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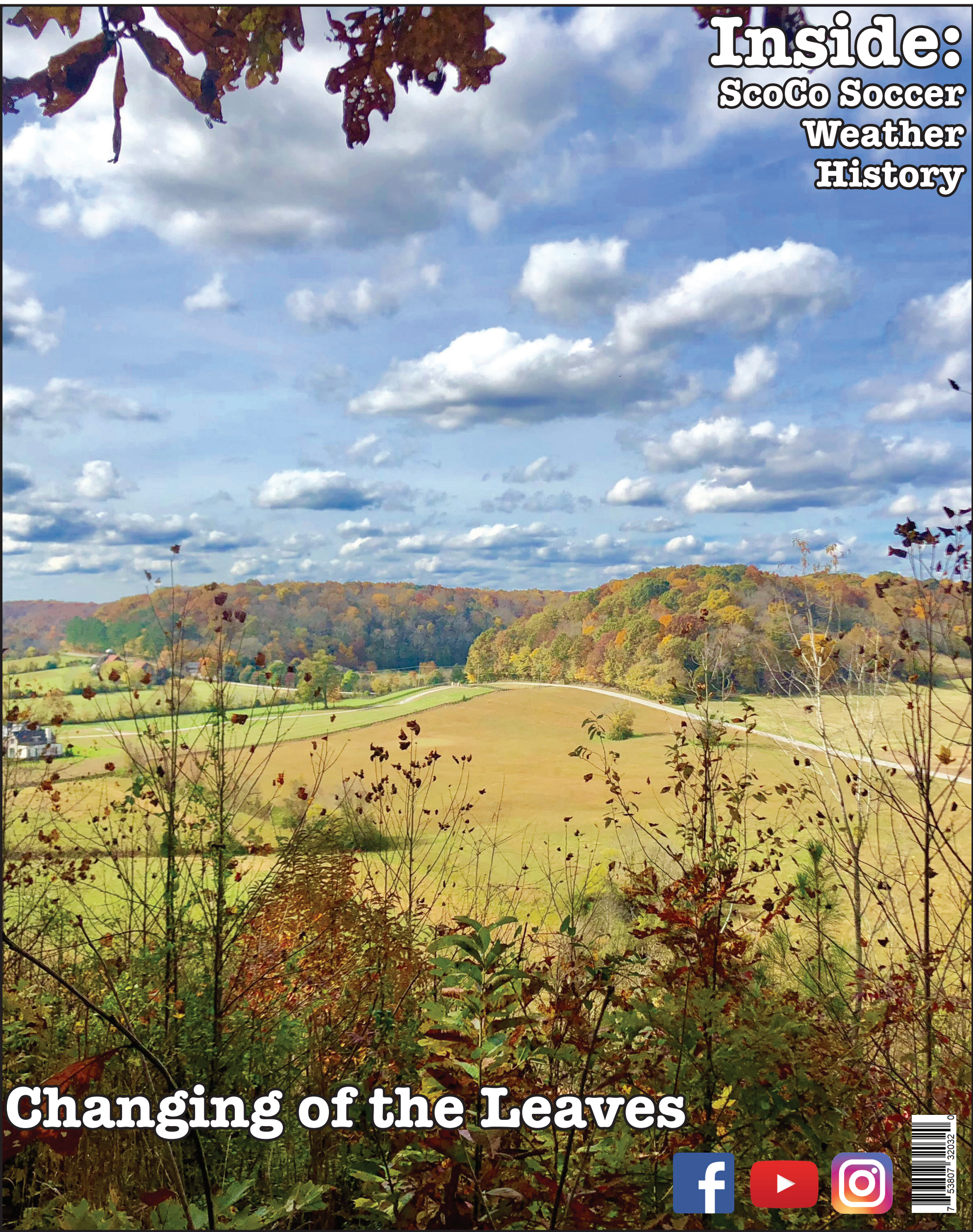
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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Okay so, it looks like the curse is on its way to being broken! All of Pappys teams (except the Oliver Springs

Middle School Bobcats) won this week, Yay! So, it all started with the Cherokee Yellow Jackets winning and Rome did great once again. This time Kohen got in the end zone, too. That whole team works so hard!

At the very same time, the Oliver Springs Middle School Bobcats lost to the Rockwood Middle School Tigers. Trey got hurt so the referee took him out of the game. Mimi and Pap were so worried about him. He seems to be okay, though. Thank God! Rodney was a bulldozer again. Then, cousin Peyton did his thing, on Friday (he plays for Rockwood High) we wanted him to do great and he did. But, the Roane County High School, Yellow Jackets was just too much for the Rockwood Tigers. The RCHS Yellow Jackets beat the RHS Tigers for the 10th year in a row. Yippie!

The Volunteers beat their foe of the week. Who-Hoo! So all in all, it was a pretty good week. Especially since, Trey is okay from that hard hit. Pappy says that is what really matters. Did I mention that this is Pappys favorite time of the year? The man wuffs his football.

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



### WEEKLY WEATHER



Tue 03 **84°/58°**

Wed 04 **82°/59°**

Thu 05 **80°/60°**

Fri 06 **73°/46°**

Sat 07 **65°/40°**

Sun 08 **65°/42°**

Mon 09 **68°/44°**



### TVA rate increase to take effect October 1, 2023

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) recently announced a 4.5% increase to the wholesale electricity rate to take effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The need to construct new power plants, inflation, and higher interest rates were some of the reasons provided by the TVA board for the rate increase. Plateau Electric Cooperative (PEC) will not receive any additional funding from the rate increase as 100% of the revenue produced will go directly to TVA.

TVA also announced the 2.5% Pandemic Relief Credit (PRC) is set to expire on October 1, 2023. In 2020, the PEC Board of Directors elected to pass 100% of this money through to its members each year. Over the past three years, the amount of the PRC given back to PEC members totaled \$1.8 million. The suspension of this credit will also influence members' bills.

The 4.5% base rate increase combined with the end of the 2.5% PRC will constitute an approximate \$5.00 increase to the average monthly residential electric bill. While rate increases are never popular, the need to have a stable electrical grid for our members is imperative. PEC is committed to continuing to provide safe and reliable energy at an affordable cost.

# 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

BINGO for adults is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 – 11:30.

Our current hours are Monday 10:30-3:00, Tuesday 3:00-7:30, and Wednesday 9:00-12:00.

The Morgan County Tourism Alliance meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm held at Tanners Cafe.

The Mt Hope Cemetery Assoc will meet Thursday September 14 @ 6:00 pm at the Weidemann in Deer Lodge

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

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# In Loving Memory

## Margie Fay Thomas Kennedy, 85



Margie Fay Thomas Kennedy, age 85, of Deer Lodge, TN passed away peacefully Sunday, September 24, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Margie was born Oct 18, 1937 in Russellville, TN and graduated from Morristown High School and business college in Knoxville while residing at the YWCA. She attended a square dance in a college classmate's hometown of Deer Lodge and met her future husband Farrell Kennedy. She and Farrell were married on December 21, 1958.

She worked at Highland Telephone in Sunbright before becoming the Postmaster in Deer Lodge in 1971. She served as the Postmaster in Wartburg from 1977 until her retirement.

Margie was a loving mother and grandmother. She was a devoted and active member of the Deer Lodge Congregational Church. She enjoyed staying active with family and friends and loved traveling. She enjoyed business and

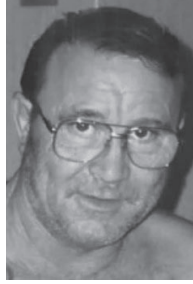
leisure trips with her husband, neighbor Jean Branstetter, friends, fellow postmasters, children, and grandchildren. She was an outgoing people person who could be quite talkative. She always appreciated the friendship of so many people who treated her with such kindness.

Margie is preceded in death by her husband of 54 years Farrell W Kennedy, parents Aldon Thomas and Ruby Estes Thomas, sisters: Mary Frances Atkins, Ann Newlin, Sarah Jane Thomas, and brother Johnny Thomas.

Margie is survived by her daughter Sandra Kennedy (partner Barry), son Thomas W Kennedy (Susan), four loving granddaughters: Elizabeth Kennedy (Lauren), Emily Taylor (Dean), Caroline Kennedy (fiancé Ryan), and Sarah Kennedy, several nieces and nephews, and other special friends.

The family has requested a private service.

## Bailey "Boxcar" Young, 75



Mr. Bailey "Boxcar" Young, age 75 of Wartburg passed away in his loving home on September 28th, 2023.

Bailey loved going for rides up Gobey, tending to a garden and spending time with his family. He was a giving and loving husband, father, grandpa, brother and uncle. He could put a smile on anyone's face by telling them stories of his younger years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Gurley and Emilea Young; brother Estelle Young.

