

Alan taught at various schools throughout the county. He always used his witty insight to teach kids not only education, but ethics. In one instance a child was brought to his office while he was the principal at the Wartburg elementary school. The child was accused of committing the egregious infraction of placing a snake in the teacher's desk. Alan looked at the child and asked, "did you put a snake in your teachers desk"? he asked, the child replied a firm and unwavering "NO!" Looking away from the child and at the secretary with a firm facial expression Alan told the secretary, "go get the teacher and bring her in here!" The child pleaded, "don't go get her!" Alan looked back at the child and said, "I am going to whip her she told a lie, you said you didn't do it." The child breaking down in tears admitted to placing the snake in the teacher's desk and was punished. Such is the way that Alan brought ethical lessons to our classrooms.

After teaching for 30 years, Alan decided to run for the Superintendent of Schools post, which was an elected position at the time. He arrived in office at

the most tumultuous time in Morgan County Schools history. The school system budget was so much in arrears that as he entered office the power to all the schools had been turned off due to lack of payment. He brought fiscal responsibility, respect and accountability to the Morgan County Schools administrative offices during his 12 years as superintendent.

Alan was a longtime member of the Lancing Presbyterian Church and was a faithful attendee at the Wartburg Presbyterian Church. He was also the Past Master of Emerald Lodge number 377 Wartburg, Tennessee where he also served as the secretary of the lodge for 35 years. He loved freemasonry, a passion he helped kindle in several members of his extended family.

Alan was always successful, in no small part because he always had a unwavering advocate by his side. His wife of 68 years Mildred (Bootsie) always handled the household business to ensure Alan could give 100% of his efforts to his job and pursuits. Together, they had a daughter, Peggy, who would have made any family proud. She was a teacher, attorney and an advocate for justice. She would later be appointed assistant state elections coordinator for the Tennessee Department of State.

In retirement, Alan continued to challenge himself. He literally built his home with his wife helping by his side. He continued his passion for guitar and music, something his entire extended family have always loved.

His witty humor always tempered his disciplined approach to life. He was an avid reader who could take a book on any subject and quickly become proficient by absorbing the material. Alan brought great insight and value to almost any conversation on any topic. Those of us who knew him well will forever miss his counsel.

Alan was preceded in death by his loving mother Lola Norris Nance, father, Stobert Carr Nance, his beautiful daughter, Peggy Nance Williams, brothers Jimmy Nance, Wade B. Nance, sister Marian Jewell Nance Worley, and nephew Ronnie A. Byrge

He is survived by his wife Mildred (Bootsie) Vespie Nance, Grandson Jackson Williams, Brother Robert Eugene Nance, Sister Kathryn Nance Perry, nieces Deanna Evans, Michelle Collins, nephews Michael W. Nance and Brian Byrge.



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# Help is on the way to make Highway 62 safer in Morgan County



Senator Ken Yager

Highway 62 is a major East-West connection road that the state is working on improving at many points along the road. So far, a portion of Highway 62 from Wartburg to Petit Lane has been expanded to four lanes, and Representative Ed Butler and I are working to see that Highway 62 is further expanded to four lanes from Petit Lane to Oliver Springs.

There is no time to waste to improve the dangerous conditions of Highway 62. I have heard heartbreaking stories from families involved in severe car accidents on the highway, and it is clear that changes need to be made now. It is a priority for Representative Ed Butler and me to secure funding to make immediate changes to ensure the safety of Highway 62 from Petit Lane to Oliver Springs. I am pleased to announce that help is on the way to improve conditions on this essential road in Morgan County.

I am grateful that the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has completed Rep. Butler's and my request to conduct a Road Safety Audit of Highway 62, which will free up immediate funding to make meaningful safety improvements to the highway. The audit identified several areas of improvement based on a crash analysis, speed studies, US Limits review, terrain and the location. Based on these factors, TDOT is making the following recommendations:

- Add intersection signs at Flat Fork and Mill Road and remove unauthorized signage
- Explore the feasibility of adding turn lanes at intersections of Highway 62 and:
  - o Petit Lane
  - o State Route 116
  - o Fairview Road
- Close the passing zone between LM 25.67 and 26.04 due to a narrow bridge
- Add a sign indicating a side road is at the curve for the Portwood Store Road intersection
- Add access management striping to open frontage between LM 28.5 and 29.5 to better delineate access points and limit parking within the right-of-way
- Perform traffic counts at the intersections of Highway 62 and:
  - o State Route 116
  - o Fairview Road
- Ball-bank the route to ensure existing curve signage is appropriate

The goal of these improvements will be to reduce the number and severity of crashes, implement proactive safety strategies and expedite the project development process. Typically, all improvements resulting from a safety audit are completed within one year of the final report. Some of the improvements recommended for Highway 62, such as additional signage, are slated to be completed as early as Spring 2023.

Every day that goes by without safety improvements made to the highway puts citizens at risk. So, in the immediate term, the Tennessee Highway Patrol is increasing the presence of troopers in the area. This will help improve safety and lower the response time to crashes. Our Tennessee Highway Patrol officers play an important role in roadway safety throughout the state, and I appreciate their attentiveness to this issue by recognizing the safety concerns on Highway 62 and being willing to deploy more officers to help.

In the long-term, under the IMPROVE Act, Highway 62 is slated to become a four-lane road. Former Representative John Mark Windle and I worked hard to ensure this project was included in the IMPROVE Act. We will all be glad when this project is completed, but it will take time. With the near-term steps of conducting a safety audit and increasing police presence, we are well on our way to making Highway 62 a safer road.

Thank you to the citizens in Morgan

County who have expressed your concerns about the alarming increase in accidents. Your voice gives us the ability to best represent you in Nashville, and together we are able to make real improvements in the community. I will continue to support upgrades to Highway 62 until the project is complete.

Please reach out to me at 615-741-1449 or [sen.ken.yager@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:sen.ken.yager@capitol.tn.gov) or Representative Butler at 615-741-1260 or [rep.ed.butler@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:rep.ed.butler@capitol.tn.gov) if either of us can be of assistance to you in any way. As I've said, your voice is important, and I welcome your calls and emails.



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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In how many verses is the specific name of Satan used in the Old Testament (KJV)? 0, 1, 15, 174
3. From Genesis 36, which city was Esau's home base? *Petra, Tyre, Gilgal, Perga*
4. Which of these persons hid in a cave while God passed by? *Noah, Moses, Abraham, Jonah*
5. From Esther 5, who/what was Zeresh? *King of Persia, Mountain, Wife of Haman, River*
6. In 1 Peter, to what animal is Satan compared? *Serpent, Wolf, Rat, Lion*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) 15, 3) Petra, 4) Moses, 5) Wife of Haman, 6) Lion

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy).

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## In Cats, Ear Infection Can Have Subtle Symptoms

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My cat Chester seemed perfectly healthy, but when I brought him in for his annual checkup, the veterinarian said that he has an ear infection. I didn't notice any behavior or odd symptoms previously. I gave Chester the expensive eardrops he was prescribed, and he seems just fine. Was the vet just making up the infection? — Jeanine C., Buffalo, New York

**DEAR JEANINE:** Cats are really good at hiding the symptoms of an illness. I'm glad you brought Chester in for his regular checkup, because those are very helpful in determining hidden acute problems like an ear infection, and noting potential problems (for example, if his weight is getting higher than normal, or he's developing arthritis).

Now that Chester has been treated, keep an eye out for signs of the infection recurring. Look, listen and smell (yes, smell!) around his ears periodically and note certain behaviors. Hold Chester on your lap and shine a little flashlight into each ear.

