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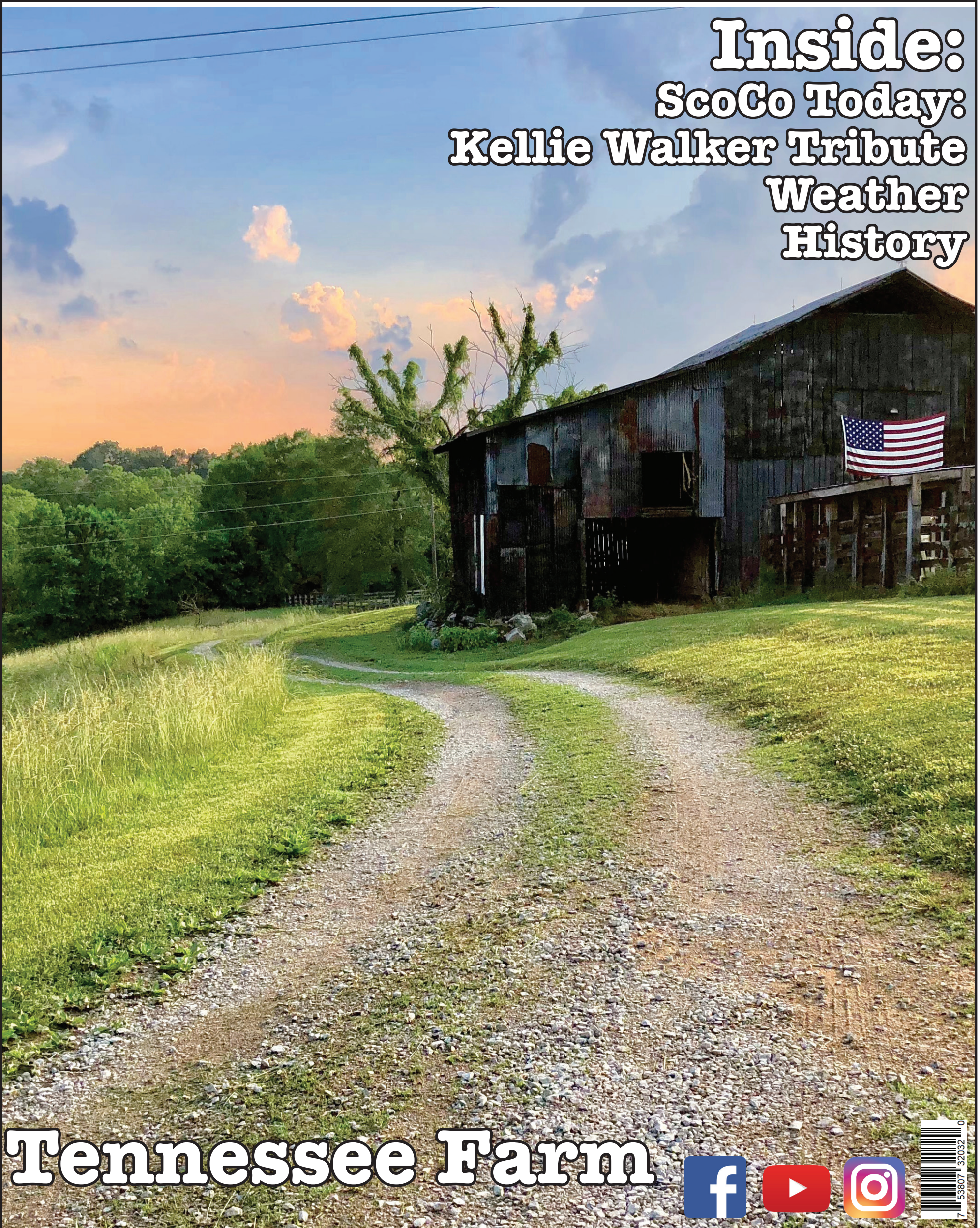
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Pet Columnist**

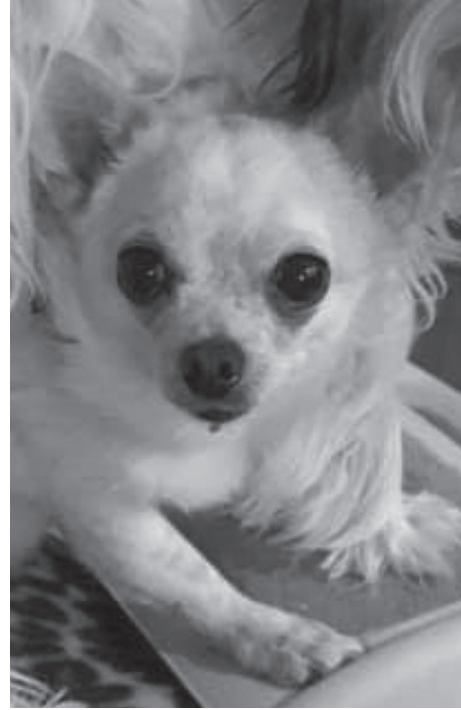
stay with her, Sugar, and kitty

Farrah, when Mimi and Pappy have to go out of town. Well, Ms Susie called to tell Mimi and me that my friend Sugar went to Heaven. God love, Ms Susie. She was so sad. You see, Sugar was her fur baby for 11 years. My heart hurts for Ms Susie. She and Sugar wuffed each other so much. So the next time Ms Susie keeps me, I will miss my little friend Sugar. Some people think that we are only dogs or just a pet. We are much more than that. We are unconditional love, a companion, a best friend, a cuddle buddy, your very own soft spot.

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

You guys know how Ms Susie lets me

Ms Susie wuffs all us furry pets. She gives us wuffins and kisses. Everyone knows that when she baby-sits us, that we are well taken care of. Mimi rests east knowing that if she has to leave me, that Ms Susie wuffs me almost as much as she and Pappy wuff me. When you pray, please remember Ms Susie and kitty Farrah. Their little hearts are just broken. Mimi says that God hears our prayers and he will comfort Ms Susie and kitty Farrah as only he can.



So, have a good week and do something nice for someone. By the way, the photo this week is my friend Sugar.

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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING

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

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

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

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

3:00-7:30, and Wednesday 9:00-12:00.

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

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

### WEEKLY WEATHER



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# In Loving Memory

## Betty Evans Cooper, 92

COOPER, Betty Evans, age 92, went to her eternal home on Friday, February 24, 2023. Betty was the daughter of Noah and Pearl Evans and the last survivor of their 6 children. Betty spent her younger years in Illinois before moving to Deer Lodge, TN where she graduated from Sunbright High School. Soon after, she married Jeff Cooper in 1949. Jeff preceded Betty in death in 1975 in Florida. Together they had 5 children and raised them in Dayton, OH. After moving to Tampa, FL, Betty accomplished many things. She got her drivers license for the first time and held two jobs, during the day she worked at Leto High School in the cafeteria and at night she



was a Surgical Tech at Tampa General Hospital. She was a member of Rocky Creek Baptist Church and sang in the choir. She is survived by 4 of her children, Terry Cooper, Lynne Magreevy, Steve Cooper and Becky Morrison and their spouses; 8 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at Schubert's Sunbright Chapel, Sunbright, TN at 11 am on Saturday March 4, 2023 followed by interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, alongside her loving husband, Jeff and son, David.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Betty Louise Cooper.

## Myrle Dean Freytag, 76

Myrle Dean Freytag, age 76, of Wartburg passed away February 26, 2023 with her family by her side. She was born June 2, 1946.



children, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents Bruno & Elizabeth Buck Hucceby; husband of 58 years Billy Ray Freytag.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Perry

Spurling officiating. Interment will follow in the Montgomery Cemetery in Wartburg.

She is survived by her children Teresa (Fred) James, Tonya Porter, Regina West and Billy Leonard Freytag; sisters Wiladean Hall, Melissa Nafziger and Susie Hardwick; and a host of grand-

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Myrle Dean Freytag.

## Sharon Angela Rich, 65

Sharon Angela Rich, age 65 of Lansing passed away February 22, 2023 at Roane Medical Center.

Michael Ridge; son Larry Barnes; grandchildren Katherine, Deborah and Brandon Deardorff; step children Freedom, Amber Ridge, and Krystal Wright; brothers Gary and Jeff Rich; sisters Gail Rich and a host of nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Sharon loved growing flowers, gardening, loved animals, everyone loved her because she always had a smile on her face.

The family has chosen cremation and no services are scheduled at this time.

She is preceded in death by her mother Glenna Rich; father Clifton Rich, brother Larry Rich and sister Glois Rich.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sharon Angela Rich.

She is survived by her husband

## William R. Brown, 71

William R. Brown passed away unexpectedly Monday, February 27, 2023 at the age of 71.



ert, DJ, Devon, Madison, Gunner, Declan, Russell, Jaden, Brooklyn, Paiton, Sawyer, Windsor and Chesney; brothers Tony, Tucker, Wally, Timmy and Martin; sisters Connie and Kay.

William is preceded in death by his parents Bob & Viola Brown; son Robert Brown; brothers Willis, Alan; sisters Faye & Carolyn.

To honor Williams request there will be no services.

