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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

There was a nice man that knocked

on our door a couple of weeks ago. His name was Mr Ferguson. He told Pappy that the highway department was going to apply new pavement to all the streets in our neighborhood.

Well, I don't particularly know what a street is or pavement either, as a matter of fact.

I do know that these men with all these big trucks and stuff came in and made all the hard stuff that the cars ride on, black and smooth. They worked so hard and it was so hot. Pappy gave them some cold water.

You know what else they did? They played with me and told me that I was a sweet and pretty girl. I thought that was awfully nice of them. They also came back a week later and made the curb higher, so the water would flow away from our house.

Mimi and Pappy are so grateful that they

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl



did that.

So, I guess the street is the hard stuff that the cars ride on. Well if that's the case, they sure did a nice job. Thank you to the Roane County Highway Department for all your hard work. We really are grateful for all that you do.

For more of my Pet Perspective like and follow me on

Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.

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Thu 06	86°/68°	
Fri 07	83°/65°	
Sat 08	83°/64°	
Sun 09	84°/66°	
Mon 10	82°/66°	



Know what's below. Call before you dig.

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 informa-

tion, 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.

VENDORS NEEDED FOR 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Memorial Center is soliciting vendors for the 4th of July Celebration to be held on Tuesday, July 4th in Deer Lodge, rain or shine. Booths are \$30.00 in advance for a 16x16 area. Electricity is available for an additional \$10.00. Bring your own tent, table and chair. The 4th of July Celebration starts at 11am (EDT) with the parade and concludes with fireworks at dusk. For more information call Bob Brimi at 423-628-2850.

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Fireworks at 10:00 pm



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In Loving Memory

John Donald England, 38

John Donald England (38) of Wartburg, was born October 31st, 1984. He graduated from Wartburg Central High School in 2003. John was always making a joke, and any room he entered, he would brighten. As a child, he spent most of his time outside, which soon became the norm for his adult life. He loved hunting, fishing and looking for ginseng. He was good with his hands for woodworking and drawing amazing pictures and sketches.



Once he became a father his favorite thing was teaching his children how to do the same and sharing stories of life, God and skills as his dad, grandfather and uncles did when he was younger. John loved his family, and he would give anything if it meant that he could help the next person.

He was a wise intellectual, as he spent the majority of his time teaching himself new things and spreading that knowledge with the ones around him. John was a joy, beam of light, and a man of God saved by God's grace when he was a teenager. He gave love to everyone, and his love will grow as his family continues his legacy of love, life, and laughter.

John was preceded in death with his father, George Michael England; grandparents, Judith Terry Smith and Osmond Smith, and Allean Reed England. Great-grandparents, Segal and Nova Terry, Barney and Emma Smith, John Zeldrie Reed and Sylvana Trammel Reed.

John is survived by his wife, Shiann; daughter, Madelynn England; and step-son, Eden Marshall; his two older children: Liam and Kynlee England (Mother Elizabeth Landrum); mother and step-father Derita (Smith-England) and Johnnie Long; his two older sisters: Jinger Styles and Michaela Jackson (husband Melvin C. Jackson III); step-brother Johnnie H. Long; and step-sister Shannon Phillips.

He had two nieces, Brooke Conner (husband PC) and Jady Jackson, step-nieces Courtney and Emma. 3 nephews: Michael and Matthew Dwight and Daylen Jackson; step-nephews: Matthew, Justin, Josh, Danny-Ray and Nicky; Aunts

and Uncles: Deolores Smith Phillips (Glinn), Doyle Smith (Nancy), Donald Smith (Linda), Felicia Smith Miller (Greg), Cathi England Gaylor (Jimmy), Zelda England Byrd, & Myra England Honeycutt.

John had many cousins he loved: Danette Aubrey Phillips, Jessica Bell (Brandon), Olivia Phillips, Dara Wisner, Dustin Smith (Amanda), Drew Smith (Jessica), Eric Smith (Jenna), Corey Smith (Nikki), Tyler Smith, Heather Bynaker (Charles), Johnny Mac Gaylor (Morgan), Aaron Gaylor (Jazmine), Darren & Derek Byrd, and Eddie Honeycutt.

John was a longtime employee at Brushy Mountain Prison, Morgan County Correctional Complex and then worked as a dedicated roofer with special friend Mike Jones. John loved his close friends Michael Ellis, David England, Caleb Hamby and Steven Petree.

Honorary Pall Bearers: son Liam England and cousin Aubrey Phillips.

Pall Bearers: Dustin Smith, Drew Smith, Eric Smith, Corey Smith, Melvin C. Jackson III, and Brandon Bell.

John will be remembered for his kind loving spirit and his infectious smile and laughter. We thank God for the time that we got to spend with him and hold the memories of him forever in our hearts. Every "Elephant Rhino" every "Statue" every falling/shooting star" every "bob you got some water" every "you guys be careful out here". every "Arita dingland" every "gonna talk to John Beeler" "gotta go see a man about a horse" every "at a boy" will be greatly remembered of and by you.

Thank you to preacher Jason Lowe of Union Baptist Church and Michael Turnington, Youth Pastor of Union Baptist Church, for officiating John's service.

The family will receive friends Monday, June 26, 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. Jason Lowe and Youth Pastor Mike Turnington officiating. Interment will follow in the Carson Cemetery in Oneida.

Martin Christian "M.C." Kreis, 93

Martin Christian "M.C." Kreis made his last bad-tempered, argumentative and uncooperative gesture on June 23, 2023, and in his words, "Kicked the Bucket." He was "93.3 years young", also his words.



Besides his beautiful wife, Corinne and son "BIG Earl" David Kreis, Dad was pre-deceased by his parents, his sister Juanita Smith, and brothers Johnny, Arnold and Clayton Kreis.

His doctors told him to quit smoking, but as the years rolled by, he retired a wonderful Cardiologist, a grumpy Pulmonologist and his Primary Care Doctor. It was then that everyone realized that apparently his method of "I do not inhale" actually worked. Or maybe he was just lucky. At any rate, the smoking didn't kill him like we told him it would! But no one saw the appendicitis coming.

"M", as he was known to those close to him, was born to the late Louis Kreis and Edith Bardill Kreis on 03/14/30 at home in Wartburg, Tennessee. He fell smack dab in the middle of 7 children and grew up a good Lutheran boy.

He met the love of his life, our Mother, Corinne Scott Kreis, on the Roettger Farm or the "Strawberry Farm" as he always called it. Her family was purchasing a milk cow from Grandpa Louis. He was 15, she was 12. He loved her his entire 93.3 years.

He would see action in the Army in Korea where he crossed the Yalu River under heavy fire carrying a heavy gun. The clincher was that he never learned how to swim!

Being born during the depression etched a work ethic in him that never ceased. He worked in the family dairy in the 40's, log woods in the 50's, hauled cars out of Detroit in the 60's, was an oil man in the 70's & 80's and worked for Hittman Transport in the 90's & 2000's. "Pappy" was 76 when he retired from Hittman on July 25, 2006, holding a record as the oldest driver, with the oldest truck and the most mileage at 2.2 million miles.

Growing up in M.C.'s household was never dull because he LOVED kids and the entire football & basketball teams would sleep over, some staying on as his full-time children, like Terry Clark!

