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SUN 11/1	67°	50°
MON 11/2	69°	46°





Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Sisterly Wuff

Just Look At That Face!
Have you ever saw such sweetness?

Well, Ms Mary said she wuffs Ms Ivorys new hair cut. I think she is stunning with short hair, long hair, or hair that is in between.

You know why? Because, she is a beautiful little soul. So beautiful in fact, it spills over making her just as beautiful on the outside as she is on the inside.

Mimi and Pap say that family isn't always blood relatives. You see, God has a way of putting us where we are supposed to be. I am so glad that God put Ms Ivory and me with Mimi and Pappy, exactly 3 years ago. Therefore, making us sisters by wuff, not blood.

Who would have thought that a pomeranian and a parti-yorkie would adore each other so much? We share everything, never fight, and wuff to play with each other. Most of all, we enjoy ear scratches and belly rubs. Especially, after we chase the nasty geese back to the water.

Oh, and snuggles with Mimi and Pap. Those are the best.

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

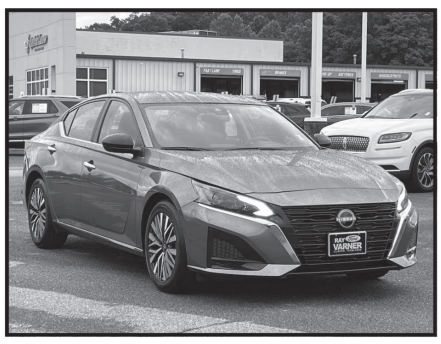




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— In Loving Memory —

Faith Trusten McGinnis Gann, 42



Faith Trusten McGinnis Gann. 42, of Pine Orchard. Passed away on September 30th 2026.

Faith was born on June 25, 1984. In Westland Michigan. Throughout her life she was known for always being willing to help someone. Having a heart of gold. She loved God dearly.

Faith is survived by her husband Johnny Gann, her daughter Audrey Gann, her mother Deborah McGinnis. Her sister's Carol Lay and Tammy West, her brother Ronald Heuser and a host of nieces and nephews. She was proceeded in death by her father Arnold McGinnis, and her sister's Diana Seay, Rose Manners, Pamela Watts, and Rhonda Jones.

Those who knew and loved Faith will forever cherish the memories they made together and the love she shared.

The family has chosen cremation. No services will be scheduled.

Schubert Funeral Home
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the family of
Faith Trusten McGinnis Gann.

Psalms 23
1 The lord is my shepherd
I shall not want.
2 he maketh me to lie down
in green pastures: he lea-
deth me beside still waters.

Psalm 123:1

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,

O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

June Elizabeth Anderson Fritts



June Elizabeth Anderson Fritts was born in 1932 in Sequatchie TN to Ernest F. Anderson and Bertha Higginbotham Anderson. June grew up in Crossville TN where she graduated from Cumberland County High School.

She worked as the church secretary at First Baptist Church in Crossville and at the courthouse. She later was a bookkeeper for a hotel in Rockwood TN. She was married to Harry E. Fritts who was a teacher in Morgan County and passed after 43 years of marriage to June in July 2013. She and Harry lived in Wartburg TN and then moved to Rockwood TN where they were active in South Harriman Baptist Church and other music-related community activities. She enjoyed playing the piano, sewing, canning and baking.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harry and her parents, as well as her brothers Wallace Edward Anderson and Ernest Herschel Anderson. She is survived by her nephews Michael and Stephen Anderson as well as her niece Gail Anderson Fisher, all of Chattanooga TN. She was also close to her husband Harry's nieces Melissa Mathis Mullins and Melinda Mathis Lee of Maryville TN, and his nephew Billy Edward Mathis of Knoxville TN and David Mathis of TX, and their children.

June passed peacefully at Signature Health Care in Rockwood TN where she spent the last few years of her life. The family thanks the staff of SHC and of Gentiva Hospice, who were kind to June in her final years.

The family will have a graveside service October 16, 2026 at 1:00 in the Roane Memorial Gardens in Rockwood.

Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family of
June Elizabeth Anderson Fritts.

Iva Deanna "Dee" Gibson, 60



In Loving Memory of
Iva Deanna "Dee" Gibson

Iva Deanna "Dee" Gibson, 60, of Lancing, Tennessee, was called to be with our Lord September 26, 2026.

Dee was born on May 29, 1966, in Dover, Delaware. In her journey through life she also lived in West Virginia before settling in Morgan County, Tennessee, where she lived for the last 26 years.

Dee dedicated much of her life to helping others, working with a compassionate heart as a caregiver. Above all else, she was a deeply devoted mother. Her love for her kids was absolute, and she poured her entire heart into caring, raising and supporting them. Dee found immense peace and joy in nature, appreciating the simple beauty of the world around her. Guided by her profound faith, she loved Jesus and lived her life with a spirit of kindness and grace that touched everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her four beloved children, Bradley Gibson, Sharree Gibson, Stephanie Gibson, and Harllee Thompson. She also leaves behind 14 cherished grandchildren, her siblings Jerry (Robin) Gibson and Ray Gibson. Nieces, nephews, cousins and a wide circle of close friends who loved her dearly.

Dee was preceded in death by her loving parents, George and Pearl Gibson, and her brothers, Kim Gibson and Steve Gibson.

A service to celebrate Dee's life and faith will be held at a later date to be determined

Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of Iva Deanna "Dee" Gibson.

Mark "Hoover" Sexton, 64



Mark "Hoover" Sexton, age 64, of Petros, TN was lost to us on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, leaving behind many a coffee can full of warshers and miscellaneous junk, a well-used N64, and lots and lots of "yard art".