William leaves behind his wife of 22 years, Karen Brown; daughter Bobby Jo (Tim) Osborne; sons Chas (Amber) Shannon and Chris Shannon; grandchildren Rob-

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of William R. Brown.

## Peggy Knight, 71

Peggy Knight, age 71, went home to be with the Lord on March 2, 2023 at her home in Wartburg surrounded by her family.



Christian Isabelle, Myla Pyles; great grandchildren Thomas Hinds, Jayden Hinds, Tyler Hinds, Emorie Miller, Nevaeh Miller, Andrew Seiber, Aaron Seiber, Zoie Isabelle, Arianna Isabelle, Casen Isabelle and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents James and Helen Price; sisters Barbara Phillips and Patsy Morgan.

She is survived by her husband Raymond Knight; daughters Heather Adkisson (Mark Adkisson) and Stacie Roaden;

The family will receive friends Friday, March 3, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00-3:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. Tim Hamby officiating. Interment will follow in the New Petros Cemetery in Petros.

Grandchildren Tempa Hinds, Michael Francis, Anna Seiber, Allison Adkisson, Harley Adkisson,

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## Engineering At UT

By: CatFish Cole & Big Man Dan



**Cole Burchell**  
(CatFish Cole)

Recently WCMS was given the amazing opportunity to explore the UT campus or specifically “The Hill” which included the Kao Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building, John D. Tickle Building, and the Zeanah Engineering Complex. With the help of our tour guides/students majoring in engineering at UT, we learned about the great opportunities that were provided by the school for future engineers. This was a very exciting experience for everyone as you can tell we learned quite a lot about engineering but also about college and the many different paths we can take with our future careers. Personally, Daniel and I enjoyed the trip and wish to express our thoughts and feelings about the event.

CatFish Cole - “Having never visited the UT campus before I was quite intrigued with the opportunity to learn so much about our local college. Though I do not intend on enrolling at UT, I was still very interested to learn about what the school had to offer. On the day of the trip we loaded onto the buses girls on one and boys on the other, you’d be surprised the boys bus wasn’t actually that bad. Not long after we arrived in Knoxville and navigated our way through the busy streets. We got lost at one point but managed to turn ourself around and meet up with everyone. Then we met some of the students there who would be our tour guides throughout the various engineering buildings. When we arrived it was quite odd everyone had the same question, do you know Hendon Hooker? Besides that I was amazed at the many different machines and crafting tools that were available to the students to create whatever their hearts desired. We took a break for lunch which was nice because it was a beautiful day on campus. We picked up where we left off and encountered one of those little robots that delivers food. We left that day with a lot of educational information but, like always the most memorable parts where the fun facts such as, that there is 12 Smoky statues within the campus representing each dog to hold the mantle over the many years. Thanks to everyone who made this trip possible I really enjoyed the experience.



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Big Man Dan - “Going into this field trip I’ve always believed that I would never go to college but this trip made me rethink it. I’ve always thought college was a bunch of paperwork and I hate paperwork, but to my surprise there were a lot more hands-on activities than I thought there would be. So knowing there is a lot of hands-on stuff made me maybe reconsider my choice. I do believe that the majority of the WCMS students that attended the trip were fairly surprised on how enjoyable it was and how much we learned about the campus. They gave us a bit of a tour around the engineering part of the campus, and showed us things like how they made two working engines from scratch, and told us about how they are working on making a whole plane from nothing. (One Senior Engineering student’s team’s final project) There were two groups of 8th grade students and four college students that were split up to take those groups around the campus. My two students were Ashlyn Kozlowski (who is majoring in Aerospace Engineering) and Kelli Determan (who is in Electrical Engineering and has accepted a full-time job as a Plant Engineer at Eastman Chemical Co. in Kingsport after graduating). The other group’s student tour guides were Benjamin Pham (who is studying Aerospace Engineering) and Sreya Kumpatla (who is majoring in Aerospace engineering). These four students were great at explaining the campus and all the things to do there, and also seemed very happy with their choice of going to UT. So overall UT, in my opinion, is something that is worth the investment and time to do.”

re. GO VOLS!!”

The College (UT Knoxville) offers 12 degrees over 8 departments to help students study and try to solve issues that have shown themselves in the 21st century. If you’re an engineer at UT you will have multiple ways to learn and get way more skillful at your job of choice.

For more information about the Tickle College of Engineering use this QR code.

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**Daniel Bunch**  
(Big Man Dan)



(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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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Athens (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In 2 Kings, which prophet's word caused Syrian soldiers to be struck blind? *Gad, Jubal, Solomon, Elisha*
3. Where were Saul and Jonathan's bodies nailed to a wall? *Troas, Nob, Beth-shan, Sychar*
4. On fleeing from Jezebel, which prophet hid in a cave? *Elijah, Nathan, Daniel, Amos*
5. Which converts burned their books of magic? *Philistines, Ephesians, Hittites, Canaanites*
6. In which book is the phrase, "Holier than thou"? *1 Kings, Ezra, Amos, Isaiah*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Elisha, 3) Beth-shan, 4) Elijah, 5) Ephesians, 6) Isaiah 65:5

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

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## Pet Sitting Can Be More Than a Side Job

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I was recently laid off from my job as a programmer, and have been thinking about taking a new career direction. I'm tired of being stuck in an office all day. And I love being around pets. But is it really possible to make a good living working as a dog walker or a pet sitter? — Barry J., Cambridge, Massachusetts

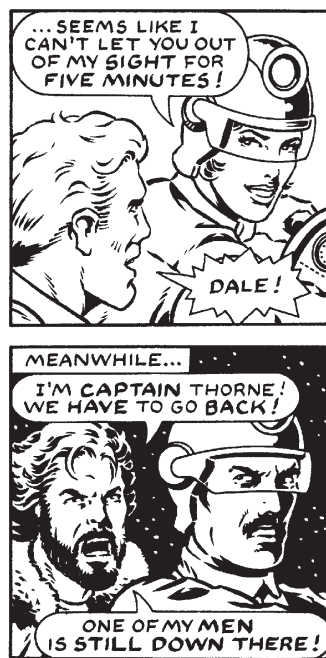
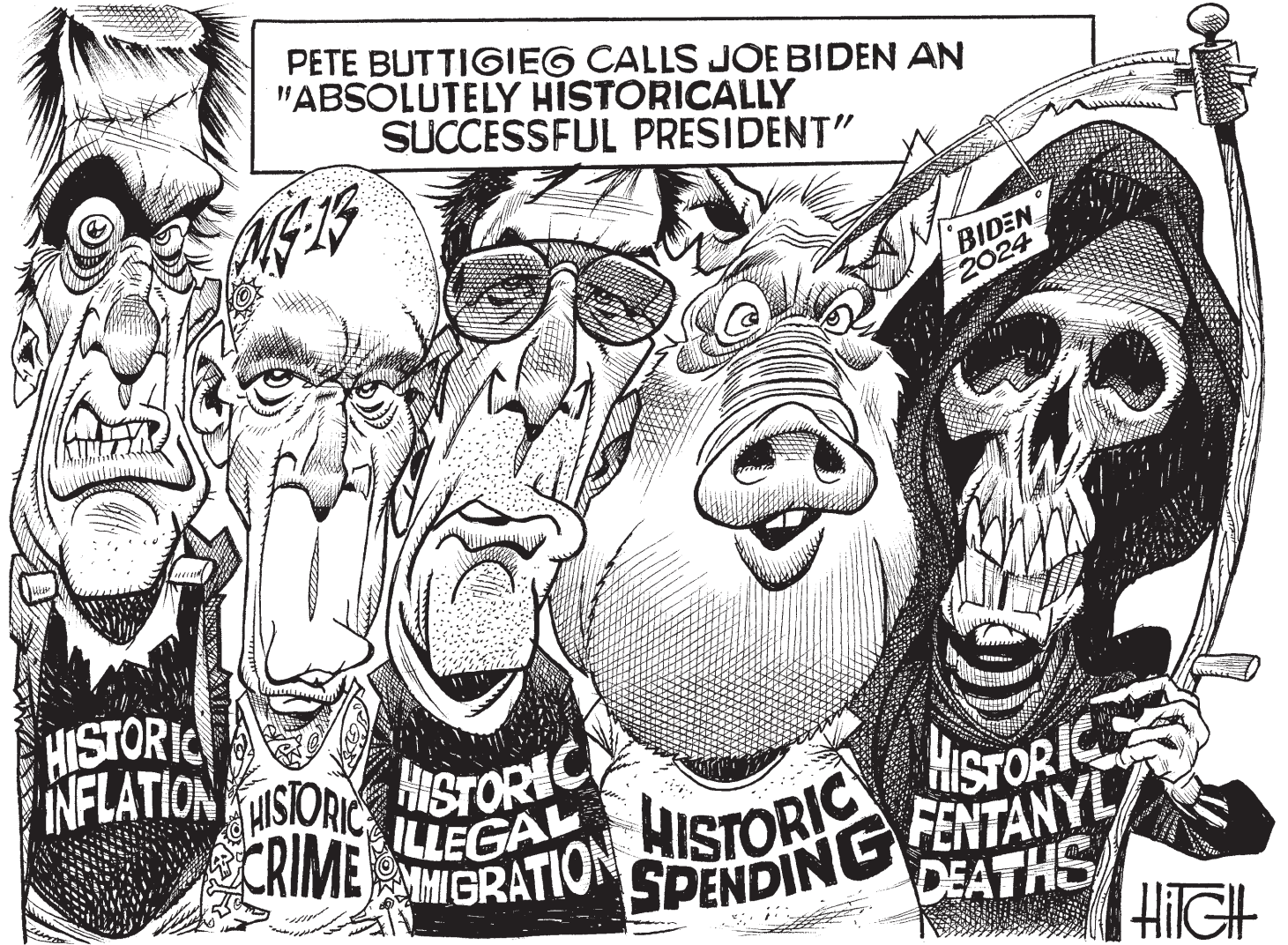
**DEAR BARRY:** I know more than a few people who are full-time pet sitters and dog walkers. Most have their own business, while a few are employees of pet care companies. As you can imagine, the pay rates vary widely from person to person. ZipRecruiter reports that the average hourly wage, nationally, for pet sitters is about \$19.23.

