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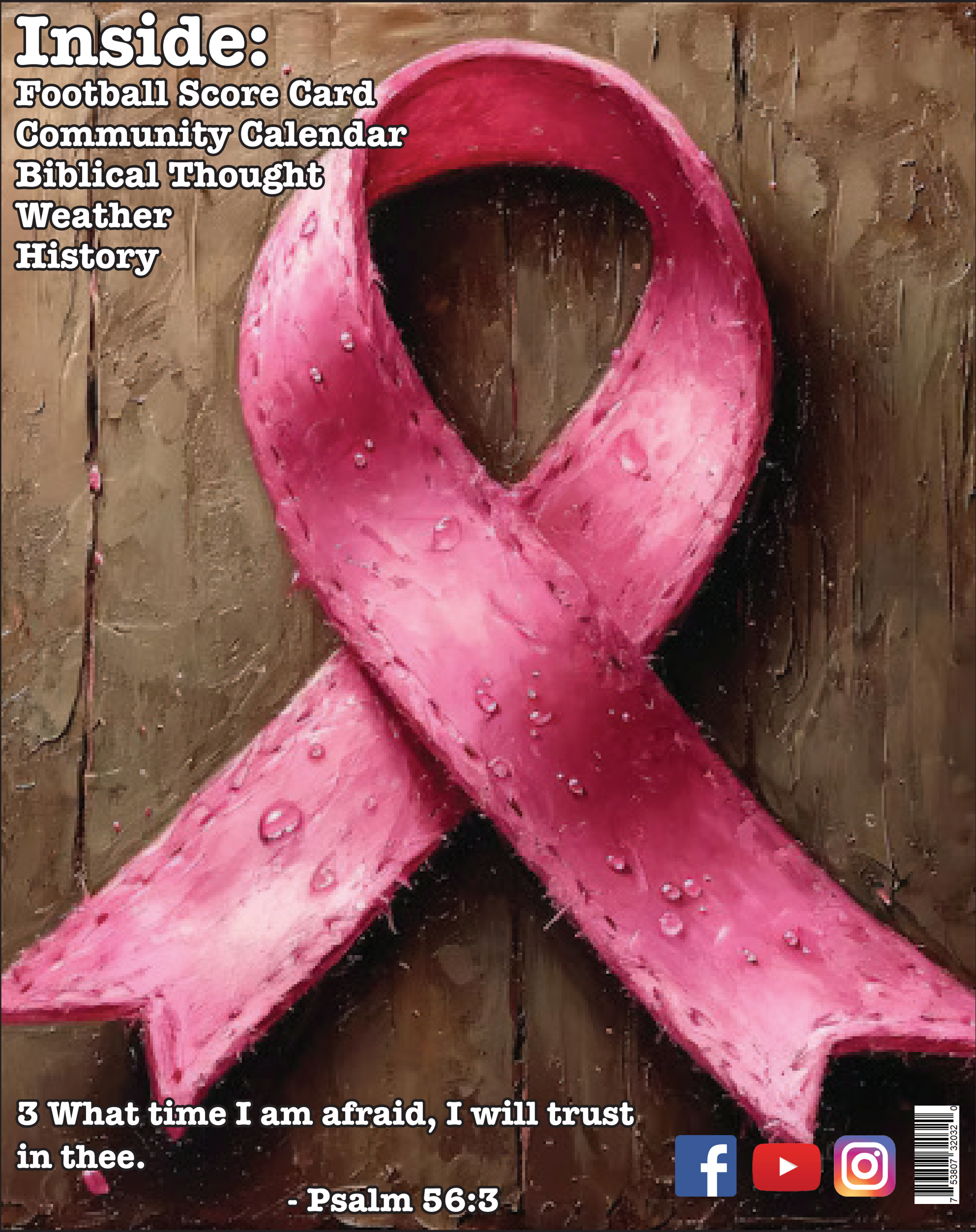
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**3 What time I am afraid, I will trust
in thee.**

- Psalm 56:3



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Fri 18	69°/45°	
Sat 19	71°/47°	
Sun 20	73°/50°	
Mon 21	72°/50°	



**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Heart Attack Kids!

It was Florida week all last week! That time of year when it's all about the Big Orange beating the Florida Gators.

Well, it didn't start out so good for the Volunteers. One reason is, they keep trying to run the stupid ball up the middle and the line fails to open the hole for them.

It looks to me like they would run or throw towards the side-lines instead. Then, maybe they would be more successful if they tried to run the ball up the middle.

Doesn't take an idiot, to figure out that they are running up the middle every first and second down.

Mimi says that the field is wide for a reason, so they should utilize the whole field. It's like Nico has tunnel vision and it's up the gut they go.

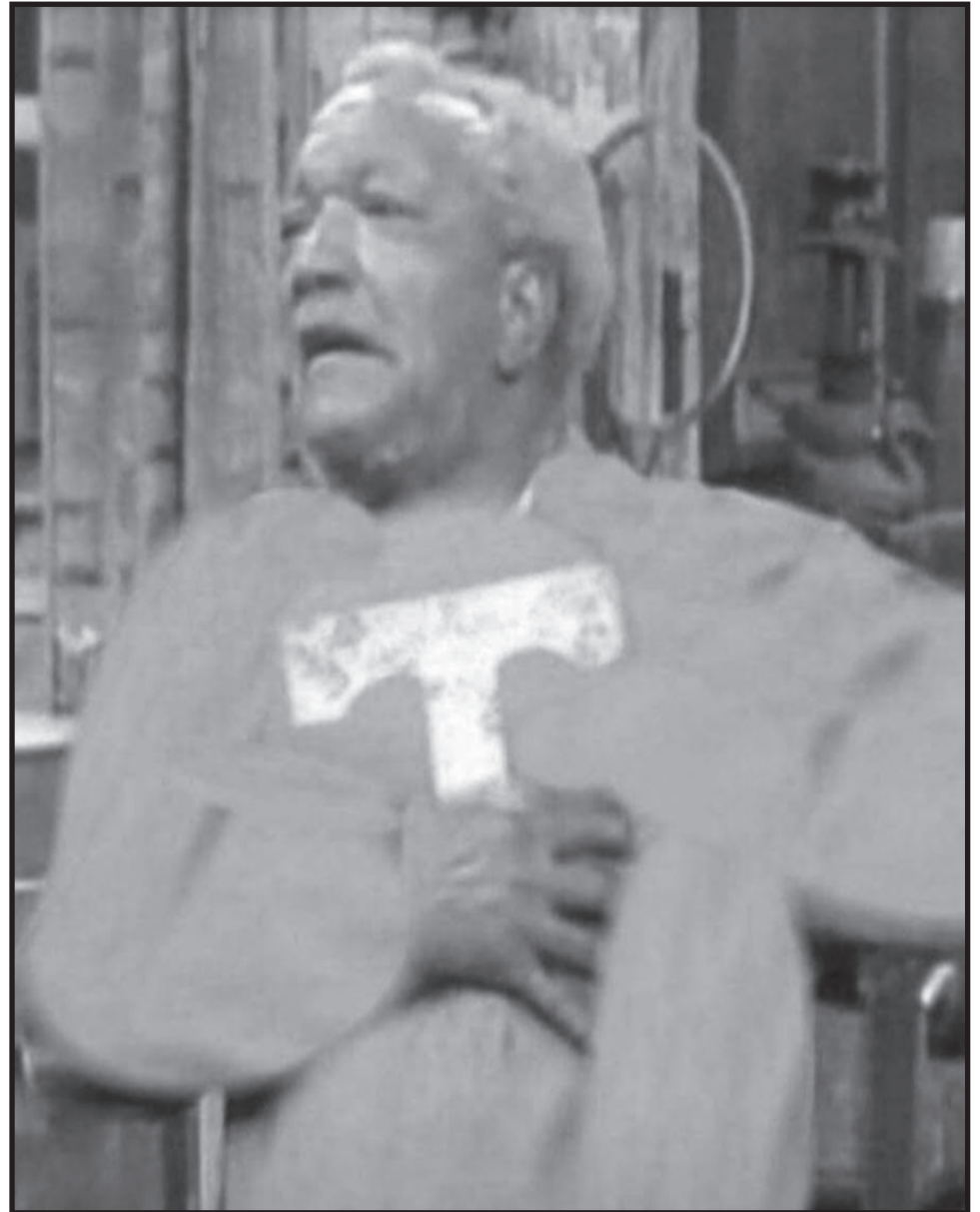
That cost us against Arkansas and again with Florida.

