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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

TUE MAR 24	59°/45°	
WED MAR 25	49°/40°	
THU MAR 26	62°/49°	
FRI MAR 27	66°/52°	
SAT MAR 28	58°/55°	
SUN MAR 29	68°/49°	
MON MAR 30	64°/44°	



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Operation MoCo:

Selfless Service

Morgan County is blessed to have dedicated law enforcement agencies and a community full of volunteers who are willing and capable to serve those in need during times of crisis. In reaction to the COVID-19 virus on Monday, March 16, 2020 as part of an ongoing commitment to serve our community, Sheriff

Wayne Potter decided to expand the public service roll of the Morgan County Sheriff's Office & Wartburg City Police Department. Sheriff Potter stated, "We realize that several of our elderly residents fall into the "high risk" cate-



gory and may have difficulty getting out to retrieve essential items".

In light of the presidential declaration of a national emergency and in response to the possibility of the COVID-19 virus hitting our area, Sheriff Potter decided to offer the citizens of Morgan County limited delivery of essential medicines and necessary grocery items. Starting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, officers began picking up and delivering medications from local pharmacies, and small orders from local grocery stores here in the county. Sheriff Potter, asks that items be prepaid prior to officers picking them up. You will also need to let the pharmacy know that an officer will be picking the medicine up for you. Due to man power, officers can only offer pickups at our local



pharmacies and grocery stores from the hours of 8am-6pm. If you or someone you know is in the "high risk" category and needs assistance, please contact the Morgan County Sheriff's office between 8am-6pm at (423)-346-6262 and so that arrangements can be made to get your items to you. On Wednesday, March 18, 2020 the Storehouse Ministry Director Mary Simpson and Storehouse Ministry Volunteer Larry Sexton

explained that due to the Coronavirus threat the Storehouse Ministry went into an emergency mode. Emergency mode procedures included adjustments to their schedule and means of distribution.

In order to serve 170 families all on March 18, 2020 in a quick and safe manner the Storehouse Ministry created a drive through service for their clients at their location in Wartburg, TN. Their clients were notified of these changes by the use of Facebook, radio, and word of mouth.

Captain Michael Cox and Deputy Patrol Officer Noah Harris of the Morgan County Sheriff's Department directed traffic during the distribution of commodities which ensured no accidents and quick service. The distribution would not have been possible without the help of area high school students and church members who volunteered their help regardless of the Coronavirus threat. Second Harvest Food Bank and donations from other organizations and individuals provide the commodities that are given to the Storehouse Min-



istry clients. The Storehouse Ministry serves an average of 400 clients each Wednesday. Each client of the Storehouse Ministry is assigned their own specific Wednesday to pick up their commodities. Clients must meet certain income requirements or be food stamp recipients to qualify as clients of the Storehouse Ministry.

Due to the Coronavirus the Storehouse Ministry will be closed until Morgan County schools return back to normal schedules.

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Heather Francis
Editor

Another Week, Another Newspaper

As the world spins seemingly into chaos all around us, what are we to do with our lives? We wake up and minutes turn to hours turn to days turn to weeks turn months and before you know it another year is gone. For adults it is so easy to fall into that mundane rut. It seems that everything is just on repeat. No matter what is going on around us, it really is just another storm until the next

one. So what do we do? How do we break that cycle? It is all about perspective and purpose. When life gets chaotic check your perspective. Put your priorities in line. Remember that your value is not the numbers on a paycheck. It is the investment that you put into other people. Leave a legacy. Invest time and resources into all those people that are the most important in your life. Take time to call that relative or friend that you haven't spoken to in a while. They may be feeling the same cycle that you are in. You can encourage one another. Stay

positive even when things are negative. One thing I have learned in life is that a negative attitude is like a cancer in every other part of your life. It will affect all those around you even if you do not notice. Zig Zigler is a famous motivational speaker and said "No stinking thinking". It is so true. You can make a world of difference in someone's life. Always look for opportunities to help those

less fortunate around you. This is how you can change that cycle of life that seems to never end. It will help you live with purpose. God has created each of us and knows our names. We have a purpose and that is why Jesus came. He wanted us to have life and have it more abundantly. Do you live your life with goals? Do you have short term and long term goals?

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Dear Lady Laurel, In the wake of the coronivirous pandemic, I find myself full of fear and anxiety for myself and my loved ones. And uncertain of what the future may hold for our economy. Please help. Anxious

Dear Lady Laurel, I am stuck at home all day with my children due the ok the current situation of our country. I'm also now forced to homeschool which is all new to me. Can you give me some inspiration/advice?

Dear Anxious, I know things seem scary and there is so much unknown right now, but I believe that we can still have hope that this too will pass and our country as well as our families will come out stronger than before. During this time of uncertainty you can hold on to the things you have and concentrate on the good and take this time to stop and enjoy the simplified things in life. For me my faith in God plays a huge roll in the hope that I have in my heart. I encourage you to seek out those things that ground you and take joy in the simple things in life once again. You will get through this. LL.

Dear forced homeschool mama, You can do this! You were their first teacher and equipped with the ability to teach your little humans. These children have been given to you for a reason and you have what it takes to train them up. I know it will take some adjusting to the "new norm" that this pandemic has brought to us all, but I want to encourage you to give yourself some grace and enjoy this time that you have been given. Don't stress and make it fun! L.L.

Do you have a question for Lady Laurel? Send them to ladylaurel@mocotoday.com



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March 19, 2020

PRESS RELEASE:

In an effort to combat the COVID-19 outbreak, we are taking some precautionary measures in several of our departments. Within our Solid Waste Department, we have prepared a plan we believe can help prevent exposure. We will cut our days of operation at our nine convenience centers and the Morgan County Landfill to three days a week for the next two weeks starting Monday, March 23. The days the centers and landfill will be open will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (March 23-April 5). Garbage pickups will still be going on during this time and Morgan County Solid Waste Director Keith Kilby will be making sure to monitor the situation and handling the day-to-day duties of his department. We will reevaluate this schedule on Friday, April 3. Please be patient with us as we want to make sure we are serving the people of Morgan County with this essential service, but also protecting our employees and our citizens during this very difficult time.

Morgan County Circuit Court Clerk Marla Hines
Our office hours at present time, Mon-Friday 8:00AM until 4:00PM. We are continuing to serve the public, while observing the restrictions set forth by mandate of the Supreme Court and observing all recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

If you have questions concerning a court date: you may:

1. Call your attorney to see when your date has been reset to,
2. If you do not have an attorney, please call our office (423) 346-3503 and we will be glad to give you a reschedule date.
3. At present time, no new jurors are being seated. HOWEVER, if you have re-ceived a questionnaire, that does need to be filled out and returned so that we may notify you when the rescheduled date has been set.
4. Most Child Support Cases have been reset by the Child Support Office you can reach them at 865-376-0081.
5. If you have a Juvenile Custody case, you will be notified concerning your new court date or contact our office for more information.
6. Civil Court cases have been reset by the attorney's; unless, it is an Order of Protection or emergent circumstance at the discretion of Judge Mike Davis (those cases are continuing to be heard).
7. There will be no traffic court until May 8th.
8. Making payments: We recommend, for the safety of the public and our staff, that all payments be made by phone; however,
 - a. Payments can also be made online at www.courtfeepay.com, we will be glad to help, if you need instructions. If you have further questions, my staff and I are here to help. Please call us at (423) 346-3503.

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Lloyd Carroll, 73

Lloyd Carroll age 73, of Deer Lodge TN, went home to be with the Lord on February 29, 2020. He served in the United States Army, he was Specialist E5 with honorable discharge.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Carolyn Carroll; his parents Houston and Erva Carroll; son Davey Carroll; grandson Christopher Carroll; brother, Orville Carroll and a sister, Cora Lee Morgan.

