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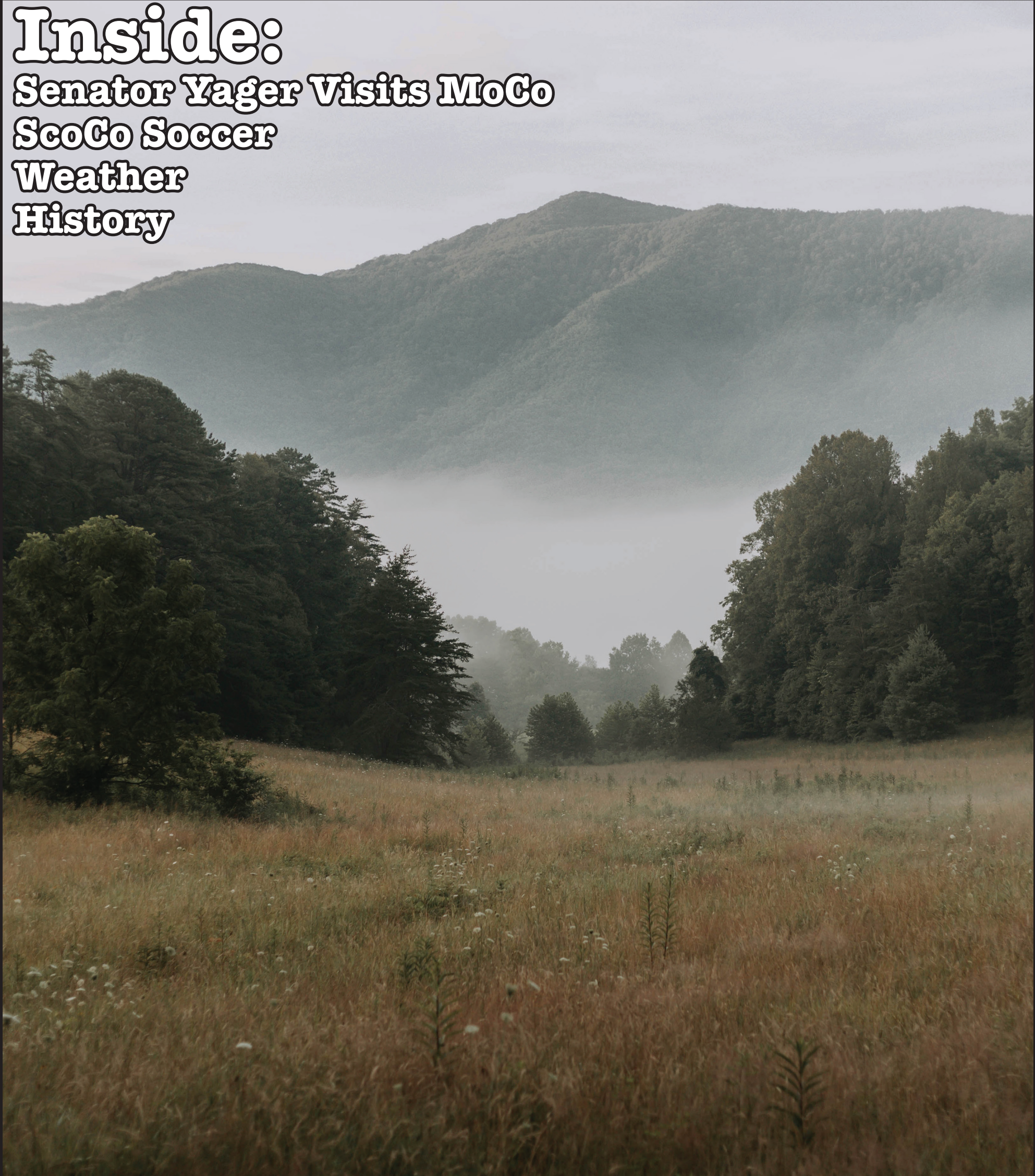
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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Someone put some bad ju-ju on all my Pappys football teams for the week.

First, the Noah and the Cherokee Yellow Jackets, fell to Rockwood. The Tigers scored twice in 3 plays to start the game. We have a terrific running back named Rome and he always plays hard. The Yellow Jackets offensive and defensive lines did great against them. However, it wasn't enough and the Tigers won. Then the next night, we went to watch cousin Peyton play. He did awesome against Oliver Springs even though his team didn't win. Then, the orange on top of the week. The Vols went to Florida to play the Gators in The Swamp, we had to play the men with the black and white stripes along with those orange and blue gators. If that wasn't enough, Tennessee kept running the ball up the middle. Good grief, Stevie Wonder could have saw that coming again, and again, and again. It seems to me that they could have ran the ball out to the sides and been way more successful. So, let's just hope that we don't have these officials anymore and that they don't continue to run up the middle like they

did against the Gators. I have faith that the curse that followed Pappys teams this week is broken and that they win all their remaining games. Not only that, but that all the players stay healthy in their battles the rest of the year.

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



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WEEKLY WEATHER



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Wed 20	78°/59°	
Thu 21	80°/59°	
Fri 22	79°/57°	
Sat 23	78°/57°	
Sun 24	78°/59°	
Mon 25	76°/60°	

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

CITY OF SUNBRIGHT AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 19,2023

- Call to order:
- Prayer:
- Pledge:
- Minutes:
- Treasury Reports:
- Report on following:

- Progress of new office construction
- Slum Ordinance: Progress of Clean- up of town: old buildings, owners that have not Responded to Notifications.
- Owner of old Motel making significant progress on their renovations.
- Auditors scheduled to come and begin audit middle of September 2023.
- Roof repairs complete on City hall storm damage.
- Letter of approval of City's budget for 2023-2024. Complimented on timely reporting.

Adjournment:

MORGAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

The Morgan County Farm Bureau Board of Directors would like to invite all Farm Bureau Members to attend our annual meeting on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 202 S. Kingston Street in Wartburg. Our guest speaker will be Morgan Dean from Farm Bureau Health Plans. The meeting will begin with an evening meal and the annual report will be given. We encourage all Farm Bureau Members to attend this meeting.



Check Out the New EV6 at Rusty Wallace Kia of Knoxville Today! 

In Loving Memory

Jerry Wayne Harris, 53

Jerry Wayne Harris, age 53 of Jamestown, Tennessee passed away at his home in Spring City, Tennessee on September 10, 2023.



Jerry had many occupations in life to name a few is logging, working in sawmills, and with oil wells. Currently, Jerry was employed as a yard supervisor at M&G Stone in Grandview Tennessee.

Jerry loved to fish, work, spend time with family and to give a helping hand to others in his free time.

He was very compassionate, generous, kind, forgiving and very loving. Jerry attended Pentecostal Worship Center where he praised and worshipped the Lord. He enjoyed worshipping alongside others and his brothers in Christ from the Rockhouse Ministries in Spring City, Tn.

Jerry is proceeded in death by his grandparents, Frank & Alice Creselious, mother, Mary Harris, sister, Barbara Winningham, sister, Dianne Harris, and niece, Samantha Reagan, all of Jamestown, Tennessee.

Jerry is survived by his companion, Patty Evans of Spring City, Tennessee. Children: Latara Henning of Crossville, Tn, Derek (Bryanna) Harris of Monticello, Ky, Jeremy Waller of Cookeville, Tn, & Payton Waller of Pine Knot, KY.

Grandchildren: Marlie, Monroe, & Gabriel Henning of Crossville, Tn. Paelynn, Derek 2, Madison, & Aubrie Harris of Monticello, Ky. Skye & Stormi Baird of Pine Knot, Ky. Siblings: James (Charlene) Harris, Ann (Cosby) Conatser. Virginia (Junior) Crabtree all of Jamestown, Tn. Former Mother-in-law, Ardena Viles of Independence, Ky. And numerous nieces, nephews, other family members, employers, coworkers, and friends.

The family will receive friends Monday, September 18, 2023, at Pentecostal Worship Center in Spring City from 11:00-12:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor Mike Grace officiating. Interment will follow in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery in Spring City.

Danny Lee Holder, 75

Danny Lee Holder, age 75 of Quartzsite, AZ, passed away September 7, 2023 in San Antonio, TX. He was born October 23, 1947 in Pontiac, MI and raised in Wartburg, TN.



Danny retired as a musician for 50 years. he played lead guitar with some of the top country stars in L.A. and Nashville. Later, he devoted his musical talent to serve the Lord with his best friend and Pastor, Joe Ferguson of CA. He loved to metal detect and enjoy the beauty of the AZ desert.

He is proceeded in death by his parents Raymond Holder and Marie Hamby Stringfield, and sisters Virginia and Margie Holder.

