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Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Budding New Friendship

The sweetest thing has been happening the last few months.

Ms Mary lost her beloved lil' man, Rico a while back. He was our friend and we all miss him, so. He was a good little dog. Ms Mary wasn't going to get another dog but changed her mind. Soon, she found a new baby named, Ms Sophie. She is a chihuahua but, Mimi swears she is a cross between a tinnie tiny horse and a itty bitty kangaroo. So, she calls her Sophie Roo. Any-woof, she wuffs Mimi and just lays in her arms like a baby.

Any other time she is hopping, jumping, and all hyped up. She makes me a little anxious. So, when she gets in my face, I tell her to CALM DOWN! She didn't listen to me at first but now, she obliges. Well, Ms Ivory also had to tell her a few times. After all she is just a baby and learning by watching us.

Ms Mary says that we are good little teachers, without biting or being mean to her. Cause if she did that to a big dog, they would hurt her. So, it's best she learns from Ms Ivory and me.

It seems to be working well. See how calm she is with Ms Ivory! Isn't that just the sweetest thing, ever? We still miss Rico, but I think Ms Sophie Roo is going to be a good friend, too.

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

10th Annual Dylan Kennedy Memorial @ Wartburg Speedway

Sept. 6, 2026 (Sunday before Labor Day)

75 laps

\$13,037 to win \$500 to start

Limited Late Model

Group A and B qualifying

Fastest overall qualifier: \$137 sponsored by 423 Cerakote and Guns

Heat 1: \$137 sponsored by Chris Summers (10 laps)

Heat 2: \$137 sponsored by MBM Heating and Air (10 laps)

Heat 3: \$137 sponsored by 22 Speed Shop

Heat 4: \$137 sponsored by Morgan Pro Hardware

Fast car dash: \$137 (top 3 in group A and B)
sponsored by Billy Ward – 5th District school board member (10 laps)

Football toss: sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church (at intermission)

— In Loving Memory —

Patsy Ruth Davis, 89



Patsy Ruth Davis, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 25th, 2026 surrounded by family.

Patsy was born on March 5th, 1937 in Oklahoma to Melvin and Ruth Hulse. They later moved to California where eventually Patsy would meet the love of her life, Harry Davis. Together they had 4 children. Diana, Marjorie, Harry Jr., and Dennis.

Harry and Patsy relocated to Tennessee where they continued to raise their family. She was a devoted mother to her kids.

Once her kids were grown, Patsy enjoyed spoiling her grand kids with time. She could be found playing games with her grand kids. Teaching them to play multiple card games and pretty pretty princess with the girls.

She became a member of Mossy Grove Baptist Church in 1994. She was devoted to being a deacon's wife and studying her Bible. She served as a door greeter and rode with her husband to pick up some of the ladies of the church that could no longer drive. She also was part of the Stitching Sisters.

Once her great-grand kids came along, Patsy lit up with a new joy. She loved her greats fiercely.

Patsy was known for her wonderful smile and bright disposition. She would help anyway she could.

Once her beloved husband of 63 years went on to heaven,

Patsy lost a piece of herself. She longed to be with her husband and Heavenly Father.

Patsy is finally resting in the arms of her Savior.

She is proceeded in death by her husband, Harry Davis, daughter Marjorie Davis, daughter in law Vickie Davis, great granddaughter Ella Davis, her mother and father, Melvin and Ruth Hulse, Sister Peggy Marsh, and Brothers Chuck Hulse and David Hulse.

She is survived by daughter Diana (Edgar) Brown, sons Harry "Buddy" Davis Jr, and Dennis (Ellen) Davis.

Grandchildren Ray Brown, David (Nikki) Brown, Holly (Matt) Davis, Shawn (Nikki) Davis, Sierra (Ryan) Hamby, Cassie (Tyger) Herbst, Courtney (Drew) Drummond, Samantha Davis and a host of great grandkids. Brother, Larry (Esther) Hulse of California.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at Mossy Grove Baptist Church in Harriman from 2:00-3:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Jim Disney officiating. Interment will follow in the Mossy Grove Church Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to Quality Hospice for taking such great care of Patsy.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Patsy Ruth Davis.

Jerry Loyd Sr, 84



Jerry Loyd, Sr., passed away July 26, 2026 at his home. He was born June 19, 1942 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Ruth and Odell Loyd.

Jerry spent his younger years in Oneida, Tn., with his cherished grandparents Barry and Eldora Loyd, and beloved aunt Rema and uncles Donald and Audney Loyd.

He is preceded in death by parents Barry and Eldora Loyd, Ruth and Odell Loyd; aunts Edna Cassidy Rema Terry Eugene Loyd, Audney Loyd, Donald Loyd.

He is survived by his loving wife Jane Katherine Lloyd of 62 years; two sons Jerry (Anita) Loyd, Jr., of Lansing, TN., Steven (Janice) Loyd of Decula, GA.; daughter Melissa Tate of Oklahoma City, OK.; grandchildren Jeremy Loyd, Jordan (Kaitlyn) Loyd, McKenzie (Chyanne) , Chase and Han-

nah Loyd, Morgan and Emily Loyd, Gabriel Loyd and Sophia Loyd; brothers Gary and Linda Loyd of Augusta, GA., Terry Loyd of Friendsville, TN.; great grandchildren McKenlee, Kyson, Bentley, Augustus, Qwenn, Monroe, Talullah, Aurelia, Garrett, Elliot and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and family.

Jerry was a kind and gentle soul. Very soft spoken man that never raised his voice. He was a great listener that could talk about a lot of things. He enjoyed driving down in the woods (at 2 mph) watching and listening for wild life... while enjoying his cigar. He was a man of few words but spoke a lot of wisdom in the those few words. He will be great missed and cherished forever.

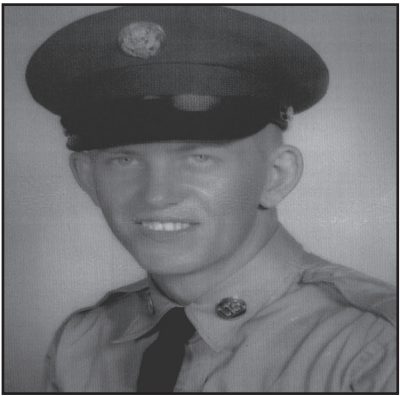
The family will receive friends Friday, July 31, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. Grave-side services will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in the H C Smith Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jerry Loyd.

Psalm 123:1

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

Bobby Dee Nunley, 85
United States Army Veteran



Bobby Dee Nunley, age 85 of Petros passed away July 31, 2026 at his home. He was born February 5, 1941 to Robert R. & Eva Lee Trail Nunley.

Bobby was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He belong to the Mason Lodge of Petros and Shriners. He loved history, hunting, outdoors and loved being around his kids. He was of the Baptist faith.

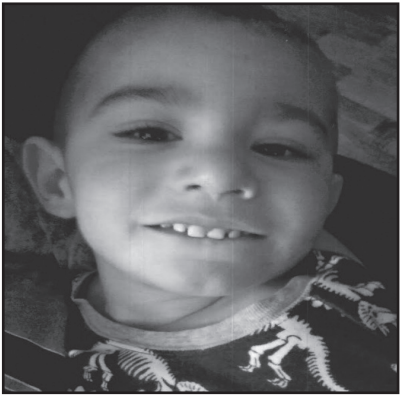
He is preceded in death by his parents; sister Della Long; brother Baxter Trail; brothers-in-law Floyd Long, Boyd Franklin and Emmett Massengale, Jr.; nephew Wade Trail

He is survived by his sister Barbara Massengale and Judy Franklin; brother George Nunley and Von; sister-in-law Shelby Trail and a host of extended family and friends. The family will have a graveside service Monday, August 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Petros Cemetery (COG) with Dr. Jim West officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bobby Dee Nunley.