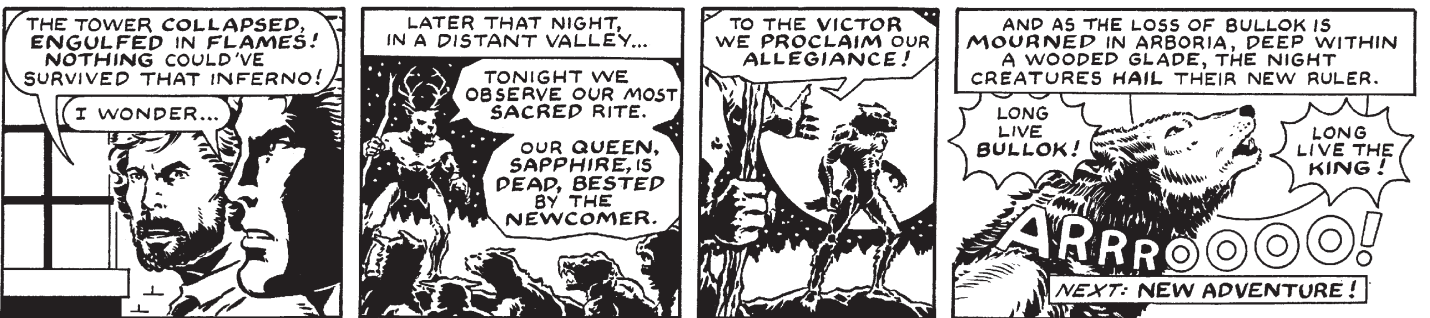
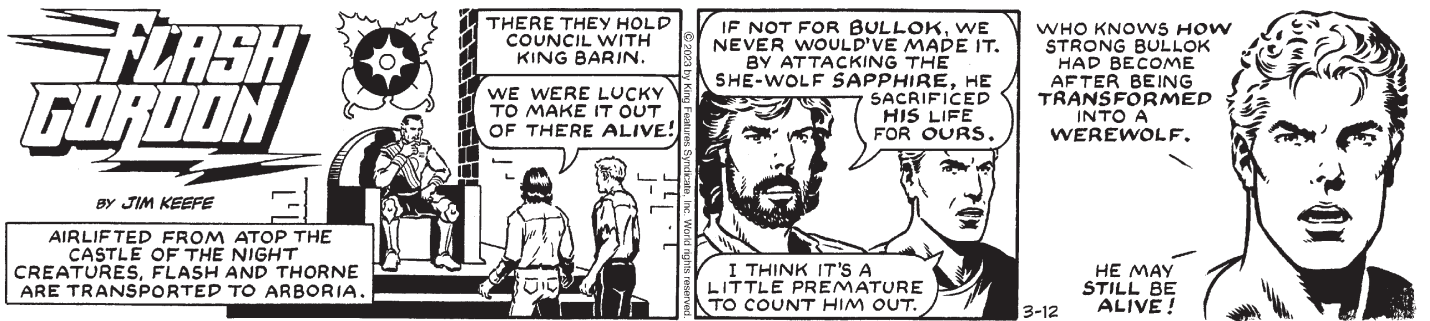
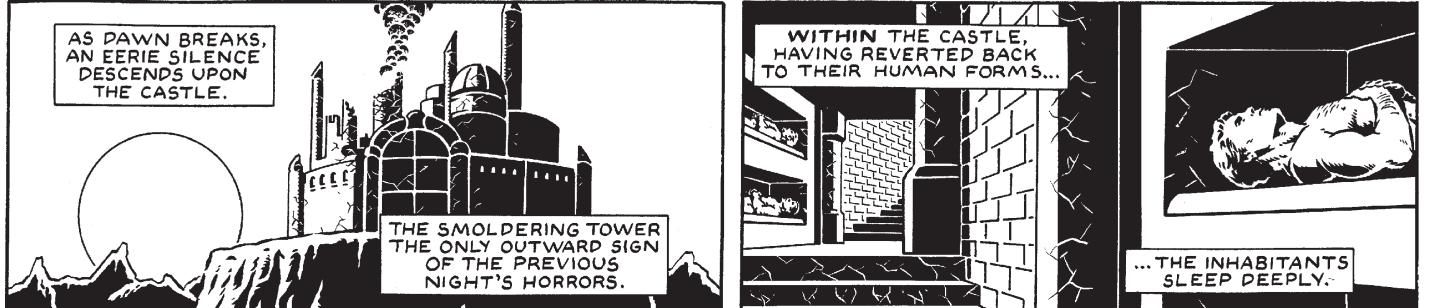
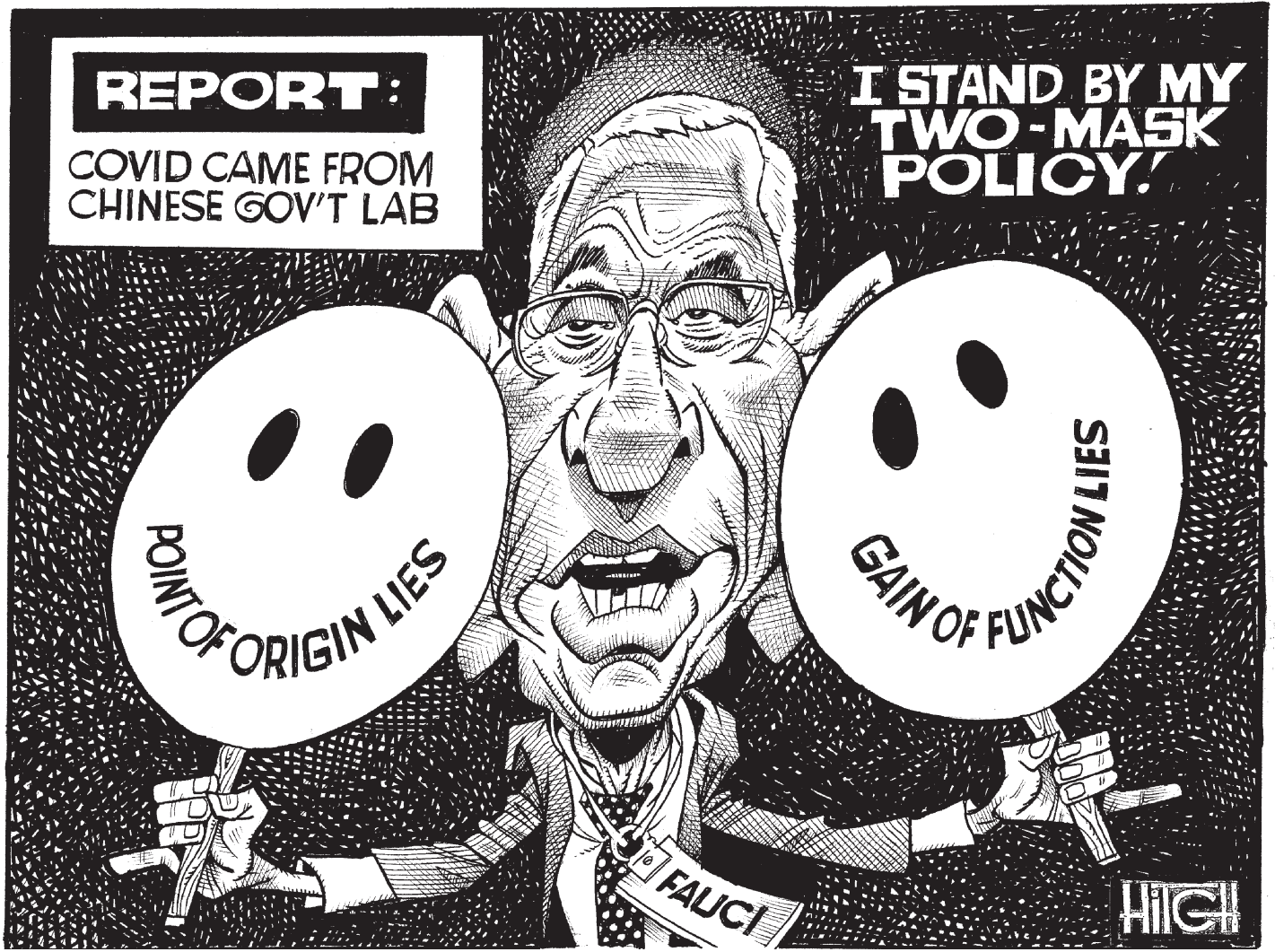
A healthy ear is pale pink, with little to no earwax visible and no debris.

Trouble signs include: A strong odor from the ear; lots of earwax buildup; debris or discharge that looks like coffee grounds; or discharge that is yellow or black. You (or the vet) may see redness or swelling of the ear flap or in the ear canal.

Ear infections cause behavioral changes, too. Some of them are subtle: Chester may shake his head after you scratch around his ears, or he may tilt his head more in one direction than another. More serious symptoms include loss of balance, disorientation, hearing loss or even facial paralysis.

Send your tips, comments or questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto: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

- \* Check your local newspaper or city/county government for programs that provide free or near free water barrels or trees. Many areas have a program, and they really do help keep your water costs down if you have flowers or vegetable gardens.
- \* To keep the edges of lettuce from browning, tear it or use a plastic knife sold just for this purpose. Metal will make the edges brown.
- \* "If you want same-size cookies, roll and freeze your dough for 10-15 minutes. Most doughs will harden enough to slice into perfectly uniform slices, and the freezing doesn't really affect cooking time too much. (Watch your first batch, though.)" -- R.L. in Missouri
- \* If you are reattaching a button to shorts or pants, try

using dental floss, the unwaxed kind. It's much stronger and can hold the button better than regular thread. Use a marker to darken it if the color is an issue.

- \* "Shaving cream can be used as a spot remover for many carpets. Use only a small amount, and follow up with a damp cloth." -- D.L. in New Brunswick, Canada
- \* "To prevent a skin from forming on the top of a can of leftover paint, you can inflate a balloon and stick it in the can, cut a piece of wax paper to fit or store the can inverted, so that the skin will form on the bottom and stay there when you flip it." -- W.B. in Alabama

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

- \* *What's in a gut bacterium? Possibly more than you might expect: Studies have shown that the types and amounts of such bacteria might influence your appetite, your food preferences and even the way nutrients are processed and stored in your body.*
- \* *While fish can cough, they don't sneeze.*
- \* *Michael Jordan was nicknamed "Magic" in high school after Los Angeles Lakers icon Magic Johnson.*
- \* *In June 2022, the New York Public Library donated half a million books to kids under 18 so they could start their own personal book collections. Collecting and reading*

*books has been found beneficial to learning, stress relief and even future success.*

\* *And speaking of libraries, they're not always just for books: The Buffalo Tool Library in Buffalo, New York, allows members to take out tools for home improvement, gardening and repair projects.*

\* *Provincial law in Quebec prohibits a woman from taking her husband's surname after marriage.*

\* *Actor Morgan Freeman, after serving in the U.S. Air Force, got his first paid job in show business as a dancer at the 1964 World's Fair.*

\* *After having a double mastectomy in her senior years, the ever-outspoken Alice Lee Roosevelt Longworth, eldest child of President Theodore*

*Roosevelt, took to referring to herself as "Washington's only topless octogenarian."*

\* *Dolbear's Law, which states the connection between air temperature and the rate at which crickets chirp, is accurate to within about one degree Fahrenheit for the field cricket.*

\* *The Chinese video sharing and streaming site Bilibili used 1,500 drones to create a light show celebrating the first anniversary of the release of mobile game Princess Connect! Re:Dive, which was followed by a huge QR code to download the game.*

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Thought for the Day: "A champion is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning." -- Billie Jean King  
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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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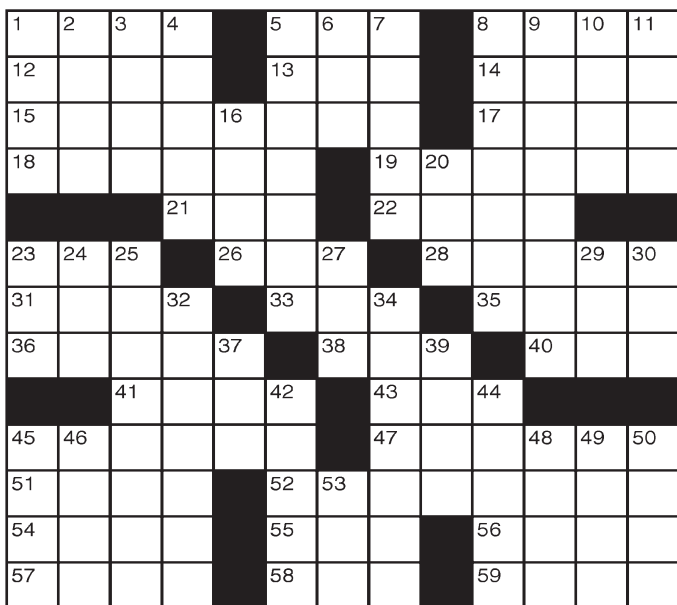
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Release money
- 5 Officer
- 8 Wife of Zeus
- 12 "Born Free" lioness
- 13 Billboards
- 14 Elliptical
- 15 Region of northern Italy
- 17 Breathing (Abbr.)
- 18 Start a round
- 19 Aviary noises
- 21 Irish actor Stephen
- 22 Visibility hindrance
- 23 Arced tennis shot
- 26 Like some humor
- 28 Avoids work
- 31 Gumbo or bisque, e.g.
- 33 Work unit
- 35 Minn. neighbor
- 36 Writer Lessing
- 38 Pouch
- 40 "Rah!"
- 41 Metric measure
- 43 — Alamos
- 45 Big lizard
- 47 Of the lower back
- 51 Gasp for air