He leaves behind his daughters: Misty Holder and Turia Holder Dempsey and Grandchildren Riley and Lily Dempsey all of Sacramen-

to, CA., Brother: Jody Holder of Sevierville, TN., Sister: Gail Holder Southard and husband Luke of San Antonio, TX., Nephew: Christopher Forman and wife Rosie of Spring, TX., Niece: Jessica Pimpton of San Antonio, TX., Great-Neices: Alyssa Forman and Gabrielle Pimpton and Great-Nephews: Isaiah, Bryce, and Justyce Pimpton, all of which he adored. A special cousin Barbara Holder Walsh, and husband Rick of Fountain Hills, AZ.

The family will receive friends on Friday, September 15, 2023 from 11am-1pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 1pm. Internment will follow in the Liberty Cemetery, Wartburg, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Danny Lee Holder.

Bessie Marie Potter James, 80

Mrs. Bessie Marie Potter James, 80, of Harriman, passed away September 12, 2023, at Canterfield of Oak Ridge. She was a member of the Potters House Fellowship Church. Bessie worked for 40 plus years at Roane Hosiery and Volunteered at Roane Medical Center for many years.

Brother: Ralph Potter. Sister: Hazel Dickson. Four grandchildren: Heather Lawson, Justin & wife Lisa Hazelwood, Erica & husband Jay Settles, and Lindsay & husband Alan Riggs. Six great grandchildren: Keaton Jones, Carly Lawson, Evan Settles, Rory Riggs, and Max Riggs. Many nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family and friends will meet on Friday September 15, 2023, at 2:00 PM in Roane Memorial Gardens for graveside services.

Davis Funeral Home, Harriman, is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Bessie Marie Potter James, during this difficult time. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.davisfuneralhomes.com.

Jessy Williams, 42

Jessy Williams, 42 of Petros, went home to be with the lord on sept. 10, 2023. Jessy was best known by everyone for his kindness and big heart. He had a one of a kind personality and he definitely lived life his own way, that not many people could understand but he did. Jessy loved petros, where he grew up and everyone who lived there. We were all family and friends to him. He loved no one more than God and His dogs, Mater, Precious and Allen, if we are being honest. Mater was more than just a dog, he was definitely his best friend. if you saw jessy, you saw mater also. Jessy was a loving son, brother, father, uncle, nephew and friend. All of the memories will be charised and he will forever be missed.



Dagley and Lynn Bunch.

He is preceded in death by his Mother, Rena Williams, Grandmothers Barbra and Geneva, Uncle James Clay, The mother of his children Alisha Gilwreath, Sister in law Keisha Williams, Nephews Isaiah Williams and Aaron Gunter, Friends Wayne

He is survived by his Grandfather Vernon Seiber, Father Bernie Williams, Parter Tammy Randolph, Brother Josh Williams, Sisters Heather (Junior) Daughtery, Heidi (Ron) Harris, Uncle David, Aunt Debbie, Uncle Paul Gene (Debbie) williams, Aunt Randy Williams Clay and Uncle Ed Seiber. A host of nieces and nephews, Lyndsey Ray and children, Lydia and Reed. Elijah Freels and children Myia and Maverick. Shelby, Nathan, Luke and Levi Williams and daughter Salem. Jonah, Emma, Olivia, Kayne and Noah williams. Special friends Landon Graham and Robbie Williams.

The family will receive friends Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow at 8:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jessy Williams.

She was preceded in death by her husband: William James, Jr. Daughter: Debbie Hazelwood. Parents: Arnold & Sophronia Potter. Brothers: Edwin Potter, Arnold Potter, Jr, Clenice Potter and Paul Potter. Sisters: Imogene Lanler and Helen Mize.

She is survived by her son & daughter-in-law: Phillip & Linda James. Son-in-law: John Hazelwood.

Carol Diane Byrd Thomas, 72

Mrs. Carol Diane Byrd Thomas, age 72, of Deer Lodge, passed away Saturday September 9, 2023, at her home. She retired from Knox County School after working as a teachers aide at Central High School for many years.

Cindy and Don Pondexter, Barbara and Tom Anderson, Nancy and Doug Morgan, and Lisa and Mark Jeffers. Along with a host of nieces, nephews and other family, friends and loved ones.

She is preceded in death by her parents: R.L. Byrd and Flo Hembree Byrd. And three sisters: Janice Carter, Patty Skorski and Ann Smith.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday morning September 12, 2023, at 11:00 am in the Byrd Family Cemetery in Sunbright with Bro. Doug Morgan officiating.

She is survived by her son: Roy Edward Thomas III. Two grandsons and one granddaughter. Two brothers: Robert and Veronica Byrd, and Rodney and Angie Byrd. Four sisters and brothers-in-law:

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Carol Diane Byrd Thomas. Condolences may be sent to the family at ww.davisfuneralhomes.com

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The Impacts of the German U-Boat in World War I



Michael Nance
Columnist

The German U-boat with its deck gun is an iconic image of both World War I and World War II. The U-boat would achieve a prominent place in WWI history concerning the importance of military supply lines and the evolution of naval warfare. Many scholarly articles argue that German U-boats employed against neutral shipping are the primary reason that America elected to enter WWI. These same attacks also shaped a globally negative view of the German government, which eventually contributed to a one-sided Treaty of Versailles. In these respects, the impact of the U-boat cannot be underscored on the result of WWI and further, the motivations of the Germans during the buildup to WWII.

When World War I began the German U-boat was ahead of its peers concerning naval technology. German U-boats could reach a maximum depth of 50 meters or 165 feet, travel at approximately 16 knots on the surface and eight knots underwater. They also had a range of up to 25,000 miles and were armed with deck-mounted guns (artillery) and up to 16 self-propelled torpedoes.

Speaking with a fellow researcher, Sam Regg, I was surprised to learn that the deck gun was often used in attacks on shipping. I had previously assumed that

scarce and much more expensive when compared to the ammunition for the deck gun.

German U-boats would fire a warning shot near merchant vessels, get the vessel to stop.



Illustration from 1916 depicts a German submarine attacking an American merchant ship. Image: Willy Stower/Library of Congress

seize supplies and have the crew abandon ship. The U-boat crew would then sink the ship with the deck gun.

Academics have pointed towards Kaiser Wilhelm II, German emperor's decision to allow unrestricted submarine warfare against U.S. shipping as the primary reason America entered World War I. Germany had previously halted submarine attacks against neutral shipping when in 1915, President Woodrow Wilson reacted angrily against the sinking of the RMS Lusitania. But in January of 1917, despite the warnings of the German ambassador to the United States, Count Johann Heinrich von Bernstorff, the Kaiser reauthorized attacks on U.S. shipping.

The Kaiser's decision, although appearing haphazard, was based on "flawed" military advice from Admiral Henning Von Holtzendorff. Holtzendorff presented unrestricted submarine warfare as a solution to break the horrible trench warfare on land. He surmised that if he could intimidate a substantial percentage of neutral shipping off the seas, it would create a shortage of military supplies for Britain, assisting the Germans in a land victory.

Within days the United States reacted to the Kaiser's decision, not by declaring war on the Central Powers but by severing diplomatic ties to Germany and increasing the war footing of their shipping. It was called by the moniker "armed neutrality." U.S. merchant ships and passenger liners were armed and authorized to defend themselves, many were carrying military supplies to Britain. This began an undeclared, but de facto state of war between the United States and Germany. Germany reacted to the military posture

of the U.S. by encouraging Mexico to invade the United States. That turned out to be the final domino to fall, and on April 2, 1917, Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany.

The fear of the U-boats, the imperative of overseas shipping, and the consequences of a potential Germany victory, heralded in changes on the American social landscape.

Woodrow Wilson found himself much like Abraham Lincoln 56 years earlier, lacking an adequate Navy. Previously, the progressive administration of President Wilson had not focused on military spending, or strategy.

In 1916, President Wilson facilitated the passing of the Naval Bill, which was the most aggressive Naval appropriations Bill in U.S. History, and in March of the next year the Navy announced it would be enlisting women in the Navy to free up male Sailors for combat duties.



Cartoon, Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Admiral Holtzendorff's analysis that the unrestricted U-boat attacks on shipping were proven to be a folly. The WWI cartoon above depicts that as the Kaiser tries to convince the public the U-boats were being successful, Admiral Holtzendorff realizes that his Naval plan is failing in detail.

Soon, America begins landing the "American Expeditionary Force" (AEF) under the command of General "Blackjack" Pershing. Eventually achieving a landing rate of nearly two divisions per

day in France. By July 1918, two events turned the German hopes of winning the war into an almost unachievable task. First, in July of 1918, American Forces were victorious in the in the Second Battle of the Marne, and in the same month Admiral Holtzendorff admits that his U-boats could not stem the flow of soldiers and supplies coming into Europe from America.