I think it's great that you're considering a career change. But I recommend testing out the world of pet sitting first. Consider working part time for a pet-sitting company. Even better, if you know someone who does dog walking, ask to accompany them for one day to see what their job entails. Find out what the pitfalls of this business may be, and what makes it fun to do. Finally, offer to pet sit for a friend who's going out of town for a day or two to get direct experience and really see if it's something that you'd like to do full time.

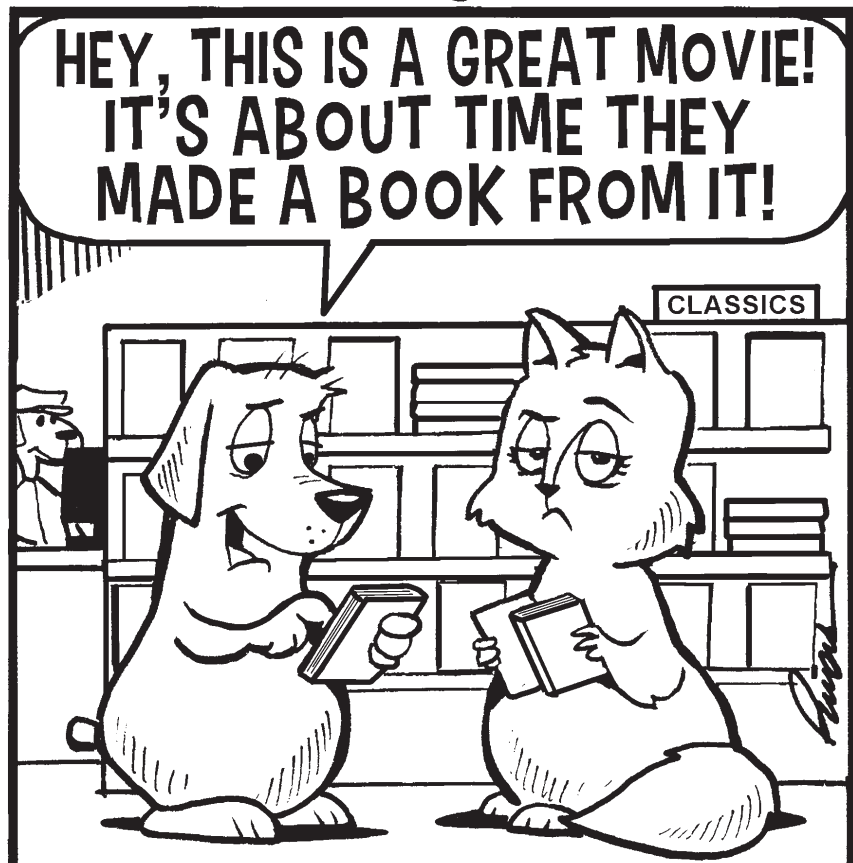
Next, visit the Small Business Administration's website ([www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)) and check out its Learning Center section, which has several micro-courses that teach how to start up and run a small business. Being able to combine core business skills with a love for and dedication to pets is a great platform to start on. Best of luck.

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

\* Among the many reuses for plastic newspaper bags: Put soiled diapers in before putting in a trash can. Use to pick up after your pet on a walk. Fill with grocery store plastic bags for storage. Keep a few to store wet swimsuits in after a trip to the beach or pool.

\* Before removing a splinter, ice the area. Less fussing and a wooden splinter might absorb some liquid, causing it to swell enough to pop out a bit more.

\* Recycling paper is good, but reusing before recycling is even better. Ask your child's classroom teacher if he or she has a "both sides" policy for lined papers. Also, copy paper that's printed on only one side can be quartered for quick scratch paper.

\* Trying to spot roof damage but not quite sure you're up

for climbing a ladder? Before you get up on the roof, get out your binoculars. You'd be surprised how much you can see from the ground, and you can do a cursory examination and then decide if anything needs a closer look.

\* Cut kitchen sponges into smaller pieces. They clean as well as a larger sponge, and you can dispose of the smaller pieces when they get yucky. -- O.C. in Michigan

\* Need sliced mushrooms for your salad or recipe? They are hard to cut, but you might have a perfect tool for doing the job already in your kitchen. If you have an egg slicer, get it out. It works very well for mushrooms, and it's easier to use than trying to cut those slices yourself. -- J.R. in Utah

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

\* Believe it or not, cows can be potty trained -- and, it is said, with less trouble than toddlers. It's called MooLoo training, and involves not a toilet, but a special pen with artificial grass. But why bother? The practice helps the environment by reducing air and water pollution and even planet warming.

\* The J.W. Westcott II is a boat that delivers mail to ships at sea. Operating out of Detroit, it's the only floating zip code in America.

\* In 1931, German engineer Richter Raketennrad built a bike with 12 rockets mounted to its back wheel and reached a speed of 90 kph before his invention exploded and threw him off. While that was, sadly, the end of the rocket bike,

Raketennrad himself suffered only a few scrapes.

\* Kintsugi is the Japanese art of putting broken pottery pieces back together with gold.

\* For over a year in the mid-2000s, members of the group Untergunther broke into the French Pantheon to repair a clock that had been broken for four decades. They later received court time for the effort but were somewhat vindicated when member Jean-Baptiste Viot, a clock restorer, was hired to repair it in 2018 after further neglect.

\* Researchers have found that approximately 97% of people are keeping a secret at any given time, with the average person keeping around 13.

\* In 2008, a former high school

star athlete escaped a crime scene by using Craigslist to hire a dozen identically dressed (and unwitting) civilians to stand at the exact place and time of the arrival of the armored car that he planned to rob.

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Thought for the Day: "Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find a new way to stand." -- Oprah Winfrey

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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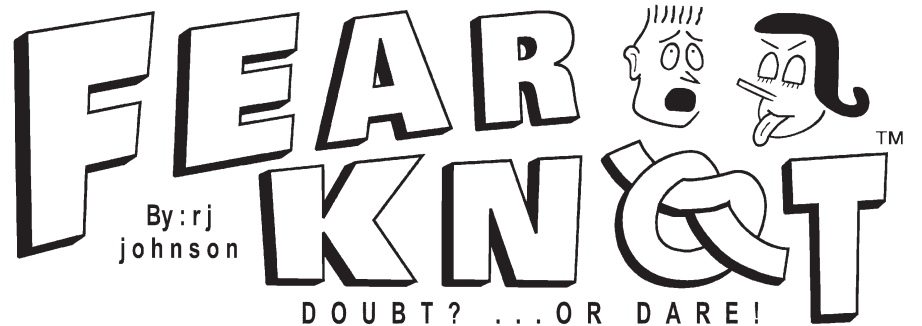
## King Crossword

### ACROSS

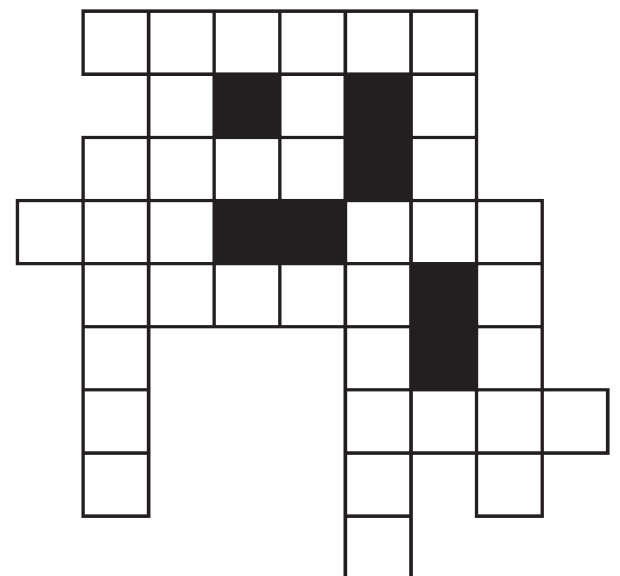
- 1 Two-wheeler
- 5 Bumped into
- 8 Pack (down)
- 12 Ireland
- 13 Peyton's brother
- 14 "The Time Machine" people
- 15 Octopus arm
- 17 Lunch hour
- 18 Request
- 19 IV measures
- 20 Must-haves
- 21 Chai, e.g.
- 22 Vagrant
- 23 More recent
- 26 Goddess of wisdom
- 30 Tehran's country
- 31 Sly one
- 32 Tidy
- 33 Workshop cutter
- 35 Rock
- 36 Very long time
- 37 Possesses
- 38 Brainy
- 41 Small barrel
- 42 "The Wedding Planner" actress, to fans
- 45 New York's — Field
- 46 Bicycle type
- 48 N. Mex. neighbor
- 49 — Lingus