- 52 Show hosted by Alex Trebek
- 54 Shoppe description
- 55 "Alley —"
- 56 Faction
- 57 Calendar squares
- 58 ICU workers
- 59 Pianist Myra
- DOWN**
- 1 Karate level
- 2 Skin soother
- 3 "Woe —!"
- 4 Hard work
- 5 Commuter's cash-on-hand (Abbr.)
- 6 Quirky
- 7 Intimidate, with "out"
- 8 Where earth meets sky
- 9 Battery brand
- 10 Grate
- 11 Swiss peaks
- 16 Not many
- 20 Actor Holbrook
- 23 "Acid"
- 24 Tic-tac-toe win
- 25 French red wine
- 27 Decade parts (Abbr.)
- 29 Air safety org.
- 30 Firmament
- 32 Pittsburgh team
- 34 Runs like a horse
- 37 — Salvador
- 39 Brilliant stroke
- 42 College study
- 44 Big hit
- 45 Apple product
- 46 Big bash
- 48 Party cheese
- 49 Tosses in
- 50 Deli loaves
- 53 Long time

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# FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- OTC
- KENTIA
- ONCLO
- EASK
- PANTIC
- ♥ NKI
- ♥ HICN
- ANKSC
- PPU
- ♥ PLOTIS
- ♥ LUSEP
- KICN

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## Our Dickensian border policy

"I became, at ten years old, a little labouring hind in the service of Murdstone and Grinby."

Thus relates David Copperfield in the Charles Dickens novel of the same name.

Of course, Dickens was a crusader against the exploitation of children. The edge is taken off the depictions of the heartless treatment of children in his fiction, though, by the funny and memorable portrayals of the malefactors, the upward trajectory of the lives of the likes of David Copperfield and Oliver Twist, and the knowledge that the practices that Dickens inveighed against are a thing of the past in the advanced world.

It takes a heart of stone not to smile at the name of David's cruel stepfather, Edward Murdstone (Mr. Murdstone, to you), or the wine-bottling factory where David unhappily works, Murdstone and Grinby.

The orphan Oliver Twist had a bad time of it in a workhouse in the town of Mudfug. Yet, at least Oliver avoids the dangerous fate of getting apprenticed to the chimney sweep, Mr. Gamfield, and eventually an unexpected inheritance and a happy adoption await him.

This is all relevant today, because, as a big New York Times report highlighted, we have a Dickensian border policy.

The Times details how so-called unaccompanied minors end up "in some of the most punishing jobs in the country." The Times found: "Twelve-year-old roofers in Florida and Tennessee. Underage slaughterhouse workers in Delaware, Mississippi and North Carolina. Children sawing planks of wood on overnight shifts in South Dakota."

Needless to say, J. Crew and Walmart aren't as charming as Murdstone and Grinby, and favorable plot twists are unlikely to be written into the stories of many of the kids caught up in this child-labor maw. Most important, this isn't happening more than 150 years ago in another country.

The upshot of The Times piece is that we have chosen to import a social problem -- as if we didn't have enough already.

The Times reports that the child-labor force has "exploded" since 2021, which, of course, coincides with the advent of Biden's lax border policies. A quarter of a million children have entered the United States over the past two years.

For no good reason, we've made it difficult for ourselves to quickly send home minors coming on their own from noncontiguous countries, and thus we've enabled a market in child smuggling and child labor.

As The Times puts it: "These are not children who have stolen into the country undetected." Caseworkers interviewed by the Times estimate that two-thirds of all unaccompanied minors end up working full-time.

This is bad for the kids, corrupting to the companies that exploit them, and unhealthy for our society generally.

The Department of Health and Human Services is in charge of sheltering the minors when they arrive, and then monitoring them upon release. It is not doing a good job, but the king's cure would be to have better enforcement at the border and in the interior. That way, children wouldn't be sent alone across the border in the first place, on an arduous journey with perhaps a dangerous factory job in the offing at their ultimate destination. But no one in charge ever seems to think of that.

There are a few other things to be said about all this.

One, it's worth remembering that migrants are supposed to be asylum seekers, fleeing persecution in their home countries; but almost every time the press reports in any detail on the stories of individual migrants, they prove to be economic migrants.

Two, it's hard to believe that the availability of cheap, easily exploited illegal child labor doesn't exert downward pressure on low-skilled wages.

Three, not to sound like a child-welfare nativist, but there are plenty of children already in the United States who desperately need the attention of caseworkers.

Despite The Times story, the insanity at the border will continue, and we can be assured that it's not going to produce any great literature.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura was in Cordell Hull's Office on December 7th still pretending to be working toward a settlement. On December 6th President Franklin D. Roosevelt had drafted a personal appeal for peace to Hirohito. The Japanese had been in Washington most of 1941 talking peace if only the United States would leave them alone in China, Indochina, and oil/rubber rich nations in the Far East. It was obvious to see that diplomacy was failing. FDR and Hull (the Secretary of State) knew that war was coming but not where would it start.

On February 1, 1941 Admiral Husband E. Kimmel became Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, based in Pearl Harbor.

On February 7, 1941 General Walter C. Short assumed the post of Commander of the Hawaiian Department and became Kimmel's Army counterpart.

March 27, 1941 Takeo Yoshikawa, a spy for the Japanese Navy intelligence, arrived in Honolulu Harbor aboard a passenger liner. For the next eight and a half months he gathered enough information for the Japanese to know the movements and habits of the ships and planes stationed in Pearl Harbor in preparation for the December attack.

October 16, 1941 General Hideki Tojo, served as Minister of War and Army Chief of Staff. Tojo is very hawkish and at the end of the war was blamed for getting Japan in the war. He was executed in 1946. November 23, 1941 Japan became ready for the attack.

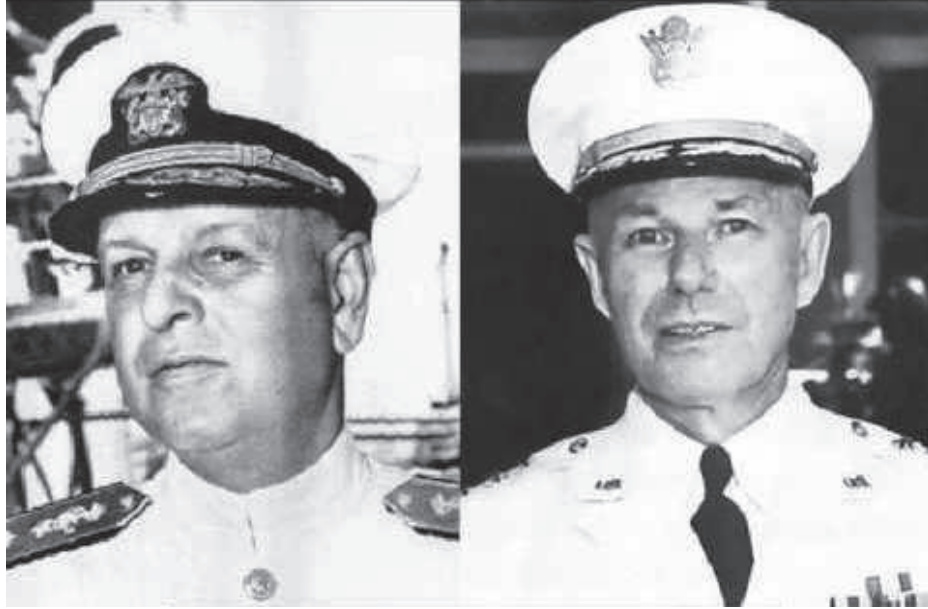
December 6, 1941 FDR was still hopeful for a peace settlement.

December 7, 1941 Hawaii 6:00 am. The first wave attack 200 miles north of Oahu began launching the first attack wave of 183 planes. At 7:29 the first bombs were dropped on Pearl Harbor. It was 1:29 pm in the United States.

The attack on Pearl Harbor and other bases lasted a little over two hours. When it was over, we had lost 18 ships that were either sunk or seriously damaged, 347 planes destroyed or disabled, Hickam, Wheeler, Ford Island, Kancoha and Eoa were in flames, but the human loss is what will make survivors weep even 50 years later; 2,403 American dead and 1,178 wounded. The U.S.S. Arizona went down with 1,177 souls onboard when a bomb ignited the forward magazine. The men are still intombed in Pearl Harbor. If this doesn't make you want to cry, I don't know what it would take. Someone had to take the blame for not being prepared for the attack on Pearl Harbor. This is where the 2nd tragedy took place. The

## Another Tragedy at Pearl Harbor

two who were to be blamed were Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and Lt. General Walter C. Short. It didn't seem to make any difference when they discovered that a long list of officers believed that the Japanese would not attack Pearl Harbor. Some of them were Admiral Harold Stark, the Chief of Naval Operations, General George Marshall, the Army Chief of Staff, Rear Admiral Theodore Wilkinson, the Director of Naval Intelli-



*Admiral Kimmel and General Short*

gence, Rear Admiral Kelly Turner the Navy's Chief of War Plans, and many more.

Both Admiral Kimmel and Lt. General Short were released of their commands on December 16, 1941. Their time in the military was over. For the rest of their days, the commanders at Pearl lived with the vilification that descended upon them. Each of the men listed above stayed in the service and had a chance to redeem themselves later in the war. But Kimmel and Short were vilified and forced into retirement at the onset with never a chance to recoup.

Kimmel and Short argued that had they known the contents of certain code intercepts, they would have prepared differently; material in the messages would have had a meaning for them that it couldn't have had for the men in Washington. Perhaps, it's also true that Kimmel and Short had received

many warnings from their superiors throughout 1941. But a lot of the messages carried conflicting signals on ambivalent do - don't do tones.

In 1953 Admiral William F. Halsey, who served under Kimmel at Pearl, wrote to his old supervisor, "I have always thought and have not hesitated to say on any and all occasions that I believe you and Short were the greatest military men this country has ever produced, and that your treatment was outrageous.

