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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

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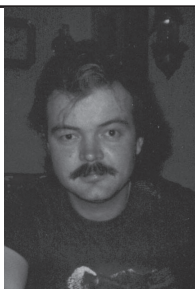


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In Loving Memory

Donnie Junior West, 65

Donnie Junior West, 65, of Morgan County found peace with the Lord on September 17, 2023. He battled Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) for years, succumbing to it surrounded by family.



Donnie along with 6 brothers and 4 sisters was raised by a strong and independent mother. His family was dear to him, and it showed in his loyalty to them. Donnie, his brothers, and nephew picked Bluegrass music together in the West Brothers band. They played at festivals and enjoyed picking together at family gatherings. Donnie's specialty was the stand-up bass and harmonica. He was known for his smiling eyes and comical humor. He enjoyed making people laugh.

He is preceded in death by his mother Anna Laura West; father Jessie Lloyd West; brothers Randell and Robert West; brother-in-law Jerry Gouge; nieces Vanessa Gouge and Shelena Gouge-Baker; sisters-in-law Janie West and Connie McCarter; cousins Roseanne Davis, Lena Bunch, Steven McPeters.

He is survived by wife Donna West; mother-in-law Essie Baker; daughter Natasha West, Amber and Todd Duncan; grandson Isaiah Duncan and Jericho Duncan; granddaughter Allie Duncan; sister and brother-in-law Donald Ray and Mary Russell; sister Beatrice Gouge and Nella Ann Reynolds; brother Danny West and Eddie Dean West, William Roy West; sister and brother-in-law Cathia Russell and Eugene Russell; brother and sister-in-law James and Glenna West; special cousins Sena McPeters and Sheila Cox and a host of extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Schubert Funeral Home for funeral expenses.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Windrock Cemetery in Oliver Springs.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Donnie Junior West.

Brenda Ann Layne

Brenda Ann Layne went home to be with her Lord and Savior on September 23, 2023 after a long, hard fought battle against cancer.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Lillie Mae Brown, brothers, David Brown, Grady Brown and Nobel E. Brown, and sisters UniVee Beene and Jennie Daugherty.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Joe A. Layne, Daughters, Alisha Taylor and husband Ricky Taylor, and Jennifer Heidel and husband Lester Lee Heidel. Grandchildren Aaron & wife Raegan Taylor, Andrew & wife Whitney Taylor, Mikayla Heidel and Fiancé' Alex Hawk, Ryan Taylor and Levi Heidel. Great grandchildren, Brynley and Griffin Taylor, extended family Lynn, Diana and Jozi Redmon and Opal Vespie, special friend Judy Layne and a multitude of family and friends.

Brenda was saved at a vacation bible school at Petros Baptist Church when she was a little girl, and she served the Lord faithfully and joyfully her entire life. Her life was one of service for Jesus Christ. She served her Church, where she was a long-time member, Mossy Grove Baptist Church, as WMU Director and choir Director for many years. She was also a faithful member of the Eastern Star Sunrise Chapter 364 for



over 50 years. Her heart was always toward Missions and reaching people who didn't know Jesus. She went on many mission trips to places like Brazil, Arizona Navajo Reservation, Honduras and the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky. But some of her greatest mission work was done locally, cooking for others, sending cards, giving a word of encouragement, and even giving and helping strangers she had never met.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 2-4 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral Services will follow at 4pm with Bro. Jim Disney and Bro. Ron Ralph officiating. Internment will follow in the Wartburg City Cemetery, Wartburg, TN. The family would like to say a special thank you to Quality Hospice and SHOC for all of their care during this time.

In lieu of flowers Brenda requested donations be sent to the Eastern Star Sunrise Chapter 364, P.O. Box 251, Petros, TN 37845, or to Hogar de Amor Children's Home in Honduras c/o Alisha Taylor 125 Austin Drive, Wartburg, TN 37887.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Brenda Ann Layne.

Wendy Wilson, 51

Ms. Wendy Wilson, age 51 of Wartburg passed away suddenly on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

She was a graduate of Central High School. She is preceded in death by her mother Nancy Patat, sister, Morgan Wilson.



She is survived by her daughter Shelby Wilson of Wartburg
Father Larry Wilson of Wartburg

Brother Mitchell Chambers of Perry, GA Nieces Ella Chambers and Oasis Wilson Nephews Hunter Chambers and Larry Garrett.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 from 4-6 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Wendy Wilson.

Gregory Chambers, 30

Gregory Chambers age 30 of Deer Lodge, TN embraced his heavenly home on September 8, 2023. He was welcomed into this world on March 2, 1993. He is the son of Tina Morgan and "Bonus Dad" Mikey Morgan of Deer Lodge, TN.



Gregory is the proud dad of Maverick Gregory and Wyatt Heath. He is the better half of the boys' Mother, Alexis McElhane.

Gregory is survived by his brothers, Mickael Morgan (Jessica Tew) of Deer Lodge, TN; Jordan Chambers of Deer Lodge, TN; sisters, Robin Chambers of Grimsley, TN; Harlie George (Josh George) of Grimsley, TN and Christian Chambers (Ryne Miller) of Deer Lodge, TN. Brother-in-law, Dawson McElhane (Kayla). Sister-in-law, Jayda Burgess (Seth). Nephews, Jack Morgan, Briar George and Oliver Burgess. Nieces, Darcy George, Kinsley Miller and Kaylee Chambers. He was preceded in death by his Grandpa's Jack Morgan, Oscar Lowe and Johnny Spurling. Grandmother's Linda England and Sandra Spurling. Father-in-Law Heath McElhane. Aunt, Leesa Hicks. Uncle, Wayne Lowe. Cousins, Wade Lowe; Tommy Sexton; Redman Blevens. Nephew, Nathaniel Chambers.

Gregory loved his family wholeheart-

edly, each and everyone. He spent time walking the woods talking to our Lord and filling his heart with His word while digging for ginseng roots. He had a passion for Peterbilt, motorcycles and old Ford trucks. It was his dream to one day receive his CDL and pursue a career in trucking. There wasn't much he couldn't fix on anything with wheels. He loved anything pertaining to the outdoors such as hunting, fishing and searching for arrowheads. If anyone was in need he always tried his best to help.

This worldly earth has lost a brother in Christ because Gregory was saved. We can seek peace and comfort within our hearts knowing how much he loved our Lord and that we will see him again. Our lives are forever changed without his smiles, laughs and bear hugs.

The family will receive friends September 24, 2023 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 10:00-11:00 a.m. with the funeral to follow at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Carly Duncan officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

The family will be having a gathering after services at the home of Tina and Mikey Morgan.

Noble Granville Young, Jr., 89

Mr. Noble Granville Young, Jr., age 89 passed away September 16, 2023 at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He loved woodworking, fishing, watching the Tennessee Titans and the Tennessee Volunteers. He loved spending time with his family. He was also a member of Grace Baptist Church in Knoxville where he also taught Sunday School. For 10 years he was a deacon and financial secretary at Missionary Alliance Community Church of Oak Ridge. He worked as an experimental Machinist at Y-12 for 39 years.



He is preceded in death by his parents Noble Young, Sr., and Marie Daugherty Young; sister Dereda Lewallen.

He leaves behind his wife of 70 years Shirley Phillips Young; daughter Deborah (Ron) Weiler; son Gary (Nancy) Young; daughter Tammie Thomas;

grandchildren Jason Young, Jennifer Kostuck (Charles), Michael Weiler, Sarah Weiler, David Weiler, Chelsea Beasley (Johnathan), Chucky Thomas (Jamie); great grandchildren Isiah Beasley, Ellie Thomas, Rowan & Freyja Kostuck, Elijah Beasley, Kylie Thomas; nieces and nephews Beverly Gray, Kathy Phillips, R.G. Lewallen; sisters Veda Roach, Gerty Byrd and husband Lowell, Mabel McDaniel, Irene Massey and husband Ken; and a host of extended family and friends.

The family will have a graveside service Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Black Creek Cross Roads Cemetery in Robbins, Tn.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Noble Granville Young, Jr.

Eva Elizabeth England, 82

Eva Elizabeth England, born March 27, 1941, went home to be with her Lord on September 22, 2023.

