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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Mr

Tommy says it is Thanks-

giving week and that means that we take a few minutes to thank the good Lord for our blessings. So, I want to say how thankful that I am to have a Mimi and Pappy that wuff me and care for me. A lot of animals are not as lucky as me.

They have so much wuff in their hearts that they got me a sister. YEP, Mimi talked Pappy into getting Ms Ivorie Girl. I have to say that she is as sweet



as she is pretty.

I gotta admit that I wuff her to. I even move out of the way and let her eat from my bowl. That means I wuff her a lot.

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 TIME. The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center has changed its meeting date. The Center will now meet on the third Monday of the month at 6PM. Please make a note of this change.

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

For delivery within a 5 mile radius of Deer Lodge Center, please call before 10 am, Saturday November 18th at 423-965-5000. (Beverage not included in deliveries)

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 now accepting applications for a clerical position. Make arrangements to pick up/fill out an application at City hall. For more information call 423-628-5250

CITY OF SUNBRIGHT AGENDA FOR November 21, 2023 (6pm)

Report on following:

- Meeting begins at 6pm.
-Progress of new build at city hall complex
-Progress of slum clearance phase 1
-Christmas Lighting Friday December 1st at 6pm with caroling, hot chocolate, and cookies. At 7pm the park will be lit.
-Senior Citizen Bell Ringers will be performing at the lighting of Sunbright.

St Paul's Live Nativity Sunday, December 10, from 5:30 till 8:00 pm.

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# Foreign Influence Plagues U.S. Elected Offices



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

The United States is undeniably the greatest country on the planet. However, our most famous founding father, George Washington warned Congress in his 1796 farewell address, that two-party political competition was a ripe fruit to be exploited by foreign powers. Washington's insight is prophetic even in 2023.

The two-party competition between the Republicans and Democrats is now exposing the dark underbelly of political expediency being funded by a host of foreign powers. From the growing evidence that the President of the United States and his family have received money from questionable foreign actors to the many members of Congress who have been accused of accepting money from not only foreign actors, but in some cases, countries who have the United States very demise as an overarching goal, all of these circumstances beg for voting action from Americans.

To be fair, elected officials receiving money from foreign powers exploit both sides of the political aisle. Former Republican House Speaker John Boehner joined the lobbying firm Squire Patton Boggs after he retired from the House in 2015. This firm has for a long time represented the Chinese embassy in Washington. Is it surprising that Boehner lead the effort to grant China most favored trading nation status during the late 1990s?

Also, this year, Democratic Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey was indicted for political favors to Egyptian foreign nationals, allegedly for wads of cash and bars of gold. The latest hint of foreign influence

comes from New York. No, I am not talking about thousands of illegal immigrants living homeless on New York streets, rather a law enforcement raid on a Democratic fundraiser.

Recently, federal agents executed a search warrant on the Brooklyn home of New York Mayor Eric Adams' top campaign fundraiser, Brianna Suggs. It is noteworthy that Mayor Adams has been a vocal critic of President Biden's border policies, which have financially and physically wrecked the City of New York. Suggs was also considered by many as too young and inexperienced to be running Adam's campaign, which is now being questioned even more vigorously.

The Manhattan U.S. attorney's office has not commented on the investigation, but The New York Times has reported that the search warrant indicates that authorities were trying to discover if the Adams campaign

conspired with the Turkish government to receive campaign donations from foreign agents that are barred by law. So, from the White House to the Mayor's office, we see our country being exploited because of the intense competition between Republicans and Democrats. It is frustrating for the voter who worries about the country his or her children will inherit. Only when Democrats and Republicans begin to forward moderate candidates will this end. I certainly miss the days of Ronald Regan and Tip O'Neil. Although on different sides of the political fence, both understood that political agendas were not worth sacrificing the long-term security and safety of America.



*Photo Courtesy of Mike Stoll*



*New York City Mayor Eric L. Adams*  
*Photo Courtesy of the New York Mayor's Office*

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# In Loving Memory

## Lee Brant Carroll



Lee Brant Carroll, passed away peacefully November 13, 2023 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. Lee is known as being the "most down to earth country boy from the hills, as well as being the most loyal person you will ever meet." Lee loved to hunt and fish, but what he loved the most in life was his "baby girl-Gracie Mae."

Lee is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Wayne Carroll and his maternal grandmother Shirley Spurlock; uncles Billy Moore, Stevie Moore, Wayne Carroll, Jr., James Carroll, and Raymond Carroll.

Lee leaves behind his daughter Alyson "Gracie" Roberts of Oak Ridge; father Warren (Sandy) Carroll of Devonia;

mother Melissa Moore of Oak Ridge; brothers Jesse Wayne Carroll and Logan Carroll of Devonia; grandmother Inez Carroll; grandfather Richard Moore; uncle Wade (Maxine) Carroll; aunt Cotton Tucker; niece Willow Carroll and the love of his life and mother of

baby girl, Jessica Roberts of Oak Ridge and a host of cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, November 16, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Carroll Family Cemetery/New River Community.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lee Brant Carroll.

## Alma Louise Howard, 81

Alma Louise Howard, age 81 of Harriman passed away November 11, 2023 at her home.

She is preceded in death by her husband Willis Howard; father Dewey Brown; mother Ona Brown; siblings Junior Brown, Ruth Brown Tilley, Beacher Brown, Lonnie Brown, Edd Brown, Linnie Brown Newland, France Brown and Reba Tallent.

Louise leaves behind her sons Dean (Marie) Howard of Oakdale, Allen (Sherri) Howard of Oakdale, and Gilbert Howard; grandsons Richard Howard, Robbie Howard, David Howard, Mathew

Howard, Nick Howard and William Howard; granddaughter Tabitha Howard Helton; 23 great grandchildren; 3 step granddaughters and a host of nieces, nephews whom she loved with all of her heart; 1 sister Elizabeth Bunch.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Harriman from 1:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Will Gouge officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Alma Louise Howard.

## Jessie Joydean Adams Taylor, 97



Jessie Joydean Adams Taylor, age 97, went home to be with the Lord on November 19, 2023, at the Oneida Nursing Center surrounded by her loved ones. She was a member of Chestnut Ridge Community Chapel until she moved to Scott County. She was known for her strong faith and great love for her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents Anna Elizabeth and John Calvin Adams, husband of 66 years Huston Taylor. Sons- baby James and Jerry. Daughters- Jeannie son-in-law Leo, Daughter-in-laws Cindy, Sherri, and several brothers, sisters, and grandchildren.

Joydean is survived by her daughters: Justine, Jesselyn, Anna, Rose (Cindy

Nuckols), and Lisa (Dennis Anderson). Sons: Jeff, Joey (Colleen), David (Grady Franklin), and John (Tish Taylor)

31 Grandchildren, 80 Great Grandchildren, and 58 Great Great Grandchildren; and numerous other family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 from 11am-1pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow with Bro. Nathan Beasley officiating. Interment will follow in the Adams Hill Cemetery, Deer Lodge, TN

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jessie Joydean Adams Taylor.