— In Loving Memory —

Zamuel Brin Copeland, 12



Zamuel Brin Copeland, age 12, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Monday, July 27, 2026.

Though his time on earth was far too short, Samuel filled every day with joy, laughter, and love. He was a sweet, fun-loving, and happy child who never met a stranger. His kind heart, gentle spirit, and infectious personality touched the lives of everyone blessed enough to know him. Samuel's smile could light up any room, and his laughter was truly unforgettable. He was proudly recognized with the "Best Laugh" award, a fitting honor for a boy whose contagious laugh brought happiness to so many.

More than anything, Samuel was deeply loved. His kind heart, playful personality, and gentle soul left an everlasting impression on his family, friends, teachers, classmates, and all who were blessed to know him. The love he shared will remain in our hearts forever.

Zamuel loved life and found joy in simple things. Whether spending time with his family, making new friends at school, or sharing his bright smile with those around him, he had a special gift for making others feel loved and happy. His life was a beautiful reminder of unconditional love, innocence, and kindness.

Left to cherish his precious memory are his loving parents, Bryon and Crystal Copeland; his siblings, Amber and Chas Shannon, Kristen and Jeff West, Breanna and Cody Campbell, Brent Copeland, Brylie Copeland, Colton Copeland, Trey Copeland, and Jada Copeland; along with a host of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and countless people whose lives

were forever changed by knowing Samuel.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Nella'Mae Hutcherson and James and Brenda Copeland; his beloved sister, Latisha Hawn; and his nephew, Bryson Hawn.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the special people who played such an important role in Samuel's life. A sincere thank you to his devoted teachers, Ms. Paula Winn and Ms. Lori Love, for the love, patience, and encouragement they showed him each day. The family is also deeply grateful to his school bus driver, Ms. Amanda Woodall, and bus aide, Ms. Renee Jones, whose kindness and care meant so much to Samuel's family knowing he was safe on those school days.

Although our hearts are shattered by this unimaginable loss, we find comfort in knowing that Samuel is now resting peacefully in the arms of Jesus.

His beautiful smile, infectious laughter will live on forever in the hearts of those who loved him. He leaves behind an imprint of joy, kindness, and unconditional love that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him. While we grieve the loss of his earthly presence, we rejoice in the promise that we will see him again.

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." — Matthew 19:14

Forever loved. Forever missed. Forever our sweet Samuel.

The family will be having a private service.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Samuel Brin Copeland.

Maelee Rain Lowe



In Loving Memory of Maelee Rain Lowe

With hearts shattered by unimaginable loss, yet forever grateful for the precious gift of her life, we announce the birth and passing of our beautiful daughter, Maelee Rain Lowe, who was born peacefully asleep on July 26, 2026.

For 25 weeks, Maelee was carried safely beneath her mother's heart. From the instant we learned of this little life, our hearts were forever changed. Every heartbeat, every tiny movement, every dream we held for the future became a beautiful part of our story. Though our time together

was far too short, she brought so much joy, hope, and unconditional love to everyone who knew of her and eagerly awaited her arrival, the love we have for our babygirl will last a lifetime. She knew nothing but the warmth of her momma's embrace, her daddy's tickles, her big brother's giggles, and the endless love of all her family.

Maelee was the cherished daughter of Chelsey Smith and Bradley Lowe, and the adored little sister of Carson "Bub", who will forever hold the title of proud big brother.

Born weighing 7 ounces and measuring 8 inches long, Maelee was tiny beyond words, yet her life made an immeasurable impact. She will always be remembered for the love she inspired and the lasting imprint she leaves on the hearts of all who loved her.

She is lovingly remembered by her grandparents, Charlis Davis; Jennifer Lowe and Luc; and Chad Strunk and Dianna; her great-papaw, Ricky Lowe, her

great great grandmother Moana Human; her aunts and uncles, Samantha and Charles, Madeline and Asher, Jakob, Jolie, and Hudson; her godparents, Jessica and Dillon; and a host of other aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends who loved her long before they had the chance to meet her.

As heartbreaking as it is to say goodbye, we find comfort in knowing that Maelee was welcomed into Heaven by so many loving arms. She is now being held by her beloved Nanna Cyn-di Wicks, Uncle Amos Wicks, Papaw Tommy Petrey, Great Papaw Charles Davis, and Great Mamaw Deloris Gallo-way, Great Great Papaw David Wicks, where she is surrounded by perfect peace, everlasting joy, and unconditional love.

While we grieve the future we longed to share with her, we find comfort in believing she now rests peacefully in the loving arms of Jesus. Maelee's life has forever changed ours. She taught us that love is not mea-

sured by the length of time we have with someone, but by the depth with which they are loved. She will forever be our daughter, our sister, our granddaughter, and our greatest blessing.

Our hearts will ache until we meet again, but we rejoice in the promise that this goodbye is not forever. Until that beautiful day, we will carry Maelee in our hearts with every sunrise, every rainfall, and every breath.

Forever loved. Forever missed. Forever our little girl.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." — Psalm 34:18

"There is no footprint too small that it cannot leave an imprint on this world."



— In Loving Memory —

Justin Eugene Clark, 38
United States Air Force Veteran



Justin Eugene Clark, affectionately known as “Clark” to many and “Justy” to his cousins, nieces, and nephews, passed away on July 31, 2026, at the age of 38.

Justin was born on October 18, 1987, in Harriman, TN, and was raised in Oakdale, TN, by his loving family. He was the son of Nancy Kay Stewart and Bradley Lynn Clark and was also blessed with the unwavering love and support of his stepfather, Ricky Stewart.

A proud graduate of Oakdale School, Justin was involved in high school drama, baseball, and football. His personality, school spirit and the kindness he showed to others earned him the title of Mr. OHS. Following high school, he attended Roane State Community College before answering the call to serve his country in the United States Air Force.

Justin earned a degree in Civil Engineering and worked as a laborer in the Union. His journey was filled with both victories and struggles, but through every chapter of his life, Justin continued to fight, to love deeply, and to bring laughter to those around him. That resilience became one of the many things people admired most about him.

Few things brought Justin more joy than baseball, especially cheering on his beloved Atlanta Braves. He was a devoted fan whose love for the game never faded. One of the proudest moments of his life came in 2024 when he had the unforgettable honor of throwing the ceremonial first pitch at an Atlanta Braves game -a dream come true for someone whose heart had always belonged to baseball.

Justin also shared a special bond with Georgie, a dog who brought him endless joy and companionship. Anyone who knew Justin knew how deeply he loved her, and the two were rarely far apart whenever they had the chance.

He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Nancy Kay Stewart, His father, Bradley Lynn Clark, his uncle, Joseph Gilbert; and his cherished grandparents, Betty Sampson, Georgia Sue

Gilbert (“Nanny”), and Wendell Eugene Gann (“Papaw”).

Justin is survived by his grandfather, Bob Clark, his loving sisters, Kayla (Jacob) Taylor, Aaleya (Kendall) Rogers, and Linsey Gilbert, aunts and uncles, Bobby (Tasha) Clark, Michael (Nancy) Gilbert, Lil Stewart, Larry Clark, Step-father Ricky Stewart, nieces and nephews, Harper and Landon Taylor, Miley Jo, Rhett and Carter Rogers, Akira Gilbert, Alyiah Bright, and special friend Amran Adkisson.

To know Justin was to laugh. He had a way of turning ordinary moments into unforgettable memories, making people feel welcome, and finding humor even on the hardest days. His smile was contagious, his love was loud, and his loyalty never wavered.

More than the milestones of his life, Justin will be remembered for the way he made people feel. He had a larger-than-life personality that drew people to him wherever he went. He never met a stranger, and within minutes of meeting him, you felt like you had known him for years.