She is preceded in death by her parents Harley and Easter Duncan, Father and Mother-in-law Roy and Bertha England, Brothers: Gary and Roger Duncan, Sister: Rosetta Miller, Sons: Michael England and Jeffery England, Granddaughter: Annie Evans, Great Granddaughter: Riley Evans, Brothers-in-law: Wilford Hicks, Doyle Miller, and JL Webb.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years Oscar England. Daughter: Teresa Evans (Jude) Daughter-in-law: Denise England Grandkids: Bryan Evans (Miami), Brandon Evans (Amanda), Alice Bowling (Brian), Lillie, Blake, Kaleb, Gage Ev-



ans, Rusty England (Christina), Jessie England (Tori), Samantha Matheson (J.R.), Evan England 15 Great Grandkids Brothers: Jr Duncan (Sue), and Jimmy Duncan Sisters: Vicky Graham (Bill), and Wanda Jeffers (Randy) Sisters-in-law: Doris Duncan

and Ettie Jo Hicks Also surviving are a host of nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Monday, September 25, 2023, from 6-8 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Sunbright. Funeral services will follow at 8 pm with Bro. Steve Gadd and Bro. Doug Morgan officiating. Graveside services will be Tuesday 11am Union Grove Cemetery, Sunbright, TN.

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Autoworkers Strike and Economic Consequences



Michael Nance
Columnist

The UAW initiated a complex member strike earlier this month as the contract expired between the UAW and the three major automakers. What does this strike mean for the economy, and the effects of the upcoming election are the questions this article addresses.

As the contract between the automakers and the UAW neared expiration, the UAW members voted about 97% in favor of the strike. It is notable that the union has never simultaneously gone on strike at the big three automakers.

The strike was complex in the regard that the UAW selected one plant from each company to strike at. However, due to complex supply chains and the supply interrelations of auto plants this led to layoffs by the manufacturers at other plants.

UAW leadership made some hefty demands from automakers. For starters they wanted an automatic 20% wage increase and a further 20% within the next five years. They also want a return to pensions instead of 401k benefits. According to statements by the UAW, the autoworkers have not been made whole for the sacrifices they made as a result of the 2008-09 financial crisis. During that time, they made many concessions to save the industry. Many of the carmakers, including General Motors received huge bailouts and have returned to record profits.

It is true that autoworkers made many concessions during the 2008 financial crisis and many of the automakers were bailed out. Ford was not bailed out and appeared to have a much superior management team at the helm during the crisis. Also, several reports indicate that Ford has made the most favorable offers to the UAW, albeit maybe a little late in the game.

Examining the financial facts of the situation, the UAW workers do indeed have a grievance with the companies, which is exasperated due to the current inflationary environment created in the last three years.

CEO pay is an issue that is plaguing our country at large, and places the automakers at the very least a talking point disadvantage. According to an article by the Guardian the following are the comparisons of CEO pay with the workers they lead: General Motors CEO Mary Barra made \$29m in 2022, which is 362 times the median wage of \$80,034 at the company.

Ford CEO Jim Farley made \$21m in 2022, which is 281 times the median worker of \$74,691.

Stellantis CEO Carlos Tavares made \$24.8m in 2022 which is 365 times the average worker's \$67,789 wage.

In summary, the CEO pay of the three car companies has increased by 40% between 2013 and 2022. Meanwhile, autoworkers have experienced average real hourly earnings fall 19.3% since 2008. This is according to the Economics Policy Institute, and no doubt facilitated by today's inflationary environment. That sentiment is evidenced in UAW President Shawn Fain's following statement: "It doesn't make up for inflation, it doesn't make up for decades of falling wages and it doesn't reflect the massive profits we generated for this company."

The Biden Administration has loosely made comments in-

terpreted in favor of the autoworkers, but no real action has been taken by the administration. This is one issue that the Biden Administration should be laser focused on due to the extreme economic consequences that could ripple through the U.S.

According to an analysis by the consulting firm Anderson Economic Group (AEG) a 10-day strike by auto workers on all three automakers could result in a total economic loss of more than \$5 billion. This could also increase supply chain problems, which in turn increase inflationary pressures on all Americans.

Considering even the left leaning media outlets are abandoning President Biden, if he has a glimmer of energy remaining his administration should be making this a top priority, not



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just giving brief remarks at a podium. Biden cannot politically afford to make a gaff on this issue.

If this strike lasts 10 days, you can be sure we will all feel the financial effects in our discretionary spending and it will be an issue at the voting booth.

Christine Weiford Shirks, 94

Mrs. Christine Weiford Shirks, age 94, of the Petros Community, passed away Friday September 22, 2023, at Methodist Medical Center surrounded by her family. She was a member of Petros Fellowship Church of God. Christine served her Lord and Savior most of her life and enjoyed baking and helping people in her community.

She is preceded in death by her husband: James Shirks
Her parents: John & Bessie Weiford
Three sisters: Dixie Storie, Virginia Woods, and Elizabeth Connor.
And one Son-in-law: Don Dickey

She is survived by her three sons: Stephen and wife Sandy Shirks, James "Skip" and his wife Linda Shirks, and Phillip and his wife Tammy Shirks.

One Daughter: Deborah Dickey.
Two brothers: Tommy & wife Sheila Weiford, and Bobby Weiford

Nine Grandchildren
Twenty-one great grandchildren
Elven great great grandchildren
Along with a host of other friends and loved ones.

The family and friends will meet at 1:00 PM on Monday September 25, 2023, in Petros Cemetery for graveside services with Bro Tony Cathy officiating.

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Christine Weiford Shirks.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: ww.davisfuneralhomes.com

Letter to the Editor

Dear Morgan County, Today,

My nephew Luke took me to Wartburg last Tuesday for my monthly Doctors visit and I could hardly believe my eyes when we drove by the Court House. He was driving too fast, and I thought I caught a glimpse of a rooster walking along the road. I made him turn around at the newspaper office and drive back towards Lansing and my word, sure enough there was a beautiful rooster prancing down the highway. He has one of those "smart phones," and for once it came in handy. Most of the time he just plays games on the blasted thing! I made him take a picture of the rooster and included it with this letter.

I don't remember seeing any chickens in Wartburg for the last 40 years or so. We left and went to Darnell's grocery store, and I was still talking about the seeing the rooster when another man in line to pay for his groceries heard me talking to Luke about the rooster. He turned and looked at me and said, "Yea I seen that rooster today myself, wonder how it got to downtown Wartburg?" I think his name was Donny Bible, he was a gracious soul and helped carry my groceries to the car. Would you please put the pictures of the rooster in the newspaper, I am sure someone is looking for him.

Thanks,
Widow Bonnie Bell
Clear Creek Tennessee



Jw and Leota Hamby Celebrate 50 Year Anniversary



On September 12th our family celebrated the extraordinary 50th anniversary of Jw and Leota Hamby. Their remarkable journey together has been a testament to the enduring power of love, resilience, and unwavering commitment. Jw, a retired military service member, and Leota, a devoted mother and wife have been a symbol of strength and sacrifice. One unique aspect of a 50 year anniversary is the opportunity to reflect on the journey taken together and the growth and transformation that has occurred over the years. Their love has not only nurtured a beautiful family but has also touched the lives of all who have had the privilege of knowing them. As we honor the incredible milestone, please extend your warmest wishes and prayers to Jw and Leota for many more years of continued happiness.



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 1st. 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.

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Was Phillip Fulmer Treated Fair at UT?



Tom Redmon
Columnist

The only coach that had a better record than Phillip Fulmer was General Bob Neyland. Both Neyland and Fulmer won a National Championship, Neyland did in 1951, and Fulmer in 1998. Neyland's record was 173 wins and 31 losses. Fulmer's record was 152 wins and 52 losses.

It is hard for me to think that Fulmer won 10 games in 2007 the year before he was fired. I guess it was a case of, "what have you done for me lately" when in 2008 he was 5-7 and the loss to Wyoming in Knoxville was the death blow for Phillip Fulmer's coaching career at the University of Tennessee.

