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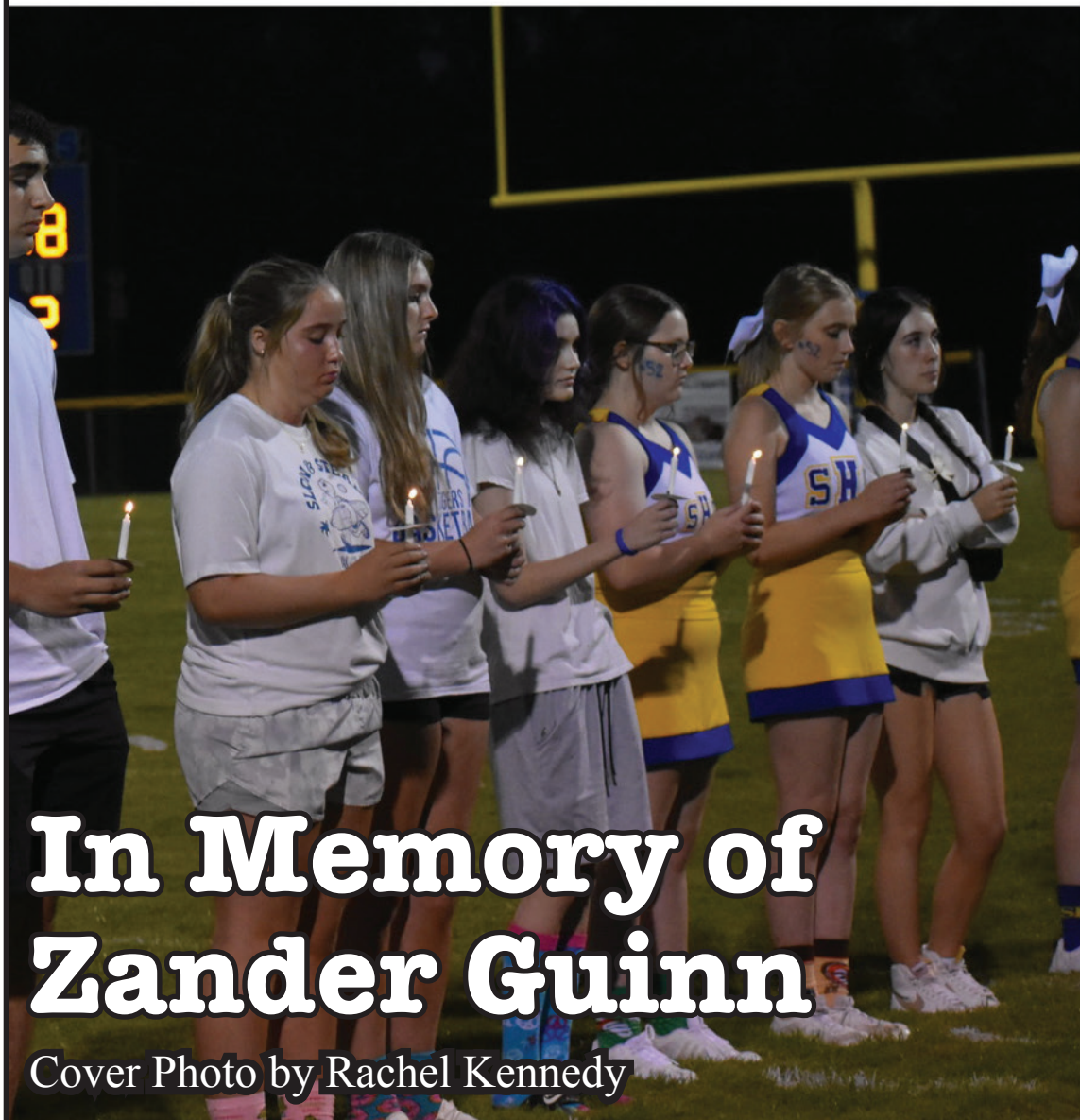
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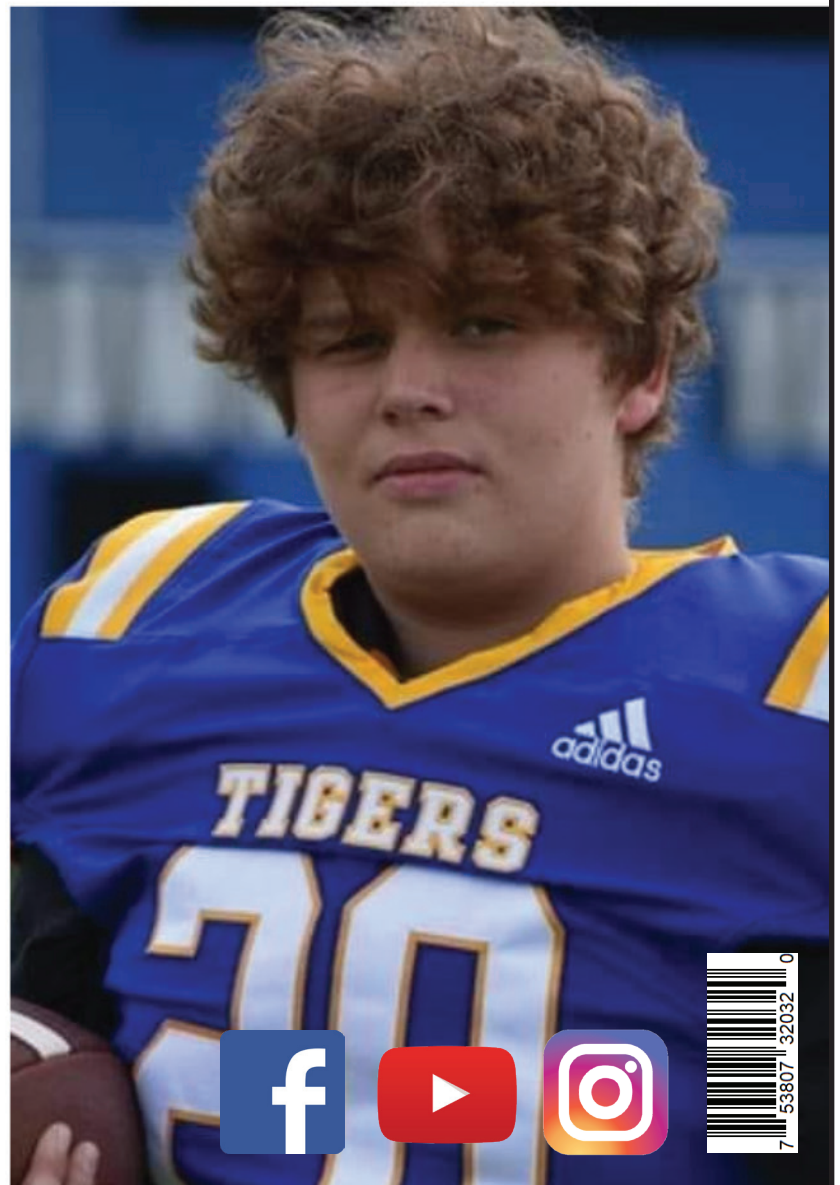
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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Well my Bubba has

been having some dental issues. So, he has been seeing Dr Raymond Holmes at Roane Dental Associates. Dr Holmes has done a phenomenal job on my Bubbas teeth. They look great!

Dr Holmes and his staff are great. He has worked on Mimi and Pappys teeth, too.

You see, he is a perfectionist and makes sure the job is done right, regardless of how long it takes.

Can you believe that he actually grew up right in our nick of the woods and decided to come back home to work as a dentist? Isn't that just great?

Mimi says his office isn't just clean, it's Mimi clean! She also says that the dental hygienists and office staff there are pretty great, too. She said they are all so friendly and like to

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl



laugh. How awesome is that? Her only complaint is that, she wishes that they knew about Roane Dental, sooner.

Any-woof, if you are needing a kind and thorough dentist, go check them out. Their address is:Roane Dental Associates 2717 Roane State Hwy Harriman, TN 37748Phone: 865-717-7743.For more of my Pet Perspective like and follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.

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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.

Wartburg Class of 1971
Reunion

The Wartburg Central High School Class of 1971 will hold their 52nd class reunion on Saturday, September 16th from noon until 4 p.m. at the American Legion Post 149 building in Wartburg. Please contact Betty Cox Made or Jeanette Goodman Patrick for more information.

The Mt Hope Cemetery Assoc will meet Thursday September 14 @ 6:00 pm at the Weidemann in Deer Lodge

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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.

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

In Loving Memory

Ronald Williams, 78



Ronald Williams, age 78 and a lifelong resident of Petros, passed away on August 23, 2023. Born and raised in Petros, he never met a stranger. He was known as "Round Head" to friends, but best known as a loving husband, dad and papaw. He loved his family very much, but it was his grandkids who had a very special place in his heart.