## Mary Lou Stamey King Owen, 84

Mrs. Mary Lou Stamey King Owen, age 84 of Rockwood, passed away November 18, 2023, at Victorian Square in Rockwood. She was a member of the Courts of Praise Church of God in Harriman. She loved to dance, be outdoors and have a good time with family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Agey Stamey and Maude Ligget. Husband: Cecil Owen. Four brothers and four sisters. One granddaughter.

She is survived by her children: Romonia & husband Randy Loy of Harriman, Teresa & husband George Whitener of Cleveland, Diane & husband James Carr of Kingston, Brian King of Oak Ridge, and Vince & wife Wendy King of Oakdale.

10 grandchildren. 35 great grandchildren. 3 great great grandchildren. And a host of many other friends and family.

The family will receive friends Monday November 20, 2023, at Davis Funeral Home in Harriman from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Funeral services will follow at 7:00 PM with Bro. Chip Humphers officiating. Graveside will be Tuesday November 21, 2023, at 11:00 AM in Clax Gap Cemetery.

Davis Funeral Home in Harriman is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Stamey King Owen.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.davisfuneralhomes.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomes.com).

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

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The City of Wartburg will have an upcoming Beer Board meeting on Friday December 15, 2023 to begin at 2:30p.m. The meeting will take place in the conference room at City Hall.

*The staff of Schubert Funeral Home would like to show our appreciation to the families we have served this year. We invite you and your family to attend our Annual Memorial Service remembering those who passed away this year.*

*The service will be Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. in the Chapel of Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. Lemonaid and Cookies will be served following the service.*

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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

\* Don't throw away that damaged garden hose. Here are three great uses: 1. Use as a weather strip along the bottom of your garage door. 2. Use sections to protect the blades on your ice skates. 3. Use as a safety edge on your saws in the shop. Cut to fit and slip it over the blade.

\* "If a small screw keeps coming loose on something, remove it, paint it with clear nail polish and rescrew quickly. This often does the trick. Makes it more grippy." -- I.W. in Minnesota

\* Doggie got a greasy coat, but it's too cold for a bath? Liberally sprinkle your pup with baking soda or cornstarch. Rub into coat and brush out.

\* "Those little soft cardboard sleeves that light

bulbs come in are really great for mailing photos. If you fold them flat, you can slip your pics inside, and it goes right in the envelope. They'll be nice and protected." -- D.L. in Georgia

\* "If your curling broom is losing its spring, try trimming the bristles a little bit. This worked for me." -- R.D. in Canada (Tipsters: Curling is an ice sport.)

\* Defog your mirror with shaving cream. Smear it over the entire surface and then wipe away with a clean towel. Keep cleaning until clear. It works for at least two weeks -- NO FOG!

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* To visit every child in the world, Santa Claus would need to travel at 3,000 times the speed of sound. But who says he couldn't? Not us! He's Santa!

\* If you were drafted during the American Civil War, you could legally pay someone \$300 (roughly equivalent to \$5,000 earned by an unskilled worker in 2018) to go in your place. The practice, known as commutation, was actually intended to raise money for the war effort.

\* Need a morning pick-me-up? A cup of java is most effective if consumed between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

\* Six hundred Americans die each year from falling out of bed.

\* A 99-year-old man divorced his 96-year-old wife after 77 years of wedlock when he discovered she'd had an affair in the 1940s.

\* Elvis Presley failed a music class in high school.

\* On average, people who complain live longer! Verbally releasing their grievances boosts their health by increasing their immunity. Of course, some of us may wish to keep that nugget of information to ourselves.

\* Oxford University researchers discovered that people who opt for genetic research have a genetic predisposition to do so.

\* George Washington stopped the Revolutionary War by ordering a ceasefire in order to return a lost terrier that belonged to British Gen.

William Howe, via one of Washington's aides under a flag of truce, after having the dog fed, cleaned and brushed in Washington's own tent.

\* Leo Fender, inventor of the Telecaster and Stratocaster guitars, could not actually play the instrument himself.

\* Despite its nickname, Florida isn't the sunniest state. Arizona is.

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Thought for the Day: "Success is peace of mind, which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable." -- John Wooden

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Squid squirt
- 4 Beloved
- 8 "Ditto"
- 12 "The Simpsons" barkeep
- 13 Killer whale
- 14 Director Kazan
- 15 Get older
- 16 Feel elated
- 18 Two-dot punctuation mark
- 20 Triage ctrs.
- 21 Calendar entry (Abbr.)
- 24 Smiles broadly
- 28 Flight costs
- 32 "Phooey!"
- 33 Hosp. area
- 34 Rich cake
- 36 Quarterback Manning
- 37 Arrears
- 39 NPR show hosted by Terry Gross
- 41 Thoreau piece
- 43 Gym site, for short
- 44 Promptly
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- 50 Rock fan's imaginary instrument
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- 11 Corn spike
- 17 Sphere
- 19 Klutz
- 22 Campus VIP
- 23 Towel material
- 25 Vicinity
- 26 Niger's neighbor
- 27 Swizzle
- 28 Staffer
- 29 Frozen deserts
- 30 Abrades
- 31 Goblet feature
- 35 Prom dates
- 38 Snarl
- 40 Owns
- 42 One of us
- 45 Trace
- 47 Rubik's baffler
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- 49 Monopoly payment
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# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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- ♥ HEROCE
- IYN
- ♥ RYTA
- HOBRA
- ILN
- ELBINY
- ANCLA
- ♥ HICN

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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# Historically Speaking

## Los Alamos National Laboratory speakers in Oak Ridge

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Thanks to Carolyn Krause for capturing the presentation made at the Oak Ridge History Museum by my friend, Alan Carr and my new acquaintance, Brye Steeves. I was pleased to help arrange for them to visit Oak Ridge and participate in several events here. This one was hosted by Oak Ridge Heritage & Preservation Association.

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Interest in J. Robert Oppenheimer persists in Oak Ridge as evidenced by the large turnout at the Oak Ridge History Museum on October 3, 2023, to hear Alan Carr, historian for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), and Brye Steeves, director of LANL's National Security Research Center (NSRC).

Oppenheimer is often known as the father of the atomic bomb, the scientific director of the Manhattan Project, the first director of LANL (first called the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory) and the topic of the blockbuster 2023 movie "Oppenheimer." The current director of LANL is Thom Mason, a previous director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

One of the messages of the two LANL employees is that last July when Christopher Nolan's biopic appeared, LANL soon after made available on its website its own documentary produced this year entitled "Oppenheimer: Science-Mission-Legacy" (search on Google for free "LANL Oppenheimer documentary" or use this link: <https://discover.lanl.gov/news/0921-oppenheimer-documentary/>)

Carr narrates the documentary, which describes Oppie as "a flawed hero." Among the people who appear in the three-part film on YouTube are Mason; Oppenheimer's grandson Charles, the family's unofficial spokesperson; Jennifer Granholm, secretary of the Department of Energy, who last December vacated the 1954 revocation of Oppenheimer's security clearance by DOE's predecessor, the Atomic Energy Commission – an action asked for by a letter written by Mason and signed by nine other former LANL directors; and Kai Bird, the co-author with the late Martin Sherwin of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize-winning book on which the Nolan movie was based – "American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer."