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- 50 Pitt of "Moneyball"
- 51 Carry
- 52 Layer
- 53 Round Table titles
- DOWN**
- 1 Test version
- 2 Enrages
- 3 Neck problem
- 4 Tolkien creature
- 5 Pilgrimage site
- 6 Building wings
- 7 Dead heat
- 8 Some urban homes
- 9 Medicinal
- 10 Disposition
- 11 Bowling targets
- 16 Computer brand
- 20 Convent manager
- 21 Prepare meat for cooking
- 22 Beiderbecke of jazz
- 23 Pen tip
- 24 Mound stat
- 25 Pallid
- 26 Trim the grass
- 27 Old Oldsmobile
- 28 Moving day rental
- 29 Packed away
- 31 Summer cooler
- 34 Drunkard
- 35 Droops
- 37 Ford or Hudson
- 38 Ella's style
- 39 Surrealist
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- 42 Ryan of "Boston Public"
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- 47 "Frontline" ailer



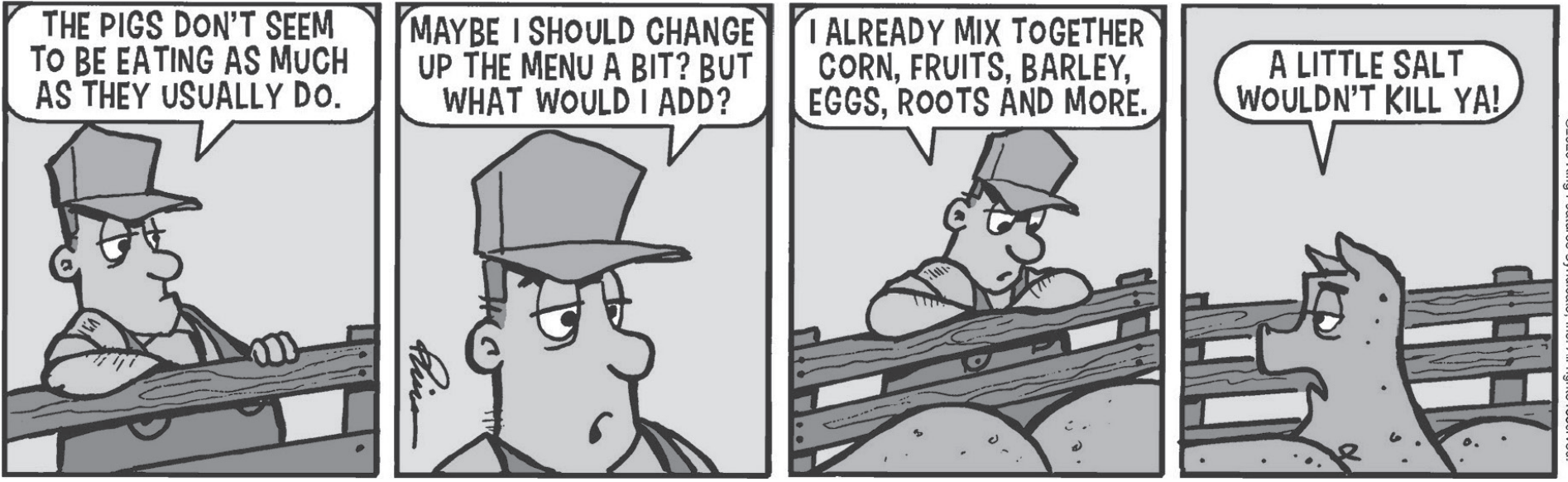
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- TAGERY
- ♥ DWE
- UGML
- ♥ WYDRO
- URM
- OARLAM
- HARCE
- ERMO



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.

# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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# Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## Don't rewrite books

First, they came for Roald Dahl. Anyone who thought the politically correct rewriting would stop at the irreverent author of such children's classics as "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "Fantastic Mr. Fox" was, of course, sadly mistaken.

The news that hundreds of changes have been made in Dahl's classics is now followed by word that Ian Fleming, the creator of James Bond, is getting an emergency rewrite as well.

This is a very bad idea. For a start, where does it end? There's no limiting principle that would prevent the editing of nearly every great writer in the Western canon. Homer is cauldron of toxic masculinity. Chaucer, who has been removed from curricula at various universities, would need extensive re-working -- for the offense of relaying 14th-century attitudes toward women, if nothing else. As for Shakespeare, has anyone read "Othello"?

We get the word "bowdlerize" from Thomas Bowdler, who published a version of Shakespeare more appropriate for families in the early 19th century. He meant well, but his name has become synonymous with ham-fisted editing of texts for political or social reasons. The first Bowdler edition of the bard's works axed about 10% of the original, taking out blasphemous language and other unsettling material. The suicide of Ophelia, for instance, became an accidental drowning.

Even Bowdler, by the way, wasn't sure he was able to fix "Othello."

Then, there's the matter of the integrity of the record. Great authors use every word in a book for a reason. Changes in the language, even if done with care, change the meaning and the nature of the work. If Roald Dahl used colorful language to describe a character (and he quite often did) and it's stripped out for fear of offending people, say, with double chins, the character has been changed -- without the author's permission and counter to how he published his work.

This is no more defensible than someone deciding Monet's water lilies should be an ever-so slightly different shade of green, or that Tchaikovsky should have written his "1812 Overture" in D-sharp minor instead of E-flat major.

Any such suggestions would be considered cultural vandalism and the same should apply to the woke rewriting of literature.

Relatedly, the edits of enduring works are never, ever going to do anything other than make them worse -- less colorful, pointed, and eloquent. If nothing else, this is a basic question of literary talent and flair.

To return to the example of Dahl, he's been edited by an outfit called Inclusive Minds ("passionate about inclusion, diversity, equality and accessibility in children's literature"). To put it simply, Dahl was good at writing; Inclusive Minds is good at DEI. If any editor at Inclusive Minds had a fraction of Dahl's abilities, this remarkable person wouldn't be working at expurgating someone else's works but writing his or her own beloved children's books.

Finally, we call classics "timeless" because they are imbued with a quality of genius that transcends the fashions of their time and our own. Trying to constantly rewrite them to keep up with the latest trends, which may well seem idiotic in due course (fingers crossed), is a fool's errand.

It is also inherently sinister. There's a reason that everyone naturally recoils from Winston Smith's work in "1984" in the Records Department of the Ministry of Truth, changing old newspaper articles and photographs to update them in keeping with the dictates of the party. The falsity, the thoroughness, and the need for control, extending all the way to the past, are all disturbing hallmarks of totalitarian politics.

Now, it's not a party that is demanding the reworking of inconvenient texts, but a corrupted part of our culture that can't abide the idea that offensive, or potentially offensive, terms and descriptions exist in books that have demonstrated astonishing popularity and staying power. There's no doubt who the giants are here and who are the small-minded censors.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

## Will We See Hank Williams Sr. in Heaven?

Most of you have heard of Hank Williams Sr. and his drinking problem that kept him off the Grand Ole Opry for years and when he finally got on the

Opry it was the reason, he was fired in 1952.

You no doubt heard about his talent for writing songs and in performing those songs made him the most popular singer of the day.

We as humans cannot and should not judge Hank Williams Sr. on these two things nor should we be the judge on anyone's salvation.

Hank Williams certainly left a legacy that goes on and on. His records that sold millions are still popular today and many other singers sing or sang songs that Hank wrote. He was one of the first inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Few American performers manage to touch our consciousness long after they die, but Hank certainly did. His fame is assured for the rest of our lifetime and beyond.

What some of you don't know is that Hank was in church most of his youth and he wrote many gospel songs. His two most popular gospel songs are, "I Saw the Light" and "House of Gold" both are great songs that country singers love to sing, counting me. In addition, he wrote "How Can You Refuse Him Now," "Calling You," "Jesus Remember Me," "Are You Walking and Talking to the Lord," and "When the Book of Life is Read." Add over fifty more to this number and know that Hank not only concentrated on secular songs. But writing gospel songs and singing them will not or did not save him.

But I know the plan of salvation and I got to know a minister that served the folks at a church about 25 miles east of Bradenton, Florida. It was at Bethany Church and his name was Brother Henry. Brother Henry told me and other folks that he had attended a country music concert in Tampa that featured Hank Williams Sr. I think this was in 1951-52, a couple of years before Hank's death.

Brother Henry said after Hank performed he wanted to go back stage and talk with the real Hank Williams. Thankfully Hank had the time to talk to one of his biggest fans.

Henry at the time was praying for the ministry so he asked Hank Williams if he knew the Lord.

He said, "Yes, I'm a Christian but the old devil will not leave me alone. I need to get off the bottle because whiskey is about to drag me down." He said he went to church a lot as a youth and the first song he wrote was a gospel song. He

wrote it at the age of nine.

Not everyone knew about his dominant mother, and weak father but they probably heard about the domineering wife, deep dependence on the bottle and later drugs; not many know of the crippling birth defect called spina bifida occulta a birth defect fatal unless treated in childhood. Hank's wasn't.



