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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

Everyone Congratulate Paco! He is the winner of the Ms Avery Pearl Patriotic Pet Picture Contest! Paco has been very sick because a mean ol' copperhead bit him. His mom, Misty Brashears Hall is taking good care of him. So keep him in your prayers! Get well soon, Paco!  
Congratulations from Morgan County Today and Ms Avery Pearl!

Hi Dr Bristol!

It has been really hot lately. So, I enjoy laying on the cool floors. I have mostly been a good girl. I have been busy trying to catch Mr Mole and playing in the garden. That's what kinda gets me into a little trouble. Mimi doesn't like it because I get dirty, especially my paws and tail. She says that's okay though, cause she still wuffs me.

Everytime we go by Roane Veterinary Hospital, we see that your parking lot is over-flowing. That must mean that you are super-duper busy helping all my furry friends. I sure hope that you are still able to have some much deserved family time, though.

We all need time with those we wuff. Maybe, you can have a good vacation before the leaves start to fall from the trees. I miss getting to visit with you and Ms Heather but, that just shows that you take good care of me and that I am healthy as can be.

Thank you for all you continue to do, for all the animals in our nick of the woods.

Love,  
Ms Avery Pearl

Greetings, Ms. Avery Pearl!

I hope that you're having a great summer. Have you and Mimi been spending any time in the water? I hope that the heat, insects, and afternoon thunderstorms haven't been spoiling your fun!

The last time your Mimi picked up your heartworm and flea/tick preventives, she asked us about our over-flowing parking lot and busy waiting room. Well Ms. Avery Pearl, over the last few years,

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl



we've been fortunate to welcome a lot of new pets and their wonderful families into our practice. Over time, that's allowed us to hire several new awesome staff members. We now have four full-time veterinarians on staff, and our newest additions (Dr. Atamanchuk and Dr. Spence) have been amazing! We've also been fortunate to hire several additional outstanding veterinary assistants with years of training and experience to help care for our four-legged friends.

With all of this growth, we are also working to expand the parking lot and

to build additional exam rooms to help minimize everyone's wait time. This project will definitely create some growing pains, but we hope that this will help us to help even more people and pets in the future.

Despite the expected construction challenges, we wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that we will always try our best to help you and your furry friends. If we don't have any immediate openings, we will try to work our four-legged friends into the schedule as soon as possible. We always welcome new patients too, and have expanded our on-line scheduling services to help with this.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends very soon, Ms. Avery Pearl! Enjoy the warm weather, but keep a wary eye out for snakes and all of those other summer hazards we worry about!

Your friend,  
Dr. Bristol

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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

for adults is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 – 11:30. For more information, follow Oakdale Public Library on Facebook or call 423-369-3051.

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

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

White Oak Missionary Baptist Church in Sunbright will be having homecoming Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Larry Waters will be bringing the message and special singing will be the Cross Carriers and Lifeboat Quartet from Muncie, Indiana. Congregation and Pastor Brent Leach invites everyone to come and enjoy the day in the Lord.

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



## In Loving Memory

### Timothy Jones, 64

July 9, 2023, Timothy Jones, age 64, of Chestnut Ridge, Tn., passed away peacefully at home with his children and beloved wife Christine by his side.



Tim and Christine were married in 1992, and for 30 years resided in Chestnut Ridge, TN., with children Jessica, Adam, Natalie, and Stephanie where he always called home.

The Lord blessed Tim with so many talents, from cabinet building, pumpkin growing and farming. Anything that crossed his path he figured out a way to conquer it. He was the type of person that once you met him, you never forgot him. He left a mark with everyone he spoke to, whether it be from singing, thick country accent, or goofy antics. To know Tim is to love him, he knew no strangers. Tim accomplished many things in his lifetime, but by far his favorite was being a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Tim is preceded in death by his fa-

ther Norman Jones; mother Hattie Jones; brother Wade Jones and sisters Rena Carpenter, Mary Hall, and Paulett (Dovey) Jones.

Tim leaves behind his wife Christine; children Jessica (Craig) Rowland, Adam (Sarah) Howard, Natalie Howard and Stephanie

Jones; grandchildren Tabitha Davis, Cove Howard and granddaughter on the way, Eliana Mae Rowland; brothers Willie (Linda) Jones, Edsel, Byrl, and Bryant Jones all of Deer Lodge, TN.; sister Martha Capps of the Glades Community.

The family will receive friends Wednesday July 12, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at Hillview Baptist Church in Deer Lodge with Rev. Doyle Nance and Rev. Roy Langley. Interment to follow in the Adams Hill Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Timothy Jones.

### Edna "Faye" Justes, 77

Edna "Faye" Justes, age 77, of Wartburg, TN., went peacefully to her long-awaited Heavenly home on July 10, 2023.



Faye was a lifelong faithful member of Fairview Missionary Baptist Church in Lancing.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jr Justes; daughter Kimberly Justes; brother Cecil Goode; sisters Pauline Woelk, and Debbie Brantley; brother-in-laws Jimmy Anderson and Greg Ayres.

Faye is survived by her sons Johnny (Tonia) Justes and Vernon (Heather) Justes; grandchildren Amber (Don) Laymance, Brandon (Ashley) Justes, Daniel (Tori) Justes, Derrick (Kimberly) Justes, Donovan (Allie) Justes, Colby (Brooke) Justes and Dawson Justes; great grandchildren Ian Duncan, Marley Laymance, Josie Justes with Shiloh Laymance on her way; siblings Lou (Tommy) Christmas, J.D. Goode, Mary Ayres, Hazel Anderson; sister-in-law Marilyn Goode and a loving host of nieces, nephews, great nieces & nephews and extended family and friends.

Very special friends Eula Hopper, Gladys Miller, Donna Jerdon, Linda Brasel and Nancy McCartt.

To know Faye is to love Faye. She is an excellent Christian example and would do what she could to help anyone in need.