Justin found humor in absolutely everything. His quick wit, playful teasing, and unapologetic sense

of humor could make anyone laugh, no matter the situation. He was the loudest person in the room, and somehow his laughter was even louder. It was contagious, impossible not to join in, and is a sound that will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Although our hearts are broken in a way that can never truly be repaired, we find comfort in knowing that the love, laughter, and unforgettable memories Justin gave us will remain with us forever. He will always be loved, always missed, and never forgotten.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 5-7 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral Services will follow at 7 pm.

*Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of Justin Eugene Clark.*

David Woodrow “Woody” Garrett, 60



David Woodrow “Woody” Garrett of Lancing, TN passed away August 1, 2026, at the age of 60. Woody was born on December 8, 1965, in Mooresville, NC and raised in Lancing, TN.

Woody is survived by his wife, Louann Brown Garrett; Children: Joshua and wife Crystal, Whitney and husband Chris. Stepchildren: Samantha and husband Nathan, Nick and wife Jessica, and their mother, Cynthia Garrett. Grandchildren: Colton Isham, Emery Redmon, Kara Redmon, Henry Garrett and Lily Garrett. 4 Step-Grand-

children. Parents: David and Bobby Garrett. Sisters Elizabeth and husband Keith Hawn; Pamela Garrett and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and family.

Woody retired from TDOC after many years of dedicated service. Woody lived a life filled with kindness, laughter, and service to others. Woody was an avid outdoorsman, loved fishing, four-wheeling and piddling around in the garage and barn. Woody is very loved and will be missed dearly by all.

A Graveside Service will be held for family and friends on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Annadale Baptist Church Cemetery.

*Schubert Funeral Home is
honored to serve the family
of
David Woodrow “Woody” Garrett.*

Glena Mae Hamby Taylor Nelson, 90



Glena Mae Hamby Taylor Nelson, age 90, of Wartburg passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at Life Care Center of Morgan County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Nelson; parents Albert and Etta Hamby; sisters Martha Ellen Hamby and Mary Kay Nelson; brothers Ronnie Hamby and Roy Hamby.

She is survived by daughters Darlene Jones and Regina Davis; sisters Louise Wilkes, Rita Leaf, Joyce Roach, and brother Don Hamby. Grandchildren:

Jennifer (Jeremy) Ridge, Kristen (Matt) Justice, Jessica (Andy) Moehl, and Andrew Davis. Great-grandchildren: Addison and Maverick Davis, Rosalyn and Vivian Justice, Walker and Elliot Ridge and Heidi and Jill Moehl.

The family would like to thank the staff at Life Care Center of Morgan County for their loving care.

The family will have a graveside service Friday, August 7, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in Elizabeth Cemetery with Frank Kirby officiating.

*Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of
Glena Mae Hamby Taylor Nelson.*

— In Loving Memory —

Margie Ivylyn Butler, 76



Margie Ivylyn Butler, age 76, went home to be with the Lord on August 6, 2026, surrounded by the family she loved so dearly.

Margie was born at home in Clayton, Georgia, to Benjamin and Connie Chappell. She was the ninth of eleven children and grew up surrounded by a large family that helped shape the deep love she carried for her own family throughout her life.

Margie loved God with all her heart, and her faith was a treasured part of who she was. She

devoted much of her life to loving and caring for her children, Tammy, Jesse, Barbara, and Micheal. Being a mother brought her great joy, but few things could compare to the happiness she found in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They truly were the light of her life.

To her family, she was lovingly known as Nanny. Her love was unconditional, her presence was a comfort, and the memories she created will be carried in their hearts forever. Nanny was also one of the best cooks her family ever knew. Her meals brought everyone together, and her pumpkin pies were especially loved. Thanksgiving — and pumpkin pie — simply will never be the same without her.

Margie is survived by her loving sons, Jesse Butler and Micheal Chappell; her daughter, Barbara (Darrick) York; her grandchildren, Deborah (Jared) Northrup,

Amber Redmon, and Ashley (Matthew) Wilson; her sisters, Gloria and Shelia; and her cherished great-grandchildren, Braylon, Bethany, Oakley, Kendall, Abigail, Colton, Lillie, Jack, and Oliver.

Margie leaves behind much more than names on a family tree. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, unconditional love, family gatherings, home-cooked meals, laughter, and countless memories that will continue to be shared for generations to come. Those who were blessed to call her Mom, Nanny, sister, and family will forever carry a piece of her with them.

Though our hearts are broken, we find comfort in knowing that Margie is no longer suffering and is now in the presence of her Savior, whom she faithfully loved and served. While we grieve her absence here on earth, we rejoice in the prom-

ise that, because of her faith in Christ, this is not goodbye — it is simply until we meet again.

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”
— Matthew 25:23 KJV

The family will receive friends Saturday, August 10, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00-12:00 p.m. with a graveside service to follow in the Butler Family Cemetery in Rockwood with Darrick York speaking.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Margie Butler.

Thelma Sue Stringfield, 85



Mrs. Thelma Sue Stringfield, age 85, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday August 7, 2026 surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Elsie Cross and John and Isabelle Smithers; and husband, Millard Stringfield.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie (Mike) Craft of Leesburg, GA; son, Timmy Stringfield of Lancing; brother, Fred (Betty) Cross of Deer Lodge; grandchildren: Joshua (Andrea) Gardner, Shandy

Harris, Rimanda (Jeremy) Carsner; great-grandchildren: Teniah, Iman, Zoey, Mayliah, Aerith, Colt, Samara, Presley Jo, and Lakley; along with several nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Monday August 10 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM with Bro. Bobby Stewart officiating. Interment will immediately follow in the Lane Cemetery in Lancing, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Thelma Sue Stringfield.

James Alfred Beasley Jr., 79



Mr. James Alfred Beasley, Jr., age 79 of Potters Chapel Community, went home to be with the Lord on August 9, 2026. He enjoyed fixing cars and gardening and gifting his fruits and vegetables to people. He was deeply loved and he helped anyone and everyone he met. He loved feeding deer and he loved his chickens but also loved all animals.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father Thelma Rose Potter Beasley and James Beasley, Sr.; brothers and sister Owen Gene, Charles Polk, Johnny Evan, Roger Dale and Pluma Rose Beasley; nieces and nephews Monica Beasley

and Roger Jr. “Buddy” Beasley, Junbug Gilreath and Jamie Gilreath.

He is survived by his wife Glenda Beasley; daughters Cynthia Susan Beasley, Melinda Gail Beasley, and Crystal Rose Beasley; grandsons and granddaughter Evan Nathaniel Joines, Issac James Beasley, Lakeanne Hayley Rose Beasley; sisters and brothers Bessie Ooten, Kay Dixon, Lou Beasley, and Lester Beasley. And a host of extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00-12:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Old Potters Chapel Cemetery in Lancing.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. James Alfred Beasley, Jr.

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



— In Loving Memory —

Christopher Allen Bingham, 62



Christopher Allen Bingham, age 62, passed away on August 9, 2026. Born on January 7, 1964, Christopher lived a life defined by his hard work, generous spirit, and deep love for his family and friends.

For over 20 years, Christopher served as a dedicated meat manager for Winn-Dixie and Food City, where his strong work ethic and friendly demeanor made him a familiar and trusted face in the community.

Outside of work, Christopher had a vibrant personality and a host of favorite pastimes. He loved spending time tending to his garden, hosting yard sales—though family and friends fondly remember that he usually ended up giving away more than he sold—and browsing weekend flea markets. He also loved firing up the grill for cookouts and hosting delicious seafood boils. A passionate sports fan, Christopher could almost always be found with the television tuned to SportsCenter, cheering on his favorite basketball and football teams.

