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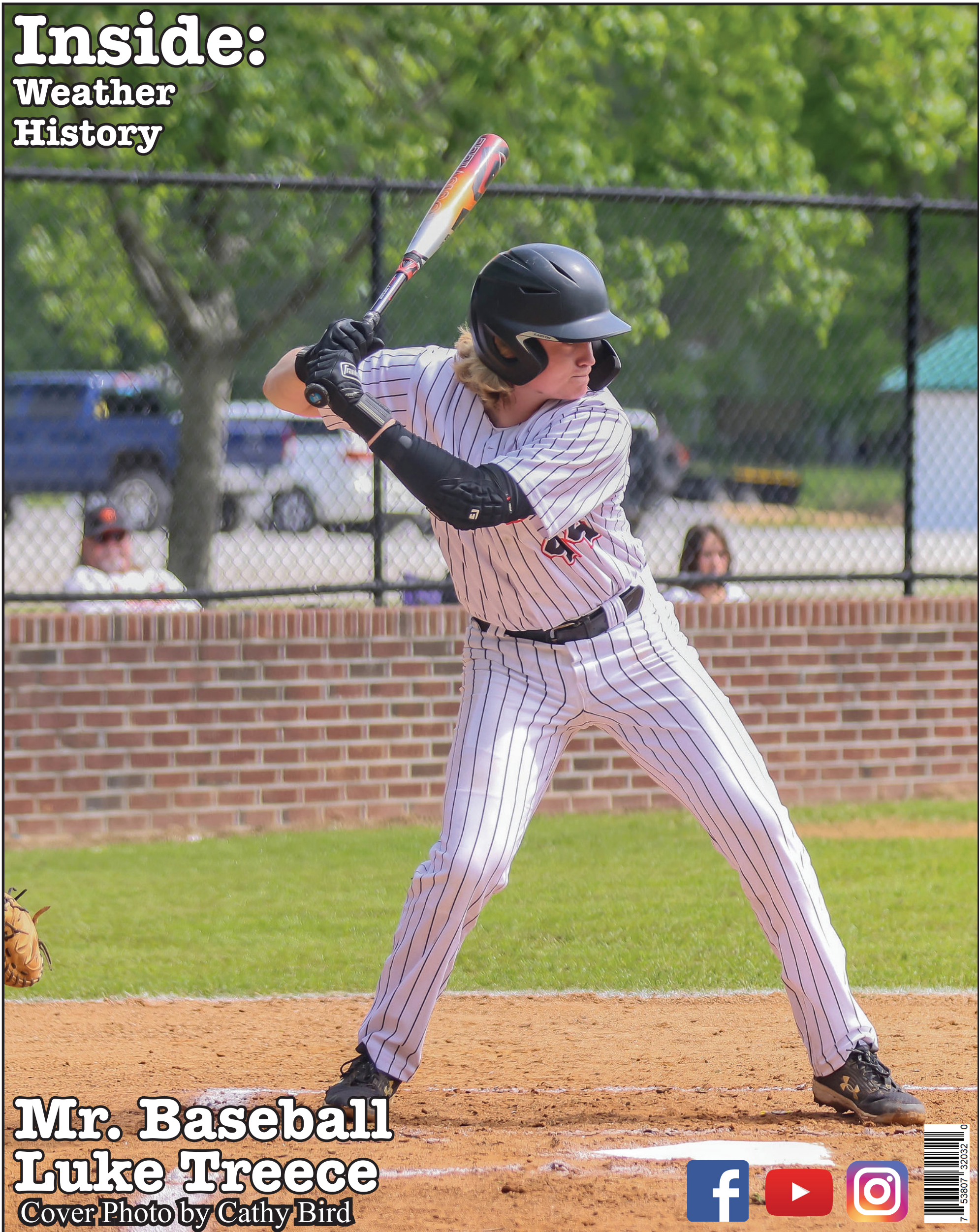
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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Well,
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It all started

when Uncle Houston came to fish. You see he fishes with some yummy smelling stuff. He calls it marinated steak. Well, they left the lid off the bowl. It was sitting in the grass.

You know I just couldn't resist. It smelled so delicious! So, I had to taste it. Wouldn't you know, it tasted as good as it smelled.

That's when it happened. Braden said, "Hey, she is in the bait!" Mimi said, "Ms Avery Pearl, get out of that, right now!" I was torn between eating it and not wanting to disappoint Mimi. Well, I walked away. I was kinda embarrassed. I don't like getting into trouble. When I hear, "Ms Avery Pearl!" I know I did something that I wasn't supposed to.

Then the next day, Pappy was in the garden. I had walked through the wet grass. Wouldn't you know it? I just had to get in the garden with him in all that soft, fluffy dirt.

You know what? It happened again. I heard, "Ms Avery Pearl! Get out of that dirt!" I was a mess. That stuff was stuck all over my paws, legs, belly, and even on my tail. Mimi wasn't too happy. I got sent to the laundry room. She said I wasn't allowed in the rest of the house, until I was dry from getting cleaned up.



I didn't even fuss about it. I did what I was told and stayed in there and made the best out of it. So, I took a nap.

Did i say that I don't like getting into trouble? I very rarely do. Since I did two days in a row, hopefully it won't happen again for a long time. Mimi told me that even though I did those things, she still wuffs me. She says we all

make mistakes and that I am still a good girl. She then gave me squeezes, ear scratches, and belly rubs. That woman, she really does wuff me.

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.

**The City of Sunbright will be holding an
Emergency meeting
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For more information contact,

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Ford's Big Bet on Electric Vehicles



Michael Nance
Columnist

Electric vehicles have been debated for the last few years on several issues.

The major concerns are how automakers plan on turning a profit and will the infrastructure of the country support a near-term transition to electric vehicles. Ford, the automaker which weathered the 2008-2009 financial crisis, has bet big on electric vehicles. The company will either be proved a genius auto manufacturer, or a drunken gambler, only the future will tell us which one.

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As a part of their push towards electric vehicles, Ford recently split its automotive divisions into two segments, Model E (electric) and Blue (combustion). These divisions will operate as separate business units, with separate financial reporting. This is a bold move, as most corporations wince at the thought of separating divisions when new technology is involved. By having the vehicle divisions separated, the profitability of the new technology, (electric vehicles) di-

vision is easy for even novice investors to analyze and leaves very little ability for Ford executives to disguise losses. So far, the results of Ford's electric division have not instilled much investor confidence. In 2022, Ford lost 2.1 billion on the electric vehicle line, and forecasts indicate they could lose as much as 3 billion in 2023.

But these results do not appear to deter Ford's CFO, John Lawler, who has stated that the electric vehicle line will be churning an 8% profit by 2026. With such large losses in 2022 and predicted for 2023, Lawler has been quizzed by the Wall Street elite just what is Ford's plan for profitability. He laid out the plan, which seems possible, but has left many financial experts skeptical. Here is the summarized version of Lawler's plan:

- **Leverage Economy of Scale:** By ramping up production of Ford's electric vehicle line supply chains will naturally mature. The maturity of the supply chain will yield greater efficiencies and hopefully a few synergies.

- **Design and Engineering Maturity:** As Ford continues to increase production designs are focused on energy

One of the boldest moves was the company's announcement in February of this year to construct a new battery plant in Marshall, Michigan. Ford plans to build a battery plant in Marshall that will produce both nickel cobalt manganese and lithium iron phosphate batteries. Ford is the first automaker to commit to building a plant in the United States to

produce both battery types. Above are the highlights of the Ford plan to profitability, and if any U.S. Car manufacturer can pull this off, Ford is the company that will do it. But the biggest concern of the author is not the future of Ford's capability, rather the infrastructure of the country to support a transition from combustion engines to

electric vehicles. Several notable business figures

have also expressed the same concern, including Elon Musk. Based on the current U.S. infrastructure to support electric cars, it appears a gamble. But the author hopes for Ford's success, not as an advocate for electric vehicles, rather as an advocate of U.S. based business.