She loved the Lord and her family and friends with all her heart. She took every opportunity to remind us to be happy with her homecoming in Heaven.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me".

Philippians 4:13

The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 4:00 p.m. with Bro. Chris Inman officiating. Interment will follow in the Fairview Church Cemetery in Lancing.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Edna "Faye" Justes.

### Chris Allen Woodward, 45

Chris Allen Woodward, age 45, of Sunbright, TN. passed away July 7, 2023 at his home in Sunbright.



He is preceded in death by his father Bill Woodward of Sunbright; niece Kelsey Keeton of Deer Lodge.

He leaves behind his son Dillon Woodward and wife Tiffney Gail; 3 grandchildren Casey, Aslin, and Ava all of Sunbright; 1 sister Jessica Woodward Carpenter and husband Jon, of Macon GA.; mother Sue Woodward of Sunbright; 3 nieces Brittany Keeton, Kiersten Dela Cruz and Jasmine Sexton and 1 great niece Sophia Evans; 3 aunts Pam

Sloan, Sharon Webb and Marilyn Henry; 4 uncles Ivory Hamby, Junior Hamby, Sam Hamby and James Hamby; 2nds cousin Hannah Phipps and a host of friends and family.

The family will receive friends Thursday, July 13, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 1:00-4:00 with the funeral to follow at 4:00 p.m. with Bro. Keith Marcum and Bro. Mitch Hawn officiating. The family is honoring Chris' wishes to be cremated.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Chris Allen Woodward.

### Vicky Spradlin, 61

Vicky Spradlin, age 61, of Lancing entered the Gates of Heaven at her home on Monday, July 10, 2023.



She is preceded in death by her husband, Jeff Spradlin; mother Ruby Landrum; grandparents Tom & Mary Landrum and brother Roger Smithers.

Vicky is survived by her daughter, Autumn Spradlin & fiancé Karl Beck of Washington; sisters Kathy & Jeff Moore, Glenna & David Landrum, Sue & Temple Thomas and Janice

Sexton all of Lancing; brothers James & Georgia Smithers and Robert & Burlene Landrum both of Lancing; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

The family will be honoring Vicky's wishes for cremation with no memorial services planned at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Vicky Spradlin.

### Bernard Jones Goad, 77

Bernard Jones Goad, age 77 years of Deer Lodge TN, passed away on Sunday, July 9, 2023. He is preceded in death by his parents, William J, and Gladys E. Scott Goad and brother Bayarn (Jack) Goad (Bonnie).



He is survived by brother Billy (Bill) J. Goad (Mattie) of Sunbright, Tn; Sisters Betty Jean Goad Weber (James) of Mt. Juliet Tn, Barbara June Goad Hutson of Deer Lodge, TN. and 7 nieces and nephews

Bernard served in the Navy (both in active and reserves) for a number of years before making his home in Deer Lodge. He was noted for being in the forefront of knowledge when the computer age became popular in our community.

Bernard was a man of many interests. He loved the quiet and peace of the forests and surrounding mountains. He loved to hunt and fish. However, most residents of his community knew him because of his years with

the sheriff's department as a deputy sheriff.

The family will be welcoming friends for a memorial service at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg on Thursday between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bernard Jones Goad.

### Seth Thomas Luttrell, 34

Mr. Seth Thomas Luttrell, age 34, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Pensacola FL, June 5, 2023. He was born and raised in Crossville, and he graduated from Cumberland Co. High School. He played football for several years in school and truly loved the game. Due to health issues and a couple of surgeries to his back he could no longer play the game. Seth still loved the game and if he couldn't play, he would coach. He coached football in Murfreesboro, TN then moved to Florida where he coached at Gulf Breeze and Pensacola.

He was preceded in death by his mother: Kaylon O. Luttrell. Grandparents: Noel & Betty Luttrell of New Castle, IN. Grandfather: David R. Owens of Elora, TN. Half-sister: Lorri Ann Luttrell of New Castle, IN.

He is survived by his father & step-mother: Clyde & Patti Luttrell of Oliver Springs. Grandmother: Shelby Brewer of Pensacola, FL And a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Memorial Service will be held at Bible Believers Chapel, 629 Pansy Hill Rd, Harriman, TN on Friday July 21, 2023, at 11:00 AM with Rev Jeffery Hughes officiating. Graveside services will follow in Roane Memorial Gardens.

Davis Funeral Home in Harriman is honored to serve the family of Mr. Seth Thomas Luttrell.

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# Train Car Art and Hobos



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

I vividly remember riding with my grandfather and crossing the railroad tracks in Lancing,

Tennessee, as an eight-year-old and talking to him about trains. He had grown up during the Great Depression and had worked as a brakeman for the railroad. These two experiences forever imparted opinions and insight on him that few have today. He would tell me stories of the many drifters that hopped a ride on a train and came into the bustling town of Lancing. He had seen many crimes committed by these drifters and was forever fearful of the “railroad detectives” that had attempted to control the various hobos that stole train freight as an opportunity to make quick money.

My father also reinforced the danger concerning hobbing trains in one story that he shared with me. In 1961-62 my father worked on constructing the new railroad tunnels at Nemo. He worked for a man whose last name was Macarthur, who was an engineer and what we would recognize today as the project manager of the tunneling project. My father was 18 and Macarthur was nearly 50 years old. He told my father many stories about hobbing trains during the depression, which included seeing men killed, others assaulted by railroad detectives, and himself being routinely robbed. He shared with my father that before he would hobo a train, he would sew his money up in his tie. That was the only way he could hitch a ride on a train and feel confident that his money would not be found.