While his jobs were coal miner, logger, and construction worker, he was a jack of all trades. There wasn't much him and his brother, best friend and side kick, JL, could not fix. He and JL were on the go all the time to check out one thing or the other, along with their very good friend, Joe Ed York. The three of them was always finding something to get into. He will be missed very much.

Ronald left this world to be reunited with those who left before him: parents, Logan and Lara Mae Williams;

nephew, Bo McGhee; and great-nephew, TJ Williams.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Katie Williams; children: Ruthie (Tommy) Bray, Danielle (Ricky) Ward, and Sam (Vicki) Williams; grandchildren: Curt (Billie) Bray, Tyanna (Trenton) Ward, Brian Williams, Tyler (Savannah) Williams, Nicholas Ward, and Brooklyn Ward; great grandchildren: Olivia Bray, Katie Bray, Landon Armes, Waylon Ward, Raylon Ward, and Katelynn Ward; siblings: JL (Alice) Williams, Jean Williams, Debbie (Paul Gene) Williams, and Billy Ruth (Charles) McGhee; along with special friend, Joe York, and special neighbors, Condon White, Tina Mesamore, and Donna Byrge.

The family will have a graveside service Tuesday August 29, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Petros Cemetery (School House Hill) with Dr. Jim West officiating.

Thelma Bunch Lowe, 93

Thelma Bunch Lowe passed away August 23, 2023, at the Life Care Center of Wartburg.

She was born on February 7, 1930, in the New River/Devonia area in Anderson County, TN, to parents General and Mattie (Goodman) Bunch.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Ricky Lowe, at the age of 20 in 1970, due to a motorcycle accident. When Ricky died, Thelma buried a piece of her heart with him! Her husband, Gentry Lowe, passed away in 1982. Two stepsons, Randall, and Jackie Lowe are also deceased. Sisters and brothers-in-law, Gladys Bunch Lowe and husband, Arnold; May Bunch McCoy and husband, Joe; and Agnes Bunch McGhee and husband, Paul. Brothers and sisters-in-law, Claiborne and wife, Mary; Clifford and wife, Xina; Harley and wife, Stella; Ray and wife, Mattie; and Ledford Bunch. Niece, Irene Bunch Hall, who cared for her until she went into the nursing home. Irene visited Thelma daily until she, herself, became ill and passed away.

Thelma is survived by several nieces and nephews, other loved ones, and many friends. A very special niece, Violet Lowe Woods, who was like a daughter to "Sissy" (what she called Thelma). Violet visited and cared for Thelma all her life.

Thelma and Gentry owned and operated Lowe's Grocery Store on New River. Gentry was a coal miner, and while he worked in the mine, Thelma ran the store and ran a grill where she prepared the best hamburgers and other items. Not too long after Gentry passed, she sold the store, moved to Morgan County, bought a little house, and enjoyed her retirement.

There are many words to describe our Thelma: she was a "baccar" chewing, hard-working country woman, who could do just about anything she set her

mind to. She could be loud at times, when she needed to get someone's attention (which was mostly aimed at Gentry, if you knew them, you know what we are talking about). She was an excellent hunter of any wild game from squirrels to deer or anything else that crossed her path in the woods- day or night! She was an excellent markswoman, who could outshoot most men! She was so much more, but there just ain't enough space to write it all down.

Thelma was a very special lady, who was absolutely beautiful with her black hair and her amazing and captivating, green eyes. She is unforgettable and will be missed by all who loved and knew her. Most of us have stories about Thelma to tell that can make you laugh or cry or both, just ask anyone who knew Thelma and ask them to tell you a story. We just wish she were alive and able to listen and tell her side of how it happened.

The family wishes to thank everyone that cared for Thelma while she was at the Life Care Center. They were amazing and so sweet to her while taking care of her every need. Also, we wish to thank Schubert Funeral Home for their kind and caring way in helping us during our time of grief. Thank you all so much.

The family will receive friends on Monday, August 28, 2023, from 11am to 12 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow with Bro. Randall Landrum officiating. Internment will follow in the Anderson Memorial Gardens, Clinton, TN. Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Thelma Bunch Lowe.

Jean Mae Cromwell Branstetter, 84

We are sad to announce the passing of Jean Mae Cromwell Branstetter of Deer Lodge, TN. She was 84 years old at the time of her death on Thursday, August 17, 2023. She passed away at her home in Deer Lodge surrounded by loved ones.

Jean was born in Burrville, TN, on August 14, 1939, to Carl and Martha Cromwell. She was the oldest of three siblings. She grew up on a farm in Burrville with her family. She attended Burrville Elementary and graduated from Sunbright High School. Jean first saw Willard Branstetter, her future husband, at a fair in Deer Lodge when she was a young girl and was with him until his passing in 2011, after 53 years of marriage. They had three sons together that she loved dearly. She was a lifelong, active member of the Congregational Church and an active citizen of Deer Lodge. Jean worked at Kellwood in Sunbright, TN, as the personnel manager, until it closed. She then worked as the Secretary of the Morgan County Medical Center in Deer Lodge, TN. She worked there for many years, becoming a familiar face to the people of Morgan County. Jean loved cooking and taking care of her family and had a strong dislike of snakes. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and loved ones. She was an amazing mother and even better Mamaw. Jean will be greatly missed. She was immensely loved and will live in the happy memories

of all who knew her.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents: Carl and Martha Cromwell; husband: Willard Branstetter; in-laws: Addie and Barney Walker, Menford Brandstetter, Carl Branstetter, Ross Branstetter, and Cecil (husband of Katie) Bowmer.

She is survived by her sons: Bobby (Robin) Branstetter, Randy Branstetter and special friend Bill Schindler, and Mitchell (Margie) Branstetter; grandchildren: Madison (Brian) Jones, JoBeth Branstetter, Monte Branstetter, and Bobby Jean (Stephen) Zuccaro; great-grandchildren: Marli Branstetter and Stoney Branstetter; brothers: Harold (Carol) Cromwell and Carl Jr. (Linda) Cromwell; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Katie Bowmer, Kathy Branstetter (wife of Ross), Jackie (Brenda) Branstetter, and Connie (Bob) Brimi; dear friends: Margie Kennedy and Helen Branstetter; special friend and caregiver: Mary Jo Phillips; along with many nieces, nephews and other friends.

The family will receive friends Tuesday August 22 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg with the funeral to follow at 7:00 with Pastor David Graves officiating. The graveside service will be Wednesday August 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jean Branstetter.

Nancy Morgan Monte, 80

Mrs. Nancy Morgan Monte, age 80, passed away Tuesday, August 23, 2023 with her family by her side. She was known to everyone as "Ma" and loved God, softball, cooking, her family, and was a great grandma, and loved her flowers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William (Bill) and Myrtle Morgan, and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her children: Regina and husband, Michael; Lisa and husband, Mike; Carlos and wife, Janice; Tina and husband, Tim;



Kristie and husband, Henry; and Bridgett and former husband, Mike; sisters: Rita and Debbie; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, who called her G-Ma.

The family will receive friends Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 10-12 PM at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg.

Funeral services will follow at 12 PM with Bro. Reves Schaefer officiating. Interment will follow in the Emory Heights Church Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the Monte family.

Mary Lou Martin, 83

Mary Lou Martin, age 83, passed away at UT Medical Center on August 21, 2023. She was born April 1, 1940 to Lanza and Ethel Ashburn of Clarkrange, TN.

She was preceded in death by 12 siblings: Oral and Dorothy Ashburn of Clarkrange, TN, Estal Ashburn and Dean Criswell of Grimsley, TN, Noal and Earlene Ashburn of Clarkrange, TN, Eugene and Velma Ashburn of Jonesville, TN, Hollis and Glenda Ashburn of Clarkrange, TN, Laura Lonzia "Lou" and Paul Dixon of Sunbright, TN (owners and operators of Lou's Café), Laurine and Robert Peltz of Lovonia, MI, Chester and Carlene Ashburn of Clarkrange, TN, Freda "Tina" and Robert McCart of Sunbright, TN, Orbie Ashburn of Clarkrange, TN, Betty Ashburn of Clarkrange, TN, and Emmie and Bill



Adkins of Chestnut Ridge. Survived by one sibling: Oral Ashburn of Clarkrange, TN; along with many nieces and nephews and grandchildren. She married Frank D. Martin, an Air Force veteran of the Korean War, and later divorced in 1978. She worked with Lou at the café for years

and was known by many in the Sunbright community. She raised four children: Rita Jo (Vance) Steelman of Sunbright, TN, Jeffery (Cynthia) Martin Sr. of Dublin County, NC, Franklin C. "Frank" Martin of Sunbright, TN, and special grandson, Jeffery Martin, Jr. of Clinton, TN.