He is survived by his children, Lisa Carroll, Douglas Carroll, daughter in law, Patty Carroll, and Dwayne Carroll (Chasity); grandchildren Kisha, Casey, Krystal, Tiffany (Jimmy), Jeremy, Kayla, Amber(Brandon), Taylor, Ashlynn, Gracie, and

many great grandchildren.; sisters, Juanita and Lourine; brothers, Arnold and Don and extended family.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with the funeral service to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Perry Spurling officiating. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge with military honors provided by American Legion Post #149.

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Purchased guns will be available for pickup starting April 27, 2020 at Mid-County Pawn. Buyers will pay a **\$25.00** (per gun) registration and background fee and complete the required paperwork when the guns are picked up.

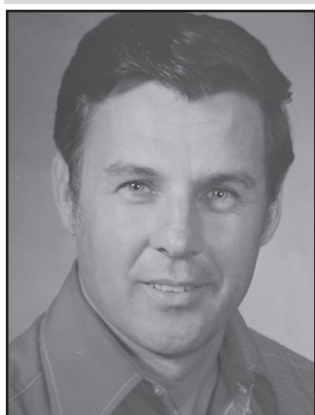
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Winchester	1200	12 Gauge
Marlin	25	.22
Stevens		16 Gauge
Marlin	336	.35
Glenfield	25	.22
H&R	88	20 Gauge
Remington	350H	.410
Mossberg	100ATR	.270
Remington	870	16 Gauge
Eureka		.22 short
RG	23	.22
North American Arms		.22 mag
Colt	MK series 80	.380
Star		9 mm
Colt	Mustang	.380
Ruger	P94DC	.40
Beretta	1934	9 mm
Lorcin	L9	9 mm
Llama	Micro	.32
Ruger	P89	9 mm
AMT	Back-up	.380
Charter Arms	Undercover	.38
Smith & Wesson	64-3	.38
North American Arms		.22 mag
SCCY	CPX-2	9 mm
RJ Newland	Omega	.38 spl

Brand	Model	Caliber
Kimber	Custom II	.45
Desert Eagle	41-44 CA	.44 Mag
Glock	21	.45
Bersa	Thunder	.380
Smith & Wesson	22A-1	.22
H&R	922	.22
Stevens	22/410	.22 / 410
H&R	SB2	.243
Ruger	10/22	.22
Smith & Wesson	M&P 15	.223
H&R	088	.410
Marlin	80	.22
Norinco	SKS	7.62X39
Marlin	30AW	30-30
Smith & Wesson	M&P 15	.223
Thompson	New England	.50
Winchester	270	.22
Remington	870	12 Gauge
J.C. Higgins	66	12 Gauge
Stevens	311 Double Barrel	20 Gauge
Mossberg	500A	12 Gauge
Thompson	Carbine	.50
Marlin	917	.17
Mossberg	320K	.22
Stevens	9478	20 Gauge
Mossberg	88 Maverick	20 Gauge
Charles Daily	KB1	20 Gauge
J. C. Higgins	20	16 Gauge
Remington	1100	12 Gauge
Savage	340C	30-30
Savage	110	30.06
Ruger	LC9S	9 mm
Ruger	Mark1	.22
Star	SA	.22
German	LA Deputy	.22
Smith & Wesson	M&P 15	.223
Marlin	1849	.44 mag
Winchester	94AE	30-30
Mossberg	Maverick 88	12 Gauge
Rossi		20 Gauge
Savage	Mark II	.22
Winchester	70	30.06
Marlin	1894	.44 mag

Love Heidle

The Little Giant of the Heidle Clan



**Tom Redmon
Columnist**

The Heidles who migrated from Germany were early settlers to Morgan County. Most of the older Heidles are gone now

but there are still many Heidles living in and around Wartburg. Most of the early Heidles were farmers and they were hard workers.

I went to school with several Heidle children, and my brother, Herbert married a Heidle. I'm happy to say that my wife Margaret was a Heidle.

When I was dating Margaret, a friend said to me, "You had better hurry up and marry that girl." I asked him why, and is she the right one for me? He said, "because you are not getting any younger and also because she's a Heidle". My children in Florida said there's not another woman in Tennessee like Sharon, so Margaret's a Heidle and she's got to be good.

The more I hear about one Heidle the more I wish I had gotten to know him better. On August 30, 1913, Mr. Robert Franklin Love rode his horse to Everest and Amanda Heidle's home and delivered their first child, Roger Love Heidle.

They thought so much of the good doctor that they wanted to honor him by naming their son Roger Love. They would have eleven more children and Mr. Love would help deliver them all. At this time only Gene and Wanda are still living.

Love and Mina only had one child and her name is Margaret Ann. According to Margaret during her father's working years he never weighed over one hundred and thirty-five pounds. He might have never been a Charles Atlas, but on his farm, and in his sawmill, he could out work two men.

During Love's childhood years he came down with small pox, a deadly disease. His Grandma Robinson, said she was immune to this disease and she came over to Ernest's home to take care of him. While recuperating Love had to be quarantined for weeks in a room with all shades pulled on every window. The less light emitted the better. In spite of having this illness Love turned out to be the hardest worker in the family.

Love and Mina were married during the depression years and for a while they lived in what was their smoke house, which had a dirt floor. Love had purchased five acres of land on Liberty Road and while working on his house they lived in the smoke house. The home was completed in 1937. The house is still standing and one of

Love's Great grandchildren is living there. Margaret was born there in October 1941.

Like many of the early Heidles Love wanted more land to farm. First, he purchased thirty acres that boarded Liberty Road and Flat Fork Creek. Most of this land had to be cleared and he and Mina did it with an axe and a cross-cut saw. If you have ever had to pull a cross-cut saw then you know this is back-breaking work. Later Love would work in the coal mines. He also set up a sawmill and operated it for many years. He would saw many house patterns and Margaret said he may have even sawed the house pattern where we now live.

Later on, Love would purchase sixty-five acres of land in back of what is now the Central Middle School. He purchased this from Marshall Sexton and at one time he had a large herd of cattle on it.

A lot of people know Love Heidle as a craftsman who would make just about anything. He had a little shop where he made axe handles, hammer handles, knives and many farm implements. Mark Gibson, his grandson said that he remembers him bradding leather into belts, harnesses and watch chains. In his blacksmith shop he made horse shoes, chains, and

many other things he used on the farm. He did most of the needed repairs on his farm equipment. Love, did complete high school, but he was self-educated on Agricultural knowledge and I'm sure he knew enough about animals to be a veterinarian. One of his grandsons told me that people all over the area would come to Love for advice on livestock and horses.

Dawn Heidle Davis, a niece, said she brought her horse to him one time for advice on how to treat her horse with what he called "rain-rot". Her horse had

gotten down in the mud and then was rained on. Love told her to wash the mud off, put the horses up until the "rain-rot" went away. He knew everything about horses there was to know. Dawn said "he instilled in me a love for horses that is still with me today."



**Mina & Love Heidle
(Photo Submitted)**

Dawn said, "I followed this man around like I was his shadow. To me he was a "wizard" because he had an answer for everything". He could also be funny and pull practical jokes on you. She said

one time when I was real young, and I was over there, an old cow came up with a little calf behind her. Love said, "I saw the old cow scratching at the ground down by the creek. That must be where she dug up the calf". Dawn said she spent some time down there trying to find out if there were any more calves in the ground.

James (Jamey) a great grandson added to his pappy's funny side. He said, he had made a trap which he had set down by the creek. He took Jamey with him to check the trap, probably knowing all along what he was going to do to scare this young boy.