Many cultural biases were formed in the Great Depression concerning young men who hopped boxcars looking for a free ride to find

work. It took a fair amount of courage to travel this way during the 1930s and 40s. Between railroad detectives



*Photo of Subway Graffiti Courtesy of Hin Bong Yeung*



*Dixie Terminal Cincinnati, Ohio, Photo Author's Collection*

that often assaulted these free riders, to the many criminals who rode from town to town committing crimes, it was a dangerous path to travel.

Hobbing trains is not completely a thing of the past now, but it is far from what it used to be during the Great Depression. You can still see graffiti painted on boxcars, and some of that graffiti obviously is perpetrated by artistically talented people. This made me wonder, where did train graffiti originate from, and what is its history.

America's history is permanently intertwined with

trains. In the early history of railroads, going back to the 1830s, Chinese immigrants constructed many miles of

railroad for paltry wages. In the end, the East and West Coasts were connected by the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869. By 1920, train terminals began to display the wealth that the railroad was generating. A great example is the Dixie Terminal in Cincinnati, Ohio. You can still visit the fully restored building today and understand just how successful railroads were in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Specifically analyzing train graffiti, it began much earlier than I expected. History records the first markings on train cars to the 1800s and the advent of the rail line itself.

The first markings were made by the railroad workers, albeit for good reasons. They would mark with chalk on the train cars the cargo, weight and other beneficial information.

Right after United States Civil War ended, train graffiti soon began to boom. After the Civil War the train rails were a vital means of travel, and the scores of brave Civil War Veterans had no issue with hopping a ride. Soon these scores of boxcar hoppers began to use graffiti as a means of communication and even developed their own set of symbols known as the “Hobo Code.” These codes would notify Hobos concerning the disposition of a town's policy on alcohol, water conditions and sometimes political leanings.

Train graffiti steadily changed into what we see today, and it is a global obsession with certain segments of society. Now it is not only trains that contain graffiti, but subway walls as well. It is important to note that spray painting or altering boxcars is illegal in the United States and in most other countries. It is a global problem and many large-scale efforts have been attempted to eradicate train art, albeit to no avail.

Let's hope that many of these talented artists that perform boxcar graffiti, that their talents are recognized, and they get an opportunity to change from boxcars to canvas.

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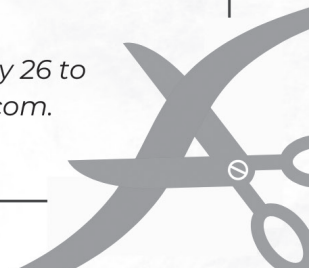
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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

\* To bring out the natural sweetness of corn on the cob, try sprinkling a little bit in the pot after the water has come to a boil.

\* If the scar of a cantaloupe is rough or has a stem attached, the melon was picked too early and won't ripen as good as one with a smooth scar. Also, check the net pattern over the outside; it should be even and an overall tan-yellow color, not green or mottled.

\* You can remove berry stains from your fingers with lemon juice. Got berry juice on your tablecloth? Here's E.B. of Mississippi's suggestion: "Pour a generous amount of milk on the spot, let it soak for 15 minutes or more. Then soak in cold water with soap for an hour or more. Wash, rinse and dry."

\* Soak raisins in cold water before chopping so that they won't stick to your knife.

\* "Use celery ribs lined up to create a base for your roast. This way, the juices move around more and the roast never sticks to the pan. I serve the celery with the roast, but you don't have to if you don't want to." -- A.T. in Tennessee

\* Need to chill some drinks for a party fast? Pile on the ice, of course, then add the secret weapon: water. Icy water chills drinks quicker than placing them in ice alone. The heat is transferred from the warm drinks to the water because there's total contact.

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

\* Remember the stunning green Versace gown worn by Jennifer Lopez at the 2000 Grammy Awards ceremony? Not only was it a sartorial feat of engineering, it inspired the creation of Google Images: The search engine added that function because so many people were looking for pictures of the outfit.

\* The beloved Sesame Street characters Bert and Ernie were named for a police officer and taxi driver in Frank Capra's holiday classic "It's a Wonderful Life."

\* Biologists named a species of ants unique to New York City "Manhattan Ants."

\* Due to a shrimp's open circulatory system, it has no arteries, and

its organs just float around in its blood.

\* Spain's national anthem, the "Marcha Real" ("Royal March"), is one of only four such anthems in the world (along with those of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, and San Marino) to have no official lyrics.

\* British military tanks are equipped to make tea.

\* The longest walking distance in the world, from Magadan in Russia to Cape Town, South Africa, is 14,000 miles. Be sure to take plenty of extra shoes!

\* On the other hand, if you're more in line for a much quicker journey, hop on the world's shortest commercial flight, from Westray Island to Papa Westray Island in Scotland -- it'll take all of 90 seconds.

\* IKEA rugs were used for the Night's Watch cloaks in Game of Thrones.

\* Abraham Lincoln remains the only U.S. president ever to have held a patent. While his invention was registered as a device for "buoying vessels over shoals" in 1849, it was never actually used on boats or made commercially available.

\* Hellmann's, anyone? In some countries, mayonnaise is a popular pizza topping.

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Thought for the Day: "Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind." -- Theodore Roosevelt  
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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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- 5 Witty one
- 8 Infatuated
- 12 — about (roughly)
- 13 Copper head?
- 14 Arkin or Alda
- 15 Famed circus impresario
- 17 A deadly sin
- 18 Tuscan city
- 19 Rapsallions
- 21 Craving
- 24 "— was saying ..."
- 25 Pocket bread
- 28 Chart toppers
- 30 Cagers' gp.
- 33 Author Tan
- 34 Highway divisions
- 35 City area, for short
- 36 LP speed
- 37 Staffer
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- 29 Casual tops
- 31 Buddy
- 32 "Shark Tank" network
- 34 Set down
- 38 "The Godfather" star
- 40 Emulate
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# FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

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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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## Reduce your taxes by hiring your spouse



David Zubler  
Columnist

Hiring your spouse can result in significant tax savings. This is especially true if you are a sole proprietor or have a single-member LLC since these entities enable the business owner to deduct the family medical expenditures.