Carr said that the NSRC at Los Alamos was approached by a researcher looking for images of Oppenheimer for possible use in the Nolan movie. Steeves added that since the NSRC she leads has numerous unclassified photos, videos and publications of historic value related to Oppenheimer, Carr, she, and others realized that LANL could make a valuable, informative documentary about its first director that would be available at about the same time as the movie was premiered.

She commented that when Granholm visited Los Alamos to watch a screening of the LANL documentary she is in and to participate in a panel discussion for LANL staff, she said that one purpose of her decision to clear Oppie's name was that "she wanted to send a very strong message to today's scientific community that DOE has your back. Her point was that dissent does not mean disloyalty." (Oppenheimer's dissent was his opposition to the development of the hydrogen bomb.) Granholm implied that DOE respects and values differences of opinion and questioning attitudes among members of the scientific community, Steeves added.

Carr, who called Oppie a brilliant teacher, ambassador for science and arms control advocate, talked about his interactions with Kai Bird and recommended other books on Oppenheimer, such as "The General and the Genius: Groves and Oppenheimer—The Unlikely Partnership That Built the Atom Bomb" by Carr's friend James Kunetka; Ray Monk's "Robert Oppenheimer: A Life Inside the Center," which digs deeply into Oppie's past to solve the enigma of his motivations and his complex personality, and "Oppenheimer: Portrait of an Enigma" by Jeremy Bernstein. Carr added that Oak Ridgers might want to read on the internet the transcripts of the 1954 AEC hearings that revoked Oppie's security clearance. (The full transcript is found here: <https://www.osti.gov/opennet/hearing>)

Carr said that the LANL film reports that Oppenheimer was a brilliant scientist who "imported theoretical physics

to the United States" and was the first to publish a paper suggesting the existence of "black holes," which were not discovered until after his death. The announcement of this landmark paper's publication on Sept. 1, 1939, Carr added, "was overshadowed by the German invasion of Poland on the same day."

In one of his interactions during a meal with Bird, who he interviewed for the LANL film, Carr learned that Bird was invited by Nolan to watch the filming of one of the scenes at a place close to Los Alamos. (In their "Hidden History" podcast, Bird told hosts Ray Smith and Keith McDaniel that he was somewhat bored by all the takes required to produce an approved piece of film footage.)

Bird also told Carr that since Nolan had bought the rights to use Bird and Sherwin's book as a basis for the biopic, the movie director asked Bird to "read the script in a hotel room one afternoon and then turn it right back in when he was done," Carr said. He added that Bird told him that Nolan gave Bird a personal showing of the finished movie at the NBC Universal IMAX theater. Even though the movie has a few historical inaccuracies largely to increase its entertainment value, Carr said Bird told him that he found it "remarkable to see his book come to life on the



Brye Steeves and Alan Carr

big screen," that he was "moved to tears" by watching the film and that "he embraced Christopher Nolan after seeing the movie."

Carr also asked Bird at a luncheon about the money he received because of giving Nolan the rights to use "American Prometheus" for the movie, which cost \$110 million to make and another \$100 million to advertise. Bird said that no more than 6% of the movie budget goes to book authors and that the cap is \$500,000. He added that he split his earnings with the estate of his late coauthor and that the money he received was taxed.

The LANL historian gave the Nolan movie generally good reviews, especially for the acting and the movie's ability to hold an audience's attention despite the numerous characters in it. He stated that the movie had a few historical inaccuracies, that the Einstein character was "a stand-in" for other people not portrayed in the movie and that the "poisoned apple" incident in which a mentally disturbed young Oppenheimer appeared to attempt to murder his mentor at Cambridge University probably never happened (as Charles Oppenheimer asserts).

Carr also said that two people he admired who were somewhat demonized in the movie were Colonel Kenneth Nichols (a hero in Oak Ridge, where he became military director of the Manhattan Project's nuclear fuel facilities after he purchased for the Y-12 plant uranium for electromagnetic separation and silver to replace unavailable copper for the Y-12 magnets), and President Harry Truman, who was offended by Oppie's tone-deaf comment about having "blood on his hands" when Truman as commander in chief during World War II obviously had a lot more blood on his hands.

In the movie, Carr said, Nichols appeared as a "weasel" when he tried to deny Oppie a security clearance at Los Alamos. "Nichols, who oversaw Oppie's background investigation, was rightfully concerned about Oppie's communist connections," added Carr, acknowledging that General Leslie Groves made a wise decision appointing Oppie head of the Los Alamos lab even though the brilliant scientist had no management experience.

Oak Ridge Historian Ray Smith, in an answer to a question, said that Oppenheimer is known to have visited Oak Ridge twice. One time he visited his brother Frank, who worked at Y-12, and another time government photographer Ed Westcott took an iconic photo of Oppie smoking

a cigarette in front of the fireplace mantle at the Guest House, later called the Alexander Inn, and now the Alexander Guest House senior living center (A copy of that iconic photograph is framed and placed on the same mantle shown in the photograph).

Smith added that Oppie's contributions to Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project included pushing Groves to get built in three months a third uranium enrichment plant, based on the Navy's thermal diffusion concept. The three plants (including Y-12 and K-25 gaseous diffusion plants) together produced enough fuel for the first atomic bomb and likely shortened the war by three weeks, Smith said.

Smith added that Oppie may have prevented an explosive criticality accident at Y-12. He sent the famous scientist Richard Feynman (a character in the Nolan movie) to tell Tennessee Eastman and the Army Corps of Engineers how to safely space and geometrically arrange stored drums of uranium nitrate solution to avoid a potentially disastrous release of radioactivity to the Oak Ridge environment.

Carr was asked about the fallout from the Trinity test of a small plutonium bomb in the New Mexico desert, the first detonation of a nuclear weapon (in July 1945), which was designed and built at Los Alamos under Oppie's leadership. Carr, who has published articles on the test as a historian, cited the findings of health physicists led by Steve Simon with the National Cancer Institute, which are online.

Carr said that they concluded that the radioactivity from the Trinity test "cannot be linked to any particular individual's cancer" and that it may have caused "500 extra cases of cancer of which about half were thyroid cancers that are typically very treatable." Carr noted that of the more than half a million people in New Mexico at the time, there were an estimated 188,000 cases of many different types of cancer.

While scientists in Chicago and Oak Ridge signed petitions never sent to President Truman imploring that the first atomic bomb be demonstrated to the Japanese rather than dropped on a populated Japanese city, that was not the case in Los Alamos, Carr said. He noted that Oppie saw "no other possibility other than direct military use of the atomic bomb" and that "he knew it was his duty. He felt that it was the right decision and never regretted using the atomic bomb. He was hopeful at the end of the war that we finally created a weapon that will force people to abandon warfare as a way of resolving their problems."

One member of the audience, who liked the "Oppenheimer" movie, commented that he thought "it raised the concern about radioactivity that is beyond reason." Carr agreed with him, noting that sensational articles have been published that assert without proof that the Trinity test injured 100,000 to 500,000 people. He added, "Nobody ever talks about how many hundreds of nuclear power plants are operating safely right now around the world."

