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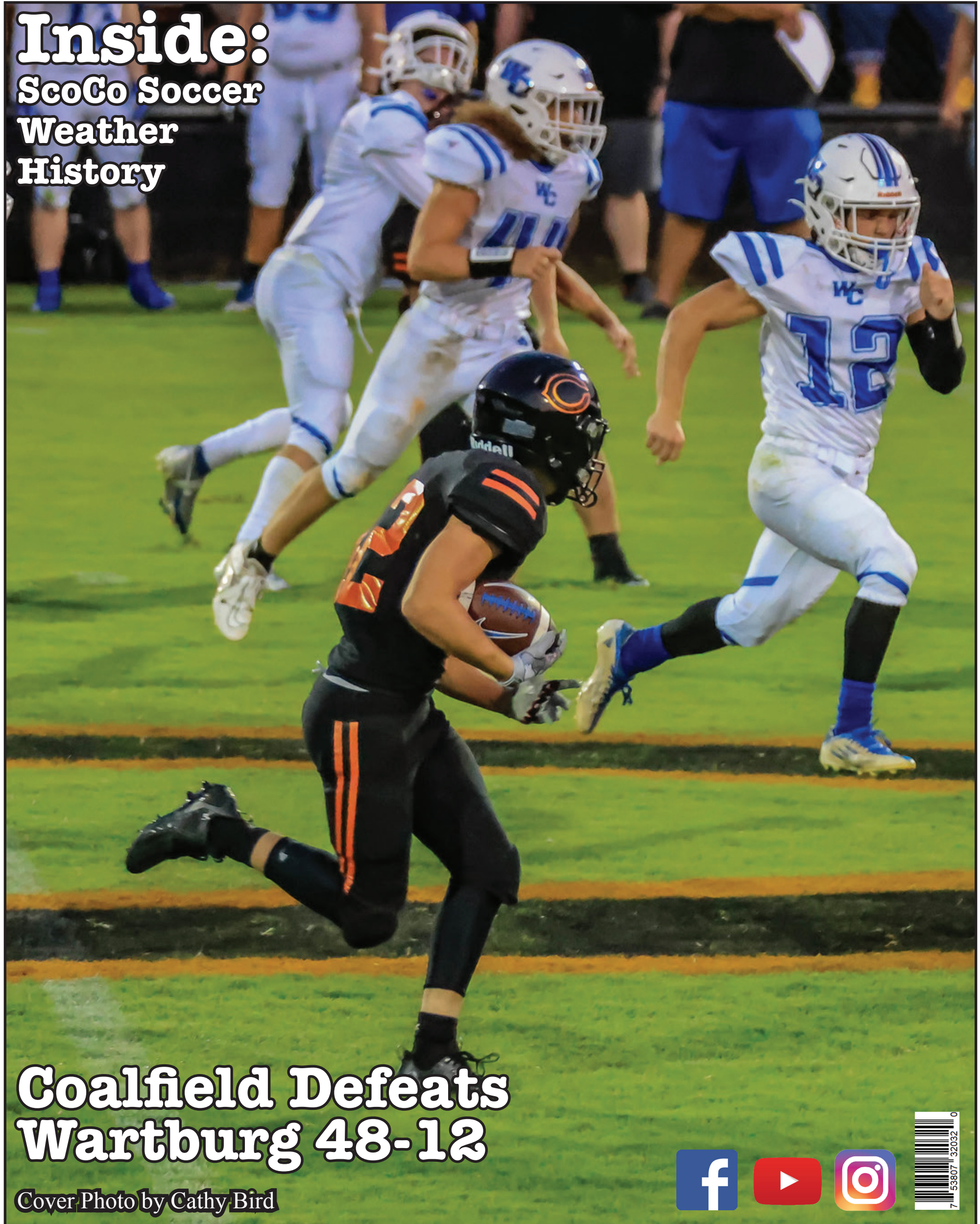
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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

You guys remember

how I told you about the neighbor dog that invaded my kingdom and tried to eat me? Well, I finally worked up the nerve and went across the street to his fence and I told him that I was NOT a meal for him. I think he was surprised because the didn't woof a word.

You see, I kind of snuck off and went to let him know that I just want to be his friend.

Well the lady that lives there, told me to go back across the street and go home. She didn't want me to get hit by a car. Mimi told her thank you! I got into a little hot water for going over there. Mimi told me that I will not be allowed out of the fence without a leash if I did that, again.

Well, I'm kinda glad I did it because we are neighbors. We need to get along and

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl



be kind to each other. I hope if he ever gets out again and comes over, he remembers our little talk. So instead of trying to eat me, he just comes to chat. I just know that we could be the best of friends, just like Rico and me. That would be awesome.

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

State Farm logo and contact information for Randy McFarland, Agent, including address, phone, and email.

Weekly Weather forecast for Morgan County Citizens Gas Utility District, including temperature and weather icons for days Tue 22 through Mon 28. Includes Tennessee 811 logo and slogan 'Know what's below. Call before you dig.'

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING TIME. The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center has changed its meeting date. The Center will now meet on the third Monday of the month at 6PM. Please make a note of this change.

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 Hours are Mondays 1:00

- 3:00, Tuesdays 4:30 - 7:00, Wednesdays 9:00 - 12:30 and Thursdays 9:00 - 1:00. On the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, there is Preschool Story Time from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays there is Family Story Time from 10:00 - 11:00. BINGO for adults is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 - 11:30. For more information, follow Oakdale Public Library on Facebook or call 423-369-3051.

The Morgan County Tourism Alliance meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm held at Tanners Cafe.

The City of Sunbright is taking applications for employment for a part time/full time employee. Applications can be picked up at 120 Melton Dr. in Sunbright.

MORGAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

The Morgan County Farm Bureau Board of Directors would like to invite all Farm Bureau Members to attend our annual meeting on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 202 S. Kingston Street in Wartburg. Our guest speaker will be Morgan Dean from Farm Bureau Health Plans. The meeting will begin with an evening meal and the annual report will be given. We encourage all Farm Bureau Members to attend this meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Jigneshkumar V Dholu has applied for a permit to sell beer OFF premises at the location known as: Wartburg Discount Tobacco & Vape 2470 Morgan County Hwy. Wartburg, TN 37887. Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the Morgan County Beer Board on the 28th day of August, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Office of the County Clerk.

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

# In Loving Memory

## Robert Lee Carroll (Conney), 71

Robert Lee Carroll (Conney) age 71 passed peacefully in his home and went to be with our Heavenly Father on August 13, 2023 surrounded by his loved ones.



He is preceded in death by his parents: Faye and Estel Carroll.

He's survived by his Wife Mildred Carroll, Son Bobby Carroll (that boy) (Wife) Angela Carroll, Grandchildren: Ashly Carroll (his sunshine) Robert Carroll (his little boy) Brittany Quilliams, Bella Eaton, Victory Daughtery Zach, CJ, and Hannah hill.

Great Grandchild: Jayden Earley, Kinsley Earley, Kaydenn Carroll, Natalie Carroll, Ryker and Aleah Thomas.

Siblings: Mary Lou, Jackie, Ricky, Tammy(her hero).

And many Nieces and nephews, his fishing companion Shawn Carroll and Paul Newport.

He was a loving father, husband and the greatest Papaw we could ever

ask for, although he was a hard man, he was a good man. He worked hard for us to have the blessing we have, he was soft but firm when he needed to be and he loved his grandchildren and his family with his whole heart, he was our protector, he was

our hero. My papaws hands built the very foundation we stand on. He worked in the coal mines his whole life and when he wasn't working or taking care of his family he was at the lake some where catching fish, riding atvs and loved nature. He took a piece of everyone when he left us. But he fought so hard and so long he was so strong but he's finally at peace. We love you so much papaw/dad/husband/and brother. Until we meet again. We'll be seein you. Always and forever.