He's survived by his wife, Vickie Sexton, who he lovingly referred to as 'really neat', his children, grandchildren and far too many other family members and friends to name here - you all know who you are and please know you are loved, despite your name not appearing in someone else's obituary.

He's preceded in death by his parents and sister, many close friends, as well as several others who are greatly missed.

Hoover was far from perfect, but you'd be hard pressed to find someone with a bigger heart than his. He wore a lot of hats, both on his noggin and for work. He loved working at the bus garage, making sure all the kids had a safe bus ride. He loved to fish, hunt, eat, raise hogs, drink beer and tell stories about his life and his travels while running cable. He helped a lot of folks out; he'd give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He was a good man and we loved him dearly.

The family will have a graveside service Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. "In The Holler".

Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of Mark "Hoover" Sexton.

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— In Loving Memory —

David “Aaron” Francis, 45
United States Air Force Veteran
Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran



David “Aaron” Francis, 45, of Mossy Grove passed away on October 16th, 2026. Aaron was a 1999 graduate of Wartburg Central High. He joined the United States Air Force after 9-11. He served 8 years as a member of 45th Reconnaissance Squadron, serving as an Airborne Mission Systems Craftsman and flying on the Cobra jet. He stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska. Aaron was a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Aaron enjoyed hunting, fishing and drawing. He loved and was very proud of his three children.

Aaron was proceeded in death by his grandparents, JC and June Francis and Tommy and Patricia Hurst, his aunt, Kim Nabors, and special uncle, Steve Walker.

He is survived by his 3 children, Kylie, Wyatt, and Aiden Francis, his parents, Charlie and Teresa Francis, sister Rachel (Matt) Holbrook, brothers Jason, Malachi (Kendra), Lucas and Seth (Aaryel), 10 nieces and 9 nephews. and special aunts, Gail Walker and Debbie Ruppe.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 2:30-4:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 4:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Rankins Cemetery, 181 Fairview Rd., Harriman, TN 37748.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of David “Aaron” Francis.

Wilma Phillips, 95



Wilma Phillips, age 95, almost 96 October 13, 2026 gained her wings Sunday, October 11, 2026 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.

She is preceded in death by her husband Reno Phillips; parents; sisters Ollie and Ian Brock and Stella and Jerry Streigerwald and brother Sam Hummel; sons Robert, Jessie and Robin Phillips, Charles (Duke), Eddie, Elmer Phillips daughters Brenda Sue Phillips; son-in-law Paul Jones;brother-in-law John Hubbard and sister-in-law Lynn Hummel.

She is survived by her brother Joe Dan Hummel; sisters Sue Hubbard and JoAnn and Randy Lefever; sons Jimmy, Reno Jr. and Brandy Phillips, Randy and Cindy Phillips; daughters Betty Jones and Wilma and Joe Higgins; daughter-in-law Lori Phillips and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 12:00-2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. David Dial officiating. Interment will follow in the Byrd Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Wilma Phillips.

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Kenneth “Ken” Smith, 80



Kenneth “Ken” Smith passed away October 19, 2026. He was born September 8, 1946 in Columbia, Missouri.

Ken was a kind, and loving, husband to Trisha for 39 years. He is preceded in death by most of his family members including their infant daughter Marie Danielle Smith.

Ken and Trisha were always together 24/7/365, except when working for Morgan County Solid Waste at the convenience centers. Ken was loved by everyone, except a couple of people.

Ken was and still is the light of Trisha’s life. As much as they were together, they never really realized how much they loved each other until they were apart even for 1 hour, let alone longer. Ken told Trisha years ago that he was saved and said he talked to the Lord often. Even our cats loved Ken and will miss him dearly.

The family will receive friends Saturday, October 24, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kenneth “Ken” Smith.

Kimberly Ann Morgan



Kimberly Ann Morgan passed away, Monday, October 19, 2026. Kim was born February 8, 1971 in Lorain, Ohio, where she attended school, married and raised her family. She later moved to Tennessee to be close to family.

Kim is survived by her husband; Brian Morgan. Daughter; Amber (Matt) Richards. Son: Jimmy (Hannah) Morgan. Granddaughter Eleanor Richards. Mother; Delila (Gene) Mullins. Sister; Tabitha (Rick) Amador.

The family will receive friends Friday, October 23, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p. m. with the funeral to follow at 12:00 p. m. with Bro. Mike Hammond officiating. Interment will follow in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Sunbright

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kimberly Ann Morgan.



— In Loving Memory —

Bobby Wayne Poe, 85
United States Army Veteran



Bobby Wayne Poe, age 85, of Deer Lodge, TN. passed away October 19, 2026 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, under hospice care. He was a loving father, grandfather, great grandfather who loved his gardening and was very proud of his vegetables. He was known for his delicious tomatoes and beautiful garden. Bobby was also proud to serve his Country as Army Veteran.

He is preceded in death by his wife: Lozena Poe; parents Clyde & Cora Poe; daughter, Robin Bonham; step-children, Eddie, Terry, David, Darrell Langley; brother, Clayton Buster Poe; sister, Myrtle (Charles) Goodson.

He is survived by his children, Bobby (Sherry) Poe, Lisa Poe & Danielle Dyer, Becky (Mike) Stringfield, Mary Simpson, Roy (Pud) Langley, Carolyn Langley, Teresa (Lee) Holiday; a host of grandchildren & great grandchildren. His #1 friend Judy Helton.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will follow at 7:00 pm with Bro. Bill Durham and Bro. Roy Langley officiating. Graveside services will be Thursday 2 pm at The Poe Family Cemetery 5489 Nashville Hwy, Deer Lodge.