To reduce your taxes, you must pay your spouse with as many tax-free benefits as possible. Paying tax-free wages is deductible for the business but not taxable income for the spouse.

You will receive no tax savings from paying your spouse with cash wages. Doing this would only be moving income from one place on your return to another.

Generally, health benefits are the most significant tax-free employee fringe benefit you can provide your spouse. The IRS has no limit on how much you can reimburse your spouse for medical expenses. Still, the total should be reasonable for the amount of work performed.

Medical reimbursements are tax-free to employees but are tax-deductible to you as the employer. In addition to reducing your income tax, deducting health expenditures reduces your Social Security and Medicare taxes.

Business owners are often concerned about how much they must pay their spouses in cash wages. The IRS has allowed businesses to deduct medical reimbursement benefits paid to their spouse without payment of any cash wages.

In most states, minimum wage laws don't apply if a sole proprietor hires their spouse as an employee. However, your spouse must receive reasonable benefits for their work.

Tax professionals commonly recommend paying a spouse a

nominal fee, such as \$100 monthly. They often believe giving a W-2 creates additional credibility that the spouse is legitimately employed. However, if your spouse isn't a legitimate employee, paying nominal wages won't help.

Your spouse should purchase his or her own health insurance plan in their name to cover the entire family.

As the employer, you must reimburse your spouse for the premiums. You should also reimburse your spouse for health expenses not covered by insurance. The deductible health expenses include deductibles, copays, and prescriptions for your entire family.

You and your spouse should sign a formal plan document, and your spouse should provide receipts for all reimbursed expenses.

You can convert health insurance premiums and other medical expenses for your spouse, yourself, and your children under age 27 by adopting the right type of plan. Setting up a 105-HRA plan enables you to deduct your family's medical expenditures as a business expense if you have no other employees than your spouse.

Hiring your spouse can reduce your taxes by thousands of dollars without incurring additional expenses.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Buying a New Vehicle

*We all cringe the day when it becomes apparent that we need to buy a new vehicle. And it's not only the expense that makes us leery. It's the whole process of wondering how we're going to be treated if we go to a dealership.*

*The best way to handle it is: Do your homework (a lot of it) in advance, as much as you can.*

*Contact your financial institution about pre-approval for a loan and their interest rates. Know how much vehicle you can buy before you end up at a dealership.*

*Check Kelley Blue Book online and try to determine what value your current vehicle might have. It might be worth more than you suspect because trade-ins are hot items nowadays.*

*Try to find something you like that's already on the lot at a dealership that you can*

*test drive so you're not waiting months for delivery.*

*Still, if you're certain about a particular vehicle, you might see on a dealer website that the vehicle is "in transit" and will arrive "soon." A deposit at the dealership can hold that vehicle for you. Warning No. 1: That deposit will likely be non-refundable. Warning No. 2: Get it in writing, including the sales price and VIN. In other words, do any haggling before you put down a deposit.*

*When at the dealership, do not express happy feelings for any certain vehicle or color. Remain noncommittal. Expect them to push you to accept their financing. Don't disclose your credit score when they ask; they're getting ready to start pushing the financing.*

*Don't disclose that you're already pre-approved for a loan elsewhere until the very end when you've selected a vehicle.*

*Don't tell them how much you want for your trade-in; they might be ready to offer even more.*

*And mostly, be willing to walk away if you're pressured too much. If you get tired, go home. There are other dealerships everywhere.*

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Name the singer who released the most popular version of "Are You Lonesome Tonight?"
2. Which artist released "Run to Him"?
3. Where were The Proclaimers from and when did they get started?
4. Name the song Richard Marx wrote to his wife while she was in Africa on a film shoot.
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I've cried through many endless nights just holding my pillow tight, Then you came into my lonely days with your tender love and sweet ways."

## Answers

1. **Elvis Presley, in 1960. Presley's version was delayed, as the recording company thought it didn't match his image, but it immediately went to No. 1 after it was released.**
2. **Bobby Vee, in 1961. Vee's career was launched the night the Big Bopper, Ritchie Valens and Buddy Holly were killed in a plane crash. Vee and others were quickly recruited to play the gig.**
3. **The duo began in Scotland in 1983. They still tour today. Their newest album was released in 2022.**
4. **"Right Here Waiting," in 1989.**
5. **"Heaven Must Have Sent You," by the Elgins, in 1966. Bonnie Pointer followed with a disco version in 1979. Pointer's version was the only one that ever topped the charts ... in Mexico.**

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## The Redmon Family Visits the U.S.S. Midway



**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

The U.S.S.

Midway, CVA-44 was commissioned in October 1945, missing

WWII by a couple of months. I went aboard the "Big M" in October 1960 and believe it or not my granddaughter went aboard the Midway sixty-two-years later. The difference was I went aboard it at Alameda, California while it was still commissioned and when Becca, my granddaughter went aboard it was a museum in San Diego Harbor.

Becca's mom and dad who are my son and daughter-in-law took her to San Diego with them to a Chick-fil-a convention and they just had to see the big ship that dad or Pawpa was on in the Navy.

Becca had a lot of questions to ask me when she was aboard the U.S.S. Midway. She said, "Pawpa what did you do on this ship?" I told her I worked in the photo lab and really all over the ship. We had to take stills and movies of every plane that took off and landed on the Midway.

She asked, "Did you really sleep in these bunks I see? They are stacked three or four high and had such little spaces. How did you get into them? I said, "yes, I slept there and yes, there was little room to get into them, but I managed."

Becca and her mother Dawn had never been aboard a Navy ship before and they were impressed to say the least.