A special thank you to Terry & Sue Clark for his last big adventure, to Susan LaRue for the long talks and short rides through the woods and to "Dan-Boy" Susak his right hand, cigarette finder and biggest ally!

Left to ponder their reasons for living are his son Marty Kreis of Austin, Texas, daughter Melissa Kreis & partner Dan Susak of Deer Lodge and daughter-in-law Cathy Kreis.

He loved his role as Popa to grandchildren Greg Schoonover, Trevor, Promise & Shayne Kreis, Kaleb Kreis, Somer Stephens, John Martin Stephens & Halle Stephens Duncan who now realize the cussing came from him. His great-grandchildren include Brandon, Brody & Tatum Schoonover, Tyler & Kailey Kreis, Camden, Caiden & Lincoln Smith. Great-great grandbabies Nevaeh & Zachary Kreis and Maxine Stephens.

Left with decades of colorful memories are his brothers Everett Kreis of Lancing and Bill Kreis of Deer Lodge, and his incredible sister-in-law Susie Kreis also of Deer Lodge. There are a slew of nieces and nephews whose names are withheld to protect those with a warrant.

What would have made him the happiest is for you to have a laugh with him, a cup of coffee, a cigarette, a sip of sweet red wine or moonshine. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 30, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 9:00 am-11:00 am with funeral services following at 11:00 am-12:00 pm.

He will be interred with full military honors next to his wife in the Kreis Family Cemetery in Deer Lodge. Sorry Mom, we did the best we could to take care of him for as long as possible and keep him from cramping your style in heaven. But guess what? So good luck, the ball's in your court again.

Directly after interment, we will have a Celebration of Life at the Weidemann Hotel in Deer Lodge. Dress comfortably and bring a lighter. Everybody has an "M" story and we want to hear them all. We thank this incredible, sweet man for the wonderful life he gave to us.

We are completely devastated.

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

Emily May Shannon, 78

Emily May Shannon of Lancing passed away June 29, 2023. She was a member of Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church. She was born to the late Lloyd and Martha Collins on January 3, 1945.

Emily is preceded in death by siblings Chester, Bobby Joe, Bunt, Bill, Ronnie, James, Paul, Fay Collins and Mary Liz Maden, and son-in-law William Brown.

Survived by sisters Tena and Gwen Collins, children Karen Brown, Pam (Kelly) Hamby, Bobbie (Eddie) Forsythe, Elmer "Tubby" (Andrea) Shannon, grandchildren Chas (Amber) Shannon, Chris Shannon, Arron (Maddie) Hamby, Andrew and Zachary Forsythe, Caleigh, Ethan, and Evan Shannon

and Maci Byrge, great grandchildren Brooklyn, Païton, and Sawyer Shannon and Windsor and Chesney Griffin, and a host of nieces and nephews.

We send a special thank you to the staff at NHC Oak Ridge and Caris for their care and support.

The family will receive friends Saturday, July 1, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Emily May Shannon.

Betty Wright, 89

Mrs. Betty Wright, age 89, of Petros went to be with the Lord on June 26, 2023. Betty was a member of the Petros Baptist Church. She loved her family, and we loved her. Her husband of 69 years, B.J. Wright was the love of her life.



Rick Wright; daughter Janie (Kenny) Jenkins; her grandchildren and great grandchildren who she loved dearly.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents Willie Mae & Charles Lincoln Liles; daughter-in-law Cindy; sisters Lida, Anna Mae, and Koleda; brother June bug.

She leaves behind her husband B.J. Wright; sons Bill (Shirley) Wright,

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 29, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11:00-12:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 12:00 p.m. with Dr. Jim West officiating. Interment will follow in the Petros Cemetery on the schoolhouse road.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Betty Wright.

Jo Nell Johnson, 90

Jo Nell Johnson, age 90, passed away June 25, 2023 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born to Ovie & Roxy Duncan on November 6, 1932.



brother and sister-in-law, Larry and JoAnne Duncan, brother-in-law, Morris Johnson and sister-in-law, Fay Clifton.

Jo Nell was a graduate of Sunbright High School and Tennessee Technological University. She was a teacher in the Morgan County School System for three years. She co-owned and operated Mutual Loan & Thrift Corporation of Sunbright for 32 years until her retirement in 1998. She served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Tennessee Independent Finance Association for several years and also served a term as President. Jo Nell was an active member of First Baptist Church of Sunbright where she served as the Church Clerk and Treasurer for many years.

She enjoyed reading, traveling the country with her husband in their RV, and spending time with her family.

Jo Nell is preceded in death by her parents, O.C. and Roxy Duncan,

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Y.T. Johnson, son and his wife, Steve and Jerri Johnson, daughter, Kim Halpin, and granddaughters, McKenzie Halpin and Brittany Johnson.

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 29, 2023 at Sunbright First Baptist Church from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Mike Hammonds officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunbright Cemetery.

Pallbearers: David Starr, Rick Ryon, Barry Daniel, Ron Davis, Ed Davis and Mike Brown.

Honorary Pallbearers: Wendell Hayes and Gary Petrey.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jo Nell Johnson.

Alice Faye Conley, 80

Ms. Alice Faye Conley, 80, of Harriman, passed away June 24, 2023, at Roane Medical Center. Faye was the owner & operator of Happy Top Beauty Shop for over 40 years. She loved cooking, gardening, working in the yard and especially spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Carl E. Conley. Son: Michael D. Conley.

She is survived by her son & daughter-in-law: Stephen & Shannon Conley. Two granddaughters: Nikki Conley & fiancé Ronnie Webb and Megan Conley.

Great granddaughter: Grace. And sister, brothers, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday June 28, 2023, at Davis Funeral Home in Harriman from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM. Graveside services will follow in Emory Heights Cemetery with Bro. Dustin Bonham officiating. Davis Funeral Home, Harriman, is honored to serve the family of Ms. Alice Faye Conley during this difficult time.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.davisfuneralhomes.com.

Marina "Joan" Garrett, 86

Mrs. Martha 'Joan' Garrett, 86, of Kingston, passed away June 29, 2023, at her home. She was a member of South Harriman Baptist Church and loved quilting, shopping, and working outdoors. She is preceded in death by her husband: Wendell Garrett. Daughter: Brigette Gibson. Parents: Leroy & Carrie Shipwash She is survived by daughters: Wende Garrett Jones and Cindy Garrett Johnson. Stepson: Dan Michael Garrett.

4 sisters: Darelene Northern, Sandra Edwards, Delores "Corky" Grizzard, and Brenda Jones.

Brother: Leroy Shipwash Jr. Son-in-law: Scott Miller.

8 Grandchildren: Isaac Gibson, Kristie Gibson, Wyatt Gibson, Garrett

Jones, Nathan Jones, Griffin Roberts, Danielle Garrett, and Campbell Garrett.

Great Grandchild: Madison Gibson. Special friend and caregiver: Veronica Stinnett. Along with many nieces and nephews. The family would like to give a special thanks to Amedisys Hospice Care.

The family will meet Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at Roane Memorial Gardens for a graveside service at 1:00 PM with Bro. Dan Garrett officiating.

Davis Funeral Home in Harriman is honored to serve the family of Ms. Martha 'Joan' Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.davisfuneralhomes.com.