The Vol Nation had a collective heart attack when we went to overtime. We were lucky to come out on top against those Gators after losing to the Razorbacks.

This kind of play will not cut it with the Crimson Tide next week.

Any-woof, Go Vols! Beat 'Bama!

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Senior Citizens Building at 6:00 PM.

Morgan County Republican Party meets the last Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the American Legion in Wartburg.

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Early Voting for Nov. 5 State and Federal General Election Begins Oct. 16 in Morgan County

(NASHVILLE, Tenn.) —Citizens in Morgan County are encouraged to utilize the early voting period for the Nov. 5 State and Federal General Election as a safe and secure way to cast their ballots before Election Day.

“There’s a great deal of enthusiasm around the Nov. 5 election, and we anticipate a significant turnout,” said Tim Sweat the Morgan County Administrator of Elections. “Head to the Morgan County Courthouse during early voting to cast your ballot today.”

Early voting runs through Oct. 31, and all registered voters can find hours and polling locations, view sample ballots, and much more by visiting MorganElections.com, or GoVoteTN.gov, or downloading the Secretary of State’s free [GoVoteTN app](http://GoVoteTN.app).

“We want all registered Tennesseans to make their voices heard during the early voting period,” said Secretary of State Tre Hargett. “We are expecting a robust turnout across Tennessee, and early voting provides a convenient and flexible way to cast their ballot.”

Tennesseans voting early or on Election Day should remember to bring valid photo identification to the polls. A driver’s license or photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, by the Tennessee state government, or by the federal government are acceptable even if they are expired. College student IDs are not acceptable.

For more information about early voting and other election information, visit your trusted source for election information, MorganElections.com, GoVoteTN.gov, or contact the Morgan County Election Commission at (423) 346-3190.

Wartburg Liquor Store on the Ballot



Michael Nance
Columnist

Last Sunday I traveled up to a local gas station in Wartburg to get my fix of caffeine in the form of a mountain dew, and I was shocked to find a flyer concerning an upcoming vote in the city. According to the flyer, it encourages citizens to vote yes to allow on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages and retail package (liquor) stores in Wartburg City.

The flyer goes on to tie tourism to this initiative, however, I struggle to see how a liquor store enhances tourism.

There is a clear link between violent crime and alcohol and a host of studies quantify this link. Further specific studies link that violent crime (domestic violence, assault, murder) increase in low-income communities where liquor stores are present.



“A larger number of alcohol outlets and a higher rate of violence might be expected in poorer neighborhoods or in neighborhoods with a larger population young people. But as the research described above shows, even when levels of poverty and age and the ethnic background of residents are taken into account, a high density of outlets is strongly related to violence regardless of a neighborhood’s economic, ethnic or age status.”

One paper by Johns Hopkins studying liquor

stores in a low-income Baltimore precinct stated the following:

“A Johns Hopkins study out Wednesday found that liquor stores in Baltimore have a stronger association with violent crimes than establishments where alcohol is bought and consumed on-site. Researchers say that since low-income neighborhoods have greater access to liquor stores, the impact is higher in those neighborhoods. The report was published Wednesday in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*. In general, researchers found, every 10 percent increase in access to any establishment that sells alcohol is associated with a 4.2 percent uptick in nearby violent crime. A 10 percent increase in access specifically to liquor stores or other off-premises establishments, however, was associated with a 37 percent increase in nearby violent crime.”

Closer to home here in Tennessee, residents in Nashville have been complaining about liquor stores and crime, the following is a quote from a local news outlet about a North Nashville liquor store:

“A liquor store on Buchanan Street in North Nashville has been the subject of questions about a cycle of crime. The store has been a top 10 arrest location for police over the past year, with more than 1,400 arrests. Some residents say they hear gunshots nightly and believe the crime in their



neighborhood stems from the liquor store and market.”

I could fill up ten pages of an article that links liquor stores with crime, which is almost always a burden to low-income communities, and the folks that keep us safe, law enforcement. But let’s look at the other side of the coin, from the perspective of the folks that support this measure.

The argument is that a liquor store and selling liquor by the drink within the city limits brings in city revenue. Everyone wants to see a large franchise chain restaurant come to our town, me included, but the flyer I read tied together the two initiatives. You can have a restaurant that sells liquor by the drink, without a liquor store.

As far as revenue is concerned, I would question, any numbers provided by the advocates of a liquor store without depicting the known increases in law enforcement dollars that will no-doubt be required from the trouble that a local liquor store brings. I reviewed several sources concerning liquor store revenues, which in the most part is lucrative, however, two things seem to control the revenue: customer traffic in the town and how affable locals are to liquor sales. Potentially, this could predict marginal revenues for any liquor store.

In the end, in my opinion, we should be focused on policies that help our impoverished communities see a better day, and I can see no argument that a liquor store supports that end. Further, our law enforcement and first responders already have a tough job responding to the drug and alcohol problems that we presently have, again, a liquor store will not help that already difficult situation.

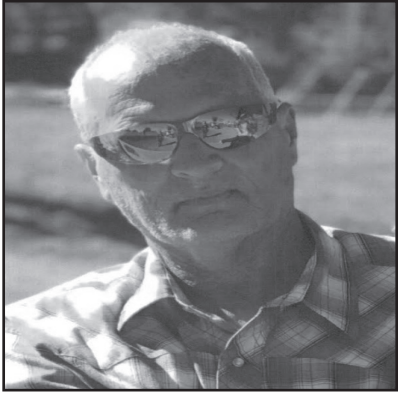
Regardless of your leanings, I encourage all the residents of the City of Wartburg to vote your conscience and beliefs on this issue in the upcoming ballot.

1 Stewart, Katheryn, How Alcohol Outlets Affect Neighborhood Violence, Prevention Research Center

2 Walker, Kylie, North Nashville liquor store raises questions on cycle of crime, October 3, 2024.

— In Loving Memory —

David W. Landrum, 70



(Lisa) Landrum. Sister-in-laws: Sue (Temple) Thomas, Kathy (Jeff) Moore, and Janice Sexton. Brother-in-laws: Robert (Burlene) Landrum and James (Georgia) Smithers. A host of nieces, nephews and friends.

David enjoyed working on cars (specifically his truck and mustang), fishing, gardening, cooking, and family beach trips, but most of all, he enjoyed being called Papaw.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the Nurse's at Fresenius Dialysis Clinic in Harriman, his Nurse, Edey, at Oak Ridge Wound Center, and Jordan Keefer with Amedisys Hospice for the compassionate care provided.

The family will receive friends Wednesday evening, October 2, 2024, from 5pm – 7pm at Schubert's Funeral Home in Wartburg. The family will hold a private graveside burial on Thursday morning, October 3, 2024, at 11:00am.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of David W. Landrum.

David W. Landrum, age 70, of Lancing, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 29, 2024, surrounded by his family.

David is preceded in death by his mother, Geraldine Landrum. Grandparents: Charles and Loverne Landrum. Brother-in-law: Roger Smithers. Sister-in-law: Vicky (Jeff) Spradlin.