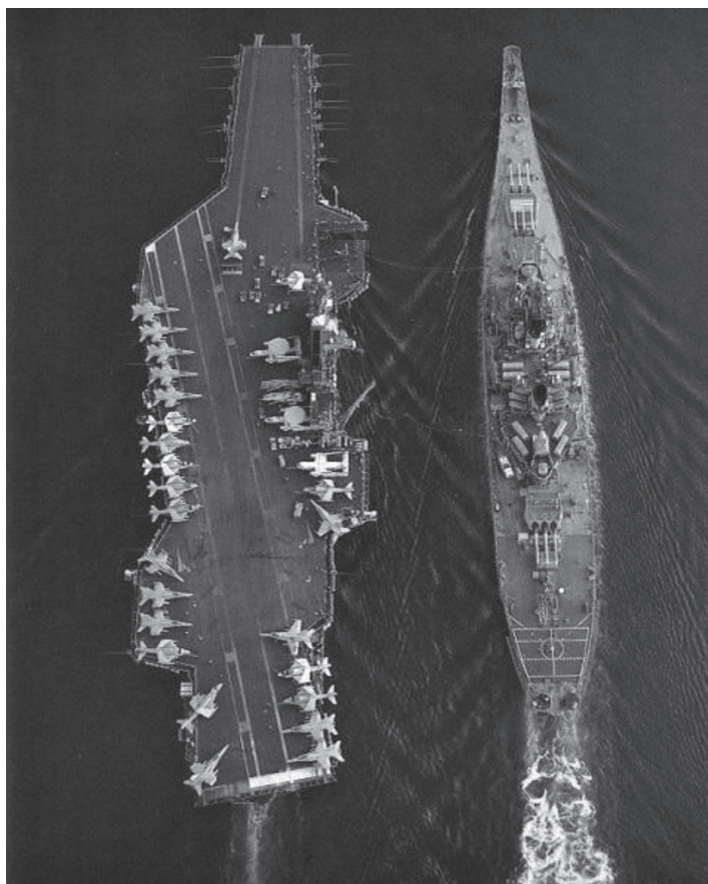
The Midway was named after the "Battle of Midway" which was fought against the Imperial Navy of Japan. Three Japanese carriers were sunk there and it was the battle that turned the tide against Japan. From April 1942 to the end of the war you could say that the U.S.A. was on the offensive.

The ship cost \$85.6 million dollars and it took over 17 months to build. It was 1,001 feet long: about 21 school buses end to end. The flight deck covered 4.02 acres. The flight deck was 3.5 inches of steel armour. It traveled at 33 knots or 38 MPH. It was fast enough to water ski behind. For fuel economy it used 260 gallons of fuel per mile.

On the Midway they served 13,500 meals a day. They used 1,000 loaves of bread a day. They had 10,500 cups of coffee at a time and served 500 pies a day. They produced 240,000 gallons of fresh water, daily. The U.S.S. Midway was the largest ship in the world until 1955.

The ship operated until 2004 and

ing his dad's ship.



when it was decommissioned it was taken to San Diego as a Naval Museum.

I don't know how much it cost to get on the Midway but I bet my family was glad to pay the price. Scott was on the U.S.S. Ranger in the San Diego Harbor, but I know he also enjoyed see-

The Midway took part in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and Desert Storm.

Today the aircraft carriers that have been constructed over the last fifty years are much larger than the Midway, but still the Midway has taken its place in our Naval history and the men who served on her are proud to have served there.

Scott had to check the records to see when his dad was on the Midway.

I told Becca, my granddaughter that they no longer need a darkroom to develop and print photos so the place I worked in 1960 would not look the same. The speed graphic cameras we used are no longer around. Photography is completely different. I wish it had happened sooner.

There have been approximately 200,000 sailors that served on the U.S.S. Midway. The F-14 Tomcats that were used on the film Top Gun are on the Midway.

A total of 317 U.S. Sailors, Marines, and Airmen were killed on the Midway.

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# The Delaware River: Part 2



**John Burns**  
**Opinion Columnist**

After meeting my biological grandparents at the age of 5, seeds were planted that would not bear fruit in my life until I left behind totally the land of my nativity.

The lessons learned in Briarcliffe would carry me well into my 40's before I had put to bed addiction, religion, capitalism, ancestor worship, and government as God. My life now revolves around every word of scripture.

I was a completely confused child. Although my father would work tirelessly to support his family monetarily, turning his children over to an education system where God is not the centerpiece, had lasting implications long into his children's lives.

Growing up without my biological mother, turned out to be a blessing. I would learn late in life that I shared her taste for narcotics and her desire for rebellion. My relationship to women was one of sexuality at a young age and selfishness in relationship to myself.

Very early on in Catholic school, I bought into the outward piety model for Catholic conduct. Problem was the bible says Jesus Christ died for sinners, of which I felt I was one. The bible talked of one mediator between God and man the Lord Jesus Christ. No need for a priest?

Everything in Catholicism revolved around what I did, not what God was doing. Legalism had replaced relationship to messiah. Angels are worshipped, Roman holidays replaced the holidays Jesus Christ celebrated during his lifetime.

I began early on to realize, why God told Abram of Chaldea to leave the land of his nativity and leave the gods of his parents in Babylon. I began to feel as though something was missing in my life, and the Catholic religion and catechism made me feel unworthy of salvation.

I was drilled in the 10 commandments and taught about Mary the virgin mother of Jesus whom the Catholic church has wrongly placed above Jesus and God. The deification of the woman goes back to Nimrod and Semiramis in Babylon, where the Catholic church has its true foundations.

It made no sense to me that the bible talked of one man with one woman for life producing Godly seed. The bible does not mention men becoming voluntarily celibate and women becoming voluntary virgins. This denies God access to the womb of women, and it makes men incredibly irresponsible and selfish.

Gods perfect will is for all men to come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. His pattern is to have human reproduction provide God with worshippers. Pagan priests from Babylon planted the seeds that have perverted the perfect will of God for humanity.