The family will receive friends Thursday August 24, 2023 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright. The memorial service to follow at 7:00.

Findlay Market



Michael Nance
Columnist

If you are wondering where to take a day trip to and do some shopping Findlay Market in Cincinnati, Ohio

needs to be on your bucket list. My wife and I recently took a trip to Findlay Market, and we were not disappointed.

Findlay Market is Ohio's oldest market and has a rich history. The market was originally constructed in 1852 as an open pavilion. Although it was constructed in 1852, disagreements with contractors and the correcting of construction issues postponed the opening of the market until 1855.

The market is named after General James Findlay. He was an early Cincinnati settler and civic leader. In 1793, at the age of 23, he and his new bride, Jane, settled in the small Ohio River settlement then called Losantiville. Permanent settlement of the the Ohio River between the Great and Little Miami Rivers had become viable just four years before the Findlays' arrival when the extremely new federal government constructed Fort Washington in late 1789. A year later, in 1790, the settlement's name was changed from Losantiville to Cincinnati.

James Findlay served as Mayor of Cincinnati in 1805 and 1810. He was instrumental with the assistance of twenty-four citizens, establishing a Cincinnati

public library in 1802. During the War of 1812 he was a commander of a regiment near Detroit and constructed a fort near what later became Find-

lay, Ohio, and was taken prisoner by British troops. After the war, he was elected to the U.S Congress and served as a Major General of the State

Militia's First Division, hence the name General Findlay. He would serve in Congress with his brothers William and John, each of whom represented Pennsylvania districts.


The Market named after James Findlay today retains some remnants of its past heritage. Cincinnati has long been famous for its meat markets. So much so, that it has been called "Porkopolis." Traveling down the long aisles of Findlay Market today you can purchase almost any kind of meat possible. One notable meat that the market is famous for is Goetta. Goetta is a meat that is often composed of ground meat (which can include pork, sausage and beef), steel-cut oats and spices. It was originally a "poor mans meat" intended to increase servings of meat by adding oats.

My wife and I tried this meat at a restaurant downtown, it was good for our pallet, but it certainly wasn't sold as a poor man's meat anymore.

Although meat is one of Findlay Markets main attractions, you can find almost anything you can imagine being sold. Spices of every kind, and even art being sold by art students can be found in the many shops surrounding the market. If you are planning a day or weekend trip Findlay Market is certainly worth the drive.




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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO, Lynn Summers



The Board of Directors of Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union™ (KTVAECU®) announced Lynn Summers has been named President and Chief Executive Officer, effective August 3, 2023. Lynn Summers replaced Glenn W. Siler, who retired April 30, 2023, after 49 years of service at KTVAECU, including 17 years as President and CEO.

"The Board of Directors were unanimous in their decision to select Lynn Summers as our new President/CEO. Lynn embodies the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People" and fosters a team environment that supports our culture of providing excellent Member service. We are excited about the Credit Union's future!" declares Tom Heffernan, Chairman of the Board for KTVAECU.

Summers is deeply connected to East Tennessee. She was raised and still resides in Morgan County, Tennessee. Summers, the daughter of Austin and Rita Turner of Morgan County, acknowledges her success to early life lessons from her parents. She recalls, "My parents taught me the value of hard work, honesty, and helping others." Summers also learned discipline and continuous improvement through sweat and determination on the basketball court under the instruction of her high school basketball coach.

Summers, with over 33 years in the credit union industry, started her career at Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union in 1990 as a teller. Summers progressively moved into areas of increased responsibility, from Loan Officer to Branch Manager to Chief Support Officer to her most recent position as EVP/Chief Operating Officer. During her tenure at KTVAECU, Summers' multiple roles influenced the growth of Credit Union assets from \$193 million to over \$4 billion.

"Lynn's exceptional leadership skills and deep industry knowledge make her the ideal choice to lead the Credit Union," says Kimberley Trimble, Chief People Officer. "We have great confidence in her ability to steer the Credit Union towards even greater achievements in the future."

Summers' passion for credit unions began early in her career when she learned credit unions fundamentally embody a "people helping people" philosophy. Summer fondly states, "Helping others is where my joy lies, whether helping our Members reach their financial goals or helping the staff reach their career goals."

Summers earned a Master of Business Administration from Lincoln Memorial University. She earned several industry certifications, including a Certified Chief Executive designation from CUES and a Certified Credit Union Executive (CCUE) designation from CUNA.

Summers, wife of Morgan County native Steve Summers, knows the culture of the region and is familiar with people living in East Tennessee. Combined with her sound experience at KTVAECU, Summers will undoubtedly guide the Credit Union to help the people living in Greater East Tennessee for many years to come. Even after 33 years at KTVAECU, she still desires to serve the community where she lives and works. Summers will continue to provide the East Tennessee community with the highest level of financial products, technology, and services to help Members manage their money.

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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 41 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.

Collect new metal pipe to be installed at Morgan Co. Hwy. Dept in Wartburg at above address.

Remove and dispose of all scrap pipe and materials.

All grades of stone will be picked up and trucked to jobsite from Rogers Gp. Quarries (Jamestown Quarry for Glades Rd.) and (Harriman Quarry for Camp Austin Rd.) The Highway Dept. will be paying for the stone. Install new pipe at identified locations and rip-rap inlet/outlet as directed by the Engineer.

Road Closures will be temporary as new pipe is installed and as project moves, traffic control and One-Calls will be the responsibility of the contractor. Contractor will communicate with the Highway Dept. so daily P.S.A.s can be issued.

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)

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* A trio of sewing tips from S.R. in Idaho: "Store patterns in plastic baggies. It's hard to get them back into their envelopes, and I find that the baggies store just as well. I keep my pattern from tearing by spraying them with spray starch. I also sharpen needles by stitching through very fine sandpaper. These tips have worked for me for many years."

* "It's almost time for Scouts to start up again. I have been washing uniforms and sashes, and find this trick to be helpful when it comes time to stitch on badges. Put a bit of plain school glue on the back of your badge, place it where you want it on the sash, then let it dry. It will stay in place long enough to stitch the edges. When you launder it, the glue will wash right out." -- R.D. in Florida

* Solve the case of the tricky screw: Coat problem screws with clear fingernail polish right before you insert them.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* The dot over the lowercase versions of the letters i and j is known as a tittle.

* There are clocks to tell us the time, and then there's the Shortlife clock, which tells us how long we have left to live. No, it's not perfect, but it does estimate a person's remaining longevity based on World Health Organization data.

* "The Lord of the Rings" movie trilogy was nominated for an astounding 800 awards, of which it received 475, making it the most-awarded series in cinema history.

* One of the most critical issues with AI is that even its creators can't understand some of the deci-

sions the software makes, or why.

* Do you like apples? Then you'll likely appreciate the efforts of Tom Brown and his decades-long quest to track, collect and preserve forgotten varieties of the fruit. Brown has discovered more than 1,200 types, including some with rare flavors such as banana and pineapple.

* The Sinocyclocheilus longicornus fish, discovered in a remote cave system by Chinese scientists, has a unicorn-like horn.

* In 1924, Babe Ruth accidentally ran headlong into a concrete wall during a game between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators, knocking himself out cold for a full five minutes. Upon regaining consciousness, he not only finished the game but scored two more hits and went on to play a

second game afterward.

* More than 200 viruses can result in the common cold. Kerchoo!

* Camp Bonifas, near the Korean Demilitarized Zone, has a par-three, one-hole golf course on it that is surrounded on three sides by landmines. As one might well expect, it has been dubbed "The Most Dangerous Hole in Golf."

Thought for the Day: "Integrity is the only path where you will never get lost." -- Mike Maples Jr.

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They will hold tightly after that.

* To keep hair shiny and soft, rinse weekly with a mix of half vinegar (apple cider or white) and water. The smell goes away quickly, but the softness and shine stick around.

* If you have a cracked or otherwise leaking vase that is opaque (not glass), try heating a bit of paraffin wax and coating the inside of the vase with it. Let it harden, and it should be watertight again.

* "To keep plywood or thin materials from splitting, I tape my cut line with low-tack masking tape. It keeps my cut sharp, reduces the fraying, and it's easy to remove when I'm done." -- G.S. in Minnesota

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- 36 Casual shirts
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- 40 Fr. holy woman
- 41 Unhappy destiny
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- 45 Yell, "You're not funny!"
- 47 Believes (in)
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- 10 Leer at
- 11 Try out
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- 20 Last (Abbr.)
- 23 "Great Expectations" lad
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- 30 Needle hole
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- 48 Garbage barge
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- 50 British gun
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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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

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David Zubler
Columnist

Use reverse mortgage for tax planning

Senior citizens often need funds for various reasons, such as home repair and medical bills. If they are “house-rich but cash-poor,” a reverse mortgage may be the best alternative.