In 1961 Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, hero of Midway said, "Kimmel and Short should have been held responsible for Pearl Harbor under the circumstances at that time, but it does not justify focused damning these two fine officers."

Both men were cleared of the "dereliction of duty" charges, but that is all because the press all over the country wrote stories of the guilt and blame for these two men.

The two families suffered greatly. General Short's daughter, Carolyn said, bitter men could have destroyed our family except for what we read in the Bible, "13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians, 3:13-14. Carolyn said its "forgiveness" and her father said "yes, it is forgiveness."

Our government really did these two men wrong. Removing them from command and holding them responsible was okay but saddled with it for history? No way. Even Roosevelt should share some of the responsibility.

This was the 2nd tragedy at Pearl Harbor. Source: Life Magazine - Fall Edition of 1991 on Pearl Harbor.

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David Zubler  
Columnist

## Reduce taxes with an installment sale

If you own an investment property or a small business, you may want to sell it someday.

One of the reasons that prevent people from selling their business or investment property is the huge tax liability that making the sale can create. The profit is likely to be subject to the capital gains tax.

Turning the sale into a seller-financed installment sale could save you a substantial amount of money. Deferring taxes to later years can cut your tax bill by spreading your profits over multiple years. This enables you to pay the tax in a lower tax bracket each year rather than pay the tax in a high tax bracket the first year.

If your income is relatively low the capital gains tax rate is 0%, enabling you to pay no tax on the gain. The capital gains rates are zero, 15, and 20 percent.

In 2023, your capital gains rate is zero if your taxable income is less than or equal to \$41,675 for single people, and \$89,250 when filing married filing jointly. Your taxable income is the amount of your income after taking the standard deduction or itemizing.

An installment sale is a sale of eligible property where you receive at least one payment after the close of the taxable year in which the sale occurs.

For example, suppose a married couple's income is \$60,000, and sold a property and had a gain of \$100,000 in 2022. Their tax on the gain would be \$7,875. By selling the property over 10 years, they would have a gain of \$10,000 each tax year. In this example, there would be no tax on the \$10,000 gain in 2022. If their income remained about the same in the future years of gain, they would likely pay no tax on the gain of the property. This strategy would provide a substantial tax savings and allow them to earn additional income each year from the interest they

would receive.

An installment sale offers several advantages for you as a seller, as well as for your buyer:

You can negotiate the sale without the need for the buyer to pay the full sale price when you finalize the sale.

You can finalize the sale agreement without waiting for the buyer to qualify with a lender.

You and the buyer can modify the terms of the sale to meet your needs without getting approval from a third-party lender.

You can defer taxes on your gain and potentially reduce or pay no taxes.

It's essential to document the buyer's obligation to make future payments to you, with a deed of trust, note, land contract, mortgage, or other evidence of the buyer's debt to you. You should also secure the debt.

An installment sale can enable you to reduce your taxes while also earning additional interest income.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## The Covid Numbers

How does it feel when you're the only one in the whole grocery store who's wearing a mask? Or when you get three phone calls from the senior center asking if you're interested in signing up for the monthly ladies lunch, after you've already said no?

Do you feel tempted to explain to the young person who gives you the eye in the dairy aisle? Or worse, apologize to the senior center staffer who no doubt voted to dispense with all masks months ago?

Don't. Don't explain. Don't apologize. Just keep doing what you've been doing for three years now, which is taking care of yourself as best you can.

Depending what source you read, you might be tempted to believe that Covid is no longer a problem, that it's safe to go to lunches where everyone is

sitting inches from each other, that it's perfectly fine to go without the mask in stores.

However, if you look at graphs and charts and follow the progress of Covid, you'll see that it's still very much among us. Data taken from The New York Times Covid stats indicates that for a two-week period in February, there were in excess of a half million positive Covid cases in the U.S.

Individual states are doing better or worse than the average. In my state, the 14-day change has gone up 50%, and we're not even in first place.

Those positive Covid numbers are from people who were tested at a facility that reports their statistics. How many millions of people are using those at-home test kits and never see the inside of a doctor's office and therefore don't have their results reported?

TITLE: None of us has a crystal ball to see when Covid might leave us for good. While it's still here, take care of yourself. And yes, keep washing your hands.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Name the debut album of Curiosity Killed the Cat.
2. Who was Tom Dooley (of Kingston Trio 1958 song fame) and what did he do?
3. Name the '50s artist who wrote and released "Island in the Sun."
4. How do you know if you're a Parrothead?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "The scales are sometimes unbalanced, And you bear the weight of all that has to be."

## Answers

1. "Keep Your Distance," released in 1987. The album topped the charts in the U.K., but the individual songs didn't do as well.
2. Tom Dula was a North Carolina soldier in the Civil War who'd killed his girlfriend. A politician lured Dula to his farm for work and Dula was captured and hanged.
3. Harry Belafonte, in 1957. The song was also used in the film by the same name, which was taken from the 1956 novel of the same name.
4. If you wear Hawaiian shirts and parrot hats to Jimmy Buffet concerts, you're a Parrothead.
5. "Giving You the Best That I Got," by Anita Baker in 1988. It got four nominations and netted two Grammy awards: Best R&B Song and Best Female R&B Vocal Performance

# SCOTT COUNTY HIGHLANDERS



### Highlanders Focus on Unfinished Business, Chasing Banners

A team loaded with experienced, talented upperclassmen, as well as some very skilled younger players. A schedule loaded with challenging opponents. Last year's exciting finish, with a twist at the end that brought disappointment, mostly towards the inability of the officials at the Red Bank game to recognize a disqualified opposing player on the playing field, illegally participating, wearing a different jersey. It all adds up to this season's Highlanders expecting more.

Scott had their best soccer season in school history last year, playing in both the district and region championship games, but falling in each contest, and Scott players only want to use that as motivation this year. "We definitely feel we have unfinished business that we want to close out this season," Scott junior Hugo Henry told the Morgan County Today. Highlander scoring machine, senior Connor Stanley added, "We are chasing championship banners this year."

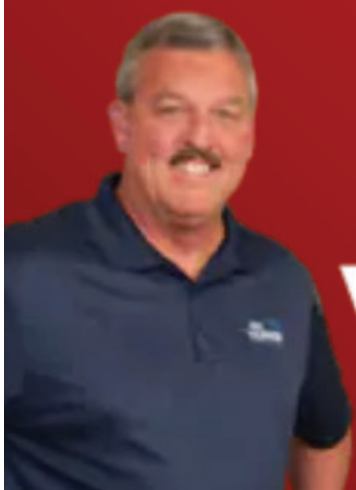
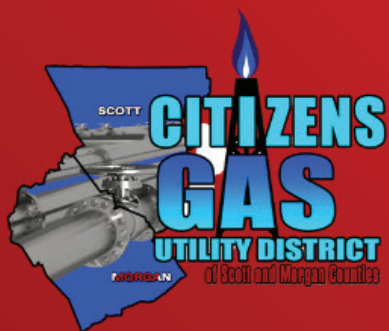
Scott senior Nolan Cotton stated, "We've been working hard in practice. Our defense is really shaping up. We've got two good goalkeepers, senior Adrian Parra who is rock solid, and junior Luke Bowling, who really came on strong late last season."

Scott senior Clayton Carroll agreed. "We feel like we're getting better every practice. If this team plays every game like we know we can, we can attain our goal of getting to, and winning championship games in both the district and region, and going on from there to more success," he said.

More will be asked from an elite squad fueled by juniors Henry, Skye Babb, Toby Garrett, Haiden Blevins, Andy Blevins, Peyton Smith and Bowling, who play with an all-out intensity that will be needed this season, for the Highlanders to exceed last season's success. Babb and Garrett are fast and skilled on both sides of the field. And, Highlander Head Coach Eric Henry added, "Our core team has a lot of minutes together, and we only lost four players to graduation from last year's team, so four new guys will see a lot of playing time this year. Sophomores Leviance Weatherford, Aiden Roberts, Landon Harness, Dominic Lewis, and Lucas and Logan Dyer will all compete for playing time. We'll see who emerges to lead our younger players, but I'm encouraged by their improvement over last year. We've got some newcomers, Dustin Pennington and Jaden Lowe that I hope to add into the mix."

Scott starts regular season play Tuesday, March 14 at home against Stone Memorial, a team the Highlanders eliminated in region tourney play last season. Scott's Connor Stanley said, "It will be a tough opening game. We want to start this season quick with the win over them, and we are confident we can." Head Coach Henry added, "These guys have a much different outlook this year based on our past season's success. They're working hard. I hope to see the results of that work in their play on the field when it gets to game time. Looking forward to getting started."

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
3/	Highlander Cup	SHS	TBA
3/14	Stone	SHS	6:00
3/17	Campbell Co.	SHS	6:00
3/20	Harriman	Away	6:00
3/23	Carter	Away	6:00
3/27	Halls	Away	6:00
3/30	Oneida	Away	6:00
4/4	Anderson Co.	SHS	6:00
4/11	Seymour	Away	6:30
4/14	Clinton	Away	7:00
4/18	Northview	Away	6:30
4/21	Kingston	SHS	6:15
4/25	Cumberland Gap	SHS	6:00
4/27	Oneida	SHS	6:00
5/1	Greenback	Away	6:30
5/4	Seymour	SHS	6:30



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# ONEIDA INDIANS



### Oneida Looking For Best Season In School History This Year

Indian Soccer Head Coach Derek Keeton told the Morgan County Today, "This is by far the most athletic, deepest team I've coached in my six seasons of coaching." That's a strong statement, coming from a coach who has led the Indians to back-to-back Region titles, and has seen all six of his previous teams make the sectionals in post-season.

Anchoring the 2023 Indians team are senior Luke Barna, returning Region Player of the Year, who, Coach Keeton says, "has it all- speed, acceleration, strength- he'll be hard to handle." Also, junior goalkeeper Gavin Keeton, returning Region Defensive Player of the Year, who is more mobile than ever now that he's healthy. Coach Keeton also offensively will count on junior Mason Keeton, who will, as his coach stated, "probably be our all-time scoring leader. He has speed and the ability to finish that are second to none in single A." Senior Nick Gilbert brings great passing and shooting ball skills to the field, as well as his leadership.

Senior Wes Hurst will be tasked with anchoring the back of the defense at sweeper. "His quickness and agility are fantastic," said Coach Keeton. Senior Isaac Martin will lead on the field as a four year starter. Juniors Wyatt Yancey and Reice Kennedy will be strong defensively. "Both have great defensive ability and experience that are tremendous," Oneida Defense Coach Phil Newport stated.