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

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Robert Lee Carroll (Conney).

## Tina Rose Carlton, 64

Tina Rose Carlton, 64 years old, of Andersonville, TN passed away peacefully surrounded by family on August 15, 2023 after a four year battle with breast cancer. Tina was born on October 15, 1958 in Sanford, FL to George Samuel and Myra Aline Hendrix, who have



both preceded her in death. She has 3 siblings, Jeanne Lovell (Robin), Janice Mantlo, and Sam Hendrix, as well as an adopted brother, Denny Snyder. In 1977, she married her high school sweetheart, Kenneth Carlton, and together they had 6 daughters. Amanda Adams(James), Elisabeth Thoss(TJ), Kaisy Carlton, Lydia Bullock, Dixie Carlton(Travis Kennedy) and Jessica Holmes(-Patrick). She was an amazing wife, mother, and homemaker, raising their 6 girls along with nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. Tina and Kenny lived in Mims, FL until 1999 when they made the choice to move to Andersonville, TN. Tina was a faithful woman who put Christ first in all that she did. She always knew and taught everyone around her that God would provide and everything that happens does so in His time and for His purpose. She loved BIG!! Every ounce of love she had was love from the Holy Spirit through her. She showed her love over and over in the way she took care of those around her. She always gave a warm place to sleep, food to eat, and she had the best hugs. She was

also so forgiving. No matter what someone did, when they came back to her, she forgave and accepted again and again. She knew that through this sickness, God would use her to touch others, and there have been so many people who have told us how and what they have

learned through her. She is survived by her husband, her 6 daughters and their spouses, her grandchildren: Serenity Adams (23), Tyler Adams (22), Baleigh Thoss (20), Michael Lee Taylor (20), Bryson Adams (20), Kenneth Thoss (18), Rachael Taylor (17), Zoe Robinson (17), Peyton Robinson (16), Piper Kennedy (14), Jennifer Taylor (14), Jonah Robinson (14), Cloey Carlton (13), Abigail Thoss (12), Jacob Taylor (11), Elias Holmes (11), Jasper Kennedy (11)], her siblings, her two puppies Tinker Bell and Talitha Bin, her cat Mr. Harvey Dent, her rescue bird Robin, and let's not forget ALL her chickens!! Services for Tina will be held Monday evening, August 21, 2023 at First Baptist Church of Andersonville: 3949 Andersonville Hwy, Andersonville, TN 37705. In honor of Tina, we are requesting everyone to wear green as it was her favorite color. If you feel led to send flowers, we are requesting to include her favorite flower: the yellow rose. There will also be a celebration of life in Titusville, FL in October. There will be more information as time gets closer.

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



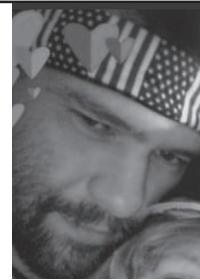
### PART-TIME CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK POSITION MORGAN COUNTY

Plateau Electric Cooperative is accepting applications through Friday, August 11, 2023, for a part-time Customer Service Clerk position in Wartburg, TN. Job duties shall include assisting customers, answering calls and performing other office-related functions as assigned. The successful candidate must have a high school education, must be friendly, and must possess an ability to remain courteous and polite in meeting and working with the public.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.

## James Richard Hamby, 41

James Richard Hamby, age 41 passed away August 14, 2023. He was born May 15, 1982.



He is preceded in death by his father Ellis Ray Hamby; brother Ellis Ray Hamby, Jr.

wife Hope Hamby; grandmother Mary Bone.

James wishes is to be cremated and no memorial services are scheduled at this time.

He is survived by his mother Star Hamby; son Bo & Luke Hamby; of James Richard Hamby.

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Interested attorneys should submit a resume by September 15, 2023 to:

PEC Board of Directors/Attorney Selection  
Attn: Tim Freels, President  
P.O. Box 4669  
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All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran.

### Invitation To Bid

Morgan County  
Highway Department

3519 Morgan Co. Hwy. Wartburg, TN. 37887

Will be accepting bids for a Cross Drain Project with two parts. Part one, change 21 identified cross drains on Glades Rd. approximately 4 miles. Part Two change 43 identified Cross Drains starting at Oakdale City Limits on Camp Austin Rd. all the way to Hwy. 299 approximately 13 miles. There will be a mandatory pre-construction meeting prior to construction beginning at the Highway Dept.

All replacement pipe will be picked up at the Highway Department in Wartburg by the contractor and delivered to the job site. Rock will be hauled by the contractor from Rogers Grp. Quarry in Jamestown for the Glades Rd. project and from the Rogers Grp. Quarry in Harriman for the Camp Austin Rd. project. All rock will be billed to the Highway Department from both quarries with tickets being delivered to the inspector on site. All parties submitting bids must be on the TDOT Pre-Approved Contractors list.

The Contractor will retain the pipe that is being replaced and responsible for the timely removal of said pipe from the job site. All bids should be mailed to Morgan County Highway Dept. P.O. Box 250, Wartburg, Tn.37887 and PLAINLY marked on the outside of the envelope (CROSS DRAIN BID)

Morgan County is an equal opportunity employed and does not discriminate. For any additional information on this project, please call Morgan Co. Hwy. Dept. at 423-346-6661, Mon. thru Thurs 7 am. Till 5 pm.

We will hold a pre-bid meeting on  
Bid Opening will be at the Highway Dept. on  
08-17-2023 @ 10:00 am EST.  
08-24-2023 @ 10:00 am EST.

# Don't Feed the Wolf



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

There is an old Native American folk story that I recall from memory, I cannot remember exactly who the

original author of the written work. As the story goes, a young Native American boy is talking to his grandfather. He tells his grandfather that sometimes he does things that are obviously wrong and gets in trouble. He does not understand why he gets the urge to do these things. The grandfather turns to his grandson and explains that there are two wolves in each of us that are constantly battling. One wolf is malicious, full of anger, greed and seeks to sow discontent. The other is full of peace, hope, and goodwill.

The grandson looks back at the grandfather with a look of curiosity and asks, "which one wins?" The grandfather replies, the one you choose to feed!

Thinking about this story, it seems like a perfect analogy to the journalistic integrity of today's major news outlets. Most mainstream news agencies are feeding the wolf of discontent by reporting less than accurate facts, failing to report facts that do not support their political narratives, and finally, supporting certain political figures on issues that are not in the best interest of American society as a whole.

Have we witnessed this hungry wolf of discontent before? Yes, we have! Going back to 1860 we see the hungry wolf of discontent roaming inside the borders of America. In many newspapers of 1860, the rich planters ran

stories about how the federal government was infringing on "states' rights." When actually they were really worried about plantation profits and free la-

understand how astute news outlets are at pushing a particular political narrative disguised as a societal issue.

As political journalism

are not former soldiers, but rather Hollywood elitists, talk show hosts, and corrupt career politicians who have never heard the whiz of a bullet on the battlefield.

Many scholars and real journalists all recognize this problem developing and many are wincing thinking about how this story will end. As evidence, the Goldwater Institute published an article in April of 2019 entitled, Integrity in Journalism is Now officially dead." It is but one of many articles that define the many facets of modern-day dishonest journalism.

These set of circumstances should worry every American. Thanks to the many news agencies polarizing the public we are the definition of a house divided and we hear the voice of Abraham Lincoln getting louder every day. As Lincoln's words get louder, so do the drumbeats of war. The internet is littered with articles from institutions and scholarly authors alike, that predict another Civil War in America's future.

