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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

It is already  
Back To School  
time. I just don't

know how to feel  
about this.  
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won't be over so much. That makes me sad.  
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vet or watch  
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to the vet." That means, he does wuff me more  
than football and that is A LOT.  
So any-woof, I sure hope all the kids have a  
good school year, that they learn. Mimi says  
that is what makes your brain grow. Does that  
mean that the kids will get big heads, too? If  
they did, they would have a hard time carrying  
their big heads and their back packs. So, I hope  
their heads don't get too big. You know like the  
cartoon, where the kids heads are shaped like  
footballs.  
Oh, dear-ruff. My brain is swirling like my tail.

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Sun 13 **83°/63°**

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING**

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

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

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

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

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

Oakdale Public Library 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

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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.

Wartburg Senior Citizens to meet at Wartburg Center  
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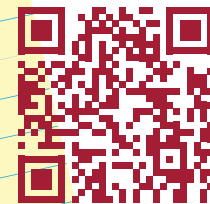


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# In Loving Memory

## Peggy Joyce Colby, 66



Long time Morgan County resident, Peggy Joyce Colby, 66, died, August 1, 2023, at home in Sunbright, TN. She had dealt with health challenges for many years.

Daughter to the union of Betty Lou Hawn and Segal Jeffers, Peggy was born, June 29, 1957. In the middle of a large family of ten – she was a beautiful little redhead. Born and raised in Sunbright, Peggy never wandered far from home. She was a loving mother and a faithful friend.

Peggy was preceded in death by husbands, Michael Colby and Dennis L. Gardner; long-time companion, James A Carter; parents, Betty & Segal Jeffers; sister Linda Henderson; brothers, Leonard Edward Jeffers and Randall Paul Jeffers.

Survivors include sisters, Betty Jane Watkins, of Stonewille, NC; Ruth Morgan of Sunbright, TN and Marion Stanford of Oak Ridge, TN; brothers, Wayne Jeffers of Crossville, TN, Clyde Jeffers of Adairsville, GA and Mark Jeffers of Sunbright, TN; as well as numerous nieces & nephews and dozens of cousins.

Left to cherish her memory is her son Derek Gardner also of Sunbright, TN, with fiancée Paige Schubert Miller.

The family will receive friends Sunday, August 6, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Doug Morgan officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunbright Cemetery.

## James "Jim" Richard Bingham



James "Jim" Richard Bingham, passed away on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at his home with his family at his side. Jim was raised in Wartburg. Jim began work at age 17 as a truck driver and then worked in the coal mining field. Jim loved his jobs, old cars, and Peterbilt trucks. But mostly he loved his family.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Hazel (Gaskin) Bingham and Connie Bingham Williams.

Jim leaves behind his wife of 24 years Pamela (Hoskins) Bingham; daughter Alisha Hester and fiancé CJ Byrd of Wartburg; son Woody (Kelsey) Bingham of Jacksboro; daughter-in-law and friend Stephanie Bingham; grandchildren McKayla (William) Bryant of Oliver Springs, Faith Carroll of Wartburg, Tiffany Brown and fiancé Oscar Hall of Donovan, Tn., Joshua Brown of Lancing, Troy (Mikah) Bingham, and Kaysen Bingham of Oliver Springs; great grandchildren Flora Bryant, Penny

and Walker Carrell, and special little man October Combs; siblings Linda Kay (Lowell) Cornett of Kentucky, Everett "Sonny" (Rhonda) Bingham of Georgia, Steve Bingham of Virginia, and Clark (Paula) Bingham of Tn., and a host of cousins and best friends Billy and Mary Sexton.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to UT Hospice Services, 4435 Valley View Rd. Suite 104, Knoxville, TN 37917.

The family will receive friends Friday, August 4, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 6:00 p.m. with Bro. Clark Bingham officiating. Graveside services will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Liberty Church Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of James "Jim" Richard Bingham.

## Patricia "Patti" Gaskin 46

Patricia "Patti" Gaskin, 46, of Harriman passed away August 2, 2023.

Survived by her husband Carl Gaskin of Harriman.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at Schubert Fu-

neral Home of Wartburg from 2:00-3:00 p.m. with graveside to follow at Union Cemetery in Wartburg.

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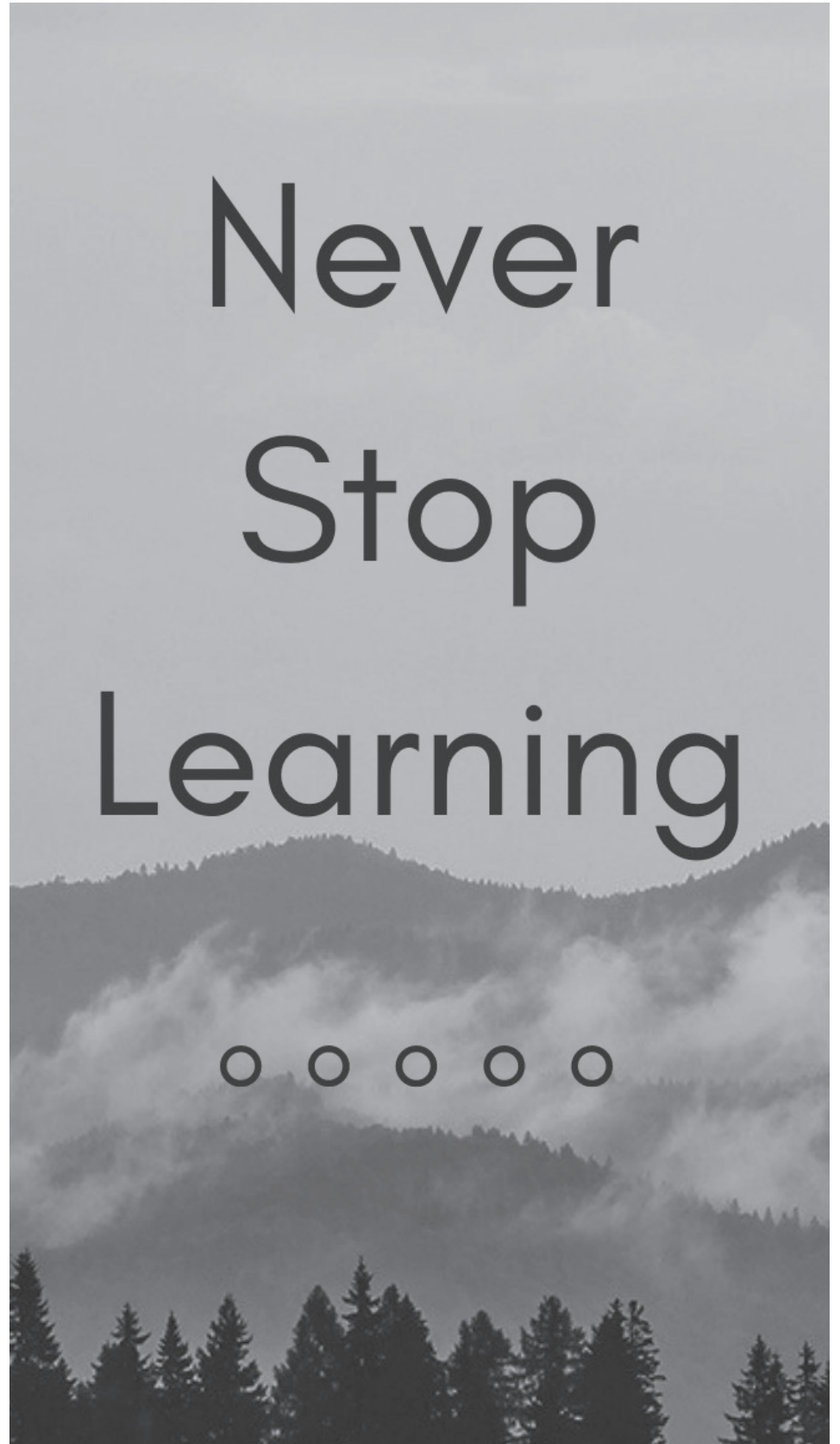
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All replacement pipe will be picked up at the Highway Department in Wartburg by the contractor and delivered to the job site. Rock will be hauled by the contractor from Rogers Grp. Quarry in Jamestown for the Glades Rd. project and from the Rogers 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.

