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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

TUE MAR 31	50°/39°	
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THU APR 2	63°/41°	
FRI APR 3	68°/47°	
SAT APR 4	69°/49°	
SUN APR 5	69°/53°	

Covid - 19: Morgan County Has First Confirmed Case of Coronavirus

Morgan County Executive Brian Langley has reported the first confirmed case of the Coronavirus in Morgan County. Much of the state had already experienced the virus in their areas but now it hits home. There have been several reported tests taken for the COVID - 19 however this is the first confirmed positive test. Sheriff Wayne Potter and County Executive Langley have continued to keep the community informed of all information they have concerning any

stay at home orders or shelter in place orders. Langley said, "We have our first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Morgan County. The Regional Health Department Staff is doing the investigation. We are all urged to continue social distancing and stay at home as much as we can. Please continue washing your hands frequently. We will keep you updated when we get more information. Please continue praying for one another."

Covid-19 What Will the Future Hold?

The world as we know it has changed, a fact in this politically polarized environment in which I think everyone can agree. What will the future bring, and how will America fair in the months and years to come? These are the questions everyone wants answered. Yes, I used the word years for a very specific reason. Although pandemics are not a new addition to our world, this one has invaded the very fabric of society. Businesses have closed or people are working from home, the consumer industries have suffered, and we dare not visit our elderly relatives less we risk endangering their health. All of the previously mentioned struggles are serious, but generally bring short-term effects, which I pray we will see disappear in the months to come. The future, however, I suspect will hold impacts that are much more long-term and stand to change the very culture of a generation. History has a few lessons that may hold a glimpse of what those changes will be.

Examining the Spanish Flu Pandemic which crossed the globe in 1918, the pandemic had long lasting effects on the American culture, arguably both positive and negative, but changed our society all the same. The 1918 pandemic killed 50 million people across the globe and we now know originated from the H1N1 virus of an avian strain. Although, still debated today as to the location where the virus originated, if first appeared in the United States in Military personnel. 1918 was the year of the Great War, or World War I as we recognize it today. After World War I it is no secret that the United States became isolationist in nature. That isolationism was a direct result of a couple of elements; war profiteering and the suspicion that soldiers brought home the flu from their support of our European allies.

By 1940, the isolationism of the United States was so great that President Franklin D. Roosevelt could not directly assist Europe against the tyranny of Adolph Hitler. Roosevelt understood the isolationist sentiment in the United States and began his fire side chats over the radio. In his chats, he gave the Americans the news of the war in Europe and the Pacific in an attempt to help the country understand what a serious threat Germany and Japan posed for the free world. Even with his fireside chats, Roosevelt was unable to sway the American public until the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Considering the cultural impact of the Spanish Flu Pandemic, we can expect a similar change to occur within our borders after this crisis abates. The amount of impact will be influenced by how hard the United States suffers not only in the number of deaths, but the long-term effects on our economy, which in my opinion are scary. Considering the supply chains which many global businesses have optimized over the last two decades, as consumers, we should expect to realize significant changes in product delivery and cost.

Although it is often said to make predictions on the future as a historian is a fool's errand, I will take the risk and wager a couple of predictions. If the effects of Covid-19 become worse in the coming weeks and stall the U.S. economy, we will see isolationism creep into every facet of our government policy. From diplomacy, immigration, economic policy, foreign policy and tourism, all of these areas will significantly swing. Arguably this will not all be a negative for the United States.

It would be a positive in my opinion to see several major manufacturing businesses leave third world countries where the labor is cheap and the quality bad, to

return and operate within our borders. Telemedicine and medical technologies should be benefits to the public going forward. Medicine is the one area that the Covid -19 virus will push into the technology age in drastic fashion. In a few years, our smart phones may be the vehicle that assist medical professionals in medical diagnoses.

There are some risks we also need to consider. The United States dollar is currently the global currency of choice and we lead the world's economy. If we withdraw significantly from the world stage, we could see a foreign power attempt to take our place. How to best navigate the coming changes will take sound leaders working together in our government, let's all pray they understand this as well as the citizens their sworn to serve do.

As we face these struggles in the coming days let's all remember that we are Americans and this nation has faced down a number of unbelievable obstacles in the past. We will survive this latest struggle and be a more resilient nation as a result of the experience.



Michael W. Nance
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Heather Francis
Editor

Before the Coronavirus epidemic did you find yourself saying you were just “too busy?” I did. Although, being a mother of six children and wife we women know that business doesn’t change when the schools and communities shut down BUT aren’t we glad that the running of children from one activity to another has slowed down? Are we taking advantage of this season we are in to connect with our families in this quiet moment?

Someone today brought to my remembrance when God slows us down what that means: Here is what Kate shared with me:

“In three short months, just like He did with the plagues

of Egypt, God has taken away everything we worship. God said, “you want to worship athletes, I will shut down the stadiums. You want to worship musicians; I will shut down Civic Centers. You want to worship actors; I will shut down theaters. You want to worship money, I will shut down the economy and collapse the stock market. You don’t want to go to church and worship Me, I will make it where you can’t go to church”

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (II Chronicles 7:14)

“Maybe we don’t need a vaccine, maybe we need to

Too Distracted?

take this time of isolation from the distractions of the world and have a personal revival where we focus on the ONLY thing in the world that really matters. Jesus.” – Author unknown

I don’t know the original author of the above texted but we can find in our quiet moments a time that God shapes us and makes us into something new. A time to get reconnected with God or a time to find God and know Him deeper. Abraham, Moses, Jonah, Joseph, and Jesus himself all had their quiet moment set apart from business of life to be confronted with themselves and their inadequacies to get to know who God was and who God wanted them to be. Abraham

had to walk by faith and leave family to follow God to the promise land, Moses had to go away for 40 years in the desert before God used him to “Let His People Go,” Jonah spent time in the belly of a whale, Joseph in prison, Jesus 40 days in the wilderness. This is our moment. When society has shut down let faith arise! Let God be glorified and find who you are in Christ!

Faith over fear. Trust over Anxiety. Let this be a changing of America in that a revival takes place starting in our homes, with our husbands, our children, and our community.

Send Letters to the Editor
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Dear Lady Laurel,
During this time in quarantine my kids are home, can you give me some suggestions on what we can do as a family for fun time together?
Mom of four

Mom of Four,
One activity you can do a scavenger hunt in your home for a rainy day fun, movies and popcorn. Outdoors try a scavenger hunt, nature walk, and it is a great opportunity time to engage them in to the everyday household cleaning and up keep. Try making chores fun and a great learning opportunity for them on what you do every day that they may not see while out school.

Anything you do that they have your attention is what children seek. Let them share a story with you and a time of show and tell. Find a new book to read together as a family. Learn a new thing together. That can be sewing,

knitting, wood carving... plant a garden together. Make this time fun! Key word .. together. L.L.

Dear Lady Laurel,
My wife is home and all she wants to do is sit on her cell phone and play games. She has so many things to do around the house how can I get her motivated to do them during this time?

Hopeless Husband
Dear Hopeless Husband,
Women and men are motivated by different things. Find out what makes her care. Find out what makes her want to do those things. Maybe there is something deeper going on that keeps her seeking the distractions of the phone. Whatever you find out just always remember, Happy wife, happy life. L.L.

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

Cancellation
City of Sunbright
Annual Ramp Festival has been cancelled due to the COVID - 19 issues.

Legal Notice
Notice of Default
Pursuant to Default Provisions Chapter 717. 1980 public acts of Tennessee. The contents of the following lease space will be sold to satisfy the owner’s lien. The entire contents will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The sale will be held on unit site of Self-Storage on Friday April 17th, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at Main and Camp street in Wartburg. Self-Storage reserves the right to reject and any and all bids.