He is survived by his loving wife Wanda young; son Stacey and Misty Young; granddaughter Sydney and Jeremiah Gunter; wonderful sisters Dorris Mel-

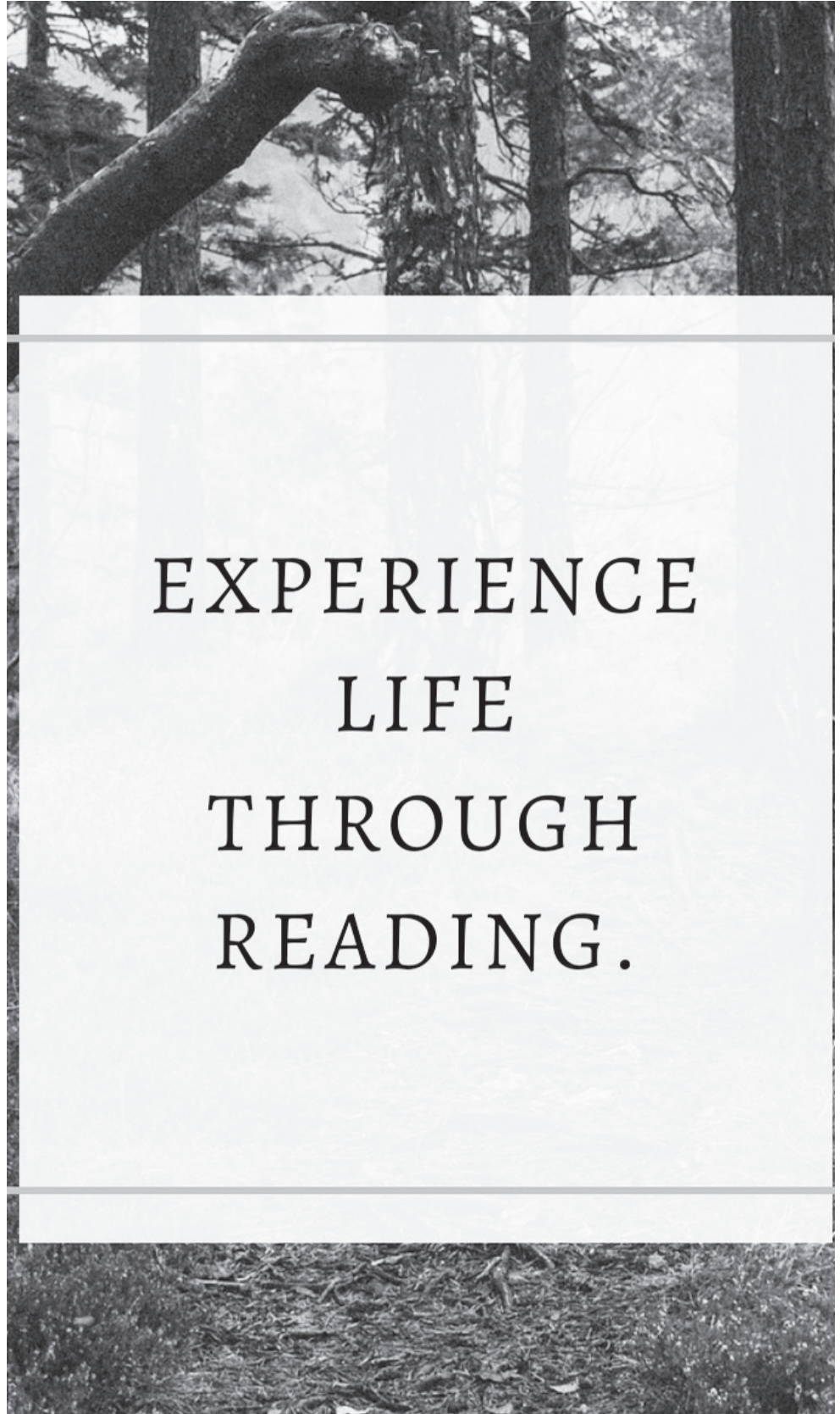
horn and Betty Hamby; special nieces Brenda Williams, Rosalee Young, Buffy Copeland and nephew Henry Young who he loved like his own.

He was loved by a host of many more.

Bailey will be missed by many.

The family will receive friends Monday, October 2, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. James Griffith officiating. Interment will follow in the McCart Cemetery in the Gobey community.

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# New Jersey U.S. Senator Robert Menendez Indicted



**Michael Nance**  
*Columnist*

Eight years ago, Gallup's Annual Governance Poll, revealed that Americans are becoming ever more disillusioned with the U.S. Congress. Most participants of the survey believed that most members of Congress are "out of touch with average Americans" (79%), "focused on the needs of special interests" rather than the needs of their constituents (69%) and corrupt (52%). Andrew Dugan, a research consultant out of London authored the revealing story in 2015. Since that time, the political polarization of the two parties has heralded in an unending stream of reports that evidence that Congress is infected with corruption, with no end in sight. Recent reports indicate that Democratic Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey has been doing the bidding of Egyptian foreign nationals for wads of cash and bars of gold. His activities have not gone unnoticed, and the news cycle is inundated with reports on the potentially corrupt Senator.

Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and James Smith, the Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), announced on September 22 that an Indictment was unsealed, which charges Democratic U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, his wife Nadine Menendez, a/k/a "Nadine Arslanian," and three New Jersey businessmen, Wael Hana, a/k/a "Will Hana," Jose Uribe, and Fred Daibes, with participating in a years-long bribery scheme.

It's important to note this is the second time that Menendez has been charged with bribery and corruption.

The previous charges that Menendez fought off were related to an alleged conspiracy where he received lavish gifts in return for pressuring government officials to benefit a Florida eye doctor. One of the assertions in that case was that the senator assisted in obtaining passports for the doctor's multiple girlfriends. The prosecutors alleged that Menendez received over \$750,000 in money and other benefits including luxury vacations in exchange for using his political influence for the doctor. The jury deadlocked during the 2017 trial, finally the U.S. Justice Department dropped the charges in 2018.

These latest criminal charges, however, have shaken the democratic political establishment. The states Democratic Governor, Phil Murphy, the leaders of the Legislature, and the state

party chairman called for Menendez to resign. The New Jersey Governor was quoted as stating:

"The alleged facts are so serious that they compromise the ability of Senator Menendez to effectively represent the people of our state. Therefore, I am calling for his immediate resignation," A statement from U.S. Attorney Williams is also damning for the Senator, Williams was quoted as saying:

"As the grand jury charged, between 2018 and 2022, Senator Menendez and his wife engaged in a corrupt relationship with Wael Hana, Jose Uribe, and Fred Daibes – three New Jersey businessmen who collectively paid hundreds of thousands of dollars of bribes, including cash, gold, a Mercedes Benz, and other

things of value – in exchange for Senator Menendez agreeing to use his power and influence to protect and enrich those businessmen and to benefit the Government of Egypt. My Office is firmly committed to rooting out corruption, without fear or favor, and without any regard to partisan politics. We will continue to do so."

These charges of bribery and corruption to assist foreign governments are especially concerning, because Menendez has been the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Menendez has temporarily stepped down from the post due to the bylaws of the Senate.

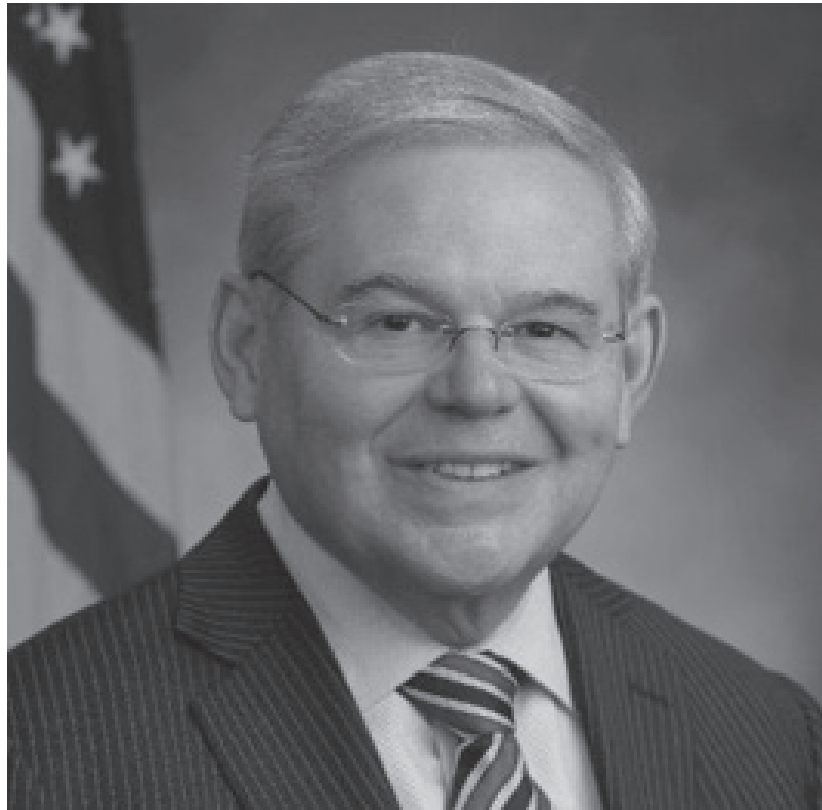
Make no mistake, Senator Menendez has a long history of controversial political positions. You may remember that after 9-11, Egyptian-American Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf attempted to build a mosque near the site of the World Trade Center. He received political and public money facilitated by Senator in his failed attempted to construct the mosque.