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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

\* "To help our children learn the placement of states, we glued a map to a piece of cardboard, then used a razor knife to cut each state out along its lines. This created a puzzle. It made learning the states fun, and we wrote the capitals on the backs, so we learned those, too." -- M.A. in Georgia

\* Keep extra magazines in the car to read when you have to wait or while sitting in line at the bank or fast-food drive-through.

\* "I love self-sticking notes to stay organized. I use them on my bathroom vanity mirror so that I can preplan my day in my head while getting ready." -- E.T. in Georgia

\* "I purchased extra-large safety pins and used scraps of fabric to designate towels for family members. I wrote each

of our names in washable ink on several 'tags,' which are then attached to our bathing towel. I can tell in an instant who has left his or her towel on the floor/bed/etc. And I am washing a lot less towels now." -- D.L. in Ohio

\* "I had a few old mouse pads that were lying around. I used embroidery floss to stitch a few together, and I use them as a knee pad in the garden. The bonus is that it rolls up for storage!" -- A.C. in New Mexico

\* Keep and wash thoroughly any vegetable or meat trays (discard broken ones or pierced ones). They can be used as paint tray for small projects around the house, or for the children.

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

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* In 2018, Nataraj Karate set a new Guinness World Record by stuffing 650 drinking straws in his mouth at once. He had to keep them there for at least 10 seconds to break the previous record.

\* Human blood cells have different lifespans.

\* Dollar bills weren't always green. Colonial money, for example, was tan with black or red ink. The Civil War government began using green ink to print paper money because it didn't fade or easily decompose, which protected against counterfeiting.

\* Auto manufacturer Volkswagen makes not just vehicles, but currywurst sausages.

\* Following his successful bladder stone surgery, the relieved English diarist Samuel Pepys celebrated the anniversary of the event every year after.

\* The first hot-air balloon flight, in 1783, took off with a sheep, a duck and a rooster on board, as it was unknown how the human body would react to flying at high altitudes. (They landed safely.)

\* A company in Poland makes dinnerware out of wheat bran.

\* Queen Elizabeth II visited the set of the TV series "Game of Thrones" but couldn't be seated on the throne due to an old rule that "the ruling monarch can't sit on a foreign throne."

\* While it's not the longest word in

the English language, a study of 1.7 million samples of everyday English found that the longest word you're likely to encounter on a daily basis is "uncharacteristically."

\* Ants leave pheromone trails when they walk that serve as maps for other ants.

\* Although Saturn is the second-largest planet in our solar system, it's also the lightest, and could float in water because it's basically a giant gas ball -- if we had a bathtub big enough to hold it.

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Thought for the Day: "Laws control the lesser man. Right conduct controls the greater one." -- Chinese proverb

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

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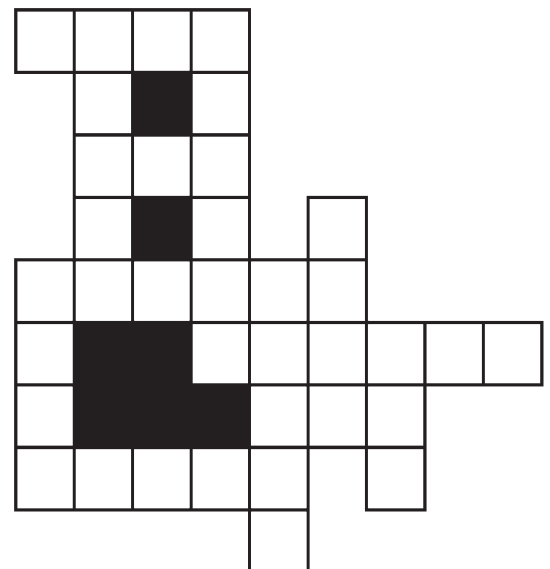
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- 17 Blue Grotto isle
- 19 Hearty quaff
- 20 Floral rings
- 22 Vat
- 23 Peevish fit
- 24 Song of praise
- 26 Olympic skater Brian
- 28 "Certainly!"
- 30 Away from SSW
- 31 Mexican chili pepper
- 35 Labrador explorer
- 39 Nashville venue
- 40 "A spider!"
- 42 "— Breckinridge"
- 43 Fib
- 44 King of Judea
- 46 Taunting laugh
- 47 Captivate
- 49 Comic Ray
- 51 Bagel choice
- 52 Retaliate
- 53 Trusty horse
- 54 Dweebs
- 8 In medias —
- 9 Big lizard
- 10 Comedian George
- 11 Overcharge for tickets
- 13 Handle
- 18 Tavern
- 21 In a sneaky way
- 23 Fulton's power
- 25 — culpa
- 27 Business mag
- 29 Showed scorn
- 31 Fishing rods
- 32 Speaks one's mind
- 33 Chicken serving
- 34 "— the ram-parts ..."
- 36 Manually
- 37 Arboreal apes
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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

Millions of people could receive their tax refunds faster thanks to a major IRS initiative. The IRS is beginning a major project to digitize all paper-filed tax returns by 2025 which result in much faster processing.

Paper-based processes have hampered the IRS and frustrated taxpayers for decades. The IRS had backlogs of millions of returns due to its inability to process the paper tax returns it receives digitally.

Once paper returns are digitized, extracting the data will enable IRS customer service employees to answer taxpayer questions and resolve issues quickly and accurately.

Additionally, 150 of the most used non-tax forms will be available in digital, mobile-friendly formats, and up to one billion historical documents will be digitized, giving taxpayers access to their data and saving about \$40 million in storage costs annually. This will also help improve IRS service by eliminating errors resulting from manually inputting data from paper returns, speeding up processing, and getting refunds to taxpayers four weeks sooner.

One of the valuable new digital forms is the request for assistance from the Taxpayer Advocate Service. The Taxpayer Advocate Service helps people resolve problems that haven't been resolved through normal IRS channels. Having this form digitalized will speed up the process of getting help from the Taxpayer Advocate Service when they are frustrated with the IRS's ability to resolve their problems.

You can also submit more correspondence online during next year's tax season. In previous years, the IRS could take nearly a year to issue a refund if it was required to process taxpayer correspon-

## Faster refunds

dence regarding various issues.

Due to increased identity theft, the IRS has flagged more tax returns which have delayed refunds. Over one million tax returns were flagged for potential identity fraud this year. Many refunds were delayed by nearly a year due to the returns being flagged.

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is funding the new initiative. "Thanks to the IRA, we are in the process of transforming the IRS into a digital-first agency," Yellen said. "This 'Paperless Processing Initiative' is the key that unlocks other customer service improvements."

"Recouping these funds will not only save billions in inflationary spending right now, it also reduces the size of a weaponized agency and protects hardworking American families and businesses," Rep. Chip Roy (R-Texas) wrote in a memo to fellow Republicans during negotiations.

People who prefer to mail their paper returns and correspondence will continue to be able to do so.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Don't Get Caught Up in Survey Scams

The latest craze in senior scams is surveys. Thieves want to know our opinions about products and services, and we're happy to oblige -- especially when there's a lovely prize for us if we participate.

Who wouldn't want an expensive TV or a vacation just for answering a few survey questions?

We wouldn't, that's who. Because it's likely part of a scam.

Survey scams can show up in any number of formats, either a direct call to you or in an email or on social media.

Sometimes the information they're requesting is so innocent you can be lulled into believing it's not really a scam. For example: If you're asked for the name of your first pet, you'll be tempted to answer, because it's not your bank information.

However, that same mild question is very common and might have been asked when you signed up for a le-

gitimate online account, such as your bank, as a means of verifying your identity. Knowing that "Fluffy" was your first cat, pieced together with the answers to other innocent questions, scammers can access your accounts when a profile about you is created.

Sometimes you'll be asked to qualify for a survey and the questions are more intrusive. Taken together, all your innocent answers can be sold as a package to other scammers.

Here are a few facts:

Once you talk to these scammers on the phone, the number of scam calls you receive will rise dramatically.

Once you participate in an online survey, you've opened yourself up to much more serious scams.

If you have to pay a fee, it's a scam.