Barbara Alexander - Unit A-22



Trade Time

Join host Goose Lindsay for Trade Time each weekday morning at 10:30 am on 101.3 FM / AM 940 / 95.5 FM.

If you have items to buy, sell, or trade, call 423-346-6300 or toll free 1-888-882-1013

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Annie M. (Hamby) Melhorn, 82

Annie Melhorn, age 82, passed away March 25, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born August 8, 1937 on Macedonia in Morgan County. Annie grew up on Macedonia and attended school at Oak Hill Wartburg. Annie was a very loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother. Annie rejoiced in all of life, especially flowers, gardening and cooking for everyone. Annie was a devout Christian and truly "walked the walk" of a Christian as a devoted member of Shady Grove Baptist Church. Preceded in death by: Parents: Mary (Diden) and French Hamby; brothers: Dempsey, Kinley, Freeman, Raymond and Luther; sisters: Venice and Sylvia. Survived by: Husband of 60 years: George S. Melhorn.

Brothers, Nathan and Dave; sister, Josephine; daughters, Marilyn Sue (Kevin Haney) and Arlene Carr; granddaughter, Skyla Carr. In light of current events, the family wishes to express their gratitude that you've shown to them thus far. The family understands that in the circumstances that our world is experiencing at this moment that not everyone feels comfortable of showing their respects during this time. So, we will be web casting the funeral for Mrs. Annie Melhorn at 2:00 p.m. Friday on our website, www.schubertfuneralhome.com. Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Annie Melhorn.

Michael (Micky) Dewayne Steelman, 58

Michael (Micky) Dewayne Steelman, born July 25th, 1961, went to be with his Lord March 28th, 2020.



He is preceded in death by his parents, Vance Claude (Pete) Steelman and Anna Kathelean (Katie) Steelman; a twin brother at birth; Grandparents: Clara (Ooten) Lee, Floyd Coots, Edna (Williams) Steelman, and Marvin Steelman.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy (Freels) Steelman; son, Thomas Steelman; special foster child, William Slaven; grandkids: Kaitlin and Tommy Steelman; sisters: Clara Shearer, Cheryl (Freddy) Bishop, and Terri (Ricky) Ryon; brothers: Tom Steelman, Tim (Trish) Steelman, and Rick (Rita) Steelman; along with a host of nieces, nephews,

aunts, uncles, and in-laws who love him very much. Micky was born a Siamese twin connected at the spine. Although he had many health issues throughout his life, he had the determination and will power to become an electrician after graduating from Sunbright High School. Later, other health issues had him seeking a Respiratory Therapist career of which he also achieved. He was a warrior for the lord and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Wartburg, TN.

The family will be scheduling a celebration of life service at a later date. They ask for prayers during this difficult time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the Steelman family.

Odessa Woolum, 102

Odessa Woolum, age 102, of Oliver Springs passed away at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at her home. Odessa was a member of Deer Lodge Baptist Church where she enjoyed playing the piano, organ and singing. She is preceded in death by her husband, Bart Woolum; sister, Leota Hollingsworth; brothers, Billy Martin Redmon, Boyd Redmon and L.E. Redmon; mother, Dallie Redmon Armes; father, Martin Redmon. She is survived by her son, Wayne (Ruann) Woolum; grandchildren, Frances Henderson, Hannah (Jeff) Catlett and Dominic Wayne Woolum; great

grandchildren, Thomas, Amyryn and Jaxon Henderson and a host of nieces, nephews and special friends that she loved to see which put a big smile on her face when you came by for a visit.

The family will have a graveside service Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Wartburg City Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Odessa Woolum.

Mark Brier, 54

Mark Brier, age 54, of Erwin, TN. passed away March 16, 2020 at his home. Mark loved woodworking and also loved fishing.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Sammie Brier; brother, William Brier; grandparents, Bill and Lillian Lee.

He is survived by his wife, Susie Jones; son, Roy Elijah Jones Brier; sister, Becky and husband Oscar Cain, Melondy and husband, Ken Chisolm; twin brother, Ben and wife Catie Brier and

their children, Anna Marie and Cressa Brier; sister, Tammy and husband, Ron Beshears and their children, Eric and Rose Marie.

Marks wishes were to be cremated and no services are scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family Mark Brier.

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

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GUN AUCTION

Morgan County Sheriff's Office

Is hosting an on-site SEIZED GUN AUCTION

April 25, 2020 at 10:00am*

414 Main St. Wartburg, TN 37887

NO BUYERS PREMIUM

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.

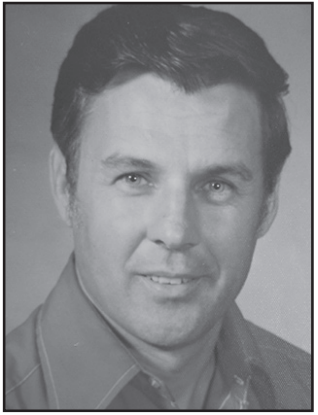
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Winchester	1200	12 Gauge
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Stevens		16 Gauge
Marlin	336	.35
Glenfield	25	.22
H&R	88	20 Gauge
Remington	350H	.410
Mossberg	100ATR	.270
Remington	870	16 Gauge
Eureka		.22 short
RG	23	.22
North American 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

Clarence D. (Cid) Heidel

A Great Veterans Advocate



Tom Redmon
Columnist

I have already written two articles about Morgan county boys who attended St. Paul Lutheran Church,

and then went on to serve mankind. One was Robert (Bob) Zumstain, and the other one was Ray (Bubby) Bardill. Both received their doctorate degrees. One would serve those with physical problems and the other would serve those with mental problems. They dedicated their lives to serving others. Both were very successful in their field.

This week you will read about another Wartburg boy who attend St. Paul Lutheran church, and then went on to serve mankind in a great way. This is his story.

I have always like to know and write about those who have gone out in life, and have had a positive influence on their actions by helping those in his or her community to have a better life. Wealth and material things were never a defining factor to them. Clarence D. (Cid) Heidel was this kind of man.

Many of you in Morgan County and even some of those in Bradly County where much of this took place, no doubt do not know all the things Clarence D. did as a Veterans' Advocate. This is a story that I feel honored to tell.

Clarence D. was born on February 23, 1947 at his home in Wartburg. He was the son of the late Lois Davis Heidel, and



Clarence Heidel
(Photo Submitted)

Clarence David Heidel Sr. Like so many of the other Heidel's, Clarence Sr. had a large farm on Petit Lane. This is where Clarence D. had spent most of his early years. While attending Central High he was chosen to attend the Tennessee Boy's State in 1964. He was also in the marching band and for most of his four years he was the Band Major under the directorship of Mr. Fritts.

Robert (Bob) Nerger was one of Clarence D's closest friends. They became close friends during their days at the St. Paul Lutheran Church and in the Boy Scouts.

Clarence D. was a faithful member of St. {Paul Lutheran Church where he was active in the church youth group (Walter League) and in his teenage years proudly served as a church usher. Rev. Robert Nerger was his Pastor.

When Clarence D. was old enough, he joined the Boy Scouts and never missed a meeting or an activity. Bob, said that George Buxton Jr. was their Scout Leader with Donald

Todd assisting him. Some of the Wartburg boys who were in Troop 150 with Clarence and Bob were, Allen Freytag, Allen Peters, Ralph Hart, Tommy Neskauq, David Hennessee, Donnie Todd, and George Buxton III. Some of their favorite camping sites were Jet Bridge, Potter's Falls, and rock Creek. At Rock Creek, near the Morgan County fairgrounds, they learned a very valuable lesson, and that was to never build your fire near a rock facing because the rocks are filled with moisture, and when heated they would expand and explode.