- **Battery Cost and Supply:** Battery costs have been reduced they are currently the most expensive part of an electric vehicle. Ford has also been purchasing these batteries from a third party, further reducing future margins.



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Camber Layne Carroll, 24

Camber Layne Carroll, born June 9, 1998 found her peace and parted with this world on May 31, 2023.



She is preceded in death by her grandparents Charlene & Ronnie Frogg and Cynthia & Roy Stringfield; and her daughter Brynleigh Ann Carroll.

Camber is survived by her sweet daughter Everleigh Celeste McClure; Mother Leann Waters & Step Father Dennis Waters; Father Christopher Carroll; Step Father Jeff Cross;

Brother Troy Dale "Bubba" Cross; Sister Alexis Storme (Sissy) Carroll; nieces Austin Shyanne King & Paisley Mae Cross; Nephew Brady Brooks King. Dear to her heart Ryan McClure and Joshua Marcum.

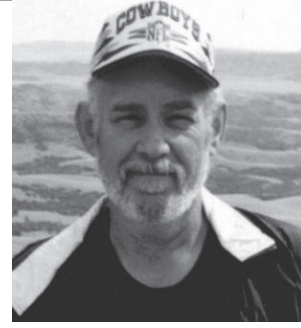
Camber leaves behind many cousins and extended family.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Camber Layne Carroll.

Herbert Cee Spurling

Herbert Cee Spurling passed away peacefully at his home on May 28, 2023, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Herbie was known for his kindness, generosity, sense of humor and fun-loving spirit. He never knew a stranger. He loved visiting and talked about Terlingua, TX and the friends he met there often. He enjoyed playing Santa and for several years provided fruit and toys for families in need.



He loved cooking for family and friends and is known for his huge pots of chili and spaghetti. While he couldn't cook himself toward the end, he made certain people who came to visit him never left hungry.

He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Amy Spurling; siblings Junior, Nancy, Susie and Wanda.

He leaves behind his daughter Belinda Spurling and finance' Robert Edmonds; granddaughter Morgan Edmonds, aka "Little Bit" who he often said was his whole world; former wife and close friend Glenda Richardson; sister Marilyn Hamilton and husband Gary and her daughter Melissa Alexander and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive friends Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbrighth from 12-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Teresa Campbell Breeding officiating. Herbert's wishes are to be cremated.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be mailed to the House of Hope, P.O. Box 4002, Crossville, TN 38557 for their Christmas Angel Tree.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Herbert Cee Spurling.

Sarah Reta Brown, 88

Sarah Reta Brown age 88 of Sunbright, TN went to be with the Lord on Thursday June 1, 2023. Sarah loved singing in church and sharing the love of Christ thru her songs. Throughout her life she would visit and sing at churches in the area touching many hearts along the way.



Two great grandchildren, Mason Champion of Chatsworth, GA and Nora Brown of Hicksville, OH.

Sarah also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews and friends whom she loved dearly.

Four nieces whom she would sing, travel and visit often were Flonnie Jones, Ruby Bearl Reynolds, Shirly Harville and Rita Dixon.

The family will receive friends Monday, June 5, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Wayne Cromwell officiating. Interment will follow in the Union Grove Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sarah Reta Brown.

Sarah was preceded in death by her husband Norman Brown, father and mother Charles Preston and Martha Beaty of Banner Springs, TN., 13 sisters and 4 brothers.

Sarah is survived by her son Wade Brown and wife Carolyn. Son Dale Brown and wife Monica. Three grandchildren, Junita Champion (David) of Chatsworth GA, Tasha Watson (Michael) of Chatsworth GA and Justin Brown (Amanda) of Hicksville, OH.

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

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Joe H. Miller Jr.

Morgan County Highway Superintendent

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* Purchase a large tub of cookie dough, and when you make the first batch, go ahead and portion out the remaining dough by teaspoons onto a cold cookie sheet. Freeze as balls, and then replace them in the container they came from. Refreeze. Now you can take out only as many cookies as you would like to make, and cook them straight from frozen.

* "This is a tip for painting stairs. Paint every other stair. Let them dry. Then paint the other stairs. This will make your staircase usable the whole way through your paint job." -- R.L. in Michigan

* Spray old artificial flowers with hair spray to make the look fresh and vibrant.

* Many food containers can be reused to store personal items. Glass jars can be cleaned and labels removed. Paper-board boxes can be custom trimmed and covered with left-over wrapping paper or wallpaper. Paper milk cartons can be

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* The "Guinness World Records" holds the world record for being the most stolen book from public libraries.

* Some New York City taxis are actually undercover cop cars.

* Nintendo was sued and found guilty because kids were getting blisters from playing too much Mario Party.

* A cow named Cincinnati Freedom lived up to her name when she evaded police officers for 11 days after jumping a 6-foot fence to escape a slaughterhouse. Once caught, she was given the key to the city by Cincinnati's mayor and allowed to peacefully live out her remaining days in a New York

sanctuary.

* Before he became the axman for Guns N' Roses, Slash auditioned for the band Poison but decided not to join when he was asked about wearing makeup.

* Persian King Agha Mohammad Khan ordered the execution of two servants for being too loud. Since it was a holy day, he postponed the event for 24 hours and made the servants return to their duties. It turned out to be an unfortunate decision, as they murdered the ruler in his sleep that very night.

* When George Washington died, Napoleon Bonaparte gave a personal eulogy and ordered a 10-day mourning period for France.

* By 1930, doping had become so prevalent and even accepted in the

cleaned with soap and water, dried thoroughly then painted to hold a variety of items. Don't overlook the many possibilities in a piece of recycling or trash.

* Use plain household vinegar to kill grass that grows in the cracks of walkways and driveways.

* "Use bathroom fans appropriately. Make sure to turn them off. They vent air to the outside, and that includes your paid-for air conditioning, too. Close the bathroom door after showering and let the fan run for about 10 minutes. Then turn it off." -- D.A. in Texas

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Tour de France that its organizers felt compelled to inform cyclists in the official rulebook that drugs would not be provided.

* Onions are the only commodity banned from futures trading in America.

* The man for whom Mount Everest was named, George Everest, didn't want the honor, pointing out that his name was difficult to write or pronounce in Hindi and that all previous Himalayan peaks were officially given indigenous names.

Thought for the Day: "Live deep instead of fast." -- Henry Seidel Canby

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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King Crossword

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- 1 Cave flier
- 4 Beanies
- 8 Experts
- 12 Punk rock offshoot
- 13 Classic theater
- 14 Global septet
- 15 Ages and ages
- 16 When bar drinks are discounted
- 18 First-rate, in slang
- 20 Perched
- 21 Apothecary measure
- 24 Of the Arctic
- 28 Annual celebration for a saint

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- 32 Forbidden act
- 33 Freedom, for short
- 34 First half of an LP
- 36 Pol. party org.
- 37 Raw materials
- 39 Magazine founded in 1933
- 41 Costume
- 43 Admin. aide
- 44 Composer
- 46 Grammarian's concern
- 50 Freshman
- 55 Pen name
- 8 Actor Kutcher
- 9 Corp. boss
- 10 Vichy water
- 11 Old map letters
- 17 Chatter
- 19 Rx writers
- 22 Tennis score
- 23 Tyler Perry
- 25 Mine find
- 26 Diarist Frank
- 27 Boulder
- 28 Promote
- 29 Hibernia
- 30 Help a hood
- 31 Evergreen
- 35 Promised
- 38 Twilight time
- 40 Scale amts.
- 42 Favorite
- 45 Turned blue?
- 47 Border on
- 48 Leslie Caron role
- 49 Repeat
- 50 Supporting
- 51 Lupino of film
- 52 Wardrobe malfunction
- 53 Peyton's brother
- 54 Actor Vigoda

DOWN

- 1 Gridlock
- 2 Latin love
- 3 Singer
- 4 Companions
- 5 Oklahoma city
- 6 Zing
- 7 Easy targets

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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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♥ ESYRA
♥ LAAG

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

IRS Improvements for small business owners

The IRS has good news for small business owners. As part of National Small Business Week, the IRS announced that small business owners would soon see changes to help them better interact with the IRS in ways that work best for business owners. The new improvements will impact phone service and in-person and online options, allowing small businesses to get the help they need when needed. The Strategic Operating Plan describes how the IRS plans to improve customer service and other priorities.