So, you see why Hank drank and later took drugs. He was in constant pain. Hank was booked to do a New Years show in Canton, Ohio, for which he and his driver left Montgomery on December 30. He drank and took pills, and died in Oak Hill, West Virginia in the back seat of

one of his caddies.

To me it seems that the cards were stacked against him in that he had this fatal childhood defect, he had married a controlling woman, and his body was deteriorating. Every song he was putting out was topping the charts and sold millions of records. His most enduring songs were, "I Can't Help It" and "Hey Good Looking" were selling like hotcakes. As "Setting the Woods on Fire" and "I'll Never Get Out of this World Alive" headed to the top, his body was failing fast.

Yes, I believe this young preacher in Florida got the truth from Hank Williams in Tampa. Hank said he was a Christian. Brother Henry was Baptist, and he believed once saved, always saved. I imagine Hank Williams asked God to forgive him many times for his drinking.

If you have ever heard his song, "House of Gold" you know that Hank Williams knew what salvation was all about.

### Post Script

In reality only Hank Williams and God know whether he was saved or not. But if he told Brother Henry he was saved and in light of all the gospel songs that he wrote and sang most people would put him in the category.

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## IRS fixes refund trap

The refund trap occurs when there are different credit and refund deadlines. If you discover missed credits in previous years, it's important to know the deadline to avoid missing your additional refund. The IRS fixed a problem that could have prevented you from claiming overdue COVID-19-related tax refunds from the last few years.

You can claim refunds and credits if you make the request within three years from the date your return was filed or two years from the date your tax was paid, whichever is later.

For example, suppose you were an employee in 2019. The original due date for filing your tax return was April 15, 2020. Your tax withholding from your paycheck would be deemed by the IRS to have been paid on April 15, 2020. However, the filing deadline was postponed to July 15, 2020. This situation would cause a payment date that was different from your filing date deadline.

Refunds claimed within three years from when the return was filed are limited to the tax payments made within those three years, according to the lookback clause.

The timeframe allowed to claim credits and refunds and credits are called the "lookback" clause by the IRS.

The National Taxpayer Advocate recommended that the IRS fix the problem permanently and protect the "taxpayer's right to pay no more than the amount of tax."

"I am pleased the IRS addressed this issue for TYs 2019 and 2020. However, the relief offered in this notice is limited to only the COVID-19-related postponements and doesn't offer a

permanent solution for other disaster relief," Erin M. Collins, the National Taxpayer Advocate, wrote in a blog this week. "Therefore, I have made a legislative recommendation for the last couple of years that would fix this problem permanently and prevent taxpayers from being harmed and falling into a trap for the unwary."

The new IRS ruling only applies to the 2020 and 2021 tax-filing seasons for 2019 and 2020 tax returns, respectively. But the IRS often delays tax-filing deadlines for disasters, such as hurricanes and floods. A future delay of tax-filing deadlines could result in some people could face the refund trap again.

It's common for people to realize they missed a deduction or credit after they filed their return. The IRS receives about 3 million amended tax returns annually, according to recent release by the IRS. Amending your tax return allows you to retroactively claim a credit that was not on the original return.

In 2019 the deadline was postponed from April 16, 2020, to July 15, 2020. Almost 22% of the returns were filed during the postponement period. The people who filed during the postponement period could potentially be in the refund trap if they tried to claim refunds or credits for 2019.

If you are filing for an additional refund, don't miss the deadline.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Funeral Planning: Don't Be Rushed

One life event we don't want to think about having to do for a loved one is planning a funeral. But sometimes we must, and it can be stressful and loaded with the potential to be scammed in some way.

A small amount of help is coming. The Federal Trade Commission wants online funeral pricing. And it makes sense. When you need to organize a funeral, emotions are running high. You won't be at your best when it comes to thinking about pricing and services.

Back in 1984, the FTC created the Funeral Rule, but it only requires funeral homes to show lists of the prices of caskets and any outer burial containers, such as a grave liner. And it was only required that a potential customer be given those prices in person, certainly not by phone. To make it worse, fu-

neral homes only had to show pictures or the item itself after the prices were disclosed.

By then, of course, you were at the funeral home, unhappy and sad and stressed. The last thing you wanted to do is treat it like a car purchase and shop around. So you signed the paperwork on the spot, possibly paid too much and maybe didn't get the items and services you wanted.

There are a few ways to ensure that your vulnerability at that time isn't exploited.

Before you leave the house to organize a funeral, go online to check local funeral home websites. They might be among the very few to actually post pricing and services.

Take someone with you.

Get the price list (in writing) of what the funeral home offers.

Before you sign any paperwork, contact the Funeral Consumers Alliance (funerals.org) and get their advice. There's a group in every state. On their website, click on "Consumers" and scroll down to "Don't Know Where To Begin? Start Here."

Remember: Take your time.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Name the group that released "Sugar Baby Love."**
- 2. What is the song "Abraham, Martin and John" about?**
- 3. Which singer-songwriter released "If You Could Read My Mind"?**
- 4. Which Simon & Garfunkel song figured heavily in the film "The Graduate"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Totally unprepared are you to face a world of men, Timid and shy and scared are you of things beyond your ken."**

## Answers

- 1. The Rubettes, in 1974. Over the years, the members have been involved in various legal disputes over the ownership of the group's name. It wasn't resolved until 2022.**
- 2. The song, recorded by Dion in 1968, is about the assassinations of Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy.**
- 3. Gordon Lightfoot, in 1970. Lightfoot sued the songwriter of "The Greatest Love of All" for lifting 24 bars of the melody. He canceled the suit (because he's a nice guy), but ended up with a public apology.**
- 4. "Mrs. Robinson," in 1967. It was originally titled "Mrs. Roosevelt."**
- 5. "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," from "The Sound of Music." The musical (1959) and film (1965) of the same name tell the story of the von Trapp family fleeing the Nazis in Austria.**

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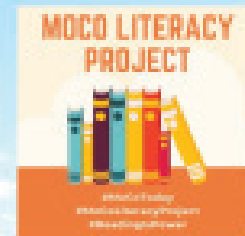
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# Hebrews Chapter 8

(Hebrews 8:1-6) Christ's heavenly priesthood: the inspired writer hopes they can appreciate his point: the Christian's high priest, having ascended in the heavens, has sat down on the right hand of the throne of the majesty on high (1:3). There was no seat for the high priest in the holy of holies for use on the day of atonement, for sacrificial work was never completed under that order. The seating of Christ following his sacrifice suggested it would never need repeating.

Jesus is a minister (one who serves in a priestly capacity) in the sanctuary (place of holy things), also designated as the true tabernacle. The true is that which the symbolic copy represented. In the Old Testament order of things, the holy of holies in the tabernacle prefigured heaven (v. 2). High priests were appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices. Since Christ serves in this manner, it was imperative that he have something to sacrifice (v. 3). This, of course, was himself. He could not have served as a priest in this earthly domain because there already were those appointed for earthly priesthood, and they had to be from the tribe of Levi---which the Lord was not (v. 4; 7:14). (Christ could not serve as an earthly priest. But he was to serve as priest and king simultaneously (Psa. 110; Zech. 6:12-14). He therefore could not reign as a king on earth. It thus had to be a heavenly reign. This demolishes the millennial theory of an earthly reign of Jesus.)

Earthly priests were appointed to serve in a capacity which was but a copy, a shadow, of heavenly things. Why would one wish to cling to the copy and reject the heavenly reality? Yet that was what the Judaizers were doing and are still doing. But the copy played an important role in foreshadowing the reality. That is why Moses was warned to construct the tabernacle (with its holy place and most holy place) according to the pattern revealed to him at Sinai (v. 5). (If the type (the holy place) had to conform to the pattern, why would not the anti-type (the church (1 Tim. 3:15) likewise have to conform to the pattern laid down in the New Testament?)

Christ's ministry (v. 2) is declared to be more excellent. The comparative term is an incidental reference to the old covenant. And whereas Moses was the mediator God used in conveying the first covenant (Gal. 3:19), so now the Lord Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant, grounded upon better promises (v. 6). Again, an implied question would be: "Why abandon something that is better than that with which it is contrasted." The Judaizers are theologically irrational!

(Hebrews 8:7-13) the first and second covenants contrasted: the author continues with his juxtaposition of the two systems. (In this connection 2 Corinthians 3:6-11 "Who also hath made us (the apostles) able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones (old covenant), was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory

that excelleth. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious"). If the first covenant had been faultless, a second one would not have been given to replace it. How could the first covenant be faulted, since it was given by God? It was not characterized by fault in the sense that it was incorrectly designed or morally flawed. It was perfect to do what it was intended to do. Moses' law had only animal sacrifices to atone for sin in satisfying divine justice (Rom. 3:21); such could never have been efficacious in providing redemption (Gal. 4:4; Heb. 9:15; 10:1, 4). The second covenant, with Jesus' blood behind it, is faultless. Only a foolish person would trade the faultless for that which has fault.