It was in the same summer that German U-boats conducted shipping attacks against the United States along the U.S. East Coast, which included North Carolina and Virginia. Along with sinking several U.S. merchant ships, the U-boats deployed sea mines along the U.S. Northern Coast. Although ineffective for the most part, the Battleship USS Minnesota struck one of the mines on August 29 off the Delaware coast, incapacitating the warship for five months.

Germany and the Central Powers lost World War I, in large part due to the industrial and military capacity of the United States. The War ended in November of 1918, and the peace was settled via



88 Millimeter U-Boat Deck Gun, Image courtesy of Canadian War Museum

the Treaty of Versailles in 1919.

The treaty was one-sided and was more of a punishment for Germany than a treaty. Although the Allies had won the war, they lost sight of the importance for long-term peace. The Treaty of Versailles would later be the German war cry that allowed Adolph Hitler to consolidate power and lead the world to another war two decades later.

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Kaiser Wilhelm II, Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress

the deck gun was a protectionary measure that was utilized to defend the vessel during resupply operations. In fact, the deck gun was used in attacks and arguably the primary weapon used against marine shipping. The WWI U-boat was equipped with either a short barrel 88 millimeter or long barrel 105-millimeter gun.

It is important to understand that torpedoes during WWI were a primitive armament, and often malfunctioned. Torpedoes were also

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Tom Redmon
Columnist

Many people in our country love to travel. In the 50's after World War II many people in the South had to travel North to get work.

Many didn't want to leave Morgan County but to make a living they had to.

I was one of those who went up North to get a job who never liked Joliet and Caterpillar but it was a job. I also went to DeKalb, Illinois during the pea pack which was a seasonal job. I liked this job the first year because of the men I worked with and I knew it would be short.

I left home in September 1954 for Harrogate, Tennessee for college at Lincoln Memorial University. Yes, I missed dear ole home in Wartburg but I knew to make something that I wanted in life I had to be away from home. In 1955 I transferred to Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. I stayed at Tech more on weekends because I had to work many of the weekends but it was always good to hit that ole road home when I could go.

My oldest brother who was in the Navy during World War II and several years after really loved to come home and we loved to see him. Later in life he got jobs away from home and he could adjust to the new location but when we least expected it he would call us to pick him up at the Oak Ridge bus station. No doubt he was missing home and the road he would take was very familiar.

Other brothers were the same. They couldn't wait to get away from home, and then they couldn't wait to get back home.

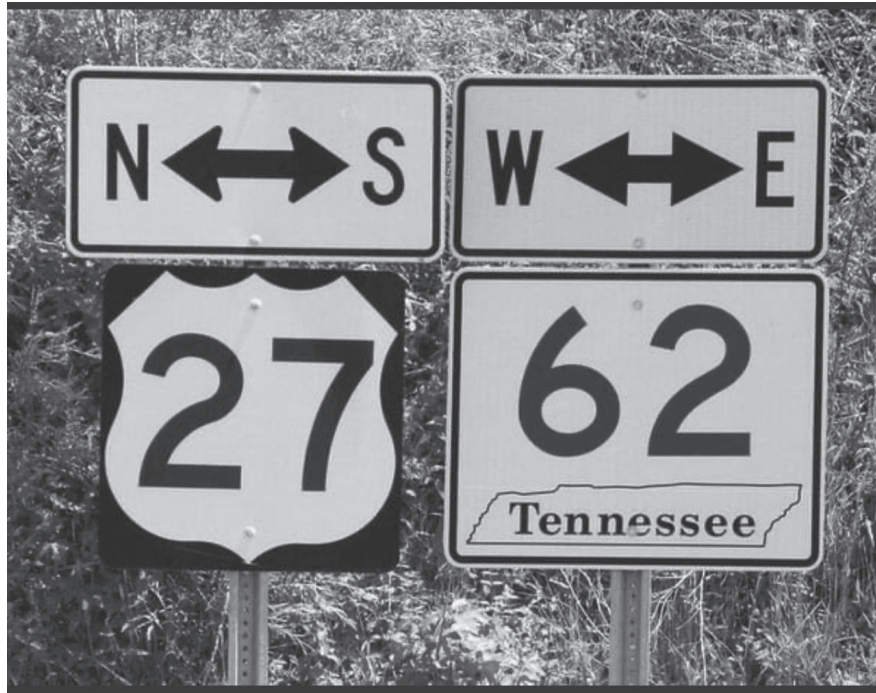
I spent two years overseas and I couldn't come home. I was on Guam over 5,000 miles from home and when I flew back to the USA it was fall and the countryside and mountains were so beautiful. I thought, well I've been to California, Hawaii, Guam, Japan, Philippines, New Zealand, Australia, and many Pacific Islands but nothing can compare to East Tennessee. It is easy for me to see why East Tennessee natives love to take those roads leading back to their ole home places in Tennessee. But what about people who live in other parts of our great country? Do they feel the same as we do about home?

When I got out of the Navy, I taught school in Morgan County and in 1966 I wanted to finish getting my degree so I moved to Cookeville where Wanda my wife was from. At the same time, I was getting my Masters and hours on my specialist I was teaching school at the senior high. The students there were the

When All Roads Lead to Home

best I've seen in my high school teaching. But we still returned to home many times because it seemed we were drawn back to see not only our family and loved ones but also the place we were born and raised. There is something about home that draws you back. For me maybe it was North Obed or Watts Bar Lake.

I spent over thirty-five years in Florida all because of my wife and family I was happy. I also loved my job in Florida. I made a lot of friends in the Sunshine State, but a lot of them have passed away. I had a home in Florida and Tennessee



and I would spend six months in Bradenton, Florida. It worked out well but in April of every year I was ready to hit the road to Wartburg and home sweet home to raise a garden and visit the elderly people that I loved. I-75 took us most of the way home and when we hit U.S. 27, we felt like we were home. We knew this road would take us to home. I know that we could have taken I-75 on to Lenoir City and then to Oak Ridge, but I loved U.S. 27 because it ran less than ¼ mile from our home. I caught a school bus there many times and my paper route was also along Hwy 27.

Recently I watched a sports pro-

gram on T.V. that featured six former quarterbacks at Tennessee. Only Andy Kelly was from Tennessee. Pat Ryan who was from Oklahoma had chosen to stay in Knoxville long after his football career was over. He said I would have wanted to live in East Tennessee even if I hadn't got to play any football at U.T. East Tennessee is so pretty with the mountains and green valleys. Yes, Oklahoma is my home place but I've found a new home. I think all five of those out-of-state quarterbacks have chosen East Tennessee as their home. I think the beauty of East Tennessee

and the mild winters are a drawing card for many young people to U.T.

Many of you readers out there, both in Morgan and Scott County, no doubt agree with me about being drawn to home, especially here in East Tennessee. The country roads are less traveled and the country people for the most parts are friendly, but that needs improving today. We used to know our neighbors but today we are getting away from that. I recently found out that several hundred people in Scott County get the Morgan County Today and read my column. I want to

thank you.

I will be spending the winter in Florida with my family, but I plan on still writing for the paper if my health allows me. I want to help Tommy Francis out. I'd like for him to get other writers.

I'll miss dear ole Tennessee, my Sunday school class at Liberty Baptist Church, my home place that I've had since 1997 and the original farm on Redmon Road in which I was born and enjoyed my youth until life called me away. But here in my old age all roads lead me home.

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* You can plant deciduous trees (trees that lose their leaves in the fall) strategically in order to reduce your heating and cooling costs. Their leaves grow in the spring, blocking summer's heating rays, but when winter comes, they fall off to let the sun in, warming things up a bit.

* Keep nail-polish bottles easy to open by rubbing a little bit of petroleum jelly inside the cap of the bottle.

* M.C. in Arizona would like to know some alternative uses for hair conditioner. Here goes: use as a shaving lotion for legs or face; a makeup remover; ouch-free bandage removal; soften makeup brushes or paintbrushes before storage; get knots out of doll hair or costume wigs; wash delicates (think silks and pantyhose); rub on a shower rod to help curtain glide effortlessly; and last-

ly, soak a shrunken sweater in a conditioner/water solution to soften the fibers, then gently try stretching the sweater back to size.

* "Clean an egg carton very well. Flip it over and make slits in each egg cup. This works wonders as a child's card holder for card games." -- L.P. in Maryland

* Use an empty paper towel roll to store plastic grocery bags. Just stuff to capacity. These "bag sticks" are easy to store in a drawer or even mounted on the side of a trash can with double-stick tape.

* When cleaning glass tabletops or chrome fixtures, try using newspaper instead of paper towels or rags. There is no lint left behind, and newspaper gives a better shine.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* More people from nudist colonies play volleyball than any other sport.

* New York's Girl Scout Troop 6000, whose entire membership is homeless or living in shelters, has sold more than \$1.6 million worth of Girl Scout cookies since 2017, earning not just national recognition, but money to benefit about 2,500 women and girls in more than 20 shelters throughout the greater New York area.

* Competitive trash collecting is a sport in Japan.