Coach Keeton said, "Sophomore George Kline is our back-up goalie. He will push for playing time. Senior Sam Bell can play both sides of the ball very well. He brings a lot of energy to this team. Quinton Cruz will be an important contributor to our success this year, as will Kenneth Vanhook. Both of them have played a lot of soccer, and give us depth. Sophomore Levi James looks faster and stronger than ever. Nobody plays harder than Levi James."

Oneida junior Landon Terry will be another key player on this team. "Landon is a hard worker," Keeton said. Sophomores that will play significant minutes include Alex Torres, Aidon May and Ashton Morland.

"Senior Lucas Laxton is another great leader on this team, and figures prominently in our success this year. And, freshmen Ben Gilbert and Grady Keeton will compete for varsity minutes," Coach Keeton told the Morgan County Today.

Some promising freshmen to watch on this Indians team are Justin Lynch, keeper Brody Collette, Evan Jeffers and Gavin Slaven.

Oneida Head Defense Coach Phil Newport, Assistant Coach Sarah Hacker and Skill Development coach Jimmy Barna have the same expectations as Head Coach Keeton this season: win the District, win the Region, host a Sectional game and go to the State Tournament. "I believe this year will be our best opportunity to get to the State," Keeton said.

With an aggressive schedule that starts on the road against Sweetwater on Monday, March 13. Keeton said, "Our schedule is challenging, with some tough road games. We've got to play aggressively this season. If we play up to the level I know we can, this can be our year."

#### MARCH

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Scott High Play Date - AWAY
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Sweetwater @6:00pm - AWAY
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Clinton @6:00pm - HOME
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Halls at the Smokey Mt. Cup 8:00 PM - AWAY
- 25<sup>th</sup> - William Blount at the Smokey Mt. Cup 9:30 AM
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Grace Christian Academy @6:30pm - HOME
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Scott High School @6:00pm - HOME

#### APRIL

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kings Academy @6:30pm - AWAY
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Northview Academy @6:30pm - AWAY
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Kingston @6:30pm - AWAY
- 11<sup>th</sup> - \*Harriman @6:00pm - AWAY
- 13<sup>th</sup> - \*Cumberland Gap @6:30pm - HOME
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Anderson County @ 6:30pm- AWAY
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Knox Central @ 6:30pm - HOME
- 21<sup>st</sup> - \*Rockwood @6:30pm - HOME
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Scott High School @6:00 - AWAY

#### MAY

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Halls High School @ 6:00pm - AWAY

#### \*District Game

- 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> - District Tournament
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> - Regional Tournament
- 20<sup>th</sup> - State Sectionals
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> State Tournament



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# Hebrews Chapter 9

(Hebrews 9:1-10) The elements and nature of the Old Covenant: these ten verses contain the most compact depiction of the Old Testament tabernacle and its components, with the affirmation of their typical (prophetic) elements, found anywhere in the entire Bible. We will discuss these in the order of their divine arrangement. The first covenant had (note the past tents; it is gone) regulations for sacred worship on earth in the Mosaic dispensation. First, there was the tabernacle (a movable tent, hinting of the temporary nature of the entire system) designed by God; it was always set up facing east. It consisted of a first compartment, the holy place, and a second one, the holy of holies (v. 2-3). This was surrounded by an outer court. The holy place represented God's house on earth (Acts 15:16-17; 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Tim. 3:15), the church; the holy of holies was a symbol of the Lord's heavenly house, heaven itself (6:19-20; 9:8, 24).

Each item in the outer court and in both rooms had special significance, symbolizing certain elements of the Christian regime. To the extreme east, in the outer court, was the altar of burnt offerings, each sacrifice of which foreshadowed the voluntary sacrifice of the Lamb of God (Jn. 1:29). To the west of the altar was a huge basin called the laver; it was a symbol of cleansing. Paul connected it with baptism (Eph. 5:26; Tit. 3:5). The priest washed their bodies in this basin and adorned themselves in priestly garments before entering the holy place to engage in worship, just as the Christians must cloth himself with Christ (Gal. 3:26-27) before he is prepared to worship.

The holy place had three items of furniture. On the south was a seven pronged golden candelabrum fueled by pure olive oil. Seven was the number of completeness, and the lamp stand represented the complete light of God's word (Psa. 119:105, 130). To the west, in front of the veil that separated the holy place from the holy of holies, was the altar of incense. Sweet incense was burned by the priests morning and night; this suggested the prayers of the people (Lk. 1:9-10; Rev. 5:8). Finally, at the north side was the table containing twelve loaves of bread (representing the twelve tribes of Israel and replaced each Sabbath). It was called showbread or bread of presence, perhaps conveying the idea that God's presence is more precious than life itself. (Some charge that verse four contains an error, allegedly putting the altar of incense behind the veil. The original construction is elastic, however, likely suggesting that the altar of incense and the ark of the covenant were connected theologically, not in terms of actual locale.)

Separating the holy place from the holy of holies was a thick veil. No one could venture beyond it except the high priest, and he only once a year on the day of atonement. On that occasion, the high priest passed through the veil with atoning blood on behalf of himself and the people. This imagery previewed Christ's journey from the days of his flesh into heaven following his death, his blood being the redemptive payment for human rebellion (10:20-21).

Beyond the curtain was a small chest called the ark of the covenant, containing three items---the two tables of stone containing the ten commandments, a golden pot with a sample of the manna provided in the wilderness of Sinai, and Aaron's almond rod that had miraculously budded on one occasion. The tables of law reminded Israel of this responsibility to obey the Lord, and yet they failed to do so. Aaron's rod demonstrated his unique position as God's high priest. The manna reminded the people of Jehovah's care for them in the wilderness. The cover of the ark was called the mercy seat. In a figurative sense, it shielded the view of God from the condemning testimony of the law, thus was a symbol of divine mercy. The fact that it was sprinkled with blood on the day of atonement pictured the ultimate shedding of the blood of his Son, its atoning effect, and the hope of man to be reconciled to his Creator. All these elements in concert were prophetic glimpses of the unfolding of Heaven's marvelous redemptive plan. As the writer of this book states, they were a figure for the present time (v. 9).

These items were preparatory in nature; they could not of themselves initiate any sort of permanent perfectness (9), for they were carnal (material, external) things that had been divinely imposed only until a time of reformation (v. 10), which was the equivalent of the present time (v. 9), namely the Christian age.

Hebrews 9:11-14 the importance of Christ's priesthood: the good things that have come are the result of Christ's high priesthood; these are spiritual in nature, not material, such as

was characteristic of the Old Testament system. The blood of animals could not atone for sin in any permanent sense. Jesus was able, however, by his own blood to obtain eternal redemption once for all (a procedure never needing to be repeated) (v. 12). The sacrifices of the Mosaic order had only a ceremonial sanctification. They could not purge the soul (v. 13). How much more effective was the sacrifice of our Lord, who, being without moral or spiritual blemish, through the eternal spirit (either his eternal spirit or the eternal Holy Spirit) offered himself as a sacrifice. The effect was to cleanse the conscience from dead works (works of sin, the law, human merit, tradition, etc.) to serve the ever-living God (v. 14).

(Hebrews Chapter 9:15-22) The significance of Jesus' Blood: because of what the Savior accomplished at the cross, he is (a present office in heaven) a mediator (go-between) of the new covenant. But his death was effective also for the sins under the previous covenant (which animal sacrifice could not achieve). Thus, all who have been called (via the gospel (2 Thess. 2:14) into a relationship with him may embrace the promise of the eternal inheritance (v. 15). This testament's blessing, however, became effective only when the testator died. It does not become operative while he still is alive (v. 16-17).

Consider again the first covenant (Moses' law). It was dedicated with blood, but it was animal blood. Yet this was according to the commandment of God (v. 19-20). Further, the tabernacle and the various implements of that order were sprinkled with blood. Virtually everything connected with Hebrew worship had a connection with blood. Blood was a prime factor in Heaven's plan of salvation. Blood contained life (Lev. 17:11), and salvation was a matter of life exchanged for life, the physical for the spiritual. God had decreed that there would be no forgiveness apart from some connection with shed blood (v. 22). That Old Testament river of blood flowed toward Calvary!

(Hebrews 9:23-28) the abiding effect of Jesus' atoning work: due to the fact that these things should be cleansed ceremonially (various implements of the law of Moses which prefigured important New Testament truths), it was essential that their New Testament counterparts---heavenly things---should be made holy with better sacrifices than the former (v. 23).

Christ never entered the man-made Hebrew sanctuary itself, which was a picture of the reality (heaven). He did enter into heaven itself, the purpose of which was to appear before God on our behalf (v. 24). Moreover, he never offered himself multiple times, as the Jewish high priest did when he annually offered sacrifices on the day of atonement. The high priest did not offer his own blood; Jesus did (v. 25)! If our Lord had done this, he would have needed to offer himself many times---all the way back to the foundation of the world (v. 26). (This argument asserts that human sin extended back to the beginning of the world. This contradicts the modern skeptical notion that the world came into existence eons before the human family was upon the earth.) Jesus was manifested (made to appear) to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself---a breath-taking concept (v. 26).

All men have an appointment with death (except those alive at the time of his return) (Rom. 5:12; 1 Thess. 4:15). After this comes judgment, the purpose of which will be to vindicate God's justice (v. 27; Rom. 2:5). Our Lord was offered only one time (not many times, as with the Roman Catholic dogma of the repetitious sacrifice of the holy mass). The purpose for which he was offered was to bear the sins of many (v. 28). He did not bear their actual sins, thus becoming a sinner (as Luther claimed), but he bore the penalty of our sins---the curse (our wounds, bruises, stripes, etc.) (Gal. 3:13; Isa. 53:5). The term many is a figure, a synecdoche---the part put for the whole (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28; Rom. 5:12, 15).

At the end, the Lord will appear a second time. "Second" alludes back to the "first," and draws a parallel in the manner of his coming; it will be a literal, visible appearance---not an invisible, nonappearance, as taught by the Jehovah's Witnesses (he supposedly came invisibly in 1914), the radical preterists (he came invisible in A.D. 70), and the advocates of the dispensation rapture (he will come but not be seen). The expression, apart from sin, does not mean that he had sin the first time (v. 4:15), but that his coming will not be for the purpose of dying for sin, and will be on behalf of those who happily wait for him, and will realize the final phase of their salvation---heaven.