So, what do we do as citizens to begin to correct this problem? This at heart is a supply and demand issue. As long as we remain polarized as a society the demand for less than accurate and slanted journalism will remain. Only boycotting these news agencies will solve the issue. As long as they are receiving profits, they will keep providing the political narratives, disguised as societal issues and social justice.

Remember, the wolf of discontent is in each of us, let's not feed that wolf and appreciate the fact that despite our many problems we still reside in the greatest country in the world!



*Photo Courtesy of Chris Ensminger*

bor. They used this narrative to lure the poor, proud, southern people into a war that eventually almost destroyed our nation. This too was a politically charged issue that saw one party use the mainstream news of the day to their advantage, that was local newspapers.

If you have never read any of the newspaper articles supporting the Confederacy in the 1860s, it's good reading to

forwards its narrative, so do we see the ship of freedom list on the seas. Now even our founding fathers most precious cornerstone, the freedom of speech and debate is being criminalized. Much like criticizing British King George, now if you have a spirited debate on an issue, even in a school board meeting, you could be labeled seditious. Leading this march against the First Amendment



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Trio Enterprises, Inc has applied for a permit to sell beer OFF premises at the location known as:  
Glades Cash Store  
1417 Old Deer Lodge Pike  
Deer Lodge, TN 37726

Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the Morgan County Beer Board on the 31st day of July 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Office of the County Clerk

### WANT AD: \*\*MUST PROVIDE VALID REFERENCES\*\* -

#### Position:

Looking for a skilled professional for the day to day functions of an extremely busy office, must be able to perform a variety of office/clerical duties, as well as some Accounting functions, while also providing excellent customer service. This position will work under the direction of the Clerk and Chief Deputy Clerk. The duties include:

- Filing/Processing of records, briefs, motions, orders, opinions, judgments, mandates and other documents filed in the office, and various other administrative, bookkeeping and clerical duties
- Requires knowledge and skill in data entry and organizational skills with an emphasis on detail
- Preferred experience with the judicial system in Tennessee is preferred
- Maintain a court schedule
- Complete tasks in a timely manner
- Communicate with the public and court staff
- Draft and maintain correspondence
- Must be able to multitask independently at a fast paced/high level
- Must be able to understand/follow written and oral instructions
- Schedule hearings and appearances according to procedures
- Must be able to provide in-person and/or telephone assistance to the public regarding cases, court dates, fines and related matters
- Operate and balance a cash drawer; accept, record and receipt payments
- Must be able to lift at least 25 lbs (files) to court or storage facilities
- Process and distribute incoming mail/prepare outgoing mail
- Other duties as assigned

Applicants will be expected to wear professional, business clothing. Hours of operation are M-F 8:00AM-4:00PM - weekends and some holidays off.

#### Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or equivalent, Business/clerical trade school experience preferred
- Must have excellent customer service skills
- Must have excellent computer skills and be familiar with Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, and Outlook)
- Must have excellent organizational skills, be able to multitask and determine priorities
- Must have excellent attention to detail; accuracy of work is highly important
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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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 \* Glitter cleanup can be a hassle. Here's my tip for getting it up quickly with no mess left behind: Use play dough. Just press it into the stray glitter and it will pick it right up. Then you've created glitter dough! Oh, your kids will be impressed. Here are some more kid tips. -- JoAnn

\* Can't seem to part with those baby blankets now that the kids are not babies anymore? Don't! Sew them into floor pillow covers and watch the kids get a few more years out of them.

\* My daughter is old enough to play on our street with her friends, but not necessarily old enough for a cellphone. Instead, we repurposed a set of walkie talkies. Her boundary is in walkie talkie range, and we can communicate. Plus, it's just fun! -- T.F. in Maryland

\* Our friends who live in an apartment have a great storable

sandbox solution. They use a plastic under-the-bed storage bin filled with sand and toys. It has a lid and can be stored easily on their balcony. The kids still get to play in the sand even on rainy days. -- W. in Kentucky

\* I saw this idea in a magazine somewhere, and now I make them for other moms and dads, as they are cute and functional: Make a cell number beaded bracelet your kids can wear when you go out. Little kids may not remember Mommy's cellphone number, but they can bring the bracelet to a store employee and ask him or her to call the number on the bracelet. Use elastic thread and colorful number beads. -- P.S. in Oregon

\* If you use a 1/4-inch hole punch, which you can get at a hardware store for cheap, you easily can make a straw hole in the plastic tops of kids' single serving drinks, like milk and water bottles. Less chance of a spill.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* When African American soldiers began enlisting in the Civil War, they were paid \$10, while white troops earned \$13, and were also charged a monthly fee for their uniforms. In protest, they refused to accept their pay at all for 18 months, though they continued to fight.

\* Throughout the average sofa's life, it will hold roughly 782 visitors.

\* While it was believed for a long time that ancient Greek sculptures made of white marble were originally colorless, scientific studies confirmed the theory that they were actually painted in a wide range of shades that eventually wore away under the long-term effects of light and air.

\* The lollipop, invented in 1908 by George Smith, was named after a racehorse known as Lolly Pop.

\* Researchers have found that octopuses occasionally punch fish, sometimes for obvious reasons, such as directing them away from intended prey, and other times for no apparent reason at all -- unless, perhaps, they're merely having a bad day.

\* A flight data recorder, aka black box, isn't black at all, but bright orange. The heat-resistant paint hue makes it easier to spot in the event of an accident.

\* The most expensive guitar ever sold, a Martin 1959 D-18 acoustic, changed hands at auction for a staggering \$6 million. Formerly owned by Nirvana frontman Kurt

Cobain, it was used by the singer-musician during the band's 1993 MTV Unplugged performance.

\* Including television, theater, film and radio, Charles Dickens is the most adapted author of all time.

\* Oh, my aching feet! In an average day of walking, those appendages at the ends of our legs experience forces totaling hundreds of tons -- the equivalent of a fully loaded cement truck!

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Thought for the Day: "The question isn't who's going to let me, it's who's going to stop me." -- Ayn Rand

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆**

◆ Moderate    ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ **HOO BOY!**  
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Rescue
- 5 Ozone, for one
- 8 Protracted
- 12 Carolina college
- 13 Roswell sighting
- 14 Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 15 "Game on!"
- 17 Snitch
- 18 Service charge
- 19 Rowing need
- 20 Road curves
- 21 Schlep
- 22 Deity
- 23 Everglades wader
- 26 Cure-all
- 30 Bump into
- 31 "Terrif!"
- 32 Astronaut Armstrong
- 33 Tennis tactic
- 35 Tea biscuit
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- 41 Drone
- 42 Airline to Sweden
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- 48 Actress Gilpin

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- 50 Hybrid fruit
- 51 Adolescent
- 52 Bonfire residue
- 53 Inlets
- David Bowie
- 9 Rhyming tributes
- 10 Egyptian river
- 11 Hair goops
- 16 Sulk
- 20 A billion years
- 21 Words at the start of a lesson
- 22 Talk on and on
- 23 Ambulance VIP
- 24 Earth (Pref.)
- 25 Gym unit
- 26 Skillet
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- 28 Aachen article
- 29 Pub pint
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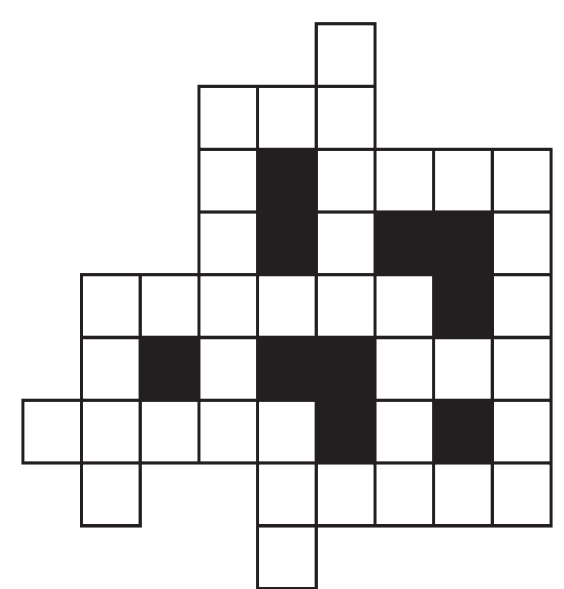
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# FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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- AWC
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- PETOM
- ♥ OEW
- ♥ EDDLAW
- NOGWI
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David Zubler  
Columnist

## Allegations of IRS Coverup

The IRS admitted that it backdated a document and misled the US Tax Court, which puts the IRS under fire for potentially violating the law and attorney professional-conduct rules.

