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## MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

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MON APR 20 66°/45° 

# Morgan County Health Council Receives Covid-19 Relief Funds

**Sen. Yager pleased community health centers in Morgan, Scott and Campbell Counties will receive combined total of \$2.6 million in response to COVID-19 pandemic**

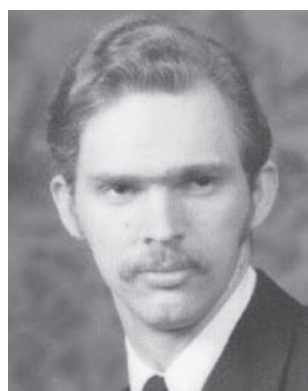
tain Peoples House Council in Huntsville; \$675,140 for Dayspring Health of East Tennessee in Jellico; \$617,810 for Community Health of East Tennessee in LaFollette; and \$639,575 for Morgan County Health Council in Wartburg.

“I am very pleased these community health organizations in our district will receive federal funds totaling over \$2.6 million combined to support essential health care services and bolster our response to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Sen. Yager. “These four organizations submitted excellent applications which reflect their care and concern for the patients they serve. Our health care facilities are on the frontlines of this pandemic and need all the support we can provide. I also want to thank our congressional delegation for their help in securing these needed funds to meet the most challenging health crisis of our time.”

(NASHVILLE) -- State Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) said today he was very pleased that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded funds to four Tennessee health centers in Senate District 12 which he represents. The funds were awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the U.S. response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The funds for Senate District 12 are a combined total of \$2.65 million. It includes \$723,140 for Moun-



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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



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## CASA Calls Morgan County Residents to Action for Child Abuse Prevention Month

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, CASA of the Tennessee Valley is issuing a call to action for residents of Morgan County and surrounding areas to stand against child abuse and take action to support children who have been abused or neglected. In 2019, there were 7,445 substantiated reports of abuse and or neglect. In Morgan County there were a reported 201 cases of child abuse with only 29 substantiated. Everyone in the state of Tennessee is considered a “mandatory reporter” of child abuse/neglect. If you suspect this is happening, it is required to report the abuse or neglect to the Department of Children Services. That hotline number is: 1-877-237-0004. These calls are completely confidential.

Children come into the child welfare system through no fault of their own. With current events of COVID-19 and children not in the classroom the risk of increased cases of abuse and neglect are expected. Many of these children end up in foster care or in the care of relatives such as grandparents, or even great-grandparents. This increasing trend directly coincides with the increase in drug abuse, poverty, and low educational benchmarks in East Tennessee. These trends create higher costs for the State and local community to address.

“The needs of these children coming into care are more complicat-

ed than ever before, and life in foster care can be chaotic,” said Heather Moore-Francis, CASA of the Tennessee Valley Executive Director. “Every child deserves the support of caring, compassionate, and consistent adult with the training to help them heal and thrive.”

Throughout the month of April, CASA is calling on members of the community to help our program serve more of Morgan County’s most vulnerable children. CASA trains citizen volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children to ensure that their voice is heard in court and that they are in a loving home where they can thrive and achieve their full potential. To find out more about volunteering, got to our website at [www.casatnvalley.org](http://www.casatnvalley.org) or [www.beforethechild.org](http://www.beforethechild.org).

Without intervention, the odds are stacked against abused or neglected children. A child with a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer, however, will leave the foster care system two-and-a-half months earlier, on average, compared to a child without a CASA volunteer. Studies show children with a CASA volunteer receive more services that are critical to their well-being than children without an advocate, and those children are more likely to achieve educational success.

“CASA volunteers make a

significant impact in the life of the children they serve,” says Heather Francis. “A child may have multiple social workers, attorneys, therapists and foster or relative placements throughout the life of the case but only one CASA volunteer, which can make all the difference for the child’s future.”

CASA of the Tennessee Valley, which serves Loudon, Morgan and Roane Counties, is a member of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (National CASA), a nationwide network of programs in nearly 1,000 communities. At the heart of the movement are nearly 77,000 highly trained volunteers who advocate for the best interests of more than 250,000 of America’s children who have been abused or neglected. In the Tennessee Valley program there are 28 volunteer advocates fighting for the best interests of almost 50 children but many more children need the care and support of a CASA volunteer. For more information about CASA of the Tennessee Valley to become a supporter or to volunteer, visit [www.casatnvalley.org](http://www.casatnvalley.org) or call 865-717-4186. For more information on child abuse prevention, visit [PCAT.org](http://PCAT.org), Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee.

### CASA is an acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocates, a group of volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system.

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Heather Francis  
Editor

## Life of Fulfillment

I hope you had a blessed Easter. With church doors closed and the Safe Home Order in place to think of Easter as a holiday may have felt strange. For those who Easter is more than a holiday to observe the resurrection of Jesus is not a one day a year event, but something we share through the life we live 365 days a year.

That is what I was reminded about these past few days is about our days and our lives. Jesus had a short life of thirty-three years and his ministry just three years. Yet his life had a universal

impact and an impact to the world not seen by anyone else in comparison.

I just finished a book with my children on Harriet Tubman who didn't live a glamorous life but she lived a life full and in sacrifice and service to others. She chose to step out of any comfort she found to help the needs of others even if it meant a great sacrifice on her part. After finishing the book, I shared with my children on making sure they made their day's count!

That is what scripture teaches us. The Bible tells us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. (Psalm 90:12) Fear Not! God knows his children and the numbers of hairs on their head. (Luke 4:14) All over scripture we are told to

FEAR NOT! Apply faith.

Choosing to "live well" or a life that is used to the fullest is our choice. Making every-one moment count, second, hour is up to us. Our life is but a vapor that appears for a little time and vanishes away. (James 4:14) Wherever you are placed and whatever gifts and talents you have been given use them. Do not let life or circumstances or fear diminish your influence.

A life of purpose is a life of sacrifice and service. I don't want to fail to mention that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. I want to encourage you to find a way to support a child or family this

month to help prevent abuse and neglect. If you do not know of an organization to support for this month I will turn your eyes to CASA of the Tennessee Valley. Find out more about their efforts and what you can do to help an abused and neglected child at beforthechild.org or casatnvalley.org.

Let's take the example of Jesus and the celebration of his resurrection into a life of service and sacrifice. Don't let it stop at a one-day event, but make it a lifestyle of service to others.

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I love are the things he hates. Yet it doesn't seem to bother him, but I can't live this way anymore.  
Grown Apart

Dear Grown Apart,  
It is not strange that we grow in marriage and sometimes don't feel like the same person 10 years or two years later. Marriage is about commitment and is a choice not a feeling. Since you recognize the change in you both maybe that is an opportunity to take steps to get to know him as the man he is today. Seasons are seasons and if we stick it out with commitment you can look back on those years and good years those "growth" years.  
L.L.

Dear Lady Laurel,  
How does science know about the past if they weren't

Dear Lady Laurel,

I want to leave my husband and I don't know where to start. There is nothing there and he is not the man that I married. We are so different. The things he likes are the things I hate and the things

born?  
Kid age Nine

Nine Year Old Kid,  
Stop worrying about the past. You have a bright future ahead of you! Focus on your future it is a bright one  
L.L.

