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Ms. Avery Pearl Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

I am so glad to say that this sister thing is still going pretty well. It's easy when you have a sister as sweet as Ms

ways been a part of the family. People ask what kind of dogs we are.

Well, I am a Pomeranian and she is a Parti-Yorkshire Terrier (parti-yorkie). Parti-yorkies are rare and every one is unique. No 2 are alike so, every parti-yorkie is one of a kind.

I don't know about all that breed stuff. All I know is we may not be the same blood but we are family.

There is one thing I know for sure, we are blessed. I can't speak for Ivory but, I know she is happy to part of my little kingdom.

Any-woof, every queen has to have a princess. I am ecstatic that Ms Ivory Girl is mine.

For more of my Pet Perspective like and follow me on Facebook at

Ms Avery Pearl.



Ivory Girl.

Isn't that funny how her name was Ivory, when we got her? Our names are almost like a song.

Avery and Ivory God had a plan and we were meant to be sisters.

Everyone is amazed at how well behaved and loving we are to each other.

I may have been little leary about being a sister at first.

Now though, it seems like she has al-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

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.

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA) will distribute Commodities, Thursday, December 7th, 8 am to 12 pm, at the Wartburg Civic Center. You may pick up for 3 households only. Please bring a box for your commodities. Households can pre-register prior to distribution date at the ETHRA office located next to Wartburg High School. For more information, call 423-346-6651, option 5. This program is funded under an agreement with the Department of Agriculture. In accordance with federal law and USDA, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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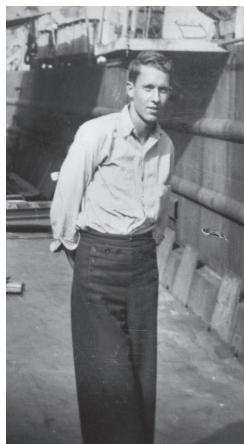


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George Washington Dagley Jr., 97

George Washington Dagley Jr., 97, a resident of Signal Mountain, died November 19, 2023 in Memorial Hospital, Chattanooga, TN after a brief illness. He was born August 10, 1926, in Wartburg, TN to George Washington Dagley Sr. and Rebecca Chester Dagley.



His childhood in Wartburg during the Great Depression was mostly carefree, and he was surrounded by family and folk whose antics he shared with panache and warm humor as a lifelong teller of Wartburg stories.

In 1943, he enlisted in the Navy, joining both his older brothers in service. He served as a signalman on the SS Ovid Butler and survived the October 1945 typhoon at Buckner Bay, Okinawa. His was the last in an unbroken line of family military service dating back to his great-great-grandfather, Elias Dagley, in the French and Indian War. George was a member of the Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution, John Sevier Chapter.

A graduate of Central High School in Wartburg, he studied at UT Business College in Knoxville. He worked in materials management for Abbott Laboratories in Oak Ridge, TN, and moved with Abbott from Oak Ridge to North Chicago, IL. He returned to Tennessee in 1968 and worked for Lear Siegler in Morristown, TN until 1980 when he moved to Pikeville. He retired from Johnson Controls, Pikeville, TN, in 1989.

George blossomed in retirement and relished hobbies including woodworking, gardening, home remodeling, listening to jazz, and telling stories to his many friends and family. He was known for his utterly wholesome sense of humor, his wisdom and sensibility, his love of dessert after every meal, his love for the United States and her people, his love of the Tennessee landscape, and his incomparable optimism. He remained open to new friendships throughout his life and knew by name each of his fellow sixth floor

residents in assisted living. He was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Big Lick in Crossville, TN and was an early volunteer and board member for Creative Compassion, Inc., Crossville, offering many hours to the construction and repair of affordable housing.

George was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Russell Dagley and Chester Dagley, sister Myra Dagley Goad, and his wife of sixty years, Betty Hart Dagley. He is survived by five children: Janet (Michael) Dagley

of Cathedral City, CA; Jeff (Beate) Dagley of Troy, OH; Elizabeth Thomas of Pikeville, TN; Gwen (Ben) Ikenberry of Fincastle, VA; and Myra Dagley (Mike Allison) of Joelton, TN; grandchildren Jesse Lynch (Kamil Stranik) of Palm Desert, CA; Sallie Lynch (Andy Flatley) of Bronxville, NY; Roy (Amanda) Dagley of Troy, OH; Rick (Shannon) Dagley of Englewood, OH; Hale Hudson, Bert Hudson of Brooklyn, NY; namesake George William Thomas of Chicago, IL; great grandchildren Jonah Dagley, Frank Dagley, Parker Dagley, Callie Dagley, and Marley Dagley, of Englewood, OH, Elijah Dagley of Troy, OH, and Zoe Flatley of Bronxville, NY, many beloved nieces and nephews, beloved friends Jack Roberson (Kathy) and Scott Matthews (Suzanne) of Pikeville, TN, and the residents of Alexian Village Assisted Living including Thelma Churchwell whose daily supply of her garden flowers brought beauty and even more friendship to his life.

Visitation is Sunday, November 26th, from 4-6 pm Central at Pikeville Funeral Home, Pikeville, TN. Funeral is Monday, November 27th at 10am Central at Pikeville Funeral Home with burial to follow at 2 pm Eastern in Wartburg Cemetery, Wartburg, TN. The family is grateful to the wonderful staff of both Alexian Village and Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of George Washington Dagley Jr.

Katy L. Heidel, 75

Katy L. Heidel, age 75, of Wartburg TN passed away November 19, 2023.



Katy was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Wartburg, TN. She worked as a teacher assistant for the Morgan Co. School System where she touched many lives. She was happily married for 56 years to Mitchell Heidel.

Katy was preceded in death by her parents Ira and Zola Brown, and siblings Doyle Brown, Ella Johnson, Glen Brown, and C.L. Brown.

She is survived by her husband Mitchell Heidel, children Angie Robinson (Mark), Eric Heidel (Vonda), grandchildren Alex Newport, Alexandria Eskola, Sumer Ev-

ans (Brandon), Madison Fishman (Lucas), McKenzie Moore (Jordan), Morgan Heidel, Ian Robinson and the late Markayla Robinson, great grandchildren Alyssa Evans and Neyland. Surviving siblings include Bernice Hennessee (David), Clayton Brown and several beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Saturday November 25, 2023 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at St Paul's Lutheran Church. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor David Graves officiating. Interment will follow at Wartburg Cemetery with special nephew Pastor Ronnie Brown officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Katy L. Heidel.

Lloyd C. Jones "L.C.", 86

Lloyd C. Jones "L.C." born April 19, 1937 departed this life for his heavenly home November 20, 2023 surrounded by his family, who loved and cared for him the last several years.



Lloyd and Lula (Howard) Jones; sisters Glennis, Jean, Fern, June, Luella and Shirley; brothers Reed and Wendell; also 2 grandson, Seth and Simon Coker.

L.C. possessed a strong Christian faith and love to tell others about the Lord. He was a member of the Annadell Baptist Church.

He leaves behind his wife of 57 years Lessie Jo Jones; daughters Crystal, Jones, Sabra Coker and Gina (Michael) Dyer; sons Bryant Jones and Robert

Wright; grandchildren Eric (Shannon) Crabtree, Shane Crabtree, Hayley Dyer, Sarah (Chris) Stout and Jesse (Haley) Dyer; great grandchildren Sydney, Nathan, Callie, Morgan, Payton, Bailee, Norah, Case, Nolan and Remy; sister Edna Jones Hunter; sister-in-law Wanda Jones; brother-in-law Vaughn Sexton and a host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

Wright; grandchildren Eric (Shannon) Crabtree, Shane Crabtree, Hayley Dyer, Sarah (Chris) Stout and Jesse (Haley) Dyer; great grandchildren Sydney, Nathan, Callie, Morgan, Payton, Bailee, Norah, Case, Nolan and Remy; sister Edna Jones Hunter; sister-in-law Wanda Jones; brother-in-law Vaughn Sexton and a host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

He retired from the Brushy Mtn State Penitentiary after 38 years of service and returned as a volunteer chaplain, sharing Gods word with the inmates for an additional 8 years.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. Graveside services will be on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Sunbright Cemetery.

L.C. enjoyed studying the Bible and singing gospel music. He often sang in church, community events, as well as having special gatherings in his home since becoming unable to attend church.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lloyd C. Jones "L.C."

In 1986 he led a prayer ministry, known as the "Prayer Bus" where men met and prayed each night for approximately 15 years.

Naomi B. "Thomas" Freytag, 98

Naomi B. "Thomas" Freytag born June 13, 1925 departed this life for her heavenly home November 21, 2023 surrounded by her family.



Naomi was a strong Christian woman and a long-standing member of the First Baptist church of Wartburg. She was one of the founding members of the Wartburg Beautiful Association and an active member of the Wartburg Senior Citizens. She enjoyed family get togethers, spending time with all her littles, embroidery, and making fried apple pies.