When they got to the trap, they could see that the door was shut which meant the trap had been sprung. Love told Jamey to stay there while he went up to the trap to see what varmint that they had caught. When he got there and looked into the trap, he jumped back and said, "my goodness Jamey don't come near there's a

vicious animal in there that could eat you up!" Jamey, no doubt was scared to death and probably wanted to run.

After a while, Love laughed and said, "come on up here and see what we have caught." He opened the door and out walked a very tame house cat.

On the lighter side, Debbi Gibson Ladd, Margaret's beautiful daughter, told me about her poppy walking into the house a baby calf from the freezing cold. She said, Mark and I got to feed the calf with a bottle. Glad to say the calf lived.

Debbie also said that Poppy always had a pone for us to

ride and when I turned thirteen, he got me a horse. She said that Mark and I would run behind his tractor and follow him into the woods to work. He never had a 9 to 5 job and he never liked to travel. Like most Heidles he loved the soil. Debbie also said, my poppy was a very intelligent man.

One event that Mark and Debbie would probably like to forget was when they got into the barn tore many hay bales apart and threw it down a shaft where the mules were in the stable. Margaret said that when Debbie was little, she would follow her brother anywhere or do anything he wanted her to do. She said the hay was up to the mules' bellies.

Needless to say, these two kids were in trouble when Love found out what they had done, you could bet that two-little hind-ends would be hurting.

Mina happened to be the first one to find out what happened and she tried to fork all the hay back into the loft but to no avail, there was too much of it. She told the kids, "Your poppy is going to be really upset when he finds out what you have done." Mark and Debbie ran up the hill, around 100 yards to their house and locked the doors.

Love came home from working in the field and Mina told him what had happened. With a big long switch, he headed up to their house with fire in his eyes, saying "He'll show them what they are not supposed to do."

He found the door locked and the two were huddled in the bathroom scared to death. Love said, "Kids you had better unlock this door, if I have to kick the door in, you'll get more". Mark unlocked the door and he and Debbie ran down the hill toward Love's house yelling, "Mamie save us" Love was right behind them laying the switch on, Mark was getting the most because their poppy knew he was the leader and Debbie would follow him into anything. Margaret, said I would like to have a movie of that episode.

Mark said that "Poppy" taught him how to stand on his head. One day when the preacher came to their house, he got them to knell in prayer. Mark stood on his head and stayed there until they quit praying.

Margaret, said her father never wanted to quit but in 1987 because of failing health he had to retire and turn the farm over to, Jimmy Gibson, his son-in-law.

When I hear Margaret and others talk about Love I just wish that I could have been there with him and Mina on their front porch picking and grinning as he played and sung that good ole county music. Love was an avid reader until he started losing his sight. We could have talked about the many subjects that he and I knew about.

Love and Mina were part of the Greatest Generation and our county has moved so far away from that culture. We will never go back to those days when life was simple and the complexity, we experience today has darkened our doors. Love and Mina, you are part of the generation that made our country great. We will always have those precious memories that will never fade from our minds.



Poppy teaching kids discipline (Drawing by Diana Cagley)



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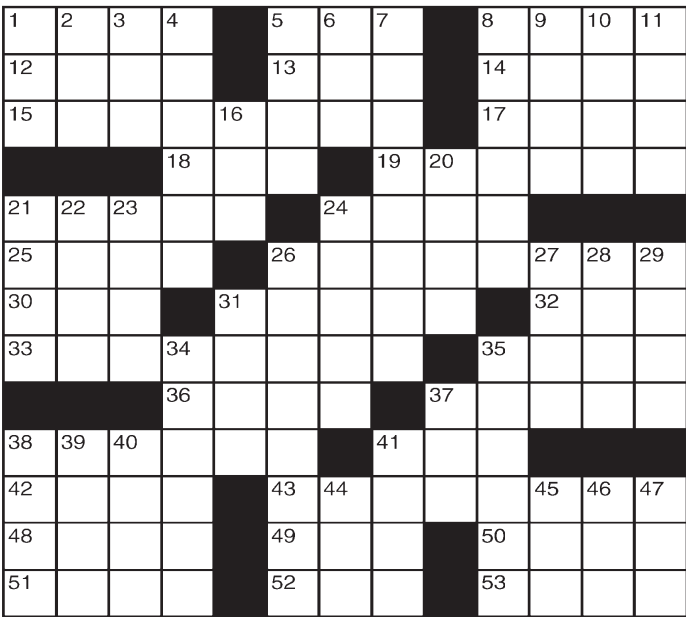
   

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ACROSS

- 1 Sacred wading bird
- 5 Suitable
- 8 Morse "T"
- 12 Created
- 13 Meadow
- 14 Erstwhile Peruvian
- 15 Series of missed calls
- 17 Celebrity
- 18 Pair
- 19 Consecrate with oil
- 21 Cognizant
- 24 Huffed and puffed
- 25 Shrewd
- 26 Lunch holder
- 30 Tokyo's old name
- 31 Canonized one
- 32 Beer-like brew
- 33 Joke that won't work on radio
- 35 On the briny
- 36 Thy
- 37 Theater staffer
- 38 Treeless tract
- 41 Blond shade
- 42 Ark builder
- 43 Long-popular jazz tune
- 48 Shrek, for one
- 49 Pirouette pivot



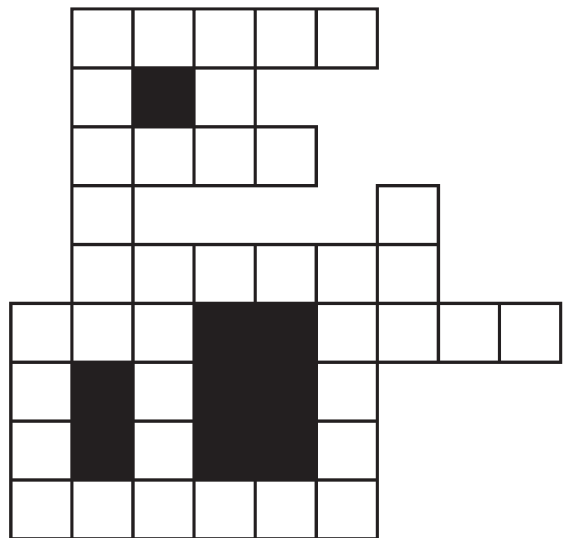
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- 1 Mischievous
- 2 "Humbug!"
- 3 Altar affirmative
- 4 Guard
- 5 Chorus member
- 6 Shooter
- 7 Annoying follower
- 8 Drop from a will
- 9 Opposed
- 10 Read cursorily
- 11 Rodgers collaborator
- 16 Lamb's mama tyke
- 20 Salamander
- 21 Dogfight participants
- 22 Gully
- 23 Awestruck
- 24 Pipe type
- 26 Loaf of French bread
- 27 Wild party
- 28 Sheltered
- 29 Paraphernalia
- 31 Halt
- 34 It's handy if you have to break your word
- 35 Religious retreat
- 37 Handle
- 38 Uppity one
- 39 Takeout phrase
- 40 Deserve
- 41 On in years
- 44 Charged bit
- 45 Regret
- 46 Corroded
- 47 Obtained