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City of Sunbright
General and State Street Aid
Amended & Proposed Budgets

General Fund	Amended Budget 2022-23	Proposed Budget 2023-24
Revenues		
Total Local Taxes	\$212,756.69	\$212,850.00
Total State Govt. Allocations	\$ 95,576.29	\$ 85,400.00
Total Other Revenues	\$ 7,927.50	\$164,500.00
Total Revenues	\$316,260.48	\$462,750.00
Expenditures		
Total Expenditures Gen. Govt.	\$127,244.53	\$273,271.00
Total General Govt. Salaries	\$ 23,856.35	\$ 27,800.00
Total Public Safety Expend.	\$ 36,786.30	\$ 36,800.00
Total Public Works Expenditures	\$ 33,902.34	\$ 59,879.00
Total Public Works Salaries	\$ 58,480.96	\$ 65,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$280,270.48	\$462,750.00
Excess Revenues/Expenditures	\$ 35,990.00	\$ 0.00
Beginning Fund Balance	\$525,238.00	
Ending Fund Balance	\$561,228.00	
The General Fund has 2 full time employment positions and 2 part-time positions.		
State Street Aid	Amended Budget 2022-23	Proposed Budget 2023-24
Revenues		
State Gas & Fuel Tax	\$ 18,893.92	\$ 20,000.00
Total Revenues	\$ 18,893.92	\$ 20,000.00
Expenditures		
Asphalt, Paving Materials	\$ 2,369.40	\$ 3,500.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,500.00
Equipment Repair	\$ 1,891.61	\$ 1,500.00
Vehicle Operations	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
Street Lighting	\$ 9,421.59	\$ 9,500.00
Misc. Expenditures	\$ 1,063.80	\$ 1,000.00
Total Highways & Streets	\$ 14,746.40	\$ 20,000.00
Excess Revenues/Expenditures	\$ 4,147.52	\$ 0.00
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 44,201.00	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 48,348.52	

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

 * They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but in today's digital age, storing and displaying our treasure trove of images can take some craft work. For a lovely, cheap display, find frames of varying designs in secondhand stores. Remove the glass and lay them out on newspaper. Spray-paint them all the same color and, when dry, frame and hang your favorites in a very cohesive grouping!

* "When on vacation, it's really easy to take hundreds of pictures, but when you upload them to the computer, it's hard to find the gems in the mass of files. Spend some time each day reviewing the pictures on your camera, and delete the redundant ones and pics that are obviously not keepers." -- E.L. in Illinois

* "When my sisters and I get together (there are five of us), we each bring a flash drive with about 50 good, recent fam-

ily pictures. One sister is a technical whiz, and she put all the pictures together and loads them back on the flash drives, labeled with the date. And then we all watch a picture slideshow together and share our stories." -- G.B. in Georgia

* Save your favorite family photos to a disk and give a copy to a trusted friend. That way, if anything should happen to your computer/home/etc., you'll still have those pictures.

* "My mother-in-law has a digital photo frame, and about every six months we send her a new flash drive to plug into the back of it. She does not have a computer, so she enjoys the picture show and can go back to the old pictures as well whenever she wants just by plugging a different drive into the frame. What a great way to share photos with a different generation." -- A.T. in Missouri

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

* All the paint on the Eiffel Tower weighs the same as 10 elephants.

* The actual grave of Mumtaz Mahal, for whom the elaborate crypt known as the Taj Mahal was built, is the only undecorated part of the famous structure, due to a Muslim law dictating that graves cannot be adorned, as this is seen as an act of vanity.

* One ingredient in Ranch salad dressing is titanium dioxide, which is used to make it look whiter. It's also the same ingredient that's used in sunscreen and paint for coloring.

* George Washington celebrated July Fourth by giving his soldiers a double ration of rum.

* The Bagheera kiplingi spider, discovered in the 1800s, is the only species of spider that has been classified as vegetarian.

* William Moulton Marston, who created the superheroine Wonder Woman, also designed the first lie detector.

* The full name of the famous Chuck E. Cheese mouse is Charles Entertainment Cheese.

* After the release of the 1996 film "Scream," which involved an anonymous killer calling and murdering his victims, caller ID usage tripled in the United States.

* The longest-ever cricket test match, between England and South Africa, lasted more than 12 days and finally came to a conclusion because the English team would have

missed their boat home.

* There's very little evidence the TSA has ever stopped a terrorist or found a real bomb. When tested, they failed to find fake weapons and bombs 95% of the time.

* The island of Madagascar got its name when Marco Polo misspelled it.

* During the Second World War, German tank drivers would drive their vehicles over camel droppings, thinking it would bring good luck.

Thought for the Day: "In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit." -- Anne Frank

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- 25 Curator's concern
- 26 Mayo ingredient
- 28 "Bullitt" director Peter
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- 35 Aspiration
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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

Income shifting to minimize tax

According to Forbes, more than 9 out of 10 businesses were overpaying their taxes. Taking advantage of tax strategies can enable business owners to take amazing vacations, drive nicer cars, and retire earlier instead of giving the money to the IRS.

Income shifting is one of the strategies that can often save businesses a substantial amount of taxes each year.

Income shifting strategies reduce taxes by moving income from an entity with a high rate to an entity with a lower rate. Income can be shifted to family members or other business entities.

The easiest way to shift income to your dependent child is to hire them in your business. A sole proprietorship provides the most benefit because social security and Medicare tax withholding can be avoided on wages to the owner's minor child.

A business owner can also shift income to other family members, such as parents and siblings, by using a gift lease-back strategy for assets used in the business. The family member and the company can create a lease agreement for the use of that property. This creates a tax deduction for the lease agreements and shifts the income from the business to the family member. The family member can deduct depreciation and other related business expenses and pay tax at their lower rate.

A sole proprietor can also lease from their spouse. This strategy doesn't reduce taxable income but does reduce tax since there is no self-employment tax on rental income.

Income shifting can also be achieved by expense shifting. This strategy involves shifting expenses to a year that is expected to be in

a higher tax bracket in the future.

Another strategy is creating new business entities and shifting income to the entity that provides the most tax savings. The sole proprietorship, partnership, C corporation, and S corporation have different rules for taking advantage of credits. There are over 1,200 IRS tax credits, and every state has tax credits also. Businesses often overlook all of the credits that they are eligible for, causing them to overpay their taxes by thousands of dollars.

The Qualified Business Income (QBI) Deduction enables businesses to reduce their taxable income by 20%. However, certain businesses are not eligible for the QBI deduction if their income is too high. Shifting some of the income to another entity can provide significant tax savings.

Many businesses have multiple streams of income, which aids in income shifting to another entity. For example, dentists may have income from dentistry and sales of products. Suppose the dentist's income is too high to benefit from the 20% QBI deduction. In that case, it may be beneficial to create another entity and shift the sales of products to the new entity. For example, if the sales of products profit were \$100,000, he could reduce his taxable income by \$20,000. Using strategies to take advantage of income shifting can provide substantial tax savings.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Are We Seniors Yet?

When do we actually become seniors? That varies, depending who we ask.

Is it age 50, when all the AARP ads come to our mailbox? Maybe it's age 60, when we can get food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or receive Meals on Wheels deliveries. Is it 62, when we can start to collect some of our Social Security? If we're taking a Gallup Poll, 65 is the starting senior age.