She leaves behind her son Glen and Ann Freytag; Daughter-in-law Paula Freytag; Grand Daughters Angie (Lynn) Bunch, Kim (Alan) Keller, Andrea Adams, Jennifer (Kesler) Young; Grand Son Keith (Cindy) Freytag; 10 Great Grand Children; 11 Great Great Grand Children.

The family will receive friends Saturday November 25, 2023 at Schubert's Funeral home from 11:00am-1:00pm with the funeral to follow at 1:00pm. with Rev. Matt Ward officiating. Interment will follow at the Wartburg Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Naomi B. "Thomas" Freytag.

Kay Lynn Fournier, 78

Kay Lynn Fournier of Oakdale, formerly of Tiverton, RI, went to be with the Lord on November 4, 2023. She was born on November 5, 1945 in Tulsa, OK. She was the widow of Wilfred Fournier, with whom she enjoyed 43 years of marriage.

She was preceded in death by her mother Doris Love, father Scott Dunham and stepfather Harold Fabian.

She leaves behind daughters Shael (Joseph) Colantonio, Kress (Bobbie Joe) Palmer and Glade (Michael) Keener, and grandchildren Samantha Amaral, Isaac Amaral, Mya Amaral, Raynor Lee Keener, Gawain Keener and Minta Keener, and her sisters Betty Fabian of Nemo, NC and Robbie "Dinkie" Williams of Raytown, MO.

Kay enjoyed crafting and spending time with her family and her 6 cats. She was always brimming with loving, positive energy, and she will be greatly missed.

The family will hold a private graveside service at Camp Austin Cemetery.

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

The staff of Schubert Funeral Home would like to show our appreciation to the families we have served this year.

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A Growing Chinese Military Complex



Michael Nance
Columnist

In September of 2021, I published an article assessing China's ability to win a "Cold War" with the United States. In that article my assessment was that China did not have the economic means to compete with the U.S. in a protracted "Cold War" like that of the U.S. Soviet Union, which concluded in the 1990s.

Although the data still supports my original conclusion, several developments are expeditiously changing that assessment.

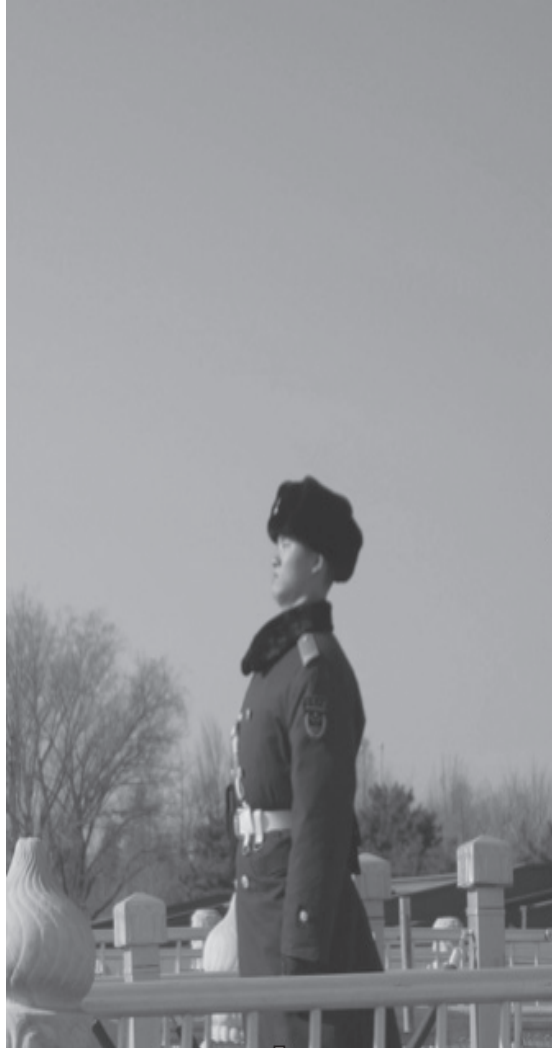
China is strengthening relationships with Russia, Iran and several middle eastern countries. Particularly

with Russia, Chinese policies have effectively rescued the Russian economy from being crippled by U.S. sanctions related to the invasion of Ukraine. Chinese and Russian Trade achieved a record in 2022, reaching an all-time high of \$190 billion.

In concert with China's alliances growing, the United States military apparatus is under increasing pressure to meet demands in weapons, armament and funding due to the support of the Ukraine War. Adding to the montage of problems facing our nation, domestic and social issues have divided the American public, preventing unification on almost any topic.

The military competition that is occurring in the South China Sea is also troublesome. China's Navy has now surpassed the United States in size. Estimates place the size of the Chinese Navy at 355 ships compared against 297 of the United States.

The Biden Administration and Pentagon planners have tried to ease public anxiety by touting the U.S. Navy's technological advantage over Chinese



Naval warships. That excuse is being challenged by retired Naval officers. Just recently, Captain Sam J. Tangredi, U.S. Navy (Retired) wrote an article for the U.S. Naval Institute. The title of the article was Bigger Fleets Win.

In the article he patently challenges the notion that technological superiority wins naval battles, he points out historical evidence that most often, the biggest fleet wins. In an excerpt of his article, he outlines the evidence that supports his assertion, he states:

Using technological advantage as an indicator of quality, historical research on 28 naval wars (or wars with significant and protracted naval combat) indicates that 25 were won by the side with the larger fleet. When fleet size was roughly equal, superior strategy and substantially better trained and motivated crews carried the day. Only three could be said to have been won by a smaller fleet with superior technology. Chinese naval actions also appear to indicate that they realize they have the upper hand. Chinese ships and military aircraft are almost constantly pushing the edge of international boundaries while conducting aggressive actions.

Days ago, an Australian Naval Warship, the HMAS Toowoomba stopped in international waters to make repairs. The propellers had become entangled with fishing nets. After divers entered the water to make the repairs, a Chinese destroyer moved toward the HMAS Toowoomba while operating its hull-mounted sonar. The divers were forced out of the water and sustained undisclosed minor injuries.

This is only a drop in the bucket as Chinese aggressive actions are concerned. There is a litany of reports that indicate Chinese military aggression is part of a larger plan of intimidation. Other actions include, crowding contested areas of the South China Sea, and routinely radar targeting U.S. and western allies' naval warships.

Unfortunately, all this information requires the United States Military Complex to prepare for a war with China within the decade. To ignore these signs and not prepare will only embolden the military hubris of the Chinese military.

1 Captain Sam J. Tangredi, U.S. Navy (Retired), Bigger Fleets Win, U.S. Naval Institute, January 2023 Proceedings Vol. 149/1/1,439

2 Marty J. Reep, Preparing for War with China, 2025-2032 JOURNAL OF INDO-PACIFIC AFFAIRS, JANUARY 2022 1

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. How did Mitch Ryder get his stage name?
2. Where was the Beatles' last live show?
3. Name the first Beach Boys song to top the charts in the U.S.
4. What song was Bobby Hebb best known for?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Though I know you're the kind of boy who only wants to run around, I'll keep waiting and, someday darling, you'll come to me when you want to settle down."

Answers

1. He spotted the name in a New York City phone book. He added "The Detroit Wheels" for the name of his band, and they were off and running.
2. Candlestick Park in San Francisco, California, on Aug. 29, 1966. The crowd numbered only 25,000, with 7,000 tickets not sold, even at a reduced price. That could have been due to Lennon's comments one month earlier about the Beatles being more popular than Jesus.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * When the D-Day forces landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944, Adolf Hitler was asleep. TITLE: None of his generals dared to send reinforcements without his permission, and no one even dared to wake him, since he'd issued strict orders not to be disturbed.
- * On its one-year anniversary, NASA's Curiosity Rover sang the "Happy Birthday" song to itself on Mars.
- * Atomic bomb tests were a major tourist attraction in Las Vegas during the 1950s.
- * Microplastics aren't an issue only in the world's oceans and ice caps. Researchers have

discovered the tiny particles in clouds over Japan's Mount Fuji and Mount Oyama.

- * A study found that students who chewed gum earned better math test scores than those who didn't.
- * Ever wonder why our friends across the pond wish each other a "Happy Christmas" as opposed to Americans' "Merry Christmas"? In the 19th century, the word "merry" also meant intoxicated, so they wanted to separate it from public insobriety
- * When staying at hotels, guests are more likely to interact with female robots, especially if they have human-like features, than male robots.
- * Next time you're feeling stressed, try reaching for a

hunk of chocolate: The sweet's smell increases theta brain waves, which triggers relaxation.