Dear Lady Laurel,  
My kid is addicted to video games and bugs me ALL DAY to play! I feel that I can't parent this child! He wears me down with his nagging and gaming obsession!  
Gaming Mom Help

Gaming Mom Help  
Parenting is hard and not for the faint of heart. Making those tough decisions and sticking to it will be the best for our children. You are the parent! Do not let the kid parent you!

L.L.

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### 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 any and all bids.

Barbara Alexander - Unit A-22

## Head Start Accepting Applications For Enrollment

Morgan County Head Start is now taking child enrollment applications for 3-5 year olds for the school year 2020-2021. We provide a high-quality learning environment and developmentally appropriate activities. We also provide breakfast, lunch, and school bus transportation. We are also taking enrollment applications for the Early Head Start program. You may get an application at our center at 105 Longview Drive in Wartburg, located behind the Subway restaurant. During our time of closure, we are available to assist you online. You may visit the Morgan County Head Start/Early Head Start Facebook page for further information.

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## Euphema Weiford, 86

Euphema Weiford passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2020, at her home in Petros with her Husband and Sister by her side. Aunt Fema as she was known to most of us was born in Petros to the rather large family of Bill and Ettie Liles on September 13, 1933.

Her Family and Friends meant everything to her. Spending time with them either camping, boating, eating, or simply visiting was what she enjoyed doing. She lived and died in Petros except for the time she spent in High School at Wartburg, going to college at Tennessee Tech, or working for both Burlington and Roane Hosiery Mills in Harri-

man. She is survived by her husband Bobby, her siblings Ralph Liles and Judy Layne and Brother-in-law Tommy Weiford and Sis-

ter-in-law Christine Shirks and a bunch of friends, relatives and in-laws that are too numerous to name and of course by all of her nieces and nephews that thought of her as a second mom. She was preceded in her trip to heaven by her mother and father, her sisters Rema, Wilma, and Linna, her brothers Roy, Reece, and Roger and by her great-nephew Alex and niece Lois. Who I am sure are as glad to see her as we are sorrowful that she is gone.

She will be greatly missed by all that knew her, but especially by her loving husband of 62 years Bobby, her siblings, her friends, and all of us that knew her as our second mom or grandmother.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

## Frost Family says Thank You

Thank you to the pallbearers, the Griffith family singers ,Brother James Griffith and Brother Buster Armes . Thank you everyone who attended the service, the wonderful food,beautiful flowers ,cards and gifts. The Frost family (Maude Frost)

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

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# Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area Temporarily Closed Until Further Notice

Oneida, Tennessee: The National Park Service (NPS) announced today that effective 9:00 AM (ET), Monday, April 6, Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area will be closed to all visitors until further notice in response to letters from county and state health services departments. No entry will be allowed on park property, except to employees, residents, and other authorized persons. Through traffic is permitted.

The health and safety of employees, residents, volunteers, and partners, as well as park visitors, at Big South Fork NRRRA is the number one priority. The NPS is working servicewide with federal, state, and local authorities to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. "The National Park Service listened to the concerns from our local partners and, based on current health guidance, temporarily closed the park," said Superintendent Niki Stephanie Nicholas. "We are committed to continued close coordination with our state and local partners as we progress through this closure period and are prepared when the timing is right to reopen as quickly and safely as possible."

The NPS encourages people to take advantage of the many digital tools already available to explore Big South Fork NRRRA, including: <https://www.nps.gov/biso/index.htm>, and through the park's social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube. Updates about NPS operations will be posted on <http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus>. Please check with individual parks for specific details about park operations.

# 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.

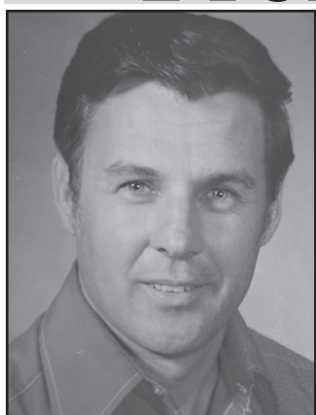
\*Dates Subject to change

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Winchester	1200	12 Gauge
Marlin	25	.22
Stevens		16 Gauge
Marlin	336	.35
Glenfield	25	.22
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Remington	350H	.410
Mossberg	100ATR	.270
Remington	870	16 Gauge
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Star		9 mm
Colt	Mustang	.380
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Lorcin	L9	9 mm
Llama	Micro	.32
Ruger	P89	9 mm
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H&R	SB2	.243
Ruger	10/22	.22
Smith & Wesson	M&P 15	.223
H&R	088	.410
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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
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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



# General Carl Stiner: From Roommate to American Hero



**Tom Redmon**  
Columnist

In the fall of 1955, I transferred from Lincoln Memorial University to Tennessee Tech to

work on my college degree. Like many students I rented a room in Cookeville not far from the college campus. It was on the corner of 4th and Chestnut. I would share a room with another boy from Lafollette, Tennessee. Little did I know that this well-built young man would one day be famous.

I will never forget the first time I met Carl Stiner. I had gotten there a day earlier than the other four boys who would be rooming at the Foster Daniel House. I was standing, looking out a window, that faced 4th Street, when I saw a car drive up and two men got out of it. One was an older man in which I figured was the father of the younger man. The young man was well built and tan and when he picked up his suitcase I thought this fellow has been working out and looked as strong as Charles Atlas. I wondered would this be my roommate?

The young man turned out to be Carl Stiner, my roommate for the 1955-1956 school year. He lived in Campbell County on a pretty good size farm. At Tennessee Tech he would major in Agriculture. He loved the University and all his professors.

One of the first things I learned about Carl was that five days of the week he was one of the boys. There were five of us who roomed at the Daniel House and Carl would join us in ball sessions but on Tuesday, especially, in the afternoon when we were out of class, and all-day Wednesday Carl Stiner had nothing to do with our cutting up and joking around because this was ROTC time. Tuesday evenings he was shining his shoes or belt buckle and getting ready to be in the Army. On Wednesday he was in ROTC class and marching on the grinder. You could tell that he loved what he was doing when he put that uniform on, with his chest out and shoulders back he would head for Tech. I told him, "Carl one day you are going to be a General." I'll admit I'm not much of a prophet, but I hit that one on the head.

Carl, had many friends while at Tech. One of them was the head football coach, and I believe Assistant Principal, at Baxter a little town west of Cookeville. He had a

key to the gym so he would invite Carl and me out to play basketball. Several other players would join us and we had some real competitive games there. Don Sexton, another friend from Scott County was a basketball player at Tennessee Tech. There were a lot of Sextons around Oneida and Huntsville, and in the middle 60's a Sexton family moved to Wartburg. I had a couple of Sexton boys in my

Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Georgia. He also commanded a basic training company at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He got into Special Forces in 1964-66 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 1967 he served in the Vietnam War both as an Infantry Battalion and Brigade Operations Officer (S-3) with the 4th Infantry Division. Both he and his brother Tom, who would make Colonel, were

anyway he could because he loved his country.

As I look back in remembrance of the days I spent with Carl Stiner in 1955-56, the story I have just told seems more like a dream. Here was a country boy just like I was, who would joke around and tell big stories just like the four other boys who roomed at the Daniel House, but here was a young man who would dedicate most of his life to protecting our flag and freedom. He told me recently that he did not crave promotions, he just worked hard and was promoted on his merits. He loved what he was doing, and he wouldn't ask his men to do anything that he wouldn't do. He told me, "Yes, I bailed out over Panama first because I wanted the soldiers behind me to know that we were all in that conflict together."