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Thanks Carolyn! In addition to the excellent presentation covered here, the LANL folks were hosted by the Y-12 National Security Complex with tours and had presentations from LANL for Y-12 employees as well as Oak Ridge National Laboratory for tours and a panel discussion for ORNL employees. It was a great week!

The presentation was recorded and can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/EV8f5bSnSIE?si=Kxjw8E0NTEPB7mZr>

The documentary film made by LANL is available here: <https://discover.lanl.gov/news/0921-oppenheimer-documentary/>

You can see more of Alan Carr here on Hidden History: Stories from the Secret City: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xz5DVRZITg&t=2552s>

You can see an interview with Kai Bird, coauthor of The American Prometheus, the book on which the Oppenheimer movie is based, here on Hidden History: Stories from the Secret City: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRTHDriQ5ZI&t=92s>

And if you have not seen the movie Oppenheimer, go see it!

### Tinkers Welcome Baby Boy Heston Dean Tinker

Heath and Alyssa Tinker announce the birth of their baby boy Heston Dean Tinker.

Heston was born on Monday September 18, 2023 at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center at 3:19 pm. He weighed 7lbs and 14 oz and was 21 inches long.

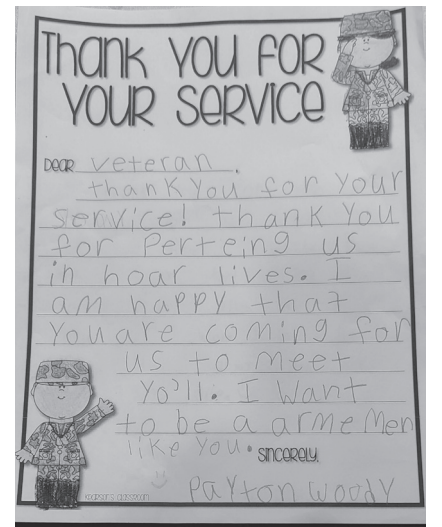
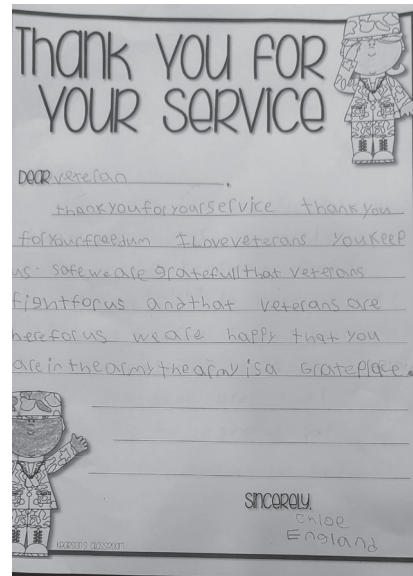
His maternal grandparents are Stanley and Reba Bates and Angel Bates all of Lancing and paternal grandparents are Dion Tinker and Gary and Dee Ashley all of Coalfield.

Great grandparents are Bill and Patricia Kees of Oliver springs and Svitlana Thurmer and the late Dale Thurmer of Oak Ridge and the late Junior and Bonnie Bates, Myrle and Imogene Aytes all of Lancing and Harold and Barbara Tinker of Coalfield.



### Wartburg Central Elementary School Second Grade Class Writes "Thank You" Letters to Veterans

Mrs. Victoria Duncan's Second Grade Elementary Class recently wrote "Thank You" letters to veterans. As part of their writing skills learning Mrs. Duncan thought it would be a great opportunity to combine a meaningful lesson in both writing and showing their thanks to veterans. The class was excited and went to work structuring their sentences and writing what was on their heart to veterans. Many of the students had parents or grandparents that were veterans. Mrs. Duncan wanted to ensure that these well written and thoughtful letters got to veterans in our county. With that in mind she reached out to the American Legion Post 149 in Wartburg to see if they would ensure these letters got to veterans. The American Legion was more than happy to oblige in that task to ensure these letters got out to veterans. A few members of the Honor Guard went to the classroom to personally collect the letters from the students. Everyone was excited as they entered the classroom. The was time for some questions and answers from the students. Many of the students stated what branch of service they wanted to be in and their family members who were veterans. Given everything you hear in the news today it was refreshing to listen to these young people talk about serving their country and their belief in our country. Thank you, Mrs. Duncan, for your compassion and wonderful teaching of our future generation and leaders.



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### IRS will receive 30 million more 1099-K forms



David Zubler  
Columnist

The IRS estimates it will receive 30 million more Form 1099-K information returns in 2024 due to a new lower threshold, according to a recent report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

The IRS anticipates that it will receive about 44 million Form 1099-Ks in 2024, up from about 14 million. The "IRS does not have a plan to analyze these data to inform enforcement and outreach priorities," the report added. "This limits its understanding of changes in taxpayer burden."

House Ways and Means Committee chair Jason Smith, R-Missouri, warned of the impact that's likely to be felt

next tax season. "Thirty million more tax forms flowing into mailboxes across the country will be a New Year's nightmare for millions of Americans and a mess for the IRS," he said House Ways and Means Committee chair Jason Smith. "This is a solution in search of a problem — one that will confuse Americans and put them in danger of inaccurately assessing their own tax liabilities."

Previously, third parties such as PayPal, eBay, Venmo, Airbnb, StubHub were required to file 1099-K forms with the IRS if you had annual payments of \$20,000 and 200 transactions. The law was changed starting in 2023, and now requires reporting if you had total annual payments exceeding \$600.

The report acknowledged that people such as freelancers are likely to be confused when they receive the forms in the mail for the first time and may end up overpaying their taxes if they don't deduct legitimate expenses.

"Many taxpayers will receive Form 1099-Ks who did not in the past, which may help some taxpayers comply," said the report. "But, despite IRS communication efforts, it also may exacerbate confusion among some taxpayers, such as gig workers, who may not understand the taxability of their payments and taxes owed. For example, some of these taxpayers may not know how to calculate profit

or loss and may not understand the information reported on the form. This puts them at risk of inaccurately reporting their incomes to [the] IRS or not meeting their tax obligations."

GAO's report shows the IRS is ill-equipped to handle the implementation of this new policy while at the same time it does not even know if it will help the agency carry out its responsibilities.

The GAO also recommended Congress should consider requiring everyone with rental real estate activity to be subject to the 1099-K requirements as other individuals operating a trade or business.

Gifts or reimbursement of personal expenses from friends and family should not be reported on Form 1099-K. They are not payments for goods or services. The IRS advises anyone using payment apps for the above non-taxable items to note these types of payments as non-business in the payment apps when possible.

If you can't obtain a correct Form 1099-K, you should report the amount on your income tax return, to avoid receiving an IRS letter stating that you had unreported your income. Enter the incorrect amount on Schedule 1 Additional Income and Adjustments to Income on Part I, Line 8z, Other Income.

Make the adjustment for the incorrect amount on Part II - Line 24z - Other adjustments.

