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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
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# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl



Guess what? It's my birthday week,

y'all! Mimi and Pap say that they can't believe that I will be 4 years old.

Does that mean that I will be 28, in dog years? I don't know about all that stuff. I still feel like a puppy. Everyone says that a girl isn't supposed to tell their age. Well, I am proud to say that I am 4! You know every single day is a blessing, from the Lord.

Happy Birthday, to me. Happy Birthday, to me. Happy Birthday, to me.

So if you see me this week, say Happy Birthday, Ms Avery Pearl!

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

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING**

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.

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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## In Loving Memory

### Glen Baxter Trail

Glen Baxter Trail, of Petros, TN, passed away on June 4, 2023.



He was preceded in death by his Son, Wade Trail; and sister, Della Long.

He is survived by his wife, Shelby; son, Warren Trail; sisters: Barbara Massengale and Judy Franklin; and brothers: Bobby Nun-

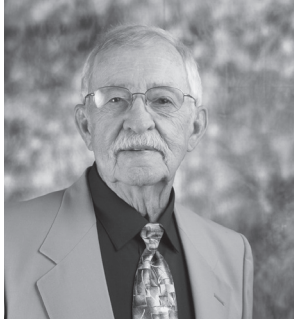
ley and George Nunley.

There will be a graveside service Wednesday June 7, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Petros Cemetery in Petros, TN with Dr. Jim West officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Baxter Trail.

### Daniel Hiram Garrett

Daniel Hiram Garrett went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, June 7. He was a member and deacon of Elizabeth Baptist Church.



He was preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Mae Garrett; brothers Billy Joe and Bill Chitwood; sisters Lillian Hamby and Zella Garrett.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Brenda Hamby Garrett. Sons - Alan (Deanna), Kevin (Sheila) of Lancing and Chad (Monica) of Rockwood. Four grandchildren whom he adored and was so proud of Emily, Kara, Daniel and Hayden. One sister, Charlene Tice of North Carolina and one sister-in-law, Rose Chitwood of Connecticut. A host of nieces and nephews as well as his Church family.

Daniel was an active member of the Morgan County Bass Anglers.

He was an avid gardener and fisherman. He enjoyed his yearly fishing trip with his sons to Lake Okeechobee.

Daniel was active in the community serving as president of the Wartburg youth football league for many years and creating the first youth junior pro basketball in Morgan County. He was also active in the Storehouse Ministries.

The family will receive friends Saturday, June 10, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00-2:30 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:30 p.m. Interment will follow in the Elizabeth Cemetery in Lancing with full military honors. Bro. Buster Armes and Bro. Richard Parker officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Elizabeth Cemetery (106 Ada Bishop Road, Lancing, TN 37770).

### Nathan Tyler Johnson, 27

Nathan Tyler Johnson was born on March 12, 1996, in Lebanon, Tn. He moved to Morgan County at the age of 2 and graduated from Coalfield High School in 2014. He passed away June 5, 2023. He was an avid hunter and fish-



erman. He loved taking his boys fishing and loved taking funny snapchat pictures with his daughter. His little ones were his absolute pride and joy.

He is survived by his sons Leelynn Tyler Johnson, Kaleb Trace Johnson and their mother Jahalya Armes; daughter Emery Rose Johnson and her mother Haley Cox; mother Mi-

chelle (Chris) Schaar; father Edward (Misty) Johnson, Jr.; brothers Daniel Orié Johnson, Daniel Austin Schaar and Conner Houston Johnson; grandparents Dwight and Pama Fuqua and Edward and Edna Johnson and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and many special friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 8, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Nathan Tyler Johnson.

### Howard William Gosnell

On June 7, 2023, Howard William Gosnell went home to be with his Lord and Savior. He was a member of Pilot Mountain Missionary Baptist Church. Howard retired from Highland Telephone Cooperative after 42 years of hard work and



dedication. He was an avid antique car collector. Of his car collection, he was particularly fond of his 1964 ½ Ford Mustang. Howard loved sports especially football, racing, and boxing and had many stories to tell reminiscing about his glory days, but most of all Howard was a devoted Christian family man.

Gosnell; special niece Melissa (Randy) Winegar; grandchildren Elaine (Adam) Walden, Troy Gosnell, Tori (Jessie) England, Meghan (Justin) Dagley, Alisha (Ryan) Helton, Matt (Melissa) West, and Autumn Nagy; great

grandchildren Levi & Chloe England, Logan & Kinsley Walden, Braylee & Teylee Dagley, Brody & Brielle West; brother and sister-in-law Glen (Carlene) Gosnell; sister Wilma Bertram and a host of many other nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his daughter Serita Gosnell; parents Burl & Blanche Gosnell; father-in-law & mother-in-law Sam & Glenna Scott; grandson Grant Gosnell; brother James Gosnell; sister Charlene Shaffer and Godson Billy White.