Seniors who need cash may have several options. These options include withdrawing money from a retirement account, selling securities such as stock, a traditional mortgage, or a reverse mortgage.

Withdrawing money from your retirement account may substantially increase your taxes, depending on the amount of your taxable income. Selling securities such as stock may create capital gains which can increase your tax liability.

Seniors with low income often need more income to qualify for an equity loan. However, they can qualify for a reverse mortgage without increasing their tax liability.

If you are a homeowner aged 62 or older, you can tap into your home equity as a tax planning tool. A reverse mortgage can enable you to convert some of your home equity into cash.

The current maximum federal income tax rate on the taxable amount from the sale of a home is 23.8 percent. The maximum capital gains tax is 20 percent, and the net investment income tax (NIIT) is 3.8 percent.

A borrower with a reverse mortgage doesn't make payments to the lender to pay down the mortgage. Instead, the lender makes payments to you, and the mortgage principal grows over time. Generally, no payment is due until you pass away or move out of your home.

You can also receive reverse mortgage proceeds as a lump sum or as line-of-credit withdrawals.

Most reverse mortgages are home equity conversion mortgages (HECM). HECMs are insured by the federal government and require the borrower to be at least age 62 to be eligible.

The maximum amount you can borrow under a HECM for up to \$1,089,300 in 2023. However, the maximum amount you can borrow is limited to a percentage of the appraised value of the home. The percentage that you can borrow goes up as you get older.

The income tax basis is stepped up to the fair market value (FMV) as of the date of the owner's death. If your heirs sell your home soon after your death, there would be very little or no gain to report to the IRS.

The reverse mortgage strategy makes sense if the fees and interest charges are a small fraction of the income tax liability incurred from the other options. In addition to federal income taxes, state income taxes should also be considered when using this strategy.

The analysis required to find the best alternative can be very complex. Hiring a tax planner may be very beneficial for finding the best option.

David Zubler is a tax accountant and Enrolled Agent in East Tennessee, providing tax strategies and representing clients before the IRS, and has over 25 years of tax experience. He is the author of six tax books and has shared tax advice on national TV. He is the founder and president of Your Tax Care. The company provides business and tax education, including David's one-minute tax tip radio recordings at YourTaxCare.com. David can be reached at (865) 363-3019 or contacted by email at david@yourtaxcare.com.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Classes From the Comfort of Home

The course catalog for the winter semester of the local senior college arrived in the mail, and I've already highlighted over a dozen classes, talks, lectures and seminars that I'd like to take.

Not that I'll take all of them, of course. But I will likely sign up for a few that have especially piqued my interest.

Archaeology has become a special interest over the past several years, to the extent that I looked into going on a dig in a foreign country. Covid slammed shut that possibility (as well as the digs themselves), but if I'm not reading an archaeology magazine, I'm looking at archaeology YouTube videos online. This talk promises to be right along my favorite lines: the results of a dig in Ireland.

A four-week course on banned books also looks to be very in-

teresting, as does the two-week seminar on the differences between northern and southern Italy, including cuisine, landscape, culture and customs. All the classes will be filmed and available online afterward.

The best part of all three of these? They'll be presented live online via Zoom, with viewing right from the comfort of home ... which is excellent timing and forward thinking on someone's part because, of course, Covid is rearing its head again around here. We're likely headed for strong suggestions of mask wearing, curbside shopping and Covid boosters. To be able to safely take a few classes is going to be a highlight in what might otherwise be a dreary winter.

If you don't have a senior college near you and you would like to take classes, fear not. Some of the best sources of online classes are found through Coursera (www.coursera.org), which range from business classes to humanities; through Harvard (pll.harvard.edu), with many free offerings; and through Class Central (www.classcentral.com/universities), with links to hundreds of colleges and universities.

Beware of the supposedly free online colleges that offer degrees. Check the fine print for the actual costs and fees, which can be considerable.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. What was the original name of the group Bill Haley and the (His) Comets?
2. Who penned and released “I Believe in Music”?
3. Little Eva had one No. 1 chart topper. What was it?
4. What was the proposed original title of the Beatles' White Album?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: “I wondered, too, if by chance you heard it for yourself, I never told a soul just how I've been feeling about you.”

Answers

1. Bill Haley and the Saddlemen. They made the change to “the Comets” due to the public's mispronunciation of the famous comet's name ... which was actually Hallie.
2. Mac Davis, in 1970. Legend says that Davis got the idea when he declined an invitation to a seance, saying that he didn't believe in that, but he believed in music.
3. “The Loco-Motion,” in 1962. Several groups around the world released their own covers over the years.
4. “A Doll's House.” The 1968 double album contained 30 songs.
5. “On the Radio,” by Donna Summer, in 1979. The song was written for the Foxes soundtrack. It was released in several formats, including a seven-minute promo for DJs, an instrumental with a slower tempo, as a ballad and as a disco version.

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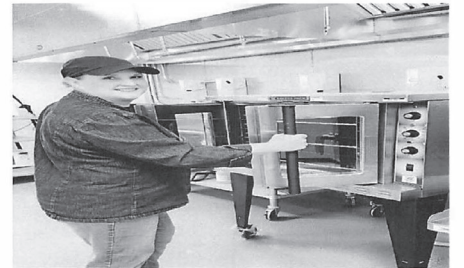
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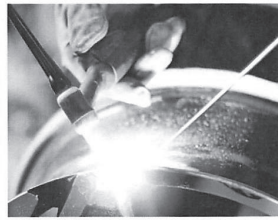
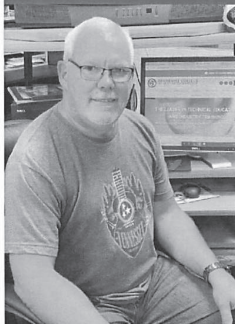
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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

After joining B3/75 in the spring of 1990, I met SSG Richard Eugene Merritt. He was a Squad Leader in 1st Platoon. I was in Weapons Platoon. Rick and I spent a lot of time together between 1990-1995. We were roommates from the barracks to the home on Wynton Road after Somalia.

When 1sg Chinn decided to leave for the CSM academy, we received 1sg Darrell Moore. To say their leadership styles were different is not a judgement, I enjoyed both for the most part. None-the less, 1sg Moore would be injured on a Jump and BCO was introduced to 1sg Birddog Gambrel.

Our company was blessed with NCO leadership at the 1sg level down to the spec4 mafia. Dean Gambrel was different. He had a hilariously condescending humor, that corrected thinking. He loved Rangers and wanted to serve their cause. We laughed every day while doing our business.

We deployed to 29 palms for company live fire training. General Wayne Downing, our first Regimental commander, and US-SOCCOM commander at the time of our deployment, would be overhead viewing our maneuvers. Helicopter live fires add an incredible dimension to realistic, when, fast roping mixes with brownout and bullets.

Never mind the noise of the bird, running through your mind on an objective that was almost a 360 -degree live fire, with 4 helicopters' delivering Rangers from a hover, while they slide down ropes with live bullets and permission to fire at the level of private. Incredible courage.

On this deployment, my platoon drew the fortune of being in the assembly area awaiting the turnaround of the birds, to pick us up and insert our platoon. I knew something was wrong, when the birds returned with people from 1st platoon, who should still be on the objective.

Reports began to come across the headsets that a team leader from 2d platoon had been shot. Jeffrey Palmer. General Downing had his pilots land the bird, to try to get him to hospital. Jeff would die enroute. An accident in training had claimed a Ranger life.

I do not remember anything about the end of that exercise. The next memories I have are of myself, Rick and, 1sgt. Gambrel, with most of Bravo company on a bus, headed to Pennsylvania, to escort our brothers remains to his family. Then on to Arlington to bury a Ranger team leader.

Rick and I decided we would spend our upcoming leave, at his home in Lucasville, Ohio. This would be my introduction to the Merritt Family, and the mighty Scioto River. I would participate in Squirrel Hunting for my first time, now I spend months training tree dogs.

I would visit the Southern Ohio Correctional facility where Ricks brother Ralph Jr. worked. I would win a dance contest in the town of Portsmouth. But most importantly, I would meet a truly virtuous woman. This story is part of redeeming time in my life. Sandy Merritt alone changed my thinking about relationships!

It was 1991. The days between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It would be the second Thanksgiving, and first anniversary of Rick deployed to Panama while the family watched their younger brother, JD. Succumb to Cancer. The Merritt's were grieving.