- * In 1987, Marvel Comics celebrated the wedding of Spider-Man, aka Peter Parker, and his red-haired, green-eyed, longtime girlfriend Mary Jane Watson with a grand, live-action ceremony at New York's Shea Stadium. Guests of the happy couple included actors costumed as the Fantastic Four, Captain America and even the Hulk.
 - * Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side, while left-handed folks are prone to chewing on their left.
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3. "I Get Around," in 1964.
 4. "Sunny," in 1966. Numerous others released covers of the song around the world.
 5. "One Fine Day," by the Chiffons in 1963. The song has been used in many soundtracks, including "The Flamingo Kid" (1984) as well as an episode of "The Simpsons."
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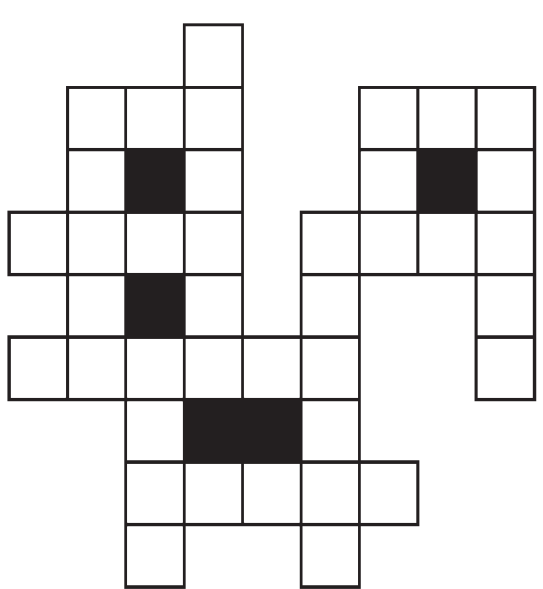
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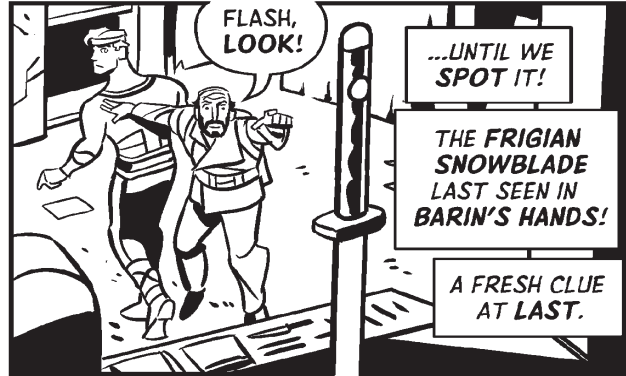
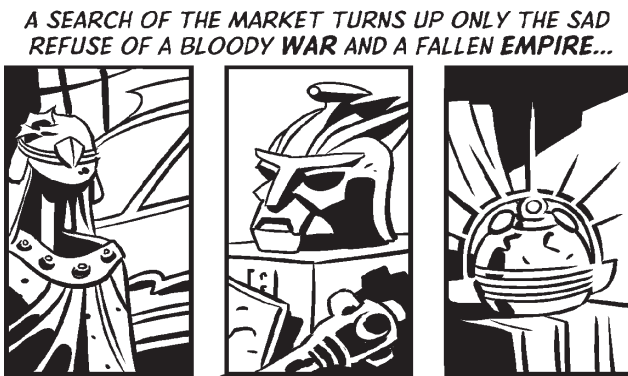
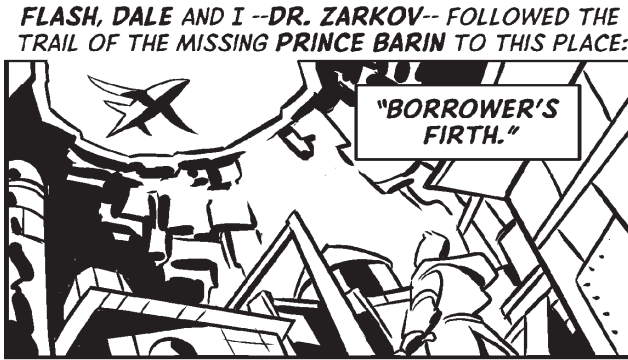
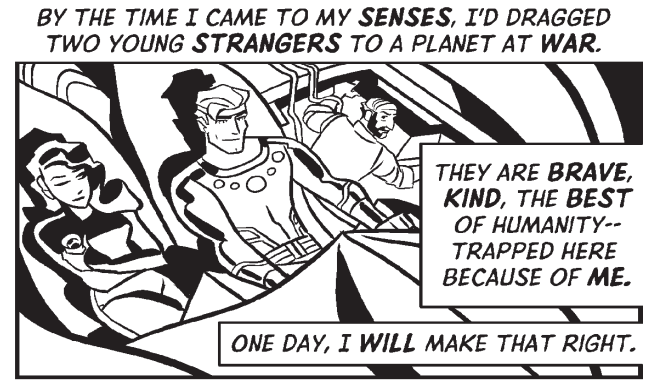
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Do You Remember the Hippie Generation



Tom Redmon
Columnist

In 1969 most of us were living what we called a normal life. We had emancipated from our parents long ago. We had started working to make ends meet because

we had established what we called a home and we had a wife and a child we called our family.

We knew and heard a lot about the war many miles away in a country we had never heard of until recently but Vietnam had become a big problem, so had the racial problems in places like Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington, and other big cities and towns. The African-Americans were demanding equal rights and that turned out to be a problem in some places, but not in Cookeville, Tennessee where I was in 1967. The students I taught were mostly 16, 17, and 18 years of age. They were as normal as normal could be. There were rumors that there were drugs on the campus, but none showed up. Tennessee Tech, a college of around 6 to 7 thousand students at the time, I'm sure had some students trying drugs and maybe hard drugs, but compared most colleges Tech was tame.

In 1971 I was engaged in a regular high school that had just been intergraded and our problem with drugs were greater in Bradenton, Florida then they were in Cookeville but those seventeen and eighteen-year-olds were engaged in the prosaic tasks of getting ready to earn a living and raising a family but some two thousand miles away in San Francisco a group of young people had started a new phenomenon called the "hippie." They were tired of society as it was and so they broke away. Kids as young as fourteen ran away from their homes because they thought they were boring and demanding in their opinions and headed to San Francisco. Many of them thought they'd try some drugs there because there were no rules on drugs and almost everyone was on something. (Not all drugs were legal.)

If they asked them why they were there and many were like Jeff who ran away didn't like what his parents did to him. He said, "my mother was a genuine all-American bitch." She was really troublesome about hair. Also, she didn't like books." Debbie said, "my parents made me go to church. They wouldn't let me dress the way I wanted to. Now I'm really looking forward to letting it all out."

The hippies met in San Francisco but they spread out all over the United States. I saw a colony of them when I was taking a load of children to Memphis for a conference. They were students from Putnam

have a little power in the group said God died last year (1968).

The hippie's motto was "make love not war." The Vietnam War was one big reason of the hippie movement starting but not the only reason. When the war was settled in the middle 70's the movement went on the decline but never completely disappeared.

I believe the decade of the 60's really created a lot of our problems that still rarest its ugly head today. My theory for one is that these hippies had children (some out of wedlock,) and these children no doubt were taught the same cultural beliefs like protesting things they didn't like, to not respect values and the established institution of the culture. Could the groups of liberals who have come out with crazy ideals that men can have babies and about gender be part of this sub-culture today? You know they have tried to kill women's sports by saying that men and women are alike and there's no difference.

I know the SEC had two colleges with men playing on their women's teams (Kentucky and Mississippi). I sure hope this movement doesn't last.

You would think since the hippie movement started in San Francisco that California would lead the nation with the largest hippie population. It was Vermont with the most communes (24) most co-ops (16) per capita of any state and Eugene, Oregon was the city with the most hippies.

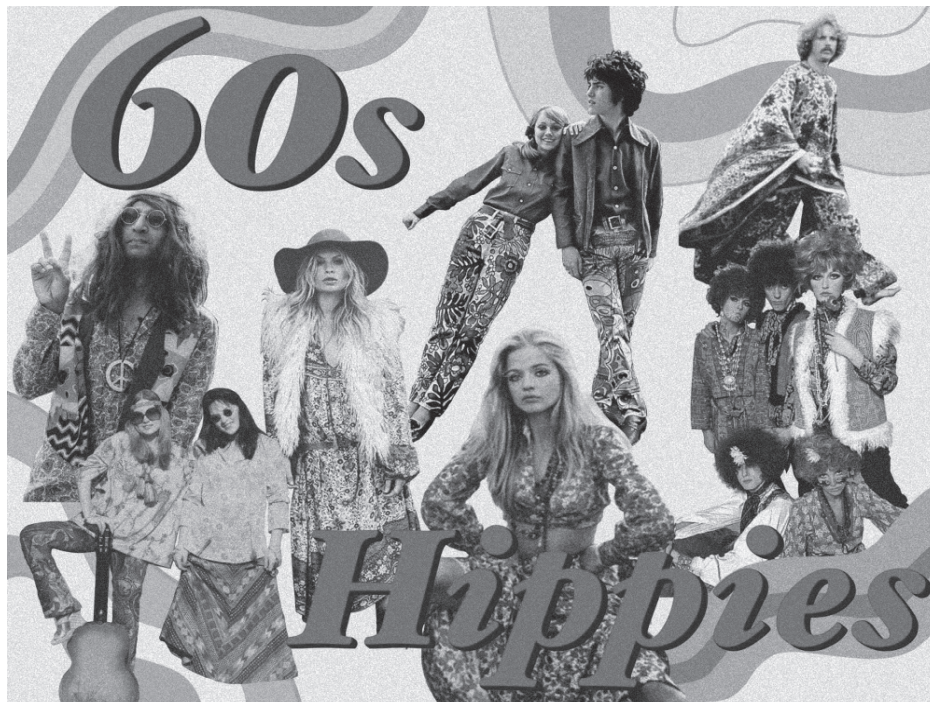
When the hippies had rallies and protests over war and conscription they were characterized by music, sex, drugs, vulgar language, and nudity. By the end of 1967 there was a considerable number of drug induced rapes and violent crimes that many of the young run-aways left for home and some went to jail. Do you think this was where hate for cops was born?