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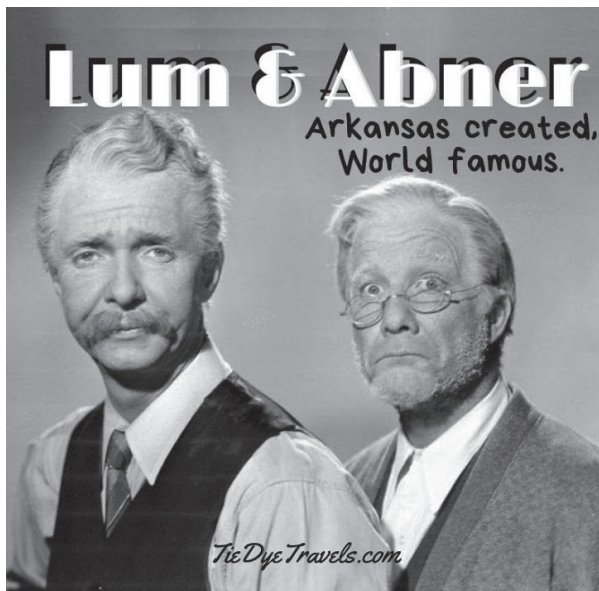


**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

In 1940 the people in Morgan County were a little nervous because the depression was still around and Europe was at war. But many people in America were swinging. They were swinging to the music of Glenn Mills and Tommy Darsey and the two-step was popular. Rock & Roll was still a long way off and television was still over a decade away.



“Ol’ Blue Eyes” Frank Sinatra, Peggy Lee, Rose Mary Clooney, and Bing Crosby were across the airwaves, as radio was king. Shows Lum and Abner, The Lone Ranger, Our Gal Sunday, and Amos ‘n’ Andy were the entertainment we turned to.



While our leaders in Washington were concerned on what was going on in Europe. People in Morgan County were more concerned with local happenings. The school board was concerned with what they were going to do with the students from Wartburg Central School because on January 18, 1940, the school that housed both the elementary and high school had burned down. It was a bad time. The depression was still on and the war was on its way. I’ve heard the board and superintendent must have done a good job because we didn’t miss much school. For the high school all the students south of Wartburg were sent to Oakdale School and for those north of Wartburg they sent to Sunbright. Later on, Coalfield got some

## The Unusual Forties in Morgan County

of the students.

For the elementary students they put a lot of them (grades 1st thru 4th) in the gym and the white building that was saved. The upper grads went to the old Masonic building and some churches in Wartburg. It wasn’t the best but for the time it was the best the officials could do.

Wartburg was a little dusty town then because of US 27. We did have a courthouse and Schubert’s Motor Company with Gulf gas. Later in the forties stores popped up across the street from the courthouse., Ira Hall’s groceries and Citizen’s First Bank along with a few others. Most people didn’t have cars so they shopped close by. Glen Brasel’s Store was already open. Oak Ridge was not yet built and would not open until 1948.



Wartburg had no street lights and the public went home early. In 1940-48 few people had electricity and fewer had telephones in Morgan County. Men whittled on the courthouse square and spread the news and gossip. In some way the women got the gossip.

Highway 62 was a dirt road. Most of the land along that road was farm land. AB Long owned a lot of the land where the school is now located and where people now make their homes. The well-to-do folks lived south of Wartburg on U.S. 27. The poor seemed to be scattered on country roads and believe me in the 40’s there were plenty of them.

There were little clicks in Wartburg as I imagine there were in all towns. Some families, thought they were better than the rest of us and it showed. There are a few well-to-do men of Morgan County I refuse to write about because of this.

After World War II ended on September 2, 1945 the United States became a world power. It took no time for Detroit to start turning out cars by the thousands. Ford and General Motors along with Chrysler was with us before WWII but after 1946 new names like Kaiser-Frazier, and Henry J. appeared. General Motors expanded to make a lot more named cars and the roads were full of Fords and Chevrolets.

By 1950 over 65% of the people in Morgan County had electricity and by 1960 over 50% had phones. Morgan County didn’t get supermarkets until the late 50’s. Little country stores were the things on main roads and they were seen every few miles. I remember driving to Tech on Hwy 62 there were at least seven or eight stores on the road until I got to

Monterey. Today there might be one or two.

Gobey and Oakdale had a movie theater and in 1949 Wartburg got the Pioneer Theater about three miles south of Wartburg on US 27. It played movies until the middle 50’s when T.V. killed it.

Most of our entertainment in the early forties was in the school’s gym. I remember a cowboy by the name of Homer Harris brought his trick horse to Wartburg and although the school had burned down, we still had the gym. I was a little tot when I saw Homer and his horse on stage. I also remember looking up at the burned-out school house for the first time. We also saw donkey ballgames in which I liked until I got on a donkey and got bucked off on that hard gym floor.

Life was getting better even in Wartburg. By early 1946 we had a new school building and Oak Ridge was providing us many jobs. Many people with a little money were buying cars. It was sad that many people still had to go north to find employment.

Gobey, and Fork Mountain were doing great in the 30’s and 40’s but when the timber and coal ran out these two towns or villages died out and people had to move out and find jobs.

I guess Wartburg and Morgan County has done as good as most small towns in the United States has done. I get on YouTube a lot and I go to a lot of small towns all over the U.S. some are dying and not many are booming today. Missis-



issippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and West Virginia are the worst but several other states like Illinois, Indiana, and even Texas have dying towns, turning into ghost towns.

With the government we have I’m surprised we are doing as well as we are. We do get help from the government because they do call us an impoverished area, along with Scott and other counties around us.

Can you believe that Hwy 62 used to be a dirt road and now it is a five-lane road? I call it interstate 62. Bye the way we all need to slow down on 62, because too many people are being killed there. Thanks for reading.

# Revelation Chapter 10 and 11

(Rev. 10:1-7) The strong angel: John sees a strong angel descending from heaven. His appearance suggested a close association with God. He stood with one foot on the land and the other on the sea. It is a scene of majesty befitting of representing God. In his hand was a small, unrolled scroll.

The angel cried out with a loud voice; this was accompanied by the voices of “the seven thunders” (not specifically identified). John heard their voices and was about to record the messages, but suddenly was forbidden to do so. The message was to be “sealed up,” not revealed. The angel raised his hand and took a solemn oath before God (Dan. 12:7), the Creator of heaven and earth and all things therein. (The angel obviously did not endorse the modern materialistic theory of origins! There was to be “delay no longer,” time would be concluded. Some suggest this indicates that with the sounding of the seventh trumpet time will have expired. Others think reference is to the fulfillment of Heaven’s plan for the church on earth. As the seventh angel is poised to sound his trumpet, the “mystery of God” is on the brink of being “finished” (v. 7). The mystery was the divine plan gradually and subtly previewed in the Old Testament period by the prophets, and explained by the New Testament gospel (Rom. 16:25-27).

(Rev. 10:8-11) The little book: John was instructed by the voice from heaven to go and take the “open book” from the angel’s hand. The apostle did as instructed. Surprisingly, he was told to take the book and “eat it up”; in his mouth it would taste sweet as honey, but it would make his stomach bitter. John took the little book and ate it up, and it happened just as the angle declared. The identity of the “little book” has elicited a wide variety of views. Some allege it is the latter portion of this document (11:15). “Bitter” and “sweet” then referred to the punishments and comforts described in this section. Other believe the book is the gospel system, the New Testament; the proclamation was a sweet privilege, but the message frequently produced a bitter response.