Rick learned of his brothers' passing, the day after 3d Bn. Jumped into Panama. SFC Dedrich shared the story of how he wept as he delivered the news on Rio Hata, at Ricks' blocking position. The soldier in me learned a lot about what was expected of me as a Ranger leader.

Rick had every right to leave Panama. His legend began on this date in Ranger history. SSG Merritt would never leave his men behind in combat. I found Rick in the Bible. He is Uriah the Hittite. The most loyal soldier I had ever met to the profession he accepted both the good and bad with.

Ricks mother Sandy, I found in Proverbs 31. She is the virtuous woman identified by King Solomon, and it was Sandy who was the epitome of what I thought a Christian woman looked like. She became one of my life's heroes and I would not realize it while on top of the mountain in my Ranger career.

It was only in the greatest valley I ever faced in life; did I begin to recognize why God placed Sandy in my life. She would begin to teach me relationship to a partner that revolved around mutual respect and grounded in the Agape Love of Jesus Christ.

My relationship to Rick Merritt really began in Scioto County, Ohio. It has continued for 32 plus years now, and I pray that our best days are ahead. Rick has stuck with me when I probably would not stick with myself. He has supported me, when I did not deserve his support.

His Mother Sandy, unabashedly Loved Jesus Christ. Adored her husband. Raised her boys to be men, and her daughter to womanhood. She is the greatest female example I have ever had in my Christian walk. I can not wait to greet her on the other side of Glory, as she receives the soul winners' crown for teaching me Christian faith.

The Scioto River has had a profound impact on my entire life. After visiting a prison, I would end up incarcerated. Yet still the Merritt family, never judged me. They in fact prayed only for me to meet the Jesus they loved.

I learned to hunt on the Scioto River, and now I hunt squirrels and hogs along the Obed and New River corridors of Morgan County, Tennessee, my home until the Lord calls me home. Come meet Betsy Ross, my black mouth cur female who loves getting after things.

So many seeds were planted in my life, that have served me well during my sanctifying years of Bible study. The Scioto River and the Merritt family, deserve so much credit for where I am today as a man and as a Ranger. In Christ service, JB.

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 11-11-2022

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.

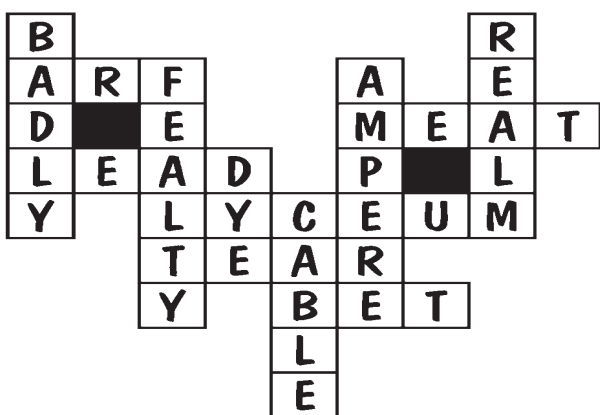
Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five 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

How Briceville students helped a Harvard professor reveal Welsh life in Tennessee

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Knoxville engineer Barry Thacker believes strongly in the value of education and local history, as Carolyn Krause's third and last article in our series on Coal Creek history shows. This article draws on Thacker's recent talk on Coal Creek history in Oak Ridge. In 2000, Thacker founded the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation, Inc. which has awarded college scholarships to previous students of Briceville Elementary School. In this article we learn how Briceville students performed research as Coal Creek Scholars for a Harvard professor, leading to a better understanding of Welsh life in Tennessee.

The largest collection of books in the United States on Welsh literature and history is housed at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Some of the books on Welsh life were donated to Harvard by David Thomas, a mining engineer of Welsh ancestry who lived in Coal Creek and whom Barry Thacker portrays in his Coal Creek history talks. Thomas inherited from his father a library of books written in Welsh language in America.

The Harvard collection grew after Briceville Elementary School students on a field trip in 2000 "discovered in the Wiley cemetery the headstone of Henry Wiley, who was one of the original landowners in the area where the Coal Creek Mining and Manufacturing Company is located," Thacker said. The students also came across the headstone of the father and mother of David Thomas; it showed that his parents were both born in the same town in South Wales. The students posted their discoveries on the internet, arousing the interest of Eirug Davies, professor of Welsh literature at Harvard University.

"Dr. Davies was so excited by their findings that he traveled to Briceville to meet with the students who discovered the headstone," Thacker said. "He wanted to put the pieces together of how the Thomas collection of Welsh language books got to Harvard. He brought a flag of Wales and presented it to the students."

Partly inspired by annual Eisteddfod celebrations that featured poetry and essay writing competitions, Thacker said, Welsh writers in America published books in the Welsh language in the 19th and 20th centuries. Such an achievement was not possible in Wales because the British banned the speaking of the Welsh language (until 2011).

Dr. Davies learned that Bees Thomas, the father of David Thomas, was an avid collector of books. His library of books in the Welsh language was one of the most extensive in the area. In 1915 David Thomas donated his father's collection of Welsh language books to Harvard University, which he found out had been preserving Welsh literature and history.

"Over the next dozen years after the visit of Dr. Davies, several Briceville students did research for him at the East Tennessee History Center in Knoxville," Thacker said. These "Coal Creek Scholars" searched its archives and found Welsh language books that Dr. Davies translated into English. As a result, he uncovered some interesting facts about local Anderson County and Coal

Creek history as well as Welsh life in Tennessee.

"The professor would then send what he had found to the students, and they would go to the East Tennessee History Center and corroborate his information," Thacker said. "He used his English translations of books written in Welsh to document the lives and present a history of the Welsh of Tennessee and particularly the Welsh in Coal Creek. In 2012 Dr. Davies published a book entitled "The Welsh of Tennessee."

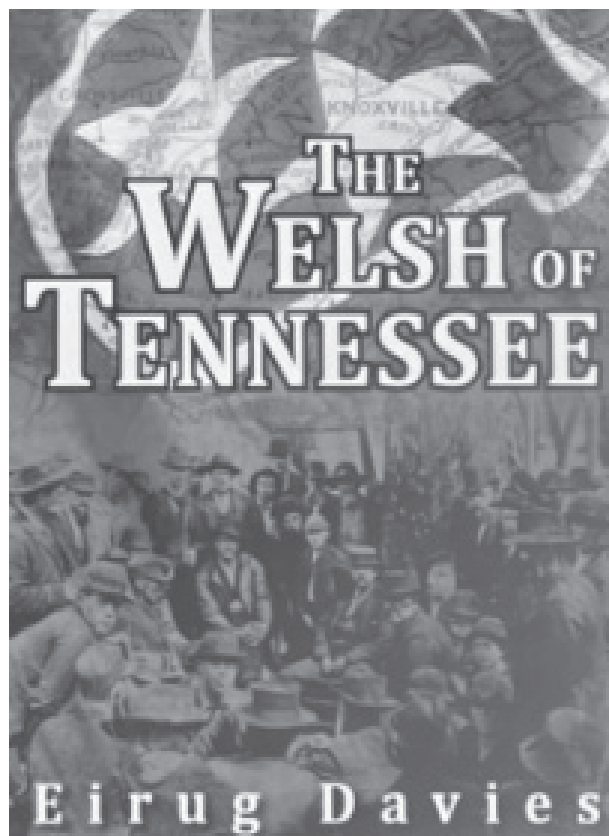
The Coal Creek Scholars examined old prison records from 1881 to 1892. They wanted to find out



Coal Creek Scholars from Briceville who provided information that helped with the writing of the 2012 book "The Welsh of Tennessee" by Eirug Davies, professor of Welsh literature at Harvard University.



Eirug Davies, professor of Welsh literature at Harvard University, presented students at Briceville Elementary School with a flag of Wales



The cover of the book "The Welsh of Tennessee" by Eirug Davies, professor of Welsh literature at Harvard University

which of the 131 convicts who died from forced labor in the Anderson County mines lost their

lives during service at the Coal Creek mine. The students sought to identify the convicts buried under fieldstones on the hillside above the Coal Creek mine owned by the Knoxville Iron and Coal Company. The students also tried to determine how the Coal Creek mine convicts died. (Many of the convicts were young Black men arrested for petty crimes in Nashville and Memphis.) The students found that Henry Clyburn died of dropsy, George Brown died of typhoid fever and Sam Morris was killed trying to escape from the mine. Their findings were reported in the Apr. 2, 2006, edition of the Clinton Courier News.

Thacker likes to tell students the inspirational story about a member of the Harmon family. When Powell Harmon died in the 1902 Fraterville Mine explosion, his eldest son, Condy Harmon, was a 15-year-old student at Briceville School. He wanted to continue his education, but he felt obligated to support his family by working in the Cross Mountain mine. He never married or had children. He died at the age of 24 in the Cross Mountain mine explosion in 1911.