I was taught that covetousness was ungodly, yet we teach our children to beg on their birthdays and every other Roman holiday that has migrated from Babylon.

We parade our daughters in beauty pageants while never acknowledging her inner qualities. The mercy and grace of God in women has been replaced with the desire to replace men as the breadwinners and protectors of the family unit.

My childhood dreams were interrupted when my father and mother divorced. Pundits may say that I was too young to remember, while God alone says train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old, they will not depart from it.

The bible reveals the heart and mind of God when it comes to children. Isaiah teaches us that God reveals his word to all those taken from the breast and weaned from the milk. That sounds like a command to teach children the bible as soon as they are done breast-feeding?

With so much time spent entertaining myself as a child, the bible became what I read often. The stories of the Old Testament characters fascinated me. The fact that God was so intimately involved in the matters of his creation, led to an obsessive-compulsive approach to study.

I began to believe in the Jesus of the bible while disagreeing with every person in my life who adhered to the Catholic faith. The knowledge of my grandparents Jewry, led me to question why my parents eventually divorced.

I know now that it must have been confusing for my mother in my fathers' house during Christmas and easter, and her parents house during Passover and Hannukah. The Catholic church does not exactly have a great record in dealing with Jewry.

I wondered if antisemitism played a role in the demise of my parents' marriage?

Along the Delaware river I learned the good and bad of religious ideology. I learned the hard lesson of just how far society has moved away from the truth of bible morality, and I learned that the Catholic faith is antisemitic, antichristian, and not monotheistic.

Around 10 years old I opened the bible to Daniel chapter 10. As I began to read the Holy Spirit spoke to me for the first time in my young life. I was being called to be a watchman for America, and to the nation of Israel. God had a perfect will for my life and he was orchestrating my entire life.

I left Delaware county for good on 9-23-1987 when I reported to Fort Ord, CA and my first infantry assignment on active duty. I would visit home many times after joining the army. Once I had returned from war as a Ranger, my path would never allow me to sojourn in the land of my nativity ever again.

I do not regret my childhood one bit. To honor my father and mother, today I teach every letter of scripture. Only the word of God can correct religious thinking and reveal the perfect pleasing will of God for each of our lives. My early mistakes are my first great lessons from God.

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

He is alive forevermore and he is returning for his virgin bride very soon. RLTW John Burns 10-8-2022

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*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

## Oppenheimer and Nichols: A changing relationship (reprint)

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Continuing with the reprint of two columns on J. Robert Oppenheimer taken from a presentation Carolyn Krause made in May 2022, I hope readers of Historically Speaking can better appreciate the upcoming Oak Ridge Premiere Week events on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 7pm at the Oak Ridge High School and the Oak Ridge Premiere of the movie, Oppenheimer, at 7pm on Thursday, July 20, 2023. The premiere showing is sold out, but you can purchase regular tickets in Oak Ridge and Knoxville.

In this second and final column in this series, Carolyn mentions one visit Oppenheimer made to Oak Ridge. There were others as his brother Frank lived in Oak Ridge in 1943 and worked at Y-12. Also, the famous photograph by Ed Westcott was made on a visit in 1946.

Beginning of reprint:

Carolyn Krause brings us the second and final part to her series on J. Robert Oppenheimer which she presented to the Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association's public meeting on May 24, 2022.

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One evening in Oak Ridge in the fall of 1943, J. Robert Oppenheimer, the scientific director of the Manhattan Project, joined Colonel Kenneth Nichols and his wife Jackie for dinner and gifted them with small Mexican brandy glasses. A few weeks earlier, in May, Nichols had been named second in command to General Leslie Groves, the military director of the Manhattan Project; Nichols' title was District Engineer of the Manhattan Engineer District, and he was responsible for overseeing the construction and operation of the nuclear fuel production plants at Oak Ridge and Hanford, Wash. At the time, Nichols and his wife lived at 103 Olney Lane.

Oppenheimer visited Oak Ridge several times. At least once he visited his younger brother Frank, a physicist who was sent to Y-12 from Berkeley, Calif., in 1944 and 1945 to monitor the operation of the calutrons used to enrich uranium in the U-235 isotope. Frank and his wife were both atheists and members of the Communist Party of America at the time.

Nichols learned what Groves knew when he made the controversial decision in 1942 to appoint Oppenheimer scientific director: that Oppenheimer had associations with known and unknown communists (e.g., his brother, his wife Kitty, and several students) and had made contributions to the Communist Party of California but was not a party member.

The Soviet Union was an ally during the war, but some Army officials regarded Oppie as a security risk. Groves discounted these facts and ordered the Army to give Oppenheimer in 1943 his security clearance – access to classified information. Shortly after its formation, the Atomic Energy Commission renewed it in 1947 and thereafter. Upon meeting with Groves and Oppenheimer on a train, Nichols was confident that Oppie was the right man for the job. He never regarded him as a spy, source of technical information to the Soviet Union or disloyal American citizen.

Even so, 10 years later, when Nichols was general manager of the Atomic Energy Commission, his attitude toward Oppie shifted. He learned that President Eisenhower had ordered the AEC to hold a hearing to determine if Oppenheimer, then a consultant to the AEC but previously the chairman of its General Advisory Committee, should retain his AEC security clearance.

According to the 2005 book "American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer" by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin, after Oppenheimer informed Lewis Strauss, AEC chairman, that he would not resign from his AEC consultancy, Nichols "set in motion an extraordinary American inquisition." What that meant was that he initiated the AEC Personnel Security Board hearing on the loyalty and trustworthiness of Oppenheimer.

The authors continued: "Nichols told Harold Green, on the day the young AEC attorney was drafting the letter of charges against Oppenheimer, that the physicist was 'a slippery sonuvabitch, but we're going to get him this time.'