On one trip that they Youth Group (Walter League) took they came into contact with a boy who was running for president of their Region that was so obnoxious that they couldn't stand him. The boys from Wartburg went around painting mustaches on all of his campaign pictures. Soon they were in a meeting where a speaker got up and said, "What a shame it was that someone was so low-down to deface this poor boy's picture. They should be caught and punished". Clarence D. and the boys hearing this feared they might be in

trouble if someone had seen them doing this. Clarence D. stated in a high volume so that others around him could hear it, "Now who would do a thing like that, they should be ashamed, I've never heard the likes". I had to think now that's in the shades of Clarence Heidel Sr.

Clarence D. received his B.S. in Business Administration at the University of Tennessee in 1969. He graduated Cum Laude with honors. While at UT he took ROTC and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation. He spent two years on Active duty in the U.S. Army and 24 years in the Army Reserve with the 844 Engineer Battalion. While in the Reserve he served in both Command and Staff positions. He received many medals and commendations. In 1995 he retired from the Army Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1971 Clarence D. completed his active duty in the service and was then employed by the T.V.A. He held positions in Human Resources and Labor Relations while at T.V.A. He re-

tired from T.V.A. in 2004 with 33 years of service.

Now we get to the real meat of this article. From now on Clarence D. will be called Cid because this is what they called him in Bradley County (Cleveland, TN) where he focused on helping veterans



Clarence Heidel
(Photo Submitted)

and other people. His major goal was to bring a Veteran's Nursing Home to Bradley County. On August 21, 2018, after years of working tirelessly, the fruits of Cid's labor were realized for on, that day the ground breaking took place of the Bradley County Tennessee State Veteran's Home.

Larry McDaris, a retired Bradley County Service Officer said that Clarence (Cid) came into this office several years ago and asked how he could help area veterans. He also said that Cid did a fantastic job, with a lot of effort especially when the state first rejected the Veteran's home site. But Cid was not one to give up. While working on the Veteran Nursing Home he was a member of the Cleveland American Legion Post 81, and still doing everything he could to help veterans in his community. According to his wife, Paulette (Polly) he was even doing more to help other people in need in Cleveland and Bradley County. Mayor Tom Rowland who was guiding the city through a vast majority of the time that Cid was involved with the Veteran's Home effort, said that although he was suffering from heart problems and cancer, he showed remarkable leadership.

Kevin Brooks, the present Mayor of Cleveland said that Clarence D. (Cid) was a good man, a good soldier, and a good friend. He said at the recent Veteran Home ground breaking, "We would certainly not be celebrating the new facility if it were not for the stalwart and singular efforts of Cid Heidel. He is an Armed Services hero, a U.S. Veteran hero, and a community hero. Our entire community owes a debt of gratitude for the great work of this great man".

Courtney Rogers, the Tennessee Commissioner of Veteran Services praised Cid Heidel. She said "that he was a devoted advocate for veterans' issues in Bradley County. Our department is grateful for his service as veteran of the U.S. Military and to his community as Co-Chairman (and Chairman)

of the Southeast Tennessee Veterans Home Council.

Heidel received the 2019 Raymond H. Miller Veteran of the Year Award, and multiple congratulations. He could not attend the Veteran's Ceremony to accept the honor since he was still recovering from heart bypass surgery.

Governor Bill Lee, and former Governor Bill Haslam, along with Courtney Rogers had to agree that Heidel's steady leadership and calm demeanor kept the Veterans Nursing Home movement on track even in the face of unending frustration and confusing bureaucracy. His perseverance paid off and patience prevailed.

It is sad to hear that this man has recently passed away. Polly, his wife of fifteen years said that Clarence (Cid) did not like the limelight. He probably wouldn't have liked the funeral service where he received praise from many people. Polly, said "everyone who came thought the line at visitation said that Cid was a good man".

Clarence (Cid) like to stay in the background, and he was very intelligent. His work with the veterans was a full-time job.

Cid did not have any children of his own but he called Polly's children by a previous marriage his "Bonus Children". He was unsure of what role he should play in his relationship with the three grown children. He didn't want to step over boundaries but one daughter told him, "You are like our Father so get over it". The children went to Cid for advice and counsel. He was the best man at his Bonus Son's wedding.

Polly, said "we had a great life together and we loved the simple things like building a bon fire".

This man that Polly had met at a restaurant where they had a shag dance. "We danced together there and for fifteen years we danced through life".

Although Polly was still grieving over Cid's recent death, she was gracious enough to be interviewed over the phone. Thank you, Polly.

Clarence D. (Cid) showed us through his tireless



Clarence Heidel
(Photo Submitted)

efforts to work helping veterans and other in Bradley County, what life should be about. I just wish every community across our great land could have a Clarence D. (Cid) Heidel.

Photography: Chemical to Digital

By Jon R. Peters

George Eastman was born in 1854 near Rochester, NY. When he was 14 his father died and he had to quit school to work and help support his mother and two sisters. In his early 20s he became interested in photography which at that time was a popular, new thing. However, the size, weight, awkwardness, and cost of the equipment motivated Eastman look for improvements. A camera in those days was a large box with the film being a square plate coated with wet gelatin emulsion. Working in his mother's kitchen, George Eastman developed a dry plate process, and in 1884 formed the "Eastman Dry Plate and Film Company". A few years later came transparent and flexible film made from nitrocellulose that could be rolled up.....an invention that would later play a major role in the industrial development of upper East Tennessee. In 1892 the company name was changed to "Eastman Kodak" and headquartered in Rochester, NY. George Eastman for some reason had always liked the letter "K", and from it he coined the name "Kodak". Kodak developed smaller, light weight cameras that could use rolls of the new nitrocellulose film and taking pictures became something easy and fascinating to do.

Nitrocellulose, also used as gun powder, was dangerous to handle and the reason pictures back in those days were a somewhat yellow. To form nitrocellulose into a film, it needed to be dissolved in a solvent (methanol) and then cast into film. During World War I there was a shortage of methanol, which Kodak had to purchase, and George Eastman looked around to see how he could manufacture his own methanol rather than buy it. This event is

where upper East Tennessee comes into the picture. In those days there was no process for synthesizing methanol. The chemical had to be recovered from the destructive distillation of wood....hence the term wood alcohol. As Eastman looked around he found a government owned wood alcohol plant in Kingsport, TN that had been shut down, and in 1920 he bought it. This plant became known as Tennessee Eastman Company and of course later Eastman Chemical Company.

After a few years, Eastman Chemical developed cellulose acetate which was a big improvement over nitrocellulose as a film base. Acetate was the reaction product of cellulose (in the form of wood pulp) and acetic acid, was not explosive, and the pictures didn't yellow. Eastman Chemical, Kingsport, TN became a vital supplier to Kodak of not only cellulose acetate, but also other chemicals for picture development and then later chemicals for color pictures.

In the 1900s photography soared

as an industry, and Kodak was the major supplier. The company made and sold inexpensive and easy to use cameras, but made their real money on film, pho-



to chemicals, and photo paper. Kodak also played a major role in the development of movie film not just for professional movies in theaters, but home movies as well. A camera for amateurs called "The Brownie" would overtake the market in massive proportions.

By the 1960s Kodak had the majority market share of the photography industry with annual sales over \$4 billion/year and 100,000 employees. The plant in Rochester, NY was massive and in the 1970s a very large film plant was built in Colorado. Kodak was the darling of Wall Street because of its market position and profitability. Their stock price was well over \$100 a share. It was almost like they were printing money as they printed pictures. Anything involving pictures involved Kodak....movies, x-rays, microfilm technology. The first picture of the earth taken as John Glenn orbited was on Kodak film. They even got into instant photography to compete with Polaroid, but that didn't turn out so good. After a long patent infringement lawsuit that Polaroid eventually won, Kodak had to bow out of that one. But the company did over the years develop many innovations and played a major role in the advancement of photography.