Four Star General Stiner was awarded many medals for his service, among them a Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal, Defense Distinguished Service Medal (2), Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (4), Army Commendation Medal (3). He also received many other honors. He was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame in 2004. Tennessee Technology University would honor him as Distinguished Alumnus and would rename the ROTC office as the Carl W. Stiner Leadership Center.

If you are ever in Lafollette get on Highway 63 and you will be on the General Carl Stiner road to Speedwell. General Stiner, retired to his Campbell County farm outside Lafollette, but recently I heard that they had moved to Knoxville. The last time I heard from him he showed some great concern for our country.

Carl and his wife Carolyn Sue have two beautiful daughters and three wonderful grandchildren.

I have met some great people in my long lifetime, but General Carl Stiner has to be at the top of my list. What an honor it was for me to be his roommate in 1955-56.

Thank you General for your love and dedication to our country. We need more leaders like you.



*General Carl Stiner (Photo Submitted)*

class at Central Elementary. They were good people.

Another buddy of Stiner's was Juan Albert Chopnos who graduated in 1958 and got his MS from the University of Tennessee. He would take my place as a MKTG teacher at Putnam Senior High when I moved to Florida in 1971. I think he and Carl had some long discussions on WWII.

Carl stayed at the Daniel House two more years, but in the summer, I went up to Joliet, Illinois with my cousin Kelly to get a job for the summer. I got a job at Caterpillar Tractor Company and I stayed there for eighteen months! I came back to Tennessee Tech in 1957 with plans to complete my degree, but Uncle Sam came calling in March 1958 and I joined the Navy for a four-year tour.

Carl Stiner, graduated in June 1958 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. He was on his way to greatness and the next 35 years he would serve his country. I lost personal contact with him but as time went on, I would always run into someone who knew where he was and what his rank was.

2LT Stiner's first assignment was with the 9th

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## Itchy Feet: Catalina Island, CA.

By Janice Wilson

A forty five-minute drive up the coast from Carlsbad, a ferry boat is waiting to take us on an eighty-minute ride to Catalina Island, known to a lot of folks as the place actress Natalie Wood mysteriously drowned in 1981.

Many years before that the island was inhabited by Native Americans, 'discovered' by the Spanish, (who gave it its current name), used by pirates and Russian hunters as a base, was a Mexican land grant in 1864, bought and sold at the end of the 19th and used as a military base in WWII. Such a colourful history for a small but important Island.

Though it was still very early in the morning, my husband Joe, our son Joseph and grandson Tobey, were not put off by the rain and cold as we watched the dolphins put on a display in the calm waters. On reaching Avalon we hired a golf cart to drive around the surrounding hills and sightseeing the towns colourful buildings. By now the weather had cleared and it was turning into a beautiful day, so when we reached the Wrigley Memorial, high above the town, we had spectacular views. Wrigley, known for their chewing gum, bought the island in 1919, building a mansion home at the top of Mt. Ada named after his wife Ada. There were plenty of museums, along our route back to town, and we enjoyed touring some of them.

We boarded a 1950's era bus that rattled its way inland and upwards, along winding narrow roads, with amazing views of Avalon, to the 'Airport in the Sky'. As much as I love flying, I would have hesitated to fly into that airport. However, many socialites and famous people did so on a regular basis. The return journey took us on a different route back to town allowing us to see some of the beautiful architecture on this island, one building in particular caught my eye. The Zane Grey Hotel, built by renown author Zane Grey, has only sixteen rooms all named after one of his books.

Lunch was scrumptious, casual and filling, I was too busy looking around to remember what I ate. The casino is now a museum, and I was pictured with John Wayne, who was another regular visitor to the island. A ride in a yellow submarine finished off our visit. The underwater views of the marine life around the southern part of the island were stunning. So ended our tour of Avalon, which had taken us up into the clouds and down under the water.

Before ending I would like to address the criminal activity, or

lack of it, on the island. Crimes are rare here, because as the islanders say, 'there is nowhere to run and hide'. Proof of the pudding.... so to speak. I left my bag on a bench, went back twenty minutes later and it was still there, nothing taken. I want to return; they have zip lining.



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## BLUE SUNDAY APRIL 26TH



### WHAT IS BLUE SUNDAY

Blue Sunday is a National Day of Prayer for children who have been abused. Blue Sunday began with some twenty churches and has now become an international event of 7.5 million plus participants.

### WHO IS INVOLVED

CASA- Court Appointed Special Advocates are citizen volunteers who advocate in the court system for children who have been abused and/or neglected.



### STRONGER WITH PRAYER

Churches and Local places of worship across Loudon, Morgan and Roane Counties are invited to celebrate Blue Sunday.



### A CALL FOR VIGILANCE AND ACTION.

Celebrating Blue Sunday is a call for vigilance and action for the most vulnerable in our community, who need our intervention. Pray for those who work to make a difference in a child's life. (Foster, socialworkers, volunteers)

### SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

You can participate in different ways, including registering your church, sharing a short video of your prayer and/or tweeting the event or sharing on Facebook. WEAR Blue on April 26th!



### CHILD ABUSE FACTS

There are over 3 million confirmed cases of child abuse in our nation annually. Of the 1640 deaths from child abuse most were children under the age of 3.



ABUSED CHILDREN SHOULDN'T HAVE TO PRAY ALONE.  
CAN THEY COUNT ON YOU?



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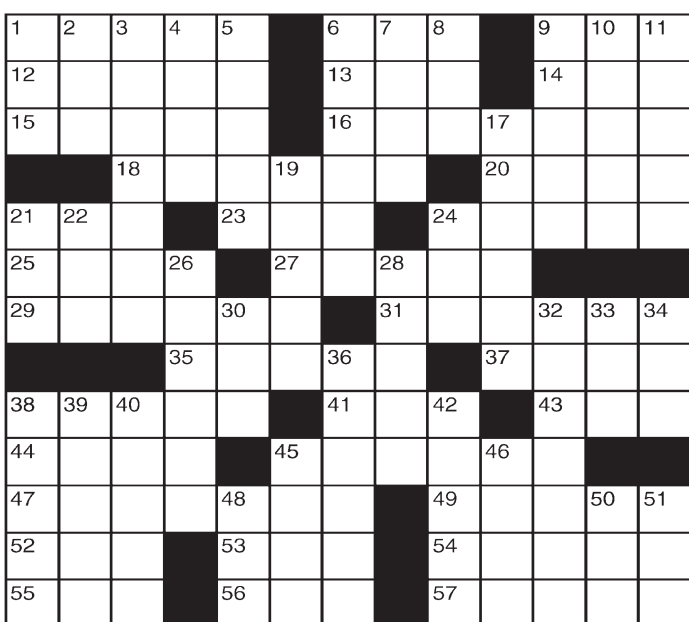
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- 6 Try the tea
- 9 Cleveland cager
- 12 Memorable mission
- 13 "— Little Teapot"
- 14 Blackbird
- 15 Make obscure
- 16 "Material Girl" singer
- 18 Bold alternative
- 20 Check
- 21 Dogtag wearers
- 23 — good deed
- 24 Founded (on)
- 25 Love god
- 27 Ill-suited
- 29 Praying bug
- 31 Tiny
- 35 Vote for
- 37 Prego rival
- 38 Start a rally
- 41 Moon vehicle acronym
- 43 — Perignon
- 44 Shaving cream additive
- 45 Cut aid
- 47 Insanity
- 49 Free of frost
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- 53 Bullring bravo
- 54 Beetle Bailey's bully