Above all, Christopher’s absolute favorite thing in the world was being “Poppy”—not only to his own precious grandkids, but to the numerous children that the family babysat over the years, all of whom held a very special place in his heart. He

was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, and his warmth, humor, and generosity will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Christopher is preceded in death by his parents, Lester James Bingham and Lois Jean Bingham; grandparents, Grant and Lillie Bingham and Harry and Stella Newberry; and siblings, Dennis Wayne Vaughn, Michele Vicky Bingham Ricca, and Gregory Bingham.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Kandy Bingham; his children, Riley (James) Kelley and Chase (Janai Santa) Bingham; his cherished grandchildren, Kylee Kelley and Isabella Santa; his siblings, Sandra Weaver of Florida, Michael (Linda Gail) Bingham of Lancing, Donna (Wiley Dub) England of Sunbright, William “Randy”

Bingham of Oak Ridge, Brian (Melissa “Missy”) Bingham of Rockwood, and Dale Vaughn; his loyal fur baby, Bella; as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

The family will be holding a celebration of life at a later date to honor Christopher’s memory.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that small fruit trees be planted in his memory and lovingly requests that you take a moment to hug your loved ones.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Christopher Allen Bingham.

Vaughty Vernon Lee “Peewee” Hall, 72



Vaughty Vernon Lee “Peewee” Hall, born on February 8, 1954 in Oak Ridge, TN, passed away on Monday August 17, 2026, at Tenova Medical Center in Knoxville, TN at the age of 72. He loved the Lord, was a very thoughtful and caring person to others he met, and he always saw the good in people. His

desire was to help those less fortunate than himself. His final act of kindness was shown in his desire to be a donor of life to others.

He cherished his dog, Molly, for many years and you could always find her by his side. Peewee loved to collect items he thought he might use or that others might need later. One of his enjoyments in life was attending church with his mother, Marcela.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vess and Marcella Hall; brother, Sylvester (Mann) Hall; and sisters, Jackie Burns and Pansy Taylor.

He is survived by Patsy (John D.) Garr of Snellville, GA; Della Renner of Cleveland, TN; Kitty (Marc) Pizzola of Greenville, SC; Vess (Shirley) Hall, Jr. of Oliver Springs, TN; and Joey (Donna) Hall of Petros, TN.

The family will receive friends Thursday August 20, 2026 from 11:00 – 12:00 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, TN with the funeral to follow at 12:00. Interment will immediately follow at the Petros Cemetery (Cemetery Rd) in Petros, TN.

Special thanks to Tenova Medical Center’s ICU team and the physicians for their tender and compassionate care given to

him and for the kindness and guidance of Angela and Grace from Tennessee Donors Services.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Vaughty “Peewee” Hall.

Carolyn Faye Northrup, 84



Carolyn Faye Northrup, born February 17, 1942, passed August 18, 2026.

She is preceded in death by her husband Ivan (Bud) Northrup, father George Hilton Stringfield; mother Mary Lourean Stringfield; brother Johnny Hil-

ton Stringfield; and sisters Janet Byrd, Elizabeth Dial.

Survived by Son and daughter-in-law Joe and Susan Northrup, Sister Judy (Jerry) Williams; granddaughters Sarah(Jordan) Nix, Shayla(Zachery) Stewart, Grandson Seth(Cierra) Carney. Great grandsons Caplan Nix, Lincoln Stewart, Cove Carney and Great granddaughter Jasper Nix. Along with several nieces and nephews.

Faye retired after many years at Warren Featherbone. She spent most of her retired life being a loving wife, friend, and caregiver to her husband Ivan (Bud) Northrup. Faye loved to

always be making stuff from sewing, quilting, embroidery. She was even known to go fishing when she was able in her earlier years. Her passion was helping her “Bud” with whatever it would be that he might need. From outdoor planting, to in the woods with him deer hunting, you name it that was her priority in their later years. She fought a good fight and finished her course and today has that crown of righteousness.

The family will have a graveside service Friday, August 21, 2026 at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Sunbright at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. Matt Ward officiating.

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Kermit “Sonny” Lipford, 85
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Kermit “Sonny” Lipford, age 85 of Harriman, formerly of Deer Lodge, TN, passed away August 18, 2026. He was born November 10, 1940 in Bonny Blue, VA.

He was of the Catholic faith, a veteran of the United States Navy, and he loved fishing, hunting, and watching the Braves play.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Juanita (Stan) Rains of Deer Lodge; father, Kermit Roosevelt Lipford, Sr. of Bonny Blue, VA; grandparents, D.B. and Anna Holmes of Deer Lodge; and grandson, Dustin Lavender of Deer Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Lipford; daughters, Chris (Robin) Hanks of Kingston and Lisa (Rod) Crass of Harriman; grandchildren: Brandon (Kara) Lavender, Sunny (David) Clark, and Kyle (Ani) Crass; great-grandchildren: Shelby and Jackson Lavender, Anis-tyn and Axtyn Clark, and Simon Crass.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

The family will have a mass service at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Lancing, Friday, August 21, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. with Father Sweeney officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kermit “Sonny” Lipford.

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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Historically Speaking

The Invention of the Touchscreen

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

At my request, Jim Palmer, has written about his involvement with Elographics. I think his insights add to the history and evolution of the company that invented the touchscreen. Enjoy Jim’s recollection of a time in his career when he was President of Elographics!

Elographics, Inc. is one of many successful startup technical companies in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The touchscreens that are now so prevalent for computers, tablets and smartphones may be attributed to technological innovations made by Elographics in the 1970’s.

The early days of Elographics included two years where current Oak Ridge resident James R. (Jim) Palmer was President. Palmer met Elographics’ founder, George Samuel (Sam) Hurst, at an R&D magazine “IR -100” award ceremony in July 1973. Palmer represented the Industrial Products Division of Hughes Aircraft Company, which won an IR-100 award that year for its “Probeye” hand-held infrared viewing device. Hurst represented Elographics which won an IR-100 award for its “Elograph” graphical digitizer. Elographics was looking for a full-time President and Palmer was looking for an entrepreneurial opportunity.

After some postal mail exchanges and a phone call or two, Palmer was invited to Oak Ridge for an interview. Besides Hurst, Elographics’ Board members included Herman J. Hurst (no relation to Sam), John W. T. Dabbs, William C. (Bill) Colwell, Jr., and Harold W. (Hal) Schmitt. Other prominent Elographics shareholders were Wilbur D. (Dub) Shults, Ronald M. Keyser, Robert N. Compton, and Theodore A. (Ted) Welton. Palmer recalls being taken to an Oak Ridge Playhouse production of “Fiddler on the Roof” as part of his interview process.

In due course an offer was extended to Palmer which he accepted. He was appointed President and General Manager of Elographics beginning in January 1974.

Elographics’ early technology was built around an invention of Sam Hurst, for which a patent was applied for on April 17, 1972, and was issued as US Patent US3798370A on March 19, 1974. Martin J. Skinner, who was a patent agent at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, moonlighted for Elographics to file and prosecute the patent application. The patent covered a novel electrode design which placed a pattern of conductive dots along each edge of a uniformly resistive sheet. With appropriate switching, this provided a uniform electrical gradient in the X direction and in the Y direction. This permitted the acquisition of geometric coordinate points across such documents as EKG strips, analog graph plotters, photographs, and so forth. These devices were called graphical digitizer tablets.

Up until the end of 1973, Elographics’ products were housed in wooden cabinets and utilized a needle stylus to pierce through the document to be digitized and into the underlying resistive sheet. This captured X and Y voltages that represented the coordinates of the location of the stylus. These coordinates were displayed on two digital readouts on a panel above the tablet.

When Palmer arrived, employees at Elographics were John E. Talmage, Jr. who served as the principal technologist, L. Dexter Bates who was the chief engineer, Mike Blair who also served in engineering capacities, a technician



Jim Palmer in 1977 (Courtesy of Ray Smith)

whose first name is recalled as being “Jeff,” but whose last name is unfortunately now lost, and Betty Lou Colwell (wife of Bill Colwell) who served as secretary. James Frank Wilson who was a young physicist at ORNL, and then a law student, served as Elographics’ day-to-day legal advisor.