Rev. Chapter 11---The first section of this chapter (1-14) takes the reader to the time of the sounding of the seventh (last) trumpet and the end of the Christian age. The chapter is highly controversial and is overshadowed by several false theories. We may confidently affirm: (a) The material does not speak of the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70; the book was not written until almost thirty years after Jerusalem’s fall. (b) The document does not support radical preterism, which contends that all Bible prophecy was fulfilled by the time the Jewish nation fell in A.D. 70. (c) This segment does not support the literalism of dispensational premillennialism, a false theology from start to finish. (d) In this writer’s judgment, the imagery does not support the theory of moderate preterism, which sees the imagery fulfilled with the fall of pagan Rome. The Christian “victory” previewed in Revelation was never achieved in the era of the Roman Empire (Mounce).

(Rev. 11:1-2) The temple: John was given a measuring rod with which he was to measure the temple (the sacred building itself), the altar, and the worshippers. The outer court was to be avoided, for it was filled with the nations who would trample it under their feet for forty-two months. The temple represents the church of Christ (1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:20-21; 1 Pet. 2:5), or those claiming to be such. The literal temple had been destroyed in A. D. 70. There is no basis for alleging that a new temple will be built in the “great tribulation” period. The “Gentiles” may represent the lost of the world or apostate members of the church. “Forty-two months” obviously is figurative as well. Some believe it is parallel to the “times of the Gentiles” (Lk. 21:24), thus the equivalent of the entire Christian dispensation under the mighty hand of an apostate church (approximately 1,260 years (v. 3; 12:6, 14; 13:5; Ezek. 4:6; Dan. 7:25), a period of persecution ending with the Reformation and Restoration Movements. The connection between Daniel’s prophecy (7:25) and John’s is crucial.

(Rev. 11:3-14) The two witnesses: God’s “two witnesses” were to prophesy 1,260 days in sackcloth. The two witnesses may be the combined testimony of the Scriptures, along with the example and preaching of the church. Sackcloth is a symbol of mourning. Parallel to the two witnesses are two olive trees and lamp stands (fuel and the implement of light), suggesting perhaps the Spirit’s influence via the Bible and Christian people. Those who attempt to oppose Heaven’s “witnesses” will only meet the destruction they deserve. The word of God is undergirded by the supernatural phenomena that occurred in history (in the

days of Elijah and Moses) and is recorded for instruction and warning (v. 6).

The “beast” that comes out of the “abyss” is first mentioned here (found thirty-eight times in the book altogether). Some identify the “beast” as Satan; it was at least a satanic force, previewed here and more fully discussed later (chapters 13-20). The beast is distinguished from Satan personally (20:10). It will exert its diabolic efforts to make war against the witnesses and utterly destroy them on every occasion possible. “Killing” them refers to a temporary nullification of their influence. (The beast is not the “Antichrist” of dispensationalism; nor do we believe it was political-pagan Rome). The bodies of the witnesses lie in the street of the “great city” (which some identify as Babylon (14:8; 16:19; 14:5), a figure for the religious corruption that holds God’s people captive), characterized as both Sodom (perverse) and Egypt (holding in bondage). This was not a reference to literal Jerusalem, but a perverse “Jerusalem,” one that crucified the Lord “afresh” (Heb. 6:6; 10:29), to be more clearly identified later.

The witnesses, who seemed to be dead, would lie publicly, open the gaze and scoffing of many, for a short period of time (the victory of the beast was temporary). The wicked would rejoice over the seeming end of the witnesses (v. 10). This surely reflects a time of extreme Christian persecution. At an appropriate time, the “breath of God reentered their bodies and they rose up, much to the petrifying fear of the foes of truth (v. 11)! A great voice from heaven beckons the witnesses, “Come up here,” which they did---in a “cloud.” Just as the resurrection and ascension of Christ demonstrated the triumph of the Savior over his foes and initiated an explosive thrust to the Christian movement, even so would be the conquest of Christ’s cause over the beast (v.12)! The “earthquake” and subsequent deaths of so many suggested a great blow to the persecutors of the two witnesses, while others were ignited with godly fear and glorified the God of heaven (v. 13)---though some interpret this last phrase as reflecting a fear void of repentance, an mere acknowledgement of divine power. The second woe now was passed; but there was the third yet to come (8:13; 9:12).

(Rev. 11:15-19) The seventh trumpet and the heavenly temple: The seventh angel sounds his trumpet: such was followed by a great chorus of heavenly voices that declared that the “world kingdom” was broken and had become that of the Lord (God) and of his Christ, and God would reign eternally. The twenty-four elders (4:4, 10; 5:8; 11:16; 19:4) fell on their faces and worshipped God. His history is extolled and his power is praised. The Lord has begun to reign. (No millennial reign of Christ from Jerusalem is remotely suggested.)

Verses 18 and 19 are difficult, and commentators are divided as to their meaning. Does it look forward to the actual day of judgment? Or is the language figurative, referring to a more contemporary circumstance, the overthrow of pagan Rome? This view seems unlikely. The elders explain their joy. The nations were angry and they became victims of Heaven’s wrath. Divine wrath came and the time arrived for the dead to be judged, for the Lord’s prophetic servants to be rewarded, and all saints, great and small to be vindicated; moreover, the wicked were to be subjected to destruction (2 Thes. 1:9). That this cannot refer to the day of judgment as a chronologically imminent event is evident in that such has not occurred more than twenty centuries later! Frequently prophecy is “telescopic,” what appears to be near may be very far in the distance. “John is not alluding to chronological time but to the right moment that God ordained for the Day of Judgment”.

As this chapter closes (and a major segment of the book), there is a vision of the “temple of God” (the sacred sanctuary) that is in this imagery located “in heaven.” Also, the “ark of the covenant” is seen. By Christ’s death, the veil separating the holy place from the holy of holies (which contained the ark) had been opened (Mt. 27:51; Heb. 10:20). Access has been gained into the very presence of God (Ex. 25:22) by virtue of the Lamb’s blood, pre-figured by the blood-stained mercy seat (Lev. 16:15; Heb. 9:5). God’s covenant promises have been fully realized. The “lightnings, thunders,” etc., are variously explained---a grand exclamation point to the conclusion of this portion of the book, a dramatic hint of further scenes to follow.

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# St. John's River, Florida



**John Burns**

**Opinion Columnist**

Time to find out what freedom looks like. I had been more than willing to defend it, while never understanding what exactly is American freedom? What causes humans to leave their own countries bound for America? What did I fight for in my own terms? I never asked myself this question?

While I was in the military, the uniform code of military justice, was the tenet that governed

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Federal law trumps state law. Do American laws produce more freedom? With America being the 14th largest population of developing countries, why does America incarcerate 87% of the world's inmates? Does the law protect us? Who does it protect us from?

Our country is experiencing growth pains. The two-party system has only produced chaos and dissent. The income gap has increased exponentially. A middle class is a myth created by rich men desiring absolute control over every aspect of Americans lives.

The Constitution was conceived by Socio-Political-Elite men, who practiced syncretism. They mixed a little bit of the bible, with a whole lot of positive Eugenics. Our founding mythology discounts two hundred years of well-established Puritan and Jewish history in America.