The writer now changes the point of emphasis from the inherent fault of the Mosaic covenant, to that of the people to whom that covenant was given (v. 8). Israel could not keep it perfectly (which was required (Gal. 3:10), and frequently did not even try. By their sins, therefore, they were guilty of serious fault. Nevertheless, centuries in advance, the prophets had heralded the coming of a new covenant. One example is found in Jeremiah. An extended quotation from that prophet is now introduced.

Note the following particulars: (a) The speaker is Jehovah; the coming days are those of the Christian age. The Hebrew text has last days (Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17). (b) The Lord would make a new covenant with the nation of Israel. From other texts one learns that Gentiles will be included (Isa. 2:2-4). The giving of a new one implies the cancellation of the old. (c) It will be of a different nature from that given to Israel when the Lord brought them to Sinai. This demonstrates that the ten commandments were included in the abolition of the old covenant, a truth that Sabbatarians deny. (d) Israel refused to continue in the law given, and such displeased God greatly, because they continued not in the first covenant. (e) There would be, therefore, another covenant given after those days, the days of Israel's unique relationship with the Lord. This new covenant would be with another Israel, spiritual Israel, the church (Mt. 21:43; Gal. 3:29; 6:16). The days of physical Israel were numbered. God would not favor that nation indefinitely. (f) Under the new system, those in covenant relationship with Jehovah would be required to learn God's laws, and from their hearts obey them (Rom. 6:17). This was quite unlike the situation in ancient Israel when children were physically born into a relationship with the Lord and subsequently had to learn what it was about as they matured. They first must be taught before they could come to know him, and all in covenant relationship with him would know him. This eliminates infants. (g) Under the new covenant, the Lord would be merciful to their iniquities (a disposition of lawlessness) and remember no more their sins (missing the mark of the divine standard for conduct). The expression, remember no more, is a reminder that the sins committed under Moses' law were remembered year by year (10:3).

Finally, the writer says that when Jeremiah spoke of a covenant that was new he had indicated (permanently, so the verbal tense suggests) the first covenant was old. To prove his point, he notes the well-known principle---when one speaks of something as old, he admits it is near unto vanishing away. As a legally binding system, it did die---when Christ died!

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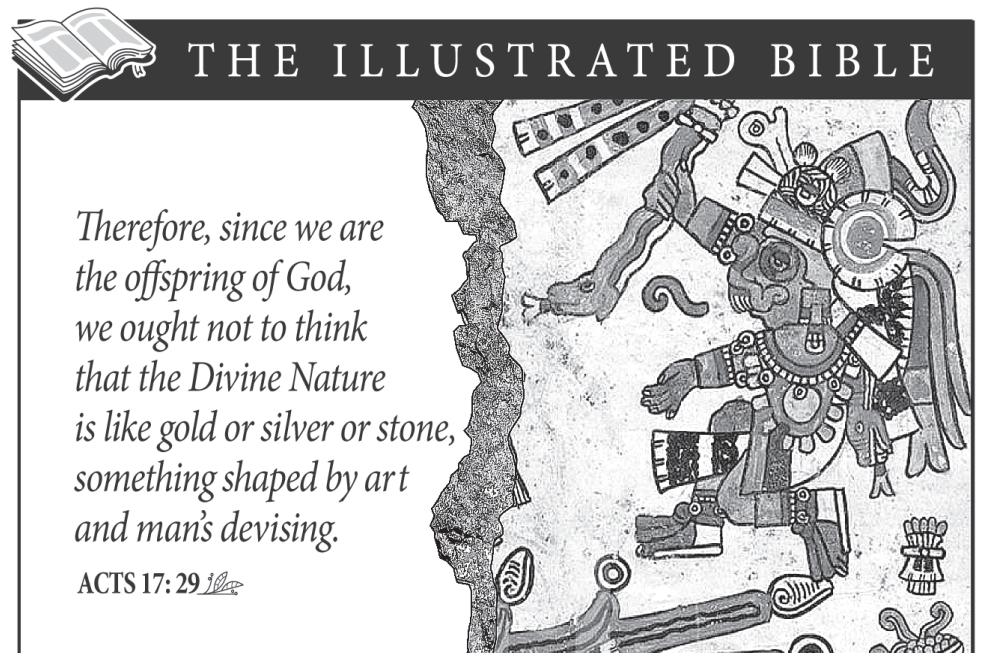
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### The Garden Bug Shamrocks

The Irish word *seamróg* means "little clover" or "young clover." According to legend, St. Patrick used the three leaves of a *seamróg* to explain the Holy Trinity; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit were each represented by one of its leaves. Some plants considered shamrocks include the wood sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*), white clover (*Trifolium repens*), suckling clover (*T. dubium*) and black medic (*Medicago lupulina*). Clover flowers are attractive to bees, its roots host nitrogen-fixing bacteria that enrich the soil, and the plants are high-quality forage for many animals. - Brenda Weaver

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Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

ACTS 17: 29 *ilw*

# Historically Speaking

## Molly Brown, Part Two

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Less than two decades since her 2004 Oak Ridge High School (ORHS) graduation, Molly Brown now serves in an important leadership role concerning our national security. It was her teenage age dream for her future to be involved in government work and living in Washington, DC. She is currently a Deputy Program Manager within the U.S. Navy Strategic Systems Programs command. A partial snapshot of her numerous responsibilities include: to research and analyze issues involving strategic arms control treaty implementation and compliances, to manage aspects of the U.S. Navy's responsibilities under the New START Treaty, and to represent the U.S. Navy Strategic Systems Program as a technical advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Molly's Northwestern University undergraduate degrees in Political Science and International Studies were followed by her first assignment as a National Security Analyst for the Computer Science Corporation in Alexandria, VA. This job introduced her to her future, specialized career path.

I asked Molly to give an overview of her career journey. She wrote, "I stumbled upon the arms control treaties and agreement world with my first job and have stayed in the niche field since. I started working on chemical and biological treaties, eventually working my way to the Compliance Assessment Group who were responsible for ensuring all Navy activities are compliant with those international laws as well as the domestic laws requiring compliance. I found myself the Deputy of a Safety Working Group for a new weapon system that is still under development. While executing that role, I demonstrated my ability to work with people and manage large scale processes which led to being offered the New START Treaty Deputy Program Manager position which I still hold." The New START Treaty, an agreement signed by the United States and Russian Federation in 2011, places limits on strategic offensive arms with the requirement to maintain those limits as long as the treaty is in effect. Currently, New START has been extended until February 4, 2026. Per the New START Treaty text, the U.S. and Russia meet within the Bilateral Consultative Commission in Geneva to discuss issues of implementation. Molly said, "In my role with the Navy, I have attended as technical advisor to the Joint Staff."

Molly's employment with the U.S. Navy began in 2012 where she first served as a Program Analyst. She advanced to the position of Deputy Program Manager in 2018, one month before earning a Master of Policy Management degree from Georgetown University. I asked Molly for advice for high school students who might want to pursue a similar career path. Molly answered, "I would recommend a strong liberal arts background with excellent communications skills. You need to be able to process complex problems, develop solutions, and effectively communicate those to your target audience."

During Covid restrictions, Molly worked from home fulltime for two months. Now her work schedule is hybrid, meaning virtual work from home combined with in-person office work and travel for necessary mission support.

Covid confinement prompted Molly to adopt a mini-golden doodle, named Jane, who she confesses is a very spoiled dog.

Her work involves traveling, most recently to Switzerland in October 2021 for the Bilateral Consultative Commission where meetings with Russian delegates were held. She described other work-related travels. "I ensure Navy facilities are prepared to execute inspections per the New START Treaty including attending training events throughout the year. I greatly enjoy getting to go to our Navy bases and meeting sailors on our Ohio Class Submarines who are protecting



Molly Brown enjoying the snow



Molly Brown and her dog

our nation and the world on a day-to-day basis. Nuclear deterrence is a critical component to ensuring Americans can live their lives without constant fear of foreign aggression." Ohio Class Submarines are nuclear powered warships described as having "virtually undetectable undersea launch platforms of intercontinental missiles." <https://www.navy.mil/Resources/Fact-Files/Display-FactFiles/Article/2169580/fleet-ballistic-missile-submarines-ssbn/>

Molly said she has developed a love of traveling: "Rome and Rio are the favorite cities I have visited. They are so unique. Rome for all the history around every corner, and Rio for how nature feels like a built-in, main part of the city." Molly often returns to her Tennessee family. She mentioned a June 2022 trip to a reunion of the Crozier and Hopper families. The weekend activities, attended by some 200 relatives, included a visit to the Hopper family homestead in Oliver Springs. Molly is passionate about her service with the Darryl Chappell Foundation where she is a co-chair of the Board of Directors. This opportunity has offered an ethnic and artistic element in Molly's social life. She wrote, "The Darryl Chappell Foundation seeks to enable Afrodescendant visual artists to achieve their highest potential. We accomplish this by sponsoring artist-in-residence programs, by facilitating an Artists Talk series, by issuing unrestricted funding for visual artists, and by curating an online Artists Marketplace featuring artists and their work commission-free."

Molly desires to continue her work in the US Navy's Strategic Systems Program. She wrote, "I plan to continue government service, a job where I feel like my work is helping to maintain global stability." I asked her to comment on the importance of civil service workers in government. She effused over the many people she has worked with in what she called "the Department of Defense world," civilian service workers whom she was sure could earn much more money in the private sector. She said, "Their sense of duty and patriotism is exemplary. They are selflessly dedicated to securing and maintaining the nation's position in the world and to keeping Americans safe."

