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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 Wednes-
day 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. BIN-
GO for adults is on the 3rd Wednesday of each
month from 10:30 – 11:30. For more informa-
tion, follow Oakdale Public Library on Face-
book 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 Cele-
bration 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 con-
cludes with fireworks at dusk. For more infor-
mation call Bob Brimi at 423-628-2850.

**The City of Sunbright will be holding an
Emergency meeting
on Friday June 9, 2023 at 6pm at the Com-
munity center.**

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Representatives from: Alzheimer TN, Walgreens, Griffith Family Pharmacy, and Quality Family of Services will be present.

For more information contact,

Buffy Copeland, Senior Citizens Coordinator 423-346-6651

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History of Axes and American Innovation



Michael Nance
Columnist

With the advent of all the various power tools, both internal combustion and electric, hand tools like axes have

fallen by the wayside. Admittedly, I am a collector of rare hand tools, and I am often surprised when I research their history. Axes have been around thousands of years and although the invention is not uniquely American, the innovations to the axe certainly are.

The history of axes begins in the early stone age, there are a number of different types, but I will mention just three to give the reader a taste of how this hand tool got its start.

One of the earliest axes, the “core axe” is a crudely hewn flint axe with a pointed butt and the widest part of the axe is often towards the cutting edge.

The “flake axe” is a type of axe made from a large flint flake and its edge is used for the broad edge of the axe. Many experts surmise that the flake axe was used for preparing animal skins, rather than other uses.

As the Bronze Age arrived

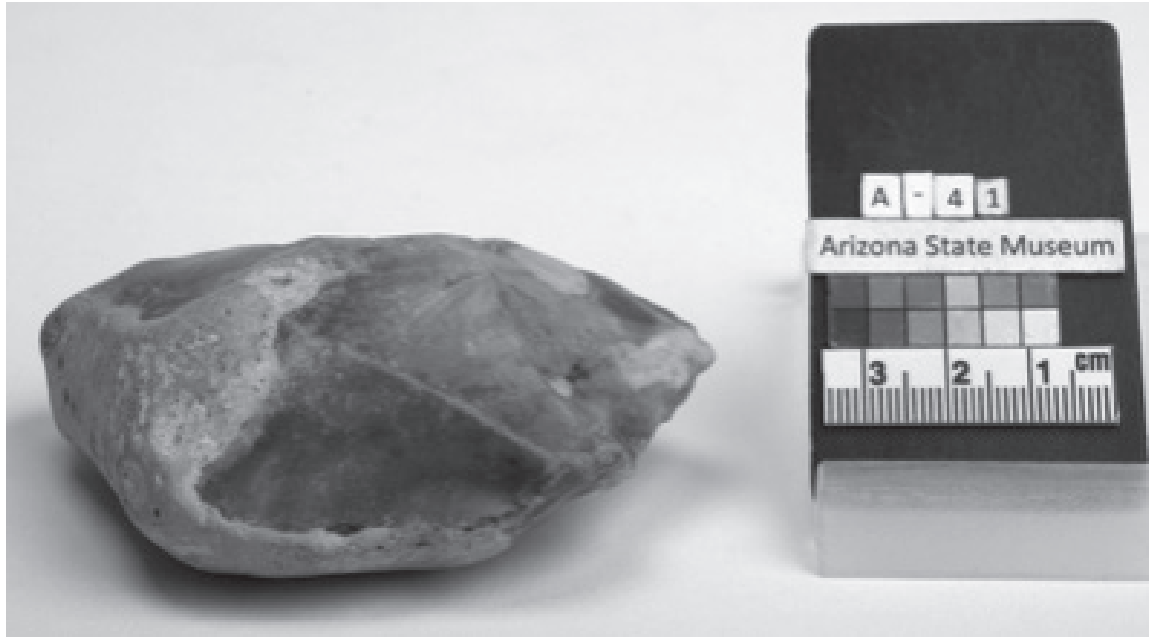
(2000 BC-500 AD (Europe)) stone axes began to be replaced with axes with a head cast of copper and bronze. The bronze axe head was

innovations that America would later bring to the versatile hand tool. In Europe the axes were traditionally constructed without a “pole”

tool that was capable of cutting or driving. I have heard many older woodsmen of the Morgan County area call such an axe a “pole axe” and never understood why. This American axe soon became the global standard and is a great example of American ingenuity.

The rein of axes in America’s forest witnessed their demise in the 1960s. They were quickly replaced by chain saws which had achieved a standard of development and production that made them affordable by that time. Axe sales plummeted and many forges that produced the tool ceased to operate.

I have included with this article two charts that outline the type of single bit and double bit axes that were produced. So, if you find one lying around your garage or barn you can identify what you have. Some of these are very collectable. These charts were created and provided by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.



Hand Axe, Flint from Doliger Cagny, France (Middle Paleolithic Period)
Image courtesy of Arizona State Museum

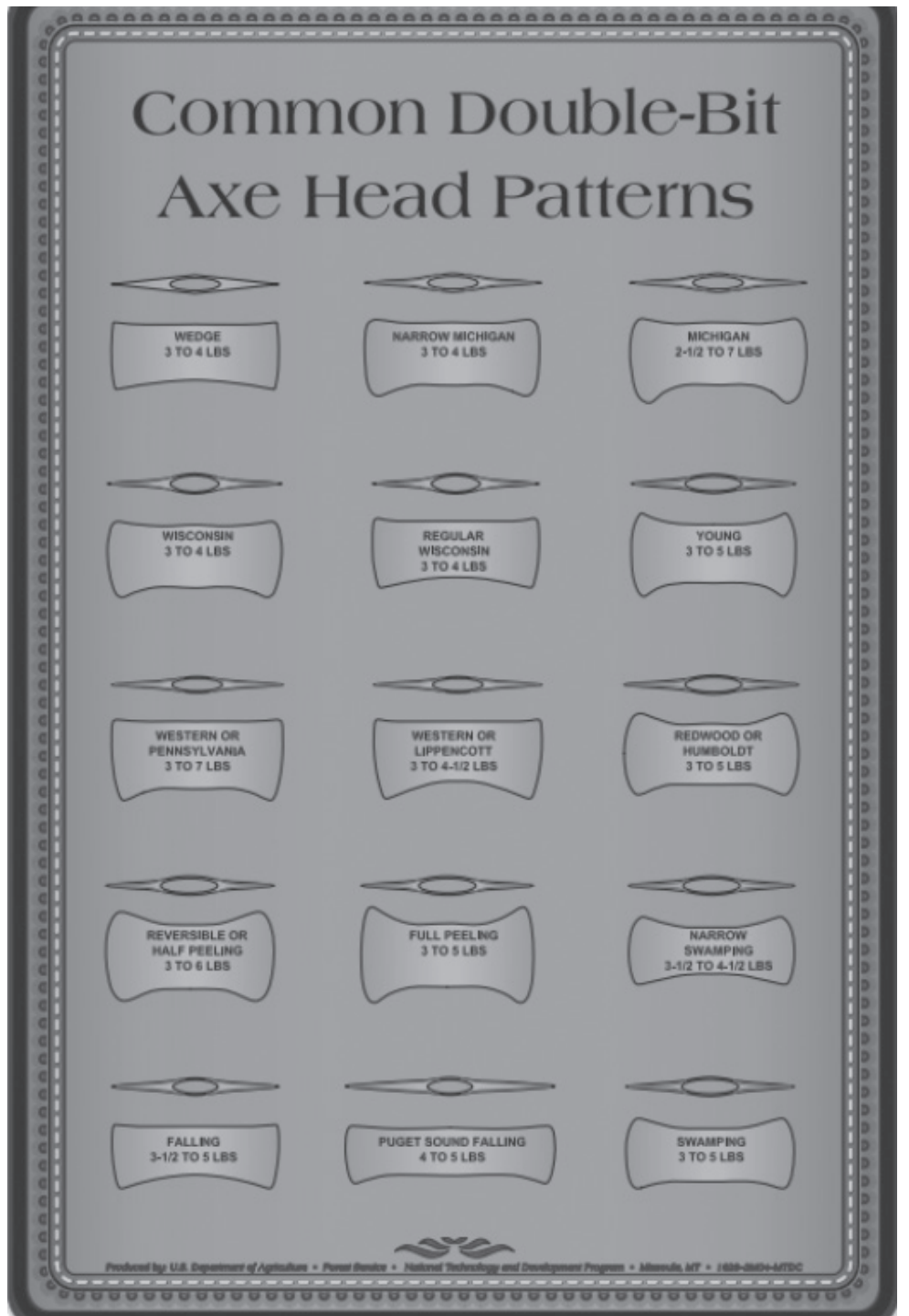
cast in molds allowing mass production.