These are some of the enhancements to help small business taxpayers in the near future.

The IRS is expanding its online service tools. Before the next filing season, the IRS will launch Business Online Accounts. This tool is designed with small business taxpayers in mind. As the tool evolves, small businesses will be able to use their account to see their tax information and schedule and track payments. Businesses will also be able to access their tax transcripts in an easy-to-read format. Small businesses can also respond to notices and file documents online.

The IRS recently created an online portal for businesses to file Form 1099 series information returns electronically. Businesses were previously required to submit these forms by mail.

Small business owners will be able to respond to certain notices online, such as LTR0143C, Signature Missing, in a few months. The IRS will continue to improve and expand these features.

Small business owners can respond to the correction of self-employment income, employment-related identity theft notifica-

tions, and dozens of other online notices. The language will also be simplified in the notices sent to small business owners. The notices will have clearer instructions on the required action.

The new forms are simplified and mobile-friendly. The tax forms will save small business owners time and make them more efficient. Mobile-friendly forms will allow businesses to use smartphones, smartwatches, and E-readers. This will enable business owners to interact while traveling without the need to use their computers.

The IRS will modernize the tax forms that small businesses use most frequently used forms including payroll tax Forms 940, 941, and 944. The updated forms will be mobile-friendly and available in multiple languages.

Processing times will be improved as the IRS automates paper-based processing and makes more forms available online. The IRS plans to scan millions of returns in 2023.

The IRS will add additional features through 2024. More information can be found about upcoming improvements in the Strategic Operating Plan.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Tips and Fees Eating Into Our Money

Just when so many of us are struggling financially with the rising cost of everything, along comes yet another way to separate us from our dollars: Many businesses are now charging a fee to return items we've purchased online from them.

I'm not going to name names or point fingers here, but know that it's the big name companies that are doing this.

The return fees seem to range from \$5 to nearly \$10 per return. And you don't have much choice, because they already have your money (from when you paid for the item) and will neatly deduct their fee from your refund.

So, beware what you purchase online. Try to be sure that you'll want to keep it. And check your state's consumer protection office

to see if it's even legal to charge a restocking fee (www.usa.gov/state-consumer). There might be a question about whether you were notified at the time of purchase.

And it's not just online places that sell us items that want extra money from us; it's places where we actually go to pick things up, such as fast-food carryout locations when we grab up a cup of coffee on the way home. It's called "tip creeping," and it's spreading everywhere.

Be cautious when you check out with your credit card. In increasing numbers, the establishment might have an automatic tip amount selected, and if you click too quickly you could be saying yes.

I've even heard -- and this is disturbing -- that some people who do not tip are subjected to ugly comments from staff. Don't give in! Stand your ground. If you feel pushed to give a tip for carryout and don't wish to, then don't. Tip creeping is meant to make us feel guilty for not tipping.

What merchants will eventually figure out, if they make enough of us uncomfortable, is that we'll spend our dwindling dollars elsewhere ... or not spend them at all.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Name the artist who wrote and released "The Happiest Girl in the Whole U.S.A."**
- 2. Which artist released "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine"?**
- 3. The video for which Boy George and Culture Club song was filmed aboard a riverboat?**
- 4. Which duo wrote and released "She's Gone"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I live my life the way, To keep you coming back to me, Everything I do is for you."**

Answers

- 1. Donna Fargo, in 1972. A rumor, later denied, was that Fargo was sued by Disney for one specific line in the lyrics.**
- 2. Lou Rawls, in 1976. The song opened up his career, ending up at the top of both the R&B and easy listening charts.**
- 3. "Karma Chameleon," in 1983. It was filmed at Desborough Island near Surrey, England.**
- 4. Daryl Hall and John Oates, in 1973.**
- 5. "Quit Playing Games (with My Heart)," by the Backstreet Boys in 1996. When it began to rain during filming of the video, the boys took off their shirts and continued filming. MTV didn't want to air the video due to the shirt portion but relented after the phone-in responses on Total Request Live.**

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

Was the United States Justified in Dropping Atomic Bombs on Japan?

In a recent paper I read with interest, Ray Smith's article "Historically Speaking." You know Ray is an Oak Ridge historian and this article was about a young granddaughter whose grandfather worked at Y-12 in Oak Ridge during WWII on the Manhattan Project. Her name is Emily Strasser. She has written a book entitled "Half-life of a Secret," where she thinks Hiroshima and Nagasaki shouldn't have had the bombs dropped on them. Her grandfather had an important job as a manager at Y-12 and they kinda blamed him. At one time in my life, I felt the way Emily does. But after doing an extensive study on the Pacific War and the end of WWII I changed my mind.

You know Japan was the country that got the United States into the worst war in history by bombing our Navy base at Pearl Harbor. I know a lot of Navy men and soldiers were killed but so did a lot of civilians who lived on or near the base. This put the United States into a two-ocean war – one with Japan and another one with Germany and Italy. Since we had to put a lot into both fronts the war lasted a lot longer if we had been in the European War only. We lost a lot more Marines and Navy men because of Japan. But this is not the reason the bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It all happened at the end.

As the war with Japan was winding down General Curtis Lemay thought of a way that we could speed up getting the Rising Sun to surrender. At first Lemay's plan failed. The B-29's flew at 30,000 feet and between Germany and Japan the weather was atrocious. Jet streams blew at 200 mph across the skies. Bombs dropped from 30,000 feet were scattered by the wind. General Lemay devised a plan to fly at 5,000 feet just after midnight. The target would be the northeast urban center of Tokyo. Only incendiary bombs would be used on the congested wooden homes of meeting houses. Lemay felt that since they had eliminated the need for guns, they could carry a bigger load of bombs. Japan had failed to develop a great night fighter and they had not converted their anti aircraft guns to radar control. Flying

low would be easier on the B-29 engines and would save gas so again they could increase their bomb load. The incendiary bombs would do what General Lemay predicted. A big part of Tokyo was destroyed in one night bombing and over 100,000 people would die. In the end when this type of bombing was used in Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, and other industrial cities many more civilians were killed than the atomic bombs slaughtered. The B-29's were to return to Tokyo three more times. The great city was leveled. Still, they would not surrender. Just look at the lives they would have saved if they had,



both American and Japanese.

Japan had a militaristic faction that wanted to fight until death. Emperor Hirohito had no power when it came to war. When he saw the damage done in Tokyo by the B-29 carpet bombing he really felt like they should surrender.

President Truman at first was for the invasion plan but when they found out how many men would be lost, they looked for other options. Many officials knew the Japanese would fight to death when invaded. It was estimated that there were still over 600,000 soldiers on islands and even elderly men and women were being trained to fight. It was estimated that the death toll

for the Americans would be over 150,000. Japan's losses would be over 500,000.

Secretary of War Henry Stimson felt the atomic bomb should be used. The war had gone on long enough and the Japanese officials had been warned many times and leaflets had been dropped over Hiroshima. Some had left their homes but many stayed.