In 2011 Harmans from four different states traveled to Anderson County for a memorial service recognizing the 100th anniversary of the death of Condy. He was a family hero because of the sacrifices he made. He is buried beside his father in Longfield Cemetery in Rocky Top, near Norris Dam State Park and Beech Grove.

Thacker has taken Briceville Elementary School students on field trips to teach them Coal Creek history. When he took them to Militia Hill to witness the firing of a cannon like the ones used by the Tennessee National Guard to defeat the Welsh miners in 1892, the students said, "This is the best field trip ever!"

To help celebrate their Welsh and Appalachian heritage, Thacker has recruited students in Briceville to plant hybrid American chestnut trees to restore mine sites to their original natural condition. Appalachia was once covered with chestnut trees until they were infected by a parasitic fungus that was accidentally introduced from Asia to North America around the turn of the 20th century.

"Over the last 40 years the American Chestnut Foundation has come up with a hybrid chestnut tree that is resistant to the blight," Thacker said. "Since 2009 the Coal Creek students have been planting those trees on area coal mines. The chestnuts thrive on the acidic soil of the reclaimed mines."

In the article "Prints of Wales" in an edition of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, Fred Brown wrote, "Welsh immigrants may not have discovered America, but they did leave their mark on our history and culture."

Thank you, Carolyn, for an excellent capture of Barry Thacker's magnificent work to preserve the history of Coal Creek. His exceptional efforts have produced admirable results and will benefit generations to come. The history of the coal mines and people who were included in the Fraterville and Cross Mountain mine disasters are better remembered for his untiring work.

2 John Chapter 1

(2 John chapter 1:1-3) Salutation: The author refers to himself as “the elder,” most likely hinting of his great age (as opposed to an “office”). The brief epistle is directed to “the elect lady.” There are two general views as to the meaning of this expression. Some believe it is figure of speech for a local church (Bruce, Roberts). Others, with greater plausibility, contend that the “elect lady” was a faithful Christian sister who was an asset to the Christian cause and was held in high esteem by John. Some suggest “elect” depicts her status as a Christian; others surmise her name might have been “Kyria.” John entertained great brotherly love for this sister within the framework of gospel “truth” (found five times in this little book).

The apostle wasn’t alone in his devotion for this lady and her children; her reputation was widely known by “all they that know the truth.” Truth can be known, relativists to the contrary notwithstanding. John unapologetically declares that truth “abides in us” (Christians), and will be an eternal possession of the faithful (v.2). He is confident that Heaven’s “grace” (favor), “mercy” (compassion), and “peace” (familial relationship) will be with them, issuing from God the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ, packaged, as it were, in truth and love. The double use of “from” reveals a distinction between the Father and the Son, contrary to the “oneness holiness” theory that the two are the same person!

(2 John 4-11) Encouragement and warning: Anticipating their reception of his letter, John greatly rejoices in that he knew personally that certain of her children (with whom he had enjoyed contact) were faithfully “walking in the truth” (v4). One of the great tragedies of the modern church is the fact that so many Christian parents have watched their children stray from the truth, one after the other. And yet we seem to be clueless as to the causes. “Walking in truth” (a figure for the whole sphere of one’s existence) was not an option, but a divine mandate issued from the Father (4).

John begs this “lady” to join with him in the urgency of mutual Christian love. In one sense, it was a “new” commandment, in terms of its sacrificial nature. It was not new chronologically, for it had been issued by Jesus himself sixty years earlier (Jn. 13:34-35)! “The beginning” refers to the preparatory stage of the gospel system in the ministry of Christ. How is “love” to be defined—practically speaking? Love is dedication. It is service. “Walk” (literally, “keep on walking”) is frequently found in John’s writings for the sum of spiritual activity (Jn. 8:12; 11:9-10; 12:35). Christians are to walk in light (1 Jn. 1:6), in truth (v.4), in obedience to divine commands, and in love (v.6). The Christian system is undergirded by “commandments” and is not the free-spirited environment that modern innovators imagine. “Love” (agape) is the emotion of dedication that fuels divine service with joy (1 Cor. 13).

As he did in his first epistle, John addresses the dogma of certain proto-Gnostic cults who are evangelists of deceit (v.7). Their motives are base, their activities vigorous, and their doctrine corrupt. A major issue was their refusal to confess that Jesus “is come in the flesh.” Allegedly, “flesh” is intrinsically evil. The refusal to confess was the equivalent of an outright denial—just more subtle. The present tense form of the verb, “is come,” is interesting. Some see it as an affirmation of the “abiding effect” of the incarnation. It may also subtly declare “the permanent union of the divine and human natures of Jesus Christ.” Again, as in his previous epistle (2:18, 22; 4:3), the apostle classifies this insidious force as “antichrist” in nature. All who oppose the doctrine of Christ are, to a greater or lesser degree, antichrist in sentiment. And they are on the losing side (Rev. 19:1).

Verse eight is a word of kindly caution. “Look to yourselves” is a verbal form that urges constant vigilance. What was the danger? That “you lose not the things for which we have worked, but that you may receive the full reward” promised. Several important truths stand out. (a) Christians are obligated to “work” for their eventual reward (Jn. 6:27). They will not earn anything of which to boast (Eph. 2:8); nonetheless, faith without works (obedience) is dead (Jas. 2:14-26; Rev. 2:5). (b) It is possible for the child of God to lose the reward that has been promised. This admonition means nothing if the Calvinistic dogma of the “impossibility of apostasy” is true. (c) John’s use of “we” (some manuscripts have “you”) may suggest that should the “elect lady” and her “children” be lost, he would suffer a “loss” as well (1 Cor. 3:5).

Verse nine is very controversial due to the laxity of some concerning doctrinal di-

gression. The term “whoever” means anyone or everyone (Jn. 3:16; Rev. 22:18). “Goes onward” signifies to “take the lead, to move ahead” The present tense from suggests persistent movement in the wrong direction. “Abides not” (present tense) reflects the negative side of the digression. To go forward is to not remain within the prescribed doctrinal boundary. Then there is the controversial phrase, “in the teaching of Christ.” Does the phrase signify the teaching about Christ, or is the sense “Christ’s teaching,” that which issues from him.

The difficulty is not so much a matter of grammar in this case as it is one of a broader doctrinal perspective concerning the nature of false teaching. In other words, context will be the decisive factor in providing direction for the interpretation of the phrase. “Context” is employed in two senses—the immediate setting of the passage and the general teaching of the Scriptures related to the subject. Most scholars contend that the meaning in this instance is the broader scope, namely, “the teaching that issues from Christ.” In fact, the grammar could embrace both senses, classified as a “plenary genitive”.

Does it seem logical that one must subscribe to the biblical teaching about Christ, but is free to ignore the doctrine which issues from him? What sort of perverted thinking is this? To fail to “abide” (remain) in the “doctrine of Christ” is to sever oneself from God (Gal. 5:4). On the other hand, those who remain within the limits of Christ’s teaching have both the Father and the Son. (“Both” draws a distinction between the Father and the Son; they are not the same person, as the “oneness Pentecostal” cult asserts.)

False doctrine is infectious. Thus, Christians must be careful about fraternization with known false teachers, particularly in granting them assistance and endorsement (v.10). If a known false teacher seeks hospitality, fellowship, endorsement, financial assistance, etc., he is not to be accommodated. This does not imply treating the person in a hostile, hateful manner; it does suggest that they be firmly and kindly turned away without assistance. Heresy condemns a person’s soul, and it must not be condoned by any form of endorsement. This does not imply aloofness over every form of doctrinal disagreement (as evidenced by the differences among New Testament churches in various stages of growth). It does censure “fellowship” in cases of soul-destroying heresy. Wisdom is certainly involved in making discriminating judgments. One must not “partake” of the evil practiced or taught by others (v.11; Eph. 5:11).

John’s language may seem hard in our modern world of ecumenical softness, but “sweet tolerance” has destroyed many churches and countless souls. Does the foregoing warning prohibit one receiving into his home a person who is steeped in error, whether such be a non-Christian or an errant brother, provided the motive is to teach and spiritually assist the poor soul? Of course not. The New Testament recognizes that as Christians all of us “grow in knowledge” (2 Pet. 3:18); there will be differences, and patience must be exercised. John condemns condoning, not converting (Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19-20).

(2 John 12-13) Concluding words: John wishes that he could say much more, but circumstances dictate brevity. The matters he would like to discuss did not lend themselves to medium of “paper” (a primitive paper made from the papyrus plant, many examples of which have been discovered by archaeologists). Perhaps specific persons needed to be identified: issues may have required exploration that would necessitate both time and face-to-face dialogue. It hints of a serious matter. Hopefully, however, the aged apostle would be able to visit with the “elect lady” and her family (the pronoun “you” is plural) in the not-distant future, and John was confident that it would be a joyful occasion for this family.