Molly's job has international impact, and so I asked her about international relationships and the effect on her work. She answered, "I am not directly involved, but I will feel the effects of world geopolitics in my job as well as different Presidential administrations having different goals when it comes to arms control. As the New START Treaty is between the U. S. and Russia, it's impossible not to pay attention to what is happening in the world."

Molly is an ORHS alumna whose talents quietly and powerfully contribute to a vitally important national mission. Thus, she makes not only her large local family proud but also the local community who is honored to claim her. I, for one, will rest better knowing that she is where she is and that she is committed to and vigilantly pursuing our national wellbeing. Thank you, Molly, for your service.

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# Ukrainian War losing Popularity?



**Michael Nance**  
Columnist

As the war in Ukraine drags on and global tensions increase it is expected that the public will take a pause and rethink their position on the conflict. Public support is always a critical facet to any successful military operation. Many wars have been won or lost based solely on how a nations population support their governments position. There are now clear signs that global support for Ukraine is waning, and many are leaning towards a diplomatic solution. Will this play into Putin's strategy, or will international opinion and support continue for Ukraine until Russia is pushed back into their own legitimate borders?

Here are the facts, over the last weekend in February, thousands of Germans demonstrated against giving more weapons to Ukraine. It was reported that over 13,000 demonstrators gathered at the Brandenburg Gate carrying signs that read: "Helmets today, tanks tomorrow, the day after tomorrow your sons." These demonstrations in Germany are a clear sign that the German public is nervous as to the conflicts potential consequences.

In America there are also cracks forming in overall support for Ukraine. According to a survey by Pew Research Center between March of 2022, and January of 2023, there was a noticeable decline in Americans viewing the war as a major threat to U.S. interests. The same survey went on to state concerning the Biden administrations response to the Russian invasion:

"Among U.S. adults overall, 43% strongly or somewhat approved of the administration's response to the invasion, while 34% strongly or somewhat disapproved. Around one-in-five adults (22%) were not sure."

Those numbers are not impressive and appear to indicate that Ukraine support is begin-

ning to diminish. This is most likely the result of many domestic issues that are plaguing Americans such as, the rising costs of food and gas, inflation, a potential near-term recession and a southern border crisis.

The Brookings Institute seems to evidence up my assertions in a recent article. They state that when Americans are asked what are top five most important foreign policy issues facing the United States. They responded with the following priorities, 1. Terrorism, 2. Immigration, 3. Cyber Attacks, 4. Drug Trafficking, and 5. Climate Change.

The final piece to the Ukraine support puzzle is the amount of support being provided by its neighbors. According to the Huffington Post, Kiel Institute researchers were quoted as saying about U.S. support for the Ukraine War: "It is remarkable that the US alone has committed considerably more than all EU countries combined, in whose immediate neighborhood the war is raging."

We are certain to see this information reappear in the 2024 Presidential Election Cycle. I doubt many Americans will welcome the fact that the United States is paying more for European security than the European countries themselves!

In conclusion, it appears that public support for Ukraine will continue to diminish unless Putin perpetrates another event that further inflames the global community. These facts also point towards the need for Ukraine to defeat Russia quickly on the battlefield before they are forced into diplomacy with Russia, which is certainly a ever growing potential outcome of this conflict.



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**John Burns**

**Opinion Columnist**

For whom shall he teach knowledge? And who shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk and taken from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little and there a little.

Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.

The very heart of God is revealed in this command of God! He desires children be introduced to both testaments of scripture as soon as they are weaned from their mother's breast. She is the grace God has provided to the family, to complement the mercy God has shown the father of the house.

Women were brought forth to be the primary instructors in all matters dealing with God's plan of redemption. It is no coincidence Jesus Christ first trusted Mary Magdalene with the message: I am alive!

It is the womb of the mother where God identifies where mercy should begin for all of us. Numbers 12 introduces us to the matrix. This is the 33 trillion cells making up the human condition. All organized into your DNA sequence by a loving creator. All for the purpose of acknowledging him as Lord over your life.

Interestingly, the creator who created man in his own image, also wrote the owners-manual and warranty deed over man's life. God did it before engineering man for the purpose of worship. All the way down to your esophagus. The root word being Shofar. The very trumpet of God, given to each human, and what do we do with it? Everything but sing his praises as sole creator.

Why does God repeat himself twice? Why precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little and there a little? Is God teaching us how he encoded the Bible message of redemption to keep Lucifer off guard?

The Bible is a book of codes, and every code requires we read every other portion of the code. No one doctrine can be found in one scripture. The Bible was written by God in the heptadic structure requiring 7 scriptures to understand a doctrine.

No doctrine can be understood solely from one testament! Water baptism has its roots in pagan worship of the creation, and it was given to the Aaronic priesthood not as a blessing but as an allowance by God for Moses' stutter.

The requirement for priests to undergo the immersion Mikveh ended when Jesus Christ was baptized by John, and the Melchizedekian line was restored upon the shoulders of our eternal high priest. We are baptized in blood when we believe Jesus Christ died to pay our sin debt. Nothing but the blood of the Lamb can cleanse a sinner of unrighteousness!

Why did God choose Isaiah to reveal this teaching? Isaiah came to the southern Kingdom when they were in complete rebellion. Babylonian mysticism and fertility cults were being welcomed in Judah and Jerusalem. Isaiah could be trusted to do exactly what God instructed. Now he is teaching us the keys to truly dividing the written word of God.

Isaiah comes to the southern kingdom as they are clinging to religious tradition more than making their lives a testimony of devotion to God as creator. They were not living with an air of anticipation toward the Lamb of God appearing at any moment. They were ok with welcoming pagan practices into the house dedicated to the God who called them out of Egypt.

Here a little, there a little. What ever does this mean?

When a writer of codes decides to authenticate a message to a

# Isaiah 28

certain audience, it is best to spread the message out over the entire text. A code writer wants a certain audience to understand his message while keeping those off-guard that he does not desire to understand, by encoding subplots and patterns he and the desired audience alone know. God gave us the Holy Spirit, to authenticate his message.

The greatest discovery in human history is that the Bible is 66 books, written by over 40 authors, in 3,000 years of revelation, saying the exact same thing with every single detail. Contained within the text is a biblical prose hiding in plain sight. It is the ancient Hebrew wedding upon which God framed the entire salvation message.

Old Testament mercy is required to unleash New Testament grace, hence, here a little, there a little, precept upon precept, line upon line. Every New Testament idea, must be authenticated by finding the 7-fold pattern written into the Old Testament lives of biblical Israel.

Replacement Theology taught in western seminaries has contributed mightily to the dumbing down of Christian believers. To believe God replaced Israel with gentile believers denies 87% of written scripture in favor of an outward piety, New Testament only theosophy.

The New Testament without the Old Testament lacks sound biblical foundations teaching us the one true plan of God. Humans have become more intolerant of those who understand that God always intended to save a remnant in national Israel through the blood of the Lamb of God.

What is missing from Christian witness is a love affair with the written revealed sword of God and there is no Holy Spirit power in millions of Churches. No one is getting saved in church, for God is once again saving Jews and pagans in the homes of their friends.

The Bible teaches that the times of the gentiles is fast closing. God has turned his attention eastward as he has surrendered the America I love to delusion, and a reprobate mind found in Paul's first chapter sermon to the empire of Rome.

The harbingers of God's judgement have all manifested in America over the last 20 years. Soon our president will seal our fate as he chooses the enemies of Israel over the friends of God.

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

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

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

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

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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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.

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

**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.

**Note Day Change!** Together Morgan County will hold their monthly meeting THURSDAY, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. est at Morgan County Schools Central Office located on Flat Fork Road in Wartburg. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We are asking the citizens of Sunbright to come out and help the Slum Clearance Oversight Committee clean up trash on March 11, 2023 at 10am. We will meet at City Hall to begin. Please wear bright colors.

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# MoCo Today's Veteran of the Week

United States Army veteran Colonel Paris D. Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Joseph Biden on March 3, 2023.

Colonel Paris fought in the Vietnam War while assigned to Team A-321, 5TH Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1ST Special Forces.

Paris Davis was born in 1939, in Cleveland, Ohio. As a young man, he became interested in the military and sports, and he pursued both at Southern University, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he studied political science on an ROTC scholarship.

Davis was commissioned as an Army reserve armor officer in 1959, graduated from Airborne and Ranger schools in 1960, and was selected for the 7TH Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1ST Special Forces, serving first in Korea and then Vietnam.

Davis first deployed to Vietnam in 1962 and again in 1965, where he was promoted to captain as a detachment commander with the 5TH Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1ST Special Forces making him one of the first African American Special Forces officers as the civil rights movement gained momentum at home.

In Binh Dinh province, Davis and his men were tasked with training a force of local volunteers. On June 18, 1965, he commanded a team of inexperienced South Vietnamese, along with the Special Forces Soldiers, against a superior enemy force. Over the course of two days, Davis selflessly led a charge to neutralize enemy emplacement, called for precision artillery fire, engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the enemy, and prevented the capture of three American Soldiers (Robert Brown, John Reinberg, and Billy Waugh) while saving



their lives with a medical extraction. Davis sustained multiple gunshot and grenade fragment wounds during the 19-hour battle and refused to leave the battlefield until his men were safely removed.