Another coach at Tennessee will probably never be able to top Fulmer's record. With his overall record of 152 wins and 52 losses he had 9-10 winning seasons, 7 SEC East Division wins, an impressive 5-0 record when playing the nation's number one ranked teams, an 88-19 home record, 2 SEC championships, one national title, and he filled one of the nation's football stadiums when they played at home, and let me tell you that stadium is in the 5th largest city in Tennessee when the Vols play a home game.

Just look at the carousel of coaches since Fulmer was fired. Not one of them came close to topping Phillip Fulmer. One stayed one year and then pulled out for the West Coast. Another one got Tennessee on probation and cost the university 8 million dollars. Two of them seemed to be going down every year instead of improving.

The years that Phillip Fulmer spent at UT from 1968-71 as a student and an offensive guard on the Vol's football team under coach Bill Battle when they won the SEC Championship in 1968, had a 11-1 record in 1970 and won the Sugar Bowl. Later, as an assistant coach he was declared the best offensive line coach in the SEC and maybe in the nation.

Fulmer was born on September 1, 1950 in Winchester, Tennessee. He played football at Franklin County High. He was a star offensive lineman on his team and received a full scholarship to the University of Tennessee.

Phil and Vicky Fulmer have three girls and I'm sure some grandchildren by now. If you watched the endings of

the many Tennessee games on T.V. I'm sure you saw one of their girls running out with him to proclaim victory to all the players and fans. Just think coach Fulmer took one of his girls by the hand and ran out with them 88 times because that's the number of victories he got at home. Phil Fulmer is a praying coach because I've heard him a few times. I'm sure he and Vicky have a church somewhere and their girls have been raised in church. I'm sure Fulmer has gotten much criticism for hiring Pruitt as head football coach and

record you will find they both had some gaps in their records. Just about all coaches do. The present Alabama coach might find himself in that situation if he keeps on several more years. Bear Bryant did at that wonderful University. Everybody laughed!

I think UT got some poor leadership in the years from 2006 til they hired A.D. White. I have seen a great improvement in all UT athletic programs since White came aboard. Tennessee baseball has improved to where they are being named with the big boys. The Tennessee swimming program is back and I think volleyball is looking up. Softball was good but it will improve too. Like many of you out there once more I am proud of UT football and I don't think it's a one-year wonder. Coach Heupel knows how to recruit and he sure knows how to beat Alabama and score touchdowns.

By the way pray for Coach Phil Fulmer because while I was writing this article, I heard on the news that he was in the hospital. They didn't say what the problem was but did say he was in good spirits and the surgery came out good.

I don't know when this will run in the paper but I'll tell you today is August 24, 2023.

Just because I'm going to Florida for the winter to stay with my wonderful children don't ever think I'm a "Gator Fan." I did like Bobby Bowden and Florida State once but he's gone now and I'm totally, Volunteer committed. Go VOLS!!!



The Fulmer Family



Phillip Fulmer as a Player and a Coach

also, I'm sure many at first thought this was a good idea.

I really don't think Phil Fulmer should have been fired in 2008. If you will look at General Bob Neyland's complete year by year record and Bear Bryant's

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

* Cellphones get dirty, especially touch-screen phones. Be sure to wipe the surface of your phone daily during cold and flu season. Use an approved antiseptic wipe for electronics.

* I used to hate planning our family's weekly meals. Now we decide together at dinner on Friday night. We agree on meals for the week, and I can get a shopping list together in time for weekend shopping. It's made for less groans at mealtime, and the kids have been surprisingly creative and flexible about trying new things now that they are part of the choosing process. -- T.L. in Minnesota

* To keep things running smoothly in the morning, all four of my children must be dressed, with shoes, and seated for breakfast before any television can come on. There's suddenly a lot of peer pressure to get up and dressed, and much more

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* The small dots on strawberries are known as "drupelets" and are not seeds, as often thought, but do contain seeds.

* A dog named Chickie seemed like anything but man's best friend when she chewed up her owner's passport just days before his wedding in Italy. Fortunately, with a little help from local lawmakers as well as the community, a new one was issued in time for the nuptials to take place. As for Chickie, she was later given a mock "pupster passport"!

* Culinary icon Ina Garten, aka the "Barefoot Contessa," was a nuclear policy analyst for the White House before embarking on a career in cookery.

* A roll-on deodorant ball was the inspiration for Apple's first mouse prototype.

* Despite their widely different climates, Alaska and Hawaii share a highest recorded temperature of 100 F.

* Popular video game character Super Mario's original name was Jumpman. He was rechristened in honor of Mario Segale, Nintendo of America's landlord.

* A 2016 study by Yale University found that people over the age of 50 who read books for more than three and a half hours per week had a 20% lower mortality risk over a 12-year period than nonbook readers.

* Lachanophobia refers to the irrational fear of vegetables.

* All the nearly 6,000 residents of Suloszowa village in Poland live along one 9-kilometer street.

* While it's difficult to imagine anyone but Bruce Willis in the role of "Die Hard" hero John McClane, the part was originally offered to crooner Frank Sinatra, due to the film's technically being a sequel to "The Detective," in which Sinatra had played the lead.

* To own a rabbit in Queensland, Australia, you must first prove you'll display it for an acceptable purpose.

Thought for the Day: "Don't go through life, grow through life." -- Eric Butterworth

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helpfulness in my morning routine. -- A.M. via email

* I have found myself with an abundance of peppers from my garden, so I cleaned and chopped them, then froze them. I am able to take out what I need, and they won't spoil. -- C.E. in Florida

* Creative uses for kids' artwork: Tape to cardstock for a homemade greeting card for any occasion. Hang from the bathroom mirror. Laminate and use as placemats. Large pieces can be used as wrapping paper. Frame and donate to local senior centers.

* To keep windshield wipers clean between replacement periods, dampen a soft cloth with rubbing alcohol and wipe the length of the blade.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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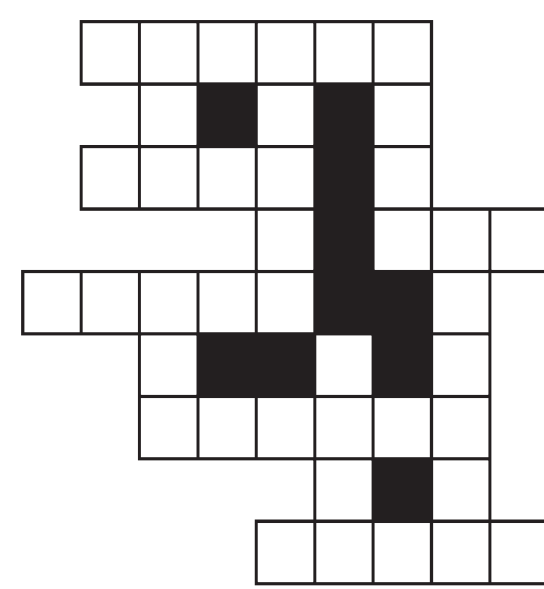
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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

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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.

IRS reducing Earned Income Credit audits



David Zubler
Columnist

IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel announced that audits of individuals who claim the Earned Income Credit (EITC) will be reduced.

Earlier this year, researchers discovered that low-income returns are five times as likely to get audited than any other filer. The high audit rates are primarily because the Earned Income Tax Credit, a benefit aimed at low-wage workers, has a high rate of erroneous tax returns.

The types of EITC audits that the IRS does are pretty simple. They mainly involve sending a letter to a

taxpayer and waiting for their response. Higher-income returns tend to be more complex, requiring auditors with much more training. The IRS needs the funds to train auditors for complex tax returns. The number of auditors with advanced training has fallen over time.

There have been concerns over the years over whether the IRS focuses enough on higher earners and has the resources to audit complex partnerships and large corporations effectively.

“In fiscal year (FY) 2024, we will be substantially reducing the number of correspondence audits focused specifically on certain refundable credits,” Werfel wrote. “Over-reliance on audits to resolve basic errors can lead to fewer taxpayers receiving credits and deductions for which they are eligible and thus decrease accuracy in tax administration.”

The change is part of what the agency describes as a “rebalancing effort” to focus tax enforcement and compliance efforts on wealthier taxpayers and large corporations. Funding from the Inflation Reduction Act will enable the IRS to shift its focus from low-income to high-income tax returns.