“This looks like a conspiracy if you believe the complaint’s allegation,” said Frank Agostino, a former IRS lawyer and Department of Justice criminal prosecutor.

The IRS needs to show “this is not a vendetta against wealthy people who engaged with conservation easements, that they are committed to only penalizing taxpayers who didn’t follow the rules, and that they’re willing to subject themselves to the same scrutiny that they’re putting the taxpayers under,” said Agostino.

The case involves LakePoint, a company that creates syndicated conservation easements to provide tax deductions for their clients. The IRS has been in a crackdown against this type of activity and put it on its “Dirty Dozen” list of tax scams for the past several years. The IRS contends that the deductions are often based on highly inflated appraisals of what the donated rights are worth. The IRS claims that investors have taken billions of dollars in improper deductions.

Several tax practitioners believe that pressure within the IRS to weed out perceived tax abuse from conservation easements could have impacted the events in the LakePoint case.

This case involves a 1998 law requiring IRS supervisors to approve initial determinations to assess various tax penalties. The law is intended to prevent rogue agents from using inappropriate tax penalties to force taxpayers into settlements.

LakePoint’s lawyers claimed that IRS lawyers “knew or should have known” about the false statements “for a long time” and failed to alert the Tax Court quickly.

Hundreds of pages of court records display how the IRS spent six years failing to come clean about a paperwork mistake that potentially undermined its efforts to collect a \$15 million tax penalty. The IRS claims that at least 19 officials were involved in Tax Court filings on the penalty issue. This included multiple lawyers who reviewed a sworn statement that the IRS admits was inaccurate.

LakePoint hired Rod Rosenstein, former deputy US Attorney General to pursue a separate Freedom of Information Act complaint against the IRS and press for an investigation by a US Treasury inspector general office.

“Traditionally, the Tax Court accepts representations made by the IRS as factual matters, and that’s the way it ought to be. The court should be able to rely on the credibility of IRS employees,” Rosenstein said.

“We also think it’s important that the IRS ensure that there’s no systemic problem. That is, is this just one isolated example of backdating, or was there a culture that accepted this sort of thing?” he said.

“There are some portions of the IRS where there’s a view that all of these syndicated easements are bad and that the objective is to inflict as much pain as possible,” said Michelle Abrams Levin, a former Justice Department Tax Division attorney, who has represented several high-profile easement clients.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Preparing for Another Winter

Winter isn’t even close, and already we’re seeing an increase in illnesses.

They’re calling it a triple-demic, and it includes the regular flu, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and our enemy Covid. Instead of the cold driving us indoors (and around others who can pass along an illness to us), we’ve been pushed indoors by the heat as we seek cooler temperatures.

The flu by itself always hits seniors hard. RSV does as well. There are vaccines for both, with the one for RSV being approved in May. Unfortunately, people with RSV can pass the virus to others in the first few days when they don’t know they’re ill, and then stay contagious for three to eight days.

And now we have a new variant of Covid, a subvariant of XBB, which was a variant of omicron, which they’ve labeled

EG.5 -- and nicknamed “Eris” on social media. It’s becoming the dominant strain. While there is no specific booster for it, the new booster that is being made for last year’s variant is said to have enough overlap to protect from the new EG.5 -- when it’s finished being manufactured. The estimate at this point is that it will be available in October.

That means we’ll be offered three shots, at different times.

Some suggestions to get through the winter:

Check your stock of masks. If you need more, order them now, before others clear the available stock.

Check your supply of antibacterial hand soap and get more if you need to. Stock up on sanitizing wipes as well, for countertops and doorknobs.

Call your doctor and ask if you should have one, two or three of the available shots, and make appointments to get those.

And don’t forget to plan for fun over the winter. New books, hobby supplies, games, new recipes, different senior workout videos on YouTube, online language classes, etc.

We can do this.

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## FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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1. What is “Big Yellow Taxi” about?
2. Name the group that released “Gimme Three Steps.”
3. Who released “Secret Lovers”?
4. Where and when did the Stray Cats get their first and only No. 1 song?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: “You want to trust her, Then somebody hangs up when you answer the phone.”

### Answers

1. The song, written and released by Joni Mitchell in 1970, addresses environmental problems. It was written while on a Hawaiian vacation when she looked out the room window and expected to see tropical sights, and instead she saw a paved parking lot.
2. Lynyrd Skynyrd, in 1973. The song is about a guy asking for a head start in escaping out of a bar after he’s caught dancing with another man’s girlfriend.
3. Atlantic Starr, in 1985. The Barbara Weathers and David Lewis duet topped the Billboard chart in 1986. A cover version was done in 2008 by Alexander O’Neal and Mica Paris.
4. In Finland in 1980 with “Runaway Boys.”
5. “When You’re in Love With a Beautiful Woman,” by Dr. Hook, in 1979. The group was called Dr. Hook & the Medicine Show until 1975. Their first hit was “Sylvia’s Mother” in 1972.

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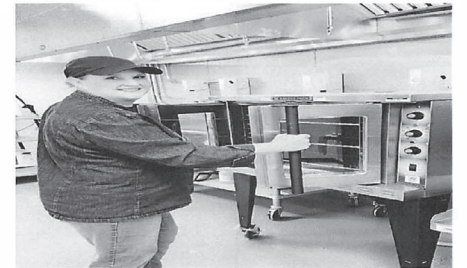
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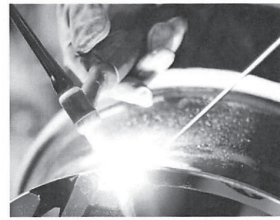
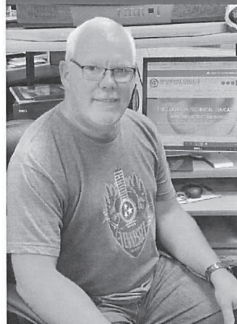
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### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of its Bylaws, the Board of Directors for Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. would like to invite its membership and the news media to attend a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Headquarters Building in Sunbright, Tennessee. You are cordially invited to attend and share with the Board your comments or concerns.

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Other specifications for the walking track can be obtained by contacting Patricia Pace [pacep@mcsed.net](mailto:pacep@mcsed.net) or Sheila Freels [freelss@mcsed.net](mailto:freelss@mcsed.net) by email or phone at 423-346-6214.

Sealed bids should be delivered to the Morgan County Central Office at 136 Flat Fork Rd. Wartburg, TN 37887, and should be identified as "2023 Walking Track Asphalt Bids".

Opening will be Wednesday, August 30, 2023 in the Conference Room of the Morgan County Schools Central Office in Wartburg, Tennessee. Morgan County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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## RENOVA HEALTH, INC. ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF ITS FIRST ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT FACILITY

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Aug. 14, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Rennova Health, Inc. (OTC: RNVA) is pleased to announce that its behavioral health services subsidiary, Myrtle Recovery Centers, Inc., ("Myrtle"), has been granted a license under the rules of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services of the State of Tennessee to operate an alcohol and drug treatment facility in Oneida, Tennessee. The facility, located at Rennova's Big South Fork Medical Center campus, will commence operations and begin accepting patients today.