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...A servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." ...Another girl saw him and said... "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" ...Those who stood by... said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them..." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus... "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

MATTHEW 26: 69-75

Detail of "A Rooster" by Pablo Picasso (1938)

# Historically Speaking

## Tennessee Legislators met in Oak Ridge on February 5, 1975

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

In February of 1975 there was a very unique event in Oak Ridge. The Tennessee State Legislature met in a special session at the old Holiday Inn located on Illinois Ave. Approximately 90 members, from across the State of Tennessee, led by House Speaker Ned McWhorter, convened to discuss nuclear energy and the impact of Oak Ridge on the economy of the State. This event was brought to my attention by Gordon Fee, who brought me a folder labeled, "Presentation Highlights" and said, "You should write about this in Historically Speaking." As I am always glad to have suggested topics for Historically Speaking, I said, "Sure."

When I later looked at the materials, it consisted of the copies of the actual viewgraphs used by the speakers and the text of their talks. Wow, I was anxious to get going, but wait, nothing was said in those materials about the event itself.

My first thought was to go to the internet looking at the Tennessee General Assembly webpage, no mention of a February 5, 1975, meeting at all (I did learn that in 1975, "a new house cost \$39,300, a new car was \$4,225, a movie ticket was \$2, a gallon of gas was 44 cents, and a postage stamp was 13 cents"). Well, that was depressing!

I tried OSTI.gov...nothing. So, at Gordon's suggestion, I tried The Oak Ridger by asking Mike Stallo, our Reference Librarian and Historian at the Oak Ridge Room of the Oak Ridge Public Library. I am proud of Mike's work at the Oak Ridge Room. Have you seen it lately? It has been expanded significantly...you should check it out!

Mike turned up much information there...some of it written by Carolyn Krause! Mike kindly scanned some pages for me. So here is what I found out.

The Roane Anderson Economic Council in cooperation with Energy Research and Development Administration, Union Carbide Corporation, Nuclear Division, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and the University of Tennessee, Institute for Public Service, were the sponsors of the event. The featured speakers were Herman Postma, Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Murray Rosenthal, Associate Director for ORNL Advanced Energy Systems, Floyd Culler, Deputy Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Gordon Fee, Director for ORNL Reactor Division, and Chester Richmond, Associate Director for ORNL Biomedical and Environmental Sciences.

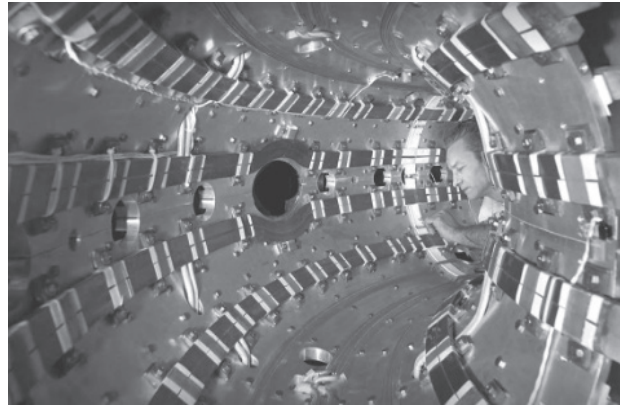
The event was labeled, "Energy Briefing in Oak Ridge for Members of the Legislature State of Tennessee." The opening statement by Herman Postma began with, "The United States today is faced with some of the most complex issues and sets of crises since World War II. These involve primarily three E's - Energy, Environment, and Economics - each a complex issue in and of itself and made more so because of the interdependent and interacting nature of the relationships among them. Our current national efforts to simultaneously do battle against the twin plagues of inflation and recession provides in the economic realm, just one example of the complexity of these problems and how difficult it is to attack the one without having an adverse or intended effort on another."

Does that strike you as a statement that could as well be made today as on February 5, 1975? We are still in the same battles! I find doing this research that many such similarities exist between 2023 and 1975.

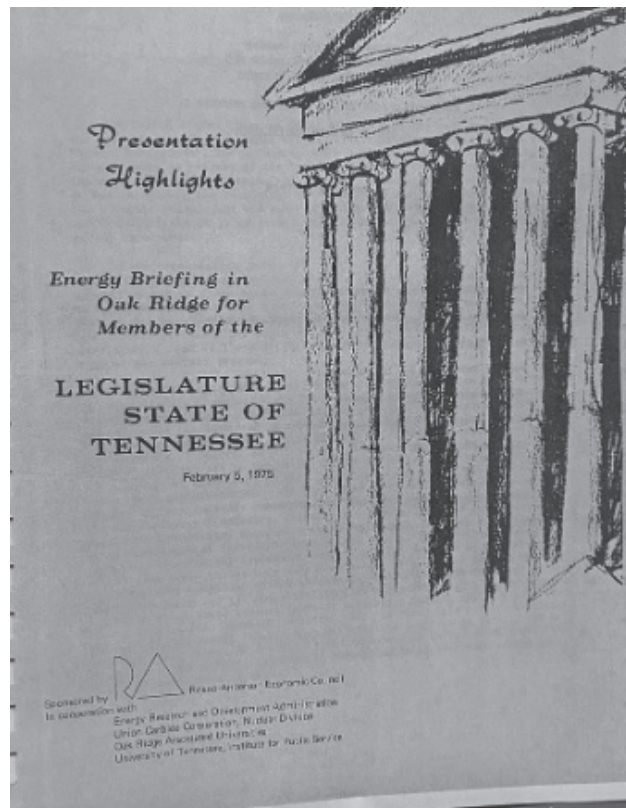
Postma went on to say that the focus of this briefing was on Energy and Environment. He described the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as transitioning from an "atomic laboratory" to missions that, "...now

involve virtually the whole spectrum of the nation's energy research and development." He was proud to note that the lab was doing \$134 million worth of work (the ORNL budget today is over \$2 billion, with over half that coming from the Department of Energy's Office of Science, and Y-12's budget is also over \$2 billion!). ORNL had 4,500 employees in 1975 (ORNL's number of employees is approximately 6,000 today and Y-12 is approximately 7,800 today).

The intent of the briefing was stated as being focused on nuclear energy rather than on other energy sources or conservation. The reason given was, "...because much public attention is being paid to it, because it is an announced major element in the policy of striving



Oak Ridge tokamak (photo from ORNL Review)



The presentation documents

toward self-sufficiency, and because it is why you are here. Presently, it is in the field of nuclear energy that most of the emotions, most of the divergent expert opinion, and most of the rhetoric arise. Through our presentations here we will aim to provide as coherent a picture of the overall situation as we can," Postma concluded his opening remarks.

An interesting side note to this whole affair is that realizing the potential difficulties of discussing scientific material with nonscientists, the Senior Management of Union Carbide, hired Paul Ebert, director of the Oak Ridge Playhouse to help stage the event and critique the speaker's presentation. Several members of the League of Women Voters also attended dry runs of the presentations to help assure nontechnical individuals could easily understand what was being presented. Gordon commented that not all the speakers appreciated the thought that they might "talk above the heads" of the legislators but agreed to listen to input on how they might be sure they were not using scientific language that would not be easily understood. After the event was over, all the speakers were complimentary of the help that Paul had provided, and his input had made it a great event

Ben Adams, one of the main drivers of this initiative along with Gene Joyce, said he thought it was important to note how well all segments of the Oak Ridge community joined forces to help make this unique session of the Tennessee General Assembly success-

ful. All news reports agreed this was a most successful event. It is hard to measure the results. However, Oak Ridge was and still is a key element in the state's energy solutions, a strong economic force for the state, and remains prominent in our nation's defense and energy related research and development, as well as many other scientific fields of discovery impacting the world.

In addition to presentations, a panel discussion was led John H. Gibbons, director of University of Tennessee Environment Center, four tours were provided and an evening reception at the American Museum of Atomic Energy. It was in the Tulane Avenue new location as the museum moved from the Jefferson Avenue location in 1975 but did not change the name to the American Museum of Science and Energy until 1978. This is a hint that some things happened in the 1970's and Oak Ridge tried to respond. A mistake I believe as it was then that "nuclear" fell out of favor for us as well. Sad. I am glad to see we are now once again proud to be associated with "atomic" and "nuclear."

The tours included two of the ORNL locations at the Y-12 Plant in Building 9201-2 (Alpha 2) where John Clarke, Division Director, showed them the ORMAK, what was then the most powerful heating experiment in the world - a donut shaped research machine based on the Russian tokamak concept. The experiment contained hydrogen gas plasma heated to 20 million degrees in an early stage of fusion energy research.

You readers know I like to explain acronyms when I can. The best I can do with ORMAK is to say I think it stood for Oak Ridge tokaMAK.

In researching this event I was made to want to remind everyone just how important it is to be sure we are preserving historic artifacts such as the ORMAK and even the cyclotron located in the basement of Alpha 2. The Large Coil Test Facility in Building 9204-1 (Beta 1) is another and of course, the Manhattan Project National Historical Park's Building 9204-3 (Beta 3), our single remaining building with Beta Calutron racetracks intact and most certainly worthy of a National Historic Landmark distinction.

And there are MANY more artifacts of the Nuclear Age after the Manhattan Project that are being lost regularly as buildings are demolished. We must not quit with the Manhattan Project era. The history of the Cold War era and the Nuclear Age is virtually important for future generations just as the very important Manhattan Project era was and still is. So, please encourage the preservation of the history of these eras as well. Once the artifacts are gone, soon the memory is gone as well. Video and photos can do so much, but actual authentic artifacts are irreplaceable.

Recently the Friends of the Oak Ridge Public Library received a donation from Major General Nichols niece to start an initiative to capture Oak Ridge related historical information in known central locations such as the museums and the Library's Oak Ridge Room. She had difficulty locating information about Colonel Nichols when he was in Oak Ridge and wanted to encourage us to do a better job of capturing information that might otherwise be lost. We are grateful to the Nichol's family for helping us preserve the history of Oak Ridge.

If you have materials from your parents or grandparents that you would like to see preserved, please contact the Oak Ridge Public Library's Oak Ridge Room, Mike Stallo. He will either archive the material or will see if any of the museums can do so. We are losing too much historical information and must do a better job.

I will continue the history of this unique event in the next addition of Historically Speaking and describe the tours of Oak Ridge in which the legislators were engaged.