Responding to the charges, Menendez was quoted as saying:

"The excesses of these prosecutors is apparent, they have misrepresented the normal work of a congressional office. On top of that, not content with making false claims against me, they have attacked my wife for the longstanding friendships she had before she and I even met."

Senator Menendez's problems are multiplying, as Representative. Andy Kim of New Jersey announced on September 23rd that he will run against Menendez in the state's Democratic primary for Senate next year.

Senator Menendez may have a trunk full of political favors and influence that he will marshal in his efforts to avoid being found guilty, but Damian Williams Jr. is not anyone's fool. The Yale educated attorney is the same person who got Jeffery Epstein's coconspirator Ghislaine Maxwell twenty years of incarceration. This will be an interesting case that could be a watershed moment for the future of political corruption.



*Senator Robert Menendez, photo courtesy of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.*



*Damian Williams Jr., Photo courtesy of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.*





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<b>9</b> <b>Fall Break</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Fall Break</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Fall Break</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Fall Break</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Fall Break</b>
<b>16</b> Breakfast Egg, Biscuit & Gravy Juice Lunch Chicken Wings or Drumstick Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Fresh Veggies w/ Dip Garden Salad, Roll Mandarin Oranges	<b>17</b> Breakfast Pancake on a Stick Fruit Parfait Lunch Taco Salad or Crisпитos Lettuce, Cheese, Tomatoes Steamed Corn Fiesta Rice, Salsa Garden Salad Apple Slices	<b>18</b> Breakfast Burritos or Breakfast Pizza Blueberries Lunch Salisbury Steak or Fish Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Broccoli Salad Fresh Garden Salad Fruit Parfait	<b>19</b> Breakfast Lemon Bread or Chicken Biscuit Fresh Fruit Lunch Pull Apart w/ Marinara Sauce or Variety of Pizza Steamed Veggies Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Caesar Salad Banana, Side Kick	<b>20</b> Breakfast Pumpkin Bread or Donuts Fruit Smoothie Farm to School Lunch Smoked Pork Loaded Baked Potato Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce Steamed Broccoli Tossed Salad Banana Pudding, Fruit
<b>23</b> Breakfast Pumpkin Bread or Pancake Juice Lunch Chicken Sandwich Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Pickle, Onion Crisp Baked Fries Veggies w/ Dip Seasonal Fresh Fruit	<b>24</b> Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Applesauce Lunch Mashed Potato Bowl w/ Popcorn Chicken Steamed Corn Leafy Green Salad Hot Roll Jell-O w/ Fruit	<b>25</b> Breakfast Biscuit Stick & Gravy Breakfast Pizza Yogurt Fruit Taco Lunch Chili Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fresh Vegetables & Dip Garden Salad Grapes, Strawberry Shortcake	<b>26</b> Breakfast Pancake on a Stick Fruit Parfait Lunch Hoagie Bar: Meatball, Riblet, Deli Meat Pasta Salad, Baked Chips Fresh Veggies & Dip Tossed Salad Orange Wedges	<b>27</b> Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Fruit Smoothie Lunch Chicken Tender Chicken Dumplings Mashed Potatoes Turnip Greens Garden Salad, Roll Fresh Fruit
<b>30</b> Breakfast Egg & Cheese Biscuit Juice Lunch Fish or Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Garden Fresh Salad, Hot Roll Orange Slices	<b>31</b> Breakfast Egg Burrito or Donut Fruit Smoothie Lunch Mini Corn Dog Mummies Monster Mash Potatoes Scream Vegetable Medley Skeleton Veggies Broomstick Bread Floating Eye Grapes, Side Kick			

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**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

# Patriotism and Our Flag

How many men and women have given their life for their country? Thousands upon thousands have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. And many more will no

doubt go to war if they are called.

Since our forefathers came to the New World, we have had men who felt that their freedom was worth fighting for. Many of my relatives came to America because of the freedom of religion. Others came to the United States for economic reasons but you can bet the freedoms that are spelled out in the Bill of Rights had something to do with their journey.

I remember in elementary school the pride and love we showed for our flag every morning. We pledged our allegiance to the flag every morning and when I got to Deer Lodge Elementary, we also read the Bible every morning. Our American flag should be a living piece of history and a source of pride and unity. Every American should look at the flag for what it has stood for in every conflict our men have been involved in and died in. Yes, the Stars and Stripes embody the very qualities that make our nation great. There would be no liberty, justice, or freedom if our forefathers hadn't established our country by these standards. We have no king or queen so our flag is what we protect and stand up for.

It hurts to see a lot of people show disrespect for our great flag. The flag is an important national symbol. When it was made the three colors had deep meaning. The red means hardiness and valor, including the willingness to sacrifice our blood for the country; white stands for purity including our independence from other countries and blue stands for vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The 50 stars represent our fifty states and the 13 stripes represent our original 13 colonies.

Our flag continues to represent "One nation under God." The liberals would like not only do away with our constitution but also our flag and what it should mean to every citizen.

I guess the first time our flag was raised as a symbol of peace and unity was at Ft. McHenry in Baltimore Harbor on that fateful morning in the War of 1812.

But there are many more notable moments in our history that our national colors were raised to display a sense of peace and respect.

Flying over the World Trade Center after 9/11.

In front of the boat of George Washington while crossing the Delaware.

Draped over President Kennedy's coffin.

Planted on the moon in 1969 by American astronauts.

Proudly raised by Marines on Iwo Jima in 1945.

Presented to brave American families at soldiers' funerals.

In 1776, Betsy Ross designed and made the first flag. Representing hope and belief of the thirteen colonies. They needed this one flag to unify the patriots and not to stir up confusion.

I have wanted to contact one of the fifth-grade teachers and ask her if she would assign her students to write a theme entitled "Why I Love My Country's Flag."

Maybe that will come later but now I want to include one I wrote when I was in elementary school.

## Why I Love My Country's Flag



Flag Raising on Iwo Jima

Tommy Redmon - 1947  
Miss Ruth James' Class  
I love my country so that also means I love my country's flag too.

I'm glad that I was born in the United States where we have freedom. All kinds of freedom. We can talk about our government if we want to. This is freedom of speech.

We can worship the way we want to and no one can make us worship any other way.

Our flag tells me we have freedom. Not all countries are free.

I learned in history that our flag flew at Ft. McHenry in Baltimore when the British Navy attacked us in the War of 1812. I

learned that our brave Marines on Iwo Jima took a chance by putting the American Flag up on the highest hill.

When I pledge to the flag, I thank my God for my America. When the music is played my heart feels good.

Our flag has forty-eight stars on it and they stand for the states. The 13 stripes stand for the 13 colonies and the color stand for something.

I already know at the age of 12 that I can be anything I want to be if I will work for it. This is America the land that I love. A few years ago, a lot of good men fought and died for my country. The big war was terrible but we fight to be free. One day I'll be old enough to fight. I will go.

In 1958 I joined the Navy. On December 12, 1958 I graduated from A-school. On January 6, 1959 I graduated from Survival Training. On January 25, 1959 I was station at Guam. On February 10, 1960 I was stationed on the USS Midway and on March 3, 1962 I was assigned to Moffett Field, California.

We all should serve our land. We all should love America.

Do not take your freedom for granted. It cost a lot of American blood. Don't let anyone tell you that America is not great. Don't let them disrespect our flag. When you see a

service man wearing his military hat or shirt tell him "Thank you for your service to our country sir."

We can get our great country back if you all stand up and fight.

NOTE: In 1947 our flag had 48 stars. Alaska and Hawaii hadn't gained statehood yet.

At Chick-fil-a last recently I was approached by six people who noticed my USS Midway Navy hat and thanked me for my service. We still have some great patriotic people who respect our American flag.

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# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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 \* When I need to dust the ceiling, I don't have a fancy contraption; I just use my broom. If you have popcorn ceilings, you can rubber band a feather duster to the end of your broom. Look around your house, and maybe you'll find a sneaky cleaning purpose for everyday items.

\* Dirty candles can be cleaned up quickly with a leg of panty hose. Slip the candle in the hose, rub the outside of the candle and release.

\* "Rub banana on CDs with scratches. Wipe the excess off with a soft towel and make sure all of the banana is gone before you put it in your player. It usually does the trick for me." -- E. in Maine

\* You can use a coffee filter to clean the screen of your television. It's not scratchy and

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* In 2014, there was a school in Turin, Italy, that had just one teacher and one student. Though the latter admitted to being lonely, officials decided to keep the school open as long as at least one pupil was enrolled.