The IRS reported that as of December 2022, around 31 million workers and families received about \$64 billion in earned income credits.)

For the 2023 tax year (returns normally filed in 2024), the maximum EITC amount, which depends on several factors, is \$7,430.

Werfel says taxpayers can expect to see fewer correspondence audits (simple reviews of tax returns often conducted via mail) involving the following tax credits for the 2024 filing season:

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
Additional Child Tax Credit
American Opportunity Tax credit
Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit

Wyden praised the move to shift the audit rates for low-income and high-income taxpayers. “I’m pleased to see the IRS using the enforcement funding from the Inflation Reduction Act to help lower-income taxpayers catch mistakes from the start and identify credits they are eligible for while reserving enforcement resources to crack down on wealthy tax cheats and those who prey on vulnerable filers,” he said in a statement Monday. “This is exactly why Congress boosted funding for the IRS. ... I am encouraged by the IRS’s pilot programs and look forward to continued updates on the IRS’s progress in addressing these racial disparities.”

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

The Scams Just Keep Coming

In the world of scams, just when you think scammers can’t possibly come up with new ideas, they do.

One of the worst now is the fake fraud alert for protection services. You’ll get an emergency message or call saying that someone is trying to access your account. The “helper” from your “bank” asks if you want to temporarily transfer your money to a safe, protected account while officials work it out, and you say yes. And ... there goes your money, never to be seen again. If you ever get a call such as this, hang up and call your bank to ask if they called you.

And then, of course, there are all the old standard scams. There is the grandparent scam where a thief

calls and pretends to be a grandchild who is in jail and desperate to be bailed out. There is the romance scam where a supposed suitor pretends to get close to you over time and then asks for money or wants to do a joint financial investment. And the driveway repaving/home repair scam where they promise to do a fine job on the work, but you’ll need to pay a bit upfront for materials and supplies. And lest we forget, there are the computer repairs wherein they need remote access to your computer, the work from home scams, fake Amazon text alerts, etc.

Beware any calls or text messages that push you to act now, that insert urgency or fear into the situation. Don’t fall for it. Hang up and don’t click links. Make a call yourself to see if the situation was legitimate and carefully delete the text message. To learn about even more current scams, check AARP at www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2023/top-scammer-tactics-2023.html.

With the holidays coming, the scams are just going to get worse. Stay alert!

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. In Elton John’s 1974 song, who were Bennie and the Jets?
2. Name the artist who had a hit with “I Honestly Love You.”
3. Who wrote and released “Higher Love”?
4. What was Billy Ocean’s first No. 1 single?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Jubilation, she loves me again, I fall on the floor and I’m laughing.”

Answers

1. They were a band, and the song is from the viewpoint of one of their fans. The music video was a winner at the Cannes Film Festival in 2017.
2. Olivia Newton-John. The song snagged Grammys for Record of the Year and Best Pop Female Vocal Performance in 1975. A small piece of the song was used in the 1975 film “Jaws.”
3. Steve Winwood, in 1986. It was Winwood’s first Billboard chart topper and later snagged a Grammy for Best Male Pop Vocal and Record of the Year.
4. “Caribbean Queen (No More Love on the Run)” in 1984.
5. “Cecilia,” by Simon and Garfunkel, in 1970. The song’s melody was first created for fun at a party using a tape recorder, a guitar and some friends before lyrics were ever written.

Scott County Today

SCOTT READIES FOR 3 ROAD GAMES AS REGULAR SEASON WINDS DOWN

By Richard Spears



The Lady Highlanders have 4 regular season games remaining, three straight on the road, including a final District game, before the Scott team will play their final home game, against Oneida at Highlander Field as they make the turn into post season play.

Scott Head Coach Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today, "There's still a lot of soccer to be played," as the Lady Highlanders come off a rare gameless week and prepare to face Kingston (Tuesday, Sept. 26), Cumberland Gap (Sept. 28) and District foe Gibbs Tuesday, October 3 before the home final with in-county rival Oneida on Thursday, October 5.

Scott, at 1-2 in District play can achieve much with a win against Gibbs. The Lady Eagles are 2-1 in district play, having shut out District opponents Clinton 4-0. and Union County 6-0, with a 3-2 loss to Anderson County. All of Gibbs' wins have been shutouts, testifying to the strength of the Lady Eagle defense, but the Lady Highlanders have shown the ability to play well against tough opponents, especially in their most recent contest, at home against Clinton in a district game where Scott fell, 2-1, but had a potentially tying goal wiped away by an offside call.

Henry said, "We most likely will start post season play by going up against Union County on Saturday, October 7, at our home field since we beat them in regular season play 3-1. If we win, we'll be playing Gibbs on the following Tuesday (October 10). From there, it's win or go home."

Henry was highly complimentary of this team's tenacity, and toughness in the face of adversity. He said, "We just had three seniors, Ellie Lowe (pictured), Angel Cooper and Rachel Garrett, and they have done a great job of leading this season. Our junior goalkeeper, Bella Sharpe has been very good, along with a group of juniors who will move up next year- Autumn Brummett, Riley Lantz, Abby Henson, Alysia Crabtree and Kynlie Frogge. They have done an excellent job this year, and we have quite a few younger players that were consistent and played good soccer. We'll see how it all plays out."

LADY INDIANS POST TWO WINS IN WEEK PREPARE TO PLAY TWO DISTRICT GAMES THIS WEEK

At Eagleton, Oneida vanquished the Lady Royals with relative ease in Tuesday's (Sept. 19) action, coming away with a 9-2 District win. By the end of the first half, the Lady Indians had built a 7-0 lead. Oneida Head Coach Phil Newport said, "This is Eagleton's first year having a varsity team, and they're going through a lot of growing pains, but give them time and they will have a good solid program. I'm proud of how well we looked on both offense and defense as we get valuable experience heading into the final three games of our season." Oneida junior Jillian Cross, who has been on fire offensively, booted three goals for the hat trick in the game, as seniors Emma Hamilton, Rory Blevins and Ali Smith scored, along with junior Ashlyn Cotton and freshmen Avery Rector and Adysan Douglas. All of Oneida's scores were unassisted, except Douglas' goal, which came off an assist from sophomore Taylor Terry.

Back at home on Jane Hoffman Field on Thursday, Sept. 21, Oneida faced old rival Cumberland Gap in a tough defensive battle, with the Lady Indian defense holding the Lady Panthers to just 5 shots on goal in the entire game, which Oneida won, 2-0. Jillian Cross scored both goals, one in the first half, assisted by Rory Blevins, and another in the second frame, which came unassisted. Cross now has 12 goals in the season. Newport told the Morgan County Today, "Defensively we really closed them out. They had three shots on free kicks, and our keeper Ayla Sims shut them out. Gap's (Alana) Stallworth is a very talented player who we have seen many times through the years." The Lady Indians took 7 shots on goal in the first half, and 5 in the second period. "We dominated them as far as shots were concerned," said Newport.

The Lady Indians are scheduled to play two District games this week, at home against Rockwood on Tuesday (Sept. 26) and on the road at Kingston Thursday, September 28. Newport said, I'm proud of our team. We're sitting where I thought we would be at this point in the year. We've won eight straight games, but our game at Kingston will tell the story. They are better than us until we prove otherwise."



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



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A Time Of War



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

August, 1993, saw the Bn. Deploy to Texas to begin rehearsals, for a contingency being considered at the national command level. B3/75 would join the Regiment to support JSOC planning, and rehearsals.

Our platoon would practice, closed quarter battle drills, helicopter insertions, and airfield seizure operations. Our platoon was the company Jump Clearing platoon. We would be called upon to jump on a runway, and clear the subsequent runway to prepare for follow-on forces.

We would test the ability to use jump platforms to deliver earth moving equipment.

The mission we were rehearsing would not be the one that affected JSOC in the GWOT.

Our company was alerted in August, 1993 and flown to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. The beginnings of Task Force Ranger were being gathered from the four winds, to begin rehearsing a mission to Mogadishu, Somalia. I did not even know where it was on the map.

Planning and training would begin in earnest. The original Ranger package was to include a platoon from Alpha 3/75 supporting the bravo company helicopter assault package. They would be readied to adopt and drive HMMV's in urban terrain.