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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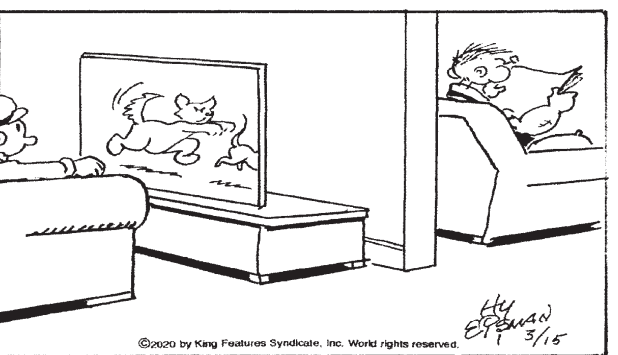
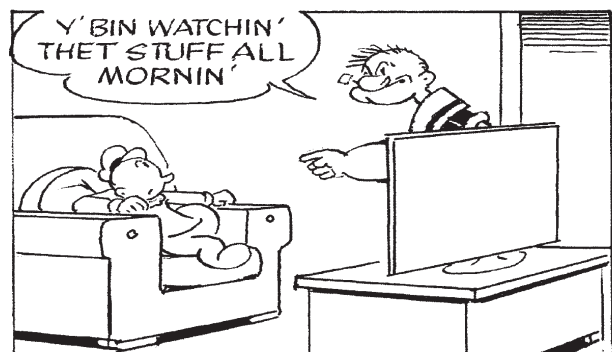
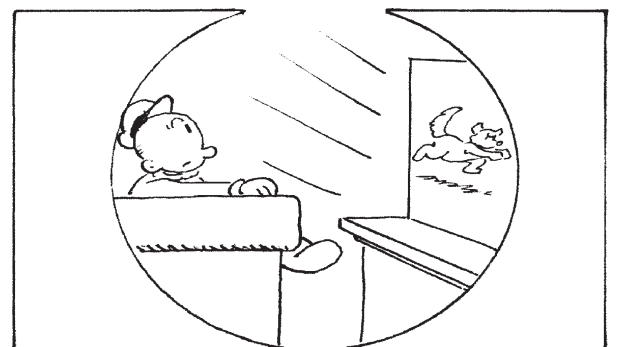
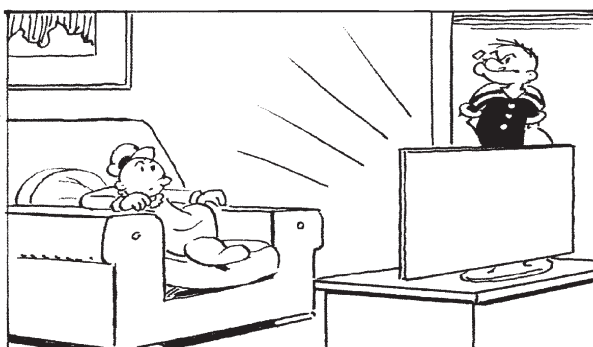
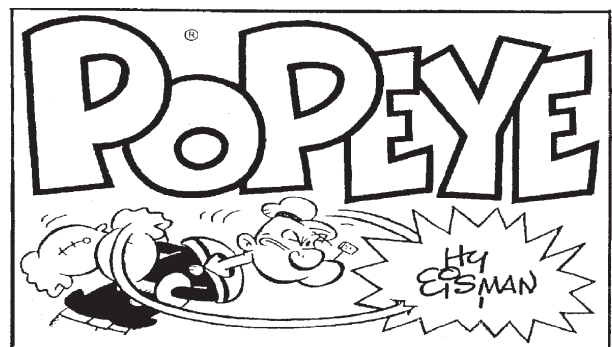
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Hear And Hear Well

John 17:1-26 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: (This chapter is the Lord's prayer and is applicable till the end of time).

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. (Those who submit to King Jesus are his subjects). (Luke 6:46)

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. (John 6:29)

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. (John 5:15-18 and 19:30)

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. (Psalms 102:25, Isaiah 48:13, Zechariah 12:1; and Heb. 1:10)

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. (John 14:1 and 1 Peter 1:21)

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. (John 14:10)

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. (Matthew 16:16, Mark 8:29, John 11:27 and John 1:48)

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. (John 14:15-17)

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. (Acts 2:22-36, 3:6, and 3:12-21)

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. (Jesus spake only the words of God. The apostles spake only as the Holy Spirit moved them to speak. We must speak only the recorded word of God in religious matters. John 12:48, 1 Peter 4:11, Rev. 22:18-19).

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. (2 Thess. 2:3 and Psalms 109:8, John 6:39-54)

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. (Acts 11:16 and Luke 24:32)

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (Acts 5:25, 12:4-

5) 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. (Matt. 6:13)

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. The seed is the words of God. Luke 8:11-12 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved." The devil devouring the word of God is done by lying preachers making null and void the words of the Christ. The pure seed, the words of God, never has and never will produce Catholic, Islamic, Baptist, Lutheran, etc. Corrupted seed produce these. 1 Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (Acts 14:22 through much tribulation we enter the kingdom of God. The church of your choice is the roadway to destruction, Matt. 7:13).

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. (The apostles)

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. (Romans 1:25 God's word is truth. Love it and live.

20 "Neither pray I for these alone (the apostles), but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; (Jesus is praying for you and me to abide in the doctrine of Christ). 2 John 1:9

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. (Infidel's are the produce of religious division. If you don't believe that you are already an infidel). (Jesus has spoken).

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: (The eternal reward which God promises us is well worth the struggle here for a little while). John 14:1-3

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. (Put on the whole armor of God. Eph. 6:10-18).

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them. (Eph. 5:24-33)



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MIA'S View From the Mountain: Traditions

With all of the constant news and talk about the Coronavirus, it will become easy to lose sight of the fact that we are in the season of lent. It is 22 days from Easter. Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Lent is marked by fasting; some fast food, festivities, social media etc. A group of ladies from the Church I attend, Harriman Church of God, had decided (way before the Coronavirus outbreak) that we would find acts of kindness to perform. I loved that we agreed to do that, because all honestly, I was never good at denying myself something for a full forty days. But, remembering to find a way to be kind to someone seemed like something I would enjoy. I loved hearing the experiences the ladies were having with their 40 days of acts of kindness. Then the focused shifted, and it became all about toilet paper and other paper goods. I purposed in my heart and mind that I would get back to the 40 days of acts of kindness and bring my thoughts back to Easter. See, I believe by Easter this virus pandemic will be behind us. Indulge me please, as I bring

this back to Easter and all the fun traditions we all may have around this wonderful time of the Risen Christ. Easter celebrates the resurrection. So for forty days, we remember the events leading up to the crucifixion, and then, for us Christians, we celebrate the resurrection. Our Jesus is alive and has risen. He walks among us. That's a great remembrance to celebrate. I was born and raised in an Italian household, and, therefore, every holiday was a big celebration. Easter was always so very special. Besides special new clothes, hats and shiny patent leather shoes, we had Easter egg hunts, candy and always a houseful of family and friends. With that, came days and days of preparing special Easter breads (sweet bread braided and decorated with an egg in the braid), Easter pies (both sweet and meat), lamb with all the sides and, of course, always pasta. Even as a child, I loved going to Easter Service. Everyone was always so very happy and friendly. I loved how the Church was decorated with so many flowers, and everyone was so pretty in my child-like eyes. I loved how the Priest/Minister spoke of

the joys of our risen Christ and how he came to heal the broken hearted, a savior to those who needed a savior. I love Easter and all it represents. I pray this article has brought to your mind some of your Easter traditions. I would love for you to share them with me. In my next column, I will be focusing on the Holy Week. Until then, remember God has not left his throne. He is still in control.

Jesus said ... 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die'" (John 11:25-26, ESV)

Mia is a wife to a wonderful man of 44 years, mother of three grown and married children, grandmother of twelve, great grandmother to one. She and her husband have three dogs, one feral cat, two roosters, seven hens and two baby chicks. She loves Jesus with her whole heart. Please feel free to contact her through Morgan County Today Paper.

Ms. Rebecca's Classroom

How Many Have Ever Sinned?