The facility will offer alcohol and drug residential detoxification and residential rehabilitation treatment services to up to 30 patients. Myrtle intends to offer office-based opioid treatment ("OBOT") as outpatient treatment services at Oneida in the future.

"This an exciting first step in the development of Myrtle," said Robert Merritt, the Chief Executive Officer of Myrtle Recovery Centers, Inc. "The need for behavioral health services, especially alcohol and drug treatment services, in our rural communities is crucial and growing and we look forward to providing the best possible treatment at our facilities".

"We are delighted to open this first facility for Myrtle," stated Seamus Lagan, Chief Executive Officer of Rennova Health, Inc. "We believe Myrtle is a complementary business model to our current rural healthcare services offerings and an excellent use of available space at our rural, critical access hospital. We look forward to this new subsidiary generating additional revenues for the Company and considering our options to expand this business."

Information on Myrtle Recovery Centers, Inc. can be found at [www.myrtlerecoverycenters.com](http://www.myrtlerecoverycenters.com)  
About Rennova Health, Inc.

Rennova Health, Inc. ("Rennova,") is a provider of health care services. The Company owns one operating hospital in Oneida, Tennessee known as Big South Fork Medical Center, a hospital located in Jamestown, Tennessee that it plans to reopen, a rural clinic in Kentucky and an alcohol and drug treatment facility operated by Myrtle Recovery Centers, Inc.

For more information, please visit [www.renovahealth.com](http://www.renovahealth.com)

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## 9/11 5K Color Dash/Walk/Run set for September 9, 2023

Wartburg, Tennessee – The Morgan County Tourism Alliance is sponsoring the 3rd Annual 9/11 5K Color Dash/Walk/Run set for Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in downtown Wartburg by Tanners.

This Color Dash is a community race to honor those lives lost on 9/11 and to show appreciation for the service and sacrifice for our local responders. The Color Dash be 3.1 miles (5K) around the city center. At each lap, participants will get a splash of color tossed on them by our local responders! Registration is \$25 for those 18 and Older and \$5 for 17 and younger. Included is a white T-shirt. Registration is online: <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Wartburg/9115KColorDashWalkRun>

The proceeds for this Color Dash support our local responders. We encourage you to write on your white T-shirt the name of a responder that is dear to you.

For more information about the 9/11 5K Color Dash, visit [mctamo.com](http://mctamo.com), Facebook - @MorganCountyTourismAlliance or Instagram – @seemocotn. We are looking forward to seeing you here!

### ELECTION NOTICE

In all precincts of Morgan County, TN there will be a Presidential Preference Primary Election held on March 5, 2024.

March Primary Offices: Presidential Candidates and Delegates at Large and 3rd Congressional District (committed and uncommitted). Presidential Candidate's Petition availability begins September 6, 2023 and will continue through the qualifying deadline at 12:00 NOON December 5, 2023. Political Party Presidential Candidates nominated by petition must file with the State Election Commission by the qualifying deadline. Delegate Candidate's Petition availability begins September 15, 2023 and will continue till, and must be filed by, the qualifying deadline at 12:00 NOON December 14, 2023. Delegates must file their nominating petitions with the State Election Commission by the qualifying deadline. Elderly voters and voters with disabilities assigned to vote in precincts where the polling place is inaccessible may vote early at the Election Commission Office during the early voting period or with an absentee ballot by mail, or may vote at the Election Commission Office on Election Day. Any elderly voter or voter with a disability who will be voting for their first time and desiring to vote at the Election Commission Office on Election Day must notify the Election Commission Office in writing by February 24, 2024. The last day to register to vote in this election will be February 5, 2024. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR VALID FEDERAL OR STATE OF TENNESSEE ISSUED PHOTO ID WITH YOU WHEN YOU APPEAR TO VOTE. THIS APPLIES TO EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY.

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# A Rangers' River: The Chattahoochee Continued



**John Burns**  
*Opinion Columnist*

Life as an airborne Ranger begins on Fort Benning, Georgia. Legends and leaders are born in the woods surrounding the Chattahoochee River. I served under, and with men, who epitomize the Ranger tenets taught in the Ranger Battalion. Courage, competence, candor, and commitment.

Rounded out by an incredible dose of common sense.

These are the attributes Rangers learn from their mentor's and heroes. I will attempt to describe the men who made me, and the leadership they tried to instill in this intemperate womanizer, with no moral compass. Ranger by day. Hooligan by night and weekend.

Recognizing I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession. The first sentence of the Ranger creed, recited by every member of the Regiment every day of their Ranger career. I myself, had no idea the dangers I would confront, once I landed in a Ranger assault company.

As a member of weapons platoon with a military occupational specialty of mortarman, my life revolved around supporting the three, line platoons that would do the company bidding. I was the fire direction center chief who operated the mortar ballistic computer. When indirect fire was required, I did the math.

I learned the finer points of jumping on black top runways while practicing airfield seizure. Mortarman carried basic Ranger load of ammunition for an M-16. They carried mortar rounds in their already overloaded rucksacks. I, additionally carried the Mortar Ballistic computer. To exit an aircraft!

My first year would see me attend Jumpmaster school, Pathfinder school, Basic Non-Commissioned officer course, and successfully passing the Expert Infantry Badge test, all while learning the finer points of daily and weekly Ranger life. 1000 miles an hour, would be an understatement. Fortune favors the bold! Lead with led!

After 7 months in weapons platoon, I was recommended for the promotion board. With my MOS, this carried a penalty I was not willing to pay. There are only two E5 slots for 11c in a Ranger company, and I have two people with seniority ahead of me. I did not want to leave Bravo company.

My friend and mentor SFC Dedrich suggested I turn in a 4187 to change my MOS to 11b. My Ranger tab provided the justification for reclassification. I agreed. In April 91, I would move to third platoon and begin my life as an Alpha team leader in a line squad. My first Squad leader was SSG Paul Holt.

He would be the first African- American Ranger in a long line to help me as a young Ranger leader. At the time, in a company of 110 Rangers, only 4 were African American. All were incredibly able leaders and more competent leaders than I encountered in the regular Army.

I would begin to confront inherent prejudices learned in public education, during my time in Paul Holts' squad. This pattern would continue as I served four more years in 3d Bn. God would place Max Mullin, Clement Green, John McGlothian, Hugh Roberts, Darrell Moore, Darren Smith, and many other African American leaders in my path that helped me overcome racism.

Second squad, third platoon were a bunch of rabble rousers. I would be the Alpha team leader with Marc Belda as bravo team leader. We had Aaron Weaver and David Eastabrook, with Steven Anderson who would last until 1993 and our deployment to Mogadishu, Somalia.

Paul Holt would be injured on an airfield jump onto North Field, South Carolina, three months after I first became Alpha Team leader. SFC Green decided to leave me in his Job position at least temporarily. As it

would have it, I would remain 2d Squad leader until I took over weapons squad in September of 1992, with my promotion to SSG.

Aaron Weaver and I would become good friends while serving in 2d squad. We would attend Sniper school as partners and he ensured I would graduate. We would Jumpmaster together on no less than 15-20 occasions over the next two years.

The men of third platoon were an incredible lot from all over these United States and at least a few of Mexican descent. Most were poor white kids who joined the Army in search of upward mobility. The Rangers afforded the opportunity for them to see what their lives were made of.

Our platoon had incredible leaders. Bob Gallagher, and Larry Moores, would take us to Mogadishu and our date with Ranger destiny. The men they would lead had traveled the globe preparing to meet the enemies of American values and freedoms.