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# Anthony Fauci's Doomed Legacy



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

Anthony Fauci may go down as one of the most polarizing figures in American History. Early in the outbreak of Covid he was hailed as the expert who would lead the nation out of a crisis. As the Covid outbreak continued it became more apparent that he was unable to accept alternative points of view, and now the evidence is mounting he may be responsible for some of the most irresponsible government advice in the history of the nation. One prediction that the author will make on this subject, history is not kind to those who attempt to fool the masses and Fauci has earned his wages in this respect.

Let's take an empirical look at Fauci's actions, attempting to temper bias, which admittedly is an almost unachievable goal facing the information now available.

Anthony Stephen Fauci was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 24, 1940, to first-generation Italian American parents Stephen and Eugenia. As a child and young adult his was a sports enthusiast, playing baseball, football and basketball. He attended high school in Manhattan at the Regis High School. He was the captain of the basketball team among other accolades he received at the school. He later turned his focus to premed studies at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. He would later graduate first in his class at New York City's Cornell Medical College in 1966. He completed his studies with an internship and residency at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

Fauci began his long career and relationship with the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) in 1968. He took a brief respite from the agency in 1970-71 to be a chief resident at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Cen-

ter, before returning back to the NIAID.

To be fair to Fauci, he has experienced some impressive moments in his career. He was deeply involved with research on AIDS, West Nile Virus and a host of other diseases that are a scourge to humankind. Not only was he an astute researcher, but he was a very successful lobbyist. He successfully lobbied for an increase in AIDS research funding and cultivated many relationships with activists and activists organizations by provid-



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ing early access to experimental drugs even before they had been adequately tested in clinical trials. He was successful in these efforts, but one has to wonder if this ignited a gambling tendency in Dr. Fauci that would ultimately backfire during the Covid pandemic.

Fauci also seemed to garner the limelight even before Covid, he assisted President George W. Bush in creating the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, which focused on confronting the disease in Africa and emerging parts of the world in 2003. Again, one has to wonder if Fauci was developing a love of the center stage, if so his opportunity to capitalize was just around the corner.

On April 17, 2020 as the nation grappled with the effects of Covid-19 Fauci commanded center stage. To disprove any notion that the virus originated from the Chinese lab in Wuhan Fauci stated:

"There was a study re-

cently, where a group of highly qualified evolutionary virologists looked at the sequences ... in bats as they evolve and the mutations that it took to get to the point where it is now is totally consistent with a jump of a species from an animal to a human. So, the paper will be available. I don't have the authors right now, but we can make it available to you."

The problem with Fauci's statement is that we know now from emails obtained through House Oversight Committee

reports by the U.S. Energy Department and the FBI that there is a high likelihood that COVID originated from the Wuhan, China lab!

It becomes clear after digesting all of Fauci's life, accomplishments, focus, and his fibs that it is almost unavoidable that his ego is indescribably huge and his lust for fame equally large. The author is not the only person to make this assertion.

Rep. Byron Donalds (R-Fla.), a member of the House Oversight Committee, was quoted as saying:

"Dr. Fauci sought the limelight on the backs of the American people, their businesses, education, & quality of life," he tweeted. "From magazine covers, Sunday shows, & elitist receptions, he ignored the science to clench power & clout. I have many questions, & I look forward to asking them."

Fauci's recommendations to our elected leadership have proven to be a the very least flawed and lacked the scientific scrutiny they merited. His

recommendations damaged the economy, generated some of the largest government spending in history and according to a recent report resulted in what the Department of Education stated was "the largest average score decline in reading since 1990, and the first ever score decline in mathematics" among the nation's schoolchildren.

Now the advocates of Fauci would retort, "you don't know how many lives he saved" which is a true statement. However, the evidence is mounting every day that not only was the advice he gave scientifically flawed, but also the negative health effects from the vaccines are also beginning to surface. Lets see what another year brings to this debate. My money is on Fauci will go down in history in a way that will forever damage his legacy!

investigations that Fauci himself was sent the paper for editing in draft form and again for final approval before it was published in Nature Medicine on Feb. 17, 2020. He also held calls with the four authors before April 17, 2020. So, at the very least he lied to the American people when he said "I don't have the author's right now." Why would he lie? Lets take a look at Senator Dr. Rand Paul who has been an outspoken critic of Dr. Fauci from the very beginning. Dr. Paul has made several accusations that many on the left labeled "conspiracy theories" or "right wing radicalism." As time has passed and the evidence has started to surface it becomes obvious Dr. Paul was the rational one during the covid debate.

For example, Dr. Paul was proven correct concerning the effectiveness of masks (near zero) and vaccines (much less than the public was led to believe) in preventing the transmission of COVID. And now there is the





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Written by David, this is the defining fingerprint that God alone wrote the Bible, then, revealed it to men he had called for his distinct purpose. This is a Hebrew acrostic psalm. Just the fact that it could be transliterated into English, a long time after David wrote it, is itself a miracle of God overcoming how humans experience time. The Hebrew language is framed around

22 ancient characters. Each character tells a distinct story about our creator and his exact single plan for his creation. Each character has a numerical value further defining our God as sole creator and sovereign over his entire creation.

Psalm 119 is a Hebrew acrostic psalm. Each verse in a subset of 8 verses and begins with the same Hebrew letter. Psalm 119:1 begins with the Aleph. It is the Ox. It has a numerical value of 1. Psalm 119:8 is the last verse to begin with the Aleph. Why 8?

There are 7 days included in the creation narrative. 6 days God did deliberate acts to decrease entropy encountered when the chaos of Lucifer's rebellion in heaven, reached the earth, and now God set about reducing chaos, to order creation purposely for population by men.

Six days there was an evening and a morning. On the 7th day God rested from his work. But no evening or morning. Shabbat was begun prior to God giving Moses the law. Messiah will only be in his millennial temple on Shabbat and the new moons.

The Aleph is both a beast of burden and an animal to be sacrificed, and it happens to be the first character in the creation name of God. It is also the character polluted by Nimrod as he begun the cult of Mithras and the worship of the bull. Wall Street is no different.

Psalm 119 was written to be meditated upon one verse at a time. Just to study the creation name of God in Hebrew, opens a dimension church will never touch. Revival will come to America only when we return to sound Hebrew Old Testament instruction on living according to God's word alone.

The eighth day is the day on which a Hebrew boy was circumcised. The circumcision ritual points to a future eighth day when men will once again be set apart by God during the millennium. To be set apart by God, one must meditate upon scripture every day and this is David's message in crafting psalm 119 at the direction of the Holy Spirit. To be sanctified by God is a lifelong love affair with his word alone.

The number 8 has everything to do with the Holy Spirit of God. It is the 5th letter in the Hebrew alphabet. It is the 2d person of the creation Godhead, and it is the 3rd letter in God's creation name: Elohim. The Holy Spirit never testifies of himself in scripture, even though he is equal to the Father and Son? Why?

The weapons we fight with are spiritual not carnal for the pulling down of strongholds. Take with you the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. So that you will be able to quench the fiery darts of the evil one.

How many Christians understand just how much power, principalities and power of the air think they have? How do we define the Holy Spirit, will define how much closer to Jesus Christ as God, we become.

Why has the Holy Spirit power experienced as a result of the new birth in the Apostles' lives, gone from church? Is the Holy Spi-

## Psalm 119

rit given without measure? Do you believe the Holy Spirit is indeed God, and if so, why do you try to convince men the Holy Spirit will not perform miracles?

One of the kingdom mysteries revealed to Paul had been hidden from the ancient believers since Adam first rebelled. The fact that God would one day indwell believers for the purpose of miracles in the lives of all those who would believe in his preposterous debt payment plan.

Every person who confessed with their mouth Jesus Christ as Lord, and believed in their heart God had raised him from the dead would be saved and indwelt with the Holy Spirit. For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, and faith.

No judgement out of these anointed folks, only the spirit of mercy leading to grace in the lives of all those we encounter. Judge not that thee may be judged. In fact, the Holy Spirit never judges anyone, on the contrary he empowers Messiah to proclaim Father forgive them, for they know not what they do!

At the heart of the anointing of God is his innate desire to offer mercy, no matter how grievous the offense. Why can religious folk just not admit, they have fumbled the ball? Because their example still will not admit they denied Jesus Christ as Messiah and King!

At the time of the advent of Jesus Christ, the religious leaders assigned the task of teaching biblical monotheism from God's perspective, had become completely legalistic and were judging everyone else by the law but themselves. Leading to the denial of Messiah.

Today, Christians have a zeal for the name of Jesus, and they love to judge others by New Testament theosophy while having nothing to do with the law which teaches us what we need saving from. They prostitute grace and never offer sinners mercy. Mercy alone is the key which opens graces door!

Psalm 119 is a theological masterpiece by the great grandfather of Jesus Christ in the flesh, King David. He gave us the psalms as a classroom for crying out to God for a piece of his eternal mercy daily. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy! This is true Christian humility taught by God's Holy Spirit alone. Learned on a wooden cross on a lonely hill, where a willing son paid the sin debt of humanity, for all those who would believe!

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 8-28-2022

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### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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**OHS Drama Club  
2023 Spring Play  
Murder at the Orient  
Express**

By Craig Sodarao

OHS Drama Club presents Murder at the Orient Express by Craig Sodarao and directed by Julie Johnson Crowe. Seymour Twitt, the richest and most ruthless man in town, hires ace private eye Dudley Sharpe to find out who's been sending him threatening notes. Sharpe tells his new client to meet him a week later at the Orient Express, a Chinese restaurant run by two Irish sisters and a German waitress. On that fateful snowy night, the Orient Express is strangely bustling with an odd assortment of customers who appear to be in disguise. Sharpe shares a long list of potential killers with Twitt, but when Twitt gets his fortune cookie, his fortune takes a bad turn for the worse! Someone in the restaurant takes advan-

tage of a blackout to kill Twitt with a pair of chopsticks through the heart!

With a blizzard cutting off all from escape, Sharpe begins to unravel the identities of the 11 suspects in the room, revealing how each is somehow connected to Twitt. Will Sharpe be fortunate enough to crack the case and serve up justice on a pupu platter?