The minute you click a suspect link in an email, it's possible that malware is installed on your computer.

If someone offers you anything of value for participating in a survey, it's likely a scam.

Really, why would anyone send you a TV for answering a few questions?

If you've been scammed, call the Federal Trade Commission at 877-382-4357.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Who was born Richard Starkey?
2. Name the artist who was only 12 years old when he wrote "Lucky Man."
3. Who wrote and released "I Call Your Name"?
4. Which artist wrote and released "Two Faces Have I"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Watching you play our favorite song, Shutters down, headphones on, I want the world to know my pain."

## Answers

1. Ringo Starr, drummer for the Beatles. He'd taken up drums as a child when he was in a sanitarium for tuberculosis for two years and was encouraged to play musical instruments for therapy. Today he's Sir Richard Starkey, having been knighted by Prince William for services to music in the U.K.
2. Greg Lake, of Emerson, Lake & Palmer. He wrote it after his mother bought him a guitar, and after he'd learned four chords.
3. John Lennon, in 1964. The best-ever version, hands down, was the cover by the Mamas & the Papas in 1966 on their debut album.
4. Lou Christie, in 1963.
5. "More Than Silence," by Boy George and Culture Club, in 2018. The song was released on their "Life" album, their sixth and the first since 1999.

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# August 2023

## Morgan County Schools

### MONDAY

Breakfast  
Pancake on a Stick  
Juice  
Lunch  
Popcorn Chicken  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Steamed Broccoli  
Garden Fresh Salad  
Fresh Veggies w/ Dip, Roll  
Fresh Berries

Breakfast  
Waffles  
Juice  
Lunch  
Chicken Sandwich  
Herbed Potatoes  
Baked Beans  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast  
Egg & Cheese Biscuit  
Juice  
Lunch  
Fish or Popcorn Chicken  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Garden Fresh Salad, Hot Roll  
Orange Slices

Breakfast  
Egg O Pancakes  
Juice  
Lunch  
Chicken Alfredo, Cheese Sticks  
Steamed Broccoli  
Caesar Salad  
Veggies w/ Dip  
Garlic Knot  
Strawberries

### TUESDAY

Breakfast  
Breakfast Served  
Lunch  
**SACK LUNCHES**

Breakfast  
Chicken Biscuit  
Fruit Smoothie  
Lunch  
Corn Dog  
Tater Tots  
Baked Beans  
Fresh Veggies & Dip  
Orange Slices

Breakfast  
French Toast  
Breakfast Bread  
Blueberries  
Breakfast for Lunch  
Eggs, Burrito  
Gravy & Biscuit  
Chicken, Sausage  
Potato Patty, Salsa  
Fruit Parfait

Breakfast  
Chicken Biscuit  
Fruit Smoothie  
Lunch  
Burrito or Soft Taco  
Lettuce, Tomatoes  
Refried Beans w/ Cheese  
Rice, Nachos w/ Cheese  
Tossed Salad  
Sliced Apples

Breakfast  
Sausage Biscuit  
Fruit Parfait  
Lunch  
Chicken Nuggets  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Garden Fresh Salad  
Fresh Veggies w/ Dip  
Wheat Roll, Fresh Peaches

### WEDNESDAY

**NO SCHOOL**

Breakfast  
Donuts or Peach Biscuit  
Orange Slices  
Lunch  
Salisbury Steak/ Drum Stick  
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans  
Fresh Veggies w/ Dip  
Garden Salad, Roll  
Fresh Peaches

Breakfast  
Scrambled Eggs  
Sausage, Biscuit & Gravy  
Fresh Melon  
Lunch  
Walking Taco  
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese  
Steamed Corn, Spanish Rice  
Garden Salad  
Watermelon

Breakfast  
Waffles, Glaze Pull-Aparts  
Fruit Cup  
Lunch  
Hot Dog on a Bun  
Chili  
Cole Slaw  
Garden Fresh Salad  
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast  
Waffles  
Fresh Berries  
Lunch  
Pizza or Cheesy Pull Apart  
Steamed Corn  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Veggies & Dip  
Baked Cookie  
Assortment of Fresh Fruit

### THURSDAY

Breakfast  
Sausage Biscuit  
Fruit Parfait  
Lunch  
Pizza  
Steamed Corn  
Caesar Salad, Roasted Asparagus  
Fresh Veggies & Dip  
Baked Cookie  
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast  
Breakfast Pizza or Burrito  
Berries  
Lunch  
Hamburger on a Bun  
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle  
Baked Fries, Brussel Spouts  
Pasta Salad  
Watermelon

Breakfast  
Breakfast Pizza  
Fruit Smoothie  
Lunch  
Chicken Tenders  
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans  
Garden Fresh Salad  
Wheat Roll  
Fresh Grapes

Breakfast  
Donuts  
Banana  
Lunch  
Mandarin Orange Chicken or Lunchables, Noodles  
Steamed Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Fortune Cookie  
Watermelon Wedges

Breakfast  
Chicken & Biscuit  
Fruit  
Lunch  
Mini Corn Dogs / Sliders  
Tater Tots  
Baked Beans  
Fresh Veggies & Dip  
Pasta Salad, Side Kick  
Watermelon

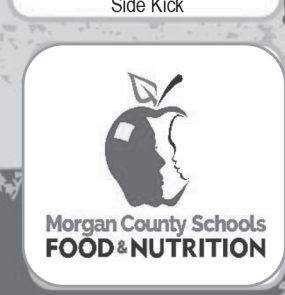
### FRIDAY

Breakfast  
Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt  
Fresh Fruit  
Lunch  
Chicken Sandwich  
Baked Fries  
Steamed Broccoli  
Ranchero Beans, Garden Salad  
Watermelon

Breakfast  
Muffin, Yogurt  
Banana  
Lunch  
Chicken Wings or Nuggets  
Wedge Potatoes  
Celery w/ Dip  
Caesar Salad, Roll  
Strawberry Shortcake  
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast  
Cinnamon Roll or Danish  
Orange Slices  
Lunch  
Pizza or Calzone  
Corn on the Cob  
Steamed Vegetables  
Caesar Salad  
Baked Cookie  
Fresh Berries

Breakfast  
Steak Biscuit  
Fresh Melon  
Lunch  
Frito Chili Pie  
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomatoes  
Steamed Corn  
Fiesta Rice, Salsa, Garden Salad  
Side Kick