David is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Glenna Smithers Landrum. Children: David (Renee) Landrum, Adam (Cody) Landrum, Tiffany (Coty) Hughett and Robin Landrum.

Grandchildren: Will, Wyatt, and Waylon Landrum, Noah and Roger Landrum, Jayden and Colton Hamby, Eli, Landen and Louanna Hughett, Skyler (Kendie) Florian. Brothers: Jeffrey (Linda) Landrum and Michael

Kathleen (Kathy) Russell Miller, 69



Kathleen (Kathy) Russell Miller, age 69, of Harriman, TN passed away at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville, TN on Sunday, September 22, 2024.

She was born on July 22, 1955 in Oliver Springs, TN.

Kathy enjoyed camping, four wheeling, fishing, hunting, bingo and NASCAR racing.

Kathy graduated from Coalfield High School and obtained an Associate's Degree in Business Administration at the TN College of Applied Technology. She prepared newspaper articles in Clinton prior to investing her skills and time to manage Kathy's Market in Oliver Springs.

Kathy is preceded in death by her mother and father, Junior and May Russell; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clive and Dorothy Miller; brothers Kenneth Collins and Johnny Russell and bonus grandson, Quentin Etter.

Kathy is survived by her husband Jimmy Miller, brother Wayne Russell and brother-in-law Marvin Miller. Maternal Aunts Aileen Souder, Naomi Gill of Clinton; Diane Whaley of Eldon, MO; Maternal Uncle, Charles Whaley of

Chattanooga. Paternal Aunts, Stevelaine Russell and Betsy McGhee of Oliver Springs, TN. Bonus children Nick (Jeannie) Miller and Valle Etter. Cousin (aka Sister) Pat (Dick) Foxworthy of CO Springs, CO. Bonus grandchildren Levi and Mason Miller and Emma Etter. Nieces, Tracie Russell of Clinton, Natasha (Scott) Fritts of Harriman, Rachael (Ryan) Russell of Rockwood, Keturah Eaton; Nephews Jonathan (Tanya) Russell and Joshua Russell of Oliver Springs; James (Abbey) Russell of Harriman. Kenneth Collins Jr and Christopher Collins of Oneida, TN. A host of many great nieces and great nephews including Mason Russell. Many cousins both local and out of state.

The family will receive friends on Friday, September 27th, 2024 from 5:00-7:00pm at Jackson Funeral Home in Oliver Springs, TN. Funeral services will follow at 7:00pm with Preacher Doug Monday officiating.

Graveside services will be on Saturday, September 28th, 2024 at 1:00pm in Estes Cemetery in Coalfield, TN, with Preacher Doug Monday and Charles Whaley officiating. A reception will follow at the Harriman Baptist Tabernacle, 1420 Old Roane Street, Harriman, TN.

To leave a note for Kathy's family or to leave a memory, please sign our online guestbook at jacksonfuneralservices.com

Psalm 123:1

**Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.**

Judy Saffell, 76



Judy is survived by her sister Glenda Compton; daughters Teresa (Daniel) David, and Darla Armes; son Lee Allen Jr. (Mendy) Saffell; daughter Tammie (Randy) Saffell-Bean; 13 grandchildren; 44 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandson.

The family will receive friends Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 10:00-11:00 a.m. with the funeral to follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Honeycutt Family Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Judy Saffell.

Judy Saffell, age 76, passed away October 8, 2024 at her home. She was born June 15, 1948 in Harriman.

She is preceded by her parents George and Juanita Honeycutt; brothers Danny Honeycutt and Mickey Honeycutt; sister Sheila Jones; husbands Lee A. Saffell, Sr. and Nick Tanner; granddaughter Jessy Saffell; great grandson William Morrison.

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— In Loving Memory —

Lovalene K. Heidel, 89



Lovalene K. Heidel
September 16, 1935 – October 8, 2024

Lavalene K. Heidel, 89, of Wartburg passed peacefully on October 8, 2024. She fought a brave battle with God by her side.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Ellis Heidel; parents Elmer and Maude Kearney of Sunbright, TN.; brothers Tommy C. Kearney, Elmer R. Kearney, Clifton Kearney and sister Betty Cox.

Lovalene is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Tanuja and Johnny Dagley; grandsons and granddaughter-in-laws, Jonathan and Meghan Elizabeth Dagley and Justin and Meghan Marie Dagley; great granddaughters Braylee, Preslyn, Teylee, and Jonalyn and great grandson Creed; Gerrie Keck of Tipp City, OH and Har-

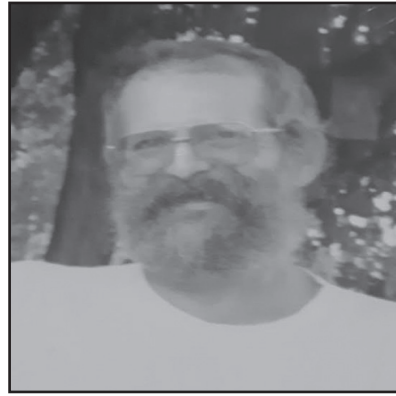
ley Barnhart of Wartburg; as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Lovalene was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg. She attended business school in Chattanooga, TN. She was employed in banking for over 40 years, having worked in various capacities at Sunbright Bank, Citizens Bank, Union Planters Bank and Regions Bank. She met a lot of people and made a lot of friends working in the public. She really loved her job. "Lovee" enjoyed all the road trips and cruises she and Ellis took with her family and friends. She loved all her grands and great grands so much, she always enjoyed attending and cheering for her grandsons and great grand girls sporting events. She enjoyed watching all UT sports.

The family will receive friends Saturday, October 12, 2024 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg from 9:00-10:00 a.m. with the funeral to follow at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor David Graves officiating. Interment will follow in the Wartburg City Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lovalene K. Heidel.

Michael Morano Sr., 68



Michael Morano, Sr., age 68, of Deer Lodge passed away October 7, 2024 at his home in Deer Lodge. Michael was an avid hunter, who loved being in the woods, being on the farm, and loved being a mechanic. But most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife Barbara Supeck Morano; father William Morano, grand-

parents Guy & Geraldine Ferguson and Frank & Rose Morano.

He leaves behind two sons Michael Morano, Jr. and wife, Amanda Smith and David Allen Morano; grandchildren Paige Morano (Roy) Hall, Kiley Smith, Jayden Smith; mother Shirley Ferguson Morano; siblings John Morano, Jolene Rogowski, Mark Morano and Pam Tenorio and a host of extended family and friends.

The family is honoring Michael's wishes to be cremated, and no services are scheduled.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Michael Morano, Sr.

Ilon Louise Weller Ward, 89



Ilon Louise Weller Ward, age 89, of Philadelphia passed away Saturday, October 5, 2024.

She is preceded in death by her parents Charles and Emily Kelley; husband Troy Ward and Preston Weller; son Darrel Ward; brothers David Kelley, Tom Kelley and sister, Gloria McNish.

She is survived by her daughter Karen Nix of Philadelphia; 2 grandsons Tyler (Kayla) Nix of Sweetwater, Taylor (Abby) Nix

of Philadelphia; 3 great grandsons Silas, Elias, and Weston Nix; sister Sue Jones of Joyner; 4 sisters-in-law Loudevene Bowles and Cricket Human of Wartburg and Helen and Charlotte of Dayton, TN; several nieces and nephews; special cousin Phyllis Bivens and a host of extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, October 10, 2024 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with the funeral at 6:00 p.m. with Brother Clayton Taylor officiating. Graveside services will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Petros Cemetery in Petros.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ilon Louise Weller Ward.

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Psalm 86:4-5

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.