\* *Altocalciphilia* is the medical term for a shoe addiction.

\* Embryonic bats go through a stage called "peek-a-boo," when their wings grow to cover their eyes.

\* Muhammad Ali's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame is the only star that is not on the sidewalk, but on the wall of the Kodak Theatre, to honor the boxing champ's request that he "did not want to be walked

on."

\* Pennies are used to adjust the time in London's famous Big Ben clock tower. A single cent can change the pendulum's center of mass and alter the time by 0.4 seconds per day.

\* Michael Bay filmed Megan Fox washing his Ferrari as her audition for "Transformers."

\* Halley's Comet has two correct pronunciations. It can rhyme with "daily" or "valley" since its discoverer, Edmond Halley, spelled his name six different ways during his lifetime.

\* The 2003 invasion of Iraq was originally dubbed "Operation Iraqi Liberation" but quickly changed due to the fact its acronym spelled out "oil."

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\* "I purchased a medium-size colander with a handle at the dollar store. I have it hanging on a hook in the kids' bathtub. It's much easier for them to scoop toys out of the water, and more fun too, I think." -- A.C. in Nebraska

\* Need to clean your iron? Scrub the face with salt. Then heat it and run the iron over the salt. I pour the salt on foil for even more heat effect.

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\* After learning that her husband had been killed in World War II, Mariya Oktyabrskaya sold everything she owned to donate a tank to the Soviet Red Army, with the condition that she be allowed to drive it. When the tank was hit by gunfire, she would not only risk her own life to jump out and repair it, but ended up becoming the first female tanker to receive the Hero of the Soviet Union award.

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Thought for the Day: "Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are." -- Malcolm Forbes

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- 5 Shock partner
- 8 Verdi heroine
- 12 Ms. McEntire
- 13 Scale note
- 14 Mosque VIP
- 15 Shakespeare title starter
- 16 Centennial State
- 18 Man's youth
- 20 San Francisco gridder
- 21 Newt
- 22 Take to court
- 23 Give a leg up
- 26 Madrid museum
- 30 Klutz
- 31 Author Tan
- 32 Have a bug
- 33 Swagger
- 36 Open-mouthed
- 38 Mornings (Abbr.)
- 39 A Gabor
- 40 Painting of a scene
- 43 Public speakers
- 47 16th-century Spanish explorer
- 49 Loafer, for one
- 50 Scent
- 51 Nourished

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- 11 Latin love
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- 19 Frequently
- 22 Devious
- 23 Short 'do
- 24 Galley item
- 25 Son-gun link
- 26 Comic Philips
- 27 Small battery
- 28 Quick swim
- 29 Flamenco cheer
- 31 Billboards
- 34 Mists
- 35 Prayer ender
- 36 "Selma" director DuVernay
- 37 Fitzgerald title character
- 39 Wear down
- 40 Garbage barge
- 41 Morse -
- 42 Yankee nickname
- 43 Praiseful pieces
- 44 Wheeling's river
- 45 Bakery buy
- 46 Hunt for
- 48 Sternward

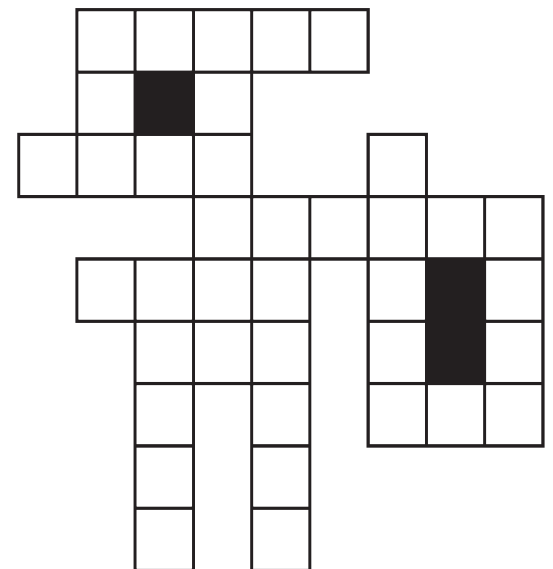
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- 4 Cleanses
- 5 Fancy neckwear
- 6 Fireplace fuel
- 7 Right angle
- 8 More ventilated
- 9 One-named supermodel

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

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# Scott County Today

## INDIANS WIN BIG ON SENIOR NIGHT FALL TO KINGSTON ON THE ROAD

By Richard Spears



The Lady Indians had a huge Senior Night in their 6-1 District win over Rockwood at Jane Hoffman Field Tuesday (Sept. 26), with Oneida senior Rory Blevins scoring three goals for a hat trick, and fellow seniors Ali Smith and Emilee Sexton also driving goals into the Rockwood nets, along with Adysan Douglas to give the Oneida total score. Lady Indians Head Coach Phil Newport told the Morgan County Today, "We were very good on defense, and we generated a lot of shots offensively. We should have scored a few more goals, but we got a good district win. Our seniors all played well, especially Rory, Ayla Sims, Emma Hamilton, Ali Smith."

Oneida had an undefeated 5-0 district record going into Thursday's game on the road at Kingston. Newport had told the Morgan County Today pre-season that Kingston would be his team's biggest challenge in District play, and he saw how that challenge played out in Thursday's (Sept. 28) loss to the Lady Yellow-jackets, 4-1. "Kingston has two very dynamic scorers on their team, who each scored two for their team's total," Newport said. Oneida's lone goal was booted in by junior Jillian Cross. Newport added, "We had chances. I knew going in there it was going to be challenging. I was not disappointed with our effort. We grew up a little bit. Kingston is a very good team. I expect to see them again." With the loss, Oneida is at the number 2 spot in the District, with Kingston atop the standings. Newport said the post season brackets are being worked out and will be announced soon. "With seven teams in our district, the tournament schedule is not set yet." The Lady Indians have just one regular game remaining on their schedule, at Scott High on Thursday, October 5.

## SCOTT FALLS ON ROAD TO KINGSTON AND C-GAP

Scott had a tough game at Kingston Tuesday (Sept. 26), sustaining a 9-0 loss to the Lady Jackets, but the harder loss to the Lady Highlanders was the Scott goalkeeper Bella Sharpe, who was injured in what appears to be a season ending injury. Scott Head Coach Eric Henry said, "I had to use freshman Emily Rowe at keeper, she did a good job. We just didn't create much in the way of offense." By the half, the game was in Kingston's hands, as they led at the break, 5-0.

The Lady Highlanders traveled to Cumberland Gap Thursday, September 28, and fell to the Lady Panthers, 4-1. Scott Head Coach Eric Henry said, "We had good effort, but we were down two of our key players, with Bella and Jerica Stanley out." Gap's first score came by an on goal, and by the break the Lady Panthers added two more scores to lead 3-0 at the end of the first frame. Henry said, "We missed two penalty kicks we should have made. We knew going in it would be a challenge. The girls never quit, even when they were down."

Scott has a busy week scheduled, at Fulton on Monday (Oct. 2), at District foe Gibbs Tuesday, Oct. 3, a final home game against Oneida Thursday (Oct. 5), then a first round District Tournament game against Union County on Friday (Oct. 6). Henry said, "Our game with Union will be at home, since we beat them regular season. After that, if we win, it's at Anderson County."

Friday's District tournament game versus Union County is set for 2 p.m.



# PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



EMMA HAMILTON



BELLA SHARPE



# PLATEAU PLAYERS TO PRESENT “BRIGHT STAR” IN NOVEMBER

A story that is timeless, about family, love, hate, jealousy, greed, mistakes made, forgiveness and redemption- all set in an area that could be right here in our town- and some of the best music you will ever hear, all wrapped up in the play, “Bright Star,” is coming to the Scott County Christian Care Center Black Box Theatre stage, produced and performed by the Plateau Players on November 10 through November 12. Bright Star comes on the heels of the Plateau Players’ wonderful staging of “Steel Magnolias,” directed by Ralph Trieschmann, which just played to four full house audiences, three at the Care Center’s Black Box Theatre and one at Rugby’s Rebecca Johnson Theatre. Trieschmann told the Morgan County Today, “We didn’t know going in with Steel Magnolias what to expect, but right after opening night, there was a buzz about the quality of the production, on social media and in the community here in Scott County as a whole. By any measure, it was a huge success.” And, four sold out performances says it all. He added, “Local people doing excellent live theatre, and everyone loved it.”

The production of “Bright Star,” directed by Glenda Gray, and featuring well over a dozen talented actors, is a musical story written by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell. Brickell has been an adult contemporary music artist for years, and when you think of Steve Martin, disregard his history as a comedian, movie star, and star of Saturday Night Live, but think of Martin the accomplished banjo player who has toured for years with his band, the Steep Canyon Rangers. Martin himself, on a late night television show, said he prefers music to comedy, because, as he put it, “Everybody loves music.”