By Rebecca Davis

Have you ever broken any of the 10 Commandments?
Let's check out the 1st 5.

1. No other gods before Jesus - How many play or work every day? How many eat every day? Tell me when do you and your family pray? Do your mom and dad read Bible storeis with you each day? if you put play, food, and anything or anyone else before God then you have made that or those things your gods.

2. Honor Father and Mother - Have you ever told your parents, boss, teacher, or other authority figure "No!" Have you ever done what you were told not to do or didn't do something you were supposed to do and then lie about it? You didn't mind your heavenly Father by not minding your par-

ents.

3. Murder - Fuss with brother or sister very angrily. Said, "I hate you!" Jesus said " If you are angry with your brother without a cause you have committed murder in your heart."

4. Steal - Took more napkins at Hardees than you need. Steal - Took the little baskets at Subway that is there to hold your food and other's food. Steal - Asked for more condiment packets than you need at Sonic.

5. Our body is the Temple of God - Have you ever done something that hurts your body. Overeat, ate too much sugar or candy, and got hurt when you did something your parents told you not to do. If you are a Christian when you do anything you are making Jesus do it too, and you made Him suffer the punishment for your wrong.

Historically Speaking

Ed Westcott: His Story Continues

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

In an earlier article: Ed Westcott: Photographer Extraordinaire, I featured Ed's relationship with Lynn Freeny, official DOE photographer. I also cited Ed's accomplishments over the years as he single-handedly documented the Manhattan Project history through his images as well as noting the artistic side of his work as recognized by Baldwin Lee.

In this article, I would like to remind our readers of his more recent activities to show that he is still very much a part of Oak Ridge history in the making. Truly, Ed Westcott IS Oak Ridge's Manhattan Project history photographer, yes, but more so, Ed Westcott and especially his epic photographs are major elements in Oak Ridge's potential future for heritage tourism! Can you imagine trying to tell our story WITHOUT Ed's photos?

In 2001 before "Mayfest" morphed into "Secret City Festival" there was an Ed Westcott Day in Oak Ridge - Saturday, May 19, 2001. Ed's photographic work was displayed for all to see. He shared his original Speed Graphic camera and 16mm film projector from the 1940's. Bobbie Martin was the Oak Ridge Heritage Preservation Association chair for the event.

Letters of recognition were read from Congressman Zach Wamp, Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, and other notable figures wishing Ed well. Many television stations and other news media sent congratulatory notes. A special "Insight" authored by Dick Smyser was printed in The Oak Ridger on May 17, 2001 noting that Ed would be formally honored on Saturday, May 21, at the Civic Center.

One aspect of Smyser's article is especially worthy of note here. He stated that The Oak Ridger often used Ed's photos and further stated that they were often used without credit being given to Ed and always without pay. This is commonplace with Ed. His photos are so entrenched in Oak Ridge's history that we all take them fully for granted.

They have become Oak Ridge's history in many respects and as such have become community property, no longer Ed's alone and certainly no longer thought of as "DOE" or "AEC" property. We are unique here. No other Manhattan Project site has our Ed Westcott images!

In 2002 on Ed's 80th birthday, in a contrary move, he gave a gift to the city of Oak Ridge - his exhibit of "EYE ON AN ERA: MIDTOWN" opened on January 19, 2002, in the Midtown Community Center. All of Ed's friends were invited to attend the party and a huge crowd did so.

This exhibit shows a part of Oak Ridge that only existed as such for three years - 1943 through 1945. At one time there were 4,000 trailers, 1,300 huts, perhaps 20,000 people, a movie theater, grocery store, recreation hall, cafeteria, filling station, hardware store and even a ball field. Roads were named for birds and animals - roads named Badger and Raccoon

still remain. Without Ed's photos all memories of this Midtown area would be lost. As a result of Ed's gift to us, anyone can go to the Midtown Community Center and see the exhibit. Here is Ed's draft dedication statement

"These pictures are dedicated to the memory of the men and women who built Oak Ridge. They came singly or with their families, from near and far - soldiers, laborers, craftsmen, scientists, tradesmen, and teachers - to suffer the privations and separation of a frontier town. They were part of an enterprise that won a great war and kept the peace for half a century more. Like the Midtown construction camp, some came and left in the space of a few years. Others stayed to form a community. Many

have been my friends. I have been privileged to witness and record the history of a town that I love." - Ed Westcott

In the years between then and now, Ed has gone through health problems and has had the steady support of his family and of his special friend - Ethel Steinhauer. Ethel is a photographer in her own right and her favorite subject is Ed. She has an uncanny ability to assist Ed as he communicates and to know what he wants and how he thinks.

Ed continues to enjoy life to the fullest and is often seen at events "at the town that he loves!" One example is the 57th Anniversary Opening of the Gates Ceremony held on March 19, 2006 at the American Museum of Science and Energy. It comes as no surprise that Ed Westcott should be chosen to cut the ribbon. Of course, he was pleased to do so and in his humble manner he was the star of the show!

Another insight into Ed's character is seen in the way he encourages others. I have been the recipient of his encouragement more than once and I sincerely appreciate it. This trait of Ed's is best understood by reading a personal note he wrote to an assistant, Helen Rogers, in 1947. The occasion was when Ed was going to be away from his job for a few days to attend a professional photographer's convention and she was going to be left to cover the events in Oak Ridge. His note said,

"Just remember you are about to photograph some famous men. The Press has made them famous. If it weren't for the Press no one would know them. Each and every one of them think in their own minds when they see a photographer 'Here is my chance to get my picture in the paper and maybe my buddies who are not as important will see me in the paper. Maybe I can get a copy for my scrapbook and maybe one for my Mom. I've got to act "big" and maybe that will impress the photographer and get more shots made. You are doing them a favor and you have the right to direct them toward making a better picture. You hold the camera and they are here for you as a favor to them. They will do anything you say so don't be afraid to say it. You are free to order them around because a camera is like a gun. Here is your big chance, so don't be afraid of it. I know you can do a darn good job of it. If I didn't think so I would say better try and get Dan. I'll be thinking of you as you read this. Don't let them confuse you. Ed.

I talked to Helen Rogers before writing this article and she had glowing praise for Ed Westcott and attributed much of her later success to his encouragement early in her career. She even told me of the incident when the gates opened on March 19, 1949 where she was assigned to photograph the event and the Associated Press photographer lost his negatives of the famous "explosion" that cut the ribbon. He was in a fix as the deadline was fast approaching. She provided him one of her images of the event

and it was sent to all major newspapers as the official "AP photo" and appeared in the New York Times. She went on to work at area newspapers and to enter and win photography competitions later in her career, maybe thanks to the start she got working for Ed Westcott.

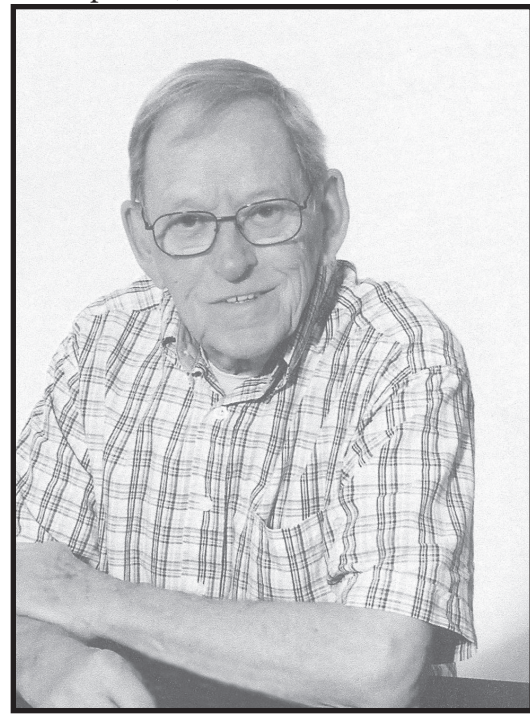
To give you further evidence of just how intertwined Ed's photos are with Oak Ridge Manhattan Project history, the Atlantic Production director, Jessica Taylor - with whom I spent the largest part of over a week recently as she filmed The History Channel "Lost Worlds" Manhattan Project documentary planned to show in June 2006 - already knew of Ed Westcott before coming to Oak Ridge.