The family will receive friends Sunday, June 11, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Randy Winegar and Rev. Josh Baldwin officiating. Interment will follow in the Wartburg Cemetery in Wartburg.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years Ruby Gosnell; son and daughter-in-law Harry (Tammy)

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Howard William Gosnell.

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

#### NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Morgan County Highway Department will receive sealed annual bids for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Products must meet all state specifications and be able to comply with all state regulations. ANNUAL BID must be printed on the outside of the envelope on bid. The Morgan County Highway Department is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate. More information can be obtained from the Highway Department office at 3519 Morgan County Highway Wartburg, TN from 7am-5pm, Monday - Thursday. You may also contact us by phone at 423-346-6661. Sealed bids will be publicly opened on June 15, 2023 at

10am on the following categories:

- Asphalt-Hot Mix
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- Crushed Stone
- Road Striping
- Salt

\*\*\*The Morgan County Highway Department reserved the right to reject any and all bids.\*\*\*

Joe H. Miller Jr.  
Morgan County Highway Superintendent



# Health Care, Hair and Politics



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

Health care and prescription drug costs in the United States are by all accounts out of control.

With health care companies banking large profits, you would hope that we could begin to see costs ease, and our health care expenses align with average American median incomes.

Well, don't hold your breath, according to a recent New York Times article, one HealthCare company in Minnesota is taking profits a step farther. Allina Health Care is a wealthy nonprofit health system operating in the Midwest United States. The company has adopted a new policy which withholds health care from patients who have unpaid medical bills.

Allina operates more than 100 hospitals and clinics in Minnesota and Wisconsin, with a gross revenue of over 3.5 billion dollars a year. With the large number of hospitals operated by Allina, and the new policy denying patients health care, many midwestern patients will not receive medical care due to their financial status.

Make no mistake, Allina's hospitals must treat anyone entering the emergency rooms, that is a requirement by federal law. But services outside of the emergency room can be denied for indebted patients, including the elderly and children.

This sounds like a problem that the governors and congressional representatives of the Midwest states should

address. The Democratic Governor of Minnesota should be able to intervene. He has connections with the wealthy nonprofit as he held a joint press conference in November of 2020, where he was joined

Covid Pandemic. According to them, this was an almost crisis level issue for the Governor and CEO. It would appear now, with history in the rear view mirror, at best that was a unfounded assertion.



by the CEO of Allina Healthcare, Penny Wheeler. In the conference they urged everyone to wear masks during the

So, we know that the governor can influence the health care company, but instead he has been worried

about hair...yes you heard me correct... hair! On February 1, 2023, he signed the CROWN Act, also known as Creating a Respective and Open World for Natural hair, into law. The law bans discrimination on a person's natural hair texture or style. According to sources, the reasoning behind the law is tied to certain groups feeling discriminated against based on their hair texture and color. The same company (Allina Healthcare) that is refusing to treat indebted patients, applauded the bill against hair discrimination on their website.

This is but one example of what is going on around our country. Instead of focusing on inconsequential issues like hair, elected leaders need to worry about the real issues that affect everyday Americans. It is noteworthy to point out that Allina Health Care makes its fair share of political contributions. According to the website: "open secrets" Allina Health Care donates to both the democrats and republicans, although the democrats appear to receive the lion's share of the donations.

This article highlights how political polarization allows our legislative bodies to waste time legislating issues like hair instead of health-care. I encourage everyone to research political candidates before you cast a vote in their favor!



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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

\* Use the measuring cups when adding detergent to the washer. It avoids using too much, which can get costly. And it will avoid residual soap left in the fabric.

\* If you use air-conditioning, use a programmable thermostat. You can set it to a higher temperature overnight, when it's naturally cooler, and have it cool down the house right about the time you'll get home, so there's no wasted energy cooling a house with no one in it.

\* When putting woody-stem flowers, such as roses, in a vase, cut the stem diagonally and whack with a small mallet. It will absorb water much better this way. -- A.R. in Mississippi

\* Save small milk cartons and wash well. Fill with water and freeze. You can use these in your picnic basket for an easy cold pack to keep foods chilled.

\* Too many suds in the sink? Try sprinkling them with salt. The foam will settle down quickly!

\* Shower rings (the hooks that hold your shower curtain to the curtain bar) can be used for lots of things: I keep one in my sewing basket to hold safety pins. It's terrific, and the pins are orderly and easy to find. -- E.L. in Utah

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

\* Amazon founder Jeff Bezos originally wanted to name the company Cadabra, but thought better of it after people kept mishearing the moniker as "cadaver."