The start of Palmer’s tenure produced some aesthetic improvements such as changing the logo to a more contemporary design and replacing the wooden cabinets with a modern molded plastic unit. These enhancements were developed by friends of Sam Hurst and Bill Colwell at ORNL.

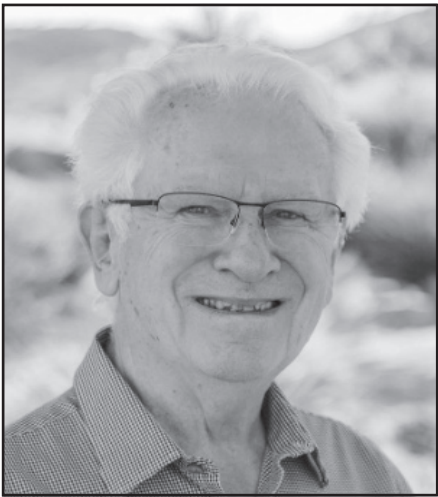
In a much more significant technology advance, the company had also just recently developed a pressure sensitive tablet that could use a ballpoint pen to merely touch the document to generate the digital X-Y coordinates instead of piercing the document with a needle stylus. This advance was covered by US Patent US3911215A which was applied for on March 18, 1974, and was issued on October 7, 1975.

The coordinates determined by the Elograph could be input into early electronic computational devices such as a Wang electronic calculator. The Wang 300-series calculators used small magnetic core “donuts” for memory and had orange glowing “Nixie tubes” for the display.

The Elograph tablets required electronic calibration and Bates improved that process using an Altair 8800 computer kit. The Altair 8800, released in 1974, is widely recognized as the spark that ignited the microcomputer revolution. However, by today’s standards the Altair 8800 was very primitive. It had no keyboard, mouse, or screen. The computer that users assembled from their kit provided front-panel toggle switches to boot up the computer and to enter programming instructions. The results were read via blinking LEDs on the front panel. Bates added the very useful feature of adapting a punched paper tape reader to boot up the Altair and input the data.

The main customers for Elograph digitizers were from Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the result of word-of-mouth recommendations from other customers. One of the limitations in expanding sales was a difficulty in explaining what the product could do. Palmer developed an advertisement that depicted an ordinary wooden ruler with an imbedded LED display that was illuminated to show a numerical value. This eye-catching advertisement bore the title “Digital Ruler?” and the text of the ad described what the Elograph could do. This ad ran in R&D magazine and drew several new customers. Palmer also made an extensive sales trip to prospective customers in the Northeast, driving his family’s ‘67 Mercury Cougar.

A much larger sales success was achieved by Ray Evans who had been hired as the marketing manager. Evans cultivated a quantity order of digitizers from Ladd Research Industries. Ladd was a Vermont company that



Jim Palmer today (Courtesy of Ray Smith)

developed and supplied products for electron microscopy and similar fields.

The pivotal events that dramatically changed the trajectory of Elographics were the results of conversations Palmer had with a consultant he knew from when he worked at Hughes Aircraft Company. The consultant was working on a project with the US Navy, and he wondered if the Elograph could be made transparent. If so, they wanted to use it when it was placed in front of a monitor display screen. Palmer and Bates went to work on that, and Palmer traveled to Corning Glass in Pittsburgh to talk with them about this. Corning had developed a process for vacuum depositing a transparent conductive coating onto glass. Elographics adapted this glass sensor for use in its digitizer and eventually shipped a prototype to the Navy consultant. This was the world’s first ever computer touch screen.

Despite that milestone, as every entrepreneur knows, it can take a long time from making a technological breakthrough to achieving commercial success. Cash flow became a real problem and Palmer eventually decided that he was not the entrepreneur that he thought he was. He resigned in January 1976. He was soon replaced by William A. (Bill) Gibson, who was an excellent choice for the company at this stage of its development. Other new employees also joined the company, including Robert J. (Bob) Cooney.

According to information found online, soon after Gibson joined Elographics, Siemens Corporation came to Elographics and offered to back it in the development of a curved glass sensor. Then in 1982 Elographics displayed 33 televisions covered with the new transparent touch-sensitive panels in the US Pavilion at the 1982 World’s Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. For many people this was the first opportunity to see and use a touchscreen.

In early 1986, Raychem Corporation in Menlo Park, California acquired Elographics. Raychem was a New York Stock Exchange company, and the acquisition was structured as an exchange of Elographics shares of stock for Raychem shares of stock. This made a lot of money for the original investors and Raychem provided the working capital needed for the company to continue development of new products and expand sales at a rapid rate.

On February 24, 1994, the company officially changed its name from Elographics to Elo TouchSystems. Products bearing that name are still sold today and placed in service around the world. If you take a tourism canal ride in Amsterdam, a clerk will sell you your ticket using an Elo TouchSystem. And, as a fitting closure to a circle of historical events, the Jersey Mike’s sandwich store in Oak Ridge uses an Elo TouchSystem as its point-of-sale terminal.

Thank you, Jim Palmer, for providing insights only a person who lived the experience could share.

Palestine



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

The leaders of the political movements of the PLO and Hamas, understand the people labeled Palestinians are descended from the ancient enemy of Israel, the Philistines who gave us Goliath of Gath. They lived on the ancient coastline south and west of Jerusalem. They were moon worshippers.

As for the west bank, I say: wrong river! The Israelites were given the west bank of the Euphrates by YHWH. Not the west bank of the Jordan. Who are the Jordanians?

The modern state of Jordan was established as a puppet kingdom of Britain as part of the League of Nations partition plan. Their King is a plant of the British government. After the Ottoman Empire lost on the side of the Axis powers of WW1, France and England carved up the Middle East.

Britain's war debt was held by the Rothschild banking dynasty of Europe. They were heavily invested in seeing a Jewish state in their ancestral homeland. Zionism had taken hold in Basel Switzerland when Theodore Herzl announced a movement to return Jews to Jerusalem and Israel.

The Rothschild's had begun buying land in Israel from local Arab's in the 1870's. Jews began returning to the place from which Rome had scattered them after sacking Jerusalem in 70 AD. The God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Jesus Christ, was bringing his people home to prepare to receive Jesus Christ.

The people posing as Palestinians, are pawns being used by Islamist's who make up 1/3d of the Luciferian Trinity identified by Daniel in Chapter 2 of his Prophecy. The house of the moon god has a home in Jericho, where the Amorites established their ancient capitol.

The Amorites held 7 principal cities in antiquity now occupied by the People labeled Palestinian. These cities are the subject of the book of Judges, where Israel compromised under Joshua and failed in doing what God had commanded. We are witnessing the psalm 83 war where God is taking back his garden.

The people posing as Palestinians are no single people group. The majority are Edomites. Edom is the land south and east of Jerusalem. In today's modern Jordan. The descendants of Esau are cursed forever by God after he sold his birthright to be the grandfather of the coming messiah.

Accompanying the eternal enemy of God, the Edomites are the Ammonites of Amman. Ammon was the son of Lot through an incestuous encounter with his eldest daughter in a cave after getting him drunk. Moab is the son of Lot by the younger daughter who does the same ruse. The land they occupied is modern Jordan.

Jordan has harmed its own people for a long time. They keep people posing as Palestinians in tents in the desert and deny them citizenship rights. If the people posing as Palestinians have rights to any land it is their land in Jordan east of Israel and Mount Zion.

The earliest reference to a word close to Palestine, comes from Titus Vespasian as he stood atop Masada, looking north to Jerusalem as he renames the area Syria Palaestina. The Land of Putrid vomit in Latin. The year was 74 AD and the diaspora begins for Israel.