As the Bronze Age gave way to the Iron Age (from c. 500 BC in Europe) axes were reproduced in iron. Axes that did not have shaft holes disappeared and were replaced with a hole for a handle. The axe heads also began to change as iron allowed the development of larger and broader blades.

Axes continued to develop in Europe, but without some of the

meaning a flat head at one end. As industrialization swept the globe in America the axe saw serious innovation.

In America, the narrow European cutting edge was modified to the shorter, wider American cutting edge. This increased the accuracy and longevity of the versatile tool. The “pole” was added to the opposite side of the cutting edge of the axe in America. This created a flat surface which provided a adaptable



In Loving Memory

Thelma Hamby Thomas, 101

Thelma Hamby Thomas, age 101, went home to be with the Lord May 14, 2023. She was born October 1, 1921, to the late Sylvester and Bertha Griffith Hamby.



mann of Scottsville, Ky.; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Sylvester and Bertha Hamby; husband Donald W. Thomas; daughter Debra Nabors; siblings Halard Hamby, Geneva Hamby, Herman Hamby, Harlan Hamby, Marie (Hamby) Holder, S.V. Hamby, Glenice (Hamby) Voyles, and Therman Hamby.

She leaves behind her sons Gary R. Thomas and Darrell Thomas both of Wartburg; daughter Caroline Hart-

The family will receive friends Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. L.P. Ford officiating. Interment will follow in the Liberty Church Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Thelma Hamby Thomas.

Billy Gene Stephens II, 53

Billy Gene Stephens II, age 53 of Deer Lodge, passed away on Friday, May 19, 2023. Billy was born June 19, 1969. Billy was preceded in death by his father: Billy Stephens and brother: Phillip Stephens.



Brothers: Steven, Joey and Bobby Stephens
Sister: Tabi Clmandot
Grandson: Billy Gene Stephens

Also surviving are a host of Nieces, Nephews, and cousins.

The family is honoring Billy's wishes to be cremated and will have a memorial service at a later date.

He was a Veteran of the U.S. Marines and a graduate of Sunbright High School.

He is survived by his girlfriend: Amanda Young

Sons: Billy G. Stephens and Brandon Stephens

Daughter: Emma Stephens

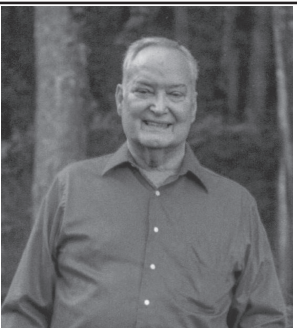
Mother: Cathy Stephens

In lieu of flowers the family request that any memorial donations be made toward his funeral expense.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Billy Gene Stephens.

Johnny "Russell" Brock, 71

Johnny "Russell" Brock age 71 of Sunbright got his Heavenly wings on May 18, 2023. Russell loved the Lord and served him Faithfully for 51 years. He was a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher.



Tony Huling.
Brother-In-Law: Rick & wife Robin Davis, Steven Davis, Jerry & wife Amie Davis Sisters-In-Laws: Patsy Swicegood and Sharon & husband Todd Thomas. Also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews and

He was preceded in death by his mother and dad Ollie and Ion Brock. Father and mother-in-law George and Marjorie Davis. Brother Sam Brock and Brother-in-law Douglas Swicegood.

He leaves behind his wife Kathy of 50 years.

Sons: Johnny & wife Stacy of Sunbright Byron & wife Becca of Crossville Grandchildren: Natasha & fiancé Zach Stewart, Daniel, Timothy and Mandalyn. Brothers: Wayne & wife Janet, Jerry & wife Wanda, Bill, Luther & wife Lori, Bobby & wife Rachael.

Sisters: Linda, Minnie & husband

other family and loved ones. Russell would Say I Love all of you and I want you to be ready to come and see me again.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 12-2 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 2pm with Bro. Byron Brock and Bro. Tony Huling officiating. Internment will follow in the Brock Cemetery, Sunbright, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Johnny "Russell" Brock.

Jimmy Hester, 84

Mr. Jimmy Hester, age 84, of Rockwood, passed away Monday May 15, 2023, at his home. He served in the US Army and is a member of the VFW Post 4782 Rockwood.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Eskle & Martha Hester.

Four brothers: Edger Lee Hester, Tommy Hester, Daniel Hester, and James Edward Hester.

One sister: Sue Frost.

He is survived by his three sisters & brothers-in-law: Carolyn Justice Kellett & Robert, Rose Steelman & Gary, and Frances Powers.

And many nieces, nephews and

friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday May 18, 2023, at Davis Funeral Home in Harriman from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 PM with Bro. Josh Kidd officiating.

Davis Funeral Home, Harriman, is honored to serve the family of Mr. Jimmy Hester during this difficult time.

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

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:

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Joe H. Miller Jr.

Morgan County Highway Superintendent

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

 * Use a mesh bag to hold flowers in place in a vase. Just roll or wad it up and put it down in the bottom of the vase. When you are done with the flowers, you can use a stick to swish the bag around and loosen any gunk inside the vase when cleaning. Launder the mesh or just toss.

* When freezing leftovers, especially soup or stew, consider using zipper-closing bags. They can be filled and frozen flat, then stacked nicely. They take up much less room than standard containers.

* "To make a waterproof mattress protector in a pinch, slit a large garbage bag down the side and bottom, lay it flat over the mattress and cover with a beach towel. Then put the sheet over that. The garbage bag protects the mattress; the towel makes it comfortable." -- U.D. in Tennessee

* "Keep extra liner bags in the bottom of the garbage can. They are handy, so you will be more likely to reline the can

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* At just 15 years old, actor Sylvester Stallone's classmates voted him "most likely to end up in the electric chair."

* One day in 1930, the BBC announced on air that "there is no news," and played piano music.