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**Tom Redmon
Columnist**

Becoming a Master of Ceremony or a Public Speaker

When I first got to Manatee County, Florida and started teaching at South East High School, I think I fit right in because I had taught in two other high schools before. But as for as fitting in with other school people, especially administrators I didn't think I fit in after being there for twenty-five years. I loved teaching and I planned on teaching for at least 35-40 years, but my wife got cancer and died before I was sixty-years-old. I retired arly

and after a few months of grieving I started taking my guitar into nursing homes. Believe it or not the new Tommy Redmon evolved, especially in Kingston, TN. Where my new wife and I went into this assisted living home called Jamestown. Not only did I sing at Jamestown but I

became a Master of Ceremony. I started telling jokes but also told funny tales that I had experienced in life. It seemed that everyone in the room had a good time that day. This performance told me that maybe I could do this when I met with the retired principals and administrators of Manatee County schools. Maybe I could let my hair down and try to get them to laugh.

My memory goes back to when I was in elementary school and three years of high school. I was what a lot of people called, a very timid, quite boy who didn't have much to say. I liked a girl when I first saw her in 4 th grade but I never talked to her because I was too shy and backward. In my senior year I began to come out of my shyness. It was more fun and other students began to approach me differently. Ole Tommy began to become popular. Being good looking helped (not bragging, just ask the girls).

I still had trouble getting up in front of the class to give a book report, and college was worse. I asked myself how does a person get over stage-fright?

I read books on the subject but they didn't help much. I was a country boy and I would always be a country boy. No doubt about it, but I was determined to be successful in life.

When I was a freshman in high school the ag teacher wanted two of us to make a speech about farming. I along with Frank Osborne volunteered to do this. Why, I did I don't know. Frank was a good speaker and he didn't have a lot of stage-fright.

I worked hard on the speech and when Frank and I gave our speech this is what the ag teacher said, "The contents of both of the speeches were fine but Mr. Redmon your quality of speech wasn't good. Your diction wasn't good."

That criticism really hurt me for years. Mr. Walls could have taken me aside and told me but no he had to tell me in front of the whole class. I went home in tears and believing I would never be a good public speaker.

I just wish that Mr. Walls could have heard me sixty-years later when I tood in front of forty retired principals, four retired superintendents and several

people who worked in the county office – all educated with many having master degrees and doctorates.

I was completely relaxed and stage-fright was a thing of the past. I told myself that we are all alike. I might be country but I'm just like those sixty people sitting out there. We gave our all to the children of Manatee County but then we could let our hair down and boy did we.

I told several jokes that I had borrowed from a prize joke book which brought some laughs but the ones that brought the house down was the ones that happened in my real life, back on the farm or in school or the

Navy. That day Tom Redmon became a different person than those educators had seen for many

years. I had changed that's for certain but what I had done was to tell myself that I could do it if I just relaxed and put myself at ease.

After all, just look what I had accomplished in life. I had gotten two college degrees and sixty hours on another one. Most people thought I should have stayed up north and worked. I had taught in a ollege town and I had been chosen as the educator of the year in 1969. I had been successful in every school I was in. I had formed bonds in three ocations and I had written four papers. I wasn't great but I was good enough and finally I became a Master of Ceremony.



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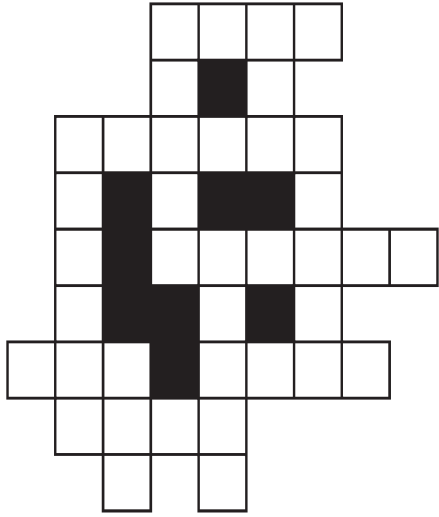
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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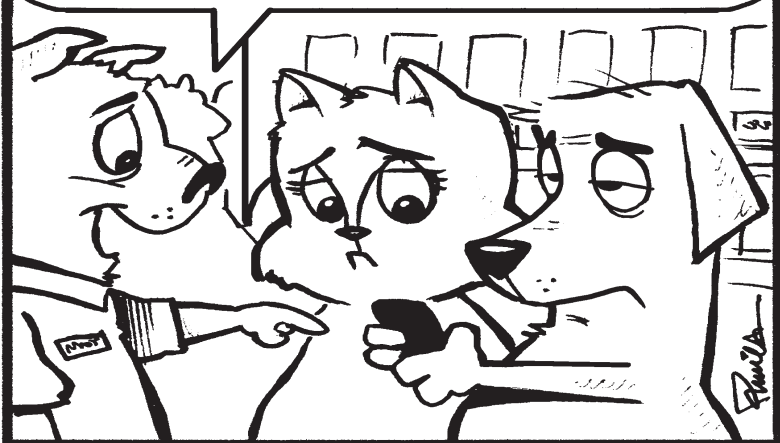
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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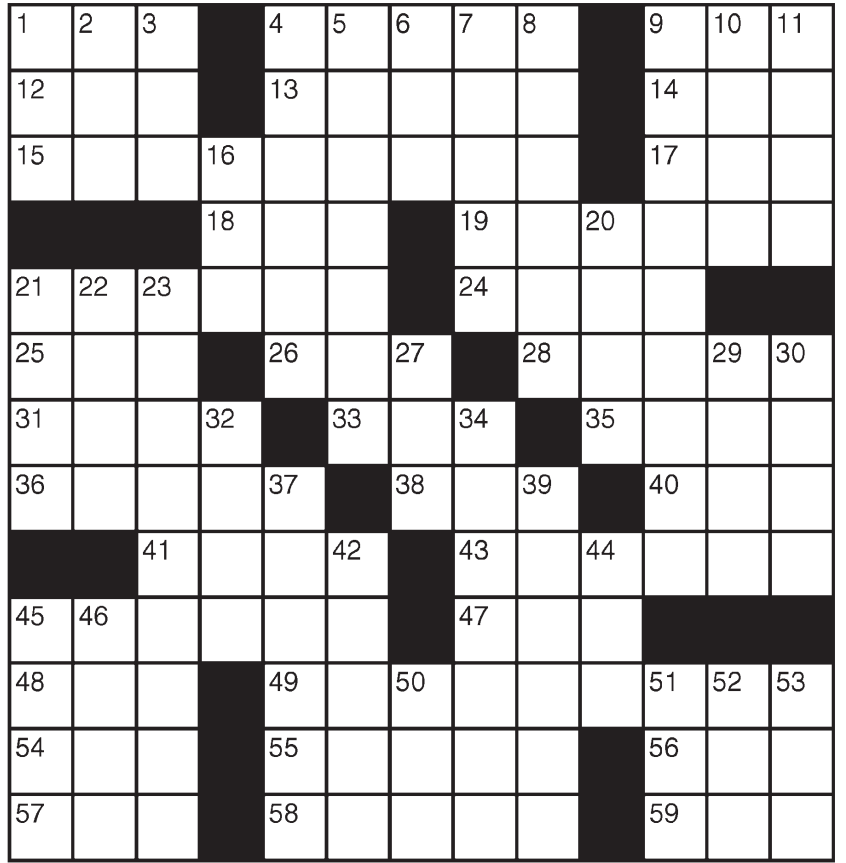


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ACROSS

- 1 Knock
- 4 Boxer Ali
- 9 "60 Minutes" ainer
- 12 Leading lady?
- 13 Edmonton player
- 14 2016 Olympics city
- 15 Moisturizer
- 17 Finale
- 18 Name
- 19 Buzzing insect
- 21 Neglect
- 24 Steerer's place
- 25 "So that's it!"
- 26 QB's goals
- 28 Nasal parti-tions



- 31 Lopsided win
- 33 Feeling down
- 35 Tank filler
- 36 Chef's garb
- 38 Up to
- 40 "Alice" wait-ress
- 41 Suffix with "techno"
- 43 Break fluid?
- 45 Sentence fragment
- 47 Overly
- 48 Wish other-wise
- 49 Famed Boston des-erts

- 54 Carte lead-in crest
- 56 — -mo
- 57 Orange tuber
- 58 Did yard work
- 59 Layer

DOWN

- 1 Game caller
- 2 Glam Gardner
- 3 Chest muscle
- 4 Short-horned grasshopper
- 5 Inflatable sleepers
- 6 Land in la mer
- 7 Extract via percolation
- 8 Fighting forces
- 9 Ineffectual type
- 10 Predicament
- 11 Pop
- 16 Sch. URL ender
- 20 Staff symbol
- 21 TV explorer
- 22 Denny's rival
- 23 Baked potato topping
- 27 Used a chair
- 29 Conference leader?