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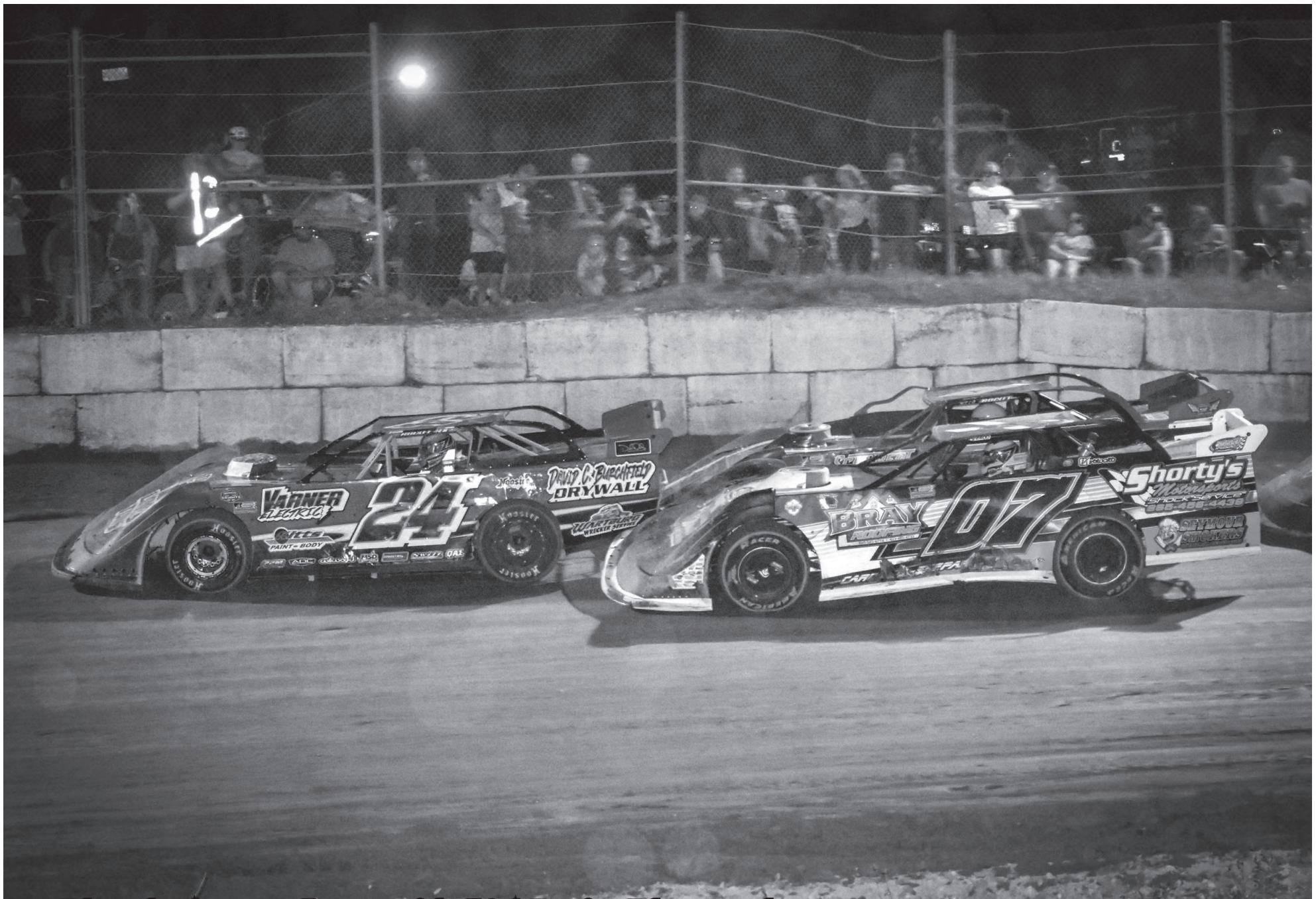


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# IT'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

**Scott High** 

**Wartburg** 

Aug. 18, 2023	Cumberland Co. High School	7:30 PM	 <p><b>West Ready Mix</b> 423 - 569 - 4100</p> <p><b>HAVE A GREAT SEASON!</b></p>  <p><b>WEST READY MIX</b> 569-4100 Helenwood, Tn.</p>	Aug. 18, 2023	at Coalfield High School	7:00 PM
Aug. 25, 2023	Eagleton College and Career Academy	7:30 PM		Aug. 25, 2023	Harriman High School	7:30 PM
Sep. 1, 2023	Clinton High School	7:30 PM		Sep. 8, 2023	at Oneida High School *	
Sep. 8, 2023	at Knox Central, KY	7:30 PM		Sep. 15, 2023	Bledsoe Co. High School *	
Sep. 15, 2023	Kingston High School *	7:30 PM		Sep. 22, 2023	Eagleton College and Career Academy	7:30 PM
Sep. 29, 2023	Whitley County, KY	7:30 PM		Sep. 29, 2023	at Polk Co. High School *	7:30 PM
Oct. 6, 2023	Union Co. High School *	7:30 PM		Oct. 6, 2023	at Oakdale High School	7:30 PM
Oct. 13, 2023	at Alcoa High School *	7:00 PM		Oct. 13, 2023	Sunbright High School	7:30 PM
Oct. 20, 2023	at Pickett Co. High School	7:00 PM		Oct. 20, 2023	Alvin C. York Institute *	
Oct. 26, 2023	at Austin-East High School *	7:00 PM		Oct. 27, 2023	Tellico Plains High School *	

All times local.

\* - denotes region/district game

## Sunbright

Aug. 18, 2023	Red Boiling Springs High School	8:00 PM
Aug. 25, 2023	at Pickett Co. High School	8:00 PM
Sep. 1, 2023	Oakdale High School *	
Sep. 8, 2023	Rockwood High School *	7:30 PM
Sep. 15, 2023	at Midway High School *	
Sep. 22, 2023	Oliver Springs High School *	
Oct. 6, 2023	Coalfield High School *	
Oct. 13, 2023	at Wartburg Central High School	7:30 PM
Oct. 20, 2023	at Greenback High School *	
Oct. 26, 2023	at Harriman High School *	

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Sep. 1, 2023	at Greenback High School *	
Sep. 8, 2023	Midway High School *	7:30 PM
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Sep. 29, 2023	Oakdale High School *	
Oct. 6, 2023	at Sunbright High School *	
Oct. 20, 2023	Oliver Springs High School *	
Oct. 26, 2023	Rockwood High School *	7:00 PM



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Sep. 1, 2023	at Eagleton College and Career Academy	7:30 PM
Sep. 8, 2023	Wartburg Central High School *	
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Sep. 22, 2023	Greenback High School	7:30 PM
Sep. 29, 2023	Alvin C. York Institute *	
Oct. 6, 2023	at Tellico Plains High School *	
Oct. 20, 2023	The King's Academy	7:30 PM
Oct. 27, 2023	at Bledsoe Co. High School *	

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## Oakdale

Aug. 18, 2023	Pickett Co. High School	8:00 PM
Aug. 25, 2023	at Jellico High School	7:30 PM
Sep. 1, 2023	at Sunbright High School *	
Sep. 8, 2023	Oliver Springs High School *	
Sep. 15, 2023	at Greenback High School *	
Sep. 22, 2023	Harriman High School *	
Sep. 29, 2023	at Coalfield High School *	
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# Scott County Today

## 8th DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER LEIF JEFFERS CHOSEN STATEWIDE CONFERENCE VICE PRESIDENT

In the recent annual conference of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference

(TDPDC), 8th district Public Defender Leif Jeffers, a native of Oneida was selected as this year's Conference Vice President, about which Jeffers told the Morgan County Today, "I'm honored to be chosen by my peers for this leadership position, out of a group of 32 elected Public Defenders in Tennessee." As Vice President, Jeffers is part of a leadership team comprised of a President, an Executive Director and a Deputy Executive Director which work together to help ensure that public defenders across the state are up to date on latest legislative trends or changes to the criminal code, and also address budgetary issues, asset distribution and determine personnel needs statewide.

The Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference is built on a platform supported by Dr. Martin Luther King's statement, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Jeffers, in his second term as the Public Defender serving the 8th District, consisting of Campbell, Claiborne, Fentress, Scott and Union Counties, has said that his work as Public Defender is

"the best job I've ever had," which is a testimony to his passion to help provide zealous legal defense to his clients. Jeffers told the Morgan County Today, "In just the past year, the 8th district Public Defender's office has handled over 500 cases. We have 10 attorneys, 5 support staff members- one investigator; a paralegal; an office manager, and two legal secretaries- who are all tireless in the defense of our clients."

Leif Jeffers has always been a person who brings a wealth of energy and abilities to any endeavor he chooses to pursue. At the University of Tennessee Knoxville, he graduated with a double major, with degrees in History and Political Science while also earning a minor in English, all while being involved in UT's football program, where he made the roster as a walk-on. After graduating from UT in 1989, Leif worked with the Tennessee Department of Youth Development, and then joined the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, where he served as a Special Agent until 1994. Jeffers graduated from the UT College of Law

in 1997, and passed the Tennessee Bar exam in the same year, working as an Assistant Public Defender from 1998 to 2006, an Assistant District Attorney General from 2007-2014, and serving as the Winfield Municipal Judge until 2014. He was elected as the District Public Defender for the 8th Judicial

District in 2014, and gained re-election to that post in 2022.

"Any person in this country is entitled to be represented by counsel whether they can afford it or not. It is the privilege and passion of all our Public Defenders and their staffs to provide that counsel," Jeffers said. While he actively works over 50 cases annually himself, Jeffers said he greatly values the trust placed in his abilities by the TDPDC by being chosen as this year's Vice President.