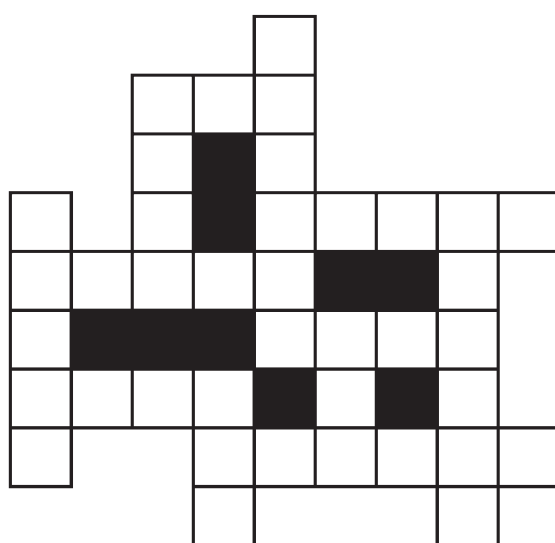


- 55 Commotion
- 56 Trawler need
- 57 Hiker's route
- ward
- 11 Food item
- 17 Speaker
- 19 Grown-up nit
- 21 Prized possession
- 22 A Gershwin brother
- 24 Morsel
- 26 Spielberg or Soderbergh
- 28 In the cards
- 30 — -de-France
- 32 Fortified Portuguese wine
- 33 "But — on forever":
- Tennyson
- 34 Summa — laude
- 36 Storage area
- 38 Pago Pago's place
- 39 Savanna grazer
- 40 Wild West show
- 42 Interior
- 45 Capri, e.g.
- 46 Approach
- 48 A billion years
- 50 Movie trickery (Abbr.)
- 51 Wet wriggler

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- ♥EHRIS
- HETE



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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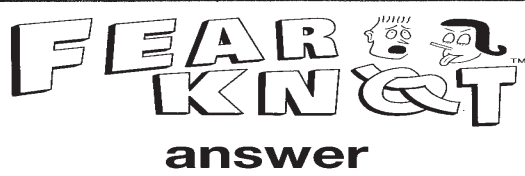
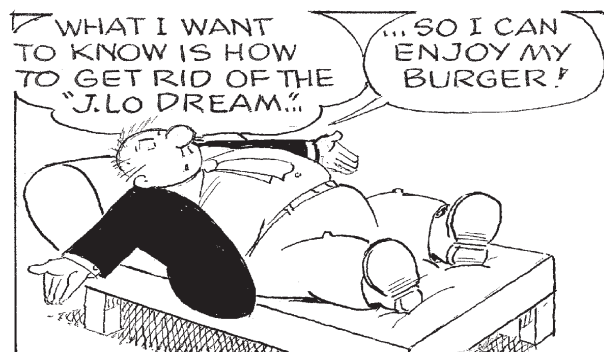
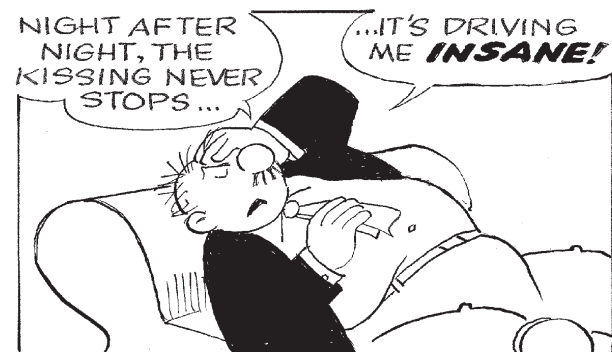
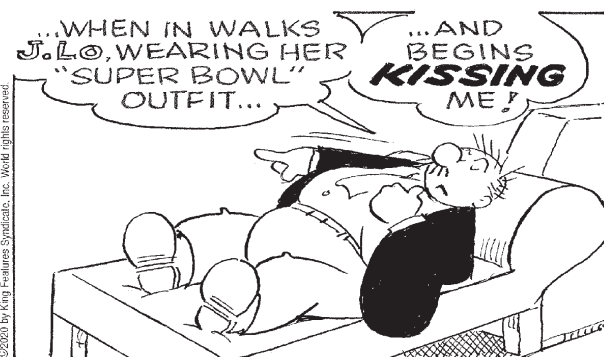
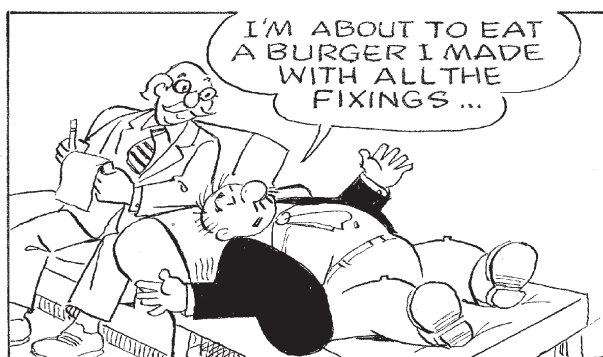
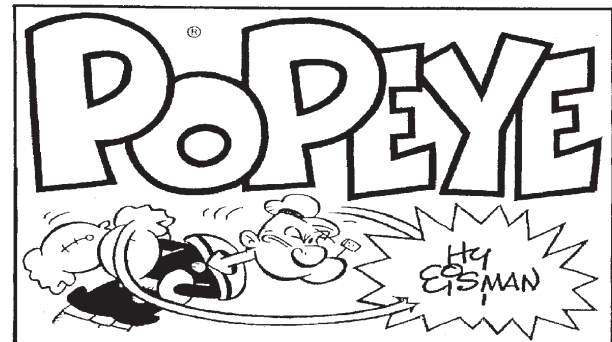
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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answer



## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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## King Crossword

Answers

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## The Allegory Of The Vine And The Branches

(John 15:1-11) An allegory is a story in which certain comparisons are made to teach lessons. In this allegory, there are three main items---a husbandman, vine, and branches. The husbandman represents God, the vine symbolizes Christ, and the branches reflect the Lord’s disciples. Note the following important points: (a) The branches are those “in” Christ (Gal. 3:27). A branch that does not bear fruit is cut off, has no practical union with the vine. Fruit bearing branches are pruned (perhaps with painful experiences) so that they will bear more fruit. (b) Jesus’ disciples were “cleansed” because of the teaching received from the Lord. There is no cleansing apart from Christ. (c) The branches must “abide” (remain) in him---implying they can leave. (d) If a branch does not abide in the vine, it cannot bear fruit. (e) Branches that remain joined to the vine will bear much fruit. (f) If a branch does not remain in the vine, eventually it will be cut off and burned.

Christ makes the application to his disciples: (a) If they remain in union with him, and his words remain in them, they may solicit from him whatever they need to be fruitful and it will be provided. Growth and production are associated with his words. (b) When disciples bear fruit (make new converts), God is glorified. (c) Christ loves his people and wants them to remain in union with him. (d) If we keep his commandments, we will remain in his love. (e) This illustration has been given so that disciples may remain faithful and so fulfill Christ’s joy, and their own joy will be made full. There is no “full joy” apart from serving the Lord.