The family will meet at Bobby's house after the Graveside service on Thursday afternoon.

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

Philippians 1:21
For to me to live is Christ,
and to die is gain.

Charles Overton, 70



Charles Overton, age 70, of Deer Lodge passed away peacefully in his sleep October 21, 2026. He was born December 16, 1955 to Maxie and the late Arvil Overton.

His passion was farming. He farmed and raised cattle with his family until his death. Charles was always known for his hard work and helping others. He and his Dad owned and operated their own coal company for many years where they stripped coal from the mines. He later went to work for West Coal Company running heavy equipment. Later, he retired from Mizkan Americas where he worked for 27 years.

He is preceded in death by his sons Brian and Andrew Overton; father Arvil Overton; grandparents Mitchell and Carrie Griffith, Sherman and Laura Overton; brothers-in-law Paul Spradlin, Johnny Ottinger, and Ronnie Jones; nephew Derick Spradlin.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years Sharon Overton; children Patricia (Jackie) Norris, Matthew (Brandy) Overton, and Andrea Overton; grandchildren Riley Norris, Breanna (Liz) Overton, Chad Overton, Cassie (Zach) Lewis, Gabe (Carrie) Overton, Dylan (Kiley) Overton; great grandchildren Lynni Lewis, Wrenleigh Overton, Bryce and Brian Overton; mother Maxine Overton; brothers Leslie Overton, Larry (Gail) Overton; sisters Shirley (Craig) Windbigler, Glenna Spradlin, and Sandra Jones and also a special little boy Jesse Walker whom he thought of as a grandchild. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday, October 24, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Lone Mountain Church in Robbins with Bro. Dudley Harness and Carly Duncan officiating. Interment will follow in the Lone Mountain Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Matthew Overton, Jackie Norris, Riley Norris, Gabe Overton, Chad Overton, and Dylan Overton.

Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of Charles Overton.

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Margaret O'dean Disney



Margaret O'dean Disney was born on July 12, 1930, in Bell County, Kentucky, where she was raised in a Christian family. She lived a life marked by faith, devotion to her family, and a love for caring for others.

Although Margaret worked outside the home at various times throughout her life, her heart was always in keeping her home and caring for her family. She loved to cook for those she loved, and there was almost always a homemade pie or cake ready to be enjoyed. Her home was a place where she shared her love through home-cooked meals and the simple pleasures of gathering with family. She also enjoyed crocheting afghans, creating pieces that would bring warmth and comfort to those who received them.

Later in life, Margaret enjoyed traveling with her group of friends in Oakdale, making memories and sharing fellowship with those who had become special to her.

Margaret was a devoted mother and a loving Christian lady whose faith was an important part of her life. For many years, she was an avid and devoted member of Piney Baptist Church, where she dearly loved the people. Later in life, she joined Mossy Grove Baptist Church so that she could attend church with her son, Jim. Her love for her church families and her commitment to those closest to her reflected the importance she placed on both faith and family.

Margaret was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 45 years, Wallace Disney; her parents, Carson and Lucy Keel; and her brother, Bruce Keel.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Winters (Mike), and her son, Jim Disney (Tracy).

She leaves behind her grandchildren: Jonathan Stambaugh (Rebecca); Robyn Langley (Travis); Rachael Miller (Jordan); Justin Disney (Valerie); Noah Disney (Nicole); and Chloe Reynolds (Mathew).

Her legacy continues through her great-grandchildren: Lorelai, Josiah, Wren, Cartie, Clay, Rylee, Oliver, Owen, Malaya, Ophelia, Mathew Jr. and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family extends its sincere gratitude to Caris Healthcare, Signature Healthcare and the folks at Schubert Funeral Home for the kind and compassionate care they provided to Margaret.

A private family graveside service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either Piney Baptist Church or Mossy Grove Baptist Church.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Margaret O'dean Disney.

One Bank Celebrated 125th Anniversary & Donates to WFD

By Richard Spears

For the past three terms, Scott County has elected a new mayor, and that on Thursday, October 8, 2026 One Bank celebrated their 125th anniversary with a donation to the Wartburg Fire Department of $9992, One Bank Marketing Director Isabeau Strader said, “We also brought a piece of steel from the World Trade Center to display with the presentation. One Bank is proud to be a part of Morgan County, and we thank all our employees and customers who participated in this worthy cause”



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John Burns
Opinion Columnist

The Bible is a book, where every letter, every number, every part of speech, every apostrophe, every question mark, was placed there by the creator of the universe to edify you and me as believers.

The ancient Hebrew Alphabet is made up of 22 individual characters. Each, its own pictograph teaching meaning. Each possessing a numerical value, designed by the Trinity, as a teaching tool on how to understand the Bible correctly.

When Jesus Christ was teaching the lost sheep of the house of Israel, who he is, his mission, and how it will be carried out, they understood not the mystery of the Holy Spirit indwelling every believer for the purpose of becoming individual evangelist's to the entire fallen world.

The first Apostles were fishermen by trade. They earned a living by catching fish. It was all they knew as Jews awaiting a messiah who seemed to tarry long past their patience level. Their patience was on display after the resurrection. After Jesus died they returned to their previous life.

They had forgotten the Christ who walked on water and calmed a storm who had taught them that he must first suffer and be killed at the hands of the people he came to teach the Love of God. Would be raised from the dead after three days. Now on day 4, the apostles are fishing and Christ found them.

The story surrounding the 153 fish, must have foundational truth. This is a story of our own will vs. Christ calling. This is the second time the apostles have toiled all night yet caught nothing. The first time the Christ told them to throw their nets on the right side of the boat, the net broke and fish were lost.