\* The unenviable record for longest sneezing fit belongs to U.K. resident Donna Griffiths, who began "ker-chooing" Jan. 13, 1981 and by July 26 broke the previous record of 194 days. Griffiths sneezed an estimated million times in the first 365 days and finally stopped on Sept. 16, 1983, after 977 days. The exact reason behind her ordeal is still not fully clear.

\* Scientists believe Earth's core, made up primarily of iron and nickel, may be even hotter than the surface of the sun, with temperatures

reaching up to 9,932 degrees F.

\* Smoking a cigarette causes damage not in years, but minutes.

\* Speaking of smoking, a Japanese company awards employees who don't indulge in the habit an extra six days of paid leave per year.

The incentive was launched after it became clear that workers who took smoke breaks had more than 15 minutes of extra time away from their desks each day.

\* Platypuses may be cute, but are also so odd-looking that when scientists first discovered them, they thought the animal was a hoax.

\* People are 30 times more likely to laugh at something if they're with someone else.

\* In the early 20th century, ra-

dium was commonly mixed with water, sold as an over-the-counter "energy" drink under the brand name Radithor, and marketed with the slogan "A Cure for the Living Dead," until the federal government stopped its production in 1932.

\* Ancient Roman soldiers sometimes wore breastplates encrusted with diamonds in the belief that the gems offered them extra protection.

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Thought for the Day: "I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific." -- Lily Tomlin

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate    ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!  
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Potential syrup
- 4 Ship's front
- 8 Dutch cheese
- 12 Family card game
- 13 One with will power?
- 14 Cover with blacktop
- 15 Kind of stove
- 17 Mid-month date
- 18 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 19 Pie chart divisions
- 21 Exact
- 24 Fan's cry
- 25 "East of Eden" brother

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- 26 Blend
- 56 Katy Perry hit song
- 31 Baseball stats
- 28 Interior design
- 57 Hunt for Wilder's "Town"
- 6 Monet's supply
- 33 Curio cabinet
- 32 Curved molding
- 58 Wilder's "Town"
- 7 More ironic
- 35 Refusals
- 34 Signing need
- 59 Leer at Nashville venue
- 8 Disparaging term
- 38 Actor Brynner
- 36 Chicago paper, briefly
- 9 Pedestal part
- 40 Viscid medium
- 37 Irritable
- 10 Declare
- 43 Bas-relief
- 39 "Mayday!"
- 11 GI dining hall
- 45 Noah's boat
- 41 Blackbird
- 16 Slugger's need
- 46 Poi base
- 42 Summer mo.
- 1 Dine
- 20 Scoundrel
- 47 Awestruck
- 44 Orders of pancakes
- 21 Highlander
- 48 Patricia of "Hud"
- 46 Snarls
- 22 Senate staffer
- 49 Dance move
- 50 Annoy
- 23 Chill in the air
- 53 "— the ram-parts ..."
- 51 Pulitzer winner James
- 27 Ballot marks
- 54 Gigi's "yes"
- 52 Soup cooker
- 29 Eccentric
- 55 Three, in Rome
- 30 Sty cry

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# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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- ORBATU
- HANSE
- ♥ITLA
- ♥NERISH
- ISC
- WESA
- WERON
- ♥WLA
- SMUTCO
- CLATO
- ♥ENTO

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

## One million returns flagged for identity theft

The IRS flagged over 1 million tax returns for potential identity fraud.

According to the IRS, 12,617 fraudulent returns have already been discovered this year, which prevented the payment of \$105.3 million to contractors. The total confirmed returns to be fraudulent is up about 3,000 from the same time last year.

You may not know you're the victim of tax-related identity theft until you try to file a return online and learn that a return was already filed using your Social Security number. If this happens, you will be required to mail your return which will delay your refund. The IRS may also send you a letter saying it identified a suspicious return using your Social Security number. You can still claim a refund if this happens. But you must take additional steps to prove your identity to the IRS. Your refund will be delayed, which can often take many weeks.

The IRS increased the number of filters it uses to identify potentially fraudulent tax returns since the 2022 tax season. The agency used 236 filters this year, compared with 168 filters last year. Unfortunately, IRS fraud filters cause many refunds to be delayed. Tax returns identified as fraudulent by IRS filters are held during processing until the IRS can verify the taxpayer's identity.

You can prevent identity theft by requesting an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) from the IRS. Using an IP PIN will prevent someone from fraudulently using your Social Security

number and unnecessarily delaying your refund. Using an IP PIN will also prevent your refund from being delayed due to IRS fraud prevention.