(John 15:12-17) The true friends of Christ: Jesus commands that his followers love one another as he has loved them. Can one command an emotion? No, but he can command dedication, and that is the emphasis here (13:34). The greatest love of all is when one is willing to lay down his life “for” his friends (v. 13). The friends of Jesus are those who do what he has commanded. Is the Lord teaching legalism? Hardly! Ultimately, these obligations are from God. No longer are the disciples to be viewed merely as servants to whom the master does not reveal his plans. Instead, they are friends, for they have been made privy to the Father’s “things” even though, at this point, they have not understood these things. They will!

The disciples did not choose him; he chose them and appointed them as his special spokesmen. The text has no reference to John Calvin’s “unconditional election.” The choosing referenced here had to do with apostleship, not salvation. The “choosing” involved going forth to bear fruit---and healthy fruit that would endure no matter what. In the process, God would bless them consistent with their requests (v. 16). Love for one another is a divine obligation (v. 17). But this love is not mere emotion; it is action.

(John 15:18-25) Warnings about persecution: Jesus declared that the

“world” has “hated” him. The verb indicates an ongoing, determined hate. Therefore, the disciples can expect no better treatment. The events of the book of Acts---indeed, all subsequent history---will confirm this. Persecution is inevitable from the world because those who are evil hate those who, by their godly lives, cast them in a bad light (Heb. 11:17). Christians have been “chosen out of the world”, thus, the world hates them (v 19).

A servant is not greater than his Lord (13:16). If, therefore, they hate the greater (the Lord), surely they will show no mercy to the lesser (the disciple). On the other hand, if one respects Jesus Christ as Lord, he will respect the message of those who represent him. Those who persecute the followers of the Lord bear eloquent testimony to the fact that they have no regard, ultimately, for God Almighty himself (v. 21). Christ indicts the Jews with the following argument. If he had not come and proclaimed his message to them, they could not and would not have committed the sin of rejecting him. But he did come and declare his identity to them; hence, they have no excuse for “the sin” of rejecting him and likewise rejecting his Father (v. 22). This text affords not the slightest justification for the old saying, “Ignorance is bliss.”

To hate the Son is to hate the Father also, because they are “one” in essence (10:30). The term “also” reveals the distinction between the Father and Son as persons. Jesus affirms that his miracles made him unique. The Jews, thus, were guilty of sin because they saw these signs and yet rejected him. Rejection of the Son is the equivalent of rejecting the Father (v. 24). There is utterly no virtue in claiming: “I believe in God, but not Jesus Christ.” Those who reject Jesus do so “without cause,” as was written in the Jews’ law. (a) The rejection of Christ was foretold a thousand years earlier in David’s psalm (Rom. 11:9-10). (b) The Lord was rejected without cause, thus killed as an innocent victim. (c) The Psalms were a part of the law; therefore, no one today can justify a religious practice by a law that was cancelled at the cross (Col. 2:14-17).

(John 15:26-27) The mission of the comforter: there again is the promise of the Comforter (14:16, 26). The promise is: when Christ ascends to heaven, he will send the Holy Spirit from the Father. The unity of the Godhead is wonderfully emphasized. The Spirit will bear witness of Christ. This is an important point. Thousands make false claims about being possessed of the Spirit, supernaturally blessed by the Spirit, controlled by the Spirit, directed in every detail of their lives by the Spirit. If they actually had the Spirit, they would not be compelled to speak obsessively about him. The Spirit’s role was to glorify Christ (16:14), not himself. The apostles would also bear testimony of Christ under the power of the Spirit, rehearsing the things they personally had witnessed from the beginning.



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## MIA’S View From the Mountain: Victory

By the time you read this column Easter will have come and gone. For many of us this was a different way to celebrate. We went to church via the internet or TV. Spoke to friends via zoom or phone. Yet, as Christians we celebrated the risen King. His reason for coming to earth, enduring all the pain and suffering of the cross was for you and me. He paid the ultimate price. He gave His life so we could live and have a home in heaven for eternity. During my times of reading and meditating and preparing my heart and mind for Easter I read an amazing story I would love to share with you. See, I believe that Easter should live in us every day.

In February 1941 Kolbe was incarcerated at Auschwitz. He was a Franciscan priest. In the harshness of the slaughterhouse he maintained the gentleness of Christ. He shared his food. He gave up his bunk. He prayed for his captors. One could call him the “Saint of Auschwitz.” In July of that same year there was an escape from the prison. It was the custom at Auschwitz to kill ten prisoners for every one who escaped. All the prisoners would be gathered in the courtyard, and the commandant would randomly select ten men from the ranks. These victims would be immediately taken to a cell where they would receive no food or water until they died.

The commandant begins his selection. At each selection another prisoner steps forward to fill the sinister quota. The tenth name he calls is Gajowniczek.

As the SS officers check the numbers of the condemned, one of the condemned begins to sob. “My wife and my children,” he weeps. The officers turn as they hear movement among

the prisoners. The guards raise their rifles. The dogs tense, anticipating a command to attack. A prisoner has left his row and is pushing his way to the front.

It is Kolbe. No fear on his face. No hesitancy in his step. The capo shouts at him to stop or be shot. “I want to talk to the commander,” he says calmly. For some reason the officer doesn’t club or kill him. Kolbe stops a few paces from the commandant, removes his hat, and looks the German officer in the eye. “Herr Commandant, I wish to make a request, please.”

That no one shot him is a miracle. “I want to die in the place of this prisoner.” He points at the sobbing Gajowniczek. The audacious request is presented without stammer. “I have no wife and children. Besides, I am old and not good for anything. He’s in better condition.” Kolbe knew well the Nazi mentality. “Who are you?” the officer asks. “A Catholic priest.”

The block is stunned. The commandant, uncharacteristically speechless. After a moment, he barks, “Request granted.” Prisoners were never allowed to speak. Gajowniczek says, “I could only thank him with my eyes. I was stunned and could hardly grasp what was going on. The immensity of it: I, the condemned, am to live and someone else willingly and voluntarily offers his life for me—a stranger. Is this some dream?”

The Saint of Auschwitz outlived the other nine. In fact, he didn’t die of thirst or starvation. He died only after carbolic acid was injected into his veins. It was August 14, 1941. Gajowniczek survived the Holocaust. He made his way back to his hometown. Every year,

however, he goes back to Auschwitz. Every August 14 he goes back to say thank you to the man who died in his place.

In his backyard there is a plaque. A plaque he carved with his own hands. A tribute to Maximilian Kolbe—the man who died so he could live.1

There are times that it takes an angel to remind us about what we have. There aren’t very many similarities between Franciszek Gajowniczek and Max Lucado. We speak two different languages. We salute two different flags. We know two different homelands. But we do have three things in common. We both had an angel set us free from a prison. We both had a Jewish teacher die in our place. And we both learned that what we already have is far greater than anything we might want.

1 This story is adapted from the book *A Man for Others* by Patricia Treece.

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## Historically Speaking

### Robert J. Dunbar – the first person assigned to the project and first resident of Oak Ridge

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

As mentioned last week, this article on Robert J. Dunbar is a more complete telling of his story. His perspective on his involvement in the selection of the site was inserted in the previous article about the events leading up to the selection of the present Oak Ridge site for the Manhattan Project. As also mentioned earlier, John Clark provided the research material for this article on Robert Dunbar.