In the Bar Khochba revolt, Marcus Aurelius finally had enough with the religious Jews of Palaestina. In 168 AD, he orders all Jews deported out of the land and into Roman territory. Caught up in the dispersion, were all of the ancient enemies of the plans of God for his covenant people, Israel.

The next time Palestine appears are on the maps drawn up by the French and British in 1914, when Sykes Picchot plan was hatched and, America was drawn into the war Britain nor France could afford to lose. If they lost, Iraq would never have come under control of British petroleum.

The Ottoman's would have remained in control of Israel and Trans Jordan. Arab Nationalist's would control their own oil. England and France would be speaking German.

But God had other plans.

The regathering of his covenant people was always his plan. Islam is his tool to chasten unbelievers by judging them guilty and destroying 4/5ths of the world population in the coming 7 year tribulation.

It is Israel centered as the powers of Antichrist are uniting to stop

God's plan for Jesus Christ coming kingdom, to be established only after national Israel confesses him as Lord. Palestine is a political movement designed to stop Israel from welcoming their righteous King.

Every nation now united against Israel can be found in the bible but Palestine? It is no-where in the Qaran, in fact Muhammad and his scribes always called the land Israel. Palestine is all about hatred.

The modern invention was birthed in Egypt through the marriage of the Muslim brotherhood to the exiled grand mufti of Jerusalem. Haj Amin al- Husseini. He meets a 13 year old Muslim boy in Cairo who becomes his proselyte. Yassir Arafat, the father of the modern Palestinian ruse.

He killed more Muslim youth than were killed in the Balkan wars of 1995. He sent more Muslims to die or languish in Israeli prisons based upon a hatred born in hell. Make no mistake, Islam is Satan's choice by which he intends to subjugate our world and kill Jews and Christians.

America has become the breeding ground for homegrown terrorists educated at Ivy League universities. Where the fake narrative of Palestine is being used to justify a coming genocide on our shores. The Muslim brotherhood had friends in the White house for two administrations totaling 12 years.

The plan to infiltrate the west, and America as the great Satan, was aided by progressives who are first rate anti-Semites. None of your arguments matter anymore. You pretend to be the superhero of minority communities while threatening the one true world-wide minority Jewish community.

The university system in America now champions all God hates. They have indoctrinated generations to hate America and to hate the only democracy in the Middle East where all religions are welcome.

Israel is the only United States ally, who receives security money, only to be told they can't live in certain places in their own country.

There were 0 Muslims in America at our founding. Charles Martel had repelled the Moor's only to have modern liberal progressives in Europe, welcome Muslims by the millions and now their countries are collapsing from within.

England is lost and will soon have a Muslim prime minister with Nuclear weapons at his disposal. If you think the world will be safer without Israel in the world, you are a special kind of stupid. Everywhere Islam goes, failure, subjugation, slavery, chaos and corruption follows.

It is not Islamophobic to speak truths based upon my experience in war in Muslim countries. Cumbayaa is a word Muslims will never sing with Jews or Christians. Please do not lecture me on Islamic contributions to America, I watched the towers fall, and American Muslims cheer!

I lost friends who were killed by supposed Afghan Muslim allies. I saw Somalis drag my friend's bodies through the streets. I watched the Isis beheadings of westerners for 12 years. Sharia is not compatible with western democratic principles. Their holy book reveals this and we should believe them.

When the Muslim messiah appears, the question they will ask is beheading or convert to our perverted political ideology, disguised and packaged as a religion, to use western ideas about religious freedom to subjugate you naïve and comfortable Americans who have welcomed your enemy here.

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
Even so come Lord Jesus Chrsit.*



The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

No politician has influenced today quite like the man nobody knows. His name was Haj Amin Al Husseini. He is influencing every geo-political decision being contemplated yet has been dead since 1962. His office was guardian to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Muslim police officer of the Jewish temple mount.

Why has giving the Hebrews, their national homeland back, caused a radical Islamic cleric to side with the Axis powers in WW2?

Why did Islam marry fascism? Dare I say they both have the same anti-Semitic foundation?

Dare I say it stems from their master Lucifer? Islam is the coming religion of anti-christ.

The Church is devoid of truth for they adopted Roman replacement theology, denying God’s future plans for national Israel, the remnant God intends to save through Jesus Christ, and his plan is to place Jesus Christ on King David’s throne in Jerusalem after the final 3 ½ years of Jacob’s trouble.

The book of Revelation after chapter 4 verse 1, is completely Israel and Jacob centered. God changed names often in the bible. Once a name was changed, the new name stuck for the rest of their story in the flesh. With the exception of Jacob. The deceiver became Israel after being justified by God.

However, God continues to speak with Israel, often calling him by his birth name, Jacob. Why? Is there truly a difference? I say whenever God referred to him as Jacob after being justified by faith in what God had promised Isaac and Abraham, he was acting in the flesh as the previous deceiver.

Whenever God refers to him as Israel, spiritual implications are at play. The name Israel is defined as one who wrestles with God and man. It is a spiritual designation of a family called in Egyptian bondage, to become the keepers of the oracles of God, and the nation called to be the light bearers.

Israel is what God desires we all understand. As a born again believer in Jesus Christ, I have been adopted into the living vine of Yeshua ha Maschiach, the prophesied seed of the woman. God refers to Israel as his bride. He hates divorce, and the temporary separation of Israel is coming to a close.

The prophecies concerning the coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ, all revolve around the promises of God being eternal. The covenants of God being final and forever. God could no sooner divorce national Israel than he could lose a repentant sinner that has chosen eternal life in Jesus Christ.

The political movement known as Islam, uses the term religion to infiltrate western institutions by taking advantage of protections enshrined in the American constitution. The house of the moon god is 1/3d of the coming Luciferian religious trinity uniting to stop the plans of YHWH for his Son Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 53 reveals the suffering servant who would receive the kingdom of David only after paying humanities dowry for our hand in eternal marriage. The Levirate marriage pattern from Genesis to Revelation is unknown to unregenerate Church goers in the west.

To understand why God framed the redemption story as a marriage covenant, clears up all prophecy. Jesus Christ death, paid the only debt that matters when we die, in full. Eternal life is guaranteed for those who have been justified by faith in what Christ did for all on Calvary. Finished! Complete?

No longer any need for an unblemished male lamb to be sacrificed yearly for the sins of humanity, Jesus Christ, willingly became the Lamb of God promised to Abraham, as Abraham willingly prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, on the same spot where God would orchestrate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

The crucifixion is not a religious reaction by God to man’s transgression. He created man with the ability to deny God, for the purpose of being redeemed. The entire Bible is the predetermined plan of the Loving trinity of creation.

Framed as a cosmic love drama and war between God’s righteousness and our pride. The story revolves around God creating man in his image, with the woman inside of him, to be presented to Adam as the gift of God, for the purpose of one day birthing the world’s messiah.

The womb of the woman is the most exalted tabernacle in creation. The story of redemption revolves around the seed of God entering a predestined Hebrew virgin to birth the God-man qualified to redeem humanity and qualified by bloodline to sit upon the throne of David in the garden of God on earth.

The coming kingdom of Jesus Christ is yet future, and it is now front and center in the headlines as Lucifer realizes his time is short. He has read the entire bible and he knows the scriptural year in which we find ourselves. He understands the biblical seasons and how God is interacting with creation.

Islam is a political movement designed to stop the plans of God for national Israel and the Kingdom of the living God on earth. Our redemption story has a 7 year time period remaining for the redemption of national Israel and the garden of God in Jerusalem on the mountain of God: Zion.

Isaiah prophesied that in the last days all nations of the earth would unite to stop God’s plan for Jerusalem. Zachariah is the Old Testament book describing the redemption of national Israel only after the virgin bride of Christ has been removed and national Israel is surrounded by her enemies.

The grand mufti in Jerusalem was a political assignment from the Ottoman Sultan beginning in 1503. England and France allowed the Mufti to remain in Jerusalem according to Sykes-Picchot, the agreement that led to the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Israel.