For these heroic acts during his second tour in Vietnam, Davis received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, a Purple Heart with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Air Medal with "V" device. He was also awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism, when he saved the life of a Soldier, a driver who was stuck in an

overturned and burning fuel truck. Davis pulled the Soldier from the truck just before it exploded. Davis is one of only four service members in U.S. military history to receive both the Soldier's Medal and the Medal of Honor.

Davis attended the Command and General Staff College in 1971 and the Naval War College in 1980. He served with the Army Staff, the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Headquarters, U.S. Army European Command.

Davis assumed command of the 10TH Special Forces Group, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and was promoted to colonel in 1981. Davis retired from the Army on July 30, 1985. He holds a master's degree in public affairs from Southern Illinois University, and a Ph.D. in public administration from Northern Virginia University. In 2019, he was inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame.

Davis is a proud father of three children. Following his military career, Davis published the Metro Herald newspaper for 30 years in Alexandria, Virginia, where he now lives.

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Police Officer Andres Vasquez-Lasso of the Chicago Police Department, Illinois was shot and killed on March 1, 2023 while responding to a domestic incident at 4:34 pm.

Officers were responding to a call about a man chasing a woman down the street with a gun. One group of officers went to the residence while other officers located the subject on foot. They were able to engage with the subject, but he fled from the officers. Shots were exchanged as Officer Vasquez-Lasso pursued the subject, both were wounded.



Officer Vasquez-Lasso was transported to Mt. Sinai Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

The subject was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

Officer Vasquez-Lasso had served with the Chicago Police Department for five years and was assigned to the Eighth District. He was only thirty-two-years-old and is survived by his wife and daughter.

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## "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).

## COVID-19 Vaccines & Boosters are also available daily during office hours

**Walk-ins Are Welcome**

## No Appointment Is Needed!

*\*Please bring your immunization card with you*

### MCMC Office Hours:

- \* 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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# Scott County Today

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## **KELLIE WALKER LEAVES ENDURING BLESSING TO OUR REGION**

**By Richard Spears**

Children's Center of the Cumberlands Director Kellie Walker, who went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 21, 2023 after her years long battle with cancer, left much to this community where she was born, lived and loved for the past 38 years. Her love for Jesus was overwhelming, as well as her love for everybody in this region, as she left an awesome post with a fervent plea on social media before her passing. "Please get to know Jesus," Kellie stated.

Kellie Walker knew that God is a generational God who desires for all to be sons and daughters in His family, and she also knew that to get to know the Father, a person must come through the Son. Psalm 104:17 reads, "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children." Kellie's emphatic desire for this area was for entire families' lives to be changed, which spreads exponentially outward into our community, our region and the world. And for 13 years at the Children's Center, Kellie was blessed to be God's conduit of that life changing power.

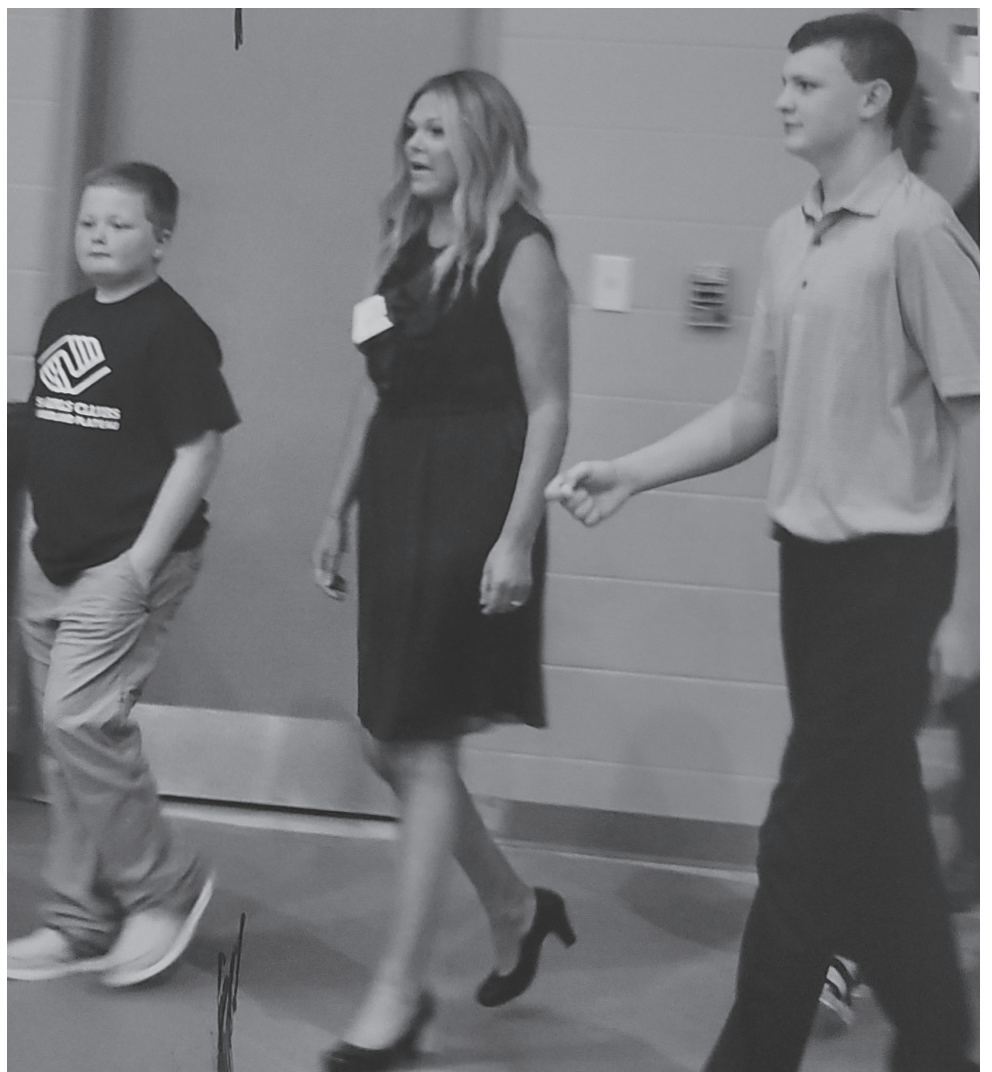
Angel Sexton, Interim Director of the Children's Center, told the Morgan County Today, "She touched so many lives all around this region. She always kept God first. We just want to make sure we always honor her legacy." The Children's Center Board of Directors just placed a 300 square foot billboard in Kellie Walker's honor, located south of the Boys and Girls Club on Highway 27 which will stand for at least the next 3 months, as a way to show their love and respect for the woman who led the Children's Center through the past 13 years, helping the Center to grow and thrive, and overcome many obstacles, including a global pandemic.

At the 2022 Boys and Girls Club Annual Hall of Fame Awards Banquet, held in July, Kellie Walker was recognized as the Scott County Person of the Year (see photo below of Kellie

and Club member escort Christian Wisner entering banquet). By December, Kellie posted on social media that she felt like 2022 would be her last Christmas. And though barely a month after Christmas the entire region would mourn the loss of one of the Lord's saints from this world, Kellie went to be with the one for whom the Christmas season is all about.

Dustin Walker, Kellie's husband, in a post shortly after Kellie's passing, wrote, "A huge part of me is missing from this earth, but heaven sure gained one sweet soul! And these two girls are a part of her that I will get to continue to love and cherish here on earth."

May we all get to know Jesus now, and join Kellie Walker in praise and celebration, and be with Jesus forever as members of God's eternal family.



# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## Reports From the VA Office of Inspector General

Who would have thought it ... stealing diabetic test strips for profit? Apparently there's money to be made from those medical supplies. And one Michigan woman, in charge of procurement at a Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacy, made a lot of it, stealing in excess of 7,500 boxes of the strips over the years.

She wasn't alone in the scheme. She'd sell them to a co-thief who'd make her own sales down the line to a third party in Pennsylvania.

The first in line in the theft chain has already confessed and faces 20 years in the slammer, not to mention a very hefty fine. The second in line also confessed. The two of them, however, are pointing fingers at Number Three, who they say is the actual mastermind of the thefts.

Diabetic test strips? Who knew?

Then there is the New Jersey former Marine who claimed PTSD from having to handle human remains after natural disasters in two foreign countries. Before his scheme fell apart, he'd netted in excess of \$118,000 in disability benefits. His big mistake, besides telling lies, was that he sent threatening messages to a member of the Office of Inspector General staff, plus anyone else who would be working on the case. He'll be sentenced this summer, but he's looking at 10 years in prison and heavy fines just for the lying part, and five years for the threats as well as big fines.

In Oklahoma, a man phoned a VA facility threatening to kill people ... and then he showed up. His beef, apparently, was not getting a quicker appointment date to be seen at the clinic. He wanted his meds, and he gave them 30 minutes to pre-

scribe them or he'd be there to murder people. Not only did he have a loaded .357 firearm (and a handful of zip ties), but he took the items into a federal facility. He later claimed not to remember making the call.

To read more reports from the OIG, go to [www.va.gov/oig](http://www.va.gov/oig) and scroll down.

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