However, the perspective of Robert Dunbar is just too good to pass over without sharing it even if the documented evidence does not wholly support his thoughts that he was first to suggest the Elza site – he obviously thought that was the case.

Someone has to be the first person assigned to a project and often that person is unknown or overlooked by the seemingly more important people who might be placed in positions of greater authority or responsibility. This story is one told through the words of the first local person assigned by the U. S. Corps of Engineers in the fall of 1942 to a project that just might be coming to Tennessee. He was uniquely qualified to be the first person assigned such a task and turned out to be well suited to the opportunity.

The research materials I had to work with on this story is a speech given by Robert J. Dunbar titled “Reminiscence” and begins with a quote “The world is a stage and we are all actors on it.”

Robert then states, “I find myself in an unfamiliar role today, I trust I will not be too amateurish.”

And regarding his introduction, Robert quotes from General McArthur, “I cannot tell you how greatly embarrassed I am at the compliments that have been showered on me today – after a lapse of sufficient time to be swayed neither by sentiment or emotion, your opinion of my services, I feel does me too much honor.” Seems like Robert might just be a bit overwhelmed by the attention he was getting, huh.

He then went on to say, “Compliments come in various ways. A short time ago, I met a man who said that in 1943 he was coming into Knoxville on a Southern train. During the shaving hour in the smoker the discussion was about Oak Ridge.

After all had hazarded their guesses, and quiet had come, a man who sat in the corner said, ‘I have no idea what is going on out there, however, there is a man by the name of Chambers out there so I know it is not peanuts.’ You all have made what Oak Ridge is and are entering into this celebration because of a big job well done. Know full well we were not trafficking in peanuts.”

Robert Dunbar began his transition to the reason for the speech by telling the following short story, “During a tornado a man floated to earth in a tangle of canvas. An old farmer ran over to him and said, ‘You have your nerve coming down in a parachute in this storm.’ The man looked up and said, ‘I didn’t come down in a parachute, I went up in a tent.’”

“That is somewhat my status at the moment. I have been asked to review the hunt for a location of this site.” It would seem that he felt like he was caught up in a wind when the simple task was given him to locate a site for some war project turned into the Manhattan Project!

This portion of Dunbar’s talk describing the meeting and tour of the area now known as Oak Ridge was included in the last Historically Speaking article and is not repeated here. Suffice it to say, Dunbar felt he was the first person to suggest the area without knowing exactly what was going to be done there.

Dunbar’s talk continued, “The next nine months, I supplied all sorts of information to the Manhattan District and Stone and Webster (rivers, railroads, power, geology and foundation information), I was very fortunate, the head geologist of TVA was a native of Wheat and graduated from Yale. In some of his undergraduate studies we had thoroughly mapped this region and had colored profiles unusually clear.

Money maker is well known through Formosa and South America even though he is probably unknown in Wheat.”

Dunbar goes on to describe how the X-10 site was selected. He states that happened in the spring of 1943. The DuPont people had been told to see him. On their first visit they were trying to see how to get water from wells in Bethel Valley. They had been used to drilling and getting water and seemed not to understand why Dunbar called Money maker and asked where the water table was. Money maker bluntly told Dunbar to tell the DuPont folks to “go to the river.” And thus, the Clinch River became the primary source of water for the site.

Dunbar speaks highly of the DuPont people he interacted with. He indicates that some of them helped start the United Church. He says that in October 1942 he made it a point to advise a “high church” man there were things going on out here and to have a well-qualified man ready to meet with them.



Pictured are six real “old-timers” of Oak Ridge history – they all came here in 1942. From left, they are Robert B. Provine, Robert J. Dunbar, William J. Hatfield, J. Ed. Westcott, Sr., Harvey B. Mills, and Van D. Hicks. The occasion was a 1966 “going-away” party for Mr. Westcott, now with the AEC in Washington, D. C. All, except Mr. Westcott, still live in Oak Ridge.

Robert J. Dunbar identified as an “1942 Old-Timer” at Ed Westcott’s reassignment to Atomic Energy Commission headquarters in Washington, DC, in 1966! (Photo Submitted)

Nothing happened and months later I was told that he had asked a state politician who said that it was just a demolition range. A year later that same “high church” man came to Dunbar for help. Dunbar said, “I was fully occupied so I said too little too late. Maybe it is the Lord’s way, not mine, because Oak Ridge surely can be proud of its churches and laymen. If the folks live up to their creed, this will be a wonderful city.”

He did not like the way people talked about the mud in Oak Ridge. He said, “One must not overlook comments on the ‘Mud.’ This has become a sort of legend and this always irked me. Last month an official of a milk company told me about their trucks being in mud 18 inches deep. You well know no milk truck can go far in mud. Last week in an obituary notice I read, ‘He worked in Oak Ridge in Mud Days.’ I came to the conclusion that the talk came from those off sidewalks of New York or from California where it does not rain. Surely not from mid-west corn. I suggest the Chamber of Commerce kill the mud legend.”

“Boardwalks were a mark of Oak Ridge. They started one rainy day when a summer shower, that often occurs, came at lunch hour and girls wended their way back to the castle in bare feet. We had people in training and had carpenters and handymen idly waiting to take over operation. They asked if they might build some walks from scrap lumber. These idle men had walks ready at the worst places before quitting time. You are all familiar with how they crept over the hills of Oak Ridge.”

Another subject Dunbar mentioned was very early transportation. Security declared there would be no private cars permitted in the operation areas. Transfer and check gates were built into the community center. It was up to the operators to get people from town to work. Buses were in short supply so several obsolete buses were picked up where they could be found. These buses were used to transport people for training and interviews and later from homes to the operation areas.

All transportation was free. Then Roane-Anderson came in and Dunbar was told to transfer busses and men to them. He thought this was a bit high-handed and went to Roane-Anderson to explain that these drivers were on Tennessee Eastman’s payroll and maybe would not like a transfer. It was agreed that transfer would be at their desire.

Once when Dunbar was leaving Knoxville by a late train he decided to ride a bus from Oak Ridge to Knoxville. At about nine

o’clock he found himself on a trailer bus with seats along the sides and lots of standing room. There were three workmen and one woman on the bus with him. To his surprise the bus went through Clinton where all the men got off. The driver looked at the woman and then at Dunbar. He took the woman up into the cab, turned the lights out and Dunbar road to Knoxville in the rain in the huge trailer all by himself in a ride he long remembered.

Finally, Robert Dunbar gives a lot of credit to Dick Burritt for hiring many good candidates for specific work here. He tells some unusual stories about how specific individuals came to be hired and how some were turned away because of suspicions that were created when Burritt interviewed them.

He mentioned people hired who came from Alaska, Virginia, Kentucky and one who had helped design the locks in the Panama Canal. There was even one person who was born in Canada, educated at Carnegie Tech, had

20 years experience in steel mills who in early life worked in mines in Mexico where he picked up some bullets crawling through a window. Dunbar said that one day when this fellow walked into a magnetic field area at Y-12 he learned after 30 years that the bullets were attracted by magnets!

Once when Burritt had returned from a meeting in Washington where he had been assured that he could get anyone qualified by experience Dunbar was asked to find a name of someone from the northern industrial area so a hiring procedure could be established. He said, “I phoned and got the name of a fellow just called in the draft, Burritt got him and he still works in Oak Ridge. He may not even know that he was

a guinea pig. Burritt then said, ‘get me a fellow out of the Navy.’ I did that and he married and still lives in East Tennessee and now has his own business.”