The crews who had been trained for the job were now ready on one of the Mauritius islands by the name of Tinian.

Two bombs were dropped on Japan and Emperor Hirohito was able to convince the militant faction to lay down

their arms. A committee of men representing Japan had to fly to the Philippines to hear what the Americans expected of them.

The long and expensive war was over and General McArthur was assigned to lead Japan for five years during

occupation.

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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Forever. How you approach this one word determines what you believe about God. Men have been searching for a beginning and a human way to determine infinity. It is impossible without the fear of the Lord. Righteous fear, begins with a belief that God has no beginning or end.

How God reckons human time is much different than the time humans have inherited from every pagan empire in history. To understand the entire Bible was written in the luni-solar calendar of sabbaths, jubilees, and moon cycles, one can begin to unwind all human history as revealed by God.

History written in advance, is the creative attribute God alone possesses. At odds are perfect order, and rebellion leading to complete chaos. To determine the timeline of human rebellion, the formation of cult religion, and the prostitution of God's single plan of redemption, were all expected and dealt with in the Bible.

At odds are the worship of a single divine creator, and the worship of his creation under the tutelage of priests, and a socio-political elite class of people building civilization with their own ideas about absolute morality. The goal of pagans has always been to make their creation religion married to the government apparatus. Separation of church and state hides in plain sight. The only religion not tolerated is the one established by the creator in the Bible. Only absolute morality is outlawed.

Humans believe every mythology except the one that can save their soul. Beginning with the Babylonian mythology first spoken of in Genesis and verified through many modern archaeological discoveries. Warfare has opened the middle east up to constant empirical archaeological digs.

What is now emerging as a pattern, is only the Bible identifies holistically and consistently all seven super kingdoms of history. Only the Bible identifies a breadcrumb trail in religious history back to the formation of creation cults mocking God as creator.

Assyria and Egypt battled for supremacy. Assyria was established upon the belief in the house of the moon god. The moon controlled every aspect of tides and irrigation of agriculture. The moon was constant. The cycles became the foundation of the Assyrian religion. Eventually the fallen angels set up shop in Neo-Babylonia. The Annunaki were a race of fallen angels who established fertility cults in Babel in Assyria.

The Babylonian religion revolved around the house of the sun god, the house of the moon god, and the servants of Nebo; the high priest of the Annunaki fertility religion. Lucifer had gained a foothold in civilization. He had succeeded in getting men to worship all God created.

Satan's kingdom revolved around keeping men in a constant state of rebellion. To stop his plan of establishing the eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem. This important chapter of the Bible, is least understood and most often relegated to history past. This is a heresy.

A careful study of the life of King David would settle so many heresies, adopted and later taught in western church circles. Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah born to the maternal line of King David through Mary. His destiny is to assume David's throne judging all the nations of the earth.

At the time of Christ's nativity, an Edomite had been appointed king in Israel by the fledgling Roman empire. He in turn appointed an Edomite high priest. Herod and Caiaphas, set in motion the exact time Christ needed to appear in Jerusalem. Israel was being abandoned by God for a season.

Two things must be understood, to rightly divide inheritance biblically, reward through Levirate marriage, and the hereditary priesthood of Melchizedek, and the hereditary monarchy assigned to Judah through King David and preserved in Yeshua Ha Mashiach: Jesus our Christ.

First, A Hebrew king is required to take a bride before inheriting his kingdom. Genesis 22-24

2 Samuel 7

Second, Only Judah had a hereditary monarchy God promised to preserve and reveal in Jesus Christ.

I would also like to point out our label as king priests is a product of the hereditary priesthood of Melchizedek, fulfilled in Jesus Christ, and continued in our individual ministry as priests until we receive our eternal kingdom as Christ's virgin bride. Christ's promised kingdom is future.

To understand Jesus Christ's title as risen bridegroom would clear up so many questions. This mystery is found in the writing prose of Old Testament female heroines. Eve, Ashpenaz, Hagar, Ruth, the daughters of Zelophedad, Bathsheba, and Esther teach a lot about true biblical marital responsibility.

The father finds the son a bride. A dowry is negotiated prior to the betrothal. The shoe covenant between the father of the bridegroom and the father of the bride leads to the bride being veiled as the son and bridegroom to be, returns to his father's house to build a room addition.

Our room addition, is a mansion in heaven.

While the bridegroom builds the addition, the veiled bride eagerly awaits the return of the bridegroom to receive her unto himself to ever be with the bridegroom. FOREVER.

The bride is never told of the time of the return of her bridegroom. The true virgin keeps her lamp trimmed with the oil of gladness. She does not go whoring after the gods of this world. Her future is to inherit the coming kingdom of Messiah. But first she eagerly awaits his return.

We are the virgin bride of Christ when we accept Jesus Christ offered us his hand in marriage. We become his true virgin bride, as we allow ourself to be chastened by the word of God, and we turn from listening to carefully devised fables and doctrines of men.

Our dowry was paid on Calvary. Jesus Christ has returned to the Father's house to build his gentile virgin bride a mansion in heaven. His kingdom will be realized only after he receives his reward in heaven for enduring the cross.

His kingdom is the future of all those who accept the marriage offer. To rule and reign with Jesus Christ in Jerusalem was promised by God to Mary and King David in 2 Samuel 7. From the mouth of two witnesses God perfects praise. Even So come Lord Jesus Christ.

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 12-04-2022 RLTW

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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 Remarkable Success of “Lucky Lem,” aka David Fee

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Gordon Fee is my friend and retired President of Lockheed Martin Energy Systems, as well as former manager of the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant. Y-12 is known as the Y-12 National Security Complex now and is the nation's nuclear weapons secondaries manufacturer and where all the nation's highly enriched uranium is stored that is not in a nuclear weapon, a research reactor, or the Navy's nuclear submarines and ships.

I worked for Gordon at Y-12 and like to tell the story that he would not let me go back to my management position in maintenance until I fully implemented Targeted Selection... a structured interviewing process. Last I checked, it was still in use at Y-12!

After retirement, Gordon has been busy with state level volunteer initiatives mainly pertaining to education. He has served on numerous boards and has been honored as a Distinguished Alumni of Penn State University, recognized by the Tennessee state legislature for his contribution to education across the state, and received the Muddy Boot Award from the East Tennessee Economic Council, as well as several other awards and honors over his career.

I enjoy a good friendship with him and Miriam and often join him for breakfast where I listen to stories from his career... some of which I can use. I asked him to help tell the story of his son, David Fee, who I had known when he was a teenager as “Lucky Lem,” the magician. I used him as entertainment at Cub Scout Pack 220 annual meetings. He agreed to ask his daughter, Debbie, to do that for me.

Please enjoy Debbie Fee Newsom's story about her brother, David Fee.

David Fee, a 1979 graduate of Oak Ridge High School, has had a remarkable career in the entertainment world. It all started with a dream born while participating in shows at the Oak Ridge Junior Playhouse where his mother, Miriam Fee, served as president of the board. His dream was to own a theater one day and produce his own shows. Over a 25-year period, David Fee and his business partner, Jim Hedrick, accomplished this dream and built a \$40 million dollar business, the Fee/Hedrick Family Entertainment Group.

Born in 1961 in Oak Ridge, Tenn., to Gordon and Miriam Fee, David Fee lived in Oak Ridge for a year with his family here. Then they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and then later to Somers, N. Y. They ultimately returned in 1972 to Oak Ridge. Fee also has a sister, Debbie, who is three years older and is a 1976 graduate of Oak Ridge High School.

It was in Oak Ridge that Fee began his performing career in the Oak Ridge Junior Playhouse, where he played many roles under the tutorage of Marguerite Ebert. When Fee learned a few magic tricks from a friend, the wheels were in motion for his direction in life. He was hooked on magic and performing for an audience.