- 30 Body lotion ingredient
- 32 — Bora (Afghan region)
- 34 Give orders
- 37 Daytona 500 acronym
- 39 Was forebod-ing
- 42 — firma
- 44 Dandy guy
- 45 Use a rosary
- 46 Luau dance
- 50 "A mouse!"
- 51 WWW access enabler
- 52 Right angle
- 53 Tofu source

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- Name the original artist to release "You Light Up My Life."
- Who wrote and released "Like a Prayer"?
- Which artist penned and released "Two Hearts"?
- Name the artist who released "Straight Up."
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "One night in a disco on the out-skirts of Frisco, I was cruisin' with my favorite gang."

Answers

- Kacey Cisyk, a classically trained opera singer of Ukrainian heritage, for the soundtrack of the film of the same name in 1977. This was followed by a cover by Debby Boone that stayed at No. 1 on the charts for 10 weeks. The song went on to win several awards, including a Grammy for Song of the Year.
- Madonna, in 1989. Pepsi cut a \$5 million deal with Madonna and used the song in one of their commercials.
- Phil Collins, in 1989. The song was used in the soundtrack for the 1988 film "Buster." Collins also played the lead in the heist comedy film.
- Paula Abdul, in 1988.
- "He's the Greatest Dancer," by Sister Sledge in 1979. The song, originally intended for Chic to record, topped the Billboard Dance Club Songs chart, as well as others.

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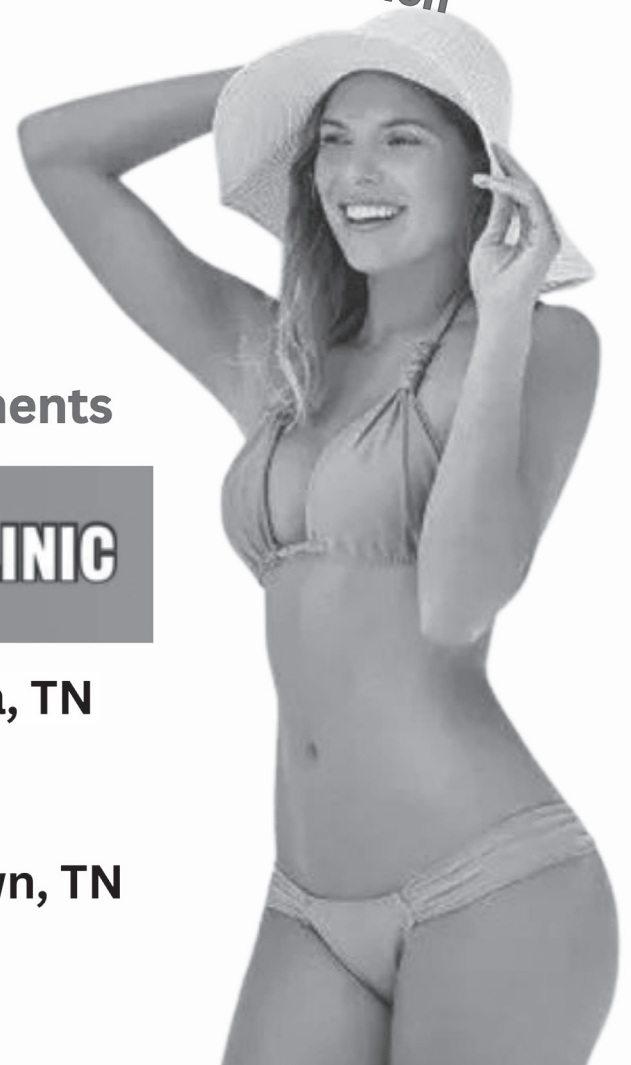
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New bill to improve IRS customer service

A new bill has been introduced for legislation that would significantly enhance IRS customer service. The bill was initiated through bipartisan lawmakers and supported by the American Institute of Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA). The bill mandates that the IRS must monitor its response time to calls from taxpayers and practice more efficient interactions between them.

“It should be easy for taxpayers to get the information they need from the IRS. Not every interaction with them has to be miserable” said Sen.

Bill Cassidy, R-Louisiana. “We can streamline the process and give Americans the transparency they expect.”

The bill would mandate that the IRS employ a callback system for any calls not answered within 10 minutes.

Additionally, it would require the implementation of a dashboard to inform taxpayers about:

- The current estimated wait time to speak to an IRS employee
- The time of day with the shortest wait time for an IRS employee
- The average amount of time for a callback from an IRS employee

Taxpayers will have the ability to access any documents, notices, or letters sent to them by the IRS within the past six years. Any tax representative who is authorized to practice before the Department of Treasury will be able to access multiple client accounts and view client information after submitting a power of attorney.

The bill would further make it mandatory that the IRS website provide information about suspended tax returns, including:

- The reason for the suspension
- The information requested
- The form and manner for submitting the requested information

The legislation will enable taxpayers to submit information requested by uploading their response through the website or mobile app with respect to any document, notice, or letter sent to such taxpayer by the IRS.

The bill will also require the IRS to inform taxpayers applying for installment agreements about available collection alternatives if they appear to have an economic hardship.

“By introducing the Improving IRS Customer Service Act, Senator Warner and Senator Cassidy have earned the gratitude of every taxpayer who’s ever had to contend with the IRS’s notoriously inconsistent customer service,” stated Pete Sepp, president of the National Taxpayers Union.

David Zubler is a nationally known tax accountant and Enrolled Agent that resides in East Tennessee. He is the author of six tax books and a syndicated columnist who has shared tax advice on podcasts and national TV and has been referred to as America’s Tax Guru. He is the founder and president of Your Tax Care. He represents clients nationwide before the IRS and provides tax strategies, and tax education, including David’s one-minute tax tip radio recordings at YourTaxCare.com. David can be reached at (865)363-3019 or by email at david@yourtaxcare.com.