In 1969 one of the worst crimes the United States has had was the Manson murders. Sharon Tate, and others were butchered by Manson's group. Some of them are still in prison today.

Today you can say the music of the Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan and Phish were popular with the hippie movement but were not all bad. I think Bob Dylan was against the Vietnam War and also did folk type music they loved.

I did find in history a group like the hippies originated in Persia and another nation.

Maybe we will not ever have a group arise with the name "Hippies" but I believe we already have one that is worse. Don't you?



Senior High and they all saw the men with long hair and said they'll never be like that.

I don't know whether the hippies caused the long hair craze but I do know some of the hard rock groups in music came from the hippie generation.

The hippie culture didn't last very long. I think the biggest reason is that they had no objectives in life as an organization and many of the kids involved eventually returned to our society. Maybe some parents influenced them enough for them to see after awhile that this is not the life, they wanted to live.

One guy said in an interview that his return home was a triumph over "don'ts." The don't he had done before he was 21 were Peyote, alcohol, Mescaline, and Methadone. He was on a meth trip for three years in New York before he found acid. He said he drove 700 miles to Brownville, Texas so he could pop Peyote. Max said he got bored and wanted to move on. A lot of hippies believed that. In the late 1960's it was common to see the hippie caravans on the road.

Some of the kids got pretty hungry on the streets of San Francisco and a few got part time jobs but working full time was out. They also exchanged their women if both of them agreed to do so. One girl of 17 said that life had no meaning, but she didn't care. Another person in her group who seemed to

IRS \$600 Reporting Rule for 1099-K

The IRS announced that it is again delaying the \$600 threshold for 1099-K reporting rule. It's the second consecutive year the IRS has delayed enacting the new regulation. The change was a result of feedback from taxpayers, tax professionals and payment processors. The IRS also wanted to reduce taxpayer confusion.

An estimated 44 million 1099-K forms would have been sent to millions of people for the 2022 tax year, even though they may not have owed taxes on the payments, and most wouldn't have been expecting the form, the IRS said.

The 1099-K rule was enacted under the American Rescue Plan of 2021 and was intended to prevent underreported business income. The IRS said the casual sale of goods and services including selling used personal items like furniture, clothing, and other household items for a loss, could generate a Form 1099-K for many people, even if the seller has no tax liability from the sales.

For the 2023 tax year, reporting will not be required unless the taxpayer receives over \$20,000 and has more than 200 transactions.

The complexity in distinguishing between business and personal transactions factored into the IRS decision to delay the reporting requirements an additional year and to plan for a threshold of \$5,000 for 2024 to phase in implementation. The IRS invites feedback on the threshold of \$5,000 for tax year 2024 and other elements of the reporting requirement, including how best to focus reporting on taxable transactions.

The \$600 threshold will be increased to \$5,000 in 2024. As a result, reporting will not be required unless the taxpayer receives over \$20,000 and has more than 200 transactions in 2023.

The IRS plans to "This phased-in approach will allow the agency to review its operational processes to better address taxpayer and stakeholder concerns," the IRS said.

"The IRS will use this additional time to continue carefully crafting a way forward to minimize burden," Werfel said. "We want to make this as easy as possible for taxpayers. We will work to make the new reporting requirements easier for them, and we'll work closely with third party groups, tax professionals and others to find the smoothest path to ensure compliance with the law. This is consistent with our Strategic Operating Plan. The IRS is focused on meeting taxpayers where they are and helping them get it right the first time."

The delay will give Congress time to create a "permanent, bipartisan fix" to the rule and prevent millions of people from the confusion of reporting non-taxable 1099-Ks on their tax returns.

The IRS will continue to provide information on IRS.gov/1099k. Fact Sheet 2023-27 contains more details about this announcement.



David Zubler
Columnist

Historically Speaking

December 3, 1955

Basketball Breakthrough

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

John Spratling, chair of the Scarboro 85 Monument Committee, identified the significance of the upcoming 68th anniversary of the first Black athletes being allowed to play basketball in what was previously a segregated public school system in Tennessee and the Southeast. John rightly states that this action paved the way for many more Blacks to have opportunities to excel at sports. I believe he is correct and think you will agree as well.

Rose Weaver, who along with Martin McBride initiated an effort to recognize the Scarboro 85 Black individuals who were the first in the Southeast to desegregate public schools on September 6, 1955, when the Oak Ridge High School and Robertsville Junior High School was desegregated. Rose and Martin, along with the committee they organized, did this in 2020, to honor the Scarboro 85 on the 65th anniversary of what is becoming recognized as a monumental occasion.

It was an honor to have served on the State Board of Education's Social Studies Standards Review Committee this year. We included the Scarboro 85 in the standards and expect approval by the state board on second reading in February, 2024. This will place the Scarboro 85 story in the standards to be taught in all Tennessee public schools.

Since the initiative led by Rose Weaver and Martin McBride, several individuals and groups have helped to recognize the significance of the efforts of those 85 brave young students who are advanced in age now. Local newspapers and television stations have helped as has the City of Oak Ridge and Anderson County, as well as others. The Oak Ridge High School's Mark Buckner has engaged the students there to assist in the design of the Scarboro 85 monuments being envisioned to be placed on the location of the original pavilion for the Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell.

Rose Weaver, with assistance from John Spratling and Martin McBride, has written the story of the breakthrough in sports which John Spratling identified. Please enjoy the amazing story of individuals who endured things most of us have never had to encounter and still led the way for change, radical change, that today we can now take for granted as normal and expected. It was NOT so in 1955!

December 3, 1955 is a day that fundamentally changed sports in Tennessee and the nation. That date marks the first time Black student athletes entered an All-White public school (or university) sports event in the Southeastern United States.

On that day, two young Scarboro 85 students entered an Oak Ridge High School basketball game for the first time, in a game against Powell Valley High School.

It was a major turning point in American Civil Rights history.

It's difficult to appreciate the extent of emotional pain these young pioneers experienced. The teams they played were All-White ... and racial segregation (outside public education) was rigidly-enforced and perfectly legal.

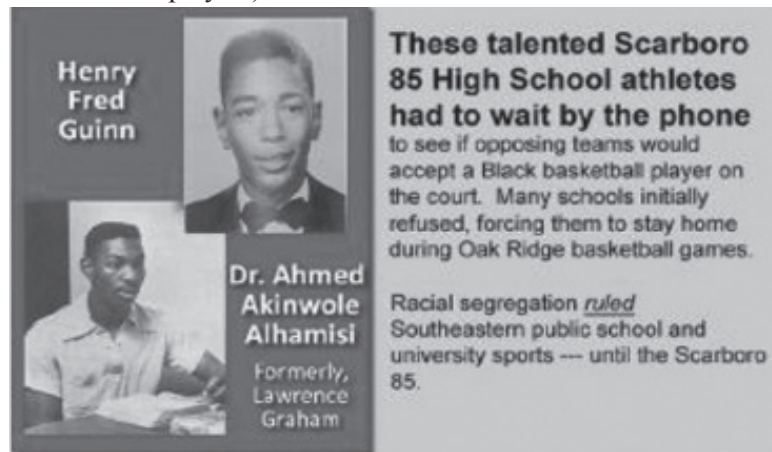
At the outset, some opposing schools refused to play Oak Ridge with a mixed-racial team.

A contemporary New York Times article noted that a crowd of 500 watched as young Fred Guinn and Lawrence Graham (now Dr. Ahmed Akinwale Alhamisi) played in the game where Powell Valley edged Oak Ridge 53-51. Many felt that more points could have been made if Guinn and Alhamisi had played longer, as they were obviously the better players.