We would train for about a week and a half. The President had not made a deployment decision, this was just rehearsal. We would return to Texas to resume training with the rest of the 75th Ranger Regiment, now assembled at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Two of our NCO's requested a pass while in El Paso, to visit family. Lorenzo Ruiz requested that Marc Luhman, accompany him to visit his mother and daughter. SFC Gallagher approved an overnight visit. Off to El Paso, Texas these Ranger brothers would go.

At around two-thirty the next morning, Bravo company was alerted and told to prepare for a deployment to Ft. Bragg to rehearse the mission to Somalia, while the JSOC command and the national command authority wrestled with the size of the deployment package.

For the first time in my Ranger career, the words rules of engagement, and rules of war were being thrown around by people not going to be in our task force. This was counter intuitive to the Lead with Led narrative, I had been taught, by Killer Man's Sons, for three and a half years?

None-the-less, our Task force was tailored to accomplish how the powers that be saw as able. We would now be called upon to support our own task force internally. 3d platoon assumed responsibility for driving the HMMV's, and the mission package began to practice after being tailored.

Alpha 3/75, would be cut from the package. AC-130 gunships would be scratched and redeployed from supporting the current mission to Mogadishu occurring as we prepared to deploy. Amazing. Send in The Pro team and then take away their trump card, should a violent firefight break out while operating.

This would serve as a harbinger of things to come for Task Force Ranger.

We would deploy in late August. America was sending the tip of the spear into the Lion's den. Rude men, would now do the bidding of well-educated politicians, to stem the flow of Radical Islam into the West.

Violence would eventually be required, and the President would prove he did not have the stomach for it. Maybe it is time we get a warrior who served: in the White House? Someone who respects the poor people they send to secure the US dollar to keep them in power? When will America learn?

We accepted our role in Somalia. 3d Platoon would be required to provide blocking force protection at strong points chosen during planning.

We would be responsible for Task Force resupply. We would share the responsibility for guarding the compound with the rest of B company.

We were constantly rolling in the outskirts of the city where men would soon be required to prove the Ranger creed. Danger was around every corner, as we settled in, the reconnaissance and intelligence people took over, locating our prospective targets.

Mortars would fall in the grass surrounding the helicopter's positioned close to our billeting area. We would fill thousands of sandbags, as we struggled to protect the thin-skinned helicopters from fragmentation. The party started immediately for Task Force Ranger.

We would travel to Sword base, where the United Nation's quick reaction force, now manned by units from the 10th mountain division. Another harbinger for TFR. These young infantrymen would take part in the Battle of the Black Sea, and they would perform heroically.

Our platoon would cross train with some of their engineers in advanced demolitions in urban environments. We would keep the Task Force resupplied by traveling to bases strewn across Mogadishu. We would support every mission during our deployment to Somalia. This would take a toll.

LT Moores, would lead us in deploying 8 HMMV's in combat. We would be supplemented by heavy weapons, and members of internal weapons platoon would prove to be more than capable of operating. Danger was the lot for every member of third platoon and Task force Ranger.

In warfare, it helps to have really, funny people, to entertain Americas' finest. Our platoon was gifted with the incredible humor of Dominic Pilla. He started a satirical cartoon he would draw and then supply verbiage to highlight something the chain of command did that was "STUPID".

He would have willing participants he outranked gather and rehearse skits to entertain the Task Force when we were not busy. These skits were funny. Dominic lightened our load while doing really, serious things for America.

My time in War was not always chaotic. I choose, today to focus on what united my brothers and I to accomplish an incredibly complex American, special operations mission. My Ranger brothers experienced the range of human emotion. Young men were required to perform amazingly.

October 3, 1993, would see another Ranger unit secure an eternal legacy in warfare. I would lose 19 family members. I would lose many more Ranger brothers to suicide since returning from Mogadishu. America would lose many more Ranger brothers of mine, in war.

I pray America ponders what they ask young, mostly poor Americans to do for all of us? I know the cost of freedom. It must be continuously repaid from generation to generation. It is never earned by birth!

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

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.

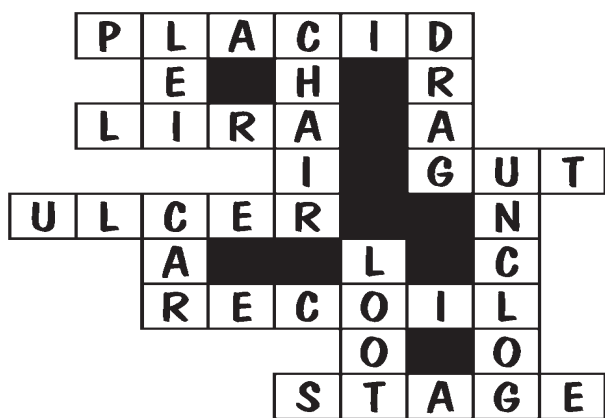
Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five 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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Historically Speaking

Shigeko Uppuluri – a true Oak Ridge devotee

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Arriving in Oak Ridge in 1963, Shigeko and Ram Uppuluri along with their two-year old son, Ram Jr, Shigeko immediately became active in volunteering for such organizations as the Daniel Arthur Rehabilitation Center, the Young Women's Christian Association, and the Oak Ridge Garden Club. She would expand her involvement over the years to many other organizations such as Rotary, Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, and the Unitarian Universalist Church. She helped the Sister City Support Organization by assisting in the connection with Naka, Japan as a sister city for Oak Ridge.

There is much more that could be said and was said at her two memorials after her death at the age of 92. One of the memorials, the Celebration of Life was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church on August 5, 2023. The earlier one was held at the Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell, a location that has become the Oak Ridge community's favorite gathering place.

The Friendship Bell is where my connection with Shigeko began and was the focus of our friendship for many years. I also have gotten to know her son, Ram, and count him a dear friend too. Shigeko has dedicated much time and energy in support of Oak Ridge over the years.

Shigeko was involved in the Sister City visits and would often ask me to come to the Bell and tell its history to the Japanese students. I would gladly do that. She would introduce me and let me talk about the history. I would say a few words and pause for her to interpret. She would speak much longer than I had, and we both knew what she was doing. She would tell them what I said, but she would also add details she knew they would find even more interesting than what I had said. I was fine with that, and she enjoyed doing it.

In 2016, in recognition of Shigeko's involvement to help initiate the Sister City program with Naka Japan, the Consul-General of Japan presented her with the The Foreign Minister's Commendation Award. This was done in recognition of her many contributions over the years to the friendship and understanding between Oak Ridge and Japan. She was an ambassador for Oak Ridge.

She also loved tending the iris flower bed that for years stood near the original Bell site. She was often at the Bell and we would enjoy talking about the importance of the Bell and how proud she was to have been able to recommend it along with her husband Ram. They had talked about something that would last thousands of years as an appropriate item for the 50th anniversary of Oak Ridge. Both thought the Bell was the perfect choice. Obviously, the Committee of 50 agreed.

Many of our conversations turned to the idea of peace and she stressed the importance of understanding the Bell's symbolism in that area. Shigeko was also proud of Susanna Harris, the designer of the panels on the bell.

Two large panels on the bell show the natural characteristics of both Tennessee and Japan including the official flowers, trees, and birds of both areas. Susanna chose the rainbows because of their symbolism as "covenants." She intended the promise of the rainbow to



Shigeko Uppuluri giving an interview for a TV program updating the status of the Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell



Shigeko Uppuluri with her beloved Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell

be a promise between two countries to never harm one another again, to live at peace with one another.

She extended the "promise" thought to include all human beings and thus the concept of international peace was illustrated by those two rainbows. The elements of sky, earth and living things embodies positive elements of life and were intended to bring thoughts of harmony and hope. The season of spring was chosen through the dogwood, iris and cherry blossoms as symbols of beauty and ever renewing hope of each new growing season.

Susanna said in an e-mail when she was living in Australia and recalling the artistry of her design, "The surface imagery is meant to be reasonably transparent in meaning to both the Americans and the Japanese. I looked for symbols that had equivalents in eastern and western imagery and tried particularly to use things specific to Tennessee.

In Japanese art, cherry blossoms and irises are symbols of spring and renewal. A Tennessee equivalent of cherry blossoms is dogwood blossoms. In Japan, the crane stands for longevity. For the Tennessee panel, I used a mockingbird."