* Just in time for global warming, scientists have developed a paint that reflects the sun's rays, potentially reducing the need for air conditioning by up to 40%.

* The oldest known photograph, taken by French photographer Nicephore Niepce in 1826, took eight hours to expose.

* In 5th-century Greece, handshakes were done to make sure that the other person wasn't carrying a hidden weapon. The hand clasp proved that your hand was empty, and shaking it was meant to "shake out" any weapons hiding in the sleeve.

* Farm-raised salmon are fed carotenoids to give their flesh its trademark pink color.

* If a woodpecker goes too long without food, it will pin down other birds and peck at their heads until it can eat their brains.

* Holy flipping flapjacks! In 2012,

Brad Jolly of Australia set the Guinness World Record for the most tosses of a pancake, with an astonishing 140 flips a minute.

Thought for the Day: "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come." -- Henri Nouwen

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Swamp
- 6 Foliage
- 12 Alaskan peak
- 13 Current measure
- 14 Kidnapper's demand
- 15 European peninsula
- 16 Venetian blind part
- 17 Suffix for million
- 19 Busy insect
- 20 Penne — Vodka
- 22 Press for payment
- 24 — Alamos
- 27 Mexican snack

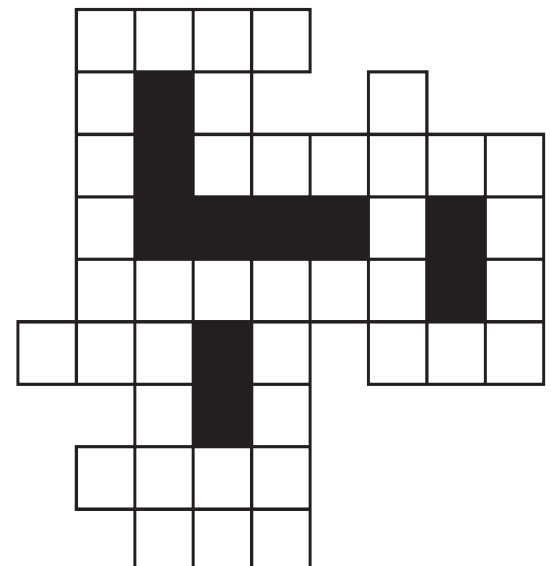
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- 35 Nickelodeon's Explorer
- 36 Outlet letters
- 37 Venus, to Serena
- 38 CBS logo
- 40 Abel's brother
- 42 Campaigned
- 44 Bangkok cuisine
- 46 Elevator name
- 50 Biblical prophet
- 52 Outer-space
- 9 Porches
- 10 Ireland
- 11 Plane reservation
- 12 ER workers
- 18 Former Chrysler CEO
- 21 USPS delivery
- 23 "Yecch!"
- 24 PC screen type
- 25 Discoverer's call
- 26 Peace
- 28 Admitted to the clergy
- 30 "Entourage" role
- 31 QB's gains
- 33 Shaft of light
- 34 201, in old Rome
- 39 Bygone anesthetic
- 41 Prestigious prize
- 42 Coral formation
- 43 To boot
- 45 Easter entrees
- 47 Melody
- 48 Misfortunes
- 49 Utter
- 51 Observe
- 53 Actress
- Longoria

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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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David Zubler
Columnist

IRS using AI to catch tax cheats

The IRS has plans to use artificial intelligence to examine large businesses and sophisticated tax-dodging schemes. These businesses include partnerships, such as real estate investors, hedge funds, and law firms.

The IRS has been criticized for low audit rates among the wealthy. The audit rate for people earning more than \$5 million a year plunged from over 16% in 2010 to just over 2% in 2019, according to a report from the Government Accountability Office. According to the report, the main reason for the decline in audits is a need for more funding for the IRS.

The recent report estimated that there was \$245 billion in underreported income a year between 2011 and 2013. The report also said that “taxpayers are more likely to voluntarily comply with the tax laws if they believe their return may be audited.”

“This is yet more evidence of the consequences of two decades of IRS budget cuts,” said Howard Glickman, senior fellow in the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center at the Urban Institute. He also said that due to the staffing shortages and IRS backlogs during the pandemic, “I suspect 2020 was far worse.”

The IRS will be devoting more attention to large partnership audits. “These are some of the most complex cases the IRS faces, and it involves a wide range of activities and industries, where it’s been far too easy for tax evaders to cut corners,” said IRS commissioner Daniel Werfel. “These are complex cases for the IRS teams to unpack. The IRS has simply not had enough resources or staffing to

address partnerships. In a real sense, we’ve been overwhelmed in this area for years. That is beginning to change today.”

“Essentially, these new tools are helping us see patterns and trends that we could not see before. As a result, we have higher confidence on where to look and find where large partnerships are shielding income.” Said Werfel.

The IRS will begin with 75 specific partnerships, each with assets over \$10 billion on average.

“The IRS continues to expand its efforts involving digital assets,” said Werfel. “The IRS virtual currency compliance campaign will continue in the months ahead, after an initial review showed the potential for a 75% noncompliance rate among taxpayers identified through the record production of digital currency exchanges. The IRS projects more digital asset cases will be developed for further compliance work in the months ahead.”

Artificial intelligence will also be used to collect unpaid taxes from higher earners, partnerships, and large corporations.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Wrapping up the End of the Year

The end of the year is a perfect time to review where we’ve been in 2023 and gather some ideas about how we might do things differently next year. Saving money is at the top of many to-do lists now, especially for entertainment and groceries.

Look at all your streaming services to see which ones you might be willing to stop using. Make calls to the cellphone services around you and see who has good deals, likely with bundling. Phone plans for seniors generally have a lower cost. A surprise for me: I recently changed cellphone companies. Since I was bringing my own phone number and did not want a deal to buy a phone, I was given a \$200 promo gift card to spend anywhere.

Consider the money you could save with a store affinity account. At my local grocery store, I typically accrue \$5-10 per quarter just for buying the store brand and using the coupons offered.

On Walmart Plus, I often earn \$3-\$4 each time I place online orders for free delivery to my home because of the deals and discounts that pop up on the screen. Additional Plus benefits include travel, video streaming, 10 cents per gallon saved at several gas stations and more. The first 30 days are free to try the service, with a whole year costing \$98. If you’re on SNAP, Medicaid or other programs, your cost would be half that.

Take a look at “500 Great Ways to Save for Dummies” by AARP. The book is on Amazon, both in paperback and for a Kindle e-reader, as well as thousands of other places online. This book might be one you want to keep for a long time. You can also ask your library or senior center if they will purchase the book to keep on the shelves.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. Who wrote and released “I Can See Clearly Now”?

2. What was Billy Paul’s only No. 1 single?

3. What are the names of the Bee Gees brothers? Which one was never part of the musical group?

4. Who released “Do You Really Want to Hurt Me”?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Lonely rivers flow to the sea, to the sea, To the open arms of the sea, yeah, Lonely rivers sigh wait for me, wait for me.”

Answers

1. Johnny Nash, in 1972. The reggae sounds are likely due to Nash having worked with reggae master Bob Marley.

2. “Me and Mrs. Jones,” in 1972. Legend says that when Paul served in the Army, he was stationed with Elvis Presley. He tried to get Presley to join a music group he was forming, and Presley turned him down, preferring to be a chauffeur.

3. The brothers were Barry, Robin, Maurice and Andy. Baby Andy was born after the group was already active.

4. Culture Club, in 1982.

5. “Unchained Melody,” by The Righteous Brothers, in 1965. It was released as the B-side to “Hung On You” but DJs preferred to play “Unchained Melody.”

Scott County Today

ONEIDA HAS GREAT WEEK STANDS UNDEFEATED ATOP DISTRICT

By Richard Spears



Oneida Lady Indians Head Coach Phil Newport told the Morgan County Today, "We've been playing very well since our trip to Gatlinburg, where we sustained a couple of losses in the Smoky Mountain Cup Tournament." Newport was understating how successful the Lady Indians have been, but the facts are impressive: this Oneida team is undefeated since August's play in the SMC tourney, with a 6 game winning streak, and are 3-0 in District play, 7-4 overall.

The Lady Indians took 34 shots on goal in their district game at Harriman Tuesday (Sept. 12), connecting on 8 scores to beat the Lady Blue Devils 8-2. Put a fork in the Lady Devils, this game was well done by the end of the first half, with Oneida leading 4-1. Scoring for the Lady Indians in that frame: senior Rory Blevins had 2 goals, one assisted by Jillian Cross and one unassisted; senior Emilee Sexton and freshman Avery Rector both scored unassisted. Harriman booted in a score before the end of the period. In the second half, Sexton and Rector scored, freshman Ashlynn Douglas nailed a goal, and Oneida's final score was a thing of beauty, as senior Emma Hamilton took a backward pass from Rory Blevins and launched a 35 yard cruise missile of a shot to give Oneida 8 goals, as Harriman managed one more score, for the 8-2 final. With all this Oneida offense, Newport said he was also proud of his team's defensive game. "We kept them from getting any real good looks at the goal, and Ayla Sims (pictured) and our defense did an excellent job in this game. Happy to get another District win," he said.