How about age 65, when we need to sign up for Medicare or pay a penalty later if we don't? Or is it 66 or 67, when we can collect more Social Security, or age 70, when we can collect even more? Are we finally seniors at age 73, when we need to take out some of our IRA or pay a penalty on our taxes?

Then there are those instances that vary by state or industry or location to determine if we are seniors yet: auto insurance, retirement homes or communities, cellphone service providers, restaurants, grocery stores, train travel, motels, senior low-income programs, museums, theaters and DMV in-person renewals.

Most disturbing, however, of all the senior-related numbers were the results of a poll that asked: At what age should women stop wearing jeans?

Stop wearing jeans? What kind of person even comes up with ideas like that?

It was decided, as a result of that poll, that age 53 is when women should hang up the denim.

I don't mind being asked if I'd like the senior discount in a restaurant. I don't mind being told I should apply for the local seniors electric bill help.

But I fear the day is coming when the pendulum swings in the other direction and we might have to prove we're young enough to buy a pair of jeans.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Which song includes the phrase, "I know" over 20 times?**
- 2. Who wrote and released "Spirit in the Sky"?**
- 3. Where did the Thompson Twins get their name?**
- 4. Who sang "I'm Never Giving Up" in a Eurovision contest?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I will love you longer than forever, Promise me that you will leave me never."**

Answers

- 1. "Ain't No Sunshine," by Bill Withers in 1971. He'd intended to write another verse instead of all the "I know" phrases but was talked into leaving it alone.**
- 2. Norman Greenbaum, in 1969. Greenbaum said he was inspired by watching Westerns on television to write the song.**
- 3. From two detectives in the comic strip "The Adventures of Tintin," who looked alike but were not twins. The Thompson Twins group was never a duo, but ranged from three to seven members.**
- 4. Sweet Dreams, in 1983. They represented the United Kingdom.**
- 5. "The Hawaiian Wedding Song," by Andy Williams, in 1958. The song was also covered by Brook Benton, Elvis Presley and others. The original song, "Ke Kali Nei Aua" ("Waiting There for Thee"), was written in 1926 by Charles E. King, a Hawaiian legislator and songwriter.**

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

Many Who Would Not Celebrate the Victory in WWII WWII July 30 – August 14, 1945

On August 14, 1945 the streets of New York and every major city in the United States were lined with thou-

sands of people who were celebrating the end of WWII. The worst war in history was over but many did not feel like celebrating. The mothers and families who had lost loved ones were grieving. There were many even in little Morgan County. Sixty-four men had died and many more were wounded for a lifetime due to this terrible conflict.

There was a cruiser, the U.S.S. Indianapolis that was assigned a special mission to deliver an important component to the atomic bomb that was to be dropped on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. They dropped the part off in Tinian, one of the Mariana Islands, and then headed for the Philippines. Around 400 miles west of Guam a Japanese submarine (I-58) had been tracking the big cruiser which Hashimoto thought was big enough to be a battleship. They fired all six torpedoes and two hit the Indianapolis.

In just two weeks the worst war in history would be over, but here on July 30, 1945 the worst sea disaster in American naval history would take place where the U.S.S. Indianapolis went down. The Navy high command needed a scape goat so they settled on Captain McVay who to his astonishment found himself the first American captain ever brought to trial for losing his ship in battle.

Dan Kurzman, author of "Fatal Voyage, The Sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis" tells the story of the 1,200 men who fought for their lives for five days before they were rescued by three destroyers but many sailors had perished before they came to their rescue.

It had to be hell in the waters of the Philippine Sea. Many men were injured severely when the torpedoes hit the ship and their blood drew many sharks to them. No one knew how many of the 884 men were attacked by sharks or how many drowned. If the rescue had come sooner more men would have been saved.

Captain McVay was in a raft with nine other men and one was Ortha Alton Havino. Havino was a Christian and he prayed to God to save them and he would enter the ministry when he got home. Even when most of the men in the raft had seemingly given up Havino did not give up on God and when they saw a ship coming toward them, he said, "I told you we would be saved." Havino was ecstatic that God had answered his prayers.

Captain McVay had led the men on his raft in the Lord's prayer, and several men had joined Havino in turning to God and almost entirely relying on Him. If he wasn't going to save them, then at least receive them with open arms.

One sailor on his raft didn't even want to board the ship (U.S.S. Doyle) unless he was "guaranteed" a drink of water.

"Son," a voice from the ship's bridge called out, "we have all the water you can drink."

Life was almost over on Ensign Donald Blum's raft when around 1:30 am Friday they were caught in the glare of a power-

over. This was a real tragedy that Captain McVay got blamed for. The question is should he have been blamed? Just like when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor two men were blamed for the attack. Someone has to take the blame but it isn't right. Captain Charles McVay was not to blame for the sinking of the Indianapolis.

Captain McVay was court-martialed for failing to zigzag the ship when war was still going on. It was shown that McVay's trial was primarily a public relations gesture, and now the Navy's mismanagement of the incident haunts the pentagon to this day.

McVay had a perfect record in the Navy until his ship was sunk. What the captain hated most was losing his men. So many of his crew, his boys were dead and he had been their skipper. Ortha Alton Havino was determined to keep the vow he had made to God. He had to get two jobs at first to live but in 1951 he enrolled in Wayne Bible College and four years later he was ordained a minister.

Many of the men had nightmares and a few committed suicide.

After Captain McVay's wife died he explained battling long periods of depression and thoughts of so many men in his crew dying he shot himself with his service revolver. Not only was the Indianapolis the worst sea disaster for the Navy but possibly it was its worst moral disaster as well.



ful light. An amplified voice then rumbled in the night, "Who are you?"

Someone on the raft cried, "We are from the Indianapolis."

Ensign Jack Brown who was in a whale boat from the U.S.S. Bassett the second ship to reach the disaster site was skeptical. He thought if a heavy cruiser had been sunk, we would have known about it. They might be Japs passing as Americans.

So, the whale boat started picking the men up and taking them aboard the Bassett. In all 316 men were rescued and taken to the little island of Palau. Before they were flown to Pearl Harbor and later home.

The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6th, a day after the Indianapolis survivors were picked up, and on August 14th the war was

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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

I had to finish this book by reverting to my favorite book of the entire Bible. No gentile woman has taught me more about my faith in Jesus Christ, quite like the Moabite Ruth.

The pattern of Jewish inheritance and gentile reward, is illuminated in the characters of the book of Ruth. The kinsman redeemer principle in the life of Boaz our hero, points to Messiah being able to redeem Israel in the person of Naomi, and we gentile virgin brides, in the life of our heroine Ruth.

Ruth is the heart of God on display like no other book in history. Every character begins their story with the mercy of God being offered. Those who accept mercy, receive the unwavering grace of God.

Ruth is a descendant of Lot. He is the nephew of Abraham. He is rescued twice by his uncle, establishing the biblical pattern of how God views the apple of his eye: Israel.

The majority of Israel indeed denied their Messiah and King at Christ's first advent, Revelation is the story of God chastening Israel back under the blood of his Lamb forever. Christ's inheritance is to sit upon the throne of David in Jerusalem for 1000 years.

The kingdom of God will once again be with men. The kingdom from heaven is prophesied to come when Messiah returns with 10000 of his saints at the end of the time of Jacob's trouble. This is a specific 7-year period, characterized by peace for 3 ½ years in Israel, and war engulfing the entire earth for 3 ½ years.