She continued, "Both backgrounds include mountainous landscapes: Mt. Fuji in Japan and the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. The atom symbol refers to the atom bomb, of course, and to World War II – particularly to the mutual desire that no war, no such a

drastic resolution to war, should ever happen again. The atom symbol also refers to the fact that the atom bomb changed the world forever."

She concluded, "And the rainbow, which appears on both sides, is a western symbol, representing the covenant, once again, that such a thing will never happen again. (Remember that after the flood, God shows the rainbow as a covenant that the world would never be flooded again).

Susanna was first approached about designing panels for the bell by Shigeko. She found the prospect of that project intriguing as she realized the significance of such a monument in the international city of Oak Ridge. She prepared her drawings and presented her design to the bell committee where it was well received.

With the help of material provided by Pat Postma in early 2008 I published a series of Historically Speaking columns on the history of the Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell. They are available online at the following link:

<http://smithdray1.net/historicallyspeaking/archive.html> (All are in chronological order so scroll down to 2008 for these articles)

There are 11 articles on the history and eight articles on the discovery journey of Emily Mitchell as she wrestled with her heritage as an Oak Ridger and being from the location where the uranium for Little Boy was prepared for dropping the bomb on Hiroshima. She visited there and wrote a thesis for college on her trip. The Friendship Bell figured prominently in her search for meaning and she sent weekly articles about her journey.

The Oak Ridge International Friendship Bell has become an icon of Oak Ridge and Shigeko Uppuluri is inextricably connected with the Bell and its symbolism. Her memory will also connect to and relate to the Bell.

Yes, she was so much more than just the lady who along with her husband recommended the Bell. However, that one object, which will last for thousands of years (as they both desired and was central to their selection of such a bell,) will always to me be Shigeko's Bell.

We Oak Ridgers can ring that bell and know that once there was a small Japanese lady who helped bring such a strong and appropriate symbol to our city. I miss Shigeko already, and I love to ring the bell and think of her.

If you missed the Memorial for Shigeko held at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, it is available online here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YdTmEm811mrJ21-czlnK7mWMkUakBR1WQ/view>

Revelation Chapter 1

(Rev. 1:1-3) The Prologue: This magnificent book opens with the narrative contains the “Revelation of Jesus Christ” (v.1). The expression can mean either a revelation from Christ or a revelation about him. Both ideas are true. The message is one to be conveyed by an angel to the apostle who was to be involved in the presentation of a series of visions (note the word “saw” in verse two---a concept stressed repeatedly in this book). The truths would be couched in symbolic language (as suggested by “signified” in v. 1). It is a serious mistake to literalize the word pictures of this document. At the conclusion of the initial paragraph, a blessing is pronounced upon those who hear the words and keep them. This indicates that the book was designed to be understood. While there may be difficulty in interpreting some of the symbols, countless practical lessons are easily discernible.

The final book of the New Testament is a book of prophecy (v. 3). It deals with events which are to commence their fulfillment in the closing days of the first century. John writes concerning the things “which must shortly come to pass” (v. 1), “for the time is at hand” (v. 3). This does not mean that the entire series of visions are to be imminently fulfilled, as some allege; rather, a series of historical events are about to unfold, which ultimately will be consummated at the end of the world by the great victory achieved by the Lamb of God. “Victory” is the theme of the Revelation. The book is primarily addressed to seven congregations of the church of Christ in the Roman province of Asia Minor. Ultimately, of course, it is for the benefit of Christians across the centuries. These seven churches are selected because they are representative of the problems and challenges facing the body of Christ as a whole---then and now.

(Rev. 1:4-8) The salutation: In the salutation there is a greeting from the divine Godhead---him who was, is, and is to come (the Father); the seven spirits before his throne (an allusion to the Holy Spirit---“seven” denoting the completeness of his revelatory function (3:1; 4:5; 5:6); and from Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus is described in a number of remarkable ways. He is the “faithful and true witness,” and expression validating the integrity of his message. Jesus is the “firstborn of the dead. The term denotes the sovereignty he possesses by virtue of his resurrection (Psa. 89:27; Col. 1:18). He thus is the “ruler of the kings of the earth.” That is an affirmation that would be meaningful to these saints who are suffering at the hands of evil civil rulers.

Next, the redemptive work of the Lord is detailed. He “loves” (note the present tense form---suggesting a continuous love) us, and he “loosed” us from our sins by his blood. The past tense verb looks back to Calvary. Without the sacrificial death of Christ, there would be no forgiveness of sin. That blood is applied, of course, when we enter the church, which the Lord’s blood purchased (Acts 20:28). We enter the church when we culminate our initial obedience by being immersed into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13).

As a result of Jesus’ mission, we are his “kingdom.” We were translated into the Lord’s kingdom by our response to the new birth process (Jn. 3:3-5; Col. 1:13). (The kingdom was not postponed, as dispensationalism alleges.) Additionally, all Christians are “priests” unto God (1 Pet. 2:5, 9). We are allowed to serve Jehovah in his temple (the church) (1 Cor. 3:16) as a result of the work that our High Priest has accomplished already (Heb. 10:19). John closes his salutation by setting forth the promise of the Lord’s glorious return. He will come victoriously, and his enemies will mourn. There is a hint of impending judgment. Authenticating the apostle’s testimony is the word of the Almighty, eternal God himself (so signifies the expression, “the Alpha and the Omega”---the beginning and ending letters of the Greek alphabet).

(Rev. 1:9-20) John’s vision of Christ: John was banished to the desolate island of Patmos because he had proclaimed the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. He knows the plight of the persecuted saints; he is their kinsman in Christ and a partaker with them in tribulation, endurance, and the kingdom of Christ. It is the Lord’s day.” This expression denotes the first day of the week, Sunday. It is designated “the Lord’s day” because on this day Christ was raised from the dead (Mt. 28:1; Mk. 16:1; Lk. 24:1; Jn. 20:1). This is a special time belonging to the Lord, and Christians have definite religious obligations on this day. When a person becomes a child of God, he needs to commit to this day as a time of worship---and never forsake it for frivolous reasons.

John was under the influence of the Spirit, and he was given a vision of the risen Son of God---a scene that is designed to prepare him for the great revelations which he will subsequently receive. This situation is not unfamiliar to the Bible student. In the Old Testament, both Isaiah (6:1) and Ezekiel (1:1) received similar preparatory visions. The apostle heard a voice which sounded like a great trumpet. He was then instructed to write down a description of what he saw. About 140 times in this book, the reader is informed that John “saw” certain glorious scenes; a dozen times he is told to “write” these experiences. As John turns, he observes seven golden lamp stands, which represent the seven congregation of Asia (v. 20). In the “midst” of these lamp stands was one “like unto a son of man”---a common appellation in other New Testament documents for Christ (Mt. 8:20; Mk. 2:10; Lk. 19:10; Jn. 3:13). The clothing of this divine being is reminiscent of the Old Testament high priest (Ex. 28:4)---a clear suggestion of the priesthood of Christ. It is interesting that Jesus is described in this chapter with terms which suggest that he is our prophet (v. 1), priest (v. 13), and king (v. 5).

The Son of Man appears with hair that is white as wool---a description of God in the Old Testament (Dan. 7:9). His eyes were penetrating, like flames of fire (2:18; 19:12). His feet were like burnished brass---perhaps suggesting he had walked the earth in purity---and his voice sounded like many waters. This last descriptive is also a suggestion of his divine nature (see Ezek. 43:2). In his right hand, he held seven stars, which we are later told represent seven messengers of the seven churches (v. 20). Who are these messengers? Possibly they were representatives from the seven congregations who had been appointed to minister to John on desolate Patmos, and to convey messages from the apostle to those saints (2:1, etc.) The point clearly is made that the Lord is aware of what is transpiring in these churches, and their destiny is in his hand---regardless of the threats of the pagan hostilities. Out of the Lord’s mouth proceeded a sharp, two-edged sword, clearly representative of his word (Heb. 4:12), by which men will be judged ultimately (Jn. 12:48; 2 Thes. 2:8). His appearance was like the brightness of the sun in its zenith. One cannot but be reminded of the transfiguration scene when the Lord’s divine nature shown forth in all its radiance (Mt. 17:2).