The IP PIN is a six-digit number assigned to eligible taxpayers at the start of each filing season. It's known only to the taxpayer and, once issued, is needed when filing a tax return as an authentication measure.

If the IRS suspects fraud, you may receive a Letter 4883C from the IRS asking you to verify your identity within 30 days. You will need to follow the letter's instructions. The instructions will tell you to call the IRS at the phone number provided. Due to the IRS being understaffed, you may call multiple times and get the message, "Due to high caller volumes, please call back another time." It may take several attempts to get through to the IRS then and be on hold for a long time before speaking to an IRS employee.

You can prevent your return from being flagged for identity theft by using an IP PIN. Using an IP PIN will eliminate the frustration and refund delays that the identity verification process can cause.

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

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By Matilda Charles

When You've Inherited Your Parents' Belongings

If you're struggling to deal with all the things you inherited from your parents (and maybe their parents), things you've held on to for years, you're not alone. In fact, as told to me recently by an antiques dealer, there are many, many of us. And we all have the same dilemma: what to do with all that "stuff."

The answer for some of us is to determine if those items have any real monetary value and then sell them.

Coins and coin collections seem to be at the top of the list of things we unearth in our parents' possessions. Your first step: Grab a magnifying glass. If the coins are loose, go over them one by one. If the coins are encased in plastic, don't open the case. Check the date and the details on the coins

and go online. You might be surprised at their value (as I recently was to discover that a very tiny gold coin at the bottom of my father's jewelry box was worth many hundreds of dollars if sold).

Your second step, if you'd like to sell the coins: Find someone you trust. Look for someone local, not an online company. Make two or three calls and describe a few of the coins you have to gauge their reaction and what price they might offer. If you like what you hear, go see them in person. Take pictures on your phone and show them what additional coins you have, but don't take them all in at once.

There are other things you might unearth in your parents' possessions that can have value as well: watches, clocks, military medals, magazines, cut glass crystal, silverware, original Fiesta ware, fountain pens, tools, first day covers, vinyl records, rotary telephones, luggage, first edition books, etc.

Who knows? You might end up with extra cash to pay your next several electric bills or a month of groceries ... or much more.

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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- 1. Name the group that released "If You Don't Know Me By Now."**
- 2. Billy J. Kramer and The Dakotas shared a manager with which famous group?**
- 3. Name the soul family group that released "Too Late to Turn Back Now."**
- 4. Which duo wrote and released "Little Latin Lupe Lu"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Gonna run my fingers through your long black hair, Squeeze you tighter than a grizzly bear."**

## Answers

- 1. Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes, in 1972. The Recording Industry Association of America designated it a Song of the Century, ranking it up there with "The Tennessee Waltz" and "Tom Dooley."**
- 2. The Beatles. Brian Epstein managed both groups. Lennon and McCartney even gave Kramer some of their songs to record when they weren't right for the Beatles.**
- 3. Cornelius Brothers & Sister Rose, in 1972. The song was written by one of the brothers, Eddie, and topped the Cashbox chart.**
- 4. The Righteous Brothers, in 1963.**
- 5. "Stuck On You," by Elvis Presley in 1960. The song climbed charts around the globe and even took the top spot away from "Theme From a Summer Place," which had stayed at No. 1 for nine weeks.**

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# July 4, 2023



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The parade Marshall will be our WWII Veterans.

7:30-9:00am Breakfast at the Weidemann

10:45am Welcome & Opening Ceremony-Goose Lindsay

The American Legion Post 149 will present colors.

11:00am The parade will be in town. Our Korean veterans and any other service personnel are encouraged to ride along, as well as our elected and other officials.

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**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

# On the Way to See My Jesus

Death is not an easy subject to deal with but if we are a Christian, we know that our next step will be that our spirit will be taken up to Heaven. Paul outlined the details of the rapture in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, in which he wrote, 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. The term sleep here refers to the physical body of a Christian when he dies. When we die, our spirit goes immediately into the presence of Jesus Christ. Have you ever been in the presence of a person when they passed away? I have and the first was my wife Wanda that I loved dearly. Wanda had pancreatic cancer and had lived with it over 2 ½ years. I had grieved a lot before she passed away; but I'll never forget the night of February 10, 1996. The hospice nurses had already told us that Wanda had a short time to live. My mother had passed away on February 7, 1996 and I didn't go up to Tennessee to her funeral because I didn't want to leave Wanda. I would have been up there when Wanda passed away because the nurses were right on the mark.