We measured our mettle in the swamps, creeks and pine thickets surrounding the Chattahoochee River on Fort Benning, Georgia. The three years we would train in places most people know not exist, provided the environment for overcoming fear, and honing our skills as Rangers.

Friendships were forged through trial and tribulation. We experienced the full range of human emotion while learning to lead with led. Death in training, injuries that ended Ranger careers, and turnover, make it a requirement to learn to appreciate all our team members who did not quit.

The Ranger Platoon most often resembles a dysfunctional family when not killing the enemies of our nation. Relationships sometimes boil over from the sheer frustration of having no one else to fight.

When you absolutely, positively, need something destroyed and burning in 18 hours, Rangers are who America sends. Third Platoon was where I learned that I am no better or no worse than any other Ranger in my Ranger family. The Ranger leadership model requires empathy learned in hardship!

I learned to endure starvation, sleep deprivation, and I learned just how wet a human could stay for long periods of time on the banks of the Chattahoochee River. Life was somehow more real for me as a Ranger.

I am old now. The young man who learned his trade alongside the greatest Americans ever produced, now has only fading memories of those we would lose later in combat and most unfortunately to suicide. The Chattahoochee River provided waters of refreshment as I became a man in BCO 3/75..

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 11-10-2022

*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.*

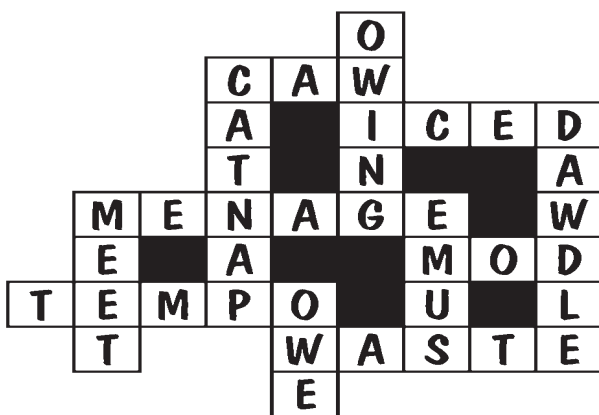
*Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five 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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## Historically Speaking Anderson County's coal mine explosions led to improved mine safety

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

In this second in a three-part series of articles on Coal Creek history, as presented at Coal Creek Miners Museum, 201 S. Main St., Rocky Top, Carolyn Krause draws on a recent talk by Knoxville engineer Barry Thacker on coal mine explosions early in the 20th century in Anderson County and their national impact. In his recent hourlong presentation on "Bringing Coal Creek History to Life" at the Oak Ridge Branch Campus of Roane State Community College, Thacker portrayed David Thomas, a Welsh mining engineer who lived in Coal Creek and witnessed its historical events. Coal Creek later was named Lake City, as a gateway to Norris Dam, and now is called Rocky Top.

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After the Coal Creek War ended and convict labor was abolished in 1892, the Welsh community prospered for 10 years in Coal Creek and Briceville, where opera houses were built. The mining engineers in Coal Creek, such as David Thomas, had read newspaper reports about explosions involving methane gas in deep mines in Dayton, Tenn. But they weren't worried about the Fraterville mine, which had been one of the safest mines in the state since it opened in 1870.

On May 19, 1902, the Fraterville mine exploded. Friends and relatives of the 216 miners underground gathered outside and hoped the miners would escape the mine alive. Thomas, then an engineer for the Provident Insurance Company, was a member of the rescue crew.

In the worst mine disaster in Tennessee history, 190 men and young boys from the Fraterville community were killed instantly. The cause: a coal dust explosion that sent debris and toxic methane gas belching from the air flow shaft and out through the mine's entrance.

Coal mining was one of the most profitable professions for men without a college degree. For every position, three men applied because no welfare was available. The Fraterville mine manager encouraged all male family members to work in the mine. Only three adult males were alive in Fraterville after the 1902 disaster. Family losses ranged from all their male members to five brothers and two brothers-in-law, a father and three sons and eight cousins who all worked in the same mine.

The many widows often married miners that came to replace those that died. One enterprising widow supported her family by using the coal company funds she received as a down payment for a boarding house. She leased rooms to miners arriving in the area.

According to Thacker, it had been known for hundreds of years that coal mine explosions emit poisonous gases like carbon monoxide, so miners "try to find a room in the mine where the air is good and build a barricade to keep out the poisonous gases. Unfortunately, if rescuers don't get there in time, those individuals will suffocate as the oxygen in the air

is depleted. But at least they have hours rather than minutes to survive."

When Thomas and the rescue crew entering the Fraterville mine located a barricade, broke it down and entered the confined space, they found 26 deceased miners. Ten of those miners had written farewell letters that the crew collected and gave to the families. Powell Harmon wrote an extensive note to his family that included these words: "I hope to meet you all in heaven. My boys, never work in the coal mines." (His eldest son Condy at age 15 had to work in the Cross Mountain mine to



*Wives and children of Cross Mountain miners awaiting word from rescuers after the explosion*



*Entrance to Fraterville mine through which 216 men and boys in 1902 had "passed in good health and spirits to be brought out mangled corpses." Knoxville Journal and Tribune, May 23, 1902 (newspaper microfilm)*

support his family. He died a family hero at age 24 in that mine's 1911 explosion.) Replicas of those letters can be read at the Coal Creek Miners Museum in Rocky Top.

The farewell letters, which shared a theme of God and family, "were published in newspapers around the world," Thacker said. "For the first time, people in New York City, Boston and Washington, D.C., could read about the perils of being a coal miner in Appalachia. The articles raised public awareness about the dangers of early 20th century coal mines."

Newspaper coverage of the Fraterville mine explosion sparked a public outcry over coal mine safety. So, Congress established the U.S. Bureau of Mines in 1910. Its mission was to improve mine safety. The bureau required rescue crews to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and recommended that crews start using a canary in a cage to test air quality in mines. "A canary will die long before a human if there's bad air in the mine," Thacker said.

The Bureau of Mines was first able to test its safety measures on Dec. 9, 1911, when the

Cross Mountain mine in Briceville exploded. In his book "70 Years in the Coal Mines," Welsh miner and mine owner Philip Francis wrote these passages about his role during the rescue efforts after the Fraterville and Cross Mountain mines exploded. "On arriving at the mine, women and children were weeping and all in great distress. Once again, I must control myself and not let my sympathy weaken me...For I had a duty to perform to a fellow miner. So, I went into the mine with 40 men...I met a man with a small cage with a dead canary in it. I met another man with a gas mask on and carrying his oxygen with him."

After the Cross Mountain mine explosion, George Camp (the son of Thomas' former boss at the Fraterville mine) sucked air from the Cross Mountain mine out through the connecting Thistle Switch mine.

"That quick action by George Camp gave time for the rescue efforts at Cross Mountain," Thacker said. "So, 50 hours after the explosion, the rescue crew found 16 surviving miners behind a barricade the crew broke through. Their canary lived, showing that the air was good, and they were able to rescue the miners."

Although 84 miners died, the Cross Mountain mine disaster marked the first successful rescue of coal miners from a U.S. mine that had exploded," Thacker said. "It was the first use of canaries to test air quality and the first use of self-contained breathing apparatus by engineers with the crews of the U.S. Bureau of Mines. The famous phrase 'canary in a coal mine' as a harbinger of danger originated in Anderson County at the Cross Mountain mine in Briceville!"

The Cross Mountain mine rescue crew were considered heroes and the group photo graced the cover of Popular Mechanics magazine. The historical significance of the Anderson County mine explosions is that they led to life-saving mine safety regulations and equipment.

"More coal is mined today in the United States than was mined back in the early 1900s," Thacker said. "Yet the fatality rate for miners today is 99.9% lower than it was at the turn of the 20th century."