You can- not draft the Declaration of Independence, without visiting the Quakers, Puritans, and Jews of New England. They believed in the Bible as the foundation of civilization. They believed in the family unit being the most important building block to achieve empire status.

They did not own slaves. Slaves were brought here first by the Spanish Monarchy, which itself was eugenic in favor of Roman Catholicism. It is inherently a Conquest religion. They more than any, combine a little bit of pious Jesus with a whole lot of Babylonian mysticism.

Spain brought slaves here to St. Augustine long before the British monarchy established the slave trade in Jamestown, Virginia. God sent a storm which blew the Mayflower off its course headed for Jamestown. Two competing ideas!

Monarchy produced the men who gave us the Constitution. These were elitist men, with titles held over in their ancestral history. The Puritans and Jews of Jamestown, had ideas about becoming a shining city on a hill. That hill was Calvary. The city was Jerusalem.

Their bible governed ideas about co-habitation with indigenous peoples. Indentured servitude is biblical Slavery is not! To indenture oneself to a cause greater than yourself without pay, is God's model. Slavery without compensation, is a Monarchical idea carried out by eugenic minded elitist men.

These men owned slaves. They built the slavery model in the south. Therefore, God emigrated true Christians into the south.

Southern heritage is not slavery. It is Biblical Christianity. The soldiers who fought in the Confederate Army did not own slaves. Some Leaders owned slaves. But not the common Jew or Christian.

In Fact. The formation of the Ku Klux Klan came about after Southern soldiers were stripped of their federal right to vote after being paroled. Southern men played no part in the election and subsequent re-election of Ulysses S. Grant. The KKK was a minstrel show, until hijacked by the Southern Democratic party that emerged after the War. These men were Baptist's not Christian! These racist men supported the Northern banks who emerged victorious after the War.

No poor person won the war. The same bankers who prosecuted the war for the North, control many aspects of the two-party system today. I am a different kind of Monarchist. I believe in a coming Jewish King named Jesus Christ.

The two-party system has enslaved Americans to an idea that has atrophied over time. Separation of Church and state has been hijacked by elitist millionaires who need not God in their lives. Where does that leave the rest of us?

One choice. Send our children to schools where only their ideas about education are advanced. History is re-written in favor of the eugenic party in charge. We have all been fleeced of our wealth and taxes.

Only one way of thinking that is controlled by a class of people that never pay for their own fuel or groceries is tolerated. They are controlled by incredibly powerful bodies of immoral lobbyists. Money is their god, and power is their master.

Freedom to me is based upon true Biblical insurrection. Neither party has my Gods intentions in mind. Israel has been used as a pawn in every geo-political decision made by these elitists. Their decisions are now affecting us in ways, that only the bible saw coming!

I was living on the inter-coastal waterway as part of the lower St. Johns system. I began to turn to the pages of the bible for instructions on finding peace. I found only warfare. This warfare was spiritual, not external. A war being waged against myself, by myself. It held the key to my life.

I had to leave my ancestors view of religion and freedom in the rear-view mirror of my existence if I was ever going to rightly divide the word of God. The Moynihan's were incredibly patient as they allowed myself and my new bride to live in their home. I am incredibly grateful to this amazing family.

Irony would have it that I would proceed to the unemployment office to claim what benefits I could without an income. What I found was an opportunity. Carpenters' apprentices were needed.

I proceeded to the local union hall to take an exam. I passed and started my new job on Monday morning with CR Wilson construction. I would apply for and receive my GI Bill benefits after visiting a Florida vet center.

My first period of service which was honorable enabled me to apply for service-connected disability. It would take a year. I used my GI Bill to attend the apprenticeship training center for 1 1/2 years. I eventually ended up working for Donald Trump at his resort of Mar-A-Lago.

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 11-27-2022 RLTW

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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## King Crossword

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# Thankful, Grateful, Blessed

## *First Grade Thankful Letters: Oakdale Miss. Trisha's Class*

I am thankful for my cousins because they let me play their Nintendo Switch. I am thankful for my Elf on the Shelf because he tells Santa I've been nice. I am thankful for my cat because he lets me carry him. -Kade

I am thankful for Santa because he brings me toys. I am thankful for my family because they love me. I am thankful for Miss. Trisha because she is a fun teacher. -Rocky

I am thankful for my mommy because she makes the best food, but not chicken noodle soup. I am thankful for my daddy because he buys me things. I am thankful for my GiGi because she is nice. - Jaxon

I am thankful for my mom because she is the best. I am thankful for my teacher because she is so nice. I am thankful for God because He keeps us safe. -Kali-Ann

I am thankful for my brother because I love him. I am thankful for my mom because I love her. -Camden

I am thankful for my mom because she is my best friend. I am thankful for my dad because I love him. I am thankful for my dog and cat because they are my favorite. -Oliver

I am thankful for my mom because she keeps me safe. I am thankful for my dad because I love him. - Owen

I am thankful for my sisters because they help me. I am thankful for my dogs because they are fun to play with. I am thankful for my mommy and daddy because I love them. - Cassidy

I am thankful for my friends Tilly, Owen, Camden, and Roxas because they are nice. - Jocelyn

I am thankful for my mom because she is my friend. -Adilynn

I am thankful for my dog because she listens to me. I am thankful for my dad because he plays with me. I am thankful for my mom because she takes me to school. I am thankful for my house because it keeps me safe. -Haiden

I am thankful for my mom and dad because they are so awesome. -Emily

I am thankful for my mom because she is beautiful. I am thankful for my friends because they are nice. -Adriel

I am thankful for my dad and mom because they take care of me and I love them. I am thankful for my family because they are so nice. I am thankful for Miss. Trisha because she teaches and she's nice to me. -Teagan

I am thankful for my mom because she loves me. I am thankful for my dad because she buys me stuff. I am thankful for my brother because he plays with me. -Roxas

I am thankful for my cousins, my friends, my mom, and Tilly. -Lyric

I am thankful for my mommy because she helps me when I'm sick. I am thankful for my friends because they make me smile. I am thankful for my brother. -Shailynn

I am thankful for my church, mamaw, sister, brother, and mom. -Kaiden

I am thankful for my mom, friends, and

truck. -Kaleb

I am thankful for my family because they are my best friends. I am thankful for my classmates and my teacher. -Tilly

## *Amber Kirby's Class – First Grade – Oakdale School*

I am thankful for my family because they give me everything that we need. I love school because Mrs. Amber teaches us how to read. Mrs. Amber is the best. I love God because he gives me everything we all need. Eleanor

I love my baby brother because he likes to play with me. I am thankful for mamaw because I love her kittens. Ryder

I am thankful for Neyland and Charlie because they are my friends. I am thankful for Mom and Jim's cat Smoky and all my blessings. I am grateful for Youtube, Walmart, Xbox, my iPad, McDonalds, Coca Cola, Legos, Hotwheels, Reese's Cups and Goldfish. Aiden

I love my God. I love my mom. I love Kimmy because she is nice. I am thankful for my dog because he is sweet. Grant