* Fulmars, a type of seabird, vomit putrid fishy oil on predatory birds in self-defense, which not only smells awful but is lethal to the attackers, as it permanently glues their feathers together.

* If viewed from space or a high altitude, the sun appears to be white.

* Larry Lemieux, a Canadian sailor at the 1988 Olympics, was about to win a silver medal when

he abandoned the race to save two other competitors whose boat had capsized. While he lost the silver medal, he was given the Pierre de Coubertin medal for sportsmanship.

* A hydrangea flower's color is determined by the relative acidity of the soil in which it's grown: Acidic soil will produce a blue flower, while alkaline soil will yield a pink blossom.

* The Sami people of Northern Finland have a unit of measurement called the "poronkusema"-- the distance a reindeer can walk before it needs to urinate.

* Had a solar eruption happened nine days earlier than it did in 2012, the Earth would have been hit by a massive solar storm that would likely have caused major X-ray and UV radiation and power failure

as soon as you take the garbage out." -- K.P. in Massachusetts

* Keep a box of baking soda in the fridge. When it's time to replace it, dump it down the drain and follow with a small bottle of vinegar and a hot water flush. Keep your kitchen smelling nice and use less chemicals to do it.

* "Here's a fun invitation to make and receive: Blow up a balloon and pinch (don't tie). Write the details of the party on the balloon in permanent marker. Let it dry fully before you deflate it. Then send it!" -- R.A. in Washington

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over the planet. It also would likely have cost trillions of dollars and taken four to 10 years to recover from. Timing really is everything!

* The hotel that inspired Stephen King to write "The Shining" plays the Stanley Kubrick film of the same name on a continuous loop on channel 42 for guests.

Thought for the Day: "Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." -- Sally Koch

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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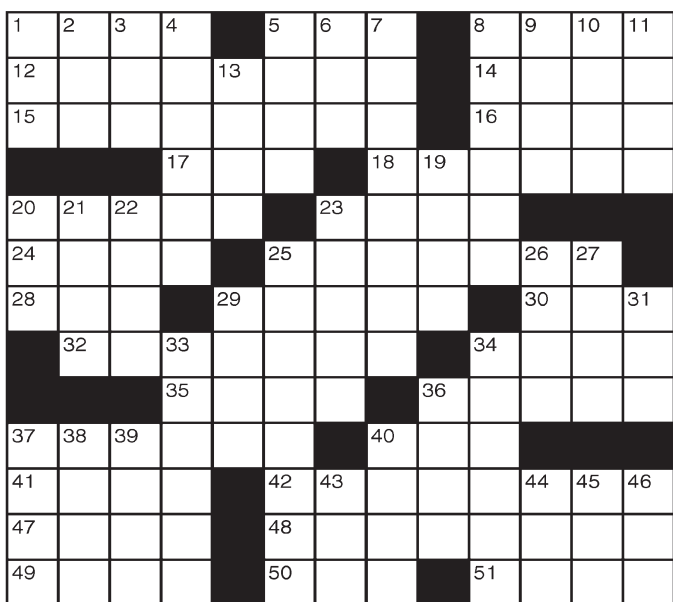
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Beer ingredient
- 5 Adj. modifier
- 8 Taverns
- 12 "The Middle" actress
- 14 Denny's rival
- 15 Susan of "Dead Man Walking"
- 16 Donated
- 17 Business mag
- 18 Rose and fell on the sea
- 20 Chicago cagers
- 23 Seethe
- 24 God of war
- 25 Adirondack lake
- 28 Martini ingredient
- 29 "Star Wars" baddie
- 30 Pirate's chart
- 32 Arabian nomad
- 34 Minus
- 35 Melodies
- 36 Blitzen's boss
- 37 Two-piece suit
- 40 Jazzy style
- 41 Greek vowels
- 42 Revolutionary War battle
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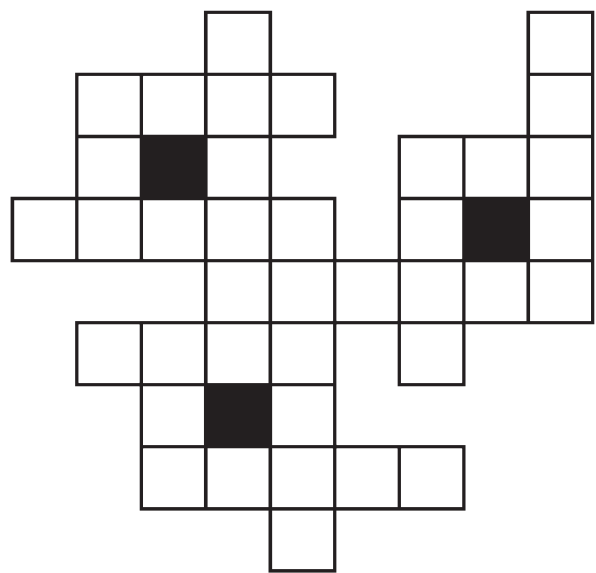


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- 10 Peregrinate
- 11 Raced
- 13 Hostels
- 19 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- 20 Purse
- 21 "Topaz" author
- 22 Sultry Horne
- 23 Loses color
- 25 Clerics' rob-bering room
- 26 "So be it"
- 27 Group of actors
- 29 Futile
- 31 Unpaid TV ad
- 33 Elevated
- 34 Portable PC
- 36 Daytime drama
- 37 Hotel furniture
- 38 Slanted type (Abbr.)
- 39 Welles role
- 40 Edge
- 43 Coach Parseghian
- 44 Eggs
- 45 Berlin's coun-try (Abbr.)
- 46 Museum dis-play

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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IRS sending 5 million letters to people owing taxes



David Zubler
Columnist

Darren Guillot, IRS Deputy Commissioner for Collection and Operations, recently estimated that the IRS is sending approximately 5-8 million letters to people who owe. The letters will be sent in May and early June.

Many people speculated that customer service had gotten so bad that the IRS had to pause collection notices because there was no one to answer the phones. After the new funding, they hired 6,000 new employees, which has resulted in an improvement in customer service.

There are several options if you aren't able to pay the total tax liability.

Currently Not Collectible (CNC)

This program suspends collection activity until you have the ability to pay taxes. Suppose you have assets with very little cash equity and no income beyond what is needed to live. In that case, the IRS may determine that your tax liability is currently not collectible.

With the CNC Status, you will be required to make payments if the IRS discovers that your financial status has improved.

Offer in Compromise (OIC)

The Offer in Compromise (OIC) is a program with the IRS that allows you to settle your taxes for less than the total amount of the liability. However, the amount the IRS will settle for depends on your assets and the amount of money you have left over after paying your monthly bills.

The OIC has enabled many people to settle for a small fraction of their tax liability. Using OIC tax strategies can save a substantial amount of money. Unfortunately, people often try to file their own OIC and pay tens of thousands more than necessary due to a lack of strategy knowledge.

Only a small percentage of self-prepared OICs are accepted. It is critical to hire a good, licensed tax professional.

Installment Agreement (IA)

With an Installment Agreement, the entire amount of tax liability is paid.