Was it because they had not received the Holy Ghost because Jesus Christ had not yet been crucified? Was it a warning about not fulfilling the call on each of our lives? Are we all called to become fishers of men? Doubt had overcome them after witnessing the crucifixion, and now Christ is restoring.

I have lived my life as someone who loved fishing since I was a child. I would ride the train with my young friends to our favorite fishing hole, where we would dig worms and fish all day for trout. I relied on my own ability and the worm to catch the fish. More often than not, I failed.

My own ability had to be replaced by Christ humility. I had to learn to become a fisher of men, by relying on him as the bait that never fails. After all, while suspended between heaven and earth, he cried out to God, and identified himself as a worm? Why?

Expositional constancy in scripture reveal prophetic paradigm's as teaching tools for individual edification. The worm begins being taught by God in Genesis. Provision is always the answer to the question. The worm sufficient to provide for all our ministry needs in becoming fisherman.

Psalm 22: 6 is Christ future last words on the Cross. But I am a worm, and no man: a reproach of men, and despised of the people. Why did Christ choose the worm to describe his condition upon the cross?

The Hebrew word our Risen Rabbi chose is an identifier in scripture. The Hebrew word for worm is TWLA. Made from four Hebrew characters. The Tau is a cross shaped mark. The WaW are the nails. The Lahmed is the Shepherds staff. Of our good shepherd. The Aleph is the burden bearer to be sacrificed.

The Lahmed had two ends. The curved end is known in Hebrew as the Rechamim. The unending mercy offered to sheep as they begin to consume water. The staff is curved to keep the sheep from drowning themselves in human knowledge of his word. Rechamim is Christ unending mercy.

The blunt end is known as the Ruah ha Khodesh. The comfort end. The Holy Spirit keeping us on the narrow path leading to our eventual glorification. Christ completeness is found in the hidden allegory of the TWLA worm. The numerical value of TWLA is 437.

437 denotes that Christ would be crucified in the fourth millennium from Adam in his 37th year. He was indeed the same age as Isaac when he willingly yielded to his father about to sacrifice him to YHWH. 437 is also the numerical value of the Hebrew word ha-raz, "the mystery". Found only in God's Word.

The worm is the answer for how God designed the ministry of becoming fishers of men. My faith is in the Worm to catch fish, I am but a fisherman reliant wholly upon the right bait for success. Christ is our TWLA worm, and the only bait that catches men for the kingdom of God.

The identity of the TWLA worm is miraculous. The scientific name is Kermes illicis. The scarlet worm. It is found only in Israel. The die from her body is extracted to make priestly garments.

When the female is ready to lay eggs, she attaches herself to the tree upon which she was born. Often an Oak of Bashan. Where she forms a hard protective shell to house her offspring. To protect her young she dies and the larvae feed off of her for three days.

At which time she turns white and is carried away by the wind. As the Larvae become mature crimson twla worms continuing God's will for their life. Hallelujah!

Why 153 fish? It is indeed a miracle.

At the time of Jesus Christ first advent, it was understood that the Sea of Galilee held 153 species of fish. A reference to going into all the world and preaching the gospel.

God intends to offer salvation to every color, creed, race, and kind of fallen human, we are to offer the twla worm if we intend to take part in fulfilling what God intends to finish. Not one species will be forgotten. Heaven will be diverse.

153 is the sum of the sequence beginning with 1 and ending with 17. 17 is the base number used by the ancients to build the great pyramid in Giza found in Isaiah 19. When you add 1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17, the sum is 153, a right triangle.

Ezekiel 47:10 is our Old Testament reference to John 21. En Gedi is the Wadi of Gedi where David hid from Saul. It became the spot where David cut off the hem of Saul's garment in the cave of MacPhelah where Saul slept. Gedi has a numerical value of 17. Gedi transliterates as young ram.

Eneglaim is a duality which transliterates as Multitude. It has a numerical value of 153.

God reveals to Ezekiel a prophetic paradigm of the post resurrection encounter of Jesus Christ with 7 fishermen he called to become fishers of men. John 21 is the fulfillment of the Ezekiel vision.

153 is also the Hebrew numerical equivalent of the Term "I Am God". Ani Elohim

Archimedes in 250 BC used the fractional ratio of 265/153 as the closest whole number equivalent of the square root of 3. This specific mathematical ratio defines the height and width of a Vesica Piscis- the pointed oval shape formed by the intersection of two overlapping circles.

This geometric intersection visually mirrors a fish. From where the ancients developed the astrology of Pisces.

The Greek phrase Ichtyes transliterates as fishes. It has an Isosephy value of 1224 which mathematically factors out at 8x153. The Greek words for the Net is To Diktyon. It also has a numerical value of 1224, and is the vehicle that safely and securely carries the miraculous catch.

17 amounts to the number of apostles Christ called in his lifetime as the apostle of our faith. Christ called the twelve, Matthias was chosen by Lot, James the Lord's brother, Barnabas and Paul were directly called and chosen by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. 16 plus Himself.

8 more subsequent apostles were chosen during the ministry of Paul to the Gentiles. God is the author of the Bible. He chose to reveal the context to men chosen before he spoke our world into existence.

We are pawns in a cosmic teaching by our creator who is teaching a fallen angel and his minions a lesson in absolute sovereignty. The number 153 proves the Bible was written before God spoke creation into existence. In Mathematics 153 is given the title of 3 digit "Narcissistic" number. Or Pluperfect digital invariant. The sum of the cubes of its digits equals the number itself. 1 cubed plus 5 cubed plus 3 cubed= 1+125+27= 153.

Nothing in the bible is there by accident. Man could never write this story.