"I have some added administrative duties as the conference Vice President, but I appreciate that I still can represent numerous accused citizens

in court." With the core mission of the TDPDC, that of providing high quality client -centered legal representation to indigent persons of all ages, accused of crimes or facing a deprivation of liberty throughout the state of Tennessee, Jeffers is and will always remain on board with that mission. "That's what makes being the 8th district Public Defender the best job I've ever had, and I hope to continue in this work as long as I'm physically able," he said.



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# The Yellow River, Florida



**John Burns**  
*Opinion Columnist*

If I was to label this experience, this chapter may be titled boys to men. To avoid copyright infringement for the name of a 90's boy band, I will stick with the river where this takes place.

Most civilians have never heard of this north Florida river. If you have, you probably know a Ranger who successfully learned leadership beginnings, in the swamps and creeks that surround the beautiful Yellow River.

To get to Florida phase, this young wannabe, would require incredible help from a source I now know to be God, to get me through Darby phase and Mountain phase. The people whom God placed around me deserve all the credit for my successful graduation.

I reported to 4th RTB in early June in 1989. I was assigned to Cco. This was a heavily laden officer and cadet class. The Ranger training model required enlisted personnel be spread across the class. My squad was made up of a couple Bn. Enlisted personnel, and a few other leg enlisted people from the regular army like me.

I knew the least about all things Ranger. I had graduated the pre-Ranger course, yet I had no idea after that. I loved Pt, I listened, and I could carry a heavy rucksack. I could easily starve and still perform physically. I had 0 grasp of the Ranger operations order.

In my squad was PFC machine gunner, Paul Mercer from B3/75 Ranger on Ft. Benning. I had no idea how much our meeting in Ranger school would shape the next 32 years of both our lives. Our friendship began in the first phase of Ranger school, at Camp Darby on Ft. Benning in Columbus, Georgia.

I was really having trouble grasping the 5- paragraph order and then applying it to patrolling tactics. I had never been in an infantry unit that walked everywhere with rucksacks. I was promoted to SP4 just prior to reporting to this school. I had never been required to formally lead men.

God placed Paul in my life, to first get me through Ranger school. I have never questioned this. He had been raised in the 3d Bn. Where leadership is required of every member of the Regiment. His foundation, would help me begin to grasp the truth behind what makes the Ranger.

After the order has been issued, commanders' intent is rehearsed, problems are identified and solved, one final rehearsal, it is time to patrol and complete the mission. There are three main missions taught in Ranger school. Reconnaissance, Movement to contact, and Ambush.

Paul was not the reconnaissance type, so neither am I. We loved shottin' stuff, and we loved blowing stuff up. Luckily the patrols I would be required to lead, were ambush and movement to contact. Paul would help me on every mission. I decided I would carry heavy stuff when he was in charge.

In Darby phase, I would begin to understand what it means to be hard. I would begin to learn that hard times do not last forever, hard men do! Blisters, exhaustion, information overload, would all plague me at Ft. Benning. I failed my first and only patrol, I began to believe I would be recycled.

I would then be introduced to peer evaluation reports that are part of every Ranger cycle. After the instruction is complete, the patrols are graded, then your peers tell you how they feel about you, and your importance to the team. Little did I know, there was a system established long ago, to weed out spot lighters who pass patrols, but then slack off when it is not their turn.

Somehow, Paul had decided I was worth something and in Darby phase I would receive my first peer evaluation, and because of Paul and the rest of the Bn. guys in my squad, I would peer high enough to move on to Dahlonge, and the mountains of North Georgia.

I carried my blisters through to Camp Merrill. The 12- mile road march almost did me in. It was my peers who prodded me through, as they introduced me to Ranger lingo. Chow thieves, spotlight rangers, leg, buddy fucker, are all terms I began to master in Dahlonge.

I failed both patrols in the mountains. I did however begin to grasp what was required to move on. I carried a lot of weight to help guys pass their patrols. I volunteered as often as possible to help Ranger's pass. This is how to adapt when you know you are not as good as those around you.

My peer evaluations would again carry me through Mountains. I was now 0-3 on patrols. My Ranger instructor explains that I am so close to grasping the minimum requirements, that the command was allowing me to proceed to Florida. A date with the Yellow River was on my horizon.

Ranger life got real for me in July, 1989 and my rendezvous with the East Bay Swamp. Helicopter insertion, long range patrolling in a swollen river basin and surrounding swamp. Rope bridges, snakes, small boat operations, spiders, chiggers, extreme darkness, and even more extreme hunger and sleep deprivation. Not to mention being soaking wet for 14 days.

I was called upon twice for graded patrols in Florida. The Yellow River is where ranger truth became real. It was not the duress; it was the true human spirit. Paul Mercer ensured I made it through. I received a Platoon Sergeant Go, and a squad leader Go on two tough missions, and it was my Ranger buddy Paul who ensured my success.

The Yellow River is where I cut my teeth as a new Ranger. The life lessons learned in Florida one summer month, have served me well in my Christian faith.

Empathy is what Christianity was always supposed to be. Rangers began to teach me to serve a cause greater than myself, I had to learn to serve others. I learned I was no better off or no worse off than the members of my Ranger team. I began to grasp the importance of having a true ranger brother, in the swamp surrounding the Yellow River.

I began to understand, just what Jesus Christ was willing to do to ensure my success!

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

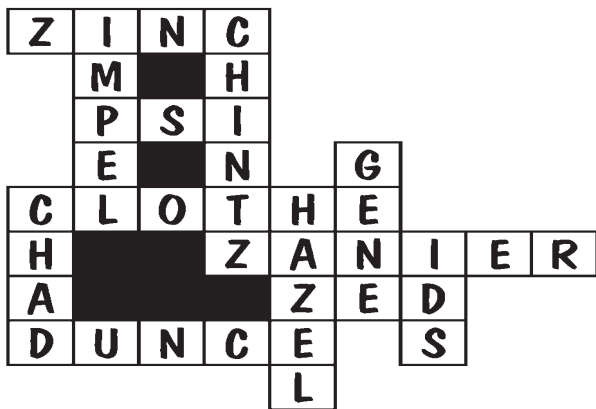
He is alive forevermore, and he is returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 10-12-2022

*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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## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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## Historically Speaking

### Rev. Jones entertains as he teaches Black influences on American music

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

At his June 2 and 3, 2023, performances at the sixth annual Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival in Oak Ridge's Historic Grove Theater, Rev. Robert Jones provided variety, playing several instruments, singing, and leading singalongs and telling stories. If you were there you realize the audience was much engaged by Jones and the experience was amazing.

His versatility was nothing short of outstanding. Now enjoy looking back on those musical and story presentation as Carolyn Krause summarizes how he used his talents to not only entertain but also educate his audiences about the impact of Black music on American music.

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At the recent Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival, Rev. Robert Jones taught attendees a history of American music and entertained them with songs and stories, often while strumming a guitar. This multi-talented multi-instrumentalist is a highly educated blues musician who has opened for BB King, Bonnie Raitt and Taj Mahal.

He treated the audience to stories, jokes and a partial history of how American Black music that had evolved from its African roots heavily influenced what we call American music. Sometimes he gave mocking musical impersonations of popular singers, including Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and Michael Jackson.

Jones impressed the crowd by simultaneously playing the guitar and harmonica. He also played the fiddle, which he said was a popular instrument for the Scottish and Welsh immigrants to the United States.

Calling his grandmother in Detroit "a drug woman because she drugged me to church," Jones said that she loved country blues, which is defined as music that "relies on the expressive power of the voice with sparse instrumental accompaniment, usually a guitar or harmonica."

Jones said, "I started to see the similarities between church music and blues music, and I finally figured out that the blues came out of sacred music."

He explained that enslaved Black people in the 19th century held their own church services, often in a barn. "Amazing Grace sounded different in a barn in the 1850s than in Methodist churches today," he said. Playing the guitar and singing, he imitated the different styles of famous people who sang "Amazing Grace," ranging from Aretha Franklin to President Obama.

Jones noted that enslaved Africans about to board a ship to America were not told "be sure you bring your instruments." However, in the American South they discovered gourds like the ones in Africa they had used as drums. "A drum can carry a message, but white people would hear that," he said, noting that an inventive enslaved person put three long strings and one short string on a gourd and fashioned it into a banjo.