This production represents the next stage (pun intended) for the Plateau Players, who were very active with live performances over the past 15 years or so, beginning with regional playwright Clay Harris’ “Timber and Coal,” which was

performed by local actors both in Scott County and at Knoxville’s Tennessee Theatre. As stated by Plateau Players’ President Tracey Stansberry, “In 2023 we are continuing to celebrate our Appalachian roots, collaborating with and joining the Appalachian Society of the Arts (ASotA) as it seeks to champion creativity, innovation to cultivate a dynamic community. We are thrilled to revive our



in-person performances.” Stansberry played in numerous past shows, including the role of Sally in “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” and had a role in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” both directed by Glenda Gray, who is also



Tracey’s sister. Stansberry and Gray’s mother, Marjorie will be involved in the cast of “Bright Star,” as will Stansberry. Choreography will be directed by Appalachian Society of the Arts Literary Director Cheyanne Leonardo, and she will be in the cast as well.

The show’s female lead, Alice Murphy

will be brilliantly played and sung by Samantha Connolly, a New Yorker who has ties to Scott County through Trieschmann. “Ralph’s daughter, Abby is engages to my brother Patrick,” Connolly told the Morgan County Today. She said she had “A conversation with Glenda Gray while I was still in New York that lasted an hour and a half. I already had plans to move to Tennessee, I wanted to do the show, and everything fell into place.”

Alice Murphy meets and falls in love with Jimmy Ray (played by Seth McMillan of Robbins, who has performed professionally in Atlanta), and the trouble begins. Jimmy Ray is the son of the town of Zebulon, North Carolina’s mayor (played by Oneida’s Stephen Phillips), and the mayor has bigger plans for his son than for Jimmy Ray to just marry Alice Murphy. The mayor wants his son to marry into a family that will benefit the mayor’s produce business, or

some other financial endeavor. To the mayor, there’s no place for romance. But, there’s a small problem. Jimmy Ray and Alice (pictured) seem to, in the words of the town doctor Norquist (played by ASotA President Ace Glaspy) be afflicted “by a malady that we see around here sometimes that affects young women. You’re about eleven weeks pregnant.” To see how this situation is resolved, you gotta go to the show !

“Bright Star” skips in time between the 1920’s and post WWII 1940’s in North Carolina, and is based on a true incident. There are many layers to the story of Alice Murphy, and her beloved Jimmy Ray and all are revealed excellently in story and song on stage. Director Glenda Gray (pictured) told the Morgan County Today, “It’s a wonderful story about families in Appalachia with positive, uplifting music and will be a great experience for every-

one in the family to come and see on the live stage at the Scott County Christian Care Center.” The production of “Bright Star” will be staged November 10-12. For information about the show, and to reserve tickets, call

423-393-7640, or visit [www.ASotA.art](http://www.ASotA.art)





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# The Nile River, Ethiopia



**John Burns**  
Opinion Columnist

The geo-political impact, Ethiopia had on our deployment to Somalia, has never been highlighted. We found ourselves referees between two competing ideas about civilization. The Ethiopian Christian model. And the Radical Islamic model of Sharia in Mogadishu.

Ethiopia had been plagued by encroachment of Islamic ideas. Sudan to the South and West. Egypt to the North. The border with Somalia to the South. And, a long running civil war in Eritrea over control of shipping. Religion was at the center of every decision.

Somalia relied on the seasonal rains to supply water to the Nile tributaries that flowed south into Somalia. Ethiopia and Egypt, require electricity in huge amounts. A decision was reached between the two nations to build a new hydro-electric dam along the southern edge of the White Nile.

The effect this decision had on the people of Somalia can never be overlooked. Government decided that Somalia was not as important as rapidly growing Ethiopia and Egypt. Severe drought in the late 80's and 90's, led to the rise of Islamic fascism, as tribal Muslim's defended their own water sources.

The people of Somalia had settled in to 12 basic families. Islam was not a priority for most regular Somali's trying to survive without food or water. A charismatic Somali Army General, began to hijack food and water supplies coming from the United Nations.

In 1992, an American contractor, who had previously served in US Special mission units, was ambushed; and killed. Larry Freedman was Jewish. He loved America and Israel. He served in every conflict to include Vietnam.

He was a founding member of Delta Force. Now, a Somali warlord, had ordered Americans ambushed and killed. Larry would succumb to his injuries. Men he had served with, were now commanding our Task Force. I believe his memory drove decisions in planning our missions.

I believe the Somali people wore their Islam lightly on their sleeves. Family, food, and water were their priorities. Only the radical group of Muslim men behind the Habr Gadr Klan, made it their priority to keep America from succeeding. The fight for freedom had reached Mogadishu.

Mohammad Farah Aided was the leader of the largest Klan, strictly because of his ruthless policy of hijacking food supplies, and then blackmailing other Somali clans before killing them one clan at a time. By 1993, only two tribes remained since civil war broke out.

We would enjoy limited support from the rival faction to General Aided and his Habr Gadr militia. The Abgal clan was hanging on in their fight for survival. Problem is, I do not know if their ideas were our ideas.

It was convenient for them to stay on the sidelines, and let us get rid of Aided and his leadership team. We would do the killing, and they would restore peace when the radicals had been eliminated. Finding anyone truly loyal to the Somali government proved most frustrating.

Task Force Ranger would be caught in the middle of a family feud, and a religious war. Neither side truly trusted us, and neither side had the UN vision for what eventual peace in Somalia looked like.

Did I mention that after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Mogadishu had become the worlds largest outdoor gun market. Russian Generals defected and sold their weapons in masse. Corruption plagued any government America aspired to install in Mogadishu. Russia pretended to support the UN.

Italy also had a contingent of peacekeepers stationed in the area occupied by the people we were chasing. Intelligence had assessed that the Italian's had become complicit in hiding Aided and his command infrastructure from the pursuit of the UN peacekeeping force.

Myself and Aaron Weaver would be called upon to drive to their

compound, and escort an intelligence officer to discuss options we hoped they would consider. Their arrogance would end in the Italians tucking tail, packing up, and leaving Somalia. Now we could freely operate without UN interference.

While parked inside the gate of the Italian command compound, I believed Aided entered the complex right before our eyes. The Italians were adamant about us not keeping our weapons loaded.

As a suspicious vehicle entered the place, the Italians yelled for them to get out of here, the Americans were here looking for the General. To this day, I still believe it was General Aided who was 30 feet away, and we could do nothing.

We alerted TFR headquarters as they scrambled a RECCE bird to track the suspicious vehicle. Rangers did their Job. Time had allowed for an escape, and the wrong vehicle was tracked to a suspicious house across town.

The ground assault force launched, and we raided the home of the man in the white vehicle the recce bird tracked. We were successful in arresting the police chief who supported us. Intelligence was gathered, as I was questioned about the surety of my sighting.

My men agreed that the man we saw closely resembled the General we were hunting. The man we arrested was not the man we saw. The wrong vehicle was tracked, no one was injured, and Somalia now knew we meant business. I counted it as a successful Ranger lesson in courage.

This was the beginning of the journey our platoon took to Mogadishu, Somalia in Summer of 1993. Warfare was real, and the Ranger creed echoed in all our minds. The mission to capture Aided and his men had begun with a successful rehearsal mission without casualties.

My two vehicle teams would take part in 5 more successful raids. On three missions, our platoon would be fired upon, and return fire with minimal casualties. Young Rangers, began to prove why the Regiment is the best Infantry force known to man.

Nighttime was the right time for operations in Somalia. Our success may have contributed to the decision making that went in to our daylight raid preparations of October 3. Our success contributed directly to the decision to conduct a daylight, precision raid.

Many men would call out to God, as bullet's, bombs, and rockets saturated the roads we were fighting to stay alive upon. Now we all would be required to come good on the Ranger creed.

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 11-15-2022

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## Historically Speaking

### Why Rugby, a historic Tennessee site, flourished and floundered

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Carolyn Krause brings us a two-part series on Historic Rugby, the utopian community originally built in 1880 for more than 300 British immigrants and Americans in the wilderness of East Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau. The series is based partly on the perspective of Fred Bailey, retired professor of history at Abilene Christian University and published author of articles and books. He has been teaching courses on Queen Victoria's England at the Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning, or ORICL, at Roane State Community College's Oak Ridge campus.

Many Oak Ridgers have visited Historic Rugby and some of its original 65-70 buildings of Victorian design. Even though the town declined between 1890 and 1900, Rugby today is both a living community surrounded by rugged river gorges and historic trails and a fascinating public historic site run by Historic Rugby. Visitors are offered a museum, historic building tours, lodging, stores, and an events center. Open to the public since 1966 as a nonprofit 501(c)3 site, Rugby is recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Visit [www.historicrugby.org](http://www.historicrugby.org) for information on upcoming events. Enjoy Carolyn's story about Rugby:

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Thomas Hughes (1822-96) was a distinguished British citizen who had a vision for a utopian town he wanted to build in rural East Tennessee. He chose to name it Rugby after the school he attended for eight years. A better athlete than student, he played cricket and rugby, the sport that was invented at his alma mater.