In Thursday's (Sept. 14) game against Corbin at Hoffman Field, the Lady Indians put 2 scores in the nets, both by Avery Rector, and that was all it took to beat the Lady Red Hounds from Kentucky, though Corbin did get in a score on a penalty kick that came after what looked to be a dubious call at best. Rector scored her first goal in the first half, assisted by Emilee Sexton, and added her second goal in the final frame, with an assist from Jillian Cross. Newport said, "Corbin beat us last year, so I was really glad to get the win against them this time." Oneida is riding a 6 game winning streak, as they prepare to play a District game at Eagleton on Tuesday (Sept. 19), followed by a home game versus old rival Cumberland Gap Thursday, September 21.

LADY HIGHLANDERS FALL TO CLINTON IN HEARTBREAK ON SENIOR NIGHT

This game started out so well, on Senior Night, as Lady Highlanders Rachel Garrett, Ellie Lowe and Rachel Cooper were recognized, and Scott took on the Clinton Lady Dragons at Highlander Field in District action Thursday, September 14. In the game's 9th minute, Scott senior Rachel Garrett (pictured) nailed a corner kick by herself for the game's opening goal.

Scott Head Coach Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today, "That kick and resulting score by Rachel was awesome. I've only seen two direct scores off a corner kick in my 20 plus years of coaching (the other one, incidentally, was achieved by Coach Henry's son, Hugo).

Clinton answered with the tying goal 10 minutes after Garrett's kick. Coach Henry said, "We were just playing very lax soccer, not attacking the ball, and they took advantage of it." Clinton soon took advantage of the Scott defense again, quickly adding a go-ahead score about one minute later, for a 2-1 lead. That was the tally at the half, and would be the game's final score. Henry said, "You know, we beat Clinton 9-0 last year, and mercy-ruled them before the game was over. Just shows how fast things can turn around when a team gets some talented new players on board. To say the Dragons are much different this year is obvious and an understatement." Scott scored what looked like an apparent tying goal late in the second half by junior Abby Henson, but a referee's whistle erased it from the board with an offside call. "We shut them out in the second half, played a really good game, but the ref's takeaway really took the wind out of our sails," Henry said. Scott has no games scheduled for this week, with 3 games on the road to follow: Kingston September 26; C-Gap September 28, and Gibbs October 3. Scott's final regular season game is at Highlander Field against Oneida on Thursday, October 5. Looking ahead to post season play, Scott will first take on District foe Union County, likely on Saturday, October 7, and must win to advance. Henry said, "There's still some soccer to be played. I'm proud of how we stood in there tonight, and have seen these three seniors be very successful soccer players, but more importantly, good students with solid character that will take them far in life."



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A Prelude to Peace



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

It is no coincidence, that in the latest iteration of men and women returning from war, we find the enemies of peace, and those who propose a perpetual state of warfare, would begin to bicker over the need for a standing military.

Those who profited most from war, now seem to believe their utopian ideas can deliver world peace. On the contrary. For capitalism to survive and thrive, poor peoples must be called upon to wage warfare, to ensure the dollar remains the worlds' reserve currency.

The people who themselves have never fired a shot in anger, control every aspect of the returning warriors' lives. They offer free education in hopes we will fall prey to the dumbing down of the American society in the public education system through university.

Indoctrination has replaced education. The free exchange of information Thomas Jefferson aspired to instill in America, has been hijacked by those willing to offer only Greek, eugenic models for their Darwinian high society. These people find peace, counter intuitive.

Freedom has a price the protected rarely understand, and are almost never willing to pay!

Greek and Roman thinking has delivered on a socio-political elite class of educated eugenicists, willing to apply their knowledge gained at university, to remain in power and, control the flow of what they alone consider an education.

In university, a prospective student is offered electives to include Mythology. All Mythology is included, except the one that I happen to ascribe to. You can enjoy learning the Greek mythologies, the Persian Mythologies, the Muslim mythologies, even Christian mythologies at university, but never Hebrew mythology. Only the Hebrew Bible has been outlawed in public education. Why?

Israellogy. The study of the nation and the people we call Hebrews. Today they make up the Jewish population found as a prosperous community in every nation on earth. I happen to be descended from these ancient peoples.

Their mythology book is the Bible. It has its roots competing with great empires. The real estate it occupies today is the most contested space in human history. Kings have waged war to plunder it. Religious zealots have shed blood for thousands of years over Jerusalem the ancient capital of the Hebrews.

Today, every nation on earth has united to stop this smallest minority on earth from prospering. Yet every Geo-political decision being contemplated, revolves around, and directly impacts the nation of Israel. No where more than America.

As America returns from the 20- year protracted war on terror, which will not end until Jesus Christ is on his throne in Jerusalem, we better buckle our seatbelts. The enemies of Israel and America are now being freely allowed to emigrate here. War will reach our American homeland very soon.

Our best warriors are still killing terrorists in the Middle East. The military at home is concerned with advancing social issues and purging the ranks of all those they consider, insurrectionists. I fear our military can not rescue the Jews from the coming persecutions that will occur when the American dollar collapses.

I fear Americans will not be able to recognize despotism. I fear our children are being indoctrinated and not educated to deal with coming world events. I believe that government in any form exists for only one purpose.

To create a manufactured crisis. Get our entertainment and news industry to control the narrative, fear monger their way into Americans minds, to increase budgets that deal with the crisis they originally manufac-

ured. Shift wealth from those who have it, to those who do not.

Then spread the money out to political organizations, where money can then be funneled and dare, I say, laundered into community activism that again sows more chaos. Power is what they all crave and we are becoming more powerless as a nation, and both parties designed it that way. Noah was a conspiracy theorist. And then: IT Rained.

Science knows this. World mythologies have left clues modern archaeologists refuse to understand. God has raised up poor folks in camouflage and overalls with common sense. These folks believe the Bible!

I am one of these deplorables. We have no political leanings for we are devout monarchists. We believe in a coming King and Kingdom, centered in Jerusalem. We believe in one God, having three distinct persons. We believe this God is the sole creator of the universe.

I believe a man can only receive peace in this life by turning to the creator who can actually; deliver peace.

That creator is the manufacturer of the most preposterous debt payment plan in human history. His yoke is completely easy, and his burden is light. Harness yourself to the burden bearer of creation.

I shared my testimony about Mogadishu, Somalia in my first book, Behind the Veil. It was a coming home experience to write the book that led to a series of seven. I was instructed by God to share my shortcomings from the journal I kept after coming home from war injured externally and internally.

To find peace I had to confront warfare. My experiences in war, led to the hamster in the cage syndrome. I had the ability to get on that stupid wheel and go round and round accomplishing nothing. Something had changed in my internal wiring.

I became hopelessly lost, and my attachment to my Ranger brothers faded. Addiction to all things narcotic followed, and the endgame for me was incarceration in a federal prison camp for 6 months. That experience would save my life.

I suggest listening to someone who has waged war in any quest you may be on to find peace. I offer my perspective based upon my own experience in failure trying to find peace on the lonely road that leads to destruction.

This book is the only method I have, to try and help others not make decisions I made after doing exactly what my Ranger creed expected of me in War! It is what I promised my nation and its citizens in my enlistment oath which I took on no less than three occasions.

Finding Peace nowadays is about identifying my Ranger brothers contemplating the loss of Joy in this life. Focusing on their lives helps both of us find peace after prosecuting war.

I pray our nation will listen to us old warriors, offer pragmatic problem solving, and sound leadership offered freely. My prayers point to the Messiah suspended between heaven and earth offering his hand in marriage for eternity.

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 11-13-2022

Staff Sergeant John Burns enlisted into the United States Army on September 23, 1987 as an 11C Infantry Mortarman. He graduated from the 7th Infantry Division, Ranger Class 11/89 and served in the invasion of Panama, Desert Storm and the Battle of Mogadishu while assigned to the 75th Rangers.

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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King Crossword

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Historically Speaking Monarch butterfly migration has a history that repeats every year!

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Carolyn Krause has written an article on the monarch butterflies, hundreds of which are born in Oak Ridge in the fall and then fly to Mexico to hibernate from late October to mid-March before mating. Her article on the monarch life cycle and migration patterns is based on a presentation by Kris Light to the Friday Lecture Series class of the Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning (ORICL).

Enjoy the insights provided by Kris and captured here for you readers by Carolyn Krause:

East Tennessee is called Big Orange Country as a tribute to the nationally acclaimed University of Tennessee football program to which so many Tennesseans are loyal. But Oak Ridge's Kris Light and other butterfly enthusiasts may view our area also as Little Orange Country when hundreds of orange-and-black monarch butterflies alight on milkweed and other plants in local flower gardens.