A righteous and Holy Creator gave us his plan in the bible and his desire is for us to learn his mind through daily bible study. It is the only way one will be judged as noble and able to be removed at the rapture.

Time for every believer to become a fisher of men.

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

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Hello FALL!
MY FAVORITE SEASON? ANYTHING UNDER A BLANKET, WITH COFFEE, AND A GOOD VIEW.
FALL VIBES
FALL CALORIES DON'T COUNT... RIGHT?
IT'S A SEASONAL THING.
SOME PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE COLLECTING TREASURES...
I'M JUST TRYING TO REMEMBER WHERE I HID ALL MINE!
STAND TALL, BE KIND, AND DON'T BE A SCARECROW ABOUT TOMORROW.
IT'S FALL Y'ALL!
COLD AIR. WARM BLANKETS. FOOTBALL. GOOD PEOPLE. YEP... LIFE IS GOOD.
SOME OF THE BEST CONVERSATIONS HAPPEN AROUND A FIRE.
FALL NIGHTS HIT DIFFERENT.


FALL
STATE OF MIND
PUMPKIN SPICE? I PREFER PUMPKIN FEED.
FALL IS BETTER WITH THE WINDOWS DOWN!
FALL MEANS FOOTBALL... WHICH MEANS I'M OFFICIALLY BOOKED EVERY SATURDAY FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
JUST CHECKING... ARE WE STILL IN SUMMER?
NOPE?
OK, CARRY ON. I LIKE THIS BETTER.
GOOD FRIENDS
WARM HEARTS
CRISP AIR
BRIGHTER DAYS
THAT'S FALL!
FALL YARD WORK... IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES UNTIL YOU FIND OUT HOW MANY LEAVES A TREE CAN ACTUALLY DROP!

Historically Speaking

Oliver Springs Airport: The people are what this review has come down to for me… part 1

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Some time ago I asked Charlie Hensley to consider writing the history of the Oliver Springs Airport. He readily agreed it should be done and he would like to do it. Over the time since we first discussed this project, Charlie has given a lot of thought to how he wanted to document the history of the airport from his perspective.

What Charlie has provided here is more than a mere history of the airport, it is an in-depth review of the important people with whom he has associated himself with over the years.

I think Charlie has done an outstanding documentation of the importance of people in his life associated with the Oliver Springs Airport.

Enjoy the read along with Charlie as he becomes acquainted with flying and the people who make it happen in Oliver Springs.

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Discovering the histories of local airports, past and present, has been very interesting for the writer and can probably reinforce any current or past local pilot's connections to the aviation pioneers who handed down their legacies, stories, and facilities to current general aviation enthusiasts. It is difficult to include all the notable persons associated with aviation around Oak Ridge and surrounding communities.

In the rest of this narrative, I will describe the notable persons who were connected to my experiences and love of aviation. To those who I may have omitted, I apologize. Through the following narrative, I hope to give the reader a flavor for the legacy-connections a pilot feels from being handed down the skills and the joy associated with flying.

The most notable of all my aviation connections was Guy M. Jones. Guy began flying in the 1920's per his book, "The Last Barnstormer". If the reader can find a copy somewhere, I highly recommend it as a good afternoon read. Some quotes from Guy in his autobiography…

"I went to Lunkin Airport in Cincinnati where I soloed a Waco 9. Although I had only one hour total instruction time, that given to me a few months previous by Homer Farris. Jiggs Huffman finished my instructions in three days and soloed me."

"The days are gone when a fellow repaired his airplane with baling wire and spit, and when a man who hadn't had a forced landing was a man who hadn't been flying for more than a week."

"It was here that I have to admit I learned to fly for reasons that went beyond just love of flying. My immediate reason for learning to fly was to get rich hauling plane loads of illegal liquor into this country from Canada."

"…moonshine whisky made me the money I needed to start to fly, and I had messed with it long enough to make some grand plans for all the money I was going to make."

After purchasing a Waco 10 and flying it home from Cincinnati to his home in Danville KY, Guy later wrote, "That first day, with slightly over six hours for flying time to my credit, I took thirty-five people for rides and made three dollars per person. "

"On the following Saturday and Sunday I cleared more money hauling people on short hops than I had ever cleared in any week from moonshine. I guess that was really when I became a barnstormer and stopped being a moonshiner. I have never hauled a drop of liquor in my airplane---unless it was in the pocket of a passenger."



Guy Jones autobiography (Courtesy of Charlie Hens

Guy Jones flew for over 50 years in surrounding areas of Kentucky and Tennessee, giving lessons, managing airports, and spreading his love of flying. During his flying career in the 1930's he managed the Clinton Airport, (aka, "Guy Jones Airport", located at the current location of Freels Bend Industrial Park), gave lessons and served as contracted civilian instructor to future military pilots at the beginning of World War II at McGee Tyson, when military instructors were in short supply. In approximately the late 1940's Guy constructed a private airport in Claxton near his home on Old Edgemoor Rd.

The airport was located in the area of the larger oval and his home, per his son who still lives there, is a Frank Lloyd Wright original. A small structure built by Guy, buried in trees and underbrush, still exists near the East end of the former runway. If you drive by the home, by no surprise you'll note, it resembles an older style airport control tower.

Guy also gave lessons at the Oliver Springs Airport and Powell Airport during the late 1940's and early 1950's. Milus Skidmore (who co-founded the Oliver Springs Airport) and including other long-time Oak Ridgers, such as Percy Statts, Tony Krakoviak, and Bill Harmon, took lessons from Guy at Oliver Springs…along with many, many others.