Greetings are dispatched from the “children” of the “elect lady’s” sister. The identification of the “elect lady” as a church (v.1) would thus see the reference to the elect’s “sister” as another congregation. The more likely view is that the “sister” is a blood sister, and the lady’s children send greetings to their aunt. No mention is made of the whereabouts of the sister herself. So ends this treasured but brief letter.

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So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

LUKE 15:20

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LADY INDIANS SHOW TOUGHNESS AND IMPROVEMENT AT GATLINBURG

By Richard Spears



In three games against what Oneida Head Coach Phil Newport said were all “very talented soccer teams,” the Lady Indians played hard in the Smoky Mountain Cup Tournament in Gatlinburg, August 25-26, and went 1-2, falling to Rhea County in the Friday night (Aug. 25) opener, 6-0, then defeating Stone Memorial 2-0 in Saturday’s action, and playing Dickson County to a scoreless tie before Coach Newport put in his JV players, ending in a 3-0 victory for Dickson. In the Stone game, Oneida senior Rory Blevins scored the first goal of the contest on a penalty kick, and junior Jillian Cross nailed a 20 yard shot to the bottom corner of the goal to give the Lady Indians a hard fought 2-0 shutout win. Oneida senior goalie Ayla Sims kept anything from getting across the goal line, as the Oneida defense worked together to keep Stone off the scoreboard. Head Coach Newport said he was pleased to see his young team’s improvement so far, and was impressed by how they hung tough in extreme weather, playing on a turf field that magnified the heat. Oneida is scheduled to play two consecutive home games this week, against Cumberland County on Tuesday (Aug. 29), and a District contest versus Oliver Springs at Hoffman Field Thursday, August 31.

Oneida battled all the way in Tuesday’s (August 22) action at home against Anderson County, with the Lady Mavericks taking a 6-0 win, but the scoreboard didn’t reflect how well the Lady Indians played a tough opponent. Newport told the Morgan County Today, “We played a solid game for 60 minutes, holding them to just two scores. Then, they scored four goals in the final minutes of the game, but we played with a lot of enthusiasm. I’m playing a lot of our younger players in different spots, solidifying our defense and giving a lot of players some time on offense. It will get here. They did a good job, and all our girls showed great effort tonight.”

Oneida assistant coach Zac Hacker added, “We’re a young team, but our girls are getting better and better. Catch us in three

weeks. They’re improving quickly.”

SCOTT SHOOTS DOWN PATRIOTS AT HOME IN SEASON’S FIRST DISTRICT GAME



“It was miserably hot, and I’m very proud of how our Lady Highlanders kept fighting and fighting and came out with a very big district win,” Scott Head Coach Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today after seeing his team take on Union County, the defending District champ, and grind out a 3-1 victory in what was one of the hottest days of this year.

Lady Highlander freshman Aleeyah Jeffers (pictured) took an assist from junior Alyssa Crabtree and put Scott on the board in the game’s 35th minute to put Scott up, 1-0. Henry said, “That was a very well executed play. Alyssa made a great pass, and Aleeyah took it and quickly punched in the goal.” Union answered with a goal in the last two minutes of the first half, to tie the score at 1-1, just before the break. Henry told the Morgan County Today his halftime words of encouragement to his team were “pretty intense, I knew they could outplay this Union team, and I wanted them to prove it. They did just that, came out and outscored them 2-0 to get the win.”

In the second frame, senior Ellie Lowe broke the tie with a goal off an assist by Scott junior Autumn Brummett, then senior Alyssa Crabtree, who has been an offensive force so far this season, took an assist from senior Rachel Garrett and put Scott ahead of the Lady Patriots, 3-0.

That was the final score. Coach Henry said, “We got some valuable experience in a tough match under tough conditions. It was just as hot for them as it was for us, but how we played in the second half was very impressive. They really turned it on, started winning more balls, had more time of possession. That’s what wins games. I’m very proud of all our girls. Bella Sharpe is the best goalie any team could have. We’ve got a good stretch of games on our schedule at home, with CAK coming in Tuesday (Aug. 29), and Harriman on Thursday (Aug. 31). We’ve had excellent fan turnout so far, and here’s two more opportunities to come out and support this Lady Highlander team.”



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



EMILEE
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ALEEYAH
JEFFERS



Tom Redmon
Columnist

A couple of years ago I wrote an article entitled, "Working at a Pea Patch in DeKalb, Illinois."

It was between my junior and senior years of high school when I was seventeen years of age. It was my first adventure away from home and I found out when you worked sixteen hours a day you didn't have time to get home sick. We had to get those peas harvested when they got ripe and that meant to work until midnight some days.

They sent me out to a vinery out in the country and I couldn't help but to think how flat Northern Illinois was compared to Tennessee. Beside the vinery that would take the peas off the vines and send the vines on up in a stack where two men would place them. There was a barrack, much like the military barracks that men slept in. It had a bathroom available and a few chairs sitting around. They also had pulled a mobile unit out there with cooking facilitation and dining places for ten men. A lady cook named Luara came out from a small nearby town to cook for us and boy did we eat. I told her she was a great cook just like my Momma.

When I got off the truck that took me out there the boss; I guess he was the boss, told me my job would be on the stack where the vines would go up the conveyer belt and me and another boy would move them around so they would end up in the right place. We used a pitchfork and you needed gloves but I didn't have any. They didn't tell me I needed them and they didn't furnish any. Did my poor hand suffer.

The young man who told me what my job would be was the boss and he said his name was Jake. He said we will have lunch at 12:30 and dinner at 6:30 pm. Breakfast will be at 6:30 am. Drinking water is here on the ground and you'll need a lot of water. This is hard work and it will make a man out of you.

As I started to work the other stake man who was named Richard and from Missouri told me what to do. He was also still in high school and I found out years later that he was from the same town in Missouri that Rush Limbaugh was from. I liked Richard from the start. He liked country music and he said he wanted to be a D.J. after he graduated.

At lunch the first day I learned some of the men's names and how good the food was.

There were nine of us working at the vinery. There were two men from Southern Illinois, Riley and Lonnie and they were in charge of picking up the pea boxes when they were full and putting an empty box where the peas came off the vines. The boxes filled up fast so it was a job for these men especially Riley who looked like he was in his late seventies. To me he was a fatherly gentleman who I loved to hear talk. He would say,

"what will you have country music fellow?" I knew he wanted me to say, "Pabst Blue Ribbon" which was a beer commercial back then, but "I would say give me a big RC Cola and a Moon Pie and I'll sing "Maple on the Hill." The men got a big laugh out of that. Ronald and Calvin were the loaders but first they took the empty boxes off the racks to be filled again. John the bosses' assistant kept the equipment greased good so it would keep working. Then there was Howell the wino right off of Madison Street or skid row in Chicago. He came down every summer to work both the pea patch and the corn patch for California Packing Company



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to get enough money to supply him in wine and whiskey all winter. All the men said he was a good worker but he didn't want to leave skid row. It was his kind of carefree life that he loved. I would say that Howell lived a short life because the winters in Chicago were rough. The wind always blew off Lake Michigan and in winter the cold wind would almost cut you into. What a life those street people live.

When the trucks were late bringing the peas on the vines in, we would get a break. Richard and I would come down from the stack, pull us up an empty box and listen to the older men tell tales. Riley and Lonnie from Southern Illinois had been coming up to the pea patch for several years and they told us about some of the exciting times they had at some of them. They said one year they had a fight in one of the barracks at the factory and had to call the law. I told them about the felon who had rode up from Greeneville with us and they wouldn't

hire him. He was guilty of stabbing a man to death. I guess I should have been scared but I wasn't. I had sat right beside this man for over 550 miles and he didn't harm any of us.

To pass our time on the stack, Richard and I would play a little game. I would tell Richard to announce a country song and I would sing it. He would say now here's Faron Young singing "Hello Walls" or Carl Smith singing "Lonely, Lonely World." The men working below could hear us and they called me "Country Music Star." We enjoyed what we were doing.

Jake was the twenty-two-year-old college boy and he was very quiet.

The summer of 1953 proved to be quite an experience for this seventeen-year-old boy who was still wet behind the ears. I'm glad I left Greeneville and got a job packing peas in DeKalb, Illinois. Strange as it may sound but the military tank landing ship (LST) that I traveled on in 1959 from San Francisco, California to Pearl Harbor while serving in the Navy was the USS DeKalb County (LST-715), named for this county and one in Georgia and Tennessee.

I grew up a lot in those four short months and I found out there were good people everywhere in this good ole U.S.A. The nine workers at the vinery worked good together and they seemed to enjoy the fellowship we had together. I remember all of them just like it was a few years ago when actually it was seventy years ago.