“David loved fooling and entertaining people at the same time,” says sister, Debbie. “A friend of his, Mark Young, another Oak Ridge High School 1976 graduate, could always trick David, and he was determined to fool him back,” she recalls. Young, who now lives in Beaufort, S.C., served as an early catalyst for his development as a magician.

Fee began performing magic tricks at events, such as children's birthday parties and company picnics, when he was only 12 years old. His Dad, Gordon Fee, (the retired president of Lockheed Martin Energy Systems) recalls that, “One day an Oak Ridge magician, Larry Austin, whose stage name was “Austinini,” asked David to cover a company picnic for him because he had booked two gigs for the same day. David agreed, without any idea what his act would be to entertain attendees at Union Carbide's Engineering Division picnic at Carbide Park. He went to the Oak Ridge Playhouse, got a pair of overalls and a hillbilly hat, and in four days his act of comedy, corny jokes and magic as ‘Lucky Lem the Hillbilly Magician’ was born.” Over the following years, Fee performed as “Lucky Lem the Hillbilly Magician” at many birthday parties, company picnics, amusement parks, Tennessee campgrounds, the Elks Club, Boeing Engineering Company, the Boys' Club Board of Directors, the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Chinese New Year Celebration, the Boys' Club Halloween party, the Morristown Jaycees, the Mountain Communities for Children, Artfest's Saturday Night on the Town and many, many others.

In 1975, Fee joined the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM), Ring 58 and the Smoky Mountain Mystics in Knoxville, Tenn. He is a lifetime member of

both organizations and an Order of Merlin Shield Magician. Fee entered his first IBM contest in the youth category in 1975. He won that contest and was honored to be named “Teen Magician of the Year for the United States,” three years in a row — at Little Rock, Ark., in 1975; at Evansville, Ind., in 1976 and at Washington D.C., in 1977. He baffled and amused the judges with his stage presence, originality, humor, strength-of-effects, and technical skill. Based on this acclaim, the Southeastern Association of Magicians in Greenville, S. C., invited him to perform at their convention. His success also garnered him an invitation to a “dream trip” to Hollywood, where he performed magic at the Academy of Magical Arts Awards Show at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel on Saturday, March 13, 1976, held in Los Angeles, Calif.

Over 600 stars of the entertainment world, such as Siegfried and Roy, Bob Barker, Edie Gorme, Steve Law-



David Fee as Lucky Lem, the Hillbilly Magician

rence, Mel Blanc and Cary Grant, applauded Fee. Diana Zimmerman, a famous, female magician, and founder of the youth program at the Magic Castle, hosted Fee and his parents at the Magic Castle on that trip. In honor of Fee's accomplishments, the mayor of Oak Ridge proclaimed March 13, 1976, as “David Fee Day,” in recognition of his outstanding magic awards.

Still in high school, Fee obtained a job with Magic World in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The next year he got a job with Silver Dollar City in Pigeon Forge (which later became the Dollywood Amusement Park). He later returned to Magic World in 1979. Here he met a juggler and comedian named Jim Hedrick, who became his business partner in his future endeavors.

After performing at Magic World, Fee headed straight for the streets of New York with Hedrick. They called themselves, “The Fly-By-Night Street Performers” and performed in the middle of Times Square. Fee also performed in an off-Broadway children's show called, “Through the Eye of the Giant.” Once the show ended at Christmas and it became too cold to perform in Times Square, they moved to Las Vegas. There, Fee performed an act with his ventriloquist dummy, Oscar, at The Sahara Hotel and became a blackjack expert in the casinos.

Fee returned to Knoxville, Tenn., at the age of 21 to be one of five official magicians at the 1982 World's Fair, with sponsorship by Little Debbie Snack Cakes. He did a mixture of stage shows and close-up work entertaining the lines where attendees waited for admission, served as emcee and one of the featured entertainers at the Elm Tree Theater. During the World's Fair, he executed nine straitjacket escapes while suspended upside down from a crane in a regulation straitjacket.

“David was an integral part of the performing arts program at the fair, where he amused, amazed and entertained audiences from every corner of the world,” said S. H. Roberts, Jr., president of the 1982 World's Fair. “He was superb!”

One memorable event, sponsored by the Bank of Oak Ridge, was an underwater escape that was conducted at the Oak Ridge Marina on June 10, 1983. He made an airborne arrival to the Marina, endured a “nude search” by local authorities and gave some last words. Assistants then leg-ironed and handcuffed him and placed him in a three-foot-square wooden box before securing it shut with over 40 bolts, 100 screws and 150 nails.

To assure the validity of the escape, the local news media nailed and chained the lid of the box. The box contained a scuba tank with only three minutes of oxygen, and was dropped 20 feet into the Clinch River, laden with

200-pounds of weights lashed to the outside. Fee quickly escaped from the tightly secured and heavily packed crate. Failure to successfully escape would have meant a drowning death. Fee repeated this stunt in September 1985 at Chilhowee Lake for the Tennessee Valley Fair. On June 24, 1983, Fee performed a “Tribute to Houdini” by escaping from a straitjacket while hanging upside down from a helicopter 75 feet above the ground at the Oak Ridge Downtown Shopping Center.

In April 1984, to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital, Fee performed a stunt that involved being buried alive in a coffin with a specially built air supply for two days in the Downtown West Shopping Center in Knoxville. The stunt raised \$2,000 from a bottle passed around to on-lookers and a total of \$186,000 from radio listeners, and it earned Fee a lot of recognition.

In 1984, Fee went on to become the only magician at the World's Fair in New Orleans, La., and the featured magician for the Tennessee Valley Fair in Knoxville. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Tennessee in 1985, Fee joined Carnival Cruise Lines as a magician and soon became a cruise director. He worked for Carnival for ten years cruising the Caribbean to St. Thomas, St. Martin, Barbados, Cancun, Jamaica, and many other islands. A definite highlight of his cruising years was being on the initial voyage Carnival took through the Panama Canal. Fee was just 33 when he left Carnival as their senior cruise director, bought a theater in Pigeon Forge, and opened “The Comedy Barn®” show. This clean comedy, family-friendly show, that Fee originated and produced, is still running today having entertained millions of visitors through its 29-year run.

Based on the success of the Comedy Barn®, the Fee/Hedrick partners from 1994 to 2019 built and operated a number of theaters and restaurants in Pigeon Forge including: “The Smoky Mountain Opry™”; “The Smith Morning Variety Show”; “The Hatfield and McCoy Dinner Feud™”; “Magic Beyond Belief,™ starring Darren Romeo;” “Amazing Animals;” Frizzle Chicken Farmhouse Café; Tony Roma's Steak House; Chef's Catering; Noah's Ark Animal Park and several real estate properties.

From the modest beginning of one small theater, Fee and Hedrick withstood many challenges to become a highly successful corporation, with a devotion to providing enjoyable family-oriented entertainment for audiences from 2 to 92. The Fee/Hedrick Family Entertainment Group has always been recognized for their innovative, clean, family-fun shows with a corporate theme of “We Sell Fun.” After 25 years in business, with the help of over 500 employees, (including his sister, Debbie Fee Newsom, who served as their director of public relations), Fee/Hedrick Family Entertainment Group became one of the largest and most successful live entertainment companies in the United States, entertaining almost one million customers annually. In January of 2019, World Choice Investments, LLC., the operating partner of Dolly Parton's dinner theaters, purchased all the Fee Hedrick Family Entertainment Group, and Fee and Hedrick semi-retired.

Fee and his two children, Megan Fee (age 21) and Joshua Fee (age 16), have always made their home in Pigeon Forge. In May, Megan will graduate from the University of Tennessee with a degree in hospitality and theater management and is ready to partner with her dad in the entertainment industry.