Her research online had provided her that information. What is more interesting is the awe and respect she had for Ed and his

work (I hope to be able to tell you more about that later...). She wanted to meet Ed while she was here, but the filming literally took ALL her time. We did eat lunch in "Ed's booth" at the Jefferson Diner! She requested and got many digital file copies of his photos from the Oak Ridge Library's Oak Ridge Room! So, I am sure they will be included on The History Channel in June - look for them and be proud for Ed and all of us.

In addition to the Oak Ridge Story room in the American Museum of Science and Energy an extensive exhibit of Ed's photos are on display in the main lobby. It is truly a grand display of his work. (When the AMSE moved in 2019, a new exhibit of Ed's photographs was created and is a permanent exhibit in the new museum. Ray)

There is a public display of his work in the Oak Ridge Children's Museum's Ed Westcott Room - opened June 19, 2005 - where a visi-



Ed Westcott - 2005 (Photo Submitted)

tor can see a broad array of images from Oak Ridge's past. The main hallway just off the main entrance of the Children's Museum is covered with historic images that Ed created. Children and parents who visit here cannot help but learn our history visually, which is perhaps and maybe by far the most effective medium. His images contain whole stories in one photo - a quality I much admire.

There is a beautiful mural or collage of Ed's photos on the wall in Mayor David Bradshaw's office. This mural was designed by Tom Walker and commemorates the 60th anniversary of the founding of Oak Ridge. It is 30 inches high by 96 inches wide and includes captioned photos by Ed Westcott.

The Secret City Café in Methodist Medical Center's newly renovated main entrance features Ed's work displayed in excellent taste. This most recent exhibit of Ed's work was opened in February 2006. It makes for a truly relaxing yet educational atmosphere which is exactly what Oak Ridge - World War II's Secret City - strives to achieve.

There was a Heartland Series special "Celebrating the Work of Ed Westcott" where Bill Landry featured Ed's photographic work on WATE Channel 10. Bill is also one of our area's treasures and of course he recognized the greatness in Ed's visual work.

You can see 35 of Ed Westcott's images online at: <https://photosofedwestcott.tumblr.com/>. We should use every opportunity available to explore our history through Ed Westcott photographs. Ours is a story worth telling and one that the world is anxious to know and SEEING is the most effective communication medium. Ed Westcott images let us SEE the history of Oak Ridge in a wonderful and unique way. Thank you, Ed Westcott!

Oak Ridge was created as a part of the Manhattan Project in 1942 to help stop World War II. The atomic bomb, Little Boy, fueled by uranium 235 separated at Oak Ridge helped to do just that.

Oak Ridge began in war, has continued to support our nation's efforts through the Cold War, and even now in the age of terrorism. Oak Ridge has also produced nuclear medicine, nuclear power and fuel for the US Navy nuclear submarines and ships.

This "Secret City" nestled in Appalachia near Morgan County and where many from Morgan County go each day to work, continues today to produce scientific discoveries used worldwide and still routinely makes history. These Historically Speaking stories will provide insight into the people of Oak Ridge and the work they do to help humankind.

Historically Speaking is written by D. Ray Smith, Oak Ridge City Historian, retired Y-12 National Security

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Ed and Ray at the permanent art display of Ed's photos in Methodist Medical Center's Secret City Café (Photo Submitted)



MSG Fred Mize

I've quoted, 2 Timothy 1:7 in previous articles but in today's time with people fearing the unknown concerning the coronavirus, I feel it important to share this beautiful and powerful Bible verse once again. It reads, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Born-again Christians need not fear during times of

crisis but need to be reminded that we aren't who we once were. If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your LORD and Savior, you can rest assure that He is aware of and fully capable of providing your every need.

Let me remind those who are born-again what the Holy Bible tells us.

Colossians 2:12-15 reads, "12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him

from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

1 Corinthians 1:18 reads, "For the preaching of the

cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

Older Christians let this time be a blessing to you for this is your time to demonstrate the power bestowed upon you by your faith in God. Let those around you learn of God through your courage in this time of crisis. Be a shining light and let those in this generation who many not know Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior see God in you.

Psalm 71:18 reads, "Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come."

Rest assure my brothers and sisters-in-Christ that God is in control regardless of the fears you may have.

Jeremiah 10:12 reads, "He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the

heavens by his discretion."

I leave you today with 2 Timothy 2:3-4, "3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

Today's times aren't easy. This life isn't easy nor will it be. Let's endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Coronavirus Free Zone: Part 1

I know I should be writing about the Covid-19 virus. After all, Coronavirus is dominating the news headlines, filling our social media feeds, causing mass panic at supermarkets, and has forced a large majority of the population to work from home. I am not naïve; I know Coronavirus is the biggest worry right now among the American public. I understand Covid-19 is a very scary situation: both from the virus standpoint, the many unknowns, and from an economic impact.

I am not going to write about that this week (not next week either). I want to share with the readers something



Zack Ballinger

why." In next week's article, I will give a list of suggestions for the top 6 graduation gifts. These gift recommendations are a little unique. The

democratic achievements, hard work, and success won't go unnoticed. We know the sacrifices you made, and you are the future generation of America. We recognize these past 4 years haven't been easy; you have faced my challenges and adversities. In the end, you will play a very important role in our society. We need your skills, innovation, talents, and abilities in the public and private sectors. We are counting on you.

Many of you will go on to college, pursue a vocational route, or immediately enter into the work force. Many of you will face a challenging 2020, but don't give up on your pursuit of purpose and passion. You control your own career destiny. Remember to always invest in yourselves though

gifts are all non-fiction books. Knowledge is power. To an 18-year-old or 19-year-old adult, they might not appreciate a book in the moment. That is completely okay. If the gift is given from the heart, then eventually one day, they will pick up and read the book for knowledge. If the book changes their life, they will never forget you.

Congratulations Class of 2020!!



encouraging. I want to give congratulations and recognize a group of people for their achievements. I believe this group is not getting the credit and celebration they deserve for all of their hard work. The adversity this group will face is really unprecedented. At this pace, the class of 2020 will miss a significant amount of school and will have this pandemic etched into their class year books forever.

To the class of 2020, your aca-

knowledge and seek advice from those of us with past experience. Class of 2020, I am very proud of you. The Morgan County community is proud of your academic achievements and they support your future career aspirations. You can and will accomplish many great things after your graduation. Please do not let fear control your destiny. I know if you adhere to this advice, you will create an everlasting legacy. As Mark Twain said it best, "The two most important events of your life are the day you were born and the day you find out

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Happy March Birthdays!

March 1 Laura Boledovic Verlin Cross Charles Blansett Willie Dutton Robbie Carpenter	Kendra Massey	Clayton Francis, Jr.	March 22 Maggie Walton Jerry Wright Neveah Brown Eliza Taylor Bob Taylor Amber Brandenburg Jade Brandenburg	Kenny Chesney Effie Monroe Silas Henry Layla Henry Archie Williams
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Morgan County Today Community Calendar

The Oakdale School Wide Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 2:00 - 10:00 p.m. Day-time activities are free; if you would like to attend the dinner at 6:00 p.m., cost is \$20.00. Monetary donations are also being accepted to help cover the cost of the event and continue to build the Oakdale Alumni Association. To purchase tickets or make a donation, please contact alumni treasurer, Becky McClurkan at 865-719-8671 or beckymc@bellsouth.net.