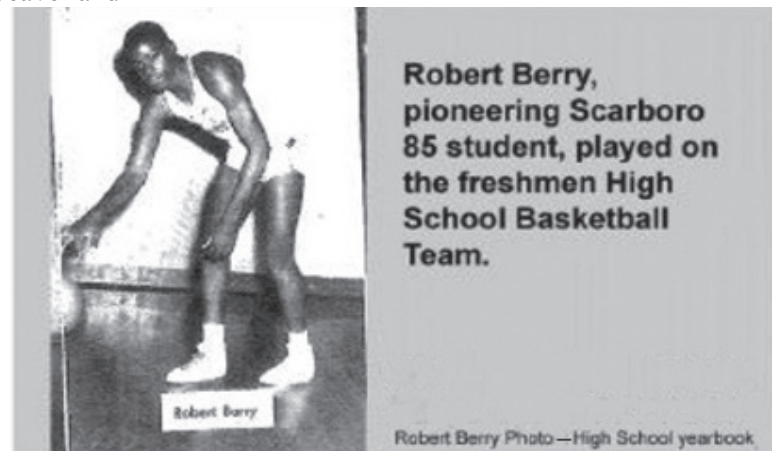
These two young pioneers led the way for future professional superstars, like --- A'ja Wilson (SC), Candice Parker (TN), Michael Jordan (NC), and Shaquille O'Neal (LSU). Back in 1955, they would not have been allowed on the court of their respective alma maters due to skin color. They would not have even been allowed in the universities.

Thanks to the courage and leadership of these Scarboro 85 students, Oak Ridge High School was able to field a mixed-racial team:

- Five years before Ruby Bridges,
- Two Years before Little Rock 9,
- One year before Clinton 12,
- Three months before Dr. Martin Luther King and Ms. Rosa Parks national prominence in the Montgomery bus boycott, and
- Six years before the first three Black undergraduates entered the University of Tennessee (and fifteen years before the first Black UT Basketball player!)



Two individuals who led the way to breaking the racial barrier in public school sports in the Southeast



The third person who helped break the racial barrier

In her wonderful book, Tender Warriors, Dorothy Sterling interviewed the future Dr. Alhamisi. In the book, he recalled:

"The phone would ring the day of the big game and coach would let me know the time when the bus would leave for the game and within seconds he would call back and say the opposing team would not play Oak Ridge High if that 'N-Word' plays."

"Some teams don't mind my playing, some teams object, but not the fellas on the team. Mostly it's the fans or the board of education that decides against us," said Alhamisi.

In a more-recent interview, Fred Guinn recalled that sixty years ago, names of "N-Word" go home, darkies cannot play basketball, and other profane language, which challenged their character and worth, were used during games.

In a 1990 interview, Guinn said "I remember even to this day, a white woman in a red polka-dot dress who was allowed to shout the "N-Word" at me throughout an entire game and other white students who threw spitballs on the court anytime me and Lawrence played. When I had an opportunity to play any ball, the shot went in. It did not break my concentration."

The late Fred Guinn of Oak Ridge is a member of the class of 1956. "It was a terrible thing, he said, "The coach tried to get team to play us, but they'd say, "Don't bring the (Black) players."

Even at home games, the coach had to get permission from the other teams before (the two black Oak Ridge players) could play," recalled another Scarboro 85 student, Oak Ridge resident Larry Gipson.

Dr. Alhamisi (then Lawrence Graham) was an all-around athlete in High School. His brother, Ronnie Graham, who played for the Oak Ridge Bombers between 1966 – 1970, recalled that Alhamisi ran into the same situation in High School baseball that he encountered in basketball.

Alhamisi was the catcher for the Oak Ridge Wildcats but not afforded the opportunity to use his athletic ability. "It was his hope --- similar to basketball --- that he would play more to test his ability and how he measured up to other athletes," said Ronnie Graham.

A third game-changing Scarboro 85 basketball player was Robert Berry, a Scarboro 85 student who played on the freshmen team at Oak Ridge High School.

Remember that back then, buses, movie theaters, lunch counters, city and state public facilities, were all segregated. So today, let us think of these three rare individuals. They were courageous leaders, who did not let the shackles of discrimination and difference limit their talent or ingenuity. They believed in the talents they possessed.

Lawrence Graham (now Dr. Ahmed Akinwale Alhamisi) is a renowned educator and author graduating from the University of Michigan-An Arbor where he is retired. The late Fred Guinn retired from Oak Ridge Methodist Medical Center and the Y-12 Plant.

The Scarboro 85 Monument and Historical Interpretive Site is planned to honor them and the other young Black students who paved the way so we today can embrace the message of racial healing and unity for the nation.

Thank you Rose for this reminder of the achievements we all too often have overlooked. Thanks to John for realizing the significance of these three individuals and what they did to break through the segregation barrier in sports.



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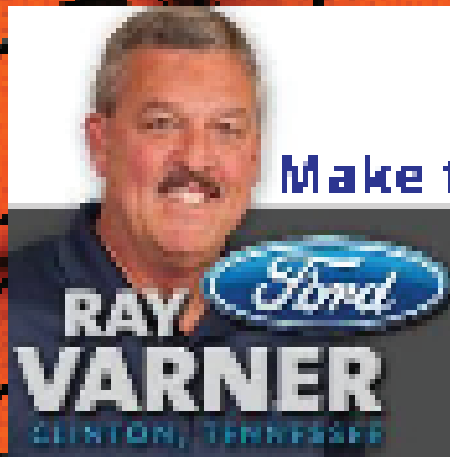
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WCHS Speaks Out
By: Cole Burchell



Cole Burchell
(CatFish Cole)

Compiled here are the voices of those willing to put forth their livelihood and dedication to the education of my generation. As a grateful recipient of this dedication I have put forth this article, a message of the frustration the education system experiences every day. As with the implementation of unneeded and unnecessary online educational systems only derailing these individuals' hard work. For context, our past form of online communication and education between students and teachers (Google Classroom) is being replaced by a program by the name of Schoology. For the security and convenience of these educators the following speakers remain anonymous.

Anonymous -

The thought behind Schoology is well intended, however, for the various ways we use Google Classrooms, Schoology isn't as easy for teachers or students to use. I feel the money spent on the program could have benefitted better by using the funds in a different way. We've spent years training teachers on Google Classroom all the way up to the beginning of this school year. It hasn't been easy trying to switch in the middle of the semester without sufficient training. Google Classroom is also easier for everyone to use compared to Schoology.

Anonymous -

Here's what I like about Schoology:

Our online textbook links better to Schoology than it does to Google Classroom.

Here's what I don't like about Schoology:

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You can only add one attachment per assignment.

You can only schedule assignments to post at the beginning of class if you create them within a folder.

It's more complicated to post an assignment to two different classes.

I can't choose to get emails for late assignments only. I have to get emails for all assignments submitted or none.

Students cannot attach their own Google Docs without "sharing" it with me before attaching it.

PowerSchool syncing does not work well. Sometimes assignments refuse to sync, and when they do, they sync as "hidden" on PowerSchool, so my students cannot see their scores until I change that setting.

Students have a harder time finding their assignments.

There isn't a shortcut for Schoology in the Google Waffle, so students have to navigate to Classlink first, slowing the process down.

On two occasions, a student has not been able to access an attachment even though everyone else in the room has access.

Anonymous -

I've only been using Schoology full-time for this week, since this is the start of a new unit in my class, and I didn't want to make the switch in the middle of our previous unit, but so far I have yet to see any pros to the system.

I have, however, noticed multiple cons.

First, I can no longer easily do a bellringer in my classes. I used to have my students write a warm-up sentence in French using a word of the day, and I would post it as a question in Classroom where their responses were hidden from each other. If I post the word of the day as a discussion, they can see each others' responses, but if I post it as an assignment, I have to switch between each students' response, instead of having all their sentences listed bullet point style. This makes it considerably more difficult and time-consuming to try to grade their warm-up sentences.

Second, Schoology doesn't work on the tablet side of my promethean board, only on the laptop side. I use my board to write down class notes more than anything else, so if I take notes during class, like today, I have no way to upload my notes into Schoology - the app crashes every time I open it.

I don't appreciate the lack of training on this system. We have been required to complete a certain amount of training on the Google suite for the last 3 years, and it wasn't even until in-service just before the start of school that we were told about switching to Schoology. The only training we received was a Google Slides presentation giving us an "overview" of how to use the system.

In my opinion, Schoology has fewer capabilities than Google Classroom (which is, by no means, perfect), and makes the entire grading and giving assignments process more complicated by adding unnecessary steps.

Anonymous -

Schoology sounds like a great program, but I quickly found several issues. Since changing my classes to Schoology, my workload has doubled. I have spent hours teaching myself how to schedule assignments, grade, create assignments, submit assignments, and so on. Schoology isn't as user

friendly as Google Classroom, for teachers or students. Schoology does not communicate with any of the educational websites we use. Therefore, we have to enter those grades into Schoology. Also, if we choose to use Google form assignments/tests, then we have to enter those grades in Schoology and PowerSchool. Schoology is supposed to allow parents more access to what their child is working on in school and their grades. However, the feature allowing students to see their grades in Schoology had to be turned off for calculation issues. We need more training on Schoology, and we need to make sure it is working properly before switching to it completely.