There is a small plaque on the windsock at Oliver Springs that said, "This windsock dedicated to Guy M. Jones, without whom most of us wouldn't need it." In the '60's and early '70's Guy became the manager (Fixed Base Operator) at the Dayton TN airport and this is where I met him for the first time.

My flying began in 1969 when a co-worker, Mr. J.C. Salyers, took me for a flight in a 1947 Aeronca Champ at Oliver Springs. "The Champ" is a tandem-seat, "tail-dragger", two-passenger, fabric-covered, high-wing airplane with 65hp that you start by hand-turning the propeller (the Armstrong Starter).

The plane cruises at 85mph and it is a joy to fly on a warm day with your elbow sticking out the left side sliding window. The Champ is still flying at Oliver Springs Airport and still owned by the Oak Ridge Flyers…a long-time flying club at the airport…and which I had joined shortly after my first flight.

Mr. Richard Hobson, of Clinton, was my first instructor and a member of the Club, and also being good friends with Guy Jones. Dick had been a P-40 pilot in World War II and shared a few stories of these experiences but did not enjoy talking about the war. He told me once that "those who like to talk about the war weren't there."

My first approximately nine hours of instruction was in the Aeronca Champ with me in the pilot seat and Dick Hobson in the rear seat. Among several unique "features" the Champ had an inoperative Model-A fuel gage on the top of the instrument panel, the gas tank being immediately under the panel. The operating fuel gage was a cork with a wire protruding out of the top for the tank filler cap and immediately in front of the windshield. Student pilots were warned not to fill the tank to the top because the gage would leak gasoline into the cockpit.

It was not unusual to have gasoline dripping off the instrument panel while Dick opened the door and flipped his cigarette ashes out. Thank goodness for the numerous air leaks into and out of the cockpit in addition to a sliding window where the pilot could rest his elbow when opened. After about nine hours of instruction in the Champ, Dick deemed me ready for my first solo flight.

To get verified and "signed off to solo" in my pilots log book, we flew to Dayton where Guy Jones was the Fixed Base Operator and flight instructor. Dick Hobson said, "This fellow is ready to solo". I paid Guy $10 and he rode in the back while I took off, flew around the traffic pattern, and landed at Dayton several times, thus verifying that I had the needed skills to at least takeoff and land on a calm day. Guy then signed my logbook and Dick and I flew back to Oliver Springs where I later soloed on July 17, 1970.

During my first solo flight around the pattern at Oliver Springs in the Champ, with my white knuckles gripping the control stick and throttle, one rain-drop hit the windshield and I was sure it was all over…! But it all worked out. Dick Hobson had kept putting off my paying him for the well over nine hours of instruction. Now I needed to and insisted on settling up. Dick said, "Aw, just bring me a fifth of Jack Daniels". So in total I obtained my solo-certification for $10, a fifth of Jack Daniels, and about 10 hours of club-airplane costs at $4.50 per hour including fuel…total about $70.

Dick Hobson was a very honorable fellow and also set a good example for many of my flyingfriends, in addition to myself. He taught several lesson by just being himself. I noted once that he very reluctantly ever said anything negative about anyone and was very much respected by others. That was a significant life-lesson in itself from this good aviation friend. He also said, "There are two kinds of pilots,

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old pilots and bold pilots, but no old bold ones." Dick passed away in 1981.

After Milus Skidmore departed the Oliver Springs Airport around 1964, a non-profit corporation was established and various individuals have been and are involved in managing the lease arrangement and airport facilities, with board oversight. Hal Paine, Dick Hobson, Paul Hatmaker, Boyd King, Steve Hamel, O. M. Vermillion, Steve Moore, and Ron Poore are names that come to mind. The pilots themselves have always been, and continue to be, the heart of soul of the operations and provide much volunteer labor, materials, and direction.

Evelyn "Mama Bird" Johnson is the next local pioneer I want to include. After my solo flight, I began my basic instrument, navigation, radio work, night flying, and cross-country instruction from Mr. Marlon Johnson. The airplane used was a Piper Tri-Pacer that was also part of the Oak Ridge Flyers Club.

After this work over a period of about a year, Marlon determined I was ready for my flight review. I've always told student pilots to not get in a hurry. The most flying fun they'll have is during learning. Marlan and I flew to Morristown, TN to get "Mama Bird" to do my private pilot check-ride. The following is from Wikipedia and pretty much summarizes Col. Johnson's flying career

Evelyn Stone Bryan Johnson (November 4, 1909 – May 10, 2012), nicknamed "Mama Bird", was the female pilot with the most number of flying hours in the world. She was a colonel in the Civil Air Patrol and a founding member of the Morristown, Tennessee Civil Air Patrol squadron.[1]

She married Wyatt Jennings "W.J." Bryan and learned to fly in 1944, while he was serving in the Army Air Corps and the couple was living in Jefferson City, Tennessee.[4] She logged 57,635.4 flying hours, and was the oldest flight instructor in the world. She trained more pilots and gave more FAA exams than any other pilot. She was named in the Guinness Book of World Records as having the most flying hours of any woman and the most of any living person.[5] Johnson was inducted into the Women in Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame, the Tennessee and Kentucky aviation halls of fame and others. She was awarded a bronze Carnegie Medal for rescuing a helicopter pilot after he crashed.[6]