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Around WCHS Vol.1

By: CatFish Cole & Big Man Dan

Catfish Cole-

With all the talk of politics involving indictments, laptops, and recently UAPS it is nice to hear of functional and simplistic government. Like here at WCHS, where just last week we held our school-wide student government elections. Where each grade elected a president, vice president, and secretary to represent them before our Principal, Jason Davis. Hoping to act as the primary voice of the freshman class I too took part in the campaign. Running for the presidential position I happily began advertising for my administration (Below). Though not much campaigning was required as it was a swift and well-organized process. With much success as I was able to win the candidacy for 2023. Beginning next month the entirety of the student government will meet and discuss student, class, grade, and school-wide issues. This congregation will allow the voices of the students here at WCHS to express their concerns and approval of policies and school life. Also allowing students to suggest ways to improve and excel in academic success here at WCHS in a civil and official manner. Hopefully in years to come we will be able to fully take advantage of this new opportunity to build up WCHS with students, faculty, and staff working side by side.

We would like to congratulate the 2023 student government incumbents who are the following.

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11th grade - Class President Landon Quinney, VP Ava Sherrill, and Secretary Lawson Swint.

10th grade - Class President Evan Crouch, VP AJ Davis, and Secretary Bryleight Stafford.

9th grade - VP Madi Aslinger, and Secretary Cody Nyberg.
Also Congratulations to the WCHS Homecoming Queens

12th grade - Abby Ford



Daniel Bunch
(Big Man Dan)

11th grade - Charrissa Fulbright

10th grade - Shaelyn Terry

9th grade - Hannah Seiber

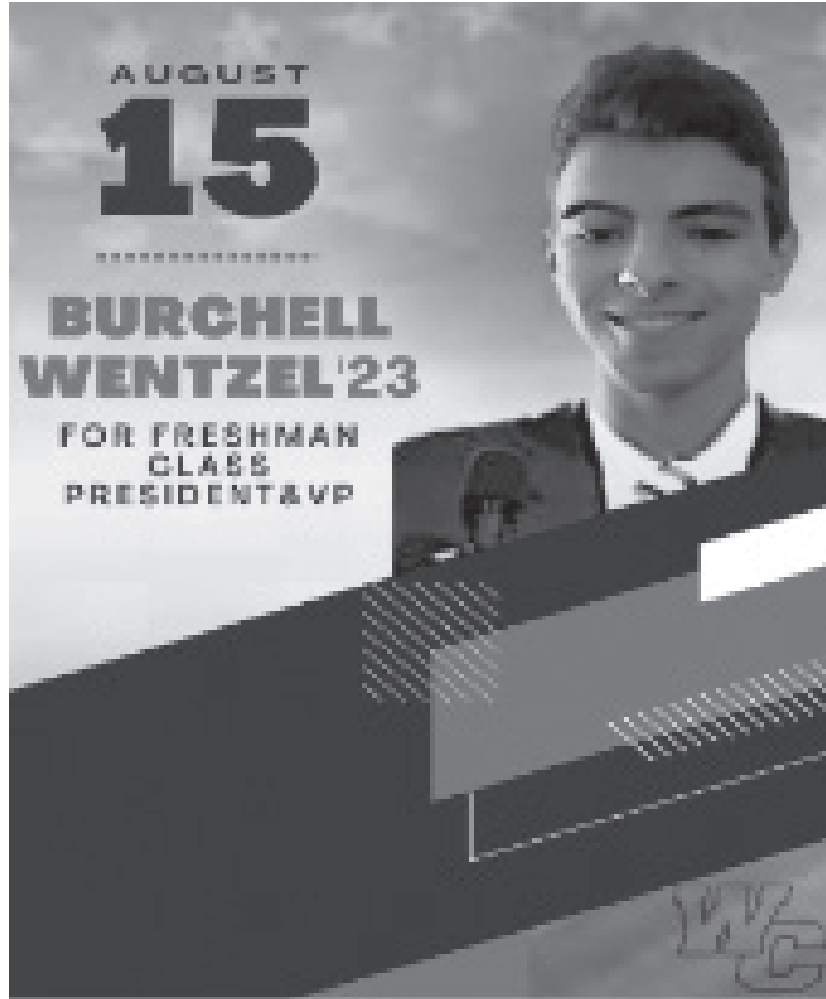
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Big Man Dan-

The Game

Last Friday of August 25, 2023 your Wartburg Bulldogs Football team went up against the Harriman

Blue Devils. Right before halftime there was a delay in the game because of lightning that was nearby. But the game started back up around one hour later. It was a very close game at all points. Even though at some points the Bulldogs were down the boys still played strong and mentally tough. In the 4th quarter the game was 18 to 13 the Blue Devils were winning but the Bulldogs pulled through and scored a touchdown and went for the 2 point conversion and got it. Now the game was 21 to 13 and that's what the ending score would be. The atmosphere in this game was a very spirited and competitive one. Congratulations to your Wartburg Bulldogs for coming out with the win. If any students here are thinking about going to the games we encourage you to and join our student section.



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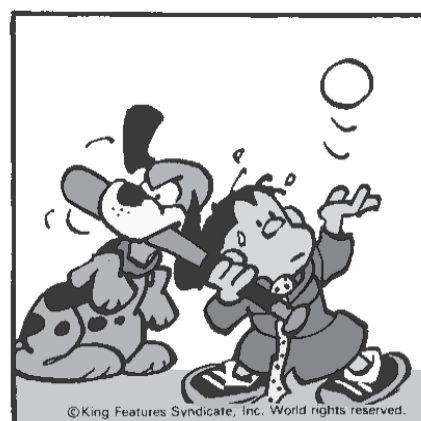
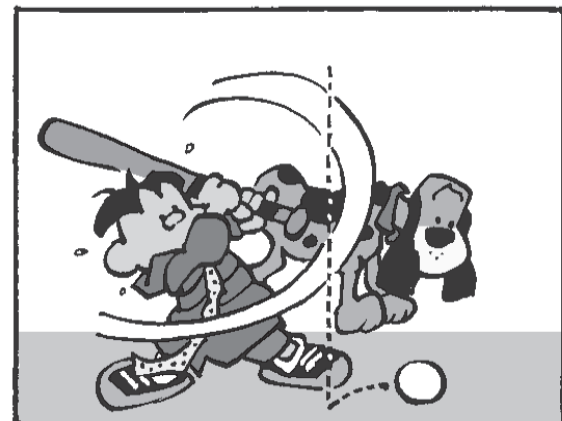
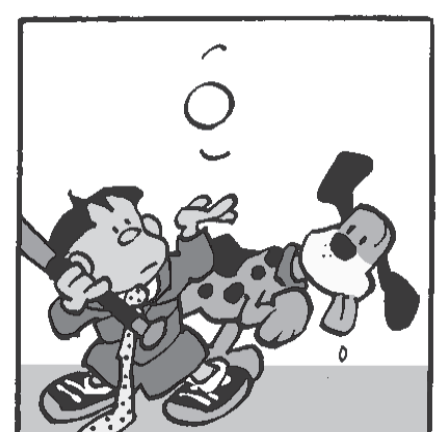
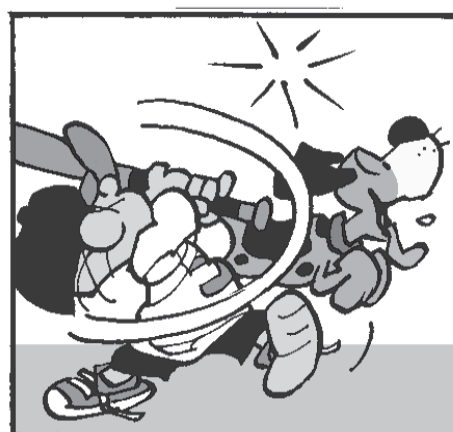
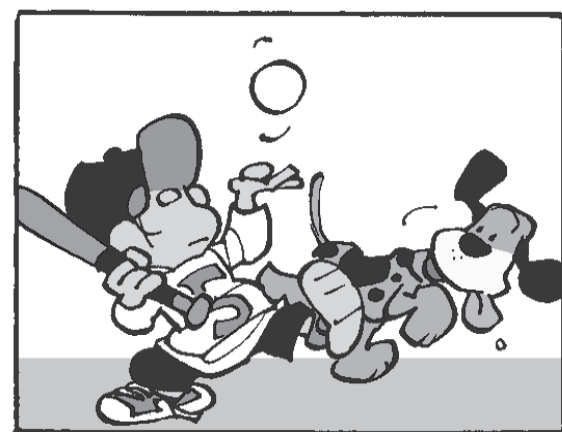


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