Yard Sale
1244 Burrville Rd
Sunbright, TN 37872
Fri, Sat, Sun: 9am-423.215.6363

Plateau Utility District's regular scheduled board meeting in April 2020 has been rescheduled for April 15th at 9:00 am at 407 Eliza Street, Wartburg.

Harrow Road Café
Historic Ruby is hiring cooks, cook helpers and wait staff. For more information call Ella Smith at 432-663-7462 after 12:00 p.m.

CANCELLATION
Due to school closure in Morgan County, the Oakdale High School Drama Club production of "The Show Must Go On" will be postponed to a later date in April or May. More information to come later. Please help share so those who made reservations know.

Sandra Helton's weekly column
Oakdale Area News
email: kvhelton@highland.net



Welcome Spring! Warmer temperatures, budding plants, croaking frogs and more daylight hours are a bright spot during this unusual time we are all experiencing. My prayer is that all of you remain healthy and safe and that you can enjoy this time that we have been asked to stay home. In the midst of chaos and uncertainty, it is a blessing to slow down and spend time with our families without running here and there.

Family and friends helped Bill Smith of Pine Orchard celebrate his 90th birthday Saturday, March 14 at Pine Orchard Baptist Church Outreach Center. Everyone enjoyed the BBQ dinner and fixings along with cake and ice cream.

Congratulations to these kids who recently celebrated their anniversary. Wayne and Rena Melhorn Honeycutt celebrated their 70th anniversary March 17. Born and raised in Oak-

dale, they have lived in Fort Oglethorpe, GA for many years. Happy Anniversary Uncle Wayne and Aunt Rena.

Belated Birthday Greetings to Alesha Massey who celebrated her birthday Monday, March 16. Alesha is one in a million. She has a heart of gold and does so much for so many people. We hope you had a great day Alesha.

The Gaither Concert that was scheduled for March 25 at Piney Baptist Church has been postponed. An update will be given when there is a new date.

Morgan County Food and Nutrition staff will be working from 9 a.m. until noon daily while school is out providing free breakfast and lunch for all children 18 and under. This is a "Grab and Go" system. Families can pull up to the designated locations where they will be handed meals. Children must be present to receive

their food. Locations include Central Elementary School, Coalfield School, Sunbright School, Oakdale School, Morgan-Scott Project in Deer Lodge and Rock Mission in Petros.

In addition to the above mentioned places to receive food, Morgan County School Buses will run their regular routes and deliver food each week day. Children can stand at the end of their driveways to receive a sack with breakfast and lunch. This is available for ALL children 18 and under. Homeschooled children are eligible for the meals too.

Due to school closure in Morgan County, the OHS Drama Club production of "The Show Must Go On" will be postponed to a later date in April or May. More information to come later. Please help share so those who made reservations know.

The Town of Oakdale has canceled their Annual Easter Egg Hunt that was scheduled for Saturday, April 4th. They hope to have a community event this summer.

Kayla, Clara and Hattie Ruppe and I recently visited Joe, Valerie and Maura Lake in Fayetteville, NC. They have moved to a new home and we were excited to visit and spend time with them. Valerie and Kayla did a few crafty jobs and some yard work. Maura and Clara planted some flowers. Hattie stayed busy playing with the family cats, Barney and Andy. They tolerated her very well! We enjoyed our short time together and are thankful for a safe trip.

I didn't want to include much about the current situation in America or the rest of the world. Please just be cautious and try to follow the suggestions that have been made for our protection.

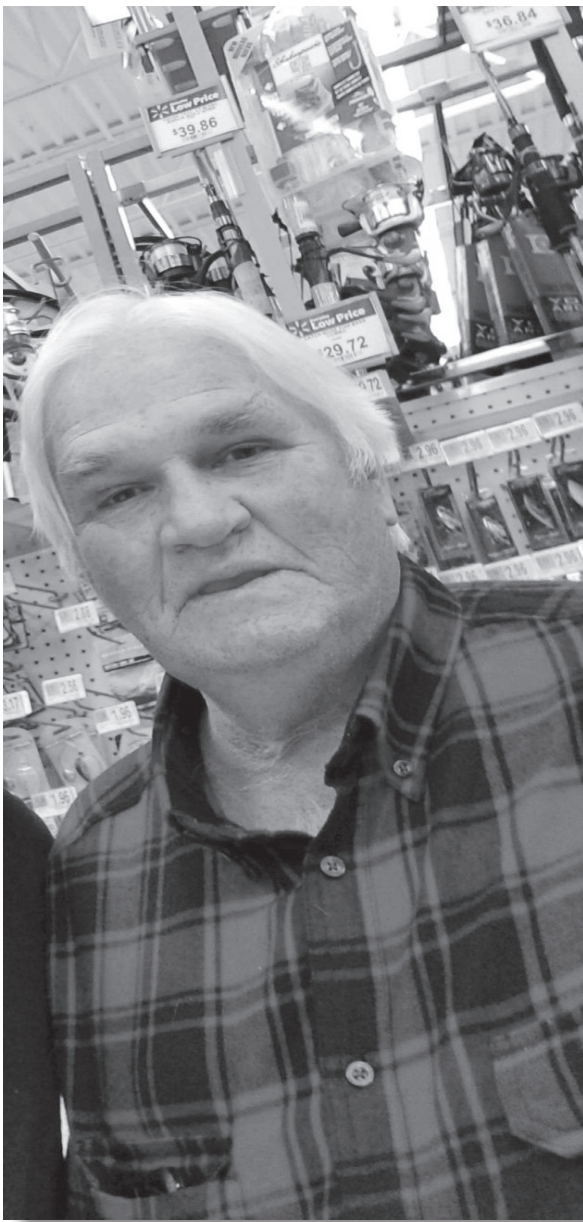
I will close with the chorus of one of my favorite hymns.

"Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand; But I know Who holds tomorrow, And I know Who holds my hand."

Ira Forest Stanphill



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Like so many Jerry Freels was drafted into the United States Army. His draft date was on January 29, 1969. He went from civilian to soldier by enduring Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, SC. He also qualified as a



Combat Engineer and served in the 39TH Company Engineer Battalion who's motto was "Fight, Build, and Destroy".

Jerry served in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart for sustaining a combat injury. Regardless of being drafted and combat wounded he states he's, "honored to have served and would do it all over again if ever needed." While speaking with Jerry concerning his military service the one word I'd use to describe him is

"humble" because he doesn't feel like a hero for his service and believes so many other veterans should be honored as the veteran of the week prior to him.

After Jerry's military service he returned back to Morgan County and continued to serve our state and community by fulfilling an exceptional career in criminal justice as a Correctional Officer for thirty years and eight months.

Jerry, Morgan County Today, thanks you for serving the United States honorably as a Combat Engineer in the United States Army and as a Correctional Officer locally in Morgan County.



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

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Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Mike Rayder as this week's Law Enforcement Officer of the Week. Mike was raised in Morgan County and continues to reside in Wartburg. He graduated from Wartburg Central High School in 1987 and was blessed to have the health and ability to fulfill his childhood dream of a career in law enforcement.

Mike's law enforcement career began in the late '90s as a Correctional Officer. He continues to take on more and more positions serving in

corrections and picking up additional skills and duties as a dispatcher. While serving in a this dual role he still took on more duties and responsibilities by also becoming a Reserve Patrol Officer.