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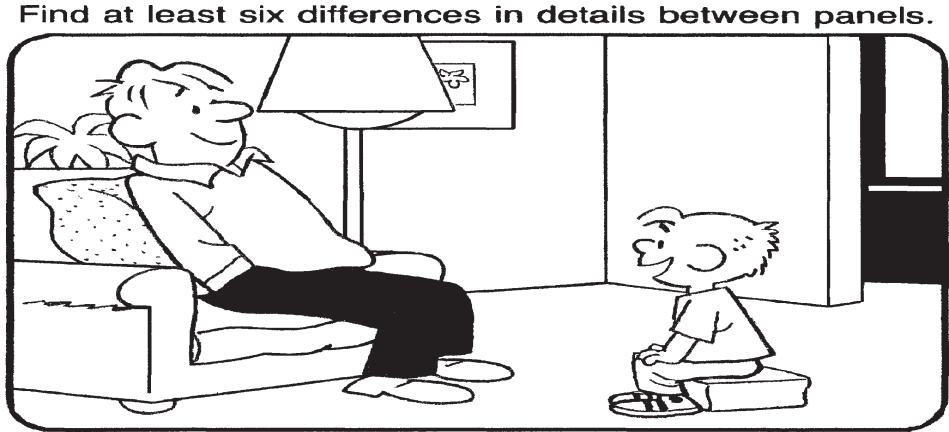
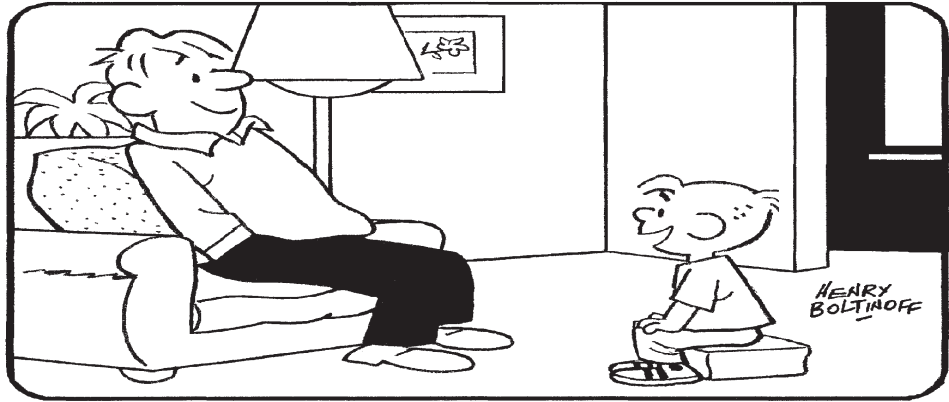
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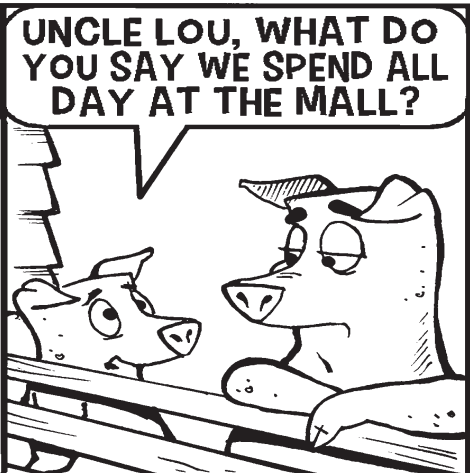
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Historically Speaking

Evolution of the UT–Oak Ridge partnership described in new book (part 3)

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

This is the last in Carolyn Krause's series of three articles based on a recent Friends of ORNL talk by Lee Riedinger on a 2024 book he coauthored with Al Ekkebus, Ray Smith and William Bugg on "Critical Connections: The University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge from the Dawn of the Atomic Age to the Present." The \$39.95 hard cover book (\$31.96 on Kindle) is available from UT Press and from Amazon.com.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and its predecessor Clinton Laboratories, were overseen and operated for the government by multiple contractors in the 20th century, including the University of Chicago, DuPont, Monsanto, Union Carbide and Carbon Company (later, Union Carbide) and Martin Marietta (later, Lockheed Martin). Union Carbide managed ORNL, the Y-12 Plant and the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant for over 35 years, from 1948 until 1984.

In mid-1982 the Department of Energy, which in 1977 replaced the Atomic Energy Commission and its successor the Energy Research and Development Administration, began considering making a change in the contractor for ORNL and its other government facilities. The reason: in May 1982 Union Carbide announced its decision to end its management of the three government facilities in Oak Ridge.

The University of Tennessee formed a task force to consider a bid on the Oak Ridge contract. But UT dropped out of the competition in January 1983 when DOE announced its plan to hire a contractor willing and able to manage not only the three plants in Oak Ridge but also the gaseous diffusion plant in Paducah, Ky. Martin Marietta won the contract and managed the four plants for 16 years.

In October 1982, Paul Huray (an Oak Ridge High School graduate who played on the varsity football team that won the 1956 state championship and was rated the best in the nation), Ivan Sellin and Lee Riedinger, all members of the UT physics faculty, conceived the Distinguished Scientist Program. Top-notch scientists would each be hired at the outlandish salary of \$100,000 that, along with research support funds, would be equally paid for by UT and ORNL. "It was three times what I made," Riedinger said. Each Distinguished Scientist would teach students as a member of the UT faculty and initiate research projects at ORNL.

UT Chancellor Jack Reese sent the idea to Gov. Lamar Alexander. He conveyed the concept in a meeting he had with U.S. Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker and DOE Secretary Donald Hodel, who both agreed to support the Distinguished Scientist Program. On Feb. 7, 1983, Chancellor Reese and ORNL Director Herman Postma agreed to start the Distinguished Scientist Program "independent of the new contractor decision and without a review by lawyers," Riedinger said in his talk.

One challenge was to fund the program. According to the book, "Huray took the lead on writing the proposal to state government for creation of the Science Alliance, a state center of excellence that would promote greater cooperation between UT and ORNL. Two key parts of this proposal were the hiring of distinguished scientists and the creation of joint institutes in specific fields of common strength. The Science Alliance, directed initially by Huray and later by Riedinger, was awarded the first of the center-of-excellence

grants, and, by the fall of 1983, money was suddenly about to appear to finance UT's half of the Distinguished Scientist Program."

The next challenge was to identify prospective recruits, so in June 1983, the first UT-ORNL meeting was held to start considering candidates for the new program. In October that year, Riedinger left UT for Washington, D.C. to work for a year as Sen. Baker's science advisor. In February 1984, the first two joint hires for the program were proposed: George

Bertsch, a nuclear physicist at Michigan State University, and Jerry Mahan, a materials physicist at Indiana University. Bertsch said he would accept the position only if his hiring would be announced in the New York Times. Riedinger spoke about Bertsch's request to Sen. Baker, who agreed to host the June 11, 1984, ceremony in the Mansfield Room at the U.S. Capitol at which the hiring of the first two UT-ORNL Distinguished Scientists would be announced. The ceremony celebrating the unique program and UT's two new hires was covered in the national press, pleasing Bertsch. "So that kicked off this program of hiring the best and brightest scientists at the highest levels," Riedinger said.

In the next 15 years, 20 more Distinguished Scientists were hired. Lamar Alexander, who served as Tennessee governor from 1979 through 1987, helped build the UT-ORNL partnership and state investments for the Science Alliance were continued by the next four consecutive governors.

Between 1982 and 1984, \$350,000 of state funds supported the construction of the first joint institute built at ORNL. Called the Joint Institute for Heavy Ion Research, it served the nuclear physics programs of ORNL, UT and Vanderbilt University for 35 years. It was also the first state-funded building located at a federal facility and at a DOE lab.

Two days after President George H. W. Bush's delivery of his State of Union address on Jan. 31, 1990, President Bush visited North Carolina State University and UT to promote his plan to double the National Science Foundation (NSF) budget. The Science Alliance between UT and ORNL was mentioned during the Bush visit to UT. On Feb. 19, 1992, the president visited the High Temperature Materials Laboratory at ORNL for the signing of a cooperative R&D agreement between the ORNL, the Oak Ridge Y-12 National Security Complex and Coors Structural Ceramics Company.

In May 1998, after hearing a rumor that DOE would not renew the Lockheed Martin management contract for ORNL, UT decided to enter the competition. UT President Joe Johnson formed a task force chaired by UT Vice President Homer Fisher and Riedinger.

In October and November 1998, the task force interviewed 15 possible bid partners. In late November Bill Madia, director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (which has long been managed by Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio) visited UT in late November, and a limited liability partnership named UT-Battelle LLC was formed to bid on the ORNL contract.