These butterflies spring from either the fourth or fifth generation of monarch caterpillars for the year in the United States and southern Canada; the beautiful, winged insects will fly from Oak Ridge and the American South in the fall to spend winter in Mexico. Kris knows this for sure; in 2020 before the Covid lockdown, she and her husband visited butterflies wintering for four to six months in the Monarch Butterfly Reserve in the Mexican mountains before they mated, produced the first generation of their species for the year in the continent, and then died.

Kris has taught environmental education through Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the American Museum of Science and Energy for nearly 35 years. For 13 years, she taught students at Willow Brook Elementary School in the Science Discovery Center.

Using their tube-shaped mouth part (proboscis), butterflies eat only liquids, such as nectar from flowers, sweat, and even animal urine. "If a butterfly lands on you, it's because it wants to drink your sweat to get its salt," she told the ORICL class. "In the Smokies male butterflies take up salt from horse droppings that they pass onto females when they mate."

Butterflies smell through their antennae. The sense of smell of a monarch butterfly is 5000 times stronger than the human sense of smell. Then there's the question of how they taste food. Here was her answer.

"I once asked kids in a class, 'How do you think a butterfly tastes?' One kid goes, 'Probably, pretty bad.' So, I said, 'Let me rephrase that. What part of the body do you think a butterfly tastes with?' The answer is their feet. When they land on a flower, they taste the nectar with their feet and then the mouth part comes out to drink the nectar from the flower." She added that, compared with humans, the monarchs' sense of taste is 2000 times more sensitive to sugars.

Female monarchs lay their eggs only on milkweed leaves because the leaves have a poison that the caterpillars store in their bodies. Milkweed makes monarch caterpillars and butterflies poisonous to birds.

Kris said the six-legged females use the six microscopic needles in their almost invisible two front legs to pierce leaves to test whether they have the cardiac glycoside poison present in milkweed. Birds who eat poisoned butterflies become sick and never eat them again; birds learn that the bright colors on butterflies are a warning to avoid feasting on them. Only one type of mouse and two birds in Mexico can tolerate eating monarchs.

"Reproduction in insects," she stated, "is usually the kiss of death. After they lay their eggs, most female insects die. Male butterflies die after they mate so they won't compete with their offspring for food." The fourth and fifth generations of monarch butter-

flies that fly south to Mexico is called the Methusaleh generation because they delay mating, allowing them to live four or more months. The earlier generations of butterflies live only a few weeks because they die shortly after mating.

After their winter hibernation, the butterflies mate in Mexico, creating the first generation that will mate and then fly north. The female monarchs use some sperm packets for fertilizing eggs and others for nutrition during the flight north to southern Texas and Louisiana in mid-March. That's where they each lay from 400 to 1,000 eggs – each the size of a pinhead – on milkweed leaves to start a second generation of caterpillars.



Monarch butterfly in the flower garden of First Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge. Photo by Carolyn Krause



A large cluster of monarch butterflies wintering in the Oyamel fir trees in the forested mountains of Angangueo, Mexico. Photo by Carolyn Krause



At Roan Mountain State Park a few years ago, Kris Light met Lincoln Brower, a famous entomologist who made important discoveries about monarch butterflies

Butterflies go through a complete metamorphosis, from egg to larva to caterpillar to pupa to chrysalis to winged insect—the beautiful monarch butterfly. "It takes five days for each egg to develop into a caterpillar about two millimeters long," Kris said. "The caterpillar eats its high-protein eggshell, sheds its skin five times and eats milkweed leaves."

Around mid-May, Generation #2 flies to the central part of the United States (including East Tennessee), lays eggs on milkweed leaves, and produces generation #3, which flies to the northern United States and southern Canada around mid-July or early August.

"They produce generation #4, which are the great-grandchildren of the butterflies that came up from Mexico," Kris said. "This group may migrate to Mexico or fly back to the central part of the United States, including East Tennessee, to produce generation #5, which will then migrate to Mexico."

The monarchs' five generations travel a total of about 2000 miles over a year in North America, Kris said, adding that they can fly more than 250 miles per day on a 35 mile-per-hour southbound wind at an elevation of 10,000 feet.

Up to 600 million butterflies spend the winter in the Oyamel fir trees in the forested mountains of Angangueo, Mexico, which Kris and her husband visited in January 2020. The fir trees prevent the butterflies from freezing. Clustered together on the fir tree branches, the butterflies warm their wings in the sun. A cluster of more than 10,000 butterflies, each weighing half a gram, can cause tree branches to bend and sometimes even break.

Not all monarchs born in the fall in the United States fly to Mexico for the winter. The butterflies living west of the Rocky Mountains migrate to the California coast, and others fly to Florida.

According to Kris, the quest to learn the destination of monarch migration in North America was solved beginning in 1930 by Canadian entomologist Frederick Urquhart, then at the University of Kansas. He started tagging butterflies and enlisted people from all over North America to start tagging the butterflies. That way butterfly catchers will know where the butterflies came from – information they are encouraged to send to the University of Kansas.

Urquhart and his wife Norah identified the monarchs' migration routes, discovered that the migration spans multiple generations, and found their wintering place in Mexico, with the help of Kenneth Brugger, an American businessman living in Mexico City, who discovered in 1975 that millions of monarchs clustered in the forested mountains above Angangueo.

In 2009 Kris met entomologist Lincoln Brower at Roan Mountain State Park in northeast Tennessee where he dedicated a Monarch Waystation (the UT Arboretum has one, too). She said that this champion of the monarch, who died in 2018, discovered that monarchs navigate by the sun. Recent research indicates magnetite crystals discovered in their heads by Brower enable monarchs to use the earth's magnetic field to orient themselves south (like a compass). Because of the different kinds of milkweed plants in our country that each have their own specific chemical, Brower reported, the birthplace of each butterfly can be chemically determined.

It was reported in 2013 that the area in Mexico occupied by monarchs in winter has plummeted from seven to three acres. Brower and others have identified reasons for the monarch population decline: pesticides (including nicotides) and pollen from genetically engineered crops that can render milkweed and nectar poisonous to monarchs; diseases; urbanization; the mowing of fields of milkweed and logging of the Mexican forest where monarchs winter; destruction of the forest to obtain land for tourism and agricultural activities such as growing profitable avocado trees, and climate change that may be responsible for abnormal patterns of drought and rainfall that have adversely affected U.S. and Canadian breeding sites, possibly causing adult butterfly deaths and less plant food for caterpillars. Monarchs have internationally been declared endangered.

Kris said new threats to the monarchs in Mexico are cartels looking for a way to profit from agriculture and the bustling tourist trade in Angangueo. Fortunately, the World Wildlife Fund seeks to preserve vital butterfly habitat in Mexico's Monarch Butterfly Reserve by working with the Mexican government, local communities and other partners to promote good forest management and sustainable tourism. It also supports tree nurseries that help restore the forest in the reserve, creating new sources of income for the local people living in the region.

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Jude Part 2

(Jude v. 8) These corrupt teachers “rail at” (attack, abuse) everything they do not understand--which is plenty! They have no common reasoning ability, but operate virtually on the animal level of gut instinct, a philosophy so reckless as to lead only to a destructive end (v. 10). Other Old Testament examples are mentioned to illustrate the irresponsible and suicidal path upon which they have embarked.

(a) They have pursued the way of Cain, who refused to worship “by faith” (God’s instruction) (Heb. 11:4), and when rejected, murdered his brother (Gen. 4:6; Jn. 3:12). (b) These teachers have run “riotously in the error of Balaam for hire.” Balaam sold out his prophetic integrity for money, and even encouraged Israel to sin (Num. 22-24; 2 Pet. 2:15-16; Rev. 2:14). (c) Korah was a leader of rebels who disputed the authority of Moses and Aaron, hence that of Jehovah himself (Num. 16). A darker description of these malcontents afflicting the church could hardly be presented.

(Jude 12-19) Traits of the false teachers: Jude minces no words in depicting the devastating effects of these ambassadors of error. Five dramatic metaphors are employed to illustrate the deceitful and damaging influence of these forces. (a) They were “rocks,” or “blemishes,” who invaded the Christians’ social gatherings, spreading their evil influence. They paraded as “shepherds” but were motivated only by self-interest (2 Pet. 2:13). (b) The pseudo-teachers were like “clouds” that feign the gift of water but have none; they are merely blown along by the wind. They promise much but deliver nothing of value. (c) The figure of “autumn trees” suggests trees that by now should have produced fruit, but none is available. The figure is intensified by “double-dead, plucked up by the roots.” There is no hope at all in them. (d) They are like “wild waves of the sea,” frothing back and forth, uncontrolled in their shame (v.13). The wicked are like the troubled sea, with which there is no rest, merely throwing up mud and dirt (Isa. 57:20). (e) “Wandering stars” may refer to something like meteors that have no ordered, stable routes, hence provide no illuminated guidance. Their doom will be eternal darkness (2 Pet. 2:17; Mt. 25:41).