Mike now serves in the



County. The most challeng-

Morgan County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Patrol Officer. His favorite aspect of being a Deputy Patrol Officer is having the fulfillment of being apart of the community by serving and protecting the citizens of Morgan

ing task for Deputy Rayder is the ongoing battle on illegal drugs and abuse of prescription medication. Although the war on drugs is never ending Deputy Rayder and his fellow deputies of the Morgan County Sheriff's Department will never give up the fight.

We can all be thankful for deputies like Deputy Mike Rayder for keeping the citizens of Morgan County safe while boldly pursuing the fight against drugs for the welfare of all the citizens of Morgan County.

IRS Deadline News



David Zubler

In a historic move, on March 19, the IRS extended the April 15 tax payment deadline to July 15 this year for many people. The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) had encouraged the Treasury to extend the filing

deadline and expressed disappointment that the Treasury failed to do so. Fortunately, the next day, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced that the filing deadline has also been extended to July 15. The move is the latest in a series of highly unusual, emergency measures to deal with the financial fallout of the coronavirus pandemic. Mnuchin said the extension was ordered by President Donald Trump and will give "all taxpayers and business this additional time" to file returns and make tax payments "without interest or penalties."

Individual tax returns are being extended for returns up to \$1 million. Corporations are exempted to the new date for up to \$10 million of their tax

2019 tax due. The IRS estimated that the announcement would result in about \$300 billion in additional liquidity. The relief also includes estimated tax payments for the tax year 2020 that are due on April 15, 2020. However, the second estimated payment is due June 15, 2020, and the IRS has not yet indicated whether that payment will be deferred. If it is not deferred, two estimated payments will be due on June 15, 2020. The relief also applies to trusts and estates.

The coronavirus, created a problem since nearly 60% of all taxpayers rely on a tax practitioner to prepare their tax returns. Many taxpayers would not want to risk getting infected from the virus by visiting a tax professional. In some states, accounting offices have already been ordered to shut down. At this time, no one knows how long the threat of the coronavirus will last. If it lasts beyond July 15, you may want to consider filing an extension. Extensions are granted by the IRS automatically when requested.

In my experience, I have encountered clients who were hesitant to file an extension. Many clients erroneously because they believed that it would

increase their chance of being audited or thought that the IRS would be mad. It's simply not true.

This is like thinking the police will be mad if you take the interstate. The IRS doesn't care anymore whether you file for an extension than the police care if you take the interstate. Everyone is entitled to file an extension, and the IRS doesn't care. There was a time when you were less likely to be audited if you filed an extension, but this is no longer true. Filing an extension does not increase your chance of being audited. If you are concerned about the coronavirus as the July 15 deadline approaches, you should consider all of your available options.

David Zubler has an accounting degree and computer science degree and has experience as an accounting manager and controller in manufacturing, and has owned his bookkeeping/tax business since 1990. David Zubler is the founder and president of Your Tax Care. The company provides business and tax education to the public at its website, YourTaxCare.com. David can also be contacted by email at zublerdavid@gmail.com.

Veteran of the Week

Davis Funeral Home is proud to sponsor Morgan County Today's feature, Veteran of the Week. Each week, a different local Veteran will be spotlighted, and honored and appreciated for their service. The Veteran's name, branch of service, service dates and other pertinent data should be emailed to Editor@mocotoday.com or Publisher@mocotoday.com. Submissions will be printed in the order in which they are received, pending verification of information.

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said unto thee,
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John 3:7 - Jesus



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2007	Ford Explorer 4x4 1FMEU73E77UBO7412
1991	GMC, 4x4, 1/2 Ton Pick-Up Truck 1GTDK14H7MZ533305

Bids can be mailed to PO 250, Wartburg, TN 37887 or dropped off at the Morgan County Courthouse Finance Office, third floor. Bid opening date will be March 30th at 9:30am at the Morgan County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room. All purchases shall be paid for in full within 7 days of bid opening. Items must be paid for by check or money order. Checks are to be made to Morgan County Solid Waste. Items must be paid before renewal of item. Morgan County Solid Waste reserves the right to refuse or reject any or all bids. Morgan County does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d).

INVITATION TO BID

The Morgan County Solid Waste Dept. will be accepting sealed bids to purchase a used bulldozer. Morgan County Solid Waste will be trading in 2 used bulldozer on a used bulldozer. This used dozer must meet the following specifications:

No more than 800 hours, Tier 4 Final Diesel Engine, 138 gross HP Long Track, 3 shank ripper, Front pull hook, 20- inch open Grousers Extended life track, 120" standard blade, Cab w/heat, A/C, Defroster, Windshield wipers, sweeps, center rock guards, Grid Heater, Turbine pre-cleaner Environmental drain, Rear view mirror, 4 spool valve for rippers, radio. Option: Cab lights with sweeps, Site watch telematics, approximately 34,505 lbs. The following are the serial numbers of the dozers that will be traded in: 1650K Case Dozer - HHA16515T00265128 AND 1450B Case Dozer - 8382209

Bids can be mailed into PO Box 250, Wartburg, TN 37887. Address bids to MORGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE FINANCE OFFICE, third floor. Bid opening will be March 30th at 9:00am. Morgan County Solid Waste reserves the right to refuse or reject any or all bids. Morgan County does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d).

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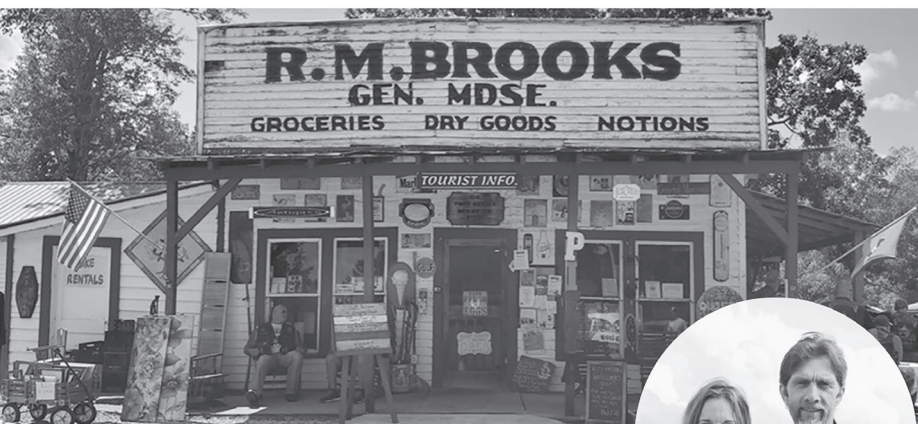
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Coalfield Lady Jackets Clinch Lead In 4th Inning To Defeat Wartburg Lady Dogs

In the first inning, Coalfield YELLOWJACKETS Varsity got their offense started when Carlee singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

Wartburg Central Bulldogs Varsity knotted the game up at one in the top of the second inning. T Griffith drove in one when she singled.

Anna earned the victory in the circle for Coalfield YELLOWJACKETS Varsity. She allowed five hits and four runs over five innings, striking out seven.

C Anderson took the loss for Wartburg Central Bulldogs Varsity. She surrendered two runs on three hits over two-thirds of an inning, walking zero.

M Cox started the game for Wartburg Central Bulldogs Varsity. She surrendered two runs on four hits over two innings, striking out one and walking zero.

Coalfield YELLOWJACKETS Varsity racked up 16 hits. Carlee, Malachi, Mackenzy, Taylor Landrum, and Leea each collected multiple hits for Coalfield YELLOWJACKETS Varsity. Carlee went 4-for-4 at the plate to lead Coalfield YELLOWJACKETS Varsity in hits.

Griffith led Wartburg Central Bulldogs Varsity with two hits in two at bats.



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