The kingdom of God, is one where Jew and gentile are living in harmony together as Messiah places kings and priests in charge of all the nations of the earth who survive the tribulation. These king-priests are identified by Messiah as those saints redeemed by the blood of the Lamb during the gentile church age.

Jesus Christ was promised the throne of David by God the father. David was told by God that his offspring would rule over all the nations of the earth from Jerusalem. Has this ever occurred in history?

On the contrary. The sword has never departed from the house of David, since God said it would not until Shiloh comes. Shiloh is Yeshua Ha Mashiach. We gentiles refer to him as Jesus Christ.

Ruth is the gentile great grandmother of King David. Her story is woven into the Hebrew Old Testament to illustrate how God always intended to adopt gentiles into the Jewish vine and so save humanity.

Her new life begins with a question from her mother-in-law after the patriarchs of the family have all died. Naomi suggests she do what most would do, return to her ancestors after learning about the God of Israel. Her reply should be our reply.

Your people are my people and your God indeed shall be my God! No replacement theology here. Ruth's humility in believing in Naomi's God should be a lesson to all of us. Salvation has always been of the Jew first and then the gentile Greek.

Why? Because the God of the Bible delights in making and keeping his promises. What God said has never changed. How men view what God said changes each time a person does what is right in their own eyes, and leaves the Bible in a drawer.

Teaching has become a lost art, as preachers look to indoctrinate their members to whatever doctrines they feel are most impor-

Ruth

tant. Jesus Christ warned believers not to depart from either edge of the two-edged sword of the word of God.

Found in the stories of the Old Testament are characters who completely understood God's plan to redeem creation to himself. Ruth is most important to understand as a gentile believer. Ruth deals the death blow to those who believe God has replaced and forsaken the nation called Israel.

Boaz the kinsman redeemer is concerned with not only taking Ruth as his bride, but he also redeems Naomi's land and her inheritance as a descendant of Judah from Bethlehem.

Both the gentile bride and the land and kingdom of David are redeemed in the story of Ruth, and that is the story Messiah tells in the book of Revelation. God has always intended to redeem national Israel and gentile unbelievers through the blood of Jesus Christ.

The Bible is bookended with prophecies from the first man anointed in history with the gift of teaching. Enoch holds the distinction of setting the tone for all study of prophecy. His first revelation is from God about the future of his son. This prophecy points to the coming flood.

Enoch bookends our Bible. The prophecy in the book of Jude pointing to the return of Jesus Christ from heaven with 10000 of his saints, clears up the doctrine of the rapture. The saints had to be removed prior to returning from heaven with Christ at the end of the 7-year time of Jacob's trouble.

Enoch is removed prior to the flood occurring. The bride of Christ will be removed prior to God chastening Israel! Israel will indeed look upon him whom they have pierced, and cry Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Zechariah proves this!

Enoch sets the standard for true biblical teachers. Uncompromising with God's single plan of redemption. That plan was outlined and codified in the Old Testament as it was revealed to holy men of God who most often perished at the hands of religious men, hell bent on getting wealthy and selling the message of salvation.

Enoch believed God and it was accounted unto him as righteousness. As a teacher of scripture, I must hold tight to the words of God contained within the pages of our Bible, and forgo human traditions men cling to in pagan churches.

Teaching is my calling. I offer freely what God offered freely. Mercy and grace are my eternal reward. I will teach the Bible, until I meet Enoch in heaven.

I will worship Jesus Christ alone, until God calls me home.

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 10-01-2022

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

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

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Historically Speaking

The Anderson County Poor Farm: 1895-1963

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

This Historically Speaking column is brought to us by Leo York, a fellow historian, located in Claxton, TN. He was instrumental in getting the Anderson County Poor Farm recognized by a historical marker from the Tennessee Historical Commission. I was pleased to be at the unveiling of that marker and asked Leo to write this column. Enjoy learning more about our area's history.

A place to care for the poor, the elderly, the insane and the mentally and physically handicapped has always been a societal need for the people. Early in our state's history our elected officials enacted merciful legislation to grant local bodies the ability to create an almshouse or Poor Farm to care for the less fortunate.

Anderson County has had at least two different poor farms. There was a small 56-acre farm in Pop Hollow along Spring Street north of Clinton which closed in 1888. Poor Farms were originally created to care for those that could not care for themselves. The able-bodied poor were sold or auctioned off by the local government being placed in indentured servitude and worked alongside enslaved blacks. Servitude was a practice held over from the English and was continued here in the United States through and after the American Civil War.

A notation in the Anderson County Quarterly Court Minutes of 1864 transcribed:

“Sale of paupers of Anderson County for the year 1864
Rowan Clear keeps Polly Loyston at \$100 per annum

Wm Raines to keep Jane Smith at \$100 per annum and John Raines and wife at \$140 per annum
Solomon Brummet to keep Susan and Sally Argubrite at \$200 per annum

Nancy Elliott to keep Thomas Elliott for \$80 per annum

WW Talley to keep James Cruse, Polly Raines, Nancy Cogbern, and James Cogbern at \$270 per annum”

There are no records of what became of those who were sold into indentured servitude or of what their life experiences may have been. We can only speculate what this life held.

Anderson County's second poor farm was founded after a search by Arvil Taylor, Dolf Lowe and Sam Moore, farm commissioners appointed by the squires of the Anderson County Quarterly Court (forerunner of county commission.) Five different farms were evaluated. The 390-acre Stephen Bradley Farm located near the Emery Road and the Lea Ferry Trail (now the renamed Old Emory Road and Blockhouse Valley Roads) became available through Bradley descendant Sarah 'Sallie' McKamey Kincaid.

The land was still a working farm with all the buildings, barns, sheds, silos and farm implements available to continue the planting and harvesting without interruption. The county erected six two-room cottages for the inmates and a larger house for the superintendent and his family. This house had a communal kitchen and long dining hall where inmates and hired farmhands were served their meals collectively.

The most fertile land was the approximate 100 acres along the Clinch River. Bushels of corn, beans, potatoes, beets, turnips, and other produce was grown for farm usage and for market. Farming was a lucrative local industry prior to the Industrial Revolution. Pork and beef were sold to local packing companies. Profits exceeding operational needs were turned over to the county coffers.

While profitable the farms primary directive was to care for the lone 95-year-old widow. The farm was created to provide housing for the 8-year-old abandoned boy with birth defects. It was created to house the insane, the deaf, the blind and the illiterate. Here were housed those with incurable contagious diseases such as syphilis and tuberculosis.

The first cottages built to house the inmates at the Poor farm had according to records, “iron cages and 7-foot-high fences to keep the inmates in”. The farm was no utopian haven or sanctuary in those early years.

On July 1, 1895, 17 inmates were slated to be the first residents of the second poor farm. Nancy Cogbern, James Cruze, John Hamilton, Susan Hankins (col), Mary Claxton, Mrs. Hardy Martin, Henry Lea (col), Temperance Duncan (col), Richard McQueen, Martha Morrow, Mrs. Scarbrough, James Beets plus five unidentified children were the first of many over the next seven decades. The superintendent along with his wife changed frequently often serving only a one-year term.