He also credited Burritt with being the one who hired all the women operators for the Calutrons at Y-12. Most of them high school graduates and some wives of men who were overseas in the war. Dunbar saw it all as a jigsaw puzzle in which pieces from all sorts of puzzles are shuffled and put together so as to make a new and unfamiliar picture.

Robert Dunbar moved into this area of East Tennessee in 1934, learned the lay of the land sufficient to know his way around, became a key element in a major decision without even knowing he was preparing for it and played a key role in the most significant industrial project in the history of the world. Just a local man who happened to know the right piece of land well and who realized what was needed without really knowing what was going to be done there.

So, Robert J. Dunbar was the first person officially assigned to the project that became the Clinton Engineer Works portion of the Manhattan Project and thus was the first resident of what is now Oak Ridge. He is the one individual who most accurately can be given credit for actually selecting the area of approximately 59,000 acres that became the city of Oak Ridge and sites of Y-12, X-10 and K-25.

In addition to providing the research material for this article John Clark recalls fondly his acquaintance with Robert J. Dunbar.

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MSG Fred Mize

We learn in Ecclesiastes chapter 2, that there is a time for everything throughout our lives. Times from birth to death and laughter to sorrow. There is simply a season and a time for everything. In the season and time that we find ourselves living in today it can seem overwhelming as though we are drowning in sorrow and fear.

1 Peter 5:8 teaches us that evil is in our world and we must be fully aware of the devil's presence and desire to cause us harm, pain, and above all he doesn't want anyone to accept their salvation that's been provided by Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 5:8-1 (KJV)  
8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9

Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

We can all learn from Peter's example in Matthew 14:22-33 that in the midst of even the greatest storm we can walk safely and triumphantly as long as we keep our focus on Jesus Christ. The moment we begin to shift our focus from Jesus Christ to the storm we are going through we will begin to be taken down by our troubles. Rest assure that Jesus Christ is always near and He is waiting with an outstretched hand for us to again look to Him regardless of what we are going through. Matthew 14:22-33 (KJV)  
22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to

go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed



with waves: for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter

answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried,

saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. 33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

In Hebrews

chapter 4 we learn of the rest that can be given to us by Jesus Christ if only we accept it. If you haven't accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and are worn down by the burdens and sins of this world, I beg you to accept true rest now by accepting the blood that was shed by Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Ask Him now to forgive you and to enter into your heart. Look up to Him in the midst of your storm and take hold of His outstretched hand. Enter into His rest as a child being held by their loving dad.

Hebrews 4:9-16 (KJV)  
9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the

joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. I pray that you obtain true rest and salvation, by seeking and accepting Jesus Christ, as your Lord and Savior. Amen.

## Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

### 5 Things to do with Your Career during COVID-19

COVID-19 is effecting our entire way of life. The United States had one of the strongest economies ever prior to the epidemic. I know it's impacted my line of work and I've had to do some readjusting. Many of you are worried about your jobs. Here are 5 things you can do right now for your career.



1. **Generate Income:** The economy is taking a big hit from COVID-19. If you have been laid off or furloughed the best thing you can do right now is find a temporary job. It probably won't be a job you like, but it serves as a temporary stopgap for employment and generates much needed income. Certain aspects of our economy are expanding. Those fields include delivery, grocery stores, Amazon, pizza delivery, National Guard, retailers, and Instacart. These jobs are only a temporary solution. After COVID-19 ends, you can return to your same profession or you might alter your long-term career plan.

2. **LinkedIn:** You should have a



LinkedIn account. LinkedIn is one of the largest professional social media sites in the world. LinkedIn is a social media platform where you can connect to other like-minded professionals. LinkedIn isn't Facebook; you need to act professional and remember it reflects your own personal brand. You can display your skills and abilities through your professional profile. LinkedIn has a lot of job postings everyday by their own system and recruiters. It's time to build, update, and get active on the LinkedIn platform.

3. **Resume:** Experts agree you should be updating your resume every 6 months. No matter how secure you think your job is, you should always have an updated resume on hand. You never know when something might happen. I know people who have been laid off that never thought that would be possible. Things happen, situations change, and marketplace disruptions occur. Take the time now to update your resume to reflect your current roles, responsibilities, and accomplishments. Make sure you have someone else proofread your resume before applying to jobs.

4. **Phone Calls/Emails:** If you are working from home or have been laid off, utilize your time to reach out to your connections. It's a great time to check on their well-being and let them know where you are at in your career journey. Contact some people in your profession-

al network that might have some ideas for jobs, will serve as references, ask if they know anyone hiring, and check and see if they need any help. Search your network far and wide and don't be afraid to reach out via phone, text, or email.

5. **Career Planning:** What are you doing right now to help develop your career? Are you using your time wisely? If you find yourself with extra time, read a book on career development instead of binge watching your favorite Netflix show. Be productive with your time. This is a great time to learn, study, and do some self-reflection in terms of career planning. What are you doing now to change the trajectory of your career?



Zack Ballinger



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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.

**Sandra Helton's weekly column**

**Oakdale Area News**

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Hello Everyone! I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. I know things are different this year and we couldn't do things the traditional way but we can always celebrate the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all the Churches, Pastors and Musicians who have put services online for everyone to be part of while we are unable to meet together. While we all look forward to attending church again, this has been a blessing.

Despite the differences in our current lifestyle and some of the inconveniences we have experienced, there are have been some good things come from this quarantine.

I think many of us appreciate the liberty we have enjoyed in this country more now than we did before. We have had freedom to come and go as we please without many restrictions. While most of us have always been grateful for this liberty, I think it will be cherished more from here on out.

Another plus to the quarantine is more family time. Since schedules have been interrupted, families are doing things together which is always a good thing. I have seen so many pictures on Facebook of fun adventures and guess what? Most of them were in their own back yards. Hikes in the woods, playing in the creek, chalk drawings, building things and playing games are just some of the memories being made. As much as we all want everyone to be healthy, it will

be sad for these days to come to an end.

The Easter Bunny rode around Morgan County last week to bring smiles to children. He was seen in Oakdale on Thursday. He was riding in the bed of a pickup truck. Thank you to each one who had a part in making this happen. It was great.

Hello to Mrs. Ruth Headrick! Due to the quarantine, we haven't been able to visit her so I just want to give her a big Hello from our family.

Morgan County Schools are still distributing food to children 18 and under. However, the schedule has changed a bit. Bus routes and Grab and Go sites will be on Mondays and Thursdays only. Children will receive food to cover the other 3 weekdays. Food can be picked up at Oakdale School from 11:00 - 12:00 on Mondays and Thursdays. Families should expect buses to run approximately 2 hours later than they did before spring break.

Happy Birthday to Clayton Smith of Pine Orchard who turned 18 on April 8.

Happy Birthday to Oakdale School Principal Heath Snow and Coach Nathan Bingham who both celebrated their birthday on April 9.

Happy Anniversary to Dennis and Tabitha Hamby of Armes Chapel (She is an Oakdale Girl). They celebrated 23 years on April 11.

Happy Birthday to Fayette Helton, beloved Granny to many, who celebrated her birthday April 13.

Happy Birthday to Tom

Bingham who celebrates his birthday April 19.

Happy Birthday to our niece, Heather DeVaney who celebrates her birthday April 21.