After four years in semi-retirement, in March of this year, Fee purchased the Palace Theater in the Village of Lake Delton in the Wisconsin Dells and later this spring will open a new show, “Bello's Circus Extreme Variety Show.” This is a remarkable journey for “Lucky Lem the Hillbilly Magician.”

And the story is not over yet! Thank you, Debbie, for documenting the marvelous career of “Lucky Lem” or better known now as David Fee, a most successful producer of exceptional family entertainment. I must admit enjoying being reminded of the many things David has done, but the one where he was buried in a coffin for two days brought me up short! I would NEVER be able to stand that. Even thinking about him doing it makes me very uncomfortable. I know you readers, who knew David when he was in Oak Ridge, appreciated being reminded of the many entertaining things he did for us here and being made aware of the details of his most successful career... which is not yet over, for sure. What he was able to do with Fee/Hedrick Family Entertainment Group in Pigeon Forge, TN, will likely be replicated in the Village of Lake Delton in the Wisconsin Dells.

1 Peter Chapter 3

(1 Peter 3:1-7) Reciprocal duties of husbands and wives: First considered are women who have become Christians while their husbands have not. These ladies have sought to teach their mates, but stubborn men have resisted hearing “the word,” the gospel message. The women thus are to attempt a more subdued method---that of “example.” Without “a word” being spoken, they can teach by their “behavior.” The husband will constantly observe how pure and respectful they are, and perhaps become amenable to more explicit teaching (v. 1-2).

A general principle for feminine conduct is to abstain from lavish hairstyles, excessive jewelry, and gaudy or immodest clothes (1 Tim. 2:9-10). Some women overdress, with almost Christmas-tree adornment; others underdress, with obvious “peep-show” displays. The spiritual woman is content to let her character be observed, especially her “meek” (controlled) and quiet disposition (the opposite of harsh, aggressive, complaining), which qualities are greatly valued by God. A bossy wife is a detriment to her marriage and a scourge upon the cause of Christ. In this (modest, reserved) fashion, holy women of God throughout history had been assets in the Lord’s service, being in subjection to their husbands (a concept that riles many a modern woman). Sarah was a notable example, acknowledging Abraham as her “lord,” as the head of their household (Eph 5:22). The Christian woman does not need to be “bullied” into sweet submission; she wisely knows her loving ways are a strong influence in her home (v.6; Prov. 31).

Husbands likewise must treat their wives in a divinely intelligent fashion, holding them in the highest honor. The Christian husband should acknowledge his wife as a “weaker vessel”---not that she is intellectually weaker. Certainly she is not spiritually weaker; some women tower above their husbands in spiritual fortitude. Generally, however, she is physically not as strong as her counterpart. Husbands and wives must recognize they are “joint-heirs” of the grace of life, and work toward helping one another to enter heaven, not short-circuiting the power of their prayers by unseemly conduct (v.7).

(1 Peter 3:8-12) Brotherly conduct: Peter now discusses the attitudes and actions that should characterize Christians in their relationships with one another. (a) God’s people must be “like-minded” in the sense that they live in harmony with one another. (b) Compassionate” has to do with being sympathetic with the difficulties each has. (c) Christians must “love one another” as common “kinsmen” in the Lord. (d) “Tenderhearted” reflects a deep feeling for others---beyond the superficial. (e) “Humble-minded” suggests a feeling of deep devotion to God and a sense of obligation to others.

The gear now shifts from the positive (qualities to be cultivated) to the negative (attitudes to be eliminated). The child of God does not repay hatefulness (evil actions and words) in like kind. Ideally, when we are reviled, we bless instead of retaliate. Every honest soul knows this disposition is one of the most challenging he will ever have. It takes rigorous discipline to even get close to mastering it! One factor motivating us toward the noblest goal, however, is to reflect upon the fact that our own calling was to be recipients of “blessedness”; surely we can return a small measure of that to others.

The apostle now appeals to Scripture to support his admonitions. With slight variation, he will quote from Psalm 34:12-16, which originally expressed David’s relief and gratitude to God for deliverance from his enemies. The principle will have an application to Christians who are dispersed among their adversaries (1:1). (a) He who would enjoy life and experience delightful days would do well to control his tongue. He must not speak evil or be deceitful in his dealings with others. (b) One must be ethical in his conduct, refraining from actions harmful to others, and, in fact, treating one’s contemporaries nicely, with goodness. (c) He must seek “peace” with others; not merely passively, but actively pursuing it. (d) He must trust in the Lord’s providential care, recognizing that God sees the plight of his people and listens to their pleading cries. Moreover, God is not unaware of the hateful actions of the wicked. They are not getting by with their rebellion.

(1 Peter 3:13-17) Christian response to abuse: The fact that God takes note of the abuse heaped upon his faithful people does not mean they will always be exempt from the hatefulness of others. While zeal on behalf of goodness is generally appreciated, there will always be those who take delight in persecuting those who pursue righteousness. Christians must learn to rejoice in suffering on behalf of truth and goodness. And not be

intimidated by threats of the ungodly (v. 14). God’s people must consecrate their hearts in service to Christ and be prepared to reasonably argue a strong defense for the hope resident within them in a gentle and respectful fashion (v. 15). It is interesting to note that Peter has borrowed language from Isaiah 8:13 where it is “Jehovah” who is to be “sanctified,” thus showing that Christ is to be regarded with the same degree of reverence as the Father!

The Christian must keep his conscience clear so that any who might persecute him will have no legitimate justification for his abuse, but may even be made ashamed of his hurtful treatment of the innocent (v. 16). It is noble to suffer for doing right; it never is for doing wrong (v. 17).

(1 Peter 3:18-22) The example of Christ: Christ’s example in suffering is the perfect model. The following historical facts are introduced: (a) Jesus “suffered,” was put to death for “sins.” He died to deal with the sin problem, to make atonement for sin. (b) His sacrificial act was a one-time offering, never to need repeating (unlike the animal sacrifices of the Hebrew system (Heb. 9:24; 10:1). (c) He was qualified to die for the unrighteous because he was absolutely righteous, without blemish or spot (1:19). (d) The object of his death was that “he might bring us to God,” reconcile sinners to the holy God (2 Cor. 5:18).

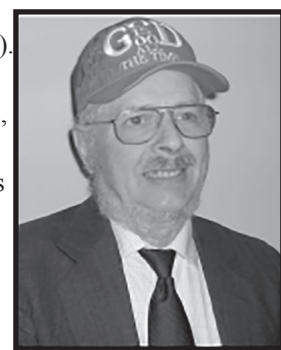
As a flesh-and-blood being, Jesus was put to death in the flesh but “made alive in the spirit.” The last phrase is ambiguous; it may signify the re-entrance of the Lord’s personal spirit into his body, thus effecting the resurrection, or the reanimation of his body via the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 1:4; 1 Tim. 3:16). Peter then says: “(I)n which (in the spirit) he also went and preached unto the spirits in prison that beforetime were disobedient, when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah” (v. 19-20). Some (Barclay) contend that between the time of his death and his resurrection, Jesus preached to the lost spirits in the Hadean realm, offering them a second chance for salvation.

Whatever the passage teaches, it provides no justification for a second-chance offer of salvation from Christ to those already being punished for their sins. That would contradict Jesus’ own teaching about the non-passage of a person from the lost region of Hades into the other state (Lk. 16:26; Heb. 9:27). Moreover it leaves inexplicable the question why salvation would be offered exclusively to Noah’s generation and not to others.