Partial Payment Installment Agreement (PPIA)

A Partial Payment Installment Agreement is a plan on which you make payments until the statute of limitations expires. In a partial payment agreement, the tax liability is not paid in full because the statute of limitation expires before the total liability is paid. Strategies can be used to reduce the total amount paid to the IRS in a Partial Payment Installment Agreement.

If the tax liability is capable of being settled for a fraction of the total liability, you should compare the CNC, OIC, and PPIA to determine which option provides the most tax savings.

It's important to take action as soon as possible to create tax-saving strategies

It is crucial to hire a good, licensed tax professional. The IRS has shut down many large tax resolution companies due to scams and unscrupulous practices. However, a good licensed professional could save you a substantial amount of tax savings.

As a benefit for the readers of my column, I am offering a free 15-minute consultation to discuss tax issues.

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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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Decluttering -- Do It Your Way

Consider this a firsthand account of clearing clutter. I read several self-help books; I sought advice from those who call themselves experts.

But I suspected that the "how to declutter" books would be a lost cause when I saw passages that suggested taking photos of cherished items as a way of remembering them; I knew that plan was not for me. It was the same with instructions to take it one room at a time or to take months to finish the task.

In the end, I rejected all I heard and read and opted for doing it my way: quickly and ruthlessly.

The key to successful decluttering is to ask yourself realistic questions:

If you're working on clothing and realize that you haven't

worn certain items in years, how likely are you to wear them ever again? If you have a set of dishes once owned by your grandmother and have never used it, are you likely to ever use it now? If you're sorting memorabilia from vacations, do you remember the details of your trip?

Give yourself one month to declutter, working at it for at least an hour every day, boxing things up as you go and dividing them into items to be donated or to be thrown out. At the end of the month, call the dump haulers or the people who take donations.

Keep in mind: If you haven't put up outdoor holiday decorations in five years, you won't start now. Relatives who indicate they want a certain item need to remove it immediately. You really don't need 17 sets of sheets or towels. Just because your mother kept her own mother's cherished items for 30 years doesn't mean you need to do the same.

But best of all: If something is no longer on a shelf, you don't have to dust it.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Name the artist who wrote and released "Buffalo Stance."**
- 2. What was the first chart-topper released by The Tokens?**
- 3. Name the Motown group that released "Heat Wave."**
- 4. Where did UB40 get its name?**
- 5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Do my dreaming and my scheming, Lie awake and pray."**

Answers

- 1. Neneh Cherry, in 1988. A "buffalo stance" is an attitude about survival in inner cities, specifically written about the models, musicians and photographers in the Buffalo fashion house in London.**
- 2. "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," in 1961. The song was first written in Zulu in 1939 and is alternately called "Wimoweh" and "Mbube."**
- 3. Martha and the Vandellas, in 1963. The song has been widely used in films, including "Carrie," "Sister Act" and the sequel "More American Graffiti."**
- 4. The UB40 is a welfare form in the U.K. for claiming benefits. All the band members were unemployed when they formed the group.**
- 5. "In My Room," by the Beach Boys, in 1963. The song made it to Rolling Stone's list of 500 greatest songs, and it's been covered by numerous artists. The 30-year box set contains a slightly earlier version than the one that was officially released.**

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MOMENTS IN TIME

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* On June 6, 1884, philanthropist and businessman George Williams co-founded the Young Mens Christian Association, or YMCA, with the aim of creating a supportive community for men like himself to address societal challenges.

* On June 9, 1902, Woodrow Wilson was elected president of Princeton University, holding the office until resigning in 1910 to run for governor of New Jersey. Wilson had graduated from the university in 1879 before studying law at the University of Virginia, then earning a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He remains the sole U.S. president to have received a doctoral degree.

* On June 7, 1939, George VI and Elizabeth I became the first king and queen of Great Britain to travel to the United States, where they met with President Franklin D. Roosevelt at his invitation. In a letter to her mother-in-law, Queen Elizabeth described the Roosevelts as "such a charming and united family and living so like English people when they come to their country house."

* On June 11, 1963, Alabama governor George Wallace stood in front of the Foster Auditorium at the University of Alabama and refused entry to two African American students, resulting in the issue of Executive Order 11111 by President John F. Kennedy. The order brought in the National Guard, forcing Wallace to step aside.

* On June 5, 1981, a weekly Morbidity and Mortality Report published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted five cases of a rare form of pneumonia in Los Angeles. Later, they would be recognized as the first incidences of the AIDS virus.

* On June 10, 2003, the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn, Michigan, opened Mrs. Fisher's Southern Cooking restaurant in honor of Abby Fisher, who journeyed from enslaved plantation cook to upscale caterer and cookbook author after migrating west to California. "What Mrs. Fisher Knows About Old Southern Cooking, Soups, Pickles, Preserves, Etc." is the oldest known cookbook by a formerly enslaved person.

* On June 9, 2020, Dr. Kathy Sullivan became the first woman to reach the deepest part of the ocean, the Mariana Trench (36,201 feet). Sullivan had earlier achieved notoriety by becoming the first American woman to complete a spacewalk, in 1984.

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

Was Tokyo Rose Really an Enemy?

In November 1943, Iva Toguri began appearing regularly on Zero Hour, a news and music program that aired each night on Radio Tokyo. Like all the other

female announcers on Zero Hour the twenty-seven-year-old Toguri was a native speaker of English having been born and raised in the United States. A Nisei that is an American born person of Japanese. This woman had grown up in Los Angeles where she received a B.S. degree in zoology from UCLA in 1941. Then later that year she sailed to Japan to take care of an ailing aunt. She got stranded there when the war started on December 7, 1941.

At first Toguri was considered an enemy alien by the Japanese authorities, she was put to work as a typist for Radio Tokyo before being pressured, as she later claimed, into becoming one of the station voluptuous, English speaking on-air personalities. This is when American servicemen would listen to her and call her Tokyo Rose.

If a radio popularity pole would be taken out there among American fighting forces a surprisingly large number of votes would go to "Tokyo Rose" and other of the programs beamed from the land of the rising sun to the advancing American bases in the south and southwest of the Pacific.

To the Japanese they felt like they were putting out good propaganda. It would

go something like this.

"Hello, our American friends. Don't you wish you were back home again, back with your wives, sweethearts, children? It's too bad you are out here, away from all that means so much to you and to enter a war in which you are not interested or concerned."

There followed discussions of Japanese achievements in sinking American warships, and then the almost invariable pre-

were careful not to call them evil or dumb because they wanted them to continue to listen to Tokyo Rose.