Pros

Grades will sync from Schoology to PowerSchool (unless assignment uses a Google Form)

Teachers may create assignments on Schoology Assessments (This is also a con because teachers already created those assignments on Google forms. Therefore, teachers are spending more time recreating assignments they already have just for Schoology to grade and communicate with PowerSchool.)

Cons

The district had to pay for it.

Teachers have received no training on how to use it. Teachers spending hours outside of school teaching themselves how to use it so they may teach their students how to use it.

Started in the middle of a semester.

Teachers have to spend time teaching students how to use Schoology, rather than focusing that time on subject-based instruction.

Students are unable to see their grades in Schoology due to inaccurate calculations.

Teachers are having to recreate assignments (Once on Google Forms, now creating on Schoology assessments).

Tests created in Schoology assessments are unable to be locked, so students are going to other websites while taking tests.

Plagiarism checker was more accurate in Google Classroom, and Google Classroom's checker provided detailed information on where information was found.

Scheduling assignments is not as easy as it is in Google Classroom.

It is difficult for students to find study materials because they have to find the folder where they are posted. Each post is added to a list, and the list gets pretty long so students have to waste time searching.

Google Classroom made it easy to organize assignments based on topics, and this made it easier for students to find missing assignments, study materials, instruction materials, etc...

If a daily work assignment or test is assigned using a Google form, then Schoology will not grade it and will not communicate that grade to PowerSchool. Therefore, it doubles the work for teachers because they have to post the grade in both softwares.

Other websites (Quizlet, Quizizz, No Red Ink, Commonlit, IXL, etc...) do not communicate with Schoology; they communicate with Google Classroom. This requires teachers to input grades to Schoology from those sites.

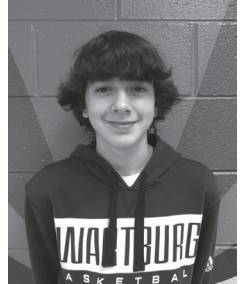
When we use a Google form for an assignment, we can not select it from our Google drive. We have to copy the link and use the link to post it. If it is a Google Slide or Doc, then the user has to share it with those they want to open it. This includes Google Slides and Docs students complete work on and submit to the teacher; I have had to teach students how to submit their assignments so I may see their work.

Grades for Schoology assignments are not syncing unless we click a button to "Sync" with PowerSchool. When students check PowerSchool, they see a zero until the teacher "syncs" the grades.

Anonymous -

This is a frustrating situation as we have been transitioned from a working, understandable, and efficient system to this completely unfamiliar tool. When we should be focusing on educating these students we must teach ourselves how to operate their education. This seems as an unnecessary and pointless transition as this program's selling features are left unavailable to us. Who thought this would benefit our students who have been brought up on a Google developed and backed education, from Chromebooks, Google Classroom, and Google Docs. All together the cons of this program greatly outweigh the pros as we have been left out of this equation.

I would like to thank everyone who submitted their feedback on the new program as it is important to make our voices heard. I do hope this can help to open the eyes to some of the many struggles our underpaid and overworked educators face.



Daniel Bunch
(Big Man Dan)

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Thankful, Grateful, Blessed

Thankful Letters:

*Mrs. Shelley's First Grade Class
Sunbright School*



I am thankful for my family, friends, my cousins, and my cat.
-Waylon Adkins

I am thankful for my dad, mom, brothers, family, cousins, and my dog.
-Gabriel Blakely

I am thankful for my mom, dad, sisters, family, dog, cat, and papoe.
-Wyatt Bowman

I am thankful for my cat, my dog, my friends, my mom, dad, and brother.
-Calliope Freeman

I am thankful for my brothers, my dad, my mom, my sisters, my family, and friends.
-Abel Honey

I am thankful for my family and friends, my cat and dog, my sister, Waylon, and my teacher.
-Nevaeh Howard

I am thankful for my family and friends, my dogs, my mom, sisters, and dad.
-Jaxson Keeton

I am thankful for my dogs, my ducks, my friends and family, my horses, and my mom.
-Kashlee Marshall

I am thankful for my sister, my fish, our God, the grades I make, and beautiful days.
-Zeppelin McClendon

I am thankful for my teachers, my family and friends, my cousins, my sisters, and my school.
-Peyton Moberly

I am thankful for my family and friends, my school, my house, and my dog and cat.
-Liam Murray

I am thankful for my family, my mom and dad, my cat and dog, and my Sadie.
-Kyriee Selby

I am thankful for my family, my mom and dad, food, my books, my sisters and bubba.
-Brody Smith

I am thankful for my family and friends, my brother, my dog and cat, and school.
-Justin Vaughn

I am thankful for my family and friends, my dog, my mom, brothers, and dad.
-Acelin Warram

I am thankful for my dog, my family and friends, my hamster, my teacher, and my cat.
-Colson Webb

I am thankful for the United States of America, my family, my cousin, my friends, and the Army.
-Kiayah Dome

Petros-Joyner School's Thankful Letters

Pre-K

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, and TV.-Jackson Davis, Pre-K

I am thankful for having Thanksgiving with my family and to have my mom and my dad.-Brinley Duncan, Pre-K

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, and my brothers.-Bryson Eubanks, Pre-K

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, and my reindeer.-Julian Gunter-Pre-K

I am thankful for my friends, my papaw, and my mom.-Breccan Hall, Pre-K

I am thankful for my bed, my dad, my mom, my baby brother, and my toys.-Matilda Hall, Pre-K

I am thankful for Isabella playing in the sandbox with me, Clifford, and TV.-Presleigh Howard, Pre-K

I am thankful for my mommy, my poppa, and my mamaw.-Brayden Irwin, Pre-K

I am thankful for all my family.-Eleanor Jeffers, Pre-K

I am thankful for my mommy, my daddy, Amanda, and my friends.-Braylynn Lowe, Pre-K

I am thankful for oranges, pineapples, my mom, and my dad.-Carter Nantz, Pre-K

I am thankful for my friends, my mom, my dad, my brothers, my grammy, my gigi, my papaw, my paw, and my maw.-Isabella Owsley, Pre-K

I am thankful for my mom, my family, and my sisters.-Joy Patterson, Pre-K

I am thankful for my family and my papaw.-Zoe Pride, Pre-K

I am thankful for my friends and my family.-Karlee Shaw, Pre-K

I am thankful for my toys, my mom, and my dinosaurs.-Aiden Silva, Pre-K

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my brothers, my elf, and my reindeer.-Bristol Turpin, Pre-K

I am thankful for my granny, my papaw, my mom, my dad, all my family, my school teachers, and my friends.-Waylon Ward, Pre-K

I am thankful for my parents, my friends, Maddex, and Mavrik.-Mack Wilson, Pre-K

Kindergarten

I am thankful for my dog and cake.-Ryker Armes, Kindergarten

I am thankful for Case's kitty Oakley and Pongo.-Addie Mae Brown, Kindergarten

I am thankful for my cat, my mom, and my dad.-Case Bunch, Kindergarten

I am thankful for Miss Brock.-Olivia Clark, Kindergarten

I am thankful for getting to eat food.-Kyah Hawn, Kindergarten

I am thankful for fall and my dog.-Adalyn Irwin, Kindergarten

I am thankful for my mom.-Paisleigh Moore, Kindergarten

I am thankful for fall and my dog.-Mayson Nunley, Kindergarten
I am thankful for fall and my dog.-Lilly Patterson, Kindergarten

I am thankful for Miss Brock.-Mea Snyman, Kindergarten

I am thankful for winter.-Ledger Webb-Tinker, Kindergarten

I am thankful for eating.-Brittany Williams, Kindergarten

I am thankful for snack time.-Silas Young, Kindergarten

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Petros-Joyner School's Thankful Letters

1st Grade

I am thankful for my mom, my mamaw Trish, my teachers, food, my house, my dog, my clothes, and my stuffed cow.-Rebecca Amadon, 1st grade

I am thankful for my family, my dogs, my coaches, my mom, my dad, my teacher, my sisters, my classroom, and my school.-McKinley Brown, 1st grade

I am thankful for Jesus, God, my nana, my papaw, my grandpa, and my granny.-Morgan Brown, 1st grade

I am thankful for my dog, my baby kitten, my mom, my dad, my brother, and my sister.-Zachary Dillon, 1st grade

I am thankful for my cat because she wakes me up and snuggles with me, my baby deer, and Miss Mac.-Abrie Foster, 1st grade

I am thankful for my dog because he protects me at night.-Casen Futrell, 1st grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my cat, my fish, my stuffies, my grammy, and my papaw.-Emory Heidle, 1st grade