The most compelling explanation is that the apostle employs figurative language. That is, he compresses two events, separated by time, into a single statement (similar to the figure known as “prolepsis”). The Spirit of the pre-incarnate Christ spoke God’s truth through the prophets of old (1 Pet. 1:11), just as the Lord preached through his apostles after his ascension back into heaven (Eph. 2:17). Thus, the preaching was by the Spirit of Christ, through Noah, to the patriarch’s contemporaries, the disobedient people of the pre-flood world. But at the time Peter composes this letter, those disobedient spirits are confined in the prison of the Hadean realm. The two historical episodes are simply combined in a single expression for the sake of convenience and emphasis. The notion that Christ was preaching to “demons” during that three-day period is likewise a sectarian fantasy.

The apostle continues by affirming that “eight souls” (Noah’s family) were “saved through water” (v.20). By means of the water of the flood, Noah’s family was transitioned from a world of sinful corruption into a new cleansed environment. This illustration was a type (a picture) of our salvation (the reality, called the “anti-type”). In like fashion, “baptism now saves you” (v.21). It moves one from an out-of-Christ relationship to an “in Christ” relationship (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 2:27; 2 Tim. 2:10). This clear affirmation of the essentiality of baptism drives “faith-only” advocates crazy. Robertson contends, for example, that the “salvation” effected by baptism is only “symbolic.” This would suggest, then, that the one who “believes” in Christ but refuses “baptism” is literally saved though symbolically lost---hence literally enters heaven while symbolically spending eternity in hell!

Baptism is not a ritual designed to cleanse one’s fleshly body; rather, it is the “interrogation” (“appeal”, the request to God, for a clear conscience, which obviously one cannot have before or without the act. The entire salvation process is validated by means of Christ’s resurrection from the dead (v. 21). Moreover, his abiding authority is established by means of his enthronement at the Father’s right hand, with angels, authorities, and powers having been made subject to him. This is a warning to all who would reject his clear teaching regarding salvation, as set forth above.



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Bolting

“Bolting” is when plants begin to flower and set seed; this is the end of the harvesting period. To prevent it from happening, cut off the flowers from plants such as bok choy, beet leaves, chard, parsley, and basil; these plants will continue to produce leaves that taste great and are no different from the leaves before the plant flowered. It is a good idea to cut off the flowering stems in order to focus the plant on leafy growth rather than its reproductive cycle; if you do so, the leaves you can continue to harvest will largely be unaffected.

Brenda Weaver
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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

PSALM 14:2

Detail of “Creation of Adam” by Michelangelo (1508-1512)

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Darius (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which prophet was trapped at a wall by an angel with drawn sword? *Daniel, Balaam, Jeremiah, Nathan*
3. In Proverbs 21:17, he that loveth wine and oil shall not be ...? *Pure, Blamed, Liked, Rich*
4. From Genesis 37:3, who had a coat of many colors? *Abraham, Goliath, Adam, Joseph*
5. Which Hebrew woman became Queen of Persia? *Sarah, Esther, Deborah, Ruth*
6. From Judges 10:2, how many years did Tola judge Israel? *1, 7, 23, 110*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Balaam, 3) Rich, 4) Joseph, 5) Esther, 6) 23

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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This Cat Clings too Much

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My 6-year-old cat Ella has gotten very clingy lately. She was always fairly independent and preferred to lounge atop the sofa and watch the world outside the window. Now she refuses to do that. She runs to greet me at the door, meows nonstop until I feed her and then wants to climb into my lap the instant I sit down. She also begs to come into the bedroom and curl up at the end of the bed next to my feet. I know this sounds just darling, but it's unusual behavior from her. What's your advice? — Susan W., Burlington, Vermont

DEAR SUSAN: It's interesting that Ella's behavior has changed so noticeably, so fast. Has anything changed in the home environment, like you have a new work schedule, or moved furniture around, or added (or lost) a human family member?

Also, has anything about Ella's health changed? Does she have any underlying condition that might be getting worse? Check with the vet to be sure.

If neither environment nor health are the problem, you can try to enforce some rules to alter Ella's behavior.

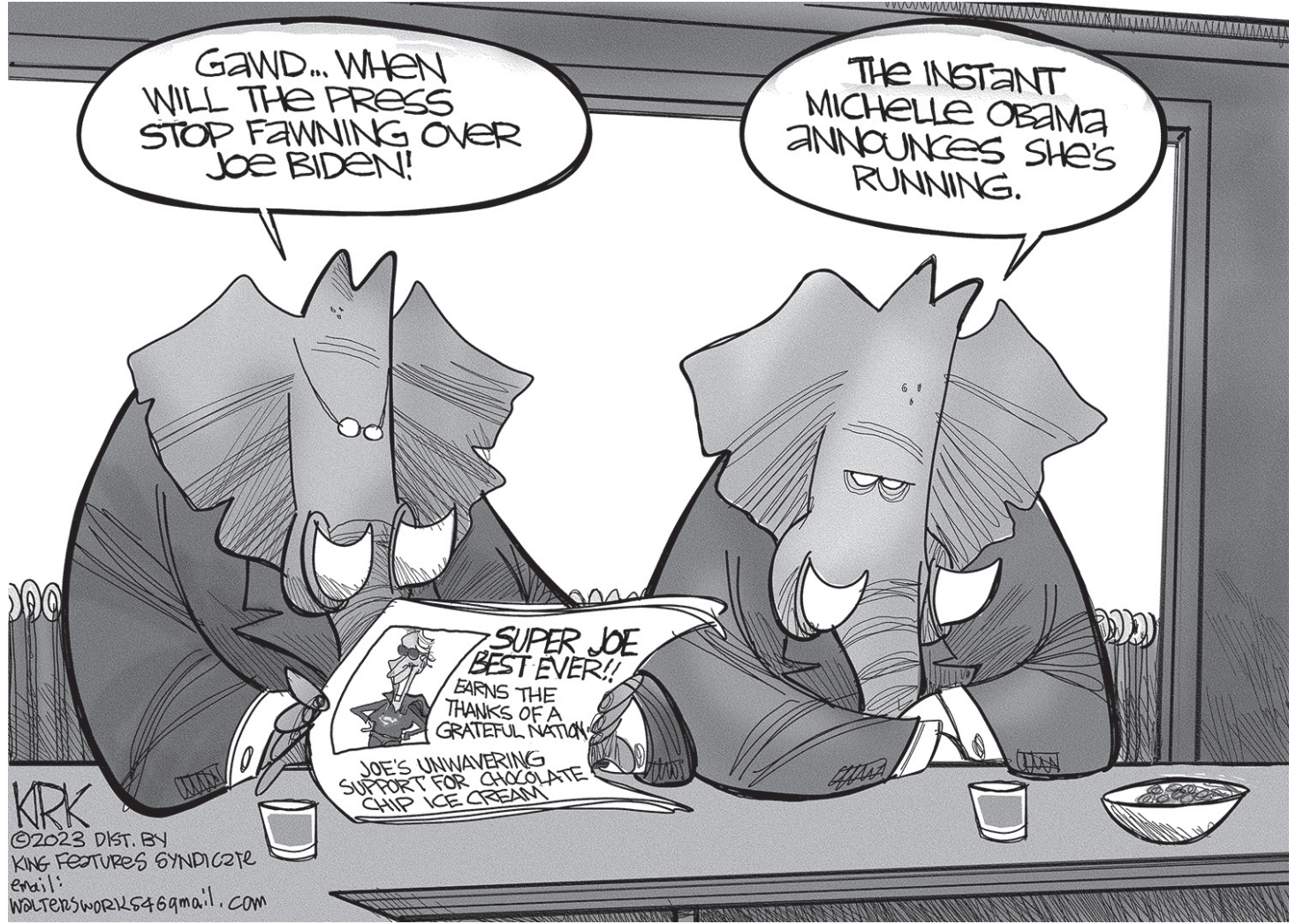
— **Boredom:** Make sure you play with Ella more often each day. The clingy behavior may be a request for additional attention.