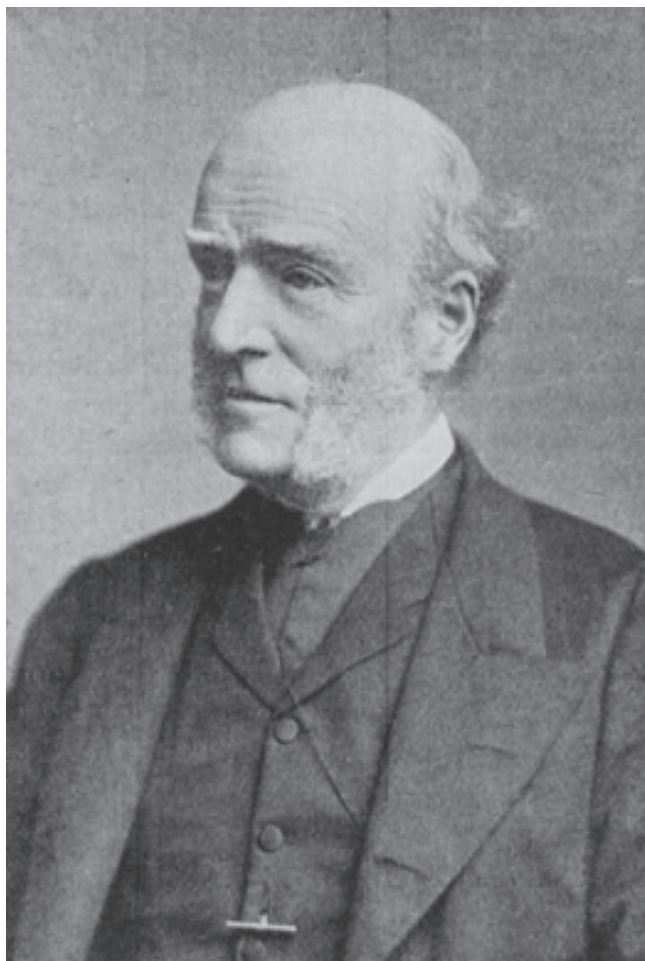
Hughes was an English lawyer, judge, politician and author of the popular and immensely influential children's book "Tom Brown's School Days" (1857). The second son of John Hughes, he conceived of the town partly as a farming community for the younger sons of English gentry.

According to the Historic Rugby website, "Under the custom of primogeniture, the eldest son usually inherited everything, leaving the younger sons with only a few socially accepted occupations in England or its empire. In America, Hughes believed, these young men's energies and talents could be directed toward community building through agriculture. The townsite and surrounding lands were chosen partly because the newly built Cincinnati-Southern Railroad had just completed a significant line to Chattanooga, opening up this part of the Cumberland Plateau."

Hughes wanted to give the young British men useful tasks to perform as well as recreational opportunities, such as playing cricket and rugby, to make their bodies strong and healthy and to create the spirit of teamwork. He envisioned this model community as a shining city on the plateau and as a cooperative enterprise that reflected "a cultured, Christian lifestyle, free of the rigid class distinctions of Britain," according to the Historic Rugby website ([historicrugby.org](http://historicrugby.org)).

According to Fred Bailey, a retired history professor who gave a lecture on the history of Rugby, Tenn., to an ORICL class, Rugby was one of the 2,000 some utopian communities that sprang up in the 19th century in the United States. A utopian community has been defined as "a group of people who are attempting to establish a new social pattern based upon a vision of the ideal society and who have withdrawn themselves from the community at large to embody their religious or secular vision in experimental form."

What was Hughes' vision of an ideal society? Bailey said that Hughes saw the Rugby community as "a grand utopian experiment premised upon Christian socialism and bolstered by muscular Christianity." These movements that were embraced by Hughes and that will be addressed in the second part of this series, provided a religious rationale for action to address social injustices believed to be caused by the



Thomas Hughes. Wikipedia



Fred Bailey's artistic slide on Thomas Hughes' vision for Rugby, Tenn. Provided by Fred Bailey



Thomas Hughes Public Library in Rugby, which holds about 7,000 books. Hughes' 1857 children's novel, "Tom Brown's School Days," is prominently displayed in the library. Provided by Historic Rugby



A statue of Thomas Hughes stands outside Rugby School Library in England. Thomas Brock was the sculptor of the statue, which was unveiled in 1899. Wikipedia

perceived sins of capitalism, industrialization and warmongering.

In October 1880, Hughes gave a speech almost an hour long at the dedication of the new community of Rugby. According to Bailey, the core of what Hughes had to say was this: "We're about to open a town here to create a new center of human life in this strangely beautiful solitude center in which, as we trust, healthy, hopeful, reverent or in one word 'godly' life shall grow up from the first, and shall spread itself, so we hope, over all the neighboring regions of the southern highlands."

"The Rugby colonists," Bailey added, "were trying to raise vegetables for sale and then haul them eight miles to the nearest railroad where they would either be shipped northward to Cincinnati or southward to Chattanooga." It was hoped that their agricultural pursuits would make the residents prosperous and enable the community to grow.

According to the Historic Rugby website, the utopian community "both flourished and floundered in the 1880s, attracting widespread attention on two continents and hundreds of hopeful settlers from both Britain and other parts of America. By 1884, Hughes' vision seemed close to becoming a thriving reality.

"An English agriculturalist had been employed to help train new colonists. Some 65-70 graceful Victorian buildings had been constructed on the townsite, and over 300 residents enjoyed the rustic yet culturally refined atmosphere of this 'New Jerusalem.'

"Literary societies and drama clubs were established. The grand Tabard Inn soon became the social center of the colony. The Thomas Hughes Public Library, with some 7,000 volumes donated by admirers and publishers, was the pride of the colony. Rugby printed its own weekly newspaper. General stores, stables, sawmills, boarding houses, a drug store, dairy and butcher shop were all in operation."

Bailey mentioned some problems that helped lead to the departure of many colonists by the turn of the century. People disagreed about land titles, raising questions about who originally owned the land and who had a legal claim to land grants or purchases. The land was not as fertile as government pamphlets had maintained. The second sons of the British gentry did not know how to farm. The tomatoes being grown were low in quality and eventually quantity as a drought caused the tomato plants to shrivel up and die.

According to the Historic Rugby website, a typhoid epidemic in 1881 and two inn fires in 1884 and 1889 were among the disasters that plagued the community. "Hughes – whose aged mother Margaret Hughes, brother Hastings and niece Emily lived in Rugby during its early years – managed to spend only a month or so each year in the colony. But he poured more than \$75,000 of his own money into the effort to build the community in the wilderness.

"Despite the problems, Hughes never gave up on Rugby's future. In a letter to some of the remaining settlers shortly before he died in 1896, Hughes wrote poignantly: 'I can't help feeling and believing that good seed was sown when Rugby was founded and someday the reapers, whoever they may be, will come along with joy bearing heavy sheaves with them.'"

Hughes' legacy included five sons and four daughters. Bailey noted that the oldest daughter, Lilian, perished in the sinking of the RMS Titanic ship in 1912.

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Next: Carolyn Krause will present information on the philosophy, writings and British Christian movements embraced by Thomas Hughes, founder of Rugby, Tenn., including the movement that became known in our nation as the social gospel movement.



# Revelation Chapter 2

Letters to churches: In preparation for those grand visions which would constitute the book of Revelation, the apostle John was confronted by the risen Christ on the island of Patmos. Jesus was said to be “in the midst” of the seven golden lamp stands, which represented seven congregations of the Lord’s body in Asia (1:13, 20). Later, Christ was characterized as “he who walks (present tense---“constantly walks”) among the seven golden lamp stands” (2:1). Since the Lord ever moves among his people, one is not surprised to learn that he is intimately aware of what transpires within his church. Accordingly, in the letter to the seven congregations, the Bible student is repeatedly reminded that the Son of God “knows” the nature of their circumstances (2:2, 9, 13, 19: 3:1, 8, 15). Based upon his perfect knowledge, Christ commended those qualities which were to be enhanced. Similarly, he addressed some changes to be effected if heaven was to be obtained. The epistles to the seven churches follow a general pattern of development. They contain a salutation from the Lord, a commendation of virtues when justified, a condemnation of wrongs where warranted, an exhortation to continued fidelity, and finally, a promise of exaltation to those who “overcome.”