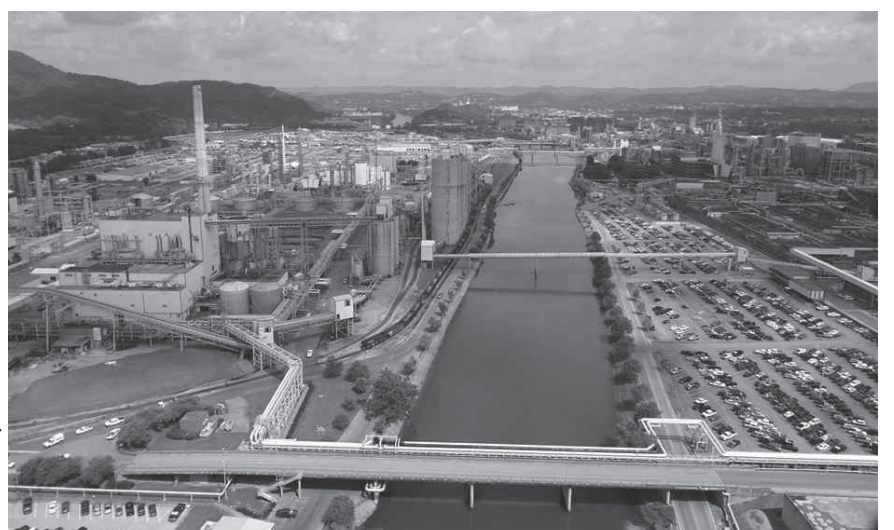
The beginning of the end for Eastman Kodak Company came around 1975/1976 when scientists at Kodak, strangely enough, invented the first digital camera. The company continued to innovate in this new field, but not to the degree or the fast paced rate as other companies did such as those in Japan. While Kodak did create and market the first digital cameras, their management continued to place its faith and emphasis in chemical photography. That strategy may have seemed like a sure bet, but the company could not have been more wrong. Management was reluctant to do anything that would upset their highly profitable products in chemical photography. They couldn't visualize people looking

at pictures on their computers, their cameras, and eventually on their phones of all things. And what's more, folks could print those pictures with a printer in their home rather than have them chemically developed. By the time Kodak decided to fully join in the digital race, it was way too late. Other companies had too much of a head start. By the early 2000s, the value of Kodak stock had dropped to nearly zero, and the company filed for bankruptcy in 2012. By now this sad story may even be a Harvard Business School case study in how such a once successful and profitable company could fail. Similar to what happened to coal oil lanterns once electricity came on the scene.

So back to Northeast Tennessee and Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport. All the while Kodak was innovating and growing, its Eastman Chemical division was doing that as well. As the chemicals division started 100 years ago in 1920 to supply wood alcohol to Kodak, it grew over the years into a very large producer of chemicals, plastics, and fibers. By the 1950s only a very small part of Eastman Chemical's production went to Kodak in Rochester. In 1993 Kodak spun off Eastman Chemical to their stockholders and it became a separate company no longer affiliated with Kodak. This event was extremely fortunate for Eastman Chemical who otherwise might have been drained dry, or sold off, to meet the dire cash needs of Kodak.

After separating from Kodak, Eastman Chemical Company has more than doubled in size through innovations and acquisitions. Today the plant in Kingsport employs some 7,000 workers and covers over 1,000 acres. This plant is so large it produces its own power. Their two power plants used to burn over 100 rail cars of coal a day. They've now switched to natural gas. The company has plants in other parts of the U.S. and several plants around the world including China, Singapore, & Europe. Current sales are around \$10 billion per year. Their chemical, plastic, and fiber products are used to make items we all buy and use every day....paint, sealants, adhesives, cars, tires, auto & architectural window glass, pharmaceuticals, diapers, food & beverage containers, etc., etc.

The small (very small) connection that Eastman Chemical has with Morgan County is that a young boy from Wartburg was fortunate enough to get a job with that company in 1961 and worked there for 36 years.



King Crossword

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 21 Fix, in a way
 24 Raw rock
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 28 Nuisance
 30 Kennedy or Koppel
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 34 Newton or Stern
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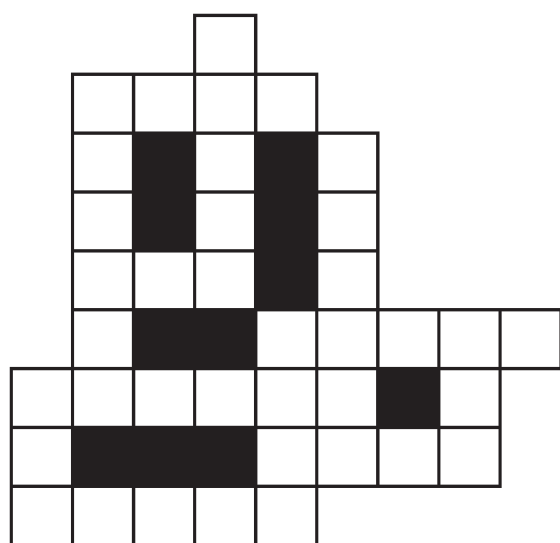
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FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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- BATLIE
- ELDIN
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- BLEVRA
- ♥DDA
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- ♥IBD
- ♥TODVEE
- ♥TIDBE
- ♥ENVI



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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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

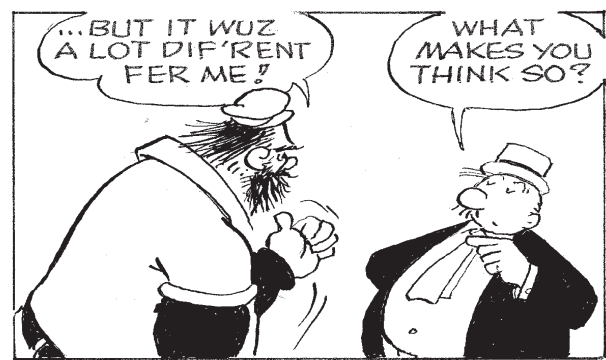
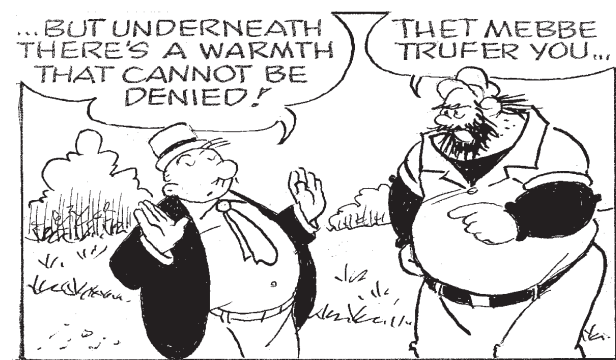
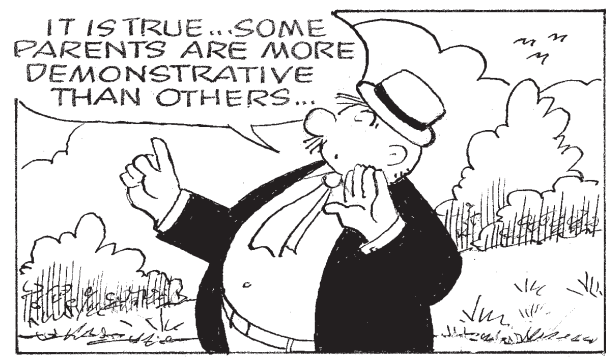
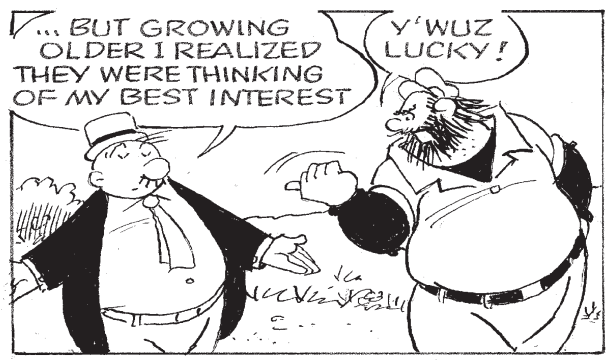
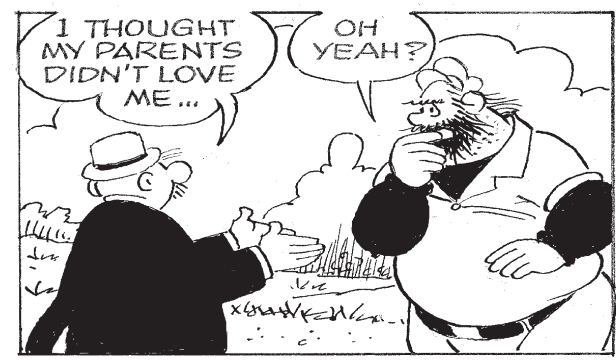
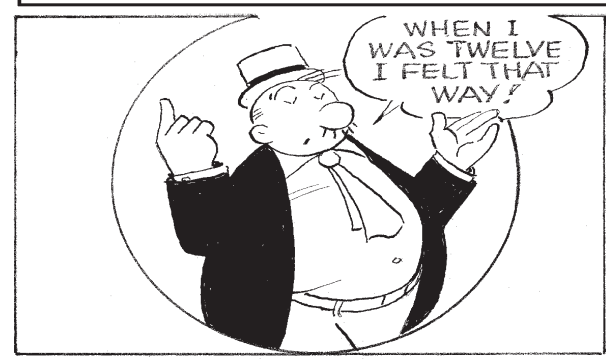
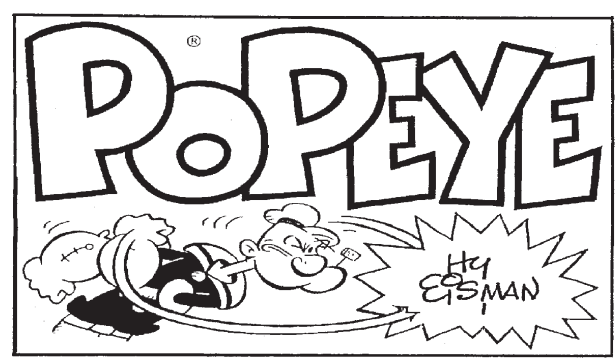
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Divine Peace