— **Boundaries:** Don't change feeding times just because Ella demands it. And don't let her into the bedroom if you don't want her there. Keep the door shut.

— **Bribery:** Well, not really bribes, but positive reinforcement. When Ella goes to her old lounging spot, reward her with praise or a treat. Don't give her treats when she's in your lap; instead, lead her away and give a treat to her elsewhere.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Amber Waves

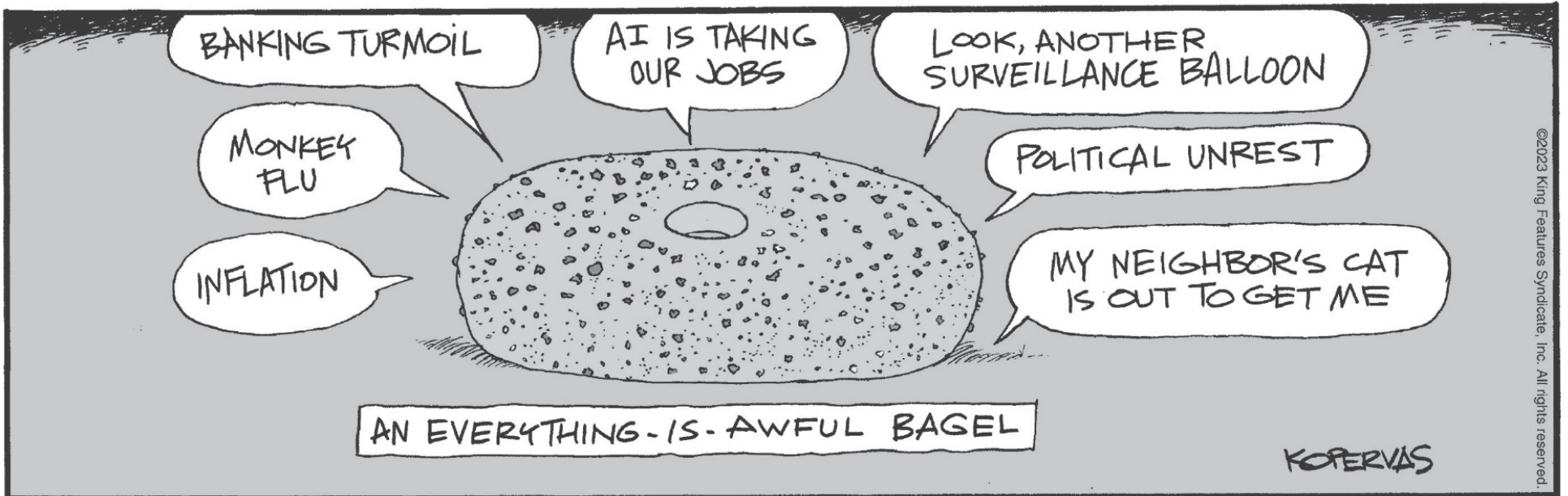
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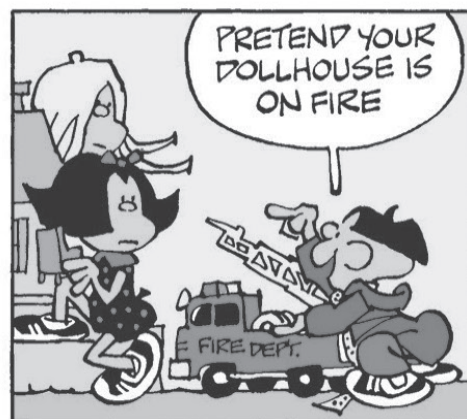
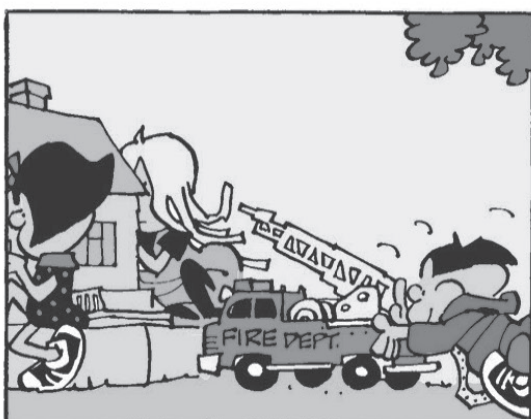
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INDIANS CLOSE OUT GREAT SEASON, FALL TO ALCOA IN SUBSTATE

By Richard Spears



How good was the Indian defense this season ? In a year with 15 wins, Oneida’s stout defenders posted 10 shutouts, including going undefeated and unscored upon in the regular season District games, as well as in both the Indians’ District Tournament wins, versus Rockwood (6-0 win by Oneida), and a 9-0 skinning of the Cumberland Gap Panthers to claim the District Tournament title, after which the Indians held Sweetwater scoreless in the Region tournament semifinal, which Oneida won, 4-0.

In three of Oneida’s other wins, against Grace Christian,

Northview and Kingston, the Indian defense held their opponents to just one score in each contest.

Speaking about Oneida’s 5-0 Substate loss to Alcoa on the road Saturday, May 20 Indian Head Coach Derek Keeton said, “It didn’t end the way we wanted it to, but I’m so proud of all our guys. We had a very good season. Alcoa is a very good team. But Coach Sara Hacker, Coach Jimmy Barna, Defense Coach Phil Newport and myself are very pleased with how well we played, and where our program is. We are so looking forward to what next year has in store for us.”

The season held many accolades for the Indians, as Luke Barna , Wes Hurst, Levi James, Gavin Keeton, Mason Keeton, Reice Kennedy, Wyatt Yancey, and Nick Gilbert were named to the All-District First Team. Second Team All- District Indians were Sam Bell, Ben Gilbert , Grady Keeton, George Kline and Isaac Martin. Additionally, Nick Gilbert was honored as the District Player of the Year; Mason Keeton was the Co-offensive Player of the Year; Wes Hurst was named the District Defensive Player of the Year; Luke Barna was the Midfield Player of the Year; Gavin Keeton was the Goalie of the Year; Grady Keeton was named the Co-offensive Rookie of the Year, Oneida Head Coach Derek Keeton was the Coach of the Year; and, by an overwhelming consensus, Oneida’s Phil Newport was the Defense Coach of the Year.

“We couldn’t have done it without the overwhelming support of all our stakeholders- the Oneida school system, the coaches, players and their families, and all the loyal Oneida Indians fans who faithfully attended not only our home games, but followed us on the road as well. Thank you and God bless everyone for your support,” Head Coach Keeton said.



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



ISAAC MARTIN



ANDY BLEVINS

July 4, 2023

This year "Born on the 4th of July" will be the theme for our 55th July 4th parade in Deer Lodge. Anyone actually BORN on the 4th of July is encouraged to ride or walk in the parade and will receive a piece of birthday cake during lunchtime at the Weidemann.

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.

Categories for entries into the parade are: Commercial, Non-Commercial, Miscellaneous, 4-Wheelers, Side-by-Side & Motorized, Horse & Rider, Auto entries, Horse/Mule & Wagon, Political Candidates, Fire Departments & Emergency Vehicles.

12:00pm Three lunchtime options: the Weidemann, Abner Ross Community Center & Scott-Morgan Community Development.

12:30pm Political Speakers & Music in the Gazebo

1:00pm Kid's Games at Abner Ross Community Center

7:00pm Drawings & Music in the Gazebo

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Donations: gofundme-Search 2023 Born on the 4th of July Deer Lodge Parade or send checks made payable to the Deer Lodge July 4th Committee, PO Box 5, Deer Lodge, TN 37726.

We can't wait to see you all in Deer Lodge on the 4th of July!!!

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Sarah Shanks

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Tim Steelman

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