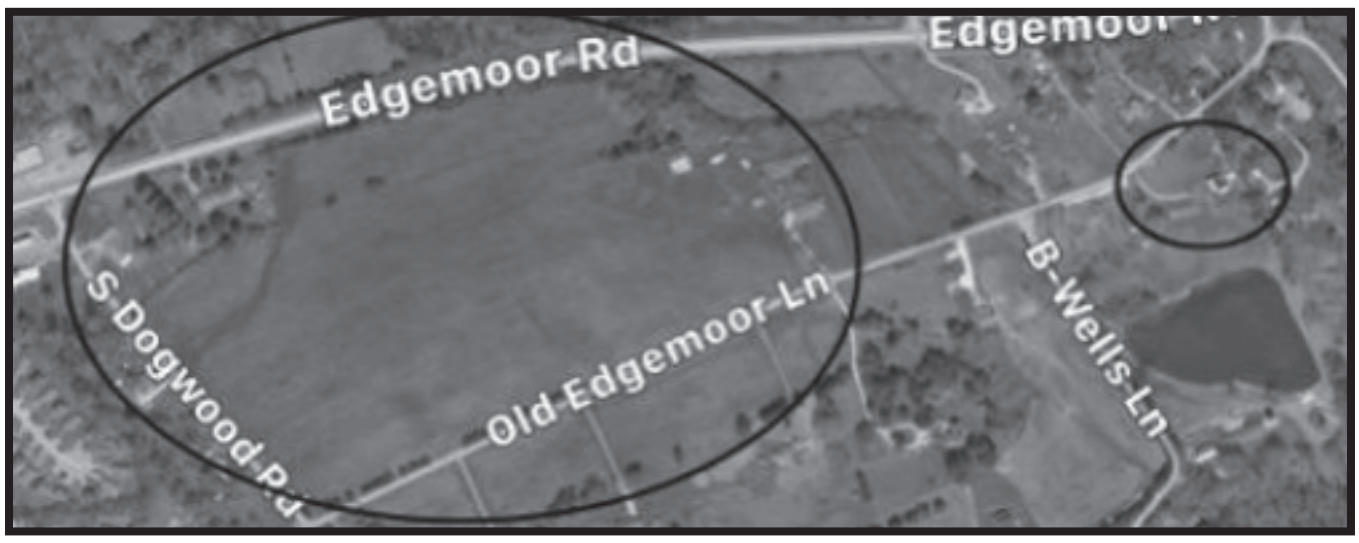
Johnson became manager of the Moore-Murrell Airport in Morristown, Tennessee, in 1953.[7] She flew into her 90s despite developing eyesight problems and only quit at 96 after a car accident on September 10, 2006 resulted in her undergoing a leg amputation. Even after that, she continued to manage the airport.[5]

On July 21, 2007, Johnson was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio,[8] alongside astronaut Sally Ride and adventurer Steve Fossett, among others. The induction was her sixth such honor.

What an honor it was to have "Mama Bird" do my check-ride.

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Thank you, Charlie, you are bringing the history of the Oliver Springs Airport to life! Charlie will continue in a second part of this series highlighting the people who have been his associates in the world of flying and especially those at the Oliver Springs Airport.



Guy Jones airport that was near his home in Claxton (Courtesy of Charlie Hensley)



Mama Bird and Guy Jones at Dayton about 1972 (Courtesy of Charlie Hensley)



Oliver Springs Airport in approximately 1970, viewed from the Champ (Courtesy of Charlie Hensley)



The Champs control panel with the (leaky) Model A gage location on top of the panel (Courtesy of Charlie Hensley)

Galatians Chapter 3



Melvin Howard

(Gal. 3:1-14) Justification by faith: We now enter the doctrinal section of this book. Paul minces no words. The Galatians (no term of endearment attached) are "foolish" (lacking in spiritual depth). Someone (the Judaizers) had mesmerized them, distracting their attention from the most widely known event of history, that which had been impressed on their minds from the beginning---the crucified Christ. This question was appropriate: "How did you receive the Holy Spirit? Was it through the Old Testament law, or by the message that produced faith in Christ?" (v.2). The answer should have been clear enough. "Spirit" may refer to a miraculous measure with which these churches had been endowed initially (Acts 8:14-15), or it could denote the ordinary possession of each believer (Acts 2:38; Gal. 4:6).

Again with sharp rebuke: "Are you senseless? Having begun your Christian lives under the guidance of the Spirit, do you now think you can bring it to completion by reverting to the Mosaic law?" This was a dumb maneuver! Had their persecution on behalf of the Lord been for nothing? Was the supply of the Spirit and the demonstration of supernatural powers bestowed through Old Testament law, or by means of the gospel system?

Consider the example of Abraham, the father of the nation. Abraham was accounted "righteous" with God because he exercised obedient faith in him (Heb. 11:8), not by keeping the law (which did not come until five centuries later) (v.6). Those who follow the same principle are the "sons of Abraham" (v.7); 29). The Old Testament Scriptures even foretold that God would justify the Gentiles by means of the faith---obedience principle (Gen. 12:3). There was no suggestion that the Gentiles would be required to submit to the Mosaic regime for salvation, contrary to the doctrine of the Judaizers (Acts 15:1). Those who act upon the "faith" system are blessed, just as Abraham was (v.9).

Everyone who yields himself to Moses' law labors under a curse, Why? Because "all who are under" that justification-by-law system are cursed. No one can continue being perfectly obedient to "all things" contained in that law. It is thus "evident" that no one is accounted "just" with God by means of the Old Testament code. Instead, as even the prophet proclaimed, "the righteous shall live by faith" (Hab. 2:4). The law of Moses was a different sort of system. It demanded a person to faithfully, consistently, perfectly do (sustained obedience) the commandments, in order to live as a consequence (v.12)---which none could do.