(Rev. 2:1-7) Ephesus---The church in Ephesus (a few miles inland from the west coast of Asia Minor) had its beginning in Acts chapter eighteen and nineteen. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians was to this congregation. Jesus introduces himself as walking in the midst of these churches (1:20), holding the “messengers” in his hands; this denotes intimate knowledge and diligent care. Christ knows their activity; they had labored hard and endured persecution. They had rejected false apostles, and had remained strong under pressure. These saints hated the false doctrines of the Nicolaitans (a heretical sect not specifically identified). However, they had let their original love grow cold, and such was a mark against them. They had “fallen” and were admonished to “repent,” otherwise, they would be disowned as a church belonging to Christ. The Ephesians were encouraged to listen to the message of the Spirit (as conveyed by inspired teachers and Scripture). Those who overcome (a key word in this book, occurring seventeen times) would enjoy the paradise of heaven (22:2, 14).

(Rev. 2:8-11) Smyrna---Smyrna (thirty-five miles north of Ephesus) is next addressed by Christ, who is identified as “the first and the last” (eternally existing one), who was dead but was resurrected. Jesus is intimately aware of their pressures and their extreme material poverty (possessions likely confiscated), yet they were rich in spiritual treasures (Mt. 5:11-12). They had been subjected to persecution by those who claimed to be Jews, but who disgraced that name. This was the city in which Polycarp, a disciple of John, had been burned at the stake for his Christian faith (A.D. 155); and the Jews were foremost in abetting the crime. They blasphemed the name of Christ; in reality, therefore, they were a “synagogue of Satan.”

There was more suffering to come. The influence of Satan would be felt through civil sources. Christians would be cast into prison and such would try their faith. “Ten days” is a figure of speech for a relatively short while. The saints were urged to “be faithful unto death” (“even if you have to die, do not surrender your faith”). This is just how important Christianity is! It is a life and death proposition. Again, Christians are warned to listen to the Spirit’s teaching (v.7). Those who overcome will be able to escape the “second death,” which is a reference to hell (20:4-6).

(Rev. 2:12-17) Pergamum---Pergamum was approximately fifty-five miles

northeast of Ephesus. Jesus is described as one who has “the sharp two-edged sword,” a figure of speech for his word (1:16; 19:15; 2 Thes. 2:8; Heb. 4:12); the imagery hints of judgment. The city is depicted as the site of “Satan’s throne.” It accommodated various pagan temples. The saints were commended for “holding fast” the Lord’s name and his “faith” the new covenant, even in the face of the murder of one of their people. But they had flaws that needed correction. Some held to the doctrine of Balaam (Num. 25:1-2; 31:16), which involved idolatry and fornication (likely as an act of worship!). Also, some held to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, unlike their brethren at Ephesus, who hated this philosophy (v.6). They were admonished to “repent,” or else Christ would speedily bring judgment by his powerful word. They must heed the Spirit’s teaching (v.7). Those who overcame would receive “hidden manna” and a “white stone.” The former may suggest sustaining care (Ex. 16:4, 15; Psa. 105:40; Neh. 9:15), while the latter possibly hinted of vindication (in jury trials a white stone indicated acquittal). The “new name” appears to be that of Christ himself (3:12; 14:1; 22:4), suggesting fellowship in his glorious presence.

(Rev. 2:18-29) Thyatira---Thyatira (the home of Lydia in Acts 16:14-15) was fifty-two miles north of Smyrna (v.8). The description of Christ reflects the vision of chapter one (v. 14-15). These Christians are commended for their good works, love, faith, and endurance under stress. Moreover, they had grown in their service. But there were serious problems. They tolerated a false “prophetess” who was similar to Jezebel, wife of Ahab (1 Kings 16:30-33; 19:1-2); she “seduced” God’s people into sexual corruption and idolatry. She had been given time to repent, but was stubborn in her resistance. Both she and her immoral partners would be sorely punished if they continued in this filthy rebellion. Her “children” (converts) would be subjected to a severe judgment as a disciplinary lesson for all congregations. With his penetrating vision, Christ would judge these church members “according to their works.”

To the rest in Thyatira (those who have not accepted these false teaching and practices, indeed these “deep things of Satan”) (there are levels even of depravity), upon them no extra burden will be imposed. Nevertheless, they are admonished to “hold fast” until the Lord’s coming. Not that they would experience the second coming of Christ in their lifetime, but eventually they would meet him in judgment.

Those who endure the trials must keep on “overcoming,” and the “works” which the Lord commands they must obey with diligence. Christians are granted “authority over the nations” by their example in keeping the law of Christ (Mt. 19:25; 1 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 11:7). At the appropriate time, Christ will “rule” (break Psa. 2:9) his enemies with the “rod” of his judgment, and his people will share in that victory, just as he shares the victory with his Father. There is no reference here to an earthly, millennial reign of Christ. He is now presently reigning over all, who by the grace of God, come to faith in His Son and confess that faith in repentance and immersion into Christ to have their sins remitted. With that, you are in the Lord’s army 24-7. He is your commander and King and High Priest (Luke 9:23 “And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”) The “morning star” is likely is a reference to Christ himself and the dawning of a new day in the actual presence of Jesus personally (22:16). Listen to the Spirit (v.7).

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**The Garden Bug**

**Root health**

If a potted plant looks poorly, gently remove the plant from the pot and examine the root system. Healthy roots should be white or tan in color, sturdy, very numerous and reaching deeply into the soil. If any roots are discolored, limp, crumbly or have a bad smell to them, the plant may have “root rot” and will need your intervention. Hold its roots under running water, and remove any rotten sections with scissors or nips. Then place into a new pot with fresh soil.

— Brenda Weaver

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*Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring – those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.*

REVELATION 12:17

Detail of “Winged Dragon” by Aldrovandi, 1640





David Zubler  
Columnist

## IRS extends relief to farmers

Due to droughts affecting almost all 50 states, the IRS is providing farmers tax relief.

The IRS recently made an announcement to remind eligible farmers who were forced to sell livestock due to drought. They may have an extended period of time in which to replace their livestock and defer tax on any gains from the forced sales.

The sales must be solely due to drought, causing an area to be designated as eligible for federal assistance. The designated area includes 49 states, the District of Columbia, two U.S. Territories, and

two independent nations in a Compact of Free Association with the United States.

The relief generally applies to capital gains realized by eligible farmers on sales of livestock held for draft, dairy, or breeding purposes. Sales of other livestock, such as those raised for slaughter or held for sporting purposes or poultry, are not eligible.

The IRS posted Notice 2023-67 listing the applicable areas, a county, or other jurisdiction designated as eligible for federal assistance on IRS.gov. This includes 49 states, the District of Columbia, two U.S. Territories, and two independent nations in a Compact of Free Association with the United States.

The one-year extension, announced in the notice, gives eligible farmers and ranchers until the end of their first tax year after the first drought-free year to replace the sold livestock. The sales must be solely due to drought, causing an area to be designated as eligible for federal assistance. Livestock generally must be replaced within a four-year period instead of the usual two-year period.

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As a result, eligible farmers and ranchers whose drought-sale replacement period was scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 2023, in most cases, now have until the end of their next tax year to replace the sold livestock. Because the normal drought-sale replacement period is four years, this extension impacts drought sales that occurred during 2019. The replacement periods for some drought sales before 2019 are also affected due to previous drought-related extensions affecting some of these localities.

The IRS can extend this replacement period if the drought continues.

The IRS provides this extension to eligible farmers and ranchers who qualify for the four-year replacement period if the applicable region is listed as suffering exceptional, extreme, or severe drought conditions during any week between Sept. 1, 2022, and Aug. 31, 2023. This determination is made by the National Drought Mitigation Center.

Details, including an example of how this provision works, can be found in Notice 2006-82, available on IRS.gov. More information on reporting drought sales and other farm-related tax issues can be found in Publication 225, Farmer's Tax Guide, available on IRS.gov.

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

## Skip the Yard Sale

If all the decluttering you did over the summer has now left you with piles of belongings, you might be ready to just have it all gone.

And you might say, "I think I'll hold a yard sale!" If you've been to several yard sales, it looks so easy.

Holding a yard sale is a lot of work! There's all that sorting, and pricing, and carrying, and recruiting of help, not to mention going around to post flyers (and taking them down after the event), as well as worrying whether the weather will cooperate with a mild, non-rainy day. And then you carry back into the house all the things you didn't sell and stack them up again.

When you really just want it all gone, you have a few oth-

er choices. What you need to remember is the "twice" rule: Only pick up and carry an item twice. You pick up an item and put it in your vehicle, and you pick up that item to take it to its final spot. That's it.

A consignment shop near you can help you earn a few dollars for items in good condition. Some will concentrate on clothing and others might prefer bric-a-brac and knick-knacks. Be sure to clarify the details before you take your items to drop off: How is the pricing decided and what cut does the shop take? Is there a time limit on how long your items can stay there? Is your agreement in writing?