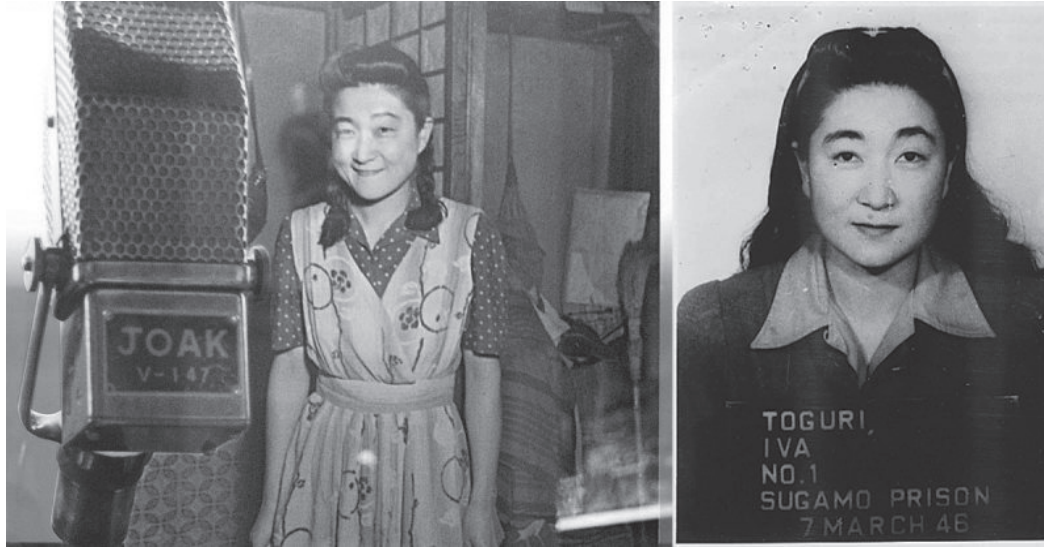
After the war, Toguri was arrested by the U.S. occupation authorities and held for eleven months as a security risk. In August 1946 she was freed when investigators failed to turn up any evidence to support charges of treason, but a subsequent public outcry stocked by columnist Walter Winchell, re-

vived her case and resulted in her extradition to the United States. Her trial began in July 1949, ended in September with a guilty verdict after the judge refused to accept the jurors' statement that they were dead locked. Tokyo Rose, became only the 7th American ever to be convicted of treason. She was sentenced to ten years in prison and fined ten thousand dollars. Later, however, information came to light suggesting

that she had indeed been coerced and that she had often risked her own safety to aid three prisoners of war assigned to Radio Tokyo, persuaded that Toguri had been wronged. President Gerald Ford pardoned her shortly before leaving office in January 1977.

What do you think? Should Iva Toguri, known as Tokyo Rose to the American soldiers be classified as an enemy? You have to remember that she really entertained the soldiers and played some of the best band music of the day. They laughed at Tojo's commercials since he was the sponsor. Iva Toguri couldn't help getting caught in Japan in December 1941 and she did help other prisoners out.

I believe the president was right in pardoning her. It was too bad that Nixon or Johnson didn't do that.



sentation of casualty lists, in this case a beat against Angle-American harmony.

Supreme headquarters said that combined British and Canadian casualties from D-day to VE-day were 184,512 while United States casualties for the 337 days of fighting since the invasion were 514,534. When it broke down it means the Allies have lost 1,572 soldiers killed, wounded, or missing every day. Of course, these figures were inflated. The Japanese officials were hopeful that this would have a breaking on morale in which Americans said it did not. But the soldiers loved to hear Tokyo Rose's sexy voice and sometimes thirty minutes of great music without an interruption. Radio Tokyo gave them entertainment. It also gave listeners comedy and good dance music. Rose called the soldiers boneheads, but they

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Rusty Wallace Auto Group Gives Free Ice Cream and More to Scott County Boys and Girls Club

Wednesday, May 17 was a great day for all the local area kids at Scott County's Boys and Girls Club of the Cumberland Plateau. The Rusty Wallace Auto Group brought a huge surprise- their ice cream truck, piloted by Jake Bull, Rusty Wallace Kia of Knoxville General Manager, and Chad Campbell, Rusty Wallace Honda GM. Almost 200 Boys and Girls Club kids were treated to as many fudgesicles, bomb pops, mystery pops, ice cream sandwiches and Icee bars as they wanted. Jake Bull and Chad Campbell estimated they handed out over 250 frozen treats, and they said they received the greatest treat themselves, just watching how happy the children were as they arrived from their respective schools and got to line up for free ice cream.

"God bless all these kids. This Club and these Club kids mean so much to us. We love everybody here, and love getting an opportunity to come over to Scott County," Rusty Wallace Kia's Jake Bull told the Morgan County Today. Chad Campbell of Rusty Wallace Honda added, "It is a blessing to be here today. But the bigger blessing is the one Jake and I get from this."

The Rusty Wallace Ice Cream truck had been to the Scott County Boys and Girls Club before, last year, but this time, along with the ice cream, Chad and Jake brought something extra with them for the Club and its staff and kids. And what they brought, said the Club's Chief Executive Officer Justin Sharpe, "almost made me totally speechless, which is a rare thing."

Inside the Jerry Slaven Gym at the Club, with all the Club kids watching, Jake and Chad presented CEO Sharpe with a check for \$20,000, about which Sharpe said, "Was the second largest unsolicited gift I believe we have ever received." Sharpe continued, "I am so thankful for the relationship between our Boys and Girls Club and the Rusty Wallace Auto Group." The Boys and Girls Club of the Cumberland Plateau derives its funding for all operations and overhead from a mix of grant funds, which are sometimes tenuous at best, combined with the revenue from three major fundraising events during the year, the largest of which is the annual Hall of Fame Banquet; and, donations from businesses or individuals who believe in the ongoing mission of the Club, which Sharpe said are a blessing but hard to either forecast or depend on. Sharpe elaborated on the Club's guiding prin-

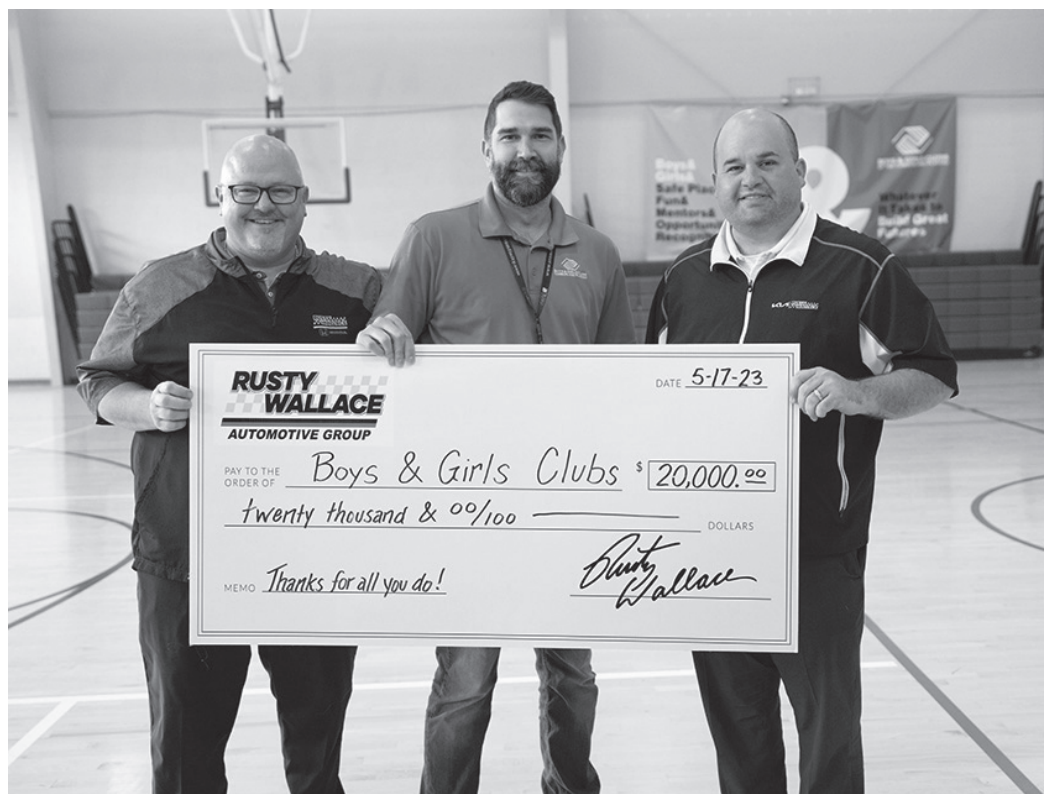


them providing Rusty Wallace as our keynote speaker at our Hall of Fame event four years ago. They also brought a significant amount of sports and

ciples:

"We believe EVERY kid has what it takes. The mission and core beliefs of Boys and Girls Clubs fuel our commitment to support all youth and teens in reaching their full potential."