"On Christmas Eve, two FBI agents seized control of Oppenheimer's remaining classified papers. That same day, Oppenheimer received the AEC's letter of formal charges, dated Dec. 23, 1953. Nichols informed Oppenheimer that the AEC now questioned 'whether your continued employment on Atomic Energy Commission work will endanger the common defense and security and whether such continued employment is clearly consistent with the interests of the national security. This letter is to advise you of the

steps which you may take to assist in the resolution of this question.'"

In addition to the usual charges about Oppenheimer's associations with communists and a rejected request that he impart information to a Soviet delegate, he was accused of being "instrumental in persuading other outstanding scientists not to work on the hydrogen bomb project, and



**Col. Kenneth Nichols lived in Oak Ridge from 1943 to 1945 when he was second in command to Gen. Leslie Groves, military leader of the Manhattan Project. Nichols became general manager of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and, in 1953, initiated the AEC Personnel Security Board hearing on the loyalty and trustworthiness of Robert Oppenheimer, an AEC adviser.**



**Frank Oppenheimer worked as a physicist at the Y-12 plant in 1943. His older brother, Robert Oppenheimer, would have visited him during his trips to Oak Ridge.**

that the opposition to the hydrogen bomb, of which you are the most experienced, most powerful, and most effective member, has definitely slowed down its development."

"The inclusion of Oppenheimer's opposition to the Super (H-bomb) reflected the depth of anti-Communist McCarthyite hysteria that had enveloped Washington," Bird and Sherwin wrote. "Equating dissent with disloyalty, it redefined the role of government advisers and the very purpose of advice."

"The AEC charges were not the kind of narrowly crafted indictment likely to bring a conviction in a court of law. This was, rather, a political indictment, and Oppenheimer would be judged by an AEC security review panel appointed by the chairman of the AEC, Lewis L. Strauss" (who disliked Oppie and his opposition to and delay of hydrogen bomb development during the Cold War when the Soviet Union was an enemy, not an ally).

Oppenheimer, who reacted to the detonation of the first nu-

clear weapon on July 16, 1945, over the New Mexico desert by uttering the "Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds" quotation from the Bhagavad-Gita, opposed the H-bomb on the grounds that thermonuclear weapons were more destructive than mankind could responsibly control. Instead, he lobbied the AEC to work on international arms control.

In his 1987 book *The Road to Trinity: A Personal Account of How America's Nuclear Policies Were Made*, Maj. Gen. Nichols wrote that based on Oppenheimer's testimony, he considered him dishonest but not disloyal. On June 12, 1954, Nichols recommended that Oppie's security clearance not be reinstated because the five security findings indicated that Oppie was "a Communist in every sense except that he did not carry a party card," and that he "is not reliable or trustworthy." The AEC commissioners agreed. Oppie was stripped of his security clearance on June 29, 1954.

After the security findings were issued, Nichols wrote, Oppenheimer's lawyers "stressed the inconsistency between the board's findings that Oppenheimer was loyal and its conclusion that he was a security risk. They stressed that if Oppenheimer was a security risk because he had opposed the H-bomb, that would discourage scientists from advising the government in the future. They stressed that the distinguished character witnesses were the best bases for judging his character. They made no mention that Oppenheimer had admitted lying to the security officers."

According to the website for the Institute for Advanced Study, which Oppie once directed, Hans Bethe recalled that "Oppenheimer took the outcome of the security hearing very quietly, but he was a changed person; much of his previous spirit and liveliness had left him."

In April 1962, the IAS website stated, "the U.S. government made amends for the treatment Oppenheimer suffered during the McCarthy years, when President Kennedy invited him to a White House dinner of Nobel Prize winners. In 1963, President Johnson awarded Oppenheimer the highest honor given by the AEC, the Enrico Fermi Award. Oppenheimer died of throat cancer on Feb. 18, 1967" at the age of 62.

Although he had amazing achievements as a theoretical physicist, Oppie never won a Nobel Prize. But Israeli historian Yuval Noah Harari wrote in his 2015 internationally best-selling book "Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind" that "The Nobel Peace Prize to end all peace prizes should have been given to Robert Oppenheimer and his fellow architects of the atomic bomb. Nuclear weapons have turned war between superpowers into collective suicide and made it impossible to seek world domination by force of arms."

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Thanks Carolyn, for an excellent review of the treatment of J. Robert Oppenheimer. His family has worked to clear his name. A June 2, 2022 article in Los Alamos National Laboratory's *Discover*, entitled, The petition that sought to clear Oppenheimer's name, <https://discover.lanl.gov/news/0602-ribes-petition>, highlights the main testimony for and against Oppenheimer holding a security clearance. Lewis L. Strass (most strong advocate against Oppenheimer), and Edward Teller (equally damaging testimony), were the primary sources against his clearance being renewed. Oppenheimer's security clearance was revoked one day before it was to expire. Those closest to him said he was never the same after that hearing. He retreated from public life. Lewis L. Strass career was damaged by the result of his attack on Oppenheimer. He was not approved by the Senate for appointment as Secretary of Commerce in 1959, ending a 42-year political career.

End of reprint:

In December 2022, as reported in *The Hill*, Department of Energy Secretary, Jennifer Granholm said, "In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission revoked Dr. Oppenheimer's security clearance through a flawed process that violated the Commission's own regulations. As time has passed, more evidence has come to light of the bias and unfairness of the process that Dr. Oppenheimer was subjected to while the evidence of his loyalty and love of country have only been further affirmed." This decision by DOE to vacate the decision to remove Oppenheimer's security clearance is a long-awaited reaffirmation of his devotion to his country and I am sure is a welcome action his descendants appreciate. They have advocated for such public declaration of his innocence for years.

I hope you readers of *Historically Speaking* have enjoyed this reprint of Carolyn's excellent research and presentation about J. Robert Oppenheimer and his connections to Oak Ridge. Remember, the Oak Ridge High School event at 7pm on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, is open to the public.