One of the most comforting passages in the New Testament is Philippians 4:7: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

The book of Philippians represents Paul's letter to the congregation of Christ closest to his heart. He had organized that congregation, and had maintained a close relationship with it for a decade when this epistle was written. One of the purposes of the letter was to encourage these saints in their afflictions for Christ. It is within this context that this word of consolation is given.

There are four major points to be gleaned from this thrilling passage. (1) True peace comes only from God. (2) It surpasses the mind. (3) Peace guards the heart and mind. (4) Such is available to those who are "in Christ." Let us reflect upon each of these truths.

What is divine peace? The word "peace" derives from the Greek *eireme* (the basis for the feminine name, Irene). The etymology of the term is obscure. It may be related to *eirein*, which means to weave together (Barclay, 1959, p. 15). The word is employed in three prominent senses in the New Testament. First, it has to do with reconciliation that we may have with God as a result of Jesus' atoning work, and our obedience to the conditions of Heaven's plan of redemption (Romans 5:1; Eph. 2:15, Col. 1:20; Heb. 5:8-9). Second, peace represents that ideal state of tranquility that ought to obtain between fellow human beings---world citizens, community folks, family members, etc. (Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14). Third, there is that serenity of disposition that flavors life, and makes even its bitterest experiences bearable. Perhaps this is the major focus of the term in the context under consideration. But before we explore this aspect of the passage, let us preliminarily give consideration to the other areas of emphasis.

The "in Christ" relationship---Let us first focus upon the expression "in Christ," by which the verse concludes. The New Testament gives paramount importance to an active relationship with Jesus Christ. That association is frequently referred to as being "in Christ," "in the Lord", etc.). In fact, elsewhere we are plainly told that salvation itself is "in Christ" (2 Tim. 2:10). Any honest soul may enjoy this union with the Lord by

simply accepting the historical information regarding Christ (as revealed in the Gospel records Matthew, Mark, Luke or John), trusting Him as Savior (John 3:36), being sorry for sin and resolving to turn therefrom in repentance (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Eph. 5:26). Immersion is a replication of Jesus' burial and resurrection, and represents the point in time at which one enjoys the "in Christ" relationship (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27), having forgiven you all trespasses (Col. 2:13).

Peace: a divine blessing---the apostle introduces his topic by the expression "the peace of God." Grammarians would classify this as a "genitive of source," it is a "peace from God." This is a perfectly logical expression because God Himself is designated as "the God of peace" (Phil. 4:9; Romans 15:33; 1 Thess. 5:23). Our Heavenly Father is also the God of love (2 Corinthians 13:11), the God of grace (1 Peter 5:10), and the God of comfort and patience (Romans 15:5). Is He not the most wonderful Father imaginable? All of this drives us to this conclusion: It is futile to look for peace---genuine, abiding peace---apart from divine revelation.

God's peace is able to effectively function as a "guard" for the soul. We must again emphasize this truth: Whatever successes psychologists have, they will be the result of utilizing those principles which lie resident within the sacred body of divine truth. Consider, for example, this case. Dr. Fritz Redl of Detroit had some success in rescuing emotionally disturbed, rather hardened youngsters from the juvenile "gangs" of this area. His achievement lay in the fact that though he condemned the aberrant behavior of the misguided youths, he treated them with love and dignity. He would tell them: We do not approve of what you've done, but we like you, and believe that you have the ability to be better (Liebman, 1946, p. 185). This positive motivation worked wonders, and it was entirely biblical---abhor the sin, but love the sinner!

The truth is love that bringeth peace (2 Peter 1:2; Phil. 4:9; Gal. 5:22; 2 Cor. 13:11; 1 Cor. 14:33 and Psalms 119:165 "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.")

Peace based on bread alone will inevitably become a famine (Matthew 4:4).



MELVIN HOWARD

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MIA'S View From the Mountain: Traditions

Every year around the Easter season, I like to read all or at least part of Max Lucado's books "He Still Moves Stones" and "Six Hours One Friday". Max Lucado is by far one of my most favorite Christian writers. I used to say, if I could just write one sentence like Max Lucado, then I would have arrived. LOL.

Seriously, in my mind Max Lucado is one of the great storytellers of our time. One of my traditions is to read the mentioned books every year, every year I glean something new that encourages my heart and helps me draw closer to the Lord. If you have never read the books, I highly recommend them. Max has a way of drawing you into scripture as though you were a part of the standbys. Here are some interesting facts about Max.

Max Lucado (born January 11, 1955) is a best-selling Christian author and pastor at Oak Hills Church (formerly the Oak Hills Church of Christ) in San Antonio, Texas. Lucado has written almost 100 books with 130 million copies in print. He was recipient of the Charles "Kip" Jordon Gold Medallion Christian Book of the Year award three times for his books "Just Like Jesus", "In the Grip of Grace" and "When God Whispers Your Name", and has also appeared regularly on several bestseller lists including the New York Times Best Seller List.

Lucado was named "America's Pastor" by Christianity Today magazine and in 2005 was named by Reader's Digest

as "The Best Preacher in America." He has also been featured on The Fox News Channel, NBC Nightly News, Larry King Live, LLBN, and USA Today. He has been a featured speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast.