Sharpe said he was also grateful for the support the Rusty Wallace Auto Group has given to ensure successful Hall of Fame events for the past years. "Our relationship with Jake Bull from Rusty Wallace Kia and Chad Campbell of Rusty Wallace Honda began with



NASCAR collectibles to be auctioned at the dinner.

We missed one year because of the Covid pandemic, but they provided more auction items and guest speakers for the two successive Hall of Fame events since, former UT quarterback Erik Ainge in 2021 and Knoxville Mayor Glenn Jacobs, also known as Kane for the 2022 banquet. Their generosity and kindness toward our Club has been phenomenal already, and the generous donation of \$20,000 is a major gift for any Boys and Girls Club, and will certainly have a major impact on the thousands of kids we serve in our rural community."

Last year, in a spontaneous gesture, Jake Bull and Chad Campbell went down a water slide with street clothes on because the owner of the water slide told them they would make a donation to their favorite charitable group if they did so. Chad and Jake went down the slide, and donated an undisclosed amount to the Boys and Girls Club of the Cumberland Plateau.

Jake Bull said, "It was a dare, and we did it because of the love we have for Scott County, their people, and the Boys and Girls Club."

This time, Chad and Jake stayed dry, got to eat ice cream with the kids, and brought over a big check. "I think I like this way better," Jake Bull said. Chad Campbell added, "Amen to that."





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1 Peter Chapter 1

(1 Peter 1:1-2) Salutation: The opening statement identifies the author as Peter, an apostle of Christ; the recipients are “the elect.” Christians are frequently referred to as God’s elect or chosen (Mt. 24:22; Rom. 8:33; Col. 3:12; 2 Tim. 2:10). This does not mean that each child of God was specifically chosen “before the foundation of the world” for salvation, while others were arbitrarily predestined for condemnation, as Calvinism contends. How absurd it is to argue that God commissioned the gospel to be preached to “every creature,” if a vast number had already been chosen for eternal damnation! The truth is, God chose a type of person, the one who is obedient in disposition, who would himself determine to enter the “in Christ” relationship (see Eph. 1:4)---“chose us in him”) by obedience to the truth (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27).

The letter is designed to be read by several churches in five provinces in Asia Minor. The people had been uprooted from their native countries, hence were “sojourners” in the region. They were Jews, dispossessed of their native land. The Christian movement, of which they were a part, was planned by God before the world existed, and it resulted in the “sanctification” (the setting apart) of these folks in the service of God by means of the Spirit’s instruction. Such led to their obedience, at which point the cleansing effect of Christ’s blood (foreshadowed in the Old Testament by animal blood) was applied on their behalf. A multiplied measure of grace and peace is extended (v. 2).

(1 Peter 1:3-12) Thanksgiving for salvation: God is praised as the Father of Christ, who has been merciful to us in that he has granted us a “living hope,” made certain by the resurrection of Christ from the dead and accessed by means of our being “begotten” (the new birth process) (Jn. 3:3-5). Such assures us of an inheritance that is incorruptible (will never perish), undefiled (clean), and unfading (with the passage of time). The final reward is reserved in heaven (v. 4) ---not on earth, as many modern commentators contend. This is the “one hope” elsewhere promised in the New Testament (Eph. 4:4).

The security of the saints is “guarded” by divine power, and yet their personal will power is not nullified, for it is by their “faith” (empowered by divine instruction; Rom. 1:16) that their Christian integrity is maintained. There is no support here for John Calvin’s dogma of the impossibility of apostasy.” The final goal is to be reached in the salvation to be revealed at the last time, at the return of Christ (v.5). Salvation has three tenses: past (Tit. 3:4-5), at the time of one’s baptism; present (1 Cor. 1:18), in the on-going process of Christian growth; and future (1 Pet. 1:9), at the time of the Lord’s return. While we greatly rejoice at this prospect, the reality is there may be a little while (relatively speaking) during which we must suffer “grief,” being subjected to various forms of trials (tests of one’s faith) (v.6).

Trials are not punishments for sin, but benevolent concessions to prove the quality of one’s faith. If it is the case that one recognizes the value of precious metal (like gold) by the purifying process of fire, how much more is one’s precious faith to be verified by the persecutions he endures? Surely such will receive the praise, glory, and honor at the time Jesus is revealed by his second coming (v.7). While we have not yet personally seen Christ, nonetheless we continuously love him; and we keep on believing in him. This results in happiness and joy beyond our ability to express, endowed with glory. This is to be realized when our faith has reached its goal, even our final and full salvation (v.9).

God’s wonderful plan of salvation had been in a preparatory process across the ages. As the ancient prophets occasionally saw the “strobe” flashes of glory in the utterances they were led by the Spirit of Christ (the Holy Spirit) to make, they probed diligently, longing, wondering as to the nature of the “salva-

tion”, of the “grace,” that eventually should come. They pondered the “manner of time” when the obscure predictions of the “sufferings of Christ” and the “glories” that would follow might be realized (v. 10-11).

As they made their prophetic declaration, they somehow had an understanding sufficiently plain to realize that their messages were not to be fulfilled in their time, but to a later generation. “The prophets were ministering to you,” he says. “And those important matters are tied to the gospel message which has been brought to you by those messengers who have spoken under the influence of the Holy Spirit.” So important is this message that even angels are intrigued by it (v.12)!

(1 Peter 1:13-25) Responsibilities connected with salvation: “Girding up” is a metaphor for getting ready for vigorous activity. Christians are to get “mentally tough.” Be serious and focus your hope on the coming of Christ and your appointment with judgment. “Children of obedience” is a figure of speech for being totally committed to submission to Christ; its opposite is to “stop” conforming to those worldly desires you pursued before you knew better (v.4). We are called to holiness in the way we live, because our God is holy (v. 15-16; Lev. 11:44; 19:2; 20:7). God is impartial; he does not judge on the basis of the exterior, but on the ground of each person’s “work” (obedience). Accordingly, spend your brief time on this earth respecting him and submitting to his will (v. 17).

Christians have been redeemed. The word means to “buy out of,” as when a slave was bought out of his bondage. God offered redemption by means of the plan involving the death of his Son (Rom. 3:24; 1 Cor. 1:30). Peter stresses that we were not purchased with any sort of precious metal, but with Christ’s blood. The plan was foreknown before the world was formed, yet was revealed in the final dispensation of the ages for our sake (v. 18-20). Through Christ we have become “believers” (the equivalent of Christians) in God, who raised his Son from the dead and glorified him. On this basis our faith and hope are anchored (v.21).