Enslaved Blacks trying to escape plantations relied on coded messages, such as the song "Wade in the Water," which the audience sang with Jones. The slaves had learned the Bible story about the children of Israel who crossed the Red Sea into the promised land to achieve their freedom. They found out they could gain their freedom if they could cross the Ohio River especially if abolitionists met them and took them to a safe place (they were called Moses by freed slaves). "Wade in the Water" is a song with a coded message, Jones said, because "if you waded in the water, the slaveowners' dogs couldn't pick up your scent and track you down."

Switching to the 20th century, he talked about the Black musician, Thomas Dorsey. "Dorsey came up with blues and jazz mixed with spirituals to make what he calls gospel music," Jones said. Dorsey came to be known as the father of gospel music in written form. In the late 1920s, he began composing reli-



Rev. Robert Jones performs at the Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival



Chuck Berry

gious tunes, selling sheet music of the nearly 1,000 gospel songs he authored to churches in Chicago and throughout the nation.

Jones led the audience in singing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," first recorded in 1937 and written after the death of Dorsey's wife and baby. It sold millions of copies throughout the years and was recognized by Martin Luther King as his favorite gospel song.

"Dorsey was a great piano player, but not much of a singer," Jones said. "But he found a Black woman in Louisiana by the name of Mahalia Jackson, and he got her to record his song." Jones sang the song in the style of the famous American gospel singer, widely considered one of the most influential vocalists of the 20th century.

Jones played some of the music of Edward James "Son" House Jr., an American Delta blues singer and guitarist noted for his highly emotional style of singing and slide guitar playing.

He said that Jimmie Rodgers, a white man who had labored with Black railroad workers and then turned to music after he contracted tuberculosis, "recorded one of the first country music records but they sounded like the blues." He died at the age of 35 and was later called the father of country music. Jones showed how "blues and country music are cousins" as he impersonated Johnny Cash singing "Deep Blue Sea."

In the 1940s, Jones said, the blind musician Ray Charles grew up playing gospel. "But instead of saying 'Jesus,' Ray Charles said 'Baby,' and his songs

became what is called rhythm and blues, or R&B," he added. Jones remarked that R&B and other musical genres having guitar accompaniment used the "same five notes and the same three chords."

The audience was reminded of the popular CBS show on Sunday night in the 1950s when Ed Sullivan introduced and turned into a superstar a skinny white Mississippi native who was influenced by the Black music he heard in his neighborhood. It was Elvis Presley, who became known as "the king of rock 'n' roll," as well as a heartthrob for teens and a significant cultural figure in the 20th century.

Jones said that few young people that he has asked can name the "Black king of rock 'n' roll." The Black King was Chuck Berry, an American singer, guitarist, and songwriter from St. Louis who pioneered rock 'n' roll. He was nicknamed the "Father of Rock 'n' Roll."

Jones performed Michael Jackson's "Beat It." Then he led the audience in singing "Rollin' on the River" and "We Shall Overcome," the anthem famously adopted by the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. It was based on the 1901 gospel song "I'll Overcome Some Day" by Rev. Charles A. Tindley, son of an enslaved Black man.

The Friday night performance concluded with Jones' rendition of the U.S. armed forces anthems and "Taps," played on the guitar. Clearly, Jones is a patriotic American.

On Saturday night, Jones told the story of Blind Willie Johnson (1897-1945), a Black American gospel blues singer, guitarist and evangelist who became famous for singing his original recorded song, "Dark Was the Night, Cold Was the Ground." That song was one of 27 songs selected in 1977 by American astronomer Carl Sagan and his team for the Voyager Golden Record. It was intended to represent the human experience on Earth and communicate it to other life forms in the universe that the Voyager probe might reach. "You can't do too much better than hear the voice of Johnson as he streaks across the heavens," said Jones.

"Blind Willie Johnson wasn't born blind," Jones noted. "He was blinded when a woman angry with his father sought vengeance because this man did not love her, but she loved him. So, she decided to throw lye water at this little boy's eyes. He was blinded but it never killed his spirit." Jones also mentioned how Johnson died after his house burned down in 1945. While living in the ruins of his home, he caught a cold that turned into pneumonia, and no hospital would admit him either because he was blind or because he was Black.

A Wikipedia article on Blind Willie Johnson gives a slightly different explanation for his blindness: "Willie's father had violently confronted Willie's stepmother about her infidelity, and during the argument she splashed Willie with a caustic solution of lye water, permanently blinding him." The article also states that after his house burned down, he contracted malarial fever, which probably eventually killed him although his death certificate listed syphilis as a cause.

As Jones said in a quote repeated by storyteller Bil Lepp, "It didn't matter whether this story happened; it was the truth!"

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Thank you, Carolyn, for attending the Flatwater Storytelling Festival and for capturing the amazing versatility of Rev. Robert Jones. I was delighted to meet him and to exchange a few words about the history of Oak Ridge. His questions demonstrated he was genuinely interested in our history and he expressed a strong desire to view the documentary films available at: <https://www.y12.doe.gov/about/history/video-gallery>

# 1 John Chapter 3

(1 John 3:1-2) The Love of God: The inspired writer challenges his readers to contemplate the nature of the divine love offered to us in allowing us to be designated as God's children---which we have become through the new birth process (Jn. 3:3-5; Eph. 5:26; Tit. 3:5). While the opportunity to be children of God is a sacred bestowal, there is a human obligation to accept such. As Jesus said to Nicodemus: "You must be born anew" (Jn. 3:7). The people of the world, however, do not recognize Christians as God's children because they do not recognize God himself (Rom. 1:28; 1 Cor. 1:21), nor did they acknowledge the presence of deity in Jesus.

While it is true that we are children of God now, there are aspects of our future that are not yet revealed (v.2). The limitation of our present knowledge is doubtless due to the reality that in our present state we simply are not prepared to understand the intricacies of the future, strictly-spiritual realm. What we do know is this: "When he is manifested, we shall be like him." This does not mean we will be deity in nature, as he is; it does suggest that we, in ways presently inexplicable, will share his glory (Rom. 8:29; Phil. 3:21). The mystery of our future is relatively obscure, but tantalizingly wonderful.

(1 John 3:3-12) The life of lawlessness: Everyone who entertains this glorious hope of being like Christ continues to purify himself, just as Jesus is the model of purity. No Christian lives upon a plateau of permanent purity, hence the need for perpetual purification (implying constant contamination). Though the child of God cannot provide the agency of his purification (only Christ's blood can achieve that), he must personally access it by consistently "walking in the light" (1:7). There is personal responsibility involved (1 Pet. 1:22). Every soul who continues to practice sin in an unrestrained fashion is a lawless person---an outlaw (v.4)! To live in such a wanton fashion is to repudiate the very reason for which Jesus came to earth, namely to pay the price for our sins. He was qualified to do that because he is absolutely without sin himself (v. 5). The misguided notion that Jesus "absorbed" the sins of others as he died on the cross is without merit.

The person who remains united with Christ does not continue practicing sin as a regular way of life (in an unrestrained fashion, even though he will sin occasionally) (1:8). The one who continues to pursue sin wantonly and recklessly demonstrates he has never "seen" (spiritually comprehended) Christ as he actually is, nor has he ever "come to know" him (v.6). John begs his "little children" to be cautious concerning teachers; do not permit any one to lead you astray. The verbal tense suggests some infiltration by false teachers. He who practices righteousness is righteous (the fruit identifies the tree), just as his model (Christ (v.5) is righteous---through not to the degree of the Savior (v. 7).

In contrast, he who throws himself headlong into sin is of the devil (has surrendered to him), for the devil has been sinning from the very beginning, since he himself rebelled against God, and henceforth led others into lawlessness. Satan was not created evil; but once he had rebelled, he henceforth made a career of sin! The term "devil" means "slanderer." He is one who falsely accuses God and his people. One of the reasons behind the coming of Christ, in addition to implementing a plan for human redemption, was the utter defeat of Satan's influence of evil (v.8). The person who has been "begotten of God" (with a permanent resolution of honoring that relationship) does not wantonly practice sin (continue in it as a way of life, as was the case prior to his conversion); now, with God's "seed" abiding in him (the inspired word as his companion and guide (Lk. 8:11; 1 Pet. 1:23) as a sustaining influence, he cannot bear to surrender himself to sin any longer (v.9).