This is my favorite story that I heard about Max. Max and his wife appeared on Fixer Upper (S4 E18 which aired 08/31/2017) when his daughter Sara and her husband Jeff Jones purchased a home that was to be remodeled by Chip & Joanna Gaines. Max asked that a quote he had written for his daughter's wedding (when he officiated) be incorporated in some way into the new home without the couple knowing ahead of time. The quote was "Would you take these two of dust and bone, born of flesh, then would you make them one? Would you speak again the words you spoke when Adam slept and Eve Awoke? Would you let your wine replace our water and look with grace on this son, this daughter? Oh Lord of Eden in your majesty create again your tapestry. One heart where there were two. This is the prayer we lift to you." Joanna asked Clayton Thompson to make the wall art, and it was placed in the "moffice" (the mudroom and office combined).

Back to my tradition of reading "He Still Moves Stones" and "Six Hours One Friday". I would like to share a couple of my favorite passages that have blessed me through the years, and I pray, they will minister to your spirit and heart as they have for me.

Why did God leave us one tale after another of wounded lives being restored? So we could be grateful for the past? So we could look back with amazement at what Jesus did? No. No. No. A thousand times no. The purpose of these stories is not to tell us what Jesus did. Their purpose is to tell us what Jesus does."

— Max Lucado, He Still Moves Stones
Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

— Max Lucado, He Still Moves Stones

In "Six Hours One Friday," Max Lucado delves into the meaning of Jesus' last hours on the cross. Through his death, your life has purpose and meaning. You are forgiven and loved by a Savior who died for you. And an empty tomb proclaims that death does not have the final word.

"Peace where there should be pain. Confidence in the midst of crisis. Hope defying despair. "Does death have the last word?" I can see Jesus wink as he gives the answer, "Not on you."

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.

Historically Speaking

Ed Westcott: My Hero and Friend

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

What do I say about my good friend that has not already been said numerous times? What can I say that will convey my feelings and that of so many more who knew him? Is attempting that even of any added value for me or others...yes, I think so, if for no other reason than my own need to express the frustration and pain experienced at his passing.

James Edward "Ed" Westcott 1922-2019. The 29th person hired for the world's greatest military industrial endeavor, the Manhattan Project, was a Photographer. Twenty-year-old Ed Westcott brought his already and naturally developed creative genius to the task of documenting the science and the people who came to Oak Ridge, Tennessee to work at the Clinton Engineer Works. No small task by any means! Yet this young man did a tremendous job of it!

His talent and unfailing dedication resulted in the large collection of over 15,000 negatives. These valuable artifacts are preserved to help future generations to understand the magnitude and complexity of this world changing accomplishment. Ed did that in spades! We have access to a few hundred of those images and good use has been made of them to tell our history.



Fanny's favorite photo with her friend, Ed Westcott (Photo Submitted)

His largely black and white images are tightly composed and finely tuned to convey a complete story in a single photograph. His ability to realize what would be meaningful and how to set up a photograph to convey his intended meaning was exceptional. The history of Oak Ridge is documented in these images and they are used in many documentary films, displayed in many venues as well as published in books and online sources.

Ed has been recognized for his talent through various proclamations, awards, honors and even been nominated for a Presidential Medal of Freedom. My personal involvement to help gain recognition for Ed is something of which I am profoundly proud and believe even with all the efforts of myself and many others, we have failed to adequately acknowledge his true greatness and superiority as a giant among us!

Yes, a true giant in the world of photography and a man of utmost integrity, humility and friendliness, Ed spent his life doing what he did best, photography. Yet, he also was a strong presence in the world of amateur radio.

Even to the personal involvement for over a year monitoring radio traffic and even interacting with Jim Jones in Guyana leading up to the incident where on Nov. 18, 1978, U. S. Representative Jackie Speier was shot five times on a remote airstrip in Guyana, South America. U. S. Representative Leo J. Ryan and four others lay dead nearby, killed by gunfire as they tried to escape Jonestown, the commune built by cult leader Jim Jones.

The official FBI report quotes Ed Westcott, Oak Ridge Photographer, as saying the transmissions – some of which he alleged were illegal - ended three weeks before U.S. Rep Leo Ryan, D-Calif., and four other persons, including three journalists, were slain at an airstrip eight miles from the People's Temple camp at Jonestown, Guyana. The report stated, "a large antenna is visible from outside the sect's compound in San Francisco, and an NBC-TV news report Sunday said the People's Temple members there kept in contact with the agricultural settlement in Guyana via radio."

The report continued, "On Sunday, Westcott said transmissions he heard apparently were in code. 'They were using cryptic and cipheric messages - that's illegal - and they were operating outside the amateur frequencies or bands which is a violation of international treaties,' Westcott said. 'And they were operating unidentified for long periods of time, which is also a violation.'"

He added: "A great deal of the communications weren't coded, but when something apparently secretive came up, it was in code and there were never any last names, just code names. Jones went by the name of 'Al' and no one could make any decision until 'Al' OK'd it."

Ed actually talked to Jones about the settlement - which had a goal of becoming self-sufficient - but declined an offer to do some photography work in Jonestown.

Now, did you know that about our Ed Westcott? Likely not as he never made a big deal of himself or what he did. He just was Ed. Kind, generous, unassuming Ed. What a great model for others to follow!

I am sure there are other things about Ed's life we don't know as he spent several years working in Washington, DC, and living in Bethesda, Maryland. He was the head of photography for the Atomic Energy Administration and Department of Energy.



One of my proudest moments when I was allowed to present the East Tennessee Economic Council's Muddy Boot to Ed Westcott (Photo Submitted)

amateur radio operator for which he received two prestigious awards.

Ed will be missed by Oak Ridgers and many others. He was an icon of Oak Ridge, a man who loved the city and even more so the people. His winning smile was known by all who met him...I am convinced that smile helped him win the confidence if many who became willing subjects of his photographs.

To personally be acquainted with someone as famous as Ed is to realize the value of being in the right place at the right time with the inherent skill to accomplish effectively the task at hand. His demonstrated ability to capture the essence of people and the task they were undertaking resulted in a body of photographs that has lasting value for many generations.

A man of Ed Westcott's caliber is a rare thing indeed. Oak Ridge is the beneficiary of his enormous ability and dedicated skills.

His long life filled with the joy of living and his easy-going style made him a pleasure to know. His place in history is secure and his legacy will benefit generations to come.

As Cindy Kelly, Atomic Heritage Foundation President, said, "Ed Westcott's perceptive and artful photography gives us a sense of the youthful energy that characterized life in Oak Ridge. Ed will be greatly missed but his photographs will endure for generations to come. He was the Ansel Adams of the Manhattan Project."

Cindy quoted me in a recent memorialization of Ed and I want to include it here: She said, "Oak Ridge city historian Ray Smith commented:



Glad to have captured this image of Ed Westcott, Keith McDaniel, myself on the last Saturday he was with us and enjoying his celebrity status at the Grand Opening of the Oak Ridge History Museum (Photo Submitted)

"The story of the Manhattan Project would be lost to history without the work of Oak Ridge's own renowned photographer Ed Westcott. The city has gained international recognition for its work in the top-secret assignment — and continues to solve some of the world's critical challenges to this day with our innovations — yet none of this would have been as well-known without Ed's photographs helping to seal the Secret City's rightful place in history and science."

In addition to the nomination for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Bill Henry recently suggested Ed be nominated for a state award, the Governor's DISTINGUISHED ARTIST AWARD, which is presented to Tennessee artists of exceptional talent and creativity in any discipline whose work has significant and lasting impact on a state or national level. I believe Ed sure meets those criteria.

Of course, Ed has received numerous awards and citations over the years, all of which were richly deserved, can't you just see him looking down, saying "Awww pshaw" as award after award was given him... But I believe one of the proudest awards he has been given were the testimonies of his children, including his son in law, at his funeral where they spoke so graciously of their love for him and his love for them.