This wonderful plan, however, was not unconditional. There is a human response expected and demanded if pardon is to be granted. From the human vantage point, we purified (our) souls” by means of our “obedience to the truth” (gospel truth), and our gratitude is to be expressed in genuine (sincere) love for our spiritual family. It is to be a fervent, heart-felt devotion (v.22).

Peter’s teaching regarding the conversion process is framed in the same beget-birth motif as used by Christ in his conversation with Nicodemus. Jesus had taught regarding a new birth that involved two elements---a begetting and the birth (Jn. 3:3-5). The begetting was by means of the Spirit’s influence through the gospel, and the birth was consummated in a delivery from the water of baptism. This was the uniform interpretation of John’s text for fifteen centuries until John Calvin concocted a new view that removed the water. Some modern scholars attempt to make the water synonymous with the Spirit, but the two are clearly distinct, as reflected by the coordination conjunction “and.” In this context, Peter clearly shows that the begetting is through the word of God (v.23), which, of course, is the instrument of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). Compare with this Paul’s reference to our “cleansing” by means of the “washing of water with the word” (Eph. 5:26; 1 Cor. 12:13; Tit. 3:5).

The word of God is an ever-living force for the advancement of truth. Peter quotes from Isaiah 40:1. The original context had to do with a promise of deliverance from Babylonian captivity, but with a distant application of Messianic deliverance from sin, as the New Testament makes clear (Mt. 3:3; Mk. 1:3; Lk. 3:4-6; Jn. 1:23), and as Peter emphasizes in this text. In contrast to the withering of grass, the word of God is indestructible---yes, the very word of good tidings (gospel) which they believed and obeyed. Time does not erode it, infidelity hasn’t slowed it, and corrupt religion will never diminish it. God’s truth just IS!

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— Brenda Weaver

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Cole Burchell
(CatFish Cole)

Summer Days, Almost

By: CatFish Cole & Big Man Dan

Everyone agrees that we desperately need to get outside and enjoy the refreshing weather as we all wait for summer to finally arrive. Being able to bask in the sun and enjoy the lake, park, beach or wherever you find yourself this time of year has everybody anxious. Though we aren't quite into the best time of year, that doesn't mean we can't begin going outside and making memories. One example being this past Wednesday when WCMS held the 2023 field day.

CatFish Cole -

This was not our first field day by far, as we have taken part in these special days ever since we were at the elementary school. Being at the end of the school year it was the perfect way to hangout and have one last day of fun with all your friends before summer. Though this year was especially important as it would be our last before we took our place as freshmen at WCHS. It began quite slowly as we signed ourselves up for the various activities we could compete in. We then were funneled outside to the football field to compete in all the normal events including a 3 legged race, wheelbarrow race, and longest football throw. With myself competing in some of these events though failing to grasp 1st place. Next we participate in a grade wide kick ball game with each home room competing with one another. Our class dominated as we had a perfect record and scored over 100 total points. Of course after all this play we began to become hungry and thus were served up corn dogs and chips for the vast number of children. Though the best part of the day was at the end when we were given free range outside as we were sprayed down by the hose of a fire truck. It was a wonderful day as you can tell but the best part about it was having one last great day at WCMS.

Big Man Dan -

This last Thursday out school had a "Field Day". On field day we do events and games, and just stay outside the whole day. We have a field day every year. This particular year Gym Coach Markus Miller was over it. He held events like the baseball throw contest where you have to see who can throw a baseball the farthest. There were other games like that one and also races. They had a little competition to see whose class got the most wins of those competitions. At one point a fire truck pulled up and sprayed a really aggressive shower for the kids to play in. I would say Coach Miller did a good job setting this up and being in charge over it. At 2:10 we went into the gym to play the faculty in volleyball.....we lost. Then we played 7th grade.....we WON!!! I believe everyone had a really good time with the other kids and teachers. I am going to miss moments like this when I'm gone from Middle School.

We would like to thank all those who made this day possible and especially thank P.E. teacher Markus Miller who was in charge of this whole operation with this being his first year.

WCMS Weekly Poll
ATTENTION students please answer the following question and RETURN your answer to Cole Burchell to have it submitted into next week's results.

How do you plan to spend summer?

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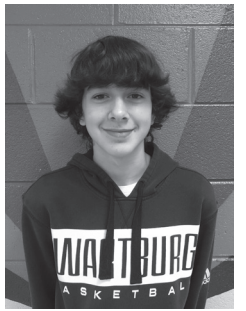
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INDIANS REGION RUNNERS-UP FALL TO LOUDON

By Richard Spears



It was a battle of the tribes, as the Oneida Indians took on the Loudon Redskins in the Region Tournament Final at Jane Hoffman Field Thursday, May 18. After defeating Sweetwater 4-0 in Tuesday's (5-16) Region semifinal game at Oneida, the Indians would see that same final tally against Loudon, only with the Redskins on the winning side of the scoreboard.

A stout defensive battle for the first ten minutes, Loudon hit a goal, which would account for all the scoring in the first half, as the Redskins went into the break with a 1-0 lead. Oneida had only 5 shots on goal in the first period.

More selfish defense on both sides in the second frame, as Loudon

hit a goal off a ricochet in the 14th minute to go up, 2-0 over Oneida. One minute later, the Redskins made it a 3-0 game.

At the 14:40 mark, Loudon knocked another one in the nets to give them a 4-0 lead. That would be the final. The Indians, playing without gamechanger Nick Gilbert were Region runners-up, and scheduled to play a sectional game at Alcoa on Saturday, May 20.

After the Loudon contest, Oneida Head Coach Derek Keeton told his team, "We gave up three goals on ricochets. I can't ever remember us doing that before. Physically, the Loudon players just wanted it more. We out played them until they scored the second goal, then we just seemed to give up. Those Loudon guys didn't miss a beat, and capitalized on opportunities. This team has done some amazing things on this field this season. I just want you to know, me and your coaches love you all. We need to see your very best at Alcoa."

ONEIDA SHUTS OUT SWEETWATER IN PHYSICAL BATTLE

Oneida lost senior Nick Gilbert in a game that got very physical against Sweetwater on Jane Hoffman field Tuesday(5-16) night, as the Indians won the Region semifinal in a decisive 4-0 shutout to advance to the Region Tournament final.

Luke Barna hit a long goal in the 7th minute of the game to put Oneida up, 1-0. Senior Nick Gilbert, off an assist from Levi James, nailed a score at the 24:24 mark. Eight minutes later,

Gilbert assisted James to give the Indians a 3-0 lead. With 40 seconds remaining in the first half, Mason Keeton scored to make it 4-0. The goal was Keeton's 60th career score, tying the Oneida school record, held by his cousin, Danner Keeton. Though Oneida took a 4-0 lead into the break, all the scoring for the contest was done, as Oneida emerged with a 4-0 victory.

In comments after the game, Oneida Defense Coach Phil Newport told the Morgan County Today, "We held them to just nine shots in the game, six in the first half, and three in the second half. That says how well we did on defense, in addition to the zero on their side of the scoreboard. We'll need to be that good against Loudon, and it's tough to lose a leader like Nick."