I am thankful for my friends, my dad, and my cousins.-Bentley Justice, 1st grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my sister, and my brothers.-Colton Nantz, 1st grade

I am thankful for Miss Mac, my family, God, Jesus, angels, Santa because he gives us a lot of presents, my Bible, my church, the sky, kindness, and my school.-Cashlynn Patterson, 1st grade

I am thankful for my mom, my family, and my house.-Natalie Patterson, 1st grade

I am thankful for my mom's dog, my mom, my sister, my dad, God, and Jesus.-Jace Pickett, 1st grade

I am thankful for my cat, my Aunt Debbie, my PS4, and my mom.-Russell Roysden, 1st grade

I am thankful for my dogs because they protect me, my school, my parents, my baby brother, and Miss Mac.-Hudson Seat, 1st grade

I am thankful for my mom, my grandma, my grandpa, and my uncle Josh.-Maurlena Taylor, 1st grade

I am thankful for my family, my house, my toys, my car, my mom, my teacher, my friends, and my 2 dogs.-Ava Vann, 1st grade

2nd Grade

I am thankful for McDonalds.-Johnny Armes, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my house and my cousins.-Josalynn Armes, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my food, God, my church, my siblings, all my family, my cat, my dogs, and my teacher.-Carlie Bunch, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, food, my papaw, and my mamaw.-Harlynn Bunch 2nd grade

I am thankful for my papaw and mamaw because I love them for taking care of me everyday!-Waylynn Bunch 2nd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, and everyone in my family.-Molly Harney, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my family, food, my pets, my friends, my nana, and my pop.-Xaiden Hensley, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my family, my friends, and my sisters.-Raelynn Jeffers, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my papaw Kenny and my mom.-Paisley Lemons

I am thankful for my family, my pets, my cousins, and just everything.-Winter Mize, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my family and friends.-Mahayla Nunley, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my cousins, my sisters. I love them all.-Eliza Ramirez, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my cousins, food, my uncles, and my aunts.-Jayden Ramsey, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my gam-gam, my dad, and my brother.-Lilly Taylor, 2nd grade

I am thankful for food.-Brayden Turpin, 2nd grade

I am thankful for my dad, my mom, my cat, my friends, and most of all God.-Lilyana Vann, 2nd grade

I am thankful for food and God.-Grayson White, 2nd grade

3rd Grade

I am thankful for food, water, the world, my family, my house, my T.V., my cat, and my dog.-Millie Anderson, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my mom, dad, friends, God, dogs, cats, and school.-Ashtyon Autry, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my friends, my family, my mom, my dad, my cousins, my school, my church, for love, and for books.-Adilyn Basler, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my food, my house, my church, my family, and my friends.-Bo Brown 3rd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, food in my belly, and my family.-Nevaeh Cooper, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my pets, having a roof over my head, and chicken.-Maddex Crocker, 3rd grade

I am thankful for God, my friends, my family, all of the teachers, and my house.-Karma Foster, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my sister, my dad, my cat, and my dog.-Trinity Foster, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my food.-Kamdyn Hawn, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my mom and my dad.-Haley Kennedy, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my cats and my parents.-Lily Kennedy, 3rd grade

I am thankful for being nice.-Junior McCann, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my sister, my school, and God being there when my family is sick.-Malia McMahan, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my family, my friends, and food.-Bentley Patterson, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my family, my friends, and for my good behavior.-Bryce Richardson, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my family, the turkey at Thanksgiving, and for Thanksgiving in Novemeber.-LJ Sherrill, 3rd grade

I am thankful for dinner, I like dinner because I help my mom and dad.-Wyatt Snyder, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my nana, my sister, and my dog.-Maleena Stover, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my dog, and all the stuff I have.-Liam Vann, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my dad, my mom, my friends, and my family.-Brently Williams, 3rd grade

I am thankful for my family, my friends, and everything we own.-Chloe Williams, 3rd grade

I am thankful for seeing my family, eating turkey with my family, and eating broccoli.-Dorothy Williams

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, and for my good behavior.-Mavrik Wilson, 3rd grade

4th Grade

I am thankful for my parents, my grandparents, my toys, my bed, my tent, my house, going to Great Wolf Lodge, Gulf World, Tellus Museum, God and Jesus, books, and my pets.-Bryce Austin, 4th grade

I am thankful for my country, loot from Fortnite, Call of Duty, my rights, my mom, my grandfather, my mimi, God, and my church.-Jake Brautigan, 4th grade

I am thankful for my dogs, my family, God, Jesus, my house, and my teachers.-Mary Lou Brown, 4th grade

I am thankful for my family, God, my friends, our veterans, my school, and my teachers.-William Dillon, 4th grade

I am thankful for Jesus, my family, dogs, my nana Ene, my mamaw, and my nana Jody.-Addy Justice, 4th grade

I am thankful for the veterans service and them risking their lives to protect us and our freedom.-Jase Klement, 4th grade

I am thankful for God, my family, my friends, my dogs, my school, and my teachers.-Leeland Massengale, 4th grade

I am thankful for God, my house, my parents, my friends, the Earth, and for me being funny.-Chase Richardson, 4th grade

I am thankful for my mom, games, birthdays, my cousins, my dog, and my kittens.-Camden Shannon, 4th grade

5th Grade

I am thankful for my teacher, my mom, my dad, my dogs, God, my home, and my turtle.-Trenton Autry, 5th grade

I am thankful for God, Ms. Ashley, Mr. G, my school, my friends, and my mom.-Emma Bonfiglio, 5th grade

I am thankful for my family, video games, my friends, TV, Ms. Ashley, God, my pets, my grandparents, food, my sister, and soda.-Nate Bridenbaker, 5th grade

I am thankful for food, my family, Mr. G, games, Ms. Ashley, entertainment, grilled cheese, protection, my dog, and God.-John Caddell, 5th grade

I am thankful for my family, a roof over my head, my friends, food, the way my parents raise me, and my school teacher Ms. Ashley.-Corben Fitzgerald, 5th grade

I am thankful for my school, my family, my pets, food, my teachers, veterans, Christmas, Ms. Ashley, my jackets, and my clothes.-Lydia Foster, 5th grade

I am thankful for God, my family, my friends, Jesus, food, drinks.-Bentley Galyon, 5th grade

I am thankful for my friends, Mr. G, Ms. Ashley, my parents, God, food, water, Melanie Martinez and Mitski.-Veda Hicks, 5th grade

I am thankful for God, my friends, my family, my home, food, drinks, my school, and my teachers.-Savannah Kelly, 5th grade

I am thankful for my family, my existence, water, food, my home, animals, my life, and rules.-Toby Large, 5th grade

I am thankful for my family, my friends, God, food, water, and the people who fought for our country and our freedom.-Karsen Lively, 5th grade

I am thankful for Miss Ashley, my friends, my family, my school, my dog, my home.-Braidey Patterson, 5th grade

I am thankful for my papaw, my books, my animals, my family, Savannah, and Ms. Ashley.-Hailey Pride, 5th grade

I am thankful for Miss Ashley, God, my mom, my dad, my old nana, and my pop Roger.-Madisyn Sandlin, 5th grade

I am thankful for God, my mom, my dad, my step-dad, my pets, my teachers, games, food, my cousins, my siblings, my uncles, drinks, my nana, my papa, and my aunts.-Gabe Stover, 5th grade

I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my games, my pets, my buddies, Ms. Ashley, Mr. G, and my food.-Colton Taylor, 5th grade

I am thankful for my house, my family, my dad, my mom, food, water, soda, chess, board games, video games, and my football.-Michael Williams, 5th grade



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Redeem the Time

Three words that have driven the last 21 years of my life. It is a command of God through Paul that ends the book of Colossians. What exactly is redeeming the time?

According to the Bible, God exists outside of how humans experience time. We exist in ten special dimensions, on a two-dimensional plane. Only PHD Physicists and five-year-old children understand the true dimensionality of

our existence.

The bible rightly divided proves it was conceived, entirely outside of how I exist in the vacuum of human time. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This is an abject lesson in human time and God time.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. If you spend a lifetime studying creation from a pragmatic evidence-based perspective, this statement should become the basis for who you believe was on the cross.

This should also begin to make you realize, just what the creator was willing to do to redeem his creation. Gods' thoughts are never man's thoughts. God is not trapped in the linear equation humans reckon as time. He is completely outside of time itself as sole creator!

If I was to ever understand Gods ideas about redeeming time, every pre-supposition about God had to melt away. I had to leave my ancestors versions of faith in the dustbin of my existence. I turned to the journal I began keeping and the prayers I wrote down.

As God began to answer all of the prayers that lined up with his will, the more I began to realize, Christianity has nothing to do with corporate worship or doctrines of men. The Bible began to reveal that every day in human history was perceived by God in eternity past.