The following is an excerpt from the unpublished memoir of Delia Grace Cox pinned in 1986.

“At the time of their marriage in June of 1896, Father was Superintendent (the title might have been ‘overseer’) of the Anderson County Poor Farm for indigent. It was a productive farm, I think just east of the Clinch River and both men and women, black and white, could live there while in dire need. They all worked unless severely crippled; the men on the farm and the women in housekeeping

and what women did in that day.

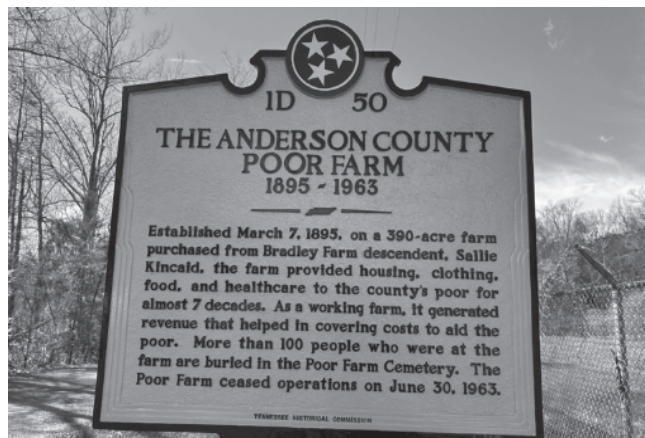
“The superintendent was paid a salary in addition to housing and food. There was one large building which contained the superintendent's living quarters, a kitchen for preparing meals for all and a large dining room for the ‘inmates’ as Mother called the indigents. The superintendent's living quarters had a private dining room but had the same food prepared for all.

“The indigents were housed in small cottages instead of in one large building. I think each cottage had two rooms and each person had a separate room for his use, except a husband and wife would use the same room. Most of the people were older and for some good reason had come to want. Mother spoke well of two black women who helped in the kitchen.

“I don't remember how large the superintendent's apartment was, but believe it had a dining room and two other rooms to be used as wished. Each person kept his/her own room, except when too ill. Mother laughed about it but had to endure some jokes about getting married and moving to the ‘Poor House.’

“Too, in later years, we were warned about being wasteful and ‘dying in the poor house.’ Father finished out his contract for one year there and moved away.”

The Quarterly Court appointed a county phy-



Anderson County Poor Farm Historical Marker

sician annually. Most served for several years. Drs John Clear, Sam Taylor and J.M. Cox at differing intervals were assigned the duties of providing healthcare to the poor farm inmates. Rounds were by horseback or surrey in the early years. “Nursing” care was provided by the matron, the superintendents wife (an unpaid position).

The population of inmates, it was once warned and quite possibly at other times, by the county physician must be reduced immediately as scarlet fever was running dangerously high and was rampant among the children. Illegitimate births were not uncommon despite attempts to keep the inmates separated. A drunken hired farm hand was once found in a compromising state with an already pregnant inmate. With this discovery calls from the Quarterly Court were demanded of the poor farm management to resign.

Women from the neighboring church congregations of Farmers Grove, Zion and New Salem would visit and bring with them clothing, quilts, and other treats. Sometimes it was just a comforting hand or voice loaned for a brief but caring moment. At other times they were there to administer to the needs of the sick, the dying or the dead.

The court did not employ the expenses of an undertaker as it is noted that a line is drawn through that box on the death certificates. The earliest records noted that the construction of a wood coffin could earn the builder \$3.00. The cost of burial was set at no more than \$15.00. There is a cemetery there on the old Poor Farm not far from the river on a wooded knoll next to the railway tracks. Well over 100 graves are there the majority marked by a small shard of marble with no information inscribed identifying who is buried in those graves.

John Yarber is buried there. He was about eight years old when he was left in 1897 at the farm to the care of strangers by his parents. The extent of his congenital disorder was not recorded. He could not read or write when he signed up for the draft for World War I. He was denied enlistment as he had a “withered hand and aortic heart disease”. John died at age 38 spending almost the entirety of his life at the Poor Farm. Who were his parental figures over the years? The position of superintendent and his wife changed frequently. We can only speculate that life for John as a child, as a teen, as a young adult had to be wrought with difficulties. John is buried in an unidentified grave.

Rhoda Frost Horton was buried here in 1909. Her term of stay at the poor farm was not determined. Her reason for being here was never revealed. Rhoda was married to Richard Horton a confederate soldier who at wars end abandoned her and their four minor sons moving to Kentucky to remarry. Rhoda may have suffered from dementia with family being fearful of her “out of her right mind” statements. She may have had TB. There are no records showing her reason for placement at the farm. Rhoda's grave is the only grave in the Poor Farm Cemetery marked with a headstone giving her identity.

Temperance Duncan died that same year in 1909. Tempy was one of those two black womenfolk mentioned earlier that helped in the kitchen and with the housekeeping. Tempy was born in 1813. She gained her emancipation

with the end of the American Civil War. She was one of the very first placed here in 1895 at age 82. She was 96 when she died the result of a stroke. She is now buried here in an unidentified grave marked by a small shard of marble.

Long time railway worker James Graham of Clinton retired to the poor farm from Southern Railway with tuberculosis. He worked for years side by side with his sons. Now at 74 he was isolated from his sons and his grandchildren. His wife had already passed. James lived for two months after coming to the farm then died and was buried in the Poor Farm Cemetery. His grave with no identifying information.

Frank Seagraves as reported by the Anderson County News, Saturday, July 8, 1905 “...aged 19, was drowned in the Clinch River Saturday, near the county poor farm, at which he had been an inmate for more than a year. The circumstances of the drowning while presumably accidental is unknown as no one was with him at the time. His clothes were found in a boat some distance from the body, and he was probably drowned while in the act of bathing, as he could not swim.

The body was found several hours after his clothes were discovered. Seagraves was a mental unfortunate being subject to frequent epileptic attacks which rendered him incapable of performing labor. For several years he peddled newspapers on the streets of Clinton until his disease grew with age and he became a helpless charge of the county. His remains were buried Sunday afternoon at the county farm.”

The Prophet of Oak Ridge, John Hendrix was briefly confined here at the Poor Farm. He was considered by some to be insane. He talked of massive plants in the Bear Creek Valley with railways and an influx of people to Robertsville and Scarbrough. A Great War would be impacted by what took place here. John didn't stay long he dug out, the iron cages and seven-foot fences could not contain him. He prophesied to those that pursued him that “that evil place will burn down”. And burn it did.

George Searle was here in 1910. He was born in England and migrated to the United States gaining citizenship in 1880. George was 74 and widowed when he came to the farm. We wonder how someone that was born in England was now nearing the end at a poor farm in Anderson County. His story ran cold as his paper trail ended abruptly.

There are no records or logs listing those who became inmates at the County Poor Farm. Most of the information has been found within the Anderson County Quarterly Court minutes that are in large red bound books in the county archives. Some of the poor farm deaths are mentioned in those minutes as reported by the county physician. Hundreds of death certificates reviewed from 1914 up through 1956 revealed another group of recorded deaths and burials. Approximately 60 names of the approximately 110 graves have been identified and are maintained on a list.