When John witnessed this scene, he was virtually paralyzed. He fell as one dead at the Master’s feet (v.17). But Jesus admonished: “Fear not” (literally, “Stop being afraid”). More than once in years gone by, the compassionate Christ had lifted the spirits of his fearful disciples (Mt. 14:27; 17:7; Acts 27:24). Jesus then affirmed several important truths regarding himself (v.17-18). Note these: (a) “I am the first and the last.” This expression is an affirmation of eternal existence. It is employed in conjunction with “Alpha and Omega” (22:13), a designation applied to God himself in verse eight. (b) Christ is the “Living one.” The present tense form suggests that he is the ever living one---past, present, and future. Of whom could such be said except deity? (c) Though he was put to death, now he is “alive for evermore”---a fact acknowledged by the heavenly beings in the great throne-room scene (4:9; Rom. 6:9). (d) The Lord says “I have the keys of death and Hades.” “Death” refers to the disposition of the body at the time of its demise. “Hades” is a reference to the state of the spirit at the time of death. There are several important points to be noted. First, it suggests that by the power of his resurrection, Christ eventually will raise the dead and unite new, nonmaterial bodies with their souls. Persecuting forces may kill the saints, but Jesus holds the “keys” (power to open), which will rectify that circumstance. Second, this implies that there is a difference between the body and the spirit (Mt. 10:28; Jas. 2:26); it denies the doctrine of materialism. Third, it reveals that bodies and souls were not reunited at the time of the Lord’s ascension, as some allege.

At the conclusion of this enthralling vision, John is charged to write “the things which you saw,” the things which are,” and “the things which shall come to pass hereafter.” Some scholars see this as a rough outline of the book. The “things which you saw” are alleged to be a reference to the vision on Patmos. The “things which are” are perceived as a description of the conditions of the seven congregations addressed in chapters two and three. And the “things which shall come to pass hereafter” are viewed as the prophetic revelations made known in chapters four and following. (This does not suggest, of course, that they all are still future from our present vantage point, as millennialists contend.)

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Lotus

One of the first flowers represented in the arts may be the lotus flower. It is sacred in many ancient cultures, including in ancient Egypt as a symbol of death and rebirth to the afterlife.

Ancient Egyptians adorned amulets, ceramics, papyrus paintings, jewelry and household items with it.

In King Tutankhamun’s tomb, collar necklaces made of cut blossoms that included blue lotuses were found among his many trinkets and treasures.

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They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, “We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe.” He recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.” Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days.

GENESIS 37: 32-34



Detail of “Jacob Weeping for Joseph” by Marc Chagal, 1956

Barkley Fall Classic Mountain Rescue

By S. Trent Rosenbloom

I recently had the incredible and unexpected opportunity to participate in a mountain rescue in Frozen Head State Park during the Barkley Fall Classic ultramarathon. I had been assigned to serve a race sweep, but when we got word of an injury on trail I was diverted to help with the rescue. Witnessing this rescue was a thing of awe. I present here my reflection of events, prepared with some detail for people who don't know the park or race intimately. Please also understand that I have been faithful as best as I can to my memory of what happened, but memory is especially suspect during such, um, exciting events. I share to give you an idea of the incredible talent and dedication the people of the region have and share to allow this race to happen and this park to serve us all. For context, I am a physician with some experience with wilderness medicine, but that was not my initial assignment for the day. I was there as a race sweep...

For those of you unfamiliar, Frozen Head State Park is a large, extremely rugged natural area in East Tennessee next to the town of Wartburg and not far from Oak Ridge. The park includes a small valley with a lovely creek, campsites, playgrounds, a nature center, and some gorgeous small waterfalls. The quiet valley contrasts with its surroundings. The valley is nestled among a ring of imposing mountains with brutal climbs that challenge even the most fit of adventurers. Whether the trails ascend via switchbacks or straight up the mountainsides, they are notable for the sheer effort required to climb them. The mountains also are prominent enough that they make their own weather; the app on your phone rarely matches what you actually encounter in these woods. Frozen Head is also known for the somewhat infamous ultramarathon called the Barkley Marathons, a 100 mile race initially created and ever refined to embrace the challenge that the park presents. The Barkley's grizzled Race Director who goes by the pseudonym Lazarus Lake likes to keep the race at the edge of possibility, making it ever more difficult in the rare years that somebody actually finishes the course. Several years ago, Laz also added the Barkley Fall Classic, a somewhat domesticated version of the race to allow a wider range of runners the chance to taste just a small amount of what Frozen Head has to offer. The Fall Classic is still a true challenge; in a good year, two out of three people who start will still fail to finish. I long ago gave up any hope of finishing the Fall Classic after several failed attempts. I shifted to volunteering to sweep the runners at the back of the pack - those with little hope of finishing - and guiding them back down the trail to the safety of their cars. At a race like the Fall Classic, being overtaken by the sweep is a mixed blessing: your race is over, but so too is your day's suffering.

So I again set out to sweep at this year's race. But my day did not turn out as I had planned. As my friend Karl says, it is not an adventure if you start out knowing the ending. My assignment for the day was to follow the pack of runners as part of a team sweeping them from about race mile 14 to the finish around mile 31. Our team included four of us, led by Ron Moore, who is very experienced in the park. Our plan was to start together, and then as we got to the later stages of the course we were to split up, each sweeping a different part of the course. Plan set, we left our assigned starting point behind the last runners at 2:10pm and headed straight for the Chimney Top trailhead behind the nature center. The Chimney Top Trail is arguably the longest, steepest, hardest, tallest trail in the park (despite still somewhat overshadowed by more famous off-trail segments). Going up Chimney Top is an approximate 3 1/4 mile hike from

the trailhead and took us a bit over an hour, plus time spent coaching and turning back runners we swept.

The trail to Chimney Top Peak has four main sections in my estimation, although I am certain everybody who climbs it has their own perspective. There is a first climb up to a false summit of sorts, called Rough Ridge. The climb to Rough Ridge takes 1.1 miles from the trailhead and ascends 800 feet. The second segment offers a bit of reprieve as it descends about 300 feet in a half mile down to a creek bed that was bone dry when we crossed it (this is called foreshadowing). Then, with great joy, section three takes you up 1100 feet in about a mile and a quarter. This ascent includes 7 (most say 6 and don't count the last) switchbacks, a short flat section that is clearly taunting you as the calm before the storm, then a brutal climb that seems to get steeper as it goes up. Once at the top there are a number of castle rocks and rough rocky patches winding up and down through narrow trails before you take the final climb on tired legs up to the Chimney Top Peak. If you continue forward on the high trail, you eventually pass the top of the Spicewood Trail, and then get to the Tub Springs mountaintop campsite. That was to be our next goal.

During the race, we got to the top of the third main climb, huffing and puffing and legs burning a bit. It had started raining and a thick fog had rolled in. I got the sense as we climbed that we were passing



through clouds and would maybe get above them. We never did. The fog was too thick, too dense, too dark. At 3:30pm, the light was so dim that it already felt like we were approaching dusk. Our team spent a few minutes with three members of the Appalachian Mountain Rescue Team who were stationed in the small rock house under the cliff line, then moved on toward Spicewood. The rescue team had finished monitoring the top of the climb and was going to walk behind us with their oversized rescue packs, with the goal to get Tub Springs where their car was. From there, they would be able to drive down off the mountain. For us, we set off along the ridge on the same four mile or so hike to Tub Springs, from which we would sweep runners through the off trail power line cuts: Rat Jaw, Meth Lab Hill, Testicle Spectacle. These sections of the race were well known and often feared, as they covered long steep, weed and briar-riddled hills that are difficult to navigate even in a good year. I was super excited and a bit nervous as we moved toward that next phase.