Jude refers to one of the Old Testament patriarchs when he says: “Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, the Lord came with ten thousands of his holy ones” (v. 14). A passage similar to this is found in the apocryphal Book of Enoch. Some have suggested that Jude borrowed his prophecy from this source and thus the Book of Enoch was inspired. Others allege that the use of this quotation discredits Jude as an inspired writer. Neither inference is warranted. Even if Jude had quoted from the Book of Enoch, that would not imply the book’s inspiration--any more than Paul’s quotation from a pagan poet would demand inspiration for that source (Acts 17:28). Furthermore, quotations from a secular source, simply to make an ad bominem point, do not reflect upon the divine origin of a biblical book (Tit. 1:12).

Where did Jude get his quotation? It is useless to speculate, for the record does not say. He may have received it directly from the Spirit. He may have quoted from some earlier source to which the writer of the Book of Enoch also had access. No conclusion can be drawn without more precise information. Whatever the immediate source, ultimately Jude quoted prophecy. And the prophetic point is that God ultimately will judge the ungodly for all the “hard things” they have spoken against him (v.15)--and that includes the renegades under review (as well as the modern community of atheism).

Another litany of flaws is chronicled (v. 16). These church invaders are: (a) “murmurers” (those who go about whispering messages designed to ignite discontent--there are some who thrive on this); (b) “complainers” (these are fault-finders, chronic malcontents, who make a career of stirring up trouble); (c) operating continuously and strictly in their own ambitious interests, caring not for the needs of others; (d) boasters of their accomplishments, either past or projected; (e) shamelessly manipulative of others, elevating some, thrusting down others, for their own personal advantages.

Jude reminds his beloved brethren of the previously spoken words of the Lord’s apostles (either orally or in written form). They prophesied that in the “last time” (the Christian age--from Pentecost to the second coming) “mockers” would ridicule certain elements of the Christian message (2 Pet. 3:3). They would be “walking” (living their lives) in their own godless desires. (Examples of such warnings

are found in Acts 20:29-30; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:1; 4:1; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1-3.) These false teachers create divisions in the church. They are “sensual” in the sense that they focus only on their self-interests. It is clear that the Holy Spirit does not bear fruit in their lives (v. 17-19; Gal. 5:22-23).

(Jude 20-25) Concluding exhortations: Tenderly, the inspired writer concludes this hard-hitting letter with a series of admonitions designed to strengthen them in view of the grave warnings he had given concerning the dangers that threaten their spiritual safety. His beloved kinsmen in Christ are to work on building up themselves by means of their most holy faith. (a) The false teachers are attempting to tear them down; they must work on building themselves up. Note the individual initiative required. (b) Error will destroy them, the “holy faith” (the body of objective teaching) (v.3) will fortify them. (c) Being passive will weaken them; being active will strengthen them. (d) They must maintain communication with God, praying persistently in harmony with the instructions of the Holy Spirit as made known in the Scriptures (Gal. 5:16, 18, 25; Eph. 6:17). (e) Christians must “keep” themselves in “the love of God.” This imperative reveals that it is possible to drift from the truth so that the love of God cannot be effective on one’s behalf. The accompanying phrases reinforce how such is to be accomplished--building up, praying, keeping oneself, looking for the Lord’s mercy which issues in eternal life (v. 20-25). One’s personal responsibility for maintaining his salvation is stressed repeatedly and forcefully. The possibility of falling into apostasy is too real to miss!

While we are giving great diligence to maintain the integrity of our own faith (in a faithless generation), we must not neglect to look out on behalf of the weak as well. These appears to be those who, to some degree, have been confused by or fallen victim to the apostate teachers who have been so corrupting in their influence. There appears to be three classes of victims in this context (v. 22-23). (a) There are those whose convictions have been shaken; they are “in doubt” and need compassionate assistance. (b) Others are in greater danger, hence need to be “snatched” out of the fire. (c) A third class have slipped even deeper into corruption; though they are to be treated with mercy (pity), one must be careful not to allow himself to become contaminated in the process of attempted restoration (Gal. 6:1).

Jude concludes with an exclamation of praise to God. The Lord is praised for his love and power. He loves us and does not want us to stumble, which could lead to our being lost (2 Pet. 3:9); he is “able” to keep us from stumbling, he has provided the resources to prevent such. It is up to the Christian to exercise his will using the prevention resources in maintaining his spiritual integrity, (study of the Scriptures, prayer, associations with strong people). To assign an interpretation to this text, which makes it conflict with other passages requiring personal responsibility in avoiding “stumbling” (2 Pet. 1:5-11), is reckless and erroneous. This is the fallacy of those who contend that the child of God can never be lost, no matter what he does or does not do (v. 24).

God aims for us to be “without blemish” in his glorious presence (v. 24; Eph. 5:27) and exceedingly joyful at the time of Christ’s return for the consummation of all things (1 Pet. 1:7; 4:13; 5:1, 4; Mt. 25:31). Jude concludes with a burst of praise. It is addressed to “the only God, our Savior.” The Father is principally under consideration, but this does not exclude other members of the Godhead; it does distinguish the “true” God from idols. Praise is expressed “through Jesus Christ our Lord” (v. 25). The Father saves no one apart from the redemptive work of Christ (Acts 4:12).

God is extolled for four attributes: (a) “Glory” refers to the radiance that reflects the essence of his holy being; his glory is a commentary on all that he is. (b) “Majesty” (Heb. 1:3; 8:1) is an affirmation of the exalted nature of the Lord--he is high and holy, (c) “Dominion” is an allusion to his absolute sovereignty over all creation, his innate right of rule. (d) “Power” suggests the authority that results from the sum of his divine attributes.

The scope of sacred majesty is eternal--before time began, presently, and into the eternal future. The use of this eternal perspective, in connection with the phrase, “through Jesus Christ,” clearly affirms the eternal existence of Jesus, thus his deity. “Amen,” or “so be it,” reflects the writer’s personal, inspired endorsement.

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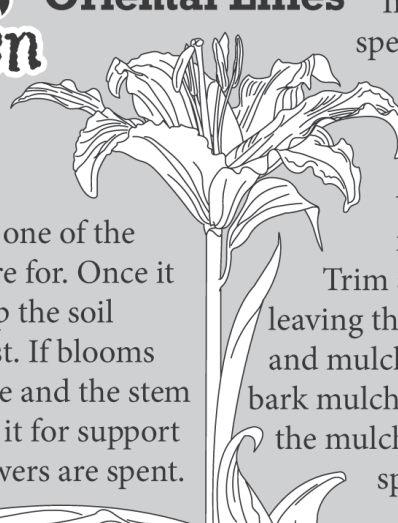
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The Garden Bug

Oriental Lilies

In autumn, cut off any spent flowers and stalks, but allow the leaves to stay until they yellow and die; this fuels the bulb for next year’s blooming. Trim away any growth left, leaving the bulb in the ground, and mulch over it with organic bark mulch. In spring, pull away the mulch when you see green sprouts. - Brenda Weaver

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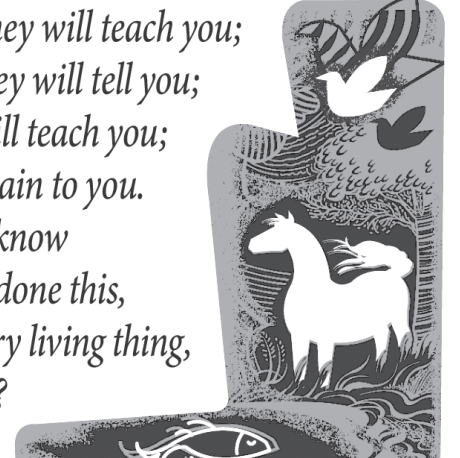
This plant is one of the easiest to care for. Once it blooms, keep the soil slightly moist. If blooms are very large and the stem bends, stake it for support until the flowers are spent.



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“But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you;
And the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you;
And the fish of the sea will explain to you.
Who among all these does not know
That the hand of the Lord has done this,
In whose hand is the life of every living thing,
And the breath of all mankind?”

JOB 12: 7-10





The Bulldog Banner



Never Forget

By: CatFish Cole & Big Man Dan



Cole Burchell
(CatFish Cole)

The terror and anguish of the September 11th attacks live on in the memories of millions of Americans. The sorrow of the 2,779 lives lost on that infamous day still holds a place in the hearts of many. Only 22 years ago did Al-Queda crash United Airlines flights 11 and 77 alongside American Airlines flights 93 and 175 into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Centers, the Pentagon, and a Penn-

true American spirit of the highest level. However, now this tragic day finds its place as a piece of history, once feeling like yesterday it is now two decades ago. Like all things, it has come to a point where the youth no not what had come but, from the stories of those who do. That is why it is so important to continue teaching and passing on our stories and memories. As it may seem like a day we may never forget, but look into the future 20, 40, 60, or even 100 years. Only through the compassion and dedication of those who have come before will we know of the wisdom of the future.