The highest number of residents at the poor farm was during the years of the Great Depression. With a normal average of 17 inmates that numbered ballooned to an average of 35. Some souls were here for a very brief period then moved on. Others spent decades or their entire lives here. The 1940 and 1950 US Census showed whole family groups taking refuge here. Hired farm hands lived with their family in tenant housing on the farm.

The children of inmates, hired hands, and of the superintendent, could attend school at the very near one room York School. When this school closed in the late 1920's, attendance was offered at Claxton and South Clinton Elementary Schools. School was not always mandatory. The 1940 census noted that a 16-year-old boy had only advanced to the 6th grade and a 14-year-old girl had advanced only to the 4th grade.

The Poor Farm Cemetery has been forgotten, neglected, and abandoned now for decades. Only a small hand full of visitors have sought its location. One vandal did visit sometime between 2015 and 2020. That person took the time to smash the one headstone there. The headstone of Ronda Horton the only marked and identified grave was desecrated. This cemetery and the adjacent Bradley Family Cemetery have recently been recorded with the office of the County Property Assessor. Signs and corner posts to mark the boundaries of the cemetery have recently been placed.

The Poor Farm Cemetery is located on a part of the original farm that was purchased by the Tennessee Valley Authority in the early 1960's for the impoundment of Melton Hill Lake. The deed mentions the construction of an access road to be built by TVA to the cemetery. No footprint of that road is presently visible. A record for the roads construction has not been discovered. This same piece of land was annexed by the City of Oak Ridge, year unknown.

The term inmate used to refer to the residents of the poor farm sounds most harsh. It is however the term used throughout the court records, census records, death certificates and in news articles. The Poor Farm was officially closed June 30, 1963. Care for the county's poor has evolved over the years. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, subsidized housing, health departments, child and family services, nursing homes and other county, state and federal agencies have taken over that role.

Thanks Leo, for that excellent history of Anderson County Poor Farm. As you pointed out the site is within the city limits of Oak Ridge as those limits cross over the Clinch River/Melton Hill Lake at that portion of land.

2 Peter Chapter 2

(2 Peter 2:1-3) Prophecy concerning false teachers: A looming heresy involved a denial of Christ (v.1) and ridiculed the promise of his return (3:3-4). Certain teachers were consumed with fleshly lusts and despised divine authority. They were rebels---sneaky, reckless, and bold in their opposition to truth. They lived more on the animal level than as godly human beings (10-12). These peddlers of error delighted in seducing and taking captive ignorant souls, all the while promising them freedom to live independently of the will of God (v.14, 18-19). They were church outlaws!

The text begins with “but” (an adversative particle), intended to distinguish what follows from a previous affirmation. The apostle had just alluded to men who “spoke from God” and were “moved by the Holy Spirit” (1:20-21). He then described those of a different character, “false teachers,” who would be reflections of certain “false prophets” who were “among” God’s people in the Old Testament era (v.15). “False teacher” suggests the idea of deception---that which is not true, hence it deceives. It is an assault against the “God of truth” (Psa. 31:5; Isa. 65:16). A false teacher is disingenuous in character and in the composition of his message.

The apostle declares that these false teachers will arise “among you,” “in your midst.” Some suggest that the future tense is rhetorical and that these teachers were among them already. A key issue among religious scholars is whether these teachers were church members who were genuine in their conversion initially, or they were mere pretenders who never embraced the gospel. Calvinists contend they were simply “professing Christians” ---otherwise, the dogma of the “impossibility of apostasy” must be surrendered. This allegation, however, contradicts the explicit testimony of the text. The nature of the teaching is described as “destructive heresies.” Heresy denotes an aberrant doctrine that one chooses which tends to polarize, thus producing a distinctive “sect” (Acts 5:17; 15:5). The teaching stands in opposition to “the way of truth” (v.2). It is “destructive” in that it leads to eternal punishment for both the teacher and the convert. “Destruction” is not extinction, but everlasting separation from the mighty God (2 Thes. 1:7-9).

There are a number of traits the serious student must consider regarding these teachers. Peter declares they will “deny the Master that bought them.” The term “bought” literally means to purchase something (Mt. 27:7), but the term is employed metaphorically on several occasions “to describe the redemption of Christians,” as in this text (1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; Rev. 5:9; 14:3-4; also Acts 20:28, through a different verb is employed). There is no reason, apart from a sectarian predisposition, to assign some exotic significance to “bought” in this passage. Clearly the most natural meaning is to see the language in the same contextual sense as his affirmation in the preceding epistle, namely that Christians have been “redeemed” or “bought” with the “precious blood” of Christ (1 Pet. 1:18-19). Moreover, the denial was of their “Master,” which implies the master-servant relationship and clearly signifies that at one time they had submitted to Christ as their Lord.

The influence of these heretics would be devastating. Many church members would follow their lascivious (sexually immoral) teachings, thus causing the Christian “way of truth” to be verbally abused (v.2). Greed was a part of their motive as well. With insincere messages they would sell out their own brethren. The judgment they deserved was lurking nearby like a ravenous beast ready to pounce.

(2 Peter 2:4-11) Historical examples of divine punishment: Several historical examples of Jehovah’s intolerance of unrestrained wickedness are now mentioned. (a) Angels who rebelled against God were cast from heaven into “hell,” Tartarus, a place of temporal punishment until the time of final “judgment” (v.4). (b) The ungodly of the “ancient world” were not spared (with the exception of Noah’s family), but were destroyed by universal flood (v.5). (c) The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were turned into ashes as an “example” of the consequences of living “ungodly” lives (sexual debauchery). Only “righteous” Lot, who was distressed about the constant lawlessness, and his family were spared (6-8).

The apostle declared that the Lord has the knowledge and the desire to deliver

godly people from temptation (1 Cor. 10:13). At the same time, his justice dictates that the “unrighteous” be kept under punishment unto the day of judgment. The verbal force is that they enter a state of punishment at death and remain in that condition until the day of judgment, at which time the punishment will be intensified (body and soul) (Mt. 10:28) eternally (v.9). The wicked dead are not unconscious, nor will they be extinguished eventually.

Especially will this judgment fall most severely upon those who have been false teachers corrupt themselves and corrupting of others; they are people who despise authority (v.10). These rebels are brazen and headstrong; they have neither respect for nor fear of rulers in high places. Not even angel, of much greater power, resort to such recklessness in the presence of the Lord. The arrogance of these purveyors of error is astounding (v.11).

(2 Peter 2:12-22) A close-up of renegades: In the strongest of language, Peter depicts these heretics as irrational and beast-like, fit only for destruction. They are abusive and utterly without ordinary understanding; they are destructive of others, and will end up destroying themselves (v.12). They will reap the consequences of their own actions. These false teachers are so unrestrained, they are wild even in the daytime; they are dirty stains, ugly and corrupting, reveling in the fact that they deceive their Christian brothers while mingling with them in social activities (v.13).

The heretics are grossly immoral, crossing all boundaries in sexual promiscuity, with eyes that bulge with adulterous desire; they are addicted to indulgence. They seduce souls with weak spiritual constitutions. They have trained their hearts in greed; their nature has become such that they are fit only for a divine curse (v.14). A historical example will illustrate their apostasy. Like Balaam of Old Testament infamy, who forsook the “right way” for the sake of money (Num. 22), even so these corrupters have “loved the way of wrong doing” (v.15). The inspired apostle endorses the frequently ridiculed incident of Balaam’s donkey rebuking his master with a human voice. Of course, infidels, religious and otherwise, seek to emasculate the biblical record of anything miraculous, though their efforts are but a speck of dust in the wind.