One last thing I am proud to remind you readers. The documentary film Ed Westcott, Photographer, can be seen here and you can see many of his photos here.

The memory of Ed Westcott will live on in his body of photography for ages to come. His smile and good humor will be missed, but the photographs, Ah... the photographs, they live on!

Ray Smith
Oak Ridge City Historian

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

Complex Historian and Vietnam Veteran.



MSG Fred Mize

Throughout my military career I've met men and women from all walks of life, who were raised very differently from each other. People, from poor and wealthy families. People, from educational backgrounds ranging from non-high school graduates to having doctorate degrees. People, from countless faiths from Atheists to Christians.

As a young soldier I learned that most young soldiers weren't sure of who they were or exactly who they wanted to become but all agreed that military service was a great way to find out more

about themselves and what's really important in life. As I progressed in my military career, I went from being a follower to becoming a leader and before long young soldiers began looking to me for direction and example. I've had the pleasure to teach soldiers everything from how to shave for the first time, to combat tactics.

Throughout my forty-two-years on this Earth, I've learned that most service members and civilians are alike in that, many people don't know what they should be doing as a career but more importantly with their day to day lives in general. As a Christian I've learned that God has given us direction and answers to all the questions we may have in

this life. Soldier are issued Field Manuals for every task they may encounter the Lord has given Christians the Holy Bible as our Field Manual to prepare us for all we may face in this life and our eternal lives to come. In Titus 2:1-15 we are taught how we should act, behave, focus on, as men

and women, both young and old. Titus 2:1-15
1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in

faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded

7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;
10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

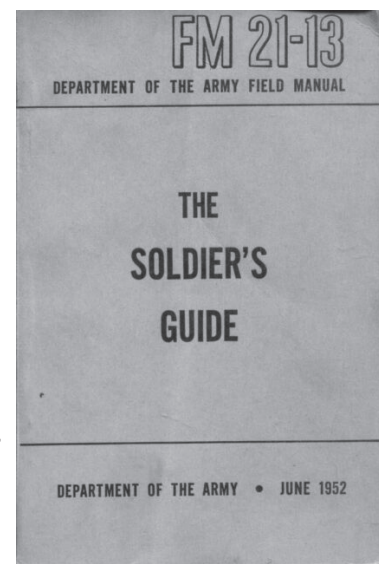
11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Let's be thankful for the LORD's love, mercy, guidance, and instruction. Let's strive to live our lives according to God's will as we are taught in Titus. As Paul states in Philemon 1:3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Coronavirus Free Zone: Part 2

Last week, I congratulated the class of 2020 on all their accomplishments. It is very well-deserved and we are proud of you. The Class of 2020 has and will go through an incredible amount of adversity in particular this year with what's on the horizon. I also suggested to the parents, family, and friends that gift giving during graduation could change a life. You may even tape your graduation money at the end of the book and let them know there's a reward for reading the book. It's a creative way to encourage students to read.

Here are 6 must read books for a high school graduate.



Zack Ballinger school and college students zero in on their favorite skills and find their perfect major or career.

of performance in most jobs, and people with high EQ earn more than people with low EQ. The book encompasses 66 proven strategies to increase self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship management.

3. **The Hot Seat:** How to Meet the New Challenge of a New Era in Job Interviewing: The author is one of the smartest, most brilliant, and handsome people I've ever met. It's me.

All jokes aside, The Hot Seat is a one stop shop on finding your career passion and acing the job interview. If your graduate is going right into the work force, this book could help them ace their job interview.



4. **Start:** This is a great career book whether you're a recent graduate or a seasoned professional. This book will change the way you think about work and your life. Jon Acuff, the author of Start, summarizes the book with these statements: "No one aims for average. No one sets out for status quo. No one longs for ordinary. You just have to Start."

5. **What Color is Your Parachute?** For teens: This book is a great read for a high school graduate that is undecided on their college major. The updated career guide for teens draws on the principles to help high

6. **Night:** This book is about life perspective. It's a very short read (118 pages). Night one of the best book I've read. Elie Wiesel was a teenager when he and his family were taken from their home in 1944 to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Night is the terrifying record of his memories of the death of his family and the despair as a deeply observant Jew confront the absolute evil of man. This book makes any teenager appreciate an opportunity at life.

Give the gift of knowledge! Congrats Class of 2020!

Zack graduated from Wartburg Central High School in 2001 and from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2004. Since graduation he has become a TedX Motivational Speaker, Author, and Career Consultant. He travels the world giving back and hosting seminars teaching people on various topics. Zack has established an ongoing annual scholarship at his Alma Mater, Wartburg, which has inspired others to give back as well.

Visit www.zackballinger.com for more of Zack's travels and events.



1. **The Total Money Make Over:** This is one of the best books on personal finance. It's a common sense, easy-to-follow book that teaches a 7 step process of getting out of debt and building wealth. Dave Ramsey is one of the most trusted voices on money and personal finance.

2. **Emotional Intelligence 2.0:** Emotional intelligence (EQ) is key to business, relationships, and financial success. EQ is an important factor of success. Studies have found that EQ accounts for about 58%

Happy March Birthdays!

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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.

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
All events at the Deer Lodge Abner Ross Memorial Center have been postponed until further notice. The Deer Lodge will be open with very limited service.

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



We are blessed to live in Morgan County. Because of recent events and the changes to our regular routines, many businesses, agencies and individuals have exhibited true community spirit. It is comforting to know that if someone has a need, there are those eager to lend a helping hand. Thank you to all who have stepped up to help.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee has requested school districts to keep schools closed through April 24.

At this time, Convenience Centers in Morgan County will be open Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays. The hours are 9:00 – 5:00.

The Oakdale Library will be closed on March 24 and will reopen on April 6th. This is just a precaution that is aligned with the closing of other government buildings in Morgan County.

First Baptist Oakdale will not have their Easter Egg Hunt that was originally planned for Sunday, April 5.

The town of Oakdale will not have their Easter Egg Hunt that was scheduled for Saturday, April 4.

Tabitha Hamby was surprised by her children, Kinley and Sophia, with a 50th birthday party

on Saturday, March 21. A small group of family and friends gathered for food and fun. Everyone enjoyed good food and birthday cake and ice cream followed by a digital recording of Tabitha through the years done by Sophia.

There are many critics of social media. I understand that it can be over used but I must say it has been nice to have during this time of quarantine. Many preachers have been going live on Facebook and delivering their Sunday morning message. Although we miss being in church with our church families, it is a blessing to see and our local preachers.

Marilyn Powell Hutchinson did a live sing along the last couple of Sundays. Marilyn is a gifted pianist. She graciously took requests during the live and would play one verse and one chorus. It was wonderful.

Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, several teachers gathered at Oakdale School to form a parade and follow buses on their routes as they delivered food to children. The teachers decorated their cars with balloons and signs telling the students that they are missed and their teachers love them. They used cowbells, kazoos, wireless

speakers and bullhorns to greet students. The students showed excitement by jumping up and down and waving. They yelled back "I Love You" to their teachers. The teacher's wanted to reassure students that even though they aren't able to go to school right now, the teachers are thinking of them. It was a win win. The students loved seeing their teachers but the teachers were blessed to see their student's faces!

Morgan County Schools continue to provide breakfast and lunch for all children 18 and under. Meals can be picked up at pick up sites from 10:00 – 12:00 and buses are also delivering meals. Students must be present to receive their food. The pick up site for Oakdale is Oakdale School. On Friday, April 3, families can get 5 extra meals to cover spring break week. It might be a good idea to have a box or some bags to carry all of the meals.