We had our pastor and music director there, two nurses from church, and of course the hospice nurse. My daughter Robin and son Jason were in the room. At about 11:30 pm the hospice nurse told us that Wanda was going fast. They can tell. We all gathered around her bed. I held her right hand and Jason held her left hand as we prayed and then our music director (Keith Clark) said let's sing some gospel songs. He led us in "Amazing Grace," "The Old Rugged Cross," and other hymns then we stopped. Jason, my son said let's continue to sing because she had squeezed my hand and I believe she wants us to sing more. So, I led them in, "Where Could I Go But to the Lord" and other country gospel songs. At 12:21 Wanda went home to be with the Lord. She didn't make a sound. It was so peaceful and her suffering was over. Wanda had accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at the First Baptist Church in Cookeville, Tennessee during a revival there. She told me about the wonderful experience several times. On June 8, 1963 we had gotten married there at the First Baptist Church and Rev. George Capps was the minister who married us. We had thirty-three good years together. I wish it had been more. Wanda was only fifty-three-years of age and I was fifty-nine.

Wanda gave me three wonderful children and they have given me five wonderful grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and there's another one on the way. I thank God for Wanda because she was special. I had no trouble knowing that Wanda loved me. She showed it everyday we were togeth-

er. I believe we will recognize each other in Heaven and I'll see her again.

The second person I want to tell you about I wasn't there in person. I was in my car on Interstate 75 headed to Florida when Mary Hall called me. She said, "Tommy Ed is here in the hospital in Greenwood, Indiana and the doctor said he is on his way out, which means he's near death. He wants to talk with you. I'll give him the phone." I pulled over to the side of the road and as cars were whizzing by, I listened to Ed Hall tell me goodbye. He said, "Tommy, I love you and I want you to know I'm going to meet my Jesus." His voice was very weak and not much more than a whisper. I said,



"Ed, I love you and one day we'll meet up there." His last words were, "I'm going to see my Jesus." Then, he was gone. I sat there in silence with tears flowing down my cheeks. It has always been hard for me to shed tears but on that day, I had no trouble.

Ed Hall and I had been high school buddies and our friendship had continued long after graduation. After high school we both had ended up in Illinois and he had come down from Chicago to Joliet to see me. He also attended several of our class reunions. He was always in a good mood and funny.

Ed didn't play football on our Wartburg Central team but he was the manager for the team and carried his little kit around on the sideline. It contained band aids and something to put on the minor wounds. We gave him the nickname "Medic" and

he was loved by the team.

I guess it was after graduation that Ed and I became closer friends. We started calling each other when I was teaching in Florida. He always tried to get down to all of our class reunions and I would catch a plane to get there. One time he met me at the Knoxville airport. I was one of the last passengers to get off the plane and Ed asked a soldier who had been on my plane if he had met me on the plane. He described to the soldier what I looked like and the soldier said, "yeah I believe he was the one who told me he was coming to his class reunion." Ed said, "yeah that's him." When I saw Ed at the place where people waited on passengers Ed called me on the cell phone. I said, "yeah I'm about 20 feet from you, how are you doing Medic?" He said, "Well I be darn!" When we found out that Ed was dying with cancer Allen Redmon and I drove up to Greenwood, Indiana to see him and Mary. It would be our last time to be together. Ed's body is resting in the Liberty Church Cemetery about 500 yards from my house, but the real Ed is in Heaven with his Jesus. This man had showed his brotherly love to his brother Wesley by donating one of his kidneys to him. He gave Wesley ten more years of life.

Ed loved his fellow man and he showed that he cared for me.

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# Historically Speaking

## Before “The Tennessee Three,” The Scopes Trial of 1925 put Tennessee in the Crosshairs of America’s Culture Wars

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Ram Uppuluri, a good friend, noted in conversation with me that Tennessee had been given national attention before the recent incident in the legislature leading to expulsion of two representatives. While this most recent incident may not last long in the national spotlight as other things take its place, the one Ram thought of was in the national spotlight for much longer... the Scopes Trial.

Here is Ram’s research on that historical event in Dayton, TN.

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The effort to expel “the Tennessee Three” from the Tennessee House of Representatives for their unruly demonstration in support of gun safety laws last month was not the first time Tennessee was a flash point in America’s culture wars.

Nearly 100 years ago, in 1925, the nation’s attention was riveted on a small courthouse in Dayton, TN, where two American titans of the law – Clarence Darrow, a labor lawyer from Chicago, and William Jennings Bryan, a former presidential candidate, Secretary of State under President Woodrow Wilson, and leading Christian crusader – clashed over the teaching of the theory of evolution in public schools.

I would point out that, even though Tennessee was one of a few states that had laws prohibiting the teaching of evolution in public schools, the law was never enforced, and it didn’t prevent the forces of science and technology from marching forward and contributing to cultural change.