The false teachers under review are “springs without water,” dried-up springs, promising much, delivering nothing. “Mists” hint of rain but are not substantive. Their reserved doom is the densest of darkness (v.17). The teaching of these heretics was void of valuable content yet clothed in boasting; it was poisonous, appealing to lusts of the flesh in seductive ways. Prime candidates for their mischief were those who were “just escaping” from the world of “error” (v.18). New converts are very vulnerable to false teaching. The false teachers promised “liberty,” while they themselves are enslaved to corruption. One is a slave of anything he allows to master him (v.19). The first-century apostates were not the last ones to proclaim a false “liberty”; some today echo the same sentiments in their attempt to free themselves of the restraints of the law of Christ!

Peter described the false teachers as previously having escaped “the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” Also, they had known “the way of righteousness; and, turned from the holy commandment delivered unto them” (v.20-2). If language means anything at all, one simple cannot avoid the conclusion that these perverters of truth had been right with God previously, but had abandoned their commitment. Their “last state” then is “worse” than the first, and will bring a greater degree of punishment (Heb. 10:28-29). Far better it would be had they never known the gospel than to turn away from it and pervert it---as many have done, both in the ancient and modern worlds. Peter illustrates apostasy with two graphic and unpleasant metaphors---the dog consuming its own regurgitation and the recently washed hog wallowing in the filthy mire again (v.22). Repudiating one’s faith is absolutely disgusting!

The inspired apostles knew of the multitude of false ways, but today the religious ignorant call all of these false ways “the denomination of your choice”.



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The Garden Bug
Planting alstroemeria

Also known as Peruvian lily plants or “Lily of the Incas,” alstroemeria like well-draining soil and lightly filtered sunshine. Whether you are adding these plants to your garden or placing them into a container, place them so that the soil level on the root ball is even with the surrounding soil. Alstroemeria plants tend to be a bit thirsty and produce the greatest number of flowers when given generous amounts of water.

— Brenda Weaver
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For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

2 JOHN 1:7,8

Putin Blinks in Attempted Rebellion



Michael Nance
Columnist

The War in Ukraine is beginning to take its toll on Putin's cling to power.

Recent news suggests that the feud between Putin and the chief of his private mercenary corps, commander Yevgeny Prigozhin has reached a climax. Prigozhin began to ratchet up his rhetoric against the traditional military complex many months ago. He has accused the Russian military of incompetence, poor planning, and purposely denying the Wagner Mercenary Group from ammunition and supplies.

The Wagner Group has a reputation of having its leadership ranks composed of former special forces fighters, and as of recent, many former Russian convicts as foot soldiers. Almost any Russian progress in Ukraine has been linked to the Wagner Group. Despite Prigozhin's rocky relationship with the Russian Military, things didn't turn really ugly until a Wagner Group base was bombed by Russia on 23 June. Afterwards, Wagner mercenary forces captured Rostov-on-Don a port city from the Russian Military, seemingly without any resistance. Rostov-on-Don was a key Russian military base, and the surrounding area is home to more than a million people. Some reports indicate that after Wagner's capture of the base, Russian attack helicopters engaged Wagner forces, apparently with little success.

Wagner forces quickly mobilized and apparently began a "March to Moscow." Prigozhin called this movement a "march for justice." Prigozhin's self reported aim of the march was to overthrow Russian military leadership which he alleges is misleading Putin and incompetently incapable of leading the war effort. Prigozhin's forces are estimated at 25,000 troops with

advanced military equipment. The Wagner Group's fighters are considered much more capable than Russian conscripts, so Putin had to see this as a serious challenge to power.

Considering that Ukraine is in the beginning stages of a counteroffensive, the internal fighting between Wagner and Putin spells almost certain doom for Russian

forces on the battlefield and may be yet another burden on Putin's grip on power. Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine John Herbst stated on CNN "Putin has been diminished for all time by this affair."

Many experts of Putin indicate that he will not forgive Prigozhin and hint that a resignation attempt is probably in the future. If Prigozhin stays alive in Belarus Putin's ego and his ability to govern are both in peril.

Putin has proved the experts wrong many times in his cling to power. Most have predicted he would not have lasted this long. But the internal challenge from his most effective soldiers and the Ukrainian counteroffensive are surely to push him into a corner.

One thing is for certain, the next few weeks will be critical for the War in Ukraine and we will see unusual events unfold!



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Putin initially took to his nation's citizens in a televised speech where he labeled the rebellion a "betrayal" and "treason." Putin later softened his stance by stating that his highest goal was "to avoid bloodshed and internal confrontation with unpredictable results."

So, Putin blinked in this standoff. As it was later reported that the criminal case against Prigozhin would be dropped. Also, the Russian Press Secretary, Dmitry Peskov, stated that Prigozhin would go into exile in Belarus and that no Wagner fighters would be prosecuted as a result of the recent events.

The agreement for Prigozhin and his mercenary leadership to be exiled in Belarus was brokered by Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko.

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“COLLECTING THE MAGIC”

By Richard Spears

On Friday, June 23 at the Christian Care Center in Oneida, a rare and momentous event took place, as a new book, “Hometown Poems” was launched, containing photos, artwork and poems from over 100 local artists, curated and edited by Scott County de facto Poet Laureate Cheyanne Leonardo, who also serves as founder of Little Town Poets Society.

In partnership with Appalachian Society of the Arts, Leonardo stated, “So here I am. Doing what I believe I was always meant to do. Collecting the magic— the hopes, dreams, memories, and stories that belong to the place I’ve always called home—and sharing it with the world, through the eyes and voices of the folks who make it so special. The best part? Over 100 people of all ages joined me in making this project a reality.”

The front and back cover artwork for “Hometown Poems” was created by Oneida Elementary student Rylan Duncan (pictured), who also contributed a poem. Rylan’s mother, Stephanie, an Oneida High School instructor, read one of her works from the book.

A large crowd was gathered to listen to many of the authors read their poems from “Hometown Poems— A South Fork Country Anthology of Poetry.” Ace Glaspy, who serves as President of the Appalachian Arts

Society, and his wife Ashlee (pictured) both presented readings of their works.

Cheyanne Leonardo stated, “It’s amazing that we had so many people participate in this creation. This book is truly one of a kind.” In the foreword to “Hometown Poems,” she said, “It is my absolute honor to bring this collection of poetry and images into being, to preserve a snapshot of our little town— just as it exists right now—to last beyond our lifetimes.” Leonardo read one of her pieces, a tribute to the O&W Bridge, which appropriately speaks to the Appalachian dweller’s sense of place, as it concludes: “between being here and going back old o&w bridges the gap defines the map marking every rocky cliffside we call our own. let us tell it on the mountaintop! that bridge is home.”

Copies of “Hometown Poems” are available in Oneida at The Black Cat on Main Street, also Phillips Merle Norman on Alberta Street, as well as the McCreary County Library, for \$25 per copy. The book can also be purchased by visiting the site cheyanneleonardo.com/contact for \$25 plus shipping. For continuing information, visit appalachiansocietyofthearts.com and cheyanneleonardo.com/littletownpoetsociety



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