Clearly, Welshmen in our area had an important impact on Anderson County, state and U.S. history. "Most of the Welsh miners who died in the Fraterville and Cross Mountain mine explosions were the same miners who fought to end convict leasing," Thacker said.

They were the same miners who helped end Black slavery in Tennessee. Their fate was to die in mine disasters that resulted in improved safety for American miners of black coal.

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In the next Historically Speaking column and third in this three-part series, Carolyn Krause will bring us more on David Thomas, Briceville Elementary School students who became Coal Creek Scholars and their relationship to a professor and author at Harvard University who specialized in Welsh literature and history.

# 1 John Chapter 5

(1 John chapter 5:1-4) Love manifested in obedience: “Whosoever” is a comprehensive term. “Believeth” is a verb that expresses sustained activity, not a mere momentary act. True belief, is biblical parlance, is never just an emotional impulse; it is confident trust that responds to God in obedience. “Belief” void of obedience is demonic (Jas. 2:19). The heretics John opposes denied both the “divine” and “human” aspects of Jesus. True believers subscribe to both truths. The expression, “begotten of God,” implies a father-child relationship. The fuller “birth” picture is sketched in John 3:3-5 (which see). If one loves the Father, he also will love others begotten of him (spiritual siblings). A test of familial love is when we truly are devoted to the Father and do his commandments (v.2).

We show our love for God by keeping his commandments and, in view of all the benefits of obedience, those commands are not overbearing (v.3; Mt. 11:30). Those who labor under illusion that Christianity is all “grace” and “no law” have not read these verses. The children of God are in the process of conquering the world, and the key to that victory is the quality of our “faith” (v.4). It is not a sentimental faith that emotionally acknowledges Christ and then disputes doing his will, as is so common in the sectarian community. It is the quality of faith depicted in Hebrews 11 and James 2---one that bows in humble submission to the sovereign Creator.

(1 John 5:5-12) Faith in Christ as the Son of God: Persistent “belief” is echoed again in this segment. Those who overcome the world are those who maintain their faithful submission to Jesus as the Son of God. Both terms, “Son” and “God,” are important. “Son” emphasizes his human nature; “God” indicates Christ shares the divine essence. To deny either (as heretics have always done) is fatal. Christ is said to have come “by water and blood.” The most reasonable explanation for this expression is that the “water” refers to his immersion in the Jordan, at which time he was publicly acknowledged by the Father, speaking from heaven, as the beloved Son in whom he was well-pleased (Mt. 3:15-17). The “blood” most likely alludes to the blood shed by the Lamb, who takes away the sin of the world (Zech. 13:1; Mt. 26:28; Jn. 1:29). These two signal events were like sacred parentheses in which the Lord’s public ministry was enclosed.

The Holy Spirit also is mentioned as a “witness” to the “truth” of the Sonship of Christ. He descended upon the Savior at the time of his baptism (Mt. 3:16); he was an active agent in the Lord’s resurrection (Rom. 1:4; 1 Pet. 3:18), and he empowered the apostles in their preaching about Christ on Pentecost (Acts 2:4). The water, blood, and Spirit thus constitute “three witnesses,” united in their testimony of the Savior’s identity (v.8).

Since the testimony of honorable men is accepted as valid evidence in the proof of a proposition, the testimony of the transcendent God should be received with even greater credibility. And God certainly has verified the identity of his Son (v. 9). The one who maintains his active faith in Christ as God’s Son has “the witness” (namely the Holy Spirit, or divine testimony) “in him” (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 4:6). Those who reject the evidence of Christ’s identity have, in practical effect, branded God as a “liar,” because they have rejected the evidence God has provided concerning his Son (v.10).

John declares that “God gave unto us eternal life” (v.11; the verb is past tense), and that we “have eternal life” (v. 13; present tense). Calvinists contend this means one cannot forfeit his salvation by apostasy. This is error. Others, in protesting Calvinism, insist that there is no sense in which one can now say he actually “has” eternal life. It is alleged that we only “hope” for eternal life (Tit. 1:2). Yet these commentators acknowledge we may affirm our present “salvation” even though Scripture speaks of the “hope of salvation” (1 Thes. 5:8). There is both a present and future sense of these blessings, and this flexibility of language must

be acknowledged. “Life” is “in the Son” (v.11), and one enters that relationship at baptism (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27). Possessing the Son and “life” are coextensive; one may not have one without the other (v. 12; Acts 4:12).

(1 John 5:13-21) Conclusion: John has written this document that Christians might “know” they have eternal life. If one cannot know that, the apostle wrote in vain. The sum of what is required in becoming a Christian is expressed by the phrase, “believe on the name of the Son of God” (v.13). The term “believe” embraces such matters as confession of faith, repentance, and immersion in water; it does not exclude them. This latter conclusion, advocated by so many sectarians, is inexcusable. The apostle argues for boldness in prayer and for confidence that prayers will be answered when such are “according to his will” (v.14). This is the provision many ignore. For example, one may not pray for God to save a person who died lost. One must not pray for God to save a person who repudiates Christ as his Son. One cannot pray for God to “grow” him a new arm after a tragic accident, or raise a loved one from the dead, etc. To pray for things known to be contrary to the expressed will of God is vain and foolish. With this “balance” in view, we can be confident that God will hear our prayers and respond to them in our best interests (v.15; 2 Cor. 12:7).

Verse sixteen is puzzling to many. It deals with prayer on behalf of a Christian, yet such may be effective or non-effective---depending upon certain circumstances. Essentially it affirms that there is a “sin unto death” (for such, prayer is useless) and that there is a “sin not unto death” (for this prayer is useful). Since the context does not precisely define the nature of these sins, it is obvious that the solution must be sought in other biblical texts that deal with the same topic. Two observations may be made: First, we are authorized to pray for forgiveness on behalf of any fellow-Christian who acknowledges his wrongdoing and expresses a penitent disposition (Acts 8:22; Jas. 5:16; 1 Jn. 1:9; Rev.2:5). For those who clearly are not of this inclination, prayer is not effective. Secondly, there apparently are some who have become so hardened in sin they have reached a point where they “cannot” change (Jn. 12:37; Eph. 4:19; 1 Tim. 4:2; Heb. 3:7). When a rebellious attitude is obvious, prayer on behalf of such a one is useless. It is an offense to God to pray in conflict with his revealed will. All unrighteousness is sin, but sins are subject to pardon only when the divine conditions for such are met (v.17).

The one who has been “begotten of God” (through the “new birth” process) (Jn. 3:3-5) does not continue to practice sin (the force of the verb) in a wanton, unchecked manner. Instead, he “keeps himself” (3:9), he exercises self-discipline and maintains a steadfastly penitent and prayerful frame of mind and mode of conduct. When such a program is pursued, the “evil one” cannot overcome him (v.18). Through the information we have by means of Scripture, we can know that we belong to God, and that we are separate from the “world” that lies under the influence of Satan (v.19).

Further, John affirms, we “know” that the Son of God “is come” (he came and solid evidence for that event remains). The testimony of many yet alive confirmed that. That evidence, both personal (that of this apostle) and that written in Scripture, has provided us with “an understanding” of the true one, with whom we are in fellowship by means of his Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God through whom comes eternal life (v.20). But ultimate responsibility remains with the disciples. “My little children, guard yourselves from idols” (v.21). What if this admonition is ignored?