Eighteen years after the Scopes Trial in 1925, the frontiers of science were expanded just up the road from Dayton, in Oak Ridge, where physicists built the first graphite reactor and performed the first controlled splitting of the atom after Enrico Fermi’s famous experiment under Stagg Field at the university of Chicago. Scientists and engineers in Oak Ridge went on to produce the uranium 235 needed for Little Boy, the first atomic bomb ever used in warfare; made fundamental contributions to the development of nuclear power and nuclear medicine; and opened up many new fields of discovery over the years making major contributions world-wide for the betterment of mankind.

Notably, twelve years after Oak Ridge was established, in 1955, the Oak Ridge Public Schools became the first public schools in the state (and the entire Southeast) to desegregate when the Atomic Energy Commission ordered them to do so. This was one year after the ruling in *Brown v Board of Education*. Once again, because of Oak Ridge, the State of Tennessee was the focal point of cultural change in the Southeast and in America.

But in 1925, in the middle of the Roaring 20s, with the American stock market soaring, and new developments in science and technology transforming American life, the Tennessee House of Representatives passed House Bill 185, also known as the “Butler Act,” which said:

“That it shall be unlawful for any teacher in any public school of the State to teach any theory that denies the story of the Divine Creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals.”

The bill effectively banned the teaching of evolution in public schools in Tennessee. It had been introduced by State Rep. John Butler, a farmer representing Macon, Trousdale, and Sumner counties in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Butler was the head of the World Christian Fundamentals Association (WCFA), an interdenominational organization which had been founded in 1919 by William Bell Riley, a Baptist minister from the First Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In 1919, Riley, addressing 6,000 conservative Christians at the WCFA’s inaugural conference, warned that their Protestant denominations were “rapidly coming under the leadership of the new infidelity, known as ‘modernism.’”

(From *Summer for the Gods*, by Edward J. Larson, Basic Books, New York (2000), p.36)

Riley said that “basic to the many forms of modern infidelity is the philosophy of evolution.” (From *Summer for the Gods*, by Edward J. Larson, Basic Books, New York (2000), p.37)

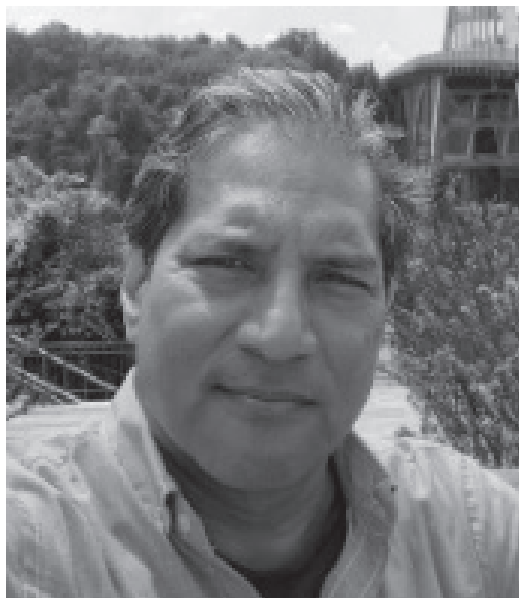
Butler, the state representative, stated, “I didn’t know anything about evolution ... I’d read in the papers that boys and girls were coming home from school and telling their fathers and mothers that the Bible was all nonsense.”

According to Butler:

“In the first place, the Bible is the foundation upon which our American Government is built. ... The evolutionist who denies the Biblical story of creation, as well as other Biblical accounts, cannot be a Christian. ... It goes hand in hand with Modernism, makes Jesus Christ a fakir, (a poor man usually living off alms) robs the Christian of his hope and



**Outdoor scene from Scopes Trial which because of the concern for the courthouse floor with a verdict of guilty against Scopes and left being strong enough to hold the crowd caused the trial to be moved outside (photo courtesy of Smithsonian Institution Archives)**



**Ram Uppuluri**

undermines the foundation of our Government ...”

The Butler Act passed the Tennessee House of Representatives by a vote of 72-1.

It breezed through the State Senate three days later and was immediately signed into law by then Governor Austin Peay – who is widely regarded as having been a progressive governor of the state, responsible for much of the state’s modernization (ironically). He signed the law into effect to assuage rural voters, he said.

The anti-evolution bill had been a part of a larger campaign, spearheaded by William Jennings Bryan. Bryan believed that the teaching of evolution was a direct threat to the traditional Christian values upon which the country was founded.

Along with Riley’s WCFA, Bryan spoke widely throughout the country in support of a ban on the teaching of evolution, including in Nashville in the years leading up to the passage of the Butler Act.

In New York, leaders of the relatively young American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) were eyeing the Butler Act’s progress through the legislature, and as soon as it was signed into law, issued a statement offering to cover the legal expenses of any teacher in the state who would dare to challenge it.