How, then, might one distinguish the "children of God" from those who are not? Children of God pursue righteousness and love their brothers, the servants of Satan are the very opposite (v.10). Repetition is characteristic of John's writings; especially is this true with the theme of brotherly love. From the beginning of their Christians instruction, the urgency of brotherly love is pressed; such was emphasized in John's Gospel (13:34; 15:12; 1 Jn. 2:7). A contrasting case mars the very commencement of human history. Cain, under the influence of "the evil one" (Satan), murdered his brother, Abel. The term "slew" is used in the Greek Old Testament of "slaughter," specifically "to cut the throat." Why was this horrible act perpetrated? Because Abel lived by faith (Heb. 11:4), and his actions were righteous. Cain's actions, however, were evil (Gen. 4:1), and he hated his brother because of the difference. He sought not the will of God, but yielded to the influence of the

devil, just as his parents had done (Gen. 3:1). The ungodly hate the godly because the latter will not descend to their level of corruption (1 Peter. 4:4).

(1 John 3:13-24) Love versus hate: The previously recounted bloody incident will illustrate why the world persistently hates Christian people. The Lord's people must cease being surprised when hatred comes; it assuredly will. As the Savior was hated, so will be his disciples (Jn. 15:18; 17:14). It is a testimony to the genuineness of our conversion (having passed from death into life (Jn. 5:24; Rom. 6:2; Eph. 2:1) that we love one another. One must not conclude, however, that subjective emotions are the sole test of conversion. An objective form of obedience is required as well (Rom. 6:17-18). On the other hand, the person who has no love demonstrates that he remains in the state of spiritual death.

How can "hate" be viewed as the equivalent of "murder" (v. 15)? It cannot be, in a literal sense, of course. If one says regarding another, "I hate you," no one contends he should be subject to arrest, trial, and execution. The idea is that hate leads to murder. The former is the "seed" of the latter, just as "lust" leads to adultery (Mt. 5:28). "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it come the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). How is "murder" to be defined? It is the deliberate taking of a human life without authorization from him who is the author of life (Gen. 9:6; Acts 17:25). How is "love" to be defined? True love is to be measured by the example of Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us (while we were yet sinners (Rom. 5:8; Jn. 3:16). It is a challenge of "Everest" proportion to hear the apostle say that we "ought" to be willing to lay down our lives for our kinsmen in Christ. Likely there were many such examples in the apostolic age when Christianity was a life-and-death matter virtually on a daily basis (v.16).

Here is an example of superficial love. One possessed of financial security sees a brother in need, yet he shows no compassion and ignores the need. Can divine love be dwelling in him (v.7)? Certainly not! Verse eighteen is elliptical: we must not love in "word" only but our words must be accompanied by actions. Such reveals "true" love. Actions demonstrate the sincerity of our love and give us confidence before God. If one's heart condemns him, he must conclude that God will as well, for the Lord knows all things, including our inner thoughts (v.20). How wonderful it is to have a clear conscience, measured by divine revelation; such generates boldness before our Creator (v.21).

Verse twenty-two is misunderstood by many Bible students. This is because all too often it is isolated from many other texts on the same theme. It represents a general proposition, not a specific promise embracing all prayer requests. Note: (a) Some prayers are not answered as we would have them be because they are not in our best spiritual interest (2 Cor. 12:8). (b) At times we pray selfishly (Jas. 4:3). (c) On occasion our prayers are not consistent with Heaven's will (5:14). The "sum" of God's truth must be considered on this theme (Psa. 119:160). The power of our prayers is assuredly enhanced when we "keep his commandments and do what is pleasing in his sight."

This is a divine obligation: we must "believe" in the "name" of Jesus, God's Son. Believing is not merely mental assent, nor even a disposition to trust, but is a willingness to obey him as well (Jn. 3:36 ASV; Heb. 5:8-9). The expression "name" is the equivalent of the entire body of Christian teaching; it is everything his name stands for and all that he requires to serve him. This would be especially appropriate in view of the proto-Gnostic heresies that were considerably skewed concerning the Savior (v. 23). Those who "keep" (steadfast obedience) his commandments enjoy a reciprocal union with the Lord (v.24; Jn. 14:20, 23-24; 15:1). John says we know that God abides in us "by the Spirit which he gave us" (v. 24). The last phrase is subject to some controversy. No interpretation may be assigned to it which conflicts with other sacred texts. The indwelling Spirit has no reference to the ability to work miracles or to a direct illumination via the impartation of sacred information. The testimony of the Spirit, who abides within us (Gal. 4:6), assures us of our relationship with the Lord through the testimony of the Scriptures.

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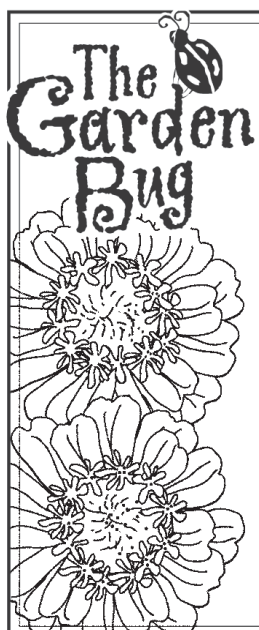
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POSITION AVAILABLE

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**Campus Locations:** Serves four campuses located in Scott, Fentress, and Morgan Counties

**Job Summary**

Promotes health, safety, and wellness to all employees and students on TCAT Oneida/Huntsville's four (4) campuses by facilitating an Employee Health and Safety program which includes developing and conducting health education programs related to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, mental health, and overall wellness. The College Health Nurse promotes a safe school environment and assesses illness and injuries affecting the campus population. The position serves in a reporting role to meet the requirements of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the college Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT). Serves as a substitute instructor in the Practical Nursing and Nursing Assistant programs as needed. Provides other college services as directed.

**Job Duties**

- Acts as a resource for minor health needs of students and employees and provides minor first aid treatment for student and employee injuries within the scope of practice.
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- Participates as an active member of the Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT), Allied Health Advisory Committee, and other committees as designated.
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- Plans and implements an annual Flu Vaccine program.
- Refers students and employees with identifiable limitations and/or health risks to appropriate resources.
- Serves as a substitute instructor and assists with skills training as needed in the Practical Nursing and Nursing Assistant programs.
- Will travel between the college's campuses located in Scott, Fentress, and Morgan Counties.

**Minimum Qualifications**

Associate degree in nursing with active license in Tennessee as a Registered Nurse (RN)  
Active CPR, First Aid, and AED Trainer Certification (or willingness to complete a Train the Trainer course to become certified)  
Three (3) years' nursing experience

**Preferred Qualifications**

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**Employee Classification:** Faculty, Full-time, Exempt  
**Location:** Roane and Morgan Counties

**Job Summary**

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**Job Duties**

- Plan, teach, and evaluate student work
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**Minimum Qualifications**

Bachelor's degree in education or related field  
Must be able to work a flexible schedule  
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Must participate in local and state activities or staff development

**Preferred Qualifications**

TN Teacher's License preferred or approved waiver  
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Knowledge of data management systems  
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Work as a team member