Oakdale Alumni Association will have a Facebook auction April 24-26. Items for the auction are still being accepted. If you would like to donate, please feel free to contact me @ kvhelton@highland.net or on Facebook.

Mrs. Vera Scarbrough, A LOT of your students have asked me to send you greetings. They want you to know they are having A LOT of fun during their school break and they are not reading A LOT of poetry. They have done A LOT of fishing and A LOT of hunting and A LOT of outdoor activities. They hope you get A LOT of rest while you are not teaching. They send you A LOT of love.

On Saturday, April 4, there was a beautiful moon ring. I am not sure I had ever seen one before. It was huge. According to Google, it is called a moon ring or winter halo. It forms as direct sunlight or moonlight is refracted in millions of hexagonal ice crystals suspended in the atmosphere.

I have enjoyed several wildflower walks in the woods and along the banks of the Emory River. I have found many different types and I don't know the names of all of them. The ones I can identify include various trilliums, Little Brown Jugs, Wild Geraniums, Lady Slippers, Dwarf Irises, Virginia Bluebells, Wild Columbine, May Apples, Blood Root, Fire Pinks, Wild Phlox, Jack in the Pulpits and Squawroot. I am looking forward to more pretty blooms over the next month.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Haley Dan-

iels of Rockwood who passed away March 26. She is survived by her children, Waylon and Layla, her parents, Kevin and Holly Long and her brothers, Landon and Jared. She is also survived by her grandparents, Wayne and Tina Young of Oakdale, W.C. and Faye Daniels of Harriman and Sherman Long of Wartburg as well as a host of other family and friends.

Condolences to the family and friends of Diane Barr Wade who passed away April 1st. Her parents were the late Junior and Peggy Barr. She is survived by her husband Don Wade and her children, Heather Houston, Brandy Lynskey and Michael Wade and 5 grandchildren as well as other extended family members. Graveside services and interment were held in Oak Grove Cemetery in Rockwood.

Sympathy to the family of Stevie Kilby who passed away April 6. He is survived by his wife Missy, three sons, Steven and Cheyenne Kilby, Eric Kilby and Kenneth and Amber Kilby and a daughter, Hannah Kilby. He is also survived by his brother Jimmy Kilby and his sister Marie Neal and seven grandchildren. Stevie also leaves behind a host of extended family and friends. Graveside services and interment were held Thursday, April 9 at the Kilby Family Cemetery in Crab Orchard.

Because I have witnessed so much love and compassion over the last few weeks and because I love wildflowers, I will close with this quote.

*"Love is like wildflowers; It's often found in the most unlikely places."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*





## Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Navy Veteran Larry Mathis, is this week's Veteran of the week. Larry, hitchhiked from Mossy Grove to Harriman in August 1970 to talk to his Navy Recruiter. On October 14, 1970 he began active duty in the USN and took his first of many airplane flights over the next eight years.

Larry, graduated boot camp in January 1971 as a Seaman Apprentice E2. After boot camp he was stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Command in Millington, TN for aircraft mechanic "A" school. He did an exceptional job learning his military craft and was selected to an automatic advancement from Seaman Apprentice to Aviation Machinist Mate - Jets (ADJ) Third Petty Officer (E4). Sadly, the day of his "A" school graduation on May 28, 1971, his older brother Donald (Buzz) R. Mathis was killed in Vietnam.

Larry, was then assigned to Patrol Squadron VP-24 Batman at the Patuxent Naval Base in Patuxent River, Maryland. During his 3 1/2 years with VP-24, he completed three anti-submarine patrol duty deployments to Keflavik, Iceland.



He also made additional two deployments to each of the following locations; Bermuda, the Azores, and to Amstredam. After his first deployment he was transferred from Patuxent Naval Base to Naval Air Station in Jackson, FL. At his new duty station he picked up additional duties as a mechanic on the PSC Orion Anti-submarine Warfare Aircraft, that included duties as the Aircraft Collateral Duty Inspector, Shift Supervisor, Training and Education Petty Officer for the aircraft mechanics in the squadron and also worked in the Intermediate Maintenance Department.

While assigned to VP-24, Larry, also graduated from Advanced Aircraft Mechanic "C" School and was advanced to ADJ2 (Second Class Petty Officer, E5). Later on in his military career he was stationed at the Naval Station Great Lakes and graduated from Operations Specialist "A" School and was again advanced from ADJ2 to OS2. After that advancement he was assigned a one year Top Secret duty assignment in Keflavik, Iceland.

Upon completion of his Top Secret duty assignment he was transferred to Norfolk, VA and assigned to the LPH12 Amphibious Assault Ship USS Inchon. While assigned to the USS Inchon, he was placed in charge of 75-90 men depending if the ship was in port or out to sea. The highlight of that duty assign-

ment was a Goodwill Tour to Africa and South America. Some of the ports in Africa he went to was Cassablanca, Morocco; Dakar, Senegal; Monrovia, Liberia; Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire and Libreville, Gabon. His ports in South America were Salvador and Rio De Janeiro.

The biggest highlight was when he crossed the equator at zero degrees Latitude and zero degrees Longitude and went through an initiation he became an Emerald Shellback (Was told Golden Shellback and received a large certificate for this and recently found out it should have been Emerald). That was the only location where a Sailor can earn the Emerald certificate. Larry's, dad was in the Navy during WWII and went through the same initiation to also become a Shellback.

After eight years of honorable service OS2 Larry Mathis, received an Honorable Discharge on October 13, 1978. OS2 Mathis, Morgan County Today, thanks you for your service to our beloved country.



## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Morgan County Sherrif Deputy Linda Polder, as this week's Law Enforcement Officer of the week. Deputy Polder, has been with the Morgan County Sherrif's Department for one year and serves Morgan County in a dual role as both a Patrol Deputy and as the School Resource Officer for Wartburg Central Middle School.

Deputy Polder, moved to Wartburg in 1995 and graduated from Wartburg Central High School in 2002. She now resides in Wartburg with her four wonderful children; Aaron, Knight,

Bentley, and Mya.

Deputy Polder, graduated from the Police Academy in September 2019. She absolutely loves her career in law enforcement because it gives her the unique opportunity to work with children where she strives to make a positive impact on their lives.

She's inspired to make such an impact by remembering the teachers from her childhood

who did just that, in her own life. Deputy Polder, remembers

the struggles of being a middle school student and takes advantage of every opportunity she has to have quality one on one time with the students at WCMS. She uses her time with the students wisely to not only to make each student feel safe but to encourage and inspire them to do their best and to let them know that the struggles they



face today will not last forever.

Deputy Polder, stated, "It's an honor and a privilege to be this week's Law Enforcement Officer of the week." We at Morgan County Today, want everyone to know that the "honor and privilege" is ours, to have such a caring, enthusiastic, and professional Deputy protecting the children of Morgan County. Thank you Deputy Polder, for all that you do today and will do in the future for the citizens of Morgan County. We wish you a long and safe career as a Morgan County Sherrif Deputy.

## COVID-19 Government Aid for Businesses



David Zubler

Small businesses are being encouraged to do their part to keep their employees and customers. The government has created several plans to help businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$349 billion toward job retentions and certain other expenses. Under this program: Eligible recipients may qualify for a loan up to \$10 million determined by 8 weeks of prior average payroll plus an additional 25% of that amount.

Loan payments will be deferred for six months. If you maintain your workforce, SBA will forgive the portion of the loan proceeds