A Dayton, Tennessee businessman, George Rappleyea,

a 31-year-old New Yorker with a doctorate in chemical engineering who worked for a local mining company, convinced the townsfolk of Dayton that the publicity alone from a challenge to the law would put Dayton on the map, attract tourism, and promote growth.

The Dayton group recruited a young, 24-year-old science teacher and part-time football coach, John T. Scopes, and got him to admit that he had been teaching biology from a state-approved textbook that contained a section on human evolution. He became the face of the trial that came to be known as the first Trial of the Century.

The Scopes Trial ran from July 10 to July 21, 1925, at the Rhea County Courthouse in Dayton.

It pitted two of the greatest attorneys and statesmen of their times against each other – Clarence Darrow, appearing on behalf of Scopes and the ACLU; and William Jennings Bryan, appearing as a special prosecutor to assist the State.

Toward the end of the spectacular trial, it was as though Darrow had put the Christian religion itself on trial when he called his opposing counsel, Bryan, to witness stand as an expert witness. He raised logical questions about the Bible (for example, “How did Noah gather animals from all the continents?”). Bryan was unflappable in his responses and in his proclamations of his deeply held religious convictions.

The exchange between the two titans of the law received national news coverage.

At the end of the trial, the jury came back with a verdict of guilty against Scopes and left it to the judge to decide on the fine.

On appeal, the Tennessee Supreme Court stated in a written opinion that it would have upheld the Butler Act as constitutional under the state and U.S. Constitutions but overturned the fine on a legal technicality: the amount of the fine should have been set by the jury, not the judge.

The State’s Attorney General L.D. Smith immediately announced that he would not seek a retrial.

The Butler act remained the law in Tennessee until 1967, when the state legislature reacted to the threat of a lawsuit challenging the statute by repealing it.

The following year, in 1968, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in *Epperson v. Arkansas* 393 U.S. 97 (1968) that such bans contravene the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment because their primary purpose is religious.

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Thank you, Ram.

There you have a short version of the history of the famous Scopes Trial. Can you think of other times when Tennessee has reached national attention for cultural reasons?

How about the early history of the State of Franklin, even before there was a Tennessee. Or how about the Watauga Association government document of 1772 which served as a pattern for the Tennessee constitution and for other such initiatives in other states?

What about the battle of Kings Mountain where Joseph Greer delivered the message of the victory to the Continental Congress in 1780? Or the many Civil War battles in Tennessee...last state to secede and first to return to the union?

Or the creation of Oak Ridge in 1942 (not known about until August 6, 1945) and even today the Nuclear Age continues to highlight Oak Ridge with nuclear reactors, nuclear weapons, basic scientific research, and the world’s fastest supercomputer?

Or the desegregation of public school by the Scarborough 85 in 1955? Or the assignation of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis? And I am sure you can think of many more. Tennessee is not unaccustomed to being in the national spotlight...



# 1 Peter Chapter 4

(1 Peter 4:1-6) Fortifying the soul for faithfulness: A servant is not greater than his Lord; if Christ suffered, his people should expect no less. The apostle thus admonishes his readers to immediately “arm” themselves with the same firm determination that characterized the Lord. Those who have suffered for righteousness’ sake are more disciplined than those who have not; hence, they do not so readily continue in unrestrained sin. We are urged, therefore, not to waste the remainder of our days living in sin, such is futile, and we must surrender to the will of God (v.2).

Peter uses some biting language. In their pre-Christian lives the brothers (Jewish people) had ample time to get rid of ungodly desires, the kind Gentiles pursue. He referred to wicked inclinations such as “lasciviousness” (outrageous conduct, including sexual perversion), “lusts” (base desires), “wine-bibblings” (drunkenness), “revellings” (riotous parties), “carousing” (drinking binges), and “abominable idolatries” (religious ceremonies involving drunkenness and sexual orgies) (v.3). The this-world oriented folks are bewildered that Christians have no interest in the same wild living in which they themselves persistently engage, and they will persecute them because of the difference (v.4). Ultimately they will stand before the Lord in judgment (v.5). These rebels, now dead, had their opportunity to live with God in the spirit while they were alive in the flesh; that is why the gospel was preached to them. Tragically, they rejected it (v.6).

(1 Peter 4:7-11) Vigilant preparation for the end: The declaration that “the end of all things is at hand” has confused many. It could not have meant that the second coming of Christ was near; the thousand years of intervening history negates that view. It might refer to the approaching destruction of Jerusalem; the expression, “the end,” was employed of that devastating event (Dan. 9:26; Mt. 24:13-14). The phrase, “a hand,” might have been used in view of the potential, yet chronologically uncertain, terminal event. All are to view it as possible at any time.