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

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Ability to learn and use other computer software  
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Strong oral and written communication skills necessary to be an effective teacher  
Strong organizational and analytical skills and ability to meet deadlines  
Evidence of interpersonal / customer skills  
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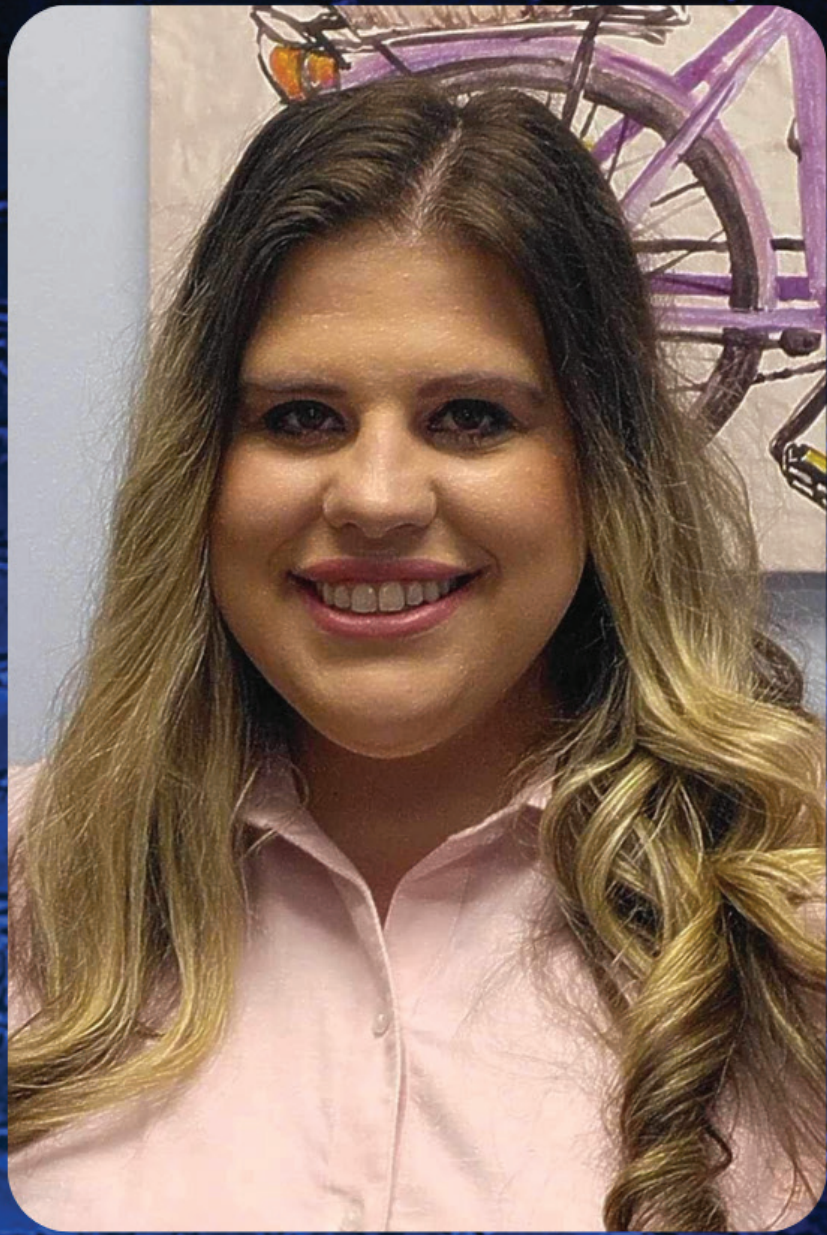
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## Alan Nance – A Very Determined School Man



**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

I have written about a lot of men and women who left their mark on Morgan County. Today I will be writing about a man from my generation who touched the lives of many young people in our county.

Alan Nance came into this world during the depression on February 8, 1935. His parents Stobert Nance and Lola Norris Nance no doubt was struggling, raising six children during the hard times in Lancing but this boy would set his goals high and he had the determination to reach them.

There are some in Morgan County who had the finances, even during these hard times, to succeed in whatever endeavor they got into. I'm glad we had them because without them we couldn't have the leadership we needed in all areas of life back in the thirties and forties but we needed more, and that's where men like Alan Nance came in.

Stobert Nance, Alan's Dad was working in Dudley Hurman's office right after Alan had graduated from high school in 1954. On this day Alan was helping him. Stobert was a good carpenter and Alan was an apprentice. Later on, Alan could build his own house. He could have made a good living in building homes but there was something else that was introduced to him that day. Mr. Hamon, the superintendent of schools told Alan if he would go to UT this summer and get a quarter of education, he would hire him in one of the outlying schools.

That's all it took for Alan to choose his life's profession. So, Alan went to UT that summer and for ten more summers until he got his B.S. degree in 1964. He was over at the university working on his degree in the fall and winter time he would teach school first at Coal Hill above Gobey and then at Plateau Elementary School. Mildred, his wife said in the winter time he would go over in the evening and get kindling and wood to build a fire the next day. It wasn't easy but Alan was determined and he loved teaching. He wanted to get his degree as soon as he could so he went to night school some. His big problem was always having a car that would be trustworthy. Can you imagine the miles he put on those automobiles before he got his B.S. and Master's degrees? I can.

A few years later when the county wanted to consolidate the school Alan came to Wartburg to teach. When they moved the high school down on Hwy-62 they made an elementary school out of the Wartburg location of grades K-8.

I was teaching grades 5-6 at Deere Lodge in 1962-63 and in 1964 our first child came into the world and I wanted to get closer to home so I transferred to Wartburg in the fall of 1963 where Alan was teaching. Dale Garrett, J. D. McCartt, Donald, Todd along with Alan and myself departmentalized the upper elementary grades in 1965.

Alan probably made the smartest move that was when he took Mildred (Bootsie) Vespie for his wife on May 22, 1954. Alan barely made enough money to pay for his college tuition at UT and his gas money to get him there and back home after school. I believe Mildred told me he made around \$1,200 his first year of teaching. Both Mrs. Human and Mrs. Wilson (Ross) had to get those teachers without a degree because they could save the county tax money.

Mildred got a job at the Burlington Hosiery Mills right after high school so she and Alan could afford to get him through school. She continued

working at Red Kop until she could retire with 42 years all together. All I can say to Alan is "what a wonderful woman you got for a helpmate." No doubt with Mildred it was hard but just think what it would have been without her. All of us men who sacrificed like Alan did might have taken a different road if not for our wives. They say that behind very good man there is a good woman. Thank you, Lord.

Alan Nance started his educational career at the small school above Gobey. It was called Coal Hill and from there Alan went to Coalfield and then to Plateau Elementary. His last two schools were in Wartburg where he started out as a teacher and ended up as a principal of both the elementary and high school. By this time Alan had both his B.S. and Master's degree. County his public-school education Alan had been in school most of his life.

With thirty years in the Morgan County school system Alan decided he had enough experience to be at the top so he ran for the superintendent's office



**Alan Nance**

and was elected. He found the school system in very tumultuous times. Bills had not been paid and the electric power had been turned off at the school. Alan had to work hard to find a way to get the system back on sound footing. It wasn't easy but Alan found a way and his twelve years in the superintendent office were successful ones. Here Alan had started out at the bottom and had worked his way to the top and all the way he and Mildred had paid all the expenses. His Mom and Dad had six children at the time and they knew they shouldn't ask them for money. They would be indebted to all the other children.

I really believe when you have the opportunity to get an education like our country provides us and you get out and work for it, at the end you feel like you have done something. Alan and Mildred did this. They didn't borrow money for college and they both worked hard until they reached their goal.

Alan and Mildred had a daughter and he saw that she was educated too. Peggy went to UT and became a teacher in Maryville before getting her law degree. She

became an advocate for justice and that is a story in itself. She and her husband lived in Nashville where she practiced law. They have one son by the name of Jackson. He has gone to school in Boston where he now works. He is their pride and joy. Alan was in the Masons and he loved the Masonic service.

He also loved the guitar and I was honored to join Alan and others from Lancing in jamming. We had a great time when we got together either at Elton Banham's constructed stage or my house. We also got together at the Lancing Presbyterian Church. I know he played for all his family members and at Hardees. I think he also met a man in Oak Ridge who taught him a few licks. He wanted to learn all he could on the guitar.

Like all my classmates I hated to see Alan Nance go. He was my buddy and close friend. He had an unusual sense of humor and was always friendly when you were around him. I'm sure a lot

of people around Wartburg, Lancing, and Petros miss him and history has recorded his contributions in educating the young people of Morgan County. This man was really determined and nothing was handed to him for free.

Alan and I had a lot in common. We both were educators and we both put ourselves through college. We both loved to teach and both of us worked hard to learn the guitar.

I would venture to say that Alan Nance touched the lives of more young people in Morgan County than any other educator. His story will be a part of Morgan County's history lore.

One thing that hurt Alan and Mildred the most was the death of their daughter. Alan had worked hard to see her educated and I know a daughter is special to a father.

Alan you are probably seeing her there in Heaven now. You did a good job here on earth.



**Mildred and Alan Nance**

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