Donations to charity organizations such as Goodwill or The Salvation Army won't get you any cash, but you might end up with a small tax deduction if you get a receipt. Check their websites for information on how to calculate the value of your donations.

Remember: Only pick up an item twice!

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# FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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- 1. Name the group that released the 1966 version of "Cherish."**
- 2. Who wrote and released "Just When I Needed You Most"?**
- 3. What prompted Neil Diamond to write "Sweet Caroline"?**
- 4. Who released "Heaven Must Be Missing an Angel"?**
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Our guardian star lost all its glow the day that I lost you. It lost all its glitter the day you said no."**

## Answers

- 1. The Association. The song went to No. 1 and ended the year as the No. 7 song per Billboard -- until the rankings were revised and the song ended up as No. 2.**
- 2. Randy VanWarmer, in 1979. VanWarmer's recording company didn't especially like the song, but it topped the adult contemporary chart.**
- 3. Diamond wrote the song after seeing a photo of President Kennedy's daughter Caroline.**
- 4. Tavares. The song was too long and had to be split between a- and b-sides of the records.**
- 5. "Mr. Blue," by the Fleetwoods, in 1959. The song isn't to be confused with the Catherine Feeny "Mr. Blue" that ended the season six finale of "BoJack Horseman," the animated adult comedy TV series. Although the Fleetwoods' song might have been the better choice.**





# The Bulldog Banner



## Counting Counties

By: CatFish Cole



**Cole Burchell (CatFish Cole)**

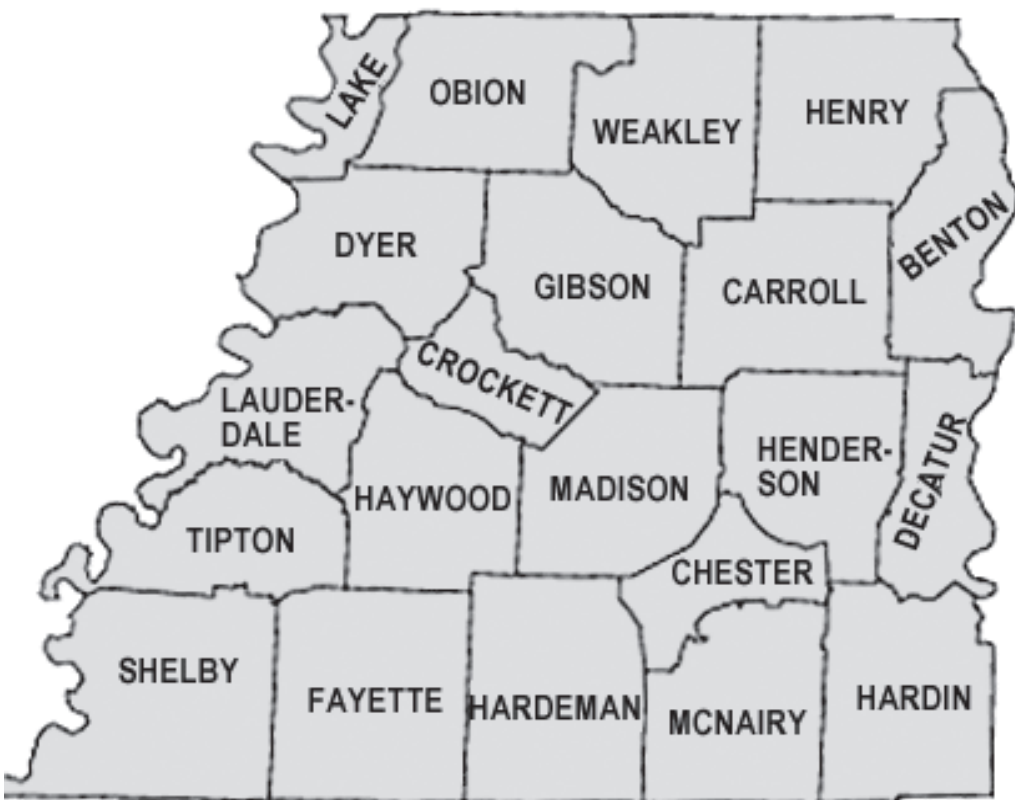
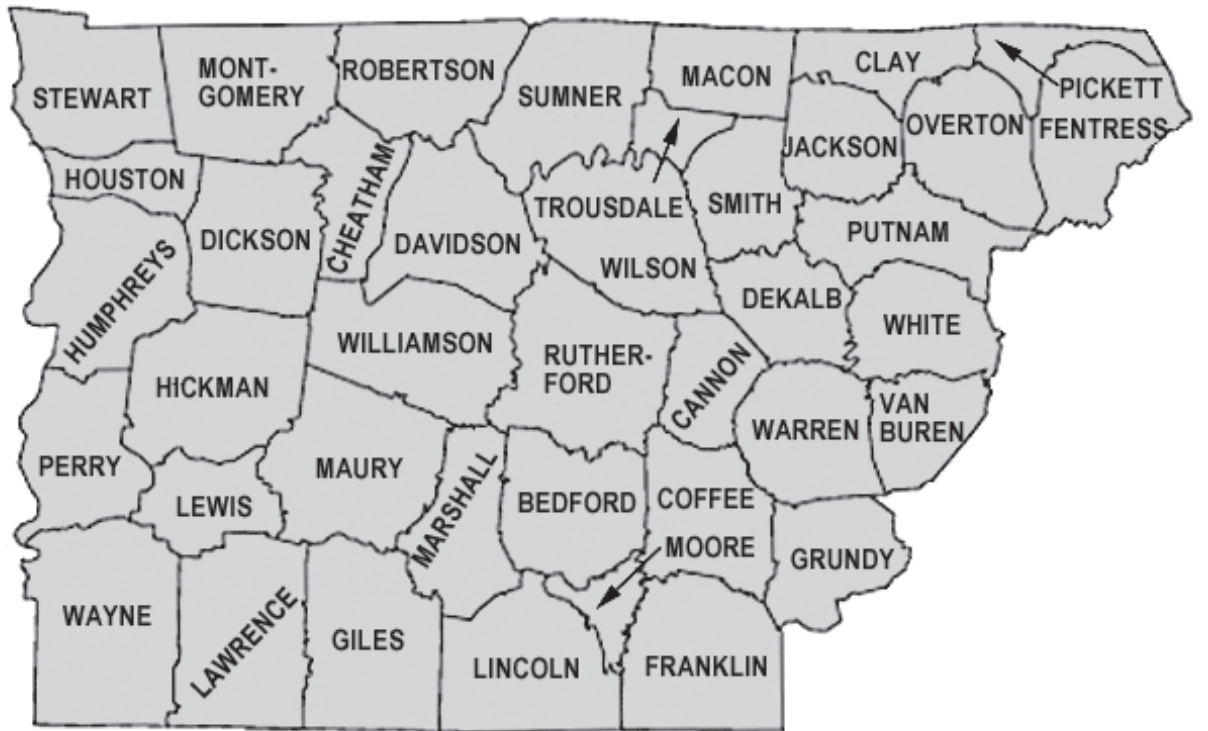
As most of you know, WCHS's football team headed for Polk County, TN this past Friday in hopes of taking home another win. This had me wondering a little about why Polk County is named just that, though I already knew it was named after James K. Polk the 11th president and Tennessee native. Still, I wonder about the origin and reason behind the names and identities of all 95 counties of Tennessee. Beginning right here in 1817 when the Tennessee General Assembly established a new county from those of Roane and Anderson hailing its name from Gen. Daniel Morgan.

However, it is important to look elsewhere as our great state spans far and wide from the Smokies to the Mississippi. Our state is actually 440 miles wide from its most eastern to western point, with Bristol, TN being closer to Ontario, Canada than Memphis. Now back on topic, most counties honor U.S. statesmen and military heroes from over the years. With some exceptions such as, DeKalb County named for Johann DeKalb a German baron who fought and died for the American cause. Grainger County, named after Mary Grainger the daughter of William Blount founder of Knoxville and Blount counties namesake. Plus various counties were named

after the geography or Indian name of that land before including Unicoi County named for the Appalachian Mountains, Cumberland County for the Cumberland Plateau, Lake County for Reelfoot Lake, Obion County for the Obi



**Daniel Bunch (Big Man Dan)**



on River and Sequatchie County for the Sequatchie Valley. With seven counties named after presidents including Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Van Buren, and Polk. Other prominent figures who earned recognition include Marquis de la Fayette (Fayette), David Crockett (Crockett), Benjamin Franklin (Franklin), Patrick Henry (Henry), Alexander Hamilton (Hamilton), John Hancock (Hancock), Sam Houston (Houston), Henry Knox (Knox), and Meriwether Lewis (Lewis). With the creation of TN's first official county in 1777 Washington County and the most recent addition being Chester County in 1879.

Now this may have sidetracked from a football game last week, but it is very important to learn the history and identity of our state and people. As we celebrate what makes us unique and our Southern culture.



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