The Grand Mufti ensured no Jew or Christian could worship God on his mountain. It continues today. As America gives Muslim allies billions in defense promises, and supplies Israel with 40 billion annually for self- defense, yet only Israel is not allowed to live or worship in certain places in their own country?

Husseini joined Hitler and supplied 4000 Muslims ever willing to aide Hitler in the slaughter of Jews in what had been Yugoslavia. Islam was married to fascism and nothing has changed. The marriage to the sympathetic American politician began with the rise of Malcom X in the 1950’s as a political movement.

The Nation of Islam controls a huge portion of the federal prison system. Islam has come to the west at the inviting of the Muslim brotherhood. Their stated goals in the 1920’s revolved around stopping Jewish immigration to the land of Bethlehem Judea. Palestine is a fictitious name.

The Grand Mufti became wanted by the Nuremburg courts following the death of Adolph Hitler. He would be given political asylum in Egypt where he became a member of the newly formed Muslim brotherhood who was growing increasingly violent toward Jewish settlers in Israel.

He would encourage a young Egyptian to adopt a jihadist mindset and wage war against the Jewish settlers and their American handlers. Most Jews immigrating to Israel held dual citizenship in America. The Jews he would begin killing were American Jews. His name was Yassir Arafat.

The Muslim brotherhood birthed the Palestine Liberation Organization, a violent political movement with the goal of Stopping Jewish establishment of a national homeland given them by our creator as the only authorized gardeners and landlords of the garden of God on earth, Jerusalem.

1962 saw the unfurling of the newly minted Palestine flag in the colors of the four horsemen of the apocalypse: Red, White, Black, and Green. The colors also chosen by the Black Lives Matter movement.

2008 saw the election of the first American President sympathetic to Palestinian terrorism. Barak Obama kept a prominent Muslim Brotherhood in the oval office as a political advisor in America. The stated goal of the brotherhood for America is to gain political offices and institute sharia law here.

It is no coincidence, Muslim brotherhood members are winning political offices in blue sanctuary states. Modern Democrats see progress only through the lens of America’s destruction. These people are not typical socialist’s, they are fascists that lean radical jihadi Islam when voting for candidates.

Quit referring to Islam as a peaceful religious movement: that is a complete lie. Nowhere Islam’s feet go, has survived Islamification. It begins when naïve westerners deny the God who shed his grace on thee. Then they set about manufacturing dystopia even George Orwell would blush to experience.

Islam is the fastest growing political movement in the western hemisphere. You might not agree with everything Jesus, but unlike Islam, Jesus has no desire to control the flow of food and water to your family. Government run grocery stores are the beginning of the Islamic endgame: the mark of the beast.

Israel is not the problem in the Middle East or the world. Jews are not cutting heads off anyone to advance a violent political ideology being accepted as a religion of peace by people with enough money to hide behind walls and gates and immense bank accounts while Sharia is unleashed on deplorable’s.

The sword shall not depart the house of David until Shiloh comes. Shiloh is an Idiom for the Hebrew Messiah who paid the only debt that matters when we die. War will indeed rage in the garden of God on earth. The story is almost over for gentile reign on earth.

Our Jewish King is waiting on the Father’s command to go retrieve the bride I promised you in eternity past. The establishment of the millennial Kingdom of Messiah on earth is, the promise of God to the willing son for enduring the crucifixion. His resurrection guaranteed the rest of the plan of God.

Islam is uniting to stop God’s plan for national Israel. The Abraham accords are the precursor to the prophesied covenant Israel enters with her historic neighbors and traditional enemies. The final week reserved for the chastening of national Israel begins with the rapture and the revelation of Antichrist.

Those of us who read the news know what is going on.

Those of us dedicated to reading the Bible daily and submitting to correction, know when and where actions by a sovereign God will occur. Prophecy is not prediction.

It is Biblical prologue leading to patterns and paradigms revealed to those who are truly born again, and truly understand the kingdom of God as future.

Islam is the violent political movement, begun by Lucifer in Sumer 5700 years ago. It is the house of the moon god designed to terrorize humans. It is 1/3d of the Luciferian religious trinity revealed to Daniel. Islam will produce the beast out of the Assyrian Empire.

Repent for the Kingdom of God is near. Let him who has ears, hear what the spirit is saying.

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Clearfork Area Volunteer Fire Department Celebrates 126 Years of Service With New Commemorative Mural

By Samuel Gray

The Clearfork Area Volunteer Fire Department is proud to celebrate 126 years of service to the Rugby and Morgan County communities. As part of this milestone, the department has unveiled a new commemorative mural created by artist Bob Dasher, owner of Dasher Decorative Arts.

The mural, located at Morgan County Volunteer Fire Department Station 10, 3025 Rugby Parkway, Rugby, TN 37733, depicts a turn-of-the-century fire response scene inspired by the region’s early firefighting history. Community members are invited to visit the station, view the artwork, and continue their day by supporting local businesses such as Brooks General Store, a longtime gathering place in Rugby.

The department’s origins date back to 1900, when the original Rugby Bucket Brigade was formed by the women of the community following a series of devastating fires. Their determination laid the foundation for more than a century of volunteer service and community protection, which we are proud to continue through today.

The Clearfork Area Volunteer Fire Department currently operates one engine, one tanker, and an older brush truck. The department recently received a grant for new equipment, helping replace equipment with an existing average service life of more than 20+ years. We are always seeking active new volunteers, with active training and participation. Please join us for a meeting if you are interested in joining or donating, the First Tuesday of the Monday at the Fire Department. Thank you to everyone who supports this happy corner of the world.

Statement from the Artist,

Quotation from a handwritten letter by Bob Dasher.

Artist Bob Dasher shared his reflections on the mural and his long-standing connection to Rugby: Dasher and his wife Bonnie have been married for more than 50 years. They have five children and fifteen grandchildren and reside in the mountains of Georgia.

“My wife introduced me to Rugby shortly after our marriage in 1976. Her cousin’s family had been involved in the restoration of Rugby since the 1950s and still maintains several properties here. Over the last 50 years, we have fallen in love with the people and places of this community.

My children have fond memories of bologna sandwiches made by old Bill at Brooks Store, of Linda—his wife—who still runs Grey Gables, and of Gerald, who looks after just about everything here. From the Gentleman’s Swimming Hole to Honey Creek Trail and Colditz Cove, Rugby has always felt like home.

We’ve been fortunate to become friends with Tiffany and Doug at Brooks General Store and even painted a mural of their family history just a few hundred feet from the fire department.

Completing his mural at the Volunteer Firehouse as a tribute to the late Chief and in honor of the department’s 125th anniversary has been a privilege. This town and its people are a special breed and will always hold a warm place in my heart and in the hearts of my family.”



2 Corinthians Chapter 4



Melvin Howard

(2 Corinthians 4:1-6 “Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”) Spiritual blindness: Christ had bestowed upon Paul a wonderful ministry. He had obtained mercy for his bloody life of persecuting Christians; with that forgiveness, came responsibility. He was determined to take such seriously and not faint (grow tired and abandon the word) (Gal. 6:9; Heb. 12:3). Writing by inspiration, he affirmed his integrity in proclaiming the gospel, which stood in bold relief to the haranguing anti-Paul faction troubling the church at Corinth. Unlike his opposition, Paul and those working with him had renounced the hidden things of darkness. One must remember that the apostle had been accused of being deceptive in his writings by his antagonists (1:13). He did not practice “craftiness” (unscrupulous conduct), nor did he handle the “word of God” (either the Scriptures or direct revelation) “deceitfully.” He lived and taught the truth in the sight of God and encouraged men of good conscience to examine him (v. 2).