After spring break, food pick up and delivery will only be on Mondays and Thursdays. Children will get extra meals on those days to cover the other 3 days of the week. Bus times may change after spring break to allow the cafeteria staff ample time to prepare extra meals for delivery.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Donna Comer who passed away Thursday, March 19. She is survived by her sisters, Mary Carter, Elise Holman and April Alcorn and her brothers,

Gary, Darrell, Rickey and Tim Comer.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Nancy Gilbert Stewart who passed away Friday, March 20. She is survived by her husband, Ricky Stewart, her son, Justin Clark and her daughter and son in law, Kayla and Jacob Taylor and her granddaughter, Harper Taylor. She is also survived by her brother Michael Gilbert and her sister, Lillian Stewart as well as several nieces, nephews and other family and friends. Services were held at Redemption Baptist Church on Monday, March 23. Graveside services were held the following day at Annadel Cemetery.

Continue to pray for our National, State and Local governments as they make decisions. Pray for all of the sick, those who have lost loved ones and our military. Most of all, pray for the lost.

Easter will be Sunday, April 12. Please don't let current events overshadow the time when we celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of our Savior. And remember, God is in control of everything.

"God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'"

By – Billy Graham.



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Morgan County Today is blessed to honor Major Matthew Ward, who's a Soldier for God and country, as this week's Veteran of the Week. Major Ward's military career began by serving as an enlisted service member. He enlisted into the United States Marine Corps in January 2001 and served as a Field Artillery Cannoneer.

When Major Ward, enlisted into the USMC he never envisioned himself serving as long as he has or ever serving in the Chaplain Corp but he did envision himself as serving both God and country as an "underground missionary". Major Ward, explained, he was motivated to enlist and serve God in such a manner by the example he was given by a close friend who enlisted and got saved while serving in the military. His friend was tragically killed in an automobile accident just six months after accepting Jesus Christ as his LORD and savior. His friend's death motivated Matthew even more to be a guiding light for other service members who may not know Jesus Christ as their LORD and savior.

Four and a half years into his military career

Major Ward, was presented with a opportunity to serve God in an official manner by serving in the Chaplain Corps as a military Chaplain. Major Ward, felt that was the path that God lead him to and gladly accepted the opportunity.

Major Ward, decided that serving in the Army National Guard would provide the most opportunity for him to complete seminary in order to reach his goal of becoming an Army



Chaplain. Major Ward, was granted a Conditional Release which transferred him from the USMC into the North Carolina Army National Guard.

During his service in the North Carolina Army National Guard he completed a tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom serving in Iraq from December 2008 to February 2010. During his tour of duty he was stationed at Forward Operation Base St. Michael in Mahmudiyah, Iraq. During his tour the Forward Operation Base was reassigned over to the Iraqi Army and renamed the Mahmudiya Forward Operation Base. After Major Ward's

return to the United States he was assigned a one year assignment as the Rear Detachment Chaplain for Fort Riley, Kansas.

Major Ward, now serves as a Chaplain in the Tennessee Army National Guard and is assigned to 1ST Battalion 181ST Field Artillery Regiment in Chattanooga, TN. Not only does Major Ward serve our state and country as a Soldier but he serves our Lord Jesus Christ as the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Wartburg, TN.

Major Ward, the Morgan County Today, thanks you for your military service and we thank your wife Tara and your two sons Noah and Silas for their continuous love and support. Military service isn't easy and can only be made possible with the support of our loved ones.

Major Ward, thank you for your faith, courage, and example!



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

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Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Police Officer Noah Harris, as this week's Law Enforcement Officer of the Week. Officer Harris, began his career in law enforcement as a Correctional Officer at the Morgan County Sheriff's Department from May 2016 - January 2017. Officer Harris, now serves as a Police Officer for the city of Wartburg.

Officer Harris, was driven to become a Police Officer due to having a strong desire to help others and for the better-

ment of his community. He said, "There's no better feeling than providing help and comfort to people during the most difficult times." When asked, what's the most difficult aspect of being



a police offer he stated, "Seeing what has to be seen".

Officer Harris' life has changed in more ways than one while serving in law enforcement. He met his wife Elizabeth, during his time as a Correctional Officer at the Morgan County Sheriff's Department. Elizabeth, also served as a Correctional Officer and as a Dis-

patcher.

Noah and Elizabeth, will be celebrating their 2nd wedding anniversary in September. They have also been blessed with their three-month-old daughter, Emberly.

Officer Harris, the Morgan County Today, thanks you for your service to the city of Wartburg. We thank you for doing all that you do and for seeing all that can never be unseen.

Stimulus News



David Zubler

Congress has passed an economic relief plan which will provide one-time payments to most households. The Tax Foundation, which is a DC-based think-tank, estimates that over 93% of Americans will be eligible

for a check from the stimulus package. The plan provides \$1,200 for each adult and \$500 for each child under 17. The payments go to almost any adult with a Social Security number, as long as they aren't dependents of someone else. However, there are requirements to receive stimulus checks.

Payments start phasing out for those with income above \$75,000 in adjusted gross income for individuals, \$115,500 for heads of households (typically single parents), and \$150,000 for married couples. The payments are reduced above those levels.

For people with no children, the benefit disappears at \$99,000 for individuals and \$ 198,000 of married couples. Not everyone will be required to have filed an income tax return for 2018 or

2019 to receive the stimulus. Low-income individuals on Social Security are not required to file a tax return since they would not have taxable income. If they received an SSA-1099 form (the Social Security benefit statement), the federal government may be able to give them a stimulus by the method they usually receive their Social Security payment. The IRS will have the ability to get information from the Social Security Administration so these people may not be required to file tax returns to get the stimulus. Details will be provided at a later date.

Retirees and people on disability are also eligible for the stimulus.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the IRS could start issuing payments within three weeks. The agency has not announced a schedule. People will receive their stimulus fastest who have filed 2019 tax returns with direct-deposit information than those people who receive paper checks.

The government will use 2019 tax returns to determine the payment amounts and 2018 tax returns if 2019 returns have not been received.

People who haven't filed tax returns can still file for 2019 to make sure the government has their updated bank account

information as well as recent births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and moves. The majority of people who will be excluded from receiving a payment are the wealthy, nonresident aliens (foreigners who do not hold a green card), and dependents who can be claimed on someone else's tax return.

The payments are not taxable. However, it is possible that someone may have to pay back some of the money if their income is significantly more than what it was based on from the 2019 or 2018 tax return.

The IRS will provide updated information on its website about the process of the stimulus payments but is urging people not to call yet.

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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John 3:7

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Bids can be mailed to PO 250, Wartburg, TN 37887 or dropped of 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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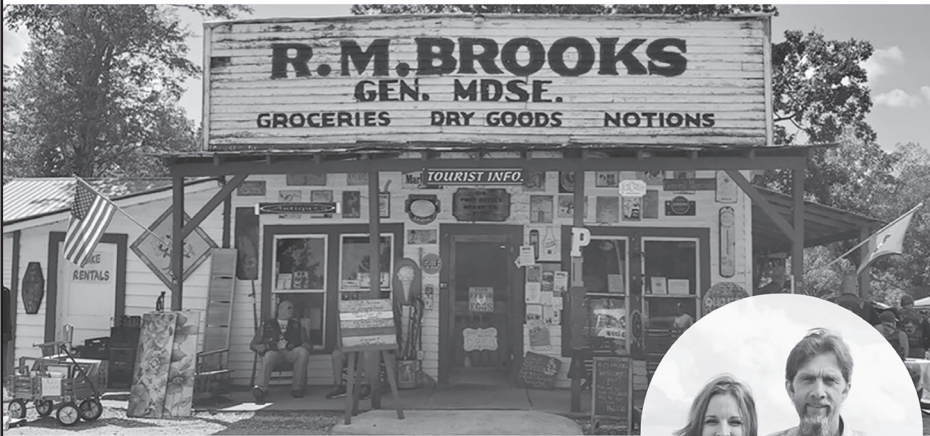
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