On July 22, 1999, Riedinger said, Gov. Don Sundquist committed \$12 million of construction funds for new joint institutes should UT-Battelle win the DOE contract; the state turned down a similar request for funding from Lockheed Martin. On Aug. 16, 1999, the DOE Source Evaluation Board heard oral presentations of proposals by prospective contractors; on Oct. 20, 1999, a phone call announced that UT-Battelle had won the contract.

"It was a huge victory for UT some 60 years after being a university that could not con-



Lee Riedinger speaks to the Friends of ORNL audience (Courtesy of Carolyn Krause)

fer any Ph.D. degrees and that supported very little research," Riedinger said. On Apr. 1, 2000, UT-Battelle, led initially by Madia and UT's Riedinger, Billy Stair and Frank Harris, started managing ORNL, DOE's largest science and energy laboratory, and it has held the contract for 24 years.

Despite the rapid turnover of UT presidents in the 2000s owing to scandals that forced them to resign early, the management of ORNL, including the construction of new laboratory buildings, proceeded relatively smoothly. Riedinger attributed the lab's success in meeting DOE missions largely to a seamless transition of excellent ORNL directors working for UT-Battelle: Bill Madia (2000-2003), Jeff Wadsworth (2003-07), Thom Mason (2007-17), Thomas Zacharia (2017-2022) and Stephen Streiffer (2023-).

Riedinger noted that Zacharia "took the lead through UT to obtain an NSF grant for a UT petaflop supercomputer that was operated at ORNL. That was a huge win for the university because of our partnership."

Ironically, the UT president scandals were covered in the Knoxville News-Sentinel by David Keim, now director of ORNL's Communications and Community Engagement Directive and its chief communications officer.

Riedinger acknowledged the huge contributions made to the UT-ORNL partnership by Gov. Phil Bredesen (2003-11), Chancellor Jimmy Cheek (2009-17) and ORNL Director Thom Mason (2007-17). In 2005 Bredesen provided new funds to hire Governor's Chairs. This UT-ORNL program brings exceptionally accomplished researchers from around the world to Tennessee. Funded by the state, UT and ORNL, the program is managed through the UT-Oak Ridge Innovation Institute (UT-ORII).

Bredesen suggested that a UT center of excellence be established to offer joint UT-ORNL Ph.D. programs related to energy. Cheek and Mason proposed an interdisciplinary center at UT that hosts a joint UT-ORNL Ph.D. program in energy science and engineering. The state provided \$6 million to start in 2010 the Bredesen Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Education, of which Riedinger was the founding director until he retired at the end of 2019. It is now called UT-ORII's Bredesen Center, and its purpose is to meet local workforce needs in energy science and engineering and since 2014 in data science.

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“The Bredesen Center has had excellent graduate students, most of whom have been working on dissertation research at ORNL and taking courses in UT departments that include faculty from ORNL as well as UT,” Riedinger said. “The center’s graduate students have started nine companies, and 12 graduates with Ph.D.’s work in policy roles in the Washington, D.C., area.”

ORNL and UT researchers, led partly by Governor’s Chairs, have worked together on additive manufacturing research and production at the Manufacturing Demonstration Facility (MDF), which opened in 2012 adjacent to the National Transportation Research Center on ORNL’s Hardin Valley Campus. Riedinger noted that in January 2015 MDF researchers showed their 3D-printed Shelby Cobra car to President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden on their visit to the Knox County campus.

In 2011, UT and the Oak Ridge Y-12 National Security Complex renewed their partnership through a memorandum of understanding (signed by UT Chancellor Jimmy Cheek and Y-12 General Manager Darrel Kohlhorst). The MOU led to partnerships between Y-12 and nine UT colleges, engineering management graduate courses taught in Oak Ridge and graduate research assistantships for 30 UT students working at Y-12.

In addition, UT faculty have collaborated with Y-12 employees in nuclear forensics, testing of radioactive shipping containers, archiving Manhattan Project documents, strengthening nuclear-science education in K-12 curricula and launching Y-12’s Total Health Risk Intervention and Education initiative.

The Oak Ridge Innovation Institute at UT (UT-ORII), which was started in 2020, received



Lee Riedinger autographs the Critical Connections book for members of Friends of ORNL
(Courtesy of Ray Smith)

in February new funds from DOE and the state of Tennessee for novel areas of joint research. They include development of low-carbon agriculture and manufacturing technologies and of radiopharmaceutical drugs and imaging techniques for treating and diagnosing diseases, including cancer.

Riedinger said that the UT-ORNL partnership over many decades has worked well, thanks to support from governors, ORNL directors and UT presidents and chancellors, as well as key people like himself willing to sacrifice making accomplishments in their fields.

“Sharing of people, resources and facilities and interdisciplinary research and education are crucial to growing the next generation of scientists and engineers for our workforce,” Riedinger said, noting that the UT-ORNL partnership is a model that other university and national lab groups have studied.

Important areas of joint research in the fu-

ture, he added, will be supercomputing, electric vehicles (Volkswagen runs an EV research lab on UT’s Cherokee Farm), quantum information science, neutron science, direct capture of climate-altering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, isotope production and separation, as well as next-generation nuclear and fusion reactors for production of electricity later in the century.

Thanks, Carolyn. Really appreciate you doing this series on Critical Connections. Our book launches in Knoxville and Oak Ridge have gone well. It is rewarding to see a good bit of interest in the book. Our thanks go out to UT Press for publishing the book and for arranging the events of the past month.

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Becoming the Pey, Psalm 119 Vs. 129-136



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Vs. 129 Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore, my soul keeps them.

Vs. 130 The entrance of your words give light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Vs. 131 I opened my mouth and panted, for I longed for your commandments.

Vs. 132 Look upon me and be merciful to me, as your custom is toward those who love your name.

Vs. 133 Direct my steps by your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Vs. 134 Redeem me from the oppression of man, that I may keep your precepts.

Vs. 135 Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

Vs. 136 Rivers of water run down from my eyes, because men do not keep your law.

We now encounter the Pey. {Pronounced Pay}. It is the 17th letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It carries a numerical value of 80. It appears as an open mouth when open. The pey is defined as the mouth that speaks.

Every born-again believer is commanded by Jesus Christ to go ye into all the world and teach the gospel. Why does one created in God's image, need three dimensional spaces from where to preach? Have man's ideas about God, replaced God's ideas about man in denominational churches?

What does Paul define as the gospel? 1 Corinthians 15 Vs. 1-5 Jesus Christ died according to scripture. Jesus Christ was buried, according to scripture. Jesus Christ rose again on the third day according to scripture. Adding anything to this fact is Church legalism.

Paul wrote every word in his epistles with only a knowledge of the Hebrew Old Testament. When Christ appeared to Paul, he had to be blinded to his religious presuppositions, and knocked off his religious high horse, steeped in tradition and Jewish legalism. It is exactly God's diagnosis to modern preachers.

How many professing Christians attend a church that believes God permanently replaced Jewish believers with western Gentile Christians? Replacement theology is the biggest heresy advanced by eugenic preachers who are anti-semitic and it requires a denial of 87% of scripture.

This begs the question; would God give churches a pass for doing exactly what caused the abandonment wrath to manifest in the covenant nation of Israel? The Bible rightly divided, requires wisdom gleaned from the Old Testament characters who teach us that God's mercy is unending.

God has a plan to fulfill his promises to Abraham, King David, Jesus and Paul. The next phase of God's plan is unfolding in the prophesied Psalm 83 war that has been brought to the doorsteps of the nation God birthed in Egypt. Asaph the seer, wrote of the times we exist in.

Why? Why do churches teach replacement theology? Is one born again of God's mercy if they fail to see the mercy God offers to the Jew first and then the Greek. The coming tribulation of Daniel's final week of seven years, is reserved for the chastening of national Israel. The bride of Christ will be watching from Heaven.

Churches have replaced the two-edged sword of the Bible, with the single edge sword of only New Testament theosophies about God, learned in western seminary. Relying on the writings of other men who practice this damnable heresy. No Holy Spirit leading.