Paul declared that "Christ redeemed us." The Sin enslaves (Jn. 8:34), and only the death of Jesus could deliver from that heinous bondage. The curse of not being able to keep the law perfectly is death (Rom. 6:23). But by his own death (as a perfect human being) Jesus became the curse for us. How breathtaking! Paul adds to his point, quoting from the Mosaic law" Cursed is everyone that hangs on a tree" (v.13). There was a certain analogy between the manner in which executed criminals were displayed in the Old Testament and the death of the Lord. They were hanged on a tree as a sign of divine wrath against their crime. This foreshadowed the death of Christ, demonstrating his reception of punishment, in the place of spiritual "criminals." This redemptive price also provided salvation for the Gentiles and for the "promise of the Spirit through faith" for all Christians. (see v23; 1:23; 1 Tim. 4:6; Jude 3).

(Gal. 3:15-22) God's covenant with Abraham: The apostle wished to introduce a common legal illustration. An ordinary human contract, once it has been validated, may not be altered, unless by the mutual agreement of the respective parties. God made a covenant with Abraham that involved his "seed." By using the singular term he referred to Christ, not the nation at large. Thus, even though the law of Moses was given subsequent to the promise, such did not annul the original promise (v17). If the "inheritance" comes through the Mosaic law, then it did not come as a result of God's promise to Abraham. But that cannot be the case, for the Lord's promise cannot fail. Thus, the inheritance is not accessed through Moses' law.

Since that is the case, what was the purpose of the law (v.19)? It was added because of transgressions. Not to remedy them, for it had no power to do that (4:4-5; Heb. 10:4); rather, the law defined sin and sharpened the recognition of the horrible nature thereof (Rom. 7:7, 13). The law was: (a) "added," hence did not extend back to the commencement of creation; (b) intended to continue only until Christ should accomplish his earthly mission (thus, is not binding in the Christian age); (c) inferior to the Christian system (the former was implemented is obscure, giving rise to scores of speculations, but it somehow reinforces the apostle's argument that the Christian economy is superior to the Mosaic by virtue of its lack of an intermediary agent.

Must one conclude, therefore, that the law was antagonistic to the promises of God? Absolutely not. The Lord does not conflict with himself. If a law had been given which had the intrinsic ability to provide life, then one could argue that righteousness was resident in Moses' law. But that simply was not the case. As noted1 earlier, if righteousness was obtainable via the law, Christ died in vain (2:21; Rom. 8:2-3). "Scripture" (v. 22) stands for the law of Moses; it is pictured symbolically as a prison that kept the Hebrews "shut up" under sin, with no permanent relief. It had the incidental effect, however, of nudging them toward the hope of a Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom life could be received by means of obedient belief.

(Gal. 3:23-29) The law as a tutor: Paul now speaks of "the faith" (with the article, found twice in v. 23), by which he means the gospel, the Christian system. Before the gospel system came, the Hebrews were "in prison" under the law. They looked forward to the Christian regime. It came into fruition on Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus' death.

Here is another illustration. The Mosaic law was like a "tutor" (v.24) or "schoolmaster". The King James Version renders the word "schoolmaster." Neither of these terms convey the meaning of the original word. The Greek term reflects the role of a servant who escorted the child to school to be taught by the actual teacher. The law was intended to bring the Hebrews (and others through their influence) to the supreme Teacher, Christ. It is by him that we are "justified by faith." This is not a mere belief in his historical existence, or even a disposition to trust him (as often taught in the sectarian community), but a willingness to faithfully obey him (v. 24; Jn. 3:36; Heb. 5:9). But now that "the faith" has come, we are no longer under a tutor (v. 25), the law. A conclusion could not be clearer. Christians are not amenable to the law of Moses.

We become children of God through "the faith" (the gospel plan) in Christ Jesus. "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ" (v.27). The reverse would be: Those not baptized into Christ do not put Christ on." A modern writer has said: "Baptism puts one into the church; faith puts one into Christ." Such is an indescribable perversion of this text.

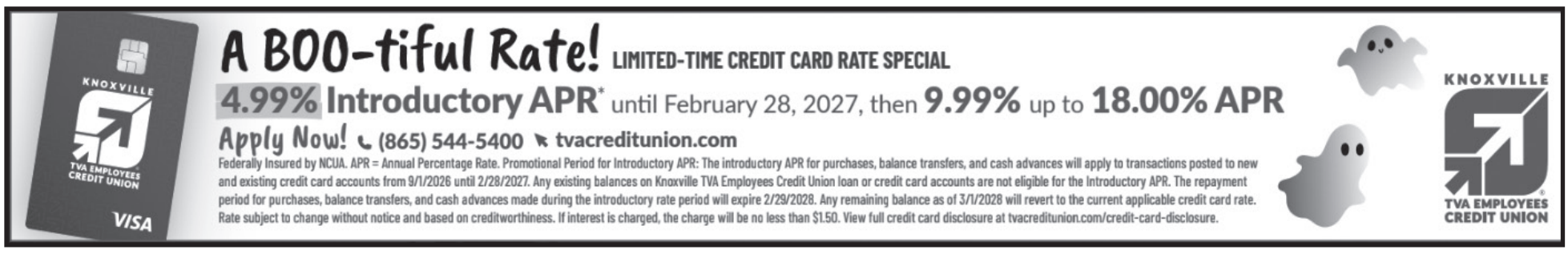
"In Christ," all stand equally before God in the matter of salvation---Jew and Greek, slave and freeman, male and female. This does not mean that all slaves were freed automatically by becoming Christians, nor does it nullify divinely prescribed gender roles in the church (1 Tim. 2:12) There is, however, a oneness that should identify Christians. Moreover, our relationship in Christ constitutes us as the spiritual seed of Abraham (Ro. 2:28-29; Gal. 6:16). God has no special political nation today. His "nation" consist simply of Christians (Mt. 21:43; 1 Peter 2:9).

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