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



REICE KENNEDY



NOLAN COTTON

Historically Speaking

Bob Eby, Part Two

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

I was proud to learn that approximately 60 people attended the Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association's April membership and public meeting to see Benita's Tales from the Oak Ridge Schools presentation. If you did not get to see the presentation all is not lost. Keith McDaniel and I are recording her presentation on our Hidden History: Stories from the Secret City videocast. Here is the link to the first one of three we plan to do: https://youtu.be/Ns7eOVw_GdU Now for the second part of her story about Bob Eby.

John Dewey, an educational leader of the early Twentieth Century proffered, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." Dewey believed that educators should be conscious of the need to prepare students for the inevitable changes their futures would entail. I asked Bob Eby, an Oak Ridge High School Class of 1970 graduate, who is now the Chairman of the Tennessee State Board of Education (SBE), what he thought of such a premise and how his personal and professional life experiences might or might not agree. His thoughtful answer follows.

"I would probably not agree that education is life itself. I would say that 'Education is a very critical part of life's journey that opens doors not possible without it.' Certainly, without it you cannot fully enjoy the infinite opportunities that are created within God's wonderful universe; however, there is so much more than just education that is part of life: primarily faith, love, and relationships." Bob continued, expressing great appreciation for the opportunities he has been offered via the efforts of educators and his educational resume. His concluding remarks were, "I owe so much to my education throughout life that I want to be able to open similar doors to others."

Bob's professional achievements, his commitment to public service, and his impassioned advocacy for education are worthy of praise and gratitude. A short list of his accolades includes the Robert E. Wilson Award for lifetime contributions in nuclear engineering from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, 1990 Manager of the Year Award from the Martin Marietta Corp., and the 2021 Muddy Boot Award for "Leadership and passion in education" from the East Tennessee Economic Council.

His professional career launched early as a University of Tennessee K-25 engineering co-op student to a full-time, K-25 employee beginning in 1974. This was followed by a series of unique assignments within the fields of engineering and management. Bob is a prime example of a continual learner, someone who has accepted many growth opportunities. Knowing that my question of Bob to "briefly" describe his specialized work was presumptuous at best, he obliged: "I have worked, and now consult, in various uranium enrichment technologies including gaseous diffusion, gas centrifuge, atomic vapor laser isotopes, and molecular laser isotope processes."

His resume' includes extensive work in leadership development and management. He gives much credit to former bosses who influenced his leadership/management education. Bob Merriman whom he describes as "my mentor over forty-five years... gave me this Lao Tzu quote early in my career. I still remember and try to live by it: 'A leader is best when neither seen

or heard; not so good when glorified and adored; worst when hated and despised; fail to honor your people, they will fail to honor you; but at the end of the day, the aim fulfilled, the people will say we did this ourselves'."

Bob credits other role models such as his first boss at K-25, Mike Stephenson, whose wisdom included: "If you work for your people, they will work for you." Bob added: "Linc Hall, a former Army Ranger, was my boss when I was plant manager at K-25 (1992-1995). He taught me ownership of my people, meaning that I should own their actions and never forget that. Linc might chew me out in his office, but when



Bob and Jean in front of the Tennessee Capital building

we went to the public, he never blamed me. He took the blame himself."

The above mentors' teachings were further supplemented with advanced training opportunities. Bob wrote of one of these: "I was chosen by corporate to teach a course, Kepner-Tregoe Problem Solving and Decision Making. I taught this process to more than 300 people over four years including company vice-presidents and shop floor people.

In 1986, Bob was dispatched as one of 28 Martin Marietta employees to the Lawrence Livermore Lab in California for a joint development project, the Atomic Vapor Laser Isotope Separation Process. This move required his family's absence from Oak Ridge for three-and-a-half years. Martin Marietta invited him to return home in 1990 and to accept a job assignment that the company described as "a new, growing program in environmental management." It became a thirteen-year career focus until Bob returned to uranium enrichment and his appointment as the Technology Director for the United States Enrichment Corporation (2006-2016).

Bob then joined Navarro Research and Engineering as an Executive Vice-President. However, upon his appointment to the State Board of Education in 2018, he chose part time work as a senior technical consultant primarily serving on technical review committees for the National Nuclear Security Administration. Bob said, "I am pleased to work for a strong technical company like Navarro. It keeps my skills honed."

Bob's skills are respected in the field of nuclear science. He has presented over fifty papers worldwide and has travelled on business to numerous European countries, to Japan and Korea, and four trips to Russia.

Bob wrote, "On one of my trips, I got to visit the closed city of Novouralsk, Siberia. I visited their uranium enrichment facilities. I suspect that not many Americans have had such an opportunity. The Russian town is what I envisioned Oak Ridge was like during World War II. Novouralsk is a town of approximately 90,000 people that is totally enclosed, and I had to go through security to enter—much like the early, gated Oak Ridge."

Bob is especially proud of the opportunity he was granted to lead the first decommissioning of a research nuclear reactor in the United States. He said, "The Georgia Tech reactor we decommissioned was built in the 1970's. We learned so much during this process, and the experience spun out many papers. One clear finding was that when future reactors are designed, it is imperative that the design accommodate safer, future decommissioning." This Georgia Tech assignment won the State of Georgia Engineering Project of the Year Award in 2002, and the lessons learned were later employed in reactor decommissioning projects at the University of Virginia and the University of Michigan, both projects which Bob led.

Several like projects sought Bob's expertise including a year-long project in Winfrith, England developing a decommissioning plan for a 300 MW reactor. Bob said, "It was the first nuclear power reactor in the UK to be decommissioned."

Bob is thankful for his wife, Jean, who assumed many home and family duties alongside teaching third and fourth graders at Linden School during his many business travels. He is grateful that his children received an Oak Ridge Schools education. Elizabeth (ORHS Class of 1998) earned a veterinary degree from UT and is now involved in fulltime work for Christian Veterinary Missions. She will travel to Nicaragua this summer with a group of college veterinary students on a mission trip. William (ORHS Class of 2001) completed an Industrial Engineering undergraduate degree from Clemson followed by an MBA from Vanderbilt. He is the Director for Business Excellence for Nationwide Financial in Columbus, Ohio.

Jean, now retired after 30 years of teaching, and Bob delight in their five young grandchildren and special family getaways to their Keystone, Colorado vacation home. It was Bob's dad, raised in Colorado, who instilled in Bob a love for its mountains and fly-fishing streams. Now the Eby grandchildren are becoming accomplished snow skiers like their granddad.

At a time in his life when Bob could choose to fully retire, he continues to devote his talents to charitable causes such as fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House and membership on the Global Fellowship Board supporting missionary work to the Mayan's in the Yucatan Peninsula. Bob and Jean have traveled there the past twelve years to assist the work. In addition, Bob mentors young adults whom he says, "keep me young."

He mentioned his bucket list and the plans to check off the next-to-last item this May when he and Jean will make a two-week tour of the Greek Isles. The last item is a trip to Wisconsin, completing his 50-state itinerary of visits. And speaking of "fifty," the entire Eby family will travel to Mexico next year to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Jean and Bob. Bob understatedly added, "I like to stay active!"

Wow, what an amazing career! Next Benita will ask Bob some probing questions about his involvement in Boards of Education.

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