Roman holiday traditions, imported to Pergamum in the 4th century BC under Cyrus of Babylon, now eremate the lives of professing Bible believers. The same question Lucifer posed Eve is being answered by preachers in ways that are leading people to Hell.

Did God say? How do you the individual believer answer this question? Do you wait on your preacher to expound upon his exclusive ideas

about Christ? Why the individual anointing, if another human voice becomes more important than personal relationship learned only from scripture?

Churches now look exactly like the Roman world Christ began calling the Apostles out of? A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. You cannot serve God and money.

Christ freely offered his hands in eternal marriage, and it is our individual responsibility to offer the hands of unending mercy and unwavering grace to all we encounter. The Pey identifies the mouth of ourage, ever willing to share what Christ freely offered from Calvary.

Jesus Christ admitted that his ministry is to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. The descendants of Jacob have been regathered to their land as prophesy is unfolding before our eyes. Hebrew is once again the language of Jerusalem. Jews are accepting their Messiah in Israel as I pen these words.

This is a prophetic warning to those who deny God's plans for his covenant people. He never slumbers nor sleeps in dealing with the stiff-necked family he called to become a nation that would eventually birth the seed of the woman. Jesus Christ is the most misunderstood Rabbi in history.

Church apostasy exists in plain sight as grace is prostituted as some form of self-help mechanism. No one can add one good deed to Christ's finished work on Calvary. God does not need any more church services. He needs evangelists willing to forgo Roman religious traditions that violate scripture.

Apostles and disciples willing to take the love of Christ into a fallen and cursed world. The resurrection requires a chastening in all of our lives before God will trust us with the anointing of his Holy Spirit. For those Jesus Christ loves, he chastens.

What is it for a man to gain the whole world yet lose his soul? Jesus Christ prophesies of this time to the church of Laodicea where worldly possessions would be claimed as blessings from God. The first sign of Apostasy.

To place your worth in anything other than the blood of the Lamb covering our unrighteousness. It is time for individual revival in each of our lives and this can only occur with a return to the entire revelation found in both testaments of the Bible.

Let him who has ears hear what the Spirit is saying.

John Burns 9-29-2024

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Mark Chapter 16



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(Mark 16:1-11) The resurrection (Mt. 28:1-10; Lk. 23:56-24:12; Jn. 20:1-18): Several women who were disciples arrived at Joseph's tomb shortly after sunrise. One of these was Mary Magdalene. John says it was yet dark (20:1). Some critics have charged a discrepancy. Mary started before daylight and arrived after the sun was up. The women were bringing spices to finish anointing the Savior's body. They knew the stone was blocking the entrance, but they supposed they could solicit help in rolling

away the door (v. 3). They obviously did not realize that the tomb had been secured with a Roman seal and that guards were posted to prevent theft of the body.

Apparently, Mary has hastened on and arrived at the tomb earlier than the others, for Christ appeared first to her (v.9). If all had been together, the Lord would have appeared to them simultaneously. Note two important facts: (a) The disciples were mourning and weeping; they did not anticipate a resurrection (v. 10). (b) When told of the amazing event, they did not believe (v. 11). This is clear evidence that the resurrection story was not invented by the early disciples; they initially resisted it (v. 13-14). See Matthew 28:1-10 and John 20:1-18.

(Mark 16:12-20) Appearances and ascension (Mt. 28:11-20; Lk. 24:13-52;

Jn. 20:19-21:25): Because Mark 16:9-20 is missing from two of the oldest Greek manuscripts, and from some of the early versions, and because of certain perceived problems in the continuity between 16:9 and the preceding context, some textual critics today question the genuineness of this section. That is, they dispute that it was a part of Mark's original Gospel. It must be noted, though, that some of these men concede that this segment nonetheless reflects the inspired teaching of Jesus. On the other hand, the genuineness of the text has been defended ably by respectable scholars. Some argue the evidence indicates that Mark was the author of 16:9-20, but that he likely penned it before the composition of the Gospel record and that this section was added to the end of the manuscript at a later time. We believe the text should be accepted as genuine.

Mark's account of the "great commission" is a matter of much consternation to those under the influence of the Protestant theory of salvation by faith alone. The elements of verses fifteen and sixteen are: (a) The universality (to every creature in all the world) of the gospel reveals the fulfillment of numerous Old Testament prophecies demonstrating divine love for all the nations (Isa. 2:2-4). (b) God's plan of salvation is conditional. Two requirements are here mentioned (to be supplemented elsewhere, Acts 2:38)--belief and baptism. In no single New Testament text are all conditions of salvation listed. Other passages may include additional requirements; none implies less. These are compound conditions and the latter term is essential as the former. (c) Disbelief and/or disobedience condemns (Jn. 3:36; Heb. 5:9). E.S.V., N.A.S.B.

Acts 5:29 "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

Acts 5:32 "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him."

Acts 7:39-41 "To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt, Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands."

Romans 2:8-11 "But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God."

Romans 6:16 "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

Galatians 3:1 "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?"

Galatians 5:7 "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?"

Ephesians 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

Colossians 3:20 "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

Colossians 3:22-24 "Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

2 Thessalonians 1:8 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:"

2 Thessalonians 3:14 "And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed."

Titus 3:1-2 "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men."

Hebrews 13:17 "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

James 3:3 "Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body."

1 Peter 3:1-2 "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear."

1 Peter 4:17 "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

THEREFORE, BIBLICAL FAITH IS AN OBEDIENT FAITH.

Mark 16:17 Certain "signs" would accompany the body of believers (v. 17). This does not mean that every believer would possess these gifts; rather, the gifts would authentic-care the integrity of the movement. In Christ's "name" (by his "authority" [Matt. 10:1]) they would cast out demons, speak with new tongues (a fresh way of speaking different national languages not learned in the normal fashion [Acts 2:4, 6, 8]). Certain disciples would be able to take up serpents (Acts 28:3); and should they happen to drink deadly poison, they would not be hurt. Tragically, numerous fatalities have punctuated the modern Pentecostal movement and others who do not understand the temporary role of miracles in the Christian system. Moreover, some would be able to heal the sick. The book of Acts is punctuated with such cases (3:1-10).

These signs were never intended to be perpetual. They were designed to "confirm," establish the integrity of, the "word"---God's written New Testament revelation (Heb. 2:2-4). The Holy Spirit contends that the cessation of such gifts would come with the completion of the New Testament canon (see 1 Cor. 13:8-10).

Mark concludes with a notice of the ascension of Christ into heaven to begin his reign at the right hand of God (1 Pet. 3:22).

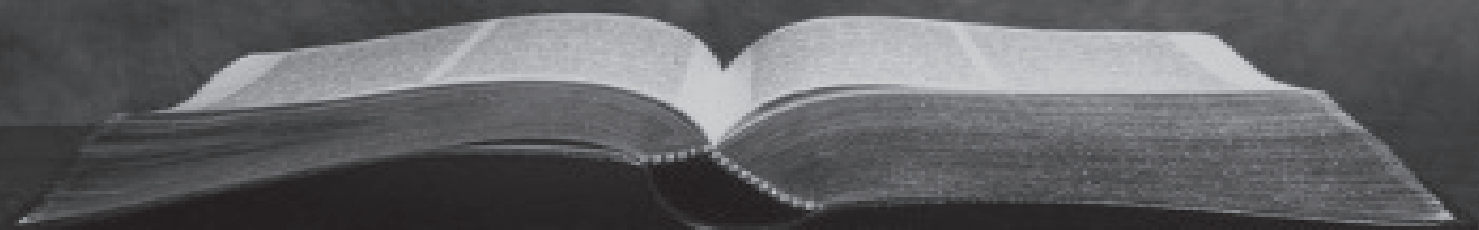
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