I began to realize I was reading a script for the greatest Love drama ever conceived. I realized a war for my soul was indeed going on, and the church has no idea how to fight because they only wield one edge of the two-edged sword, Jesus Christ called his word.

The redeeming of time began in earnest in my life as my wife and I returned to Columbus, Georgia after 18 months in Florida. I had only ever been an Airborne Ranger in Columbus. I had no idea how many traps the shining one set for me in order to make sure time stood still!

I had received a 70% rating from the VA, after it was adjudicated that my time in Somalia was under honorable conditions. My period of other than honorable service was March 1995-November 1995. God had begun to redeem the time in my life with the restoration of what I earned in war.

I had begun going to the VA for treatment of residual pain and they determined sleep deprivation must be a result of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Narcotics were prescribed, and once again the addict sleeping inside me, woke up.

It was easy to blame addiction on my injuries. This idea plagued me for the next 18 years of my life. If a narcotic would make me sleep or numb the natural feelings of loss based on the number of brothers I have buried, I swallowed, smoked, injected, or drank it.

I had an incredible stronghold reigning in my members. Nothing human doctors suggested or prescribed was treating what was wrong inside my own brain. I was experiencing stinking thinking, and only a reprogramming by the creator of the universe would work.

He had to get my complete attention. While working at Mar-A-Lago, the federal government served me with a warrant for my arrest for the illegal importation of anabolic steroids; To Wit, 2600\$ worth. Now they were willing to upend the life I was beginning to get back, because I did not report the income!

We returned to Columbus to face a Judge. To add insult to injury, they were charging my wife with helping me. We showed up in court to have the charges read, and the 93-year-old federal judge needed to be educated on what a steroid was.

I could not afford an attorney so one was appointed for my wife and I. He would inform us, that the evidence they were using was my own admission of guilt from the Army transcripts used to relieve me of my duties and discharge me without benefits.

Double jeopardy did not apply since my discharge was an administrative removal. This confused me. When I petitioned the Commanding general for relief, it was explained to me that if I accepted my discharge would be punitive.

I was incredibly confused and even more angry. I began to resent the very system I was willing to die for. Now, I could not even afford to defend myself. Once again, my class in society determined how much relief I could receive from society, and it was non-existent when you are poor.

My wife and I pled guilty and received a fine and we would be on federal probation until our fines were paid. We both now would carry felony convictions for the rest of our lives.

My probation officer was female. I was in the beginning of the throes of relapse. I tested positive for marijuana and I was required to attend drug outpatient treatment with group therapy. Everyone in the group was on federal probation and on heavy narcotics.

This would lead to me meeting a new friend strung out on heroine. I began giving him a ride home after group therapy. When I discovered he was still using, the words of my grandfather began to haunt my thoughts. If you keep going to a barbershop, you eventually will get a haircut.

This proved true in my life as an addict that is angry at society. I eventually tried Heroine leading to my probation being revoked, and a six-month prison sentence to be served at the Atlanta Federal Prison Camp, beginning on my Birthday in 1999.

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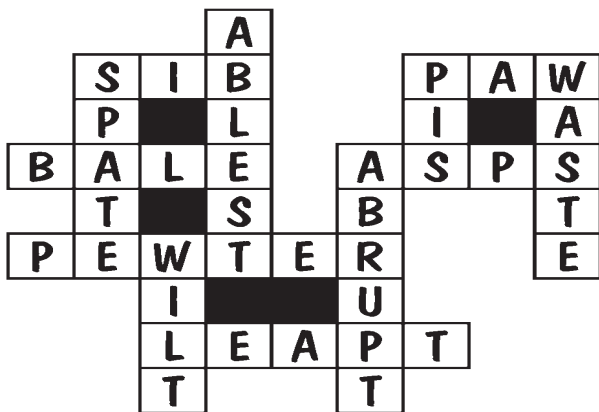
Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five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

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

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Revelation Chapter 12



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Chapter eleven concludes the first major division of the book. The second section (chapter 12-22) takes the narrative forward but with a different point of emphasis. In chapter one through eleven, the text focuses upon the work of the exalted Savior as head of his church. The concluding segment deals with the warfare in which Christ and the church are to be engaged. The whole history of the church is in view.

(Revelation 12:1-6) The dragon and the man child: A “sign” (a special revelation in symbolism) is seen in heaven. A woman is splendidly arrayed and gloriously adorned, yet she is crying in pain on account of being heavy with child. She is threatened by a vicious “red dragon.” The woman is not the “virgin Mary,” as alleged by Catholicism; rather, she almost certainly is a symbol of the church, since both she and her child are victims of the dragon’s wrath. The dragon, red in color and possessed of seven heads and ten horns, is poised to devour the man child when he is delivered. His color may symbolize the blood he will shed in his assaults, his crowned heads may suggest the royal authority he will claim, and the ten horns (symbols of power) may hint of the political power he has under his control and through which he works. His tail, as casting down “stars,” suggests his strength, as illustrated by previous conquests.

The man child clearly is Christ, who “is to rule the nations with a rod of iron” (Psa. 2:8-9). But how does the church give birth to Christ? It is by the proclamation of the gospel. (Romans 7:4 “Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.” Galatians 4:19 “My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you”.) Symbols have considerable latitude, but must never be pressed too far. The “child” was caught up unto God, to a throne. This refers to his ascension (Acts 1:9 “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.”) and his coronation (Acts 2:30 “Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne”), his death being first implied and then referenced in verse eleven. (This negates the dispensational theory that Christ will not occupy his throne until his second coming.) Because of the threat of great danger, the “woman” flees into “the wilderness” where God has prepared a place for her. This assuredly indicates that Satan will never totally vanquish the church, though some will defect from the truth (1 Timothy 4:1 “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils”). The period of security is represented as 1,260 days (see 11:2-3; 12:14). Some interpret this period as the entire Christian age, though it is difficult to see how 1,260 days symbolizes what has already been more than two thousand years. Others see the figure as a specific historical period of intense persecution.

(Rev. 12:7-12) The war in heaven: There is the depiction of a “war” in heaven between Michael and his angels, and Satan and his angels. Michael, the archangel (Jude 9), prevailed and Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven down to earth. Some are “absolutely certain” this was a real conflict at some remote age of the past. Others see the narrative as a symbolic illustration rather than a literal encounter between the archangel and a dragon. “This is not to be taken as a literal war, but a symbolic battle, symbolic of the war that was waged by Jesus Christ on earth against Satan and his demons.”

Suddenly an anthem of praise erupts from heaven (v. 10-12). The salvation, power, and kingdom of God have come, with them the authority of Christ (Eph. 1:20-23). The “accuser of our brethren is cast down.” The war has been underway since Eden, but intensified with the arrival of the Bethlehem baby. Satan was dealt a deathblow by Jesus’ death and resurrection. Accordingly, “they” (those who submit to Christ) have overcome by the Lamb’s blood that was poured out for their sins, and likewise because of the “word of their testimony” and their willingness to remain faithful even if such caused the forfeiture of their lives. Therefore, let the heavens and their inhabitants rejoice. To the contrary, let earth and sea recoil (some see this as a metaphor for earth’s unregenerate inhabitants). Satan is infuriated, knowing that in the foreshortened scheme of divine judgment, his days are numbered.

(Rev. 12:13-17) Diabolic persecution: Though Satan has been delivered a mortal blow by the redemptive mission of Jesus (v. 10), with a vengeance of rage he seeks to persecute the woman that bore the man child. Reiteration the previous imagery, the woman, with divine assistance, is borne into the wilderness (v. 6) where she is nourished for a “time, times, and half a time”---the equivalent of 1,260 days (see 11:2-3; 12:6)---away from the Satan-serpent. The imagery of the devil as a serpent is borrowed from Genesis 3:1, thus authenticating the credibility of the account of the original human apostasy. The serpent fought harder, thrusting water from his mouth to hopefully sweep away the woman. But providence intervened as the “earth” swallowed up the river intended as a weapon by the dragon (v. 16). The dragon became enraged even more and went away to make war with the rest of her seed (other Christians), who are here defined as those who consistently “keep the commandments of God” and who hold on to the “testimony of Jesus” (perhaps both the testimony about him and from him).

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When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

Go LUKE 5:4-6

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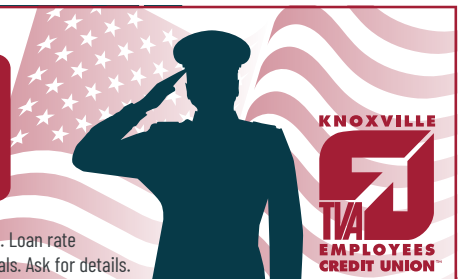
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Kingston's Addison Roberts (20) splits Harriman defenders Aaralyn Humphrey (20) and Emory Thompson (44) for two of her 11 points.



Harriman's Jordan McCullum (35) drives the lane for a dunk, showing just one of his many skills that make him a formidable force in District 4A. McCullum led all scorers with 37 points.



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