Enjoy a night of "murder" and "fun" at the Chinese restaurant, The Orient Express, where your "pupu platter" will be overflowing with tasty twists and turns! Showtimes are as follows:

Grades K-5  
Tuesday, March 21,  
2023  
1:00 p.m.  
\$2.00

Grades 6-12  
Wednesday, March 22,  
2023  
1:00 p.m.  
\$2.00

General Admission  
Thursday, March 23,

2023  
7:00 p.m.  
\$6.00

Dinner Theater  
Friday, March 24, 2023  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Show  
\$18.00

Dinner Theater  
Saturday, March 25,  
2023  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Show  
\$18.00

For Dinner Theater reservations, call Oakdale School at 423-369-3885. No reservations are needed if you are only coming to the show at 7:00 p.m., with cost at \$6.00. The Flying Pig will be catering the meal, which includes:  
Pulled Pork / Bun  
Grilled Chicken Pieces  
Cole Slaw  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Baked Beans  
Banana Pudding  
Sweet / Unsweet Tea  
Water  
Lemonade

The City of Sunbright is now accepting sealed bids for a new (2022 or 2023) model 932 front mount Grasshopper zero turn mower, with 61" deck, 24" x 12" x 12" bar tread high flotation 4ply tires, electric height adjustment. For more information call 423-539-5828. Send bids to City of Sunbright P.O. Box 188 Sunbright TN 37872. Bid opening will be on March 20, 2023 at 10am

**The City of Wartburg is now accepting sealed bids on the following:**

- 1997 Chevrolet 2x4 3500 6.5L Diesel Ton Truck with Dump Bed**
- 1993 Chevrolet 2x2 20 Series Van 6 Cyl Gas Low Boy Trailer**
- Low Boy Trailer**
- Smith Air Compressor trailer style**
- Brush Bandit Chipper Trailer Style**
- Electric Golf Cart**

**1997 GMC Sonoma 2x4 White 2 Door 4.3L V6**  
**2003 Ford Ranger 2x4 Cab/Half White 3.0L V6**  
**Bids will be accepted at City Hall until Monday March 13, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The bids will be open at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council meeting and a decision will be made by Council to accept or reject the bids. The City of Wartburg reserves the right to accept or reject all received bids.**

**Public Notice**

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



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# MoCo Today's Veteran of the Week

James C. McCloughan is a United States Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War at the rank of Private First Class. The highest rank he held in the Army was as a Specialist Fifth Class.

While serving in Vietnam he served as a Combat Medic and was assigned to Company C, 3D Battalion, 21ST Infantry, 196TH Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division.

On July 31, 2017 he was awarded the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Donald Trump for his heroic actions in direct combat with the enemy during May 13-15, 1969.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: Private First Class James C. McCloughan distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty from May 13 - 15, 1969, while serving as a combat medic with Company C, 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. The company air assaulted into an area near Tam Ky and Nui Yon Hill. On May 13th, with complete disregard for his life, he ran 100 meters in an open field through heavy fire to rescue a comrade too injured to move and carried him to safety. That same day, 2d Platoon was ordered to search the area near Nui Yon Hill when the platoon was ambushed by a large North Vietnamese Army force and sustained heavy casualties. With complete disregard for his life and personal safety, Private First Class McCloughan led two Americans into the safety of a trench while being wounded by shrapnel from a rocket propelled grenade. He ignored a direct order to stay back and braved an enemy assault while moving into the "kill zone" on four more occasions to extract wounded comrades. He treated the injured, prepared the evacuation, and though bleeding heavily from shrapnel wounds on his head and body, refused evacuation to safety in order to



remain at the battle site with his fellow Soldiers who were heavily outnumbered by North Vietnamese Army forces. On May 14th, the platoon was again ordered to move out towards Nui Yon Hill. Private First Class McCloughan was wounded a second time by small arms fire and shrapnel from a rocket propelled grenade while rendering aid to two Soldiers in an open rice paddy. In the final phases of the attack, two companies from the 2d North Vietnamese Army Division and an element of 700 soldiers from a Viet Cong regiment descended upon Company C's position on three sides. Private First Class McCloughan, again with complete disregard for his life, went into the crossfire numerous times throughout the battle to extract wounded Soldiers, while also fighting the enemy. His relentless and courageous actions inspired and motivated

his comrades to fight for their survival. When supplies ran low, Private First Class McCloughan volunteered to hold a blinking strobe light in an open area as a marker for a nighttime resupply drop. He remained steadfast while bullets landed all around him and rocket propelled grenades flew over his prone, exposed body. During the morning darkness of May 15th, Private First Class McCloughan knocked out a rocket propelled grenade position with a grenade, fought and eliminated enemy soldiers, treated numerous casualties, kept two critically wounded Soldiers alive during the night, and organized the dead and wounded for evacuation at daylight. His timely and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of his fellow Soldiers. Private First Class McCloughan's personal heroism, professional competence, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.

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## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Today we honor one of our own fallen. Morgan County Correctional Complex Correctional Officer Ronnie Rogers who passed away at Cookeville Regional Medical Center on Sunday, March 5, 2023.

Ronnie Rogers was fifty-three-years-old and is survived by his wife Elizabeth Beaty Rogers and their children; Seth Rogers and wife Beyunca, Jacob Rogers and Kyra Rogers and grandson Jaxon Gault.

Please pray in Jesus' name for the Rogers family and for the Holy Spirit to comfort them as only He can.



REST PEACEFULLY


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RONNIE ROGERS

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# Morgan County Medical Center is extending our hours in March and April to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines

The complete Vaccine Clinic Schedule is available online at [www.morgancountymedical.com](http://www.morgancountymedical.com)



## “My Family and I are Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19”

Hi, I’m Tara McCarley, a nurse practitioner at Morgan County Medical Center. My family and I are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Taking the vaccine and boosters is the best way to protect yourself and others against COVID. If you aren’t vaccinated and have questions, please talk with your primary care provider or visit us during one of our COVID vaccine clinics. We will be happy to answer your questions. The schedule for the vaccine clinics is available online at [morgancountymedical.com](http://morgancountymedical.com).

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are also available  
daily during office hours**

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- \* Mon - Thurs: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \* Friday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## COVID-19 Vaccines/Boosters Questions & Answers

### - What kind of COVID-19 Vaccine does MCMC give?

MCMC carries Moderna COVID 19 immunizations, ready to be administered at any time. This is an mRNA vaccine that is designed to help your body learn how to make antibodies to fight against COVID 19. This will help you avoid getting sick if you are exposed to COVID 19, and if you should become sick with COVID 19, these will help your immune system to have a better response to fight off the virus. MCMC carries both the initial primary 2 shot series, as well as the updated Bivalent COVID 19 boosters.

### - What ages can MCMC vaccinate?

MCMC carries Moderna COVID 19 immunizations for ages 6 months and up. Both primary series and Bivalent Boosters are available for all ages.

### - Who can have boosters and when?

You can have a booster when:

- It has been at least 2 months since your 2nd or 3rd dose of an mRNA COVID vaccine
- If you received 4 doses of vaccine already but DID NOT receive a Bivalent Booster yet and it has been 2 months since your last immunization, you would be eligible for a 5th shot as a Bivalent Booster
- If you have had a COVID-19 infection, please wait 3 months before getting your next COVID-19 immunization
- If you have had 4 shots including a Bivalent Booster, you are considered up to date and do not need another immunization at this time.
- You can have a Moderna bivalent booster if you completed your first two shots with Moderna or Pfizer

**Please call MCMC at (423) 346-6221 if you have any questions regarding what kind of shots you have received and what shots you may be due**

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# The Bulldog Banner



**Cole Burchell**  
(CatFish Cole)

## Times With Tinker

By: CatFish Cole & Big Man Dan

Over one's many years of learning and growing in school you witness many people come and go, including peers, teachers, and PE coaches especially. Here at WCMS we're experiencing something similar, our computer teacher/football coach will be leaving us on Mar. 10, 2023.

His name is Peyton Tinker and he has been with us for the last three years. Tinker will be transitioning to Northwestern Mutual to work in financing and we wish him the best of luck. You probably don't know him but he is an important member of our community and deserves a spotlight in this week's edition of the Bulldog Banner. To show our appreciation to this magnificent man we have collected some of WCMS's favorite memories with the one and only, "Tinker".

CatFish Cole (8th Grade Student)-

"Of the many memories I've accumulated over the last three years here at WCMS. Tinker finds his way into most of them if not all. Though there are some that hold more value than others like the time in 6th grade on the monkey bars. My friends and I were playing around when I found myself sitting atop the bars watching the other kids run and play. My friends had climbed down and I the genius I am, thought it would be funny to ask Tinker to come to my aid and catch me. I called out and Tinker came below me and said jump on three, so I counted one, two, three and jumped. I seemed to surprise him as when I came back to the ground I slipped right through his arms with Tinker catching me by the wrists. This is one of my favorite memories of Tinker and I will miss him dearly."

BigManDan (8th Grade Student)

"The most memorable memory of Tinker that pops into my mind would have to be the time we played him in basketball during the 8th grade vs. Staff game. I guarded him a lot and he guarded me. At one point I even blocked him. But later in the 2nd quarter he jumped and I jumped and we smacked knees

and it hurt which was funny. I'm going to miss Tinker a lot. I'm gonna miss annoying him and making fun of him. All I can wish for Tinker is the best. I and Tinker use to have the best conversations about the dumbest things it was hilarious. He also threw his headset a lot during football games and yelled a lot which was funny. Bye bye Tinker, Love you."

Markus Miller (PE Teacher)-

"My favorite memory with Tinker is hard to pick. It is a little easier since I am not allowed to pick when I scored a touchdown on him in high school. This decision is hard because since I have been here Tinker has been the teacher that I am the closest to.

I would have to say that my favorite memories would have to be the times that he would bring in his classes and Tinker, Tony, and I would have great conversations about everything from sports to life. I am going to miss Tinker when he leaves, but I am glad to have grown close to him and gained a friend that I know will last a lifetime."

Josh Wilson (Assistant Football Coach)

"My favorite memory with Mr. Tinker is probably during the football season. It was always a good time and fun to be around him when we had practice and games. He kept everything glued together and kept his brother, Heath, in line as best he could. I wish him the best and hope he has much success in everything he does."

Travis Gosnell (8th Grade S.S. Teacher)

"My favorite memory with Mr. Tinker is learning that we share a common interest in music. We have had many conversations on the topic and I've found it quite

nice over the years."

Breaking News

Peyton Tinker is a single pringle and he's looking for love. He is 6'2" and 160 lbs with caramel skin tone and luscious style. He has a beautiful son who is also single at the age of 5. The kid's name is Grant and he is a cutie. All jokes aside he is a great loving man with a big heart and personality.



(Pi Day Ad)

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



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**Daniel Bunch**  
(Big Man Dan)



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