I am thankful for my mom and my dad. Grayson

I am thankful for God and Jesus and my family and my pets because they bring me joy. I am thankful for my mom and teacher because they love me. And I love my food because it is tasty. I am grateful for school because it is fun and I love my friends. Lux

I am thankful for God. I am thankful for my mom and dad because I love them. I am thankful for my brothers because I love them. I am thankful for God because I love Him. He gave us the earth. Dawson

I am thankful for my friends because we have fun together. I am thankful for mom and dad because they take care of me. Riley

I am thankful for my mom and dad because they gave me an arcade. Charlie

I am thankful for my family because they love me. I am thankful for my friend because they give me hugs and they play with me. I am grateful for Mrs. Amber because she is a good teacher. Lilly

I am thankful for my mom and my dad. I am thankful for my sisters. I am thankful for my teacher. Neyland

I am thankful for my mom and dad. I am thankful for the sun. I am thankful for Emma. Aidan

I am thankful for Jesus because he died on the cross for me. And I am thankful for God because he gives me my sister. And I am thankful for my friends and also I am thankful for my family and my aunt because they play with me. Wynonna

I am thankful for my brother. I am thankful for Mom and Dad. I am thankful for my

brother. I am thankful for my family. I am thankful for my turtle and I am thankful for my puppy. Jace

I am thankful for my family. They love me. I am thankful for the sun because it gives us light. I'm thankful for sis because she takes care of me. Beverly

I am thankful for my friend, Camden, because he is my best friend. I am thankful for God because he is in the Bible. I am thankful for Mom and Dad because I love my mom and dad. I am thankful for my family because I love them all so much. I am thankful for my friend Jaxon because he is my friend. I am thankful for my home because I have fun at my home. Clay

I am thankful for my family because I love my cats and my mom and dad and Drave. I am thankful for my Pop and Granny and Hay Hay because they take care of me. I know my friend is a good friend and believes in God. Jaxon

I am thankful for football and Jesus and God and my dad. I am thankful for mom because my mom takes care of me. I am thankful for the sun because it gives me light. Jaxe  
I am thankful for my parents because they feed and take care of me. Martha

I am thankful my sister and my mom and my brother. I am thankful for my cat. Brayden

I am thankful for my mom. I am thankful for my dad. I am thankful for my sisters. I am thankful for God. Coralyn

## **Sunbright School**



Ms. Davis class

This year, I am thankful for God and Jesus, my boyfriend, and my teacher, Mrs. Paula. Samantha

This year, I am thankful for my family and friends, God and Jesus, our food, my sisters, Mrs. Paula and Mrs. Allie, my house, and my cousins. Kinley

This year, I am thankful for my family, our pets, my friends, Jesus, learning, and my teachers. Adalyn

This year, I am thankful for Mrs. Paula, God and Jesus, my pet dog, Barley, and Mrs. Allie. Addison

This year, I am thankful for my dog and cats, Speckles, Hanible, Midnight, Patches, BJ, and Sweetie. I am thankful for my mom, dad, sisters, brothers, friends, and my teachers. SarahNaomi

This year, I am thankful for my family, sister, and Mrs. Paula. Jems

This year, I am thankful for my family and brothers, my pets, my friends, and God and Jesus. Hudson

This year, I am thankful for Cow Betsy, our horse, Balet, and God and Jesus. McKinley

This year, I am thankful for God and Jesus, my pets and my cat Rugby, friends, family, our food, and Mrs. Paula. Brandon

This year, I am thankful for my family, my pets, friends, and God and Jesus. Ryder

This year, I am thankful for my pets, friends, God, our food, my sisters, Mrs. Paula, and I love learning. Keara

This year, I am thankful for my dog, Smoky, and my family. Waylon  
This year, I am thankful for Mrs. Paula, my friends and family, my mom, my puppy, and Mrs. Allie. Kylee

This year, I am thankful for my family and pets, God, Mrs. Paula and Mrs. Allie, and my class and friends. Gauge

This year, I am thankful for my mommy and my pets, my friends, God and Jesus, my food, my siblings, my family, learning, and my teacher, Mrs. Paula. Aaron

This year, I am thankful for my family, my dog, God, and Mrs. Paula. Conner

This year, I am thankful for my family and friends, my pets, God and Jesus, Brian, and food. Bryce



# Thankful, Grateful, Blessed



### Mrs. Laura's Class 1st grade Sunbright

I am thankful for the turkey we eat, my family and friends.- Grayson

I am thankful for turkey, grandma, dad, and God- Arianna

I am thankful for Cohen- Mavrick

I am thankful for my mom, dad and family- Maci

I love Jesus, mom and dad.- Landon

I love mom and dad-Bill Ryder

I am thankful for Kashlee- Teigan

I am thankful for Teigan- Evie

I am thankful for my dog and my dad- Kolton

I love my mom and dog- Sophia

I am thankful for my dad and Mavrick Cohen

I am thankful for my mom, Jesus, and God- Luke

I am thankful for God, mom, and dad. Declan

I am thankful for my life and Cohen because he is my friend.- Core'yon

I am thankful for my dad, Mrs. Laura, Jesus, and God. – Tennessee Erica

I am thankful for my dog. – Landon

I am thankful for turkey and God- Harlow

### Wartburg Central Mrs. Harvey 1st Grade

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my dog, Snowball. ~Kason

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my cat, Momma. ~Aleigha

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for Bowser. ~ Ian

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for Jesus. ~Noah

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my family. ~Keagen

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my dad. ~KenLynn

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my old dog, Lucky. ~Levi

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my brother, Zander. ~Stella

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my teacher, Mrs. Kelli. ~Emmarie

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for the Army. ~Ryland

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for kindness. ~Carter

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my father because he makes the best food. ~Addison

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my family and my Pokemon. ~Liam

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my family. ~Cordelia

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for all of my family coming this Thanksgiving. ~Zoey

I am thankful, grateful, and blessed for my dog, Lacy. ~Kaydenn

### Mrs. Stacey Aslinger's 2nd grade @ CES Thankful Letters

I am thankful for my family. I am thankful for my friends. I am thankful for God because he loves us. – Chloe

I am thankful for my animals and family. I am grateful for my house. I am blessed for the army. I am blessed for God. – Jonalyn

I am thankful for my family and my house. I am grateful that I have a dog to protect my family. I am blessed that my papaw Homer was in the army. -Teylee

I'm grateful for food and God and my family. – T.J.

I am thankful for veterans and God. I am grateful for family. I am blessed Jesus is Christ. - Noah

I am thankful for my teachers. I am grateful for my family. I am blessed for food God gave us. – Jolene

I am thankful for money. I am thankful for God. I am thankful for family and for God to help us. – Memphis

I'm thankful for my family. I'm thankful for my friends. I'm thankful for the food I have. – Jenia

I am grateful for God because God created us and took 6 days to finish this world. I am thankful for veterans because they protect us and the world. – Will

I am thankful for the family that God gave me. I am grateful for veterans. – Bentley



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*Harriman's Ansley Moore drives past two Meigs County defenders for a layup. Moore led the Lady Devils' offense with 15 points.*



*Lady Devil Ansley Moore brings the ball downcourt against a tough Meigs County defense.*

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