Paul had charged the Jewish faction with having their eyes veiled to truth by their hardness of heart (3:14). Apparently, they had made this accusation about him. He denies it. If the gospel he proclaimed was veiled, it was in those who were in the process of perishing (v.3). The “god of this world” (Satan - Jn. 12:31) had blinded them, leading to their unbelieving minds. They had yielded to the devil. Hence, they refused to be illuminated by gospel light and surrender to the glorious Christ, who is the image of God (the perfect representation of deity) (Col. 1:15). The adversaries refused to be illuminated (v.4).

The apostle’s critics vaunted themselves, while he simply preached Christ as Lord. He and his fellow workers declared themselves as servants of their brethren on account of Christ (v. 5), while his opposition wanted to rule the church. Paul then authenticates the Genesis record. God spoke and light shined out of darkness (Gen. 1:3), which typified the glorious light of the gospel in their hearts, providing knowledge of divine glory in the “face” of Christ (v. 6). This is a declaration about God’s glory in the person of Jesus; a statement of the Savior’s deity.

(2 Cor. 4:7-15 “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.”) Steadfast in suffering: Paul’s ministry was bombarded with a variety of severe trails, from both within and without the church. Nonetheless, God’s great power sustained him. The new covenant gospel system is a treasure beyond description (Mt. 13:44-46). There is the treasure of: (a) pardon from sin (Acts 2:38); (b) peace with God (Rom. 5:1); (c) contentment in life (Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:6); (d) a huge spiritual family (Mk. 10:29-30); (e) the hope of eternal life (Tit. 1:2).

Information regarding this treasure is not dispersed directly from heaven; God has chosen “earthen vessels” (humans) as vehicles of dissemination. Why was the term “earthen” selected? A possible allusion to human origin (Gen. 2:7) may be hinted, since Genesis was referenced in the previous verse. Also, a clay jar is fragile; the greatness of gospel power is magnificently demonstrated in a fragile vessel. Glory goes to God, not to ourselves (v. 7). Paul’s agitators may have imagined their doctrine as housed in containers of gold!

Paul and his gospel fellows were like men “doomed to death” (1 Cor. 4:9). Here he builds upon this foundation. Gospel proclaimers were: (a) surround-

ed with great pressure---physical, mental, social, spiritual---like a grape in a wine press, yet they were not totally hemmed in; (b) perplexed, but not to the point of despair; (c) pursued, yet not deserted; (d) knocked down, but not destroyed; (e) viciously treated in the same general manner of their Lord, figuratively “bearing his body,” which represented extreme physical abuse (Gal. 6:17).

But the tables are turned; in our suffering, “the life of Jesus” is demonstrated. Unwittingly, our persecutors aid in evangelism (v. 8-10)! What irony! All the verbs in verses eight through ten reflect sustained action.

God’s apostle lived daily on the precipice of death; he awoke each morning to the prospect of dying for Jesus’ sake (1 Cor. 15:31). But the whole meaning of his life revolved around the use of his mortal body for the manifestation of Christ (Phil. 1:21). Even though this courageous man looked death in the face constantly, he believed his suffering would help produce life in his Corinthian converts, and for that he would be happy (v. 12). Paul was a model of selflessness.

Paul derived comfort from recalling Scripture (Psa. 116:10). The psalmist was delivered from a deadly situation and was compelled to proclaim his faith; so the apostle would do likewise (Rom. 15:4). But he took courage from the historical reality of Jesus’ resurrection (the most solid fact of antique history). Just as God raised his Son, he likewise will raise us and present us, along with the Corinthian brethren, alive and in the presence of our Lord (5:10). Consider: (a) Paul was confident that Christ was raised from the dead. (b) Jesus’ resurrection was the divine pledge of our own resurrection (1 Cor. 15:12-19). (c) The apostle anticipated his own resurrection; thus he did not labor under the illusion that Christ’s return was imminent, as commonly charged. (d) He implied post-death recognition in the “us with you” phrase (v. 14). All of Paul’s sufferings were on behalf of others, to the end that God’s saving grace would be received by “many” who would express their gratitude, thereby glorifying God (v. 15).

(2 Cor. 4:16-18 “For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”) Momentary affliction: The apostle is determined not to “faint” under his afflictions (v. 1). Though our “outward” man (the flesh) is decaying (it’s called aging, and it begins with conception) (Rom. 8:23), the “inward” man (the spirit) was being renewed by the transforming power of the gospel (Rom. 12:2). Paul was no materialist! Note the amazing contrasts: (a) currently we are afflicted; the future will hold glory. (b) Comparatively, our afflictions are light, whereas the glory is of “exceeding weight.” (c) Present distress is only for a moment; the glory will be eternal (v. 17); Heb. 11:1, 7, 13-15, 26).

The Christian’s attention must not be riveted on the temporal things around us, but on the things not seen. The unseen world is as real as the seen, though most think about it very little! Material things are temporal; spiritual realities are eternal.

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SCOTT COUNTY HAS A NEW MAYOR

By Richard Spears

For the past three terms, Scott County has elected a new mayor, and that trend continues with the results of the 2026 election, as Huntsville Mayor Dennis Jeffers defeated three opponents by a sizable margin. With 6,249 voters casting ballots in our neighboring county, Scott, Huntsville Mayor Dennis Jeffers received 3,457, or over 56 per cent of the total vote to become the next Scott County Mayor. Jeffers will step down as Huntsville Mayor as of August 31, and oversee the entire county. Jeffers has been instrumental in the economic growth of Huntsville, and believes his ability to network with decision makers will result in a growth of new business for all of Scott County.

“I believe the time is now and we have so much to offer both to folks who live here or want to relocate to here, and to businesses who want to expand. Our priorities will be driven by wanting to help folks see the positive, and act on those things, and while doing, give God the glory for how richly He has blessed us here,” Jeffers said.



Trent Coffey Called to President Trump’s Office

By Richard Spears

Executive Director of Scott County program, S.T.A.N.D. (Students Together Allowing No Drugs) Trent Coffey has been called to President Donald Trump’s office before, in Trump’s first term when Coffey was called to come participate with a few other anti-substance abuse program leaders from all over the nation, in 2017. During that meeting, Trump said to Coffey, “You’re one of the great advocates” for those programs and the individuals they serve.

Now Coffey is packing up and heading to Washington, D.C. to serve on Trump’s staff as the Assistant Deputy Director of Use and Prevention Grants for the White House Office on National Drug Control Policy.

Coffey told the Morgan County Today, “They just created this position. I’ll know more about it as I go, but I’m looking forward to getting started.” Coffey said he will attend a White House event on Thursday, August 27, to be sworn in to his new position, and his first day in office, his “duty date,” is Monday, August 31.

The STAND Program, initiated 25 years ago by then Sessions Judge Jamie Cotton, with Coffey as Executive Director will continue with long term STAND Assistant Director Dale Owens at the helm.

“Jamie has said, ‘I may have birthed the baby, but Trent raised it,’” said Coffey. Coffey said for the duration of his term in Washington with the Office On National Drug Control Policy, he will officially be “taking a leave of absence “ from STAND, since, he said, “I will serve for the remainder of President Trump’s term, then maybe continue or not. It’s a great honor. They sought me out.”

Tennessee House of Representatives Congressman Kelly Keisling, whose district 38 includes Scott County, said he is well aware of the many ways the STAND program has benefited both Scott and the entire region..

“Trent has been so dedicated to helping people battle the scourge of addiction. This appointment is a great reflection of how successful the program has been and applies to our area and the entire state. Thank you, President Donald Trump,” Keisling told the Morgan County Today.



Coffey, who will report directly to White House Drug Czar Sara Carter (who visited with him and the members of STAND in Scott County before her confirmation), said, “Throughout my career I have believed that the most effective solutions to our nation’s challenges are built one community at a time. It is deeply humbling to know that the work accomplished here in Scott County helped create new opportunities to contribute to those efforts on a national level.”



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