The only way to be prepared for divine judgment, whether temporal or terminal, is to be serious and sober-minded, being frequently engaged in prayer. Keep your love for one another sustained and genuine. Love for one’s fellow-saints is very important, for we look after one another spiritually. When we observe slippage in a fellow, we seek to gently bring them back (Gal. 6:1), so that their sin may be covered by divine forgiveness (v.8). Mutual hospitality facilitates strength as well, particularly when done without grumbling (v.9).

Christians have gifts from God in varying capacities. In the apostolic age, some of these were miraculous gifts (1 Cor. 12:4) and others were natural gifts. At times the lists of gifts appear to be of both kinds (Rom. 12:6). Thus, whether one’s gift was supernatural or natural, it was to be exercised as befitting a “good steward” (manager) of God’s multifaceted extension of grace (v.10). If one claims to speak on behalf of God, he must speak in harmony with divine revelation (v.11). It is the very epitome of irresponsibility for one to approach a passage of Scripture, and with little or no forethought or serious study, then to pontificate: “Well, I think it means this.” So-called “round-table” Bible classes, where sincere (though frequently ill-informed) Christians offer personal opinions (and dig in defensively) are worthless at best, and dangerous in many instances. If one has the talent of ministering (serving others in varying capacities) he should do so commensurate with the strength and ability provided by the Lord, making sure that self-glorification is not the motive, but that the Savior is eminently honored (v.11).

(1 Peter 4:12-19) Steadfastness under suffering: No Christian should think that whatever persecution may come his way is a strange, unexpected phenomenon. Persecution is figuratively called a “fiery ordeal” because of the use of fire to separate precious metal from dross. While persecution commonly is viewed negatively, it is in several senses a blessing, (a) It “proves” the quality of one’s faith (v.12). (b) It allows us to partake of the sufferings of Jesus (v.13). (c) It separates the superficial from the sincere. (d) Hardship for the cause of Christ can be an occasion for rejoicing since it is the pre-view of an “exceeding joy” to be manifested at the “revelation of his glory” (v.13).

Peter acknowledges that Christians will be “reproached” because of their union with the Lord (v.14). They will be slandered, and all manner of evil things will be said against them (Mt. 5:11). We are not to become despondent about such; instead, we must count ourselves as “blessed” (spiritually prospered), because the Holy Spirit (here depicted as the Spirit of God and the Spirit of glory) is with us (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 6:19; Gal. 4:6). The expression, “rests upon you,” reflects a continual presence of the Spirit in the faithful Christian’s life. There is no virtue in “suffering” per (v.15); for example, those who suffer as a direct result of their sins are only reaping what they have sown (Acts 25:11; Gal. 6:7-8).

Quite to the contrary, however, is the case of suffering for Christ. If one is required to suffer “as a Christian,” let him not be ashamed, for such is an honor. In fact, he is to glorify God by wearing the name “Christian” (Acts 11:26; 26:28). This statement would hardly have been made had the name “Christian” been given by the Lord’s enemies in derision, as commonly claimed. Why do denominationalists generally employ “Christian” in a secondary, add-on fashion (as in “Baptist Christian,” “Methodist Christian,” etc.), instead of glorifying Christ alone? There were no hyphenated Christians in the first century.

A coming “judgment” loomed on the prophetic (v.17). It was not the terminal judgment day which is yet in the future (claims of “radical preterism” to the contrary notwithstanding). The reference is to the impending destruction of the Jewish civil-religious state by the Romans in the summer of A.D. 70, following a five-month siege. Times of severe trial would fall also upon the “house of God” (the church) (1 Tim. 3:15). Jesus had warned of such in his Olivet discourse (Mt. 24:1-34). The apostle’s point is this: if hardships were to oppress the Lord’s people, what indeed would be the fate of those who “obey not the gospel of God”? The answer is painfully clear. It should be observed that the “gospel” is not something merely to be believed, it must be “obeyed” as well (v.17). Since “commands are that which are to be obeyed, it follows that the gospel embodies commands to which people are accountable (2 Thes. 1:7-9). (Acts 2:38 is a command after the first gospel sermon was preached, which, when obeyed constituted the new birth and until time shall be no more must be preached and obeyed to save the souls of man).

If the righteous are to be saved “with difficulty” (Acts 27:7-8), what will happen to those who persist in their ungodly, sinful mode of life (v.18)? For them there is no hope! There is this concluding admonition. Let those whose lives are consistent with the “will of God,” but who also will suffer for his cause, be firm and resolute in continually committing their souls in obedience unto their Creator---who can be counted on to be faithful in his promises to them (v.19).



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 Source: [www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week](http://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week)

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

GALATIANS 3:27,28



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