Our sweeper team had gone a bit less than a mile when our radios started buzzing. Where previously there were steady reports of bib numbers for runners being swept from the race, which slowly changed to runners starting up Rat Jaw for the 50k finish, the radio chatter shifted to a different sort of news. There was word of a serious injury on the trail. The best we could tell from listening to the trail descriptions and then the GPS information through the radio static was

that the injury happened on the trail just a very short distance ahead of us, on the way to the intersection with the high Spicewood Trailhead. After a brief discussion with our team, we agreed that I should run ahead and try to find the injured person since I was the only doc on the mountain at the time. That way I could support the injured person until more help could arrive. I ran ahead - my best actual running all day - and got to Spicewood just as the first rescue team arrived there in a rugged side-by-side ATV. Their team included two rangers pulling a sled filled with first aid equipment, and the official doc assigned as the day's mountain rescue lead. We were all a bit surprised that none of us bumped into the injured as we closed in from opposite directions. With this curiosity, the team took off back towards Chimney Top Mountain with their GPS in hand. After a short discussion with my sweeper team once they caught up, I turned followed the rescue team. We agreed that they would try to get another sweep from available on-course staff while I would stay in touch in case I needed to go back and help. I chased after the responder team and then ran ahead of them to try and find the fallen runner.

I say runner. Really, at this point, we had no idea who we were looking for. We had swept all the runners. There should not be any left behind us. And we were worried having not seen them on trail that perhaps they had slid down the side of the mountain. That was a real possibility as slick as the trails had become in the rain, and as steeply as the drop offs fell off. We were able to raise the crew with the injured person via the radio and they confirmed that they were in fact on trail. So I also wondered why, if I was with the first response rescue team, they already seemed to be with another rescue team that had a radio. After about 2 miles of backtracking, I had my answers. It turns out that the injured fellow was not an errant runner. The injured was instead one of the three Appalachian Mountain Rescue Team members we had crossed back at Chimney Top a short time before. He was a 61 year old former marine, tough and clearly well-loved and respected by his team and everybody who later came out for the rescue and knew him. He had taken a bad step on a slick wet rock while wearing his heavy pack, heard a pop above his right knee, and fell with excruciating pain. He was unable to stand up, unable to move, and was in tremendous pain around his distal femur. And despite this, when I arrived I found him down resting comfortably on the ground, already well supported by his two teammates. They had him immobilized, warmed, comfortable as can be, under a tarp protecting him from the rain, and reasonably medicated. I gave him a swig of whiskey I had in a flask. For emergencies, you know. (Always carry a flask of whiskey with you into the back country. You know, just in case.)

Given the mechanism of injury and the location and severity of the pain, we had reasonable concern that he had fractured his femur. A femur fracture is a serious injury that cannot just be splinted and walked off. Rather, it requires a true immobilization and extraction. We were in for a long day.

Over the next hour, some of the most incredible people assembled to help with the high mountain extraction. With the dense fog and tree canopy, there was no option to extract via chopper. The team did try, but no go. So we had to go down the trail. There was simply no good option: the top of Chimney Top is hard to access and remote. It is, in the parlance of Frozen Head, "out there". Carrying an injured person to Spicewood and then to Tub Springs beyond would give good mountaintop vehicle access, but was also rocky and hilly, and was at least 5 miles.

Carrying down Chimney Top was much shorter, almost all downhill, and gave access to an ATV road in under 3 miles. But that path still involved lots of rocky passages and then the descent that is the reverse of the climb I described above. The Command Center down in the valley below chose the Chimney Top descent, so that was our route. The assembled and growing team made plans, and executed. It was amazing to witness, even more incredible being a part of it. The initial team put our injured fellow onto an immobilizing pad, then onto an insulated sled, then onto a wheeled litter. The latter was a gurney of sorts over top a large ruggedized wheel that would keep the litter elevated and a bit easier to move down trail. It also meant with its one wheel that it was wobbly and required constant attention and leveling from the litter crew as we went down the mountain.

This meant that each carried broad expertise across the diverse skills required to pull somebody who is seriously injured or ill from some of the most remote and difficult to access places, and to do so efficiently and deliberately. This kind of deep, mutually shared experience and expertise allows for a style of banter that can be self deprecating, jovial, and even a bit antagonistic, but which can create a lighthearted balance to serious situation at hand. Even our injured comrade participated, joking about the need for a hitch too secure the Portuguese Bowline tie holding the rope to the litter, about getting back to his car to drive home, and about all the fuss just for him. I want to be clear here: pain bad enough to cause suspicion of a broken femur, that is normally the kind of intense pain that takes your entire focus. This banter demonstrated to me, an outsider at the start, a profound respect that each of the crew members had both for each other,

now it was swollen from all the rain (see the foreshadowing, above). Our crew, likewise, had swollen from a small team to a large parade-like procession, and now to a large victory party. We all carried him across a small hidden trail to the rustic ATV road where the rescue vehicles were waiting. And then we rode out to meet the ambulance at the main park road. One more lift and he was on a real gurney. Morphine incoming. And then a lift off to the hospital for definitive care. It was now 1232 in the morning. It had been a long day. The extraction took some 7-8 hours.

I must say, watching people assemble, each with such skill, dedication, grit, determination, and trail smarts, and pull off this feat was incredible. I was honored to have been a small part of such a complex rescue. Rangers with deep knowledge of the park, mountain rescue personnel with exactly the right equipment and



skills, deeply dedicated EMT personnel who climbed a literal mountain in the rain and fading light, all to help out one man in need - this was an inspired and inspiring feat. While I felt somewhat guilty for abandoning my post as a sweep, that position was filled and I was able to "go above and beyond" as a resource on the mountain. But anything I brought as a physician able to serve potential need in case things became more complicated were eclipsed by the real work that so many incredible people put in up on that mountain. It truly gives faith in humanity and human accomplishment. Just incredible.

In followup, I learned today that our fallen fellow is doing well. His injury did not involve a broken femur, thankfully. It sounds like he should recover fine, and his team is elevated from the support they received.

By way of post script, I feel like I should add that this weekend is the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah. This holiday is observed early in the Fall each year, typically with two days of prayer in synagogue followed by a period of reflection, forgiveness,

and ultimately redemption. Participating at a race isn't really in bounds. I had volunteered to sweep the race last year, but my car broke down en route and I never made it. The only reason I agreed to volunteer for the race this year and during Rosh Hashana was out of a personal sense of obligation to redeem myself for the broken commitment last year. Because redemption is a big part of this time on the Jewish calendar, it was doubly important to me that I take one of the days this weekend to support the race (and then of course, hopefully get back in time for services today). More than one person has commented on the arc of my relationship with this race over the past year and through this weekend, noting that my failure to support the race last year led me to feel compelled to support it this year in a year when I was specifically needed on the course. I would not have been available to support our injured colleague this year if I had made it to the race last year. My friends have noted that this arc of events stretching back to last year was beshert: meant to be. Fate. Part of a bigger plan beyond me or us. I thought a bit about that since coming off trail.

for the situation in which we found ourselves, and for those of us who showed up to help out.

As we descended, more and more rescue teams joined us. As more and more teams joined us, the work distributed. We had more hands, more bodies, more people to help out. But the trail ever narrowed, and became more and more slick as the ceaseless rain kept on. At this point deep darkness of night had descended, with fog that made headlamps somewhat useless. Onward we went, and the teams continued to work. The descent continued, 200 feet of rope at a time. The teams were continually having to adjust the litter, the wheel, their hand holds, the people on the litter as it went on. After a time, as more people and more equipment arrived, we were able to switch to a method where the belay tie ins were ready in anticipation, so we could leapfrog the rope down and down and down the mountain and then the switchbacks. But it was still a slow, deliberate process. We counted the switchbacks as we descended. One. Then two. Then three. But it was forever in the wet darkness between each one. Just a continued work.

And then a time came when we could see our final destination. After 6 of the switchbacks, we could see vague distant lights through the sodden trees and fog. They were the headlights of the rescue vehicles, down just below us. One more switchback. At this point, everybody was ready to complete this portion of the rescue. Everybody found a last vestige of energy. Somehow, all the people strung along the trail suddenly appeared together as we moved the litter over the last creek. Many hours before, the creek bed was dry;

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Through the entire operation, one of the things that struck me the most was the good-natured banter among the members of the mountain rescue team. The team members clearly knew each other well and had deep experience working together. Watching them work, it was obvious they had served as a team under similarly intense and difficult situations. Each team member had a clear role based on expertise, but equally were able to flex and serve where needed.

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