Daniel Bunch
(Big Man Dan)



Sept 14, 2001, President Bush states, "I can hear you. The rest of the world hears you."

sylvanian field. These attacks resulted in the greatest direct loss of life by a terrorist group in history. However, through this terrible, heinous assault on the free world, Americans came together. First responders, servicemen, and fellow neighbors gave life and limb to help one another. Again a day we will never forget, but what does that mean to a generation spared from this horror? My generation and the 73,000,000 Americans under the age of 18 living in the U.S. today. With research from sources such as the Association For Psychological Science suggests that the human mind only begins forming foundational memories around the ages of 5 to 6. Meaning even those from the ages of 27 to 18 most likely have no recollection of the attacks.

However, our age has not resulted in the dismissal of these horrid events from our hearts and souls as we understand the tremendous pain and sorrow our own mothers and fathers faced 22 years ago. We feel a connection with those survivors and the lost on, those who did not survive, and those who did not lose hope. We understand that every year when Sept. 11th rolls around it is not just another day of the year, but one of grief, heroism, and

Senior Night

This last Thursday the Wartburg Lady Vollydogs hosted a game against Oakdale. This game was not any ordinary game, it was Senior Night for the VollyDogs. If you don't know Senior Night is a time where we recognize the seniors that play for the sports team. The Seniors that were recognized were Kylie Francis #12, Jozie Redmon #7, Avarie Anderson #11, and Mikalah Lindaur #14. We all recognized these players then some of their teammates presented them with gifts. The Dogs played really good and played their best. Not only was this ceremony great, but we also won the game 3 sets to 1. I had a really good time in the student section with everyone supporting the volleyball team with their win. Overall that night was a good night.

Homecoming Decorating

Last Friday me and some other students had the opportunity to stay after school and decorate the hall of our choice and compete in a decorating competition for Homecoming which is next week. All the grade levels will compete against each other. Now not all the kids from every grade level stayed because that'd be too hectic so it was approximately 15 kids that stayed after school. With a limited number of kids it made decorating everything a lot harder because there weren't people for everything we had to do. Our theme was Pacman. The students stayed from 3:30 till 7:30 and worked really hard. Everyone did a really good job and it was really fun. I think that our hall looked really good! After decorating I went to watch the Wartburg vs Bledsoe County football game and had a really good time. I will tell who won the competition in Next week's article.



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POSITION AVAILABLE

Title: Associate Instructor, Diesel-Powered Equipment Technology Employee Classification: Faculty, Full-time, Exempt

Campus Location: Oneida Extension campus, 180 Eli Lane, Oneida, TN
Job Summary

Full-time instructional position in the Diesel-Powered Equipment Technology program located on the Oneida, TN campus. Position is responsible for training post-secondary and dual-enrolled secondary students from partnering school systems. A high standard of personal and professional ethics with a sincere interest in teaching is desired.

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Local East Tennessee Author George Bove Donates 5 Copies of His Book for New Story Walk in Petros-Joyner

Petros-Joyner— September 6, 2023 — On Wednesday, September 20, Save the Children and the Together Morgan County Collaborative will open a new story walk at the walking track next to Petros-Joyner School. This story walk is made possible with assistance from Denny Richardson and a local work crew, the cooperation and support of PJ Principal Laura Bunch, as well as a generous donation of time and funds from the PVH Foundation. Members of the PVH Foundation will be on-site on September 20, painting the frames and posts and installing the first story.

To help kick off the story walk, East Tennessee author George Bove donated 5 copies of his book *The Little Orange T*. “Petros-Joyner School, Save the Children, and Together Morgan County Collaborative along with the assistance of Denny Richardson are perfect examples of Tennessee Volunteers,” said George Bove, author of *The Little Orange T*, and East Tennessee resident. “We are excited to be a part of this story walk and greatly humbled to participate. May God Bless you, each and all. GO VOLLS!” Author George

Bove has been an active visitor of Petros-Joyner School in the past two years due to the hard work and dedication of 5th grade teacher, Sammantha Ashley and Principal Laura Bunch. The book was written, illustrated, and published in East Tennessee. Kristi Lynch, illustrator, lives in the Knoxville area and the publisher is located in Johnson City, TN. The story of the *The Little Orange T* tells about a lowercase t who gets rejected from alphabet soup and takes a journey around Tennessee to find his place leading a crowd of adoring fans as an uppercase letter T in the world’s largest bowl of alphabet soup.

Reading with children supports their cognitive development and improves their overall language skills. It also helps young readers establish important foundational skills for literacy. Families are encouraged not just to read the story, but to engage their children with the provided questions or talking points found in the frames along with the story pages. Talking to children about what’s on the page helps foster critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Local families or businesses interested in sponsoring a story for the story walk should contact Sandra Helton at heltons@mcsed.net for more information.

Senator Yager Visits Morgan County Commission Meeting



Senator Ken Yager took an opportunity to speak to the Morgan County Commission and give them an update on legislative issues that were addressed during the Special Session. He also took questions. Senator Yager spent 24 years as Roane County Executive before being elected to the 12th Senate District in 2008. “I enjoyed the meeting and seeing all my friends in Morgan County. As Morgan County has moved off of the distressed list it has really positioned itself well for future growth for the community,” said Yager.

Morgan County, nestled in the heart of the Appalachian region, is a place of rich history, natural beauty, and close-knit communities. With its rolling hills, pristine rivers, and charming towns, this corner of Tennessee has much to offer residents and visitors alike.

Morgan County’s history is a testament to its enduring spirit. Established in 1817, the county was named after Daniel Morgan, a Revolutionary War hero. Its early days were marked by agriculture and coal mining, which played pivotal roles in shaping the local economy. Over the years, the county’s resilience has been put to the test through economic downturns and natural disasters, but its people have always come together to rebuild and thrive.

One of the county’s most striking features is its breathtaking natural beauty. The Obed Wild and Scenic River, a designated National Park, winds its way through the region, offering outdoor enthusiasts opportunities for hiking, rock climbing, and white-water rafting. The Obed River Gorge and its towering sandstone cliffs are a sight to behold, attracting adventurers from all over.

The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, which partially extends into Morgan County, is another natural wonder. This park boasts miles of hiking and equestrian trails, stunning overlooks, and the iconic Twin Arches, massive sandstone formations that stand as a testament to the power of nature’s artistry.

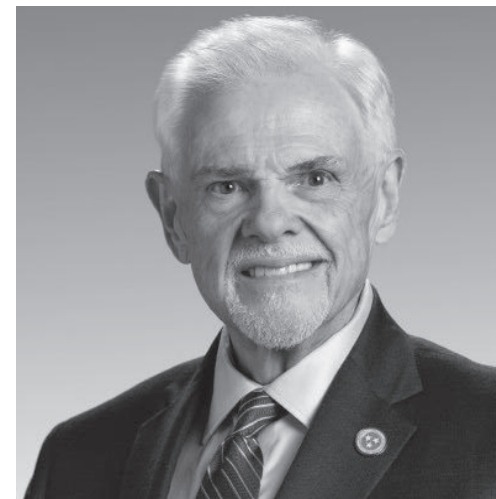
Morgan County takes great pride in preserving its heritage. The Coalfield School, a historic Rosenwald School, has been lovingly restored and now serves as a community center and a symbol of the county’s commitment to education and history. The Morgan County Historical Society actively works to document and share the stories of the people who shaped the region.

What sets Morgan County apart is its strong sense of community. Small towns like Wartburg and Sunbright embrace the values of camaraderie and mutual support. Residents come together for annual events like the Morgan County Fair, where they celebrate their agricultural roots and showcase their talents.

The Morgan County Chamber of Commerce plays a pivotal role in fostering economic growth and supporting local businesses. Their initiatives have helped create a vibrant entrepreneurial atmosphere, attracting new businesses while preserving the county’s unique charm.

Morgan County, Tennessee, stands at a crossroads. As it looks to the future, its residents are committed to preserving their heritage while embracing new opportunities. Initiatives aimed at improving infrastructure, healthcare, and education are underway, ensuring that the county can continue to thrive in the 21st century.

In a rapidly changing world, Morgan County remains a bastion of natural beauty, community spirit, and historical significance. It is a place where traditions are cherished, and the future is embraced with hope. As the seasons change and time marches on, Morgan County, Tennessee, remains a hidden gem in the heart of Appalachia, waiting to be discovered and appreciated by all who are fortunate enough to visit.



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