# 1 John Chapter 1

**Author:** It is the consensus of conservative scholarship that 1, 2, and 3 John, along with the Gospel account, were written by John, the son of Zebedee and the brother of James. It is further believed, on the basis of external historical evidence and internal considerations as well, that this collection of inspired documents was penned by the apostle during his twilight years in the environs of Ephesus in provincial Asia.

The earliest writers of the post-apostolic period are virtually unanimous in their testimony that the writer of these books was the apostle John. Both Polycarp and Papias, students of John, attribute 1 John to the apostle, as do many subsequent early writers. The internal evidence for John's authorship is extremely strong. The writer was an eyewitness of Christ (1:1-3). Word patterns between the Gospel of John and 1 John are striking. Second John and 3 John do not have quite the external evidence of the first epistle (likely due to their brevity); nonetheless, they have long been viewed as belonging to the same author and originating from the same general time period. There is no modern evidence disputing this conclusion.

**Date:** It is believed that these letters were written in the early 90s A.D.

**Purpose:** The purpose of 1 John was to warn the early Christians of an insidious movement (pre-Gnostic) that was developing and threatened the faith. They were to hold fast to the doctrine they had been taught and fulfill their duties as Christians; especially were they to love one another as kinsmen in the Lord.

Second John has a similar thrust, but especially warns against the cult that denied Jesus as having come in the flesh. The "elect lady" may be a sister in Christ or a symbol of a church. Third John is addressed to Gaius; it commends him for his Christian hospitality, and also sends a strong rebuke to Diotrephes, a local church bully.

1 John chapter 1:1-4) Introduction: Verse one is remarkably similar to the introduction to John's Gospel. "That which was from the beginning" refers to Christ (1 John 2:13; Jn. 1:1-2, 14, 17:5). Some see "beginning" as a reference to the commencement of Jesus' incarnation; more likely it denotes his eternal nature before the creation. At the time of the incarnation, the eternal Word was seen physically and was capable of being touched (Jn. 20:27; Lk. 24:39); he was no mere spirit being, as cultists (the Docetists) would later allege more formally. Christ is designated as the "Word of life" because through him alone is God's message of eternal life declared.

Jesus, as the "Word of life," was "manifested" (revealed) in a body of flesh (Jn. 1:14; 1 Tim. 3:16). John together with others, had "seen" the incarnate Word, and they gave testimony that he, as the depository of eternal life, had been eternally face to face with God, and subsequently had been visibly revealed to first-century witnesses (v.2). The evidence of the manifestation of Christ had been both visual and au-

ditory, thus the testimony declared was certain. Moreover, those who received that testimony could have "fellowship" with the witnesses, along with the Father and Son as well. That message, through this written testimony, should result in the Christians' full "joy" (v.3-4).

(1 John 1:5-10) Walk in the Light: John declares that the divine message, received from Christ and announced to his readers, is that "God is light" and is void of any semblance of darkness---a proposition applicable to Jesus as well (Jn. 1:4-9; 8:12). If a person claims to enjoy "fellowship" with God while he continues to "walk" (live in an unrestrained fashion) within the domain of spiritual "darkness," his life is a "lie," and he is not practicing a life of truth (v.6). On the other hand, if one "walk" (as a consistent mode of existence) in the light (of divine revelation via the Scriptures), then he shares a relationship with other Christians, and the cleansing effect of Jesus' shed blood constantly works on his behalf, effecting pardon from sin (v.7). If a person claims to live above sin (which some ancient heretics did), he is self-deceived and truth is not resident in him (v.8). Some modern sectarians claim they have risen to live above sin; others allege they sin with the body but not with the soul---a theological impossibility.

"If" (a condition) we make it a practice to "confess" (to acknowledge consistent with divine revelation) our sins (whether to God alone or to others, as the case may require), the Lord will be faithful, operating in harmony with his system of righteousness, to forgive our sins and to cleanse (Heb. 9:14) us from all wrongs (v.9). If one claims he has not committed "sin" (specific sins being in view) he is implying that Christ is a liar (because Jesus claimed to have died for our sins), and the Lord's word is not operating within him. The one who claims sinless perfection is both arrogant and ignorant!

The alien sinner does not have Jesus as his advocate (1 John 2:1). Only those who have been born again (per Acts 2:38, 22:16; Rom. 6:1-14) have this Jesus (our advocate) and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, who makes intercession for us before God (Eph. 1:13; Rom. 8:26). This is when the Ephesians of Eph. 2:8 were saved by grace through faith.

Acts 19:1-7 "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve."

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**The Garden Bug**  
**Late summer garden tasks**  
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Recently I felt obligated to partake in the civil duty of contacting state Rep. Tim Burchett on a concerning issue. Now this may seem awkward as I am currently writing for a paper in Morgan County, but I do also reside in the 2nd congressional district throughout the year. Besides I thought it would be more appropriate to make contact with Rep. Fleishman through the community. Thus this message goes out to all citizens of Morgan County.

Even in my youth (14) I have begun to witness a crisis unfold before us. One fueled by ideological extremism, resentment, and the hatred of our fellow Americans. It is clear we can no longer coincide with those who oppose us politically or in any matter at all. Driving us to the edge as our nation and its ideals fear extinction. I watch the world

around me and only this plague spreading further and further into our lives. The only solution is to learn to work together both left and right. While maintaining our individuality and beliefs, so that we may benefit all people and parties. Though this is not an easy task by any means. Thus we the people must step up for it's our responsibility to ensure and maintain this republic for generations to come, and the balance of power between government and state. We must push for the day to come when whites, blacks, Christians, Muslims, Republicans, Democrats, gays, straights, rich, poor, tall, short, and all people of the world. Have the opportunity to live in a fair and just America as simply Americans, we may rest. Though until then it is our duty to fight and bring back the pride and glory of our nation. So I ask you to please help us bring back America.

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