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- Light-catching bead hangers
- Twig star ornaments
- Painted clay pots
- Jar made into hanging vase or lantern using wire, string or ribbon
- Twigs glued to can or jar, tied with raffia bow
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1 TIMOTHY 5:13

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# Scott County Today

## SCOTT EDGES CAMPBELL COUNTY IN FIRST HOME GAME OF SEASON

By Richard Spears



After coming off a tough road loss at Lenoir City, a game the Lady Panthers won, 6-0 on Tuesday (August 15), Scott played a very good game at home Thursday (August 17), outlasting Campbell County for a 3-2 win. Scott Head Coach Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today, "We were just flat at Lenoir City. They got ahead of us 3-0 by the end of the half, and we didn't recover very well. But we followed up two days later by playing a much improved Campbell County team, and did a good job against them."

Scott junior Alyssa Crabtree (pictured) got the Lady Highlanders on the board first, driving home a goal off an assist by Abby Henson in the game's 15th minute to put the Lady Highlanders up, 1-0 over the Lady Cougars. That would be the score at the end of the half.

Scott's seniors combined for the Lady Highlanders'

second score, with Angel Cooper taking an assist from Rachel Garrett and nailing a goal in the second frame. Lady Highlander junior

Autumn Brummett scored what would prove to be the winning goal, with an assist by Crabtree.

In comments after the game, Head Coach Henry stated, "We played well enough to win. Several of our girls played a very good game. Goalie Bella Sharpe had some crucial saves. Our seniors led well- Rachel Garrett, Angel Cooper and Ellie Lowe- they were all over the field, and played hard along with juniors Kynlie Frogge, Alyssa Crabtree, Riley Lantz and Abby Henson. Our younger players did well. The only reason Campbell County got those two goals is because we didn't stay on our marks, but we've got a lot of season left to work on that. The bottom line is, we played hard and won the game." Scott is scheduled to play CAK at home on Tuesday, August 22, about which Henry said, "CAK will be a good test for us."

## LADY INDIANS FALL TO SEVIER COUNTY AT HOME

Oneida fought hard in their first game of the season, but fell to the Lady Smoky Bears of Sevier County 3-0 at Hoffman Field Thursday (August 17). In a defensive battle that saw Lady Indian goalie Ayla Sims make a multitude of good saves, Sevier found the back of the net in the 32nd minute of the first half to take a 1-0 lead at the break. In the second period, Oneida didn't get many scoring opportunities, and Sevier County made the most of a penalty kick, scoring with 24 minutes to go, then connected on a corner kick 5 minutes later to take a 3-0 lead, which was the final score. Oneida is scheduled to host Anderson County on Tuesday, August 22, then will travel to Gatlinburg to play in the Smoky Mountain Cup Tournament August 25-26.




**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**  **ALI SMITH**  **ALYSSA CRABTREE**

# A Special Sister



**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

age.

Rose my oldest sister said that Mom put me in the middle of the bed when she went to the barn to milk the cow and told the two girls to watch me. She said, "don't try to pick him up just shake the bed when he starts crying." They certainly were young babysitters.

One of my first memories of Gladys was when we would sit beside the house and talk about the house we would have when we grew up. I said I'm going to have a house with three bathrooms. Gladys wanted a lot of bedrooms. I guess the house we were raised in was lacking in both bath and bedrooms. We had zero bathrooms and only three small bedrooms. Finally, my third house in Florida had three bathrooms. It took a long time but I did reach my goal.

In the summer of 1945, I had cleaned mortar off of 1,900 bricks from the old school that had burned in January 1940. They paid us a penny a brick. I was a little fellow, only nine-years-old. On Friday, the day they would pay us I was ill and couldn't get up to Wartburg. On Saturday I felt better and I asked Gladys if she would walk up to Wartburg with me to collect my \$19.00 for cleaning bricks. I told her I would buy her a Coke and a candy bar.

So here Gladys and I stood in the spot where I had left my bricks. They were all gone and the tears welled up in my eyes. I could see my Red Rider air rifle, along with other things I wanted to buy with the \$19.00.

Gladys, bless her heart hated to see her little brother cry so she looked over at the trailer that had been set up for the construction boss and she assumed that someone was there that could help me. She said, "Tommy there's cars in front of that trailer. Someone there might be able to help you out."

To make a long story short I went into the trailer and got my \$19.00. I tell you this story that I've told before in an article because of what I would do with most of the money.

When Gladys was eleven-years-old tragedy would strike her. We were playing tag in our old barn when Gladys was in the hay loft. She started to go down the hay shoot and slipped. Her arm hit one of the 2x4's and broke the humorous bone. Jim's wife who was nearby was summoned because she was the only adult nearby at the time. Gladys was taken to the only doctor in Wartburg. This is where the tragedy really took place.

Now hundreds of people have broken their arms and if they were set properly, they suffered no ill effects. But Gladys' arm was not set properly and for the rest of her life she would suffer both physically and mentally. Evidently the arm was set too tight and as a result it did not grow from the time it was broken on to the rest of her days. She had to learn to use the arm in a different way and believe me she could put a diaper on her babies better than some others.

Gladys was a pretty girl. I don't think I ever saw another girl or woman with a prettier complexion than Gladys had. Her facial features were pretty and she never developed wrinkles. Where many women start getting heavy in mid-life or before, Gladys remained slim.

I had three sisters and the one closest in age to me was my special sister. Gladys was the fourth child born into our family and I was the fifth child and only a year and five months separated us in

If there was help around for one of her children, Mom would go there. I remember she and Dad took her to Lexington, Kentucky and she had to stay up there for weeks. We had relatives there close by in Danville, Kentucky so they kept her. We were really disappointed that the children's hospital in Lexington didn't help her much. She was also taken to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville and even though they tried to help her the arm didn't show much progress. I didn't see either reports from Lexington or Nashville and I was very young so I didn't fully understand the ramifications of this tragedy. I know I really felt sorry for Gladys and my heart went out to her. I gave her most of the \$19.00 I had made cleaning bricks for the new school. She bought a wagon and a doll. I never did get a BB gun but it didn't matter anymore because I loved my sister and I wanted to help her all I could. We all were hurt over this tragedy. Mom knew that it would hurt her socially and most of the family saw how it affected her when she started going with boys. Gladys' older sister, Rosella was good for her but I think she needed counseling and I don't believe she got any.

Like I said before the arm didn't hold her back in raising the children. She did everything that other mothers did with two perfect arms. When they went to church or other places the girls were always dressed good. Gladys was a good cook and the kids got nourishing meals. I ate with her several times and the food was delicious. When I was visiting my parents and she knew when I was going back to Florida, she would phone me and invite me and my wife to breakfast. Like Rose, my other sister, Gladys' specialties were cakes and pies, but everything she cooked was good.

Like many of us in our later years Gladys found herself alone but her kids were good to take care of her especially her oldest girl who lived in Florida. Jacksonville was out of my way when I drove from Bradenton to Wartburg but I went by to see her several times. She always wanted to see her closest brother and I loved my special sister.

Gladys passed away on September 17, 2011 and her funeral was held at Liberty Baptist Church in Wartburg.

Notice: I have written this article



**Gladys Redmon**



**Gladys Redmon in school**



**Gladys Redmon**

from my perspective and my siblings might have seen things differently. If Rose had been here when I wrote this, she could have added a lot to it. She was also close to her sister. Both of my sisters were special and I really miss them both.

Gladys tried to finish her schooling but it became too big of a chore and I believe she liked a year or more in getting her diploma when she dropped out. She was very intelligent and she could have gotten a college degree if the situation had been different in our home. There were five children in school in our family when I started at LMU. Dad worked at Y-12 in Oak Ridge and although we were thankful for the job the pay was not very good for a man with a large family. What happened later on when Mom and Dad only had two children at home, they had a new car sitting in the driveway and many kitchen appliances along with a bathroom and running water. But money was not the problem in getting medical help for Gladys' arm. If this happened today there would be a law suit.

Gladys got married and she had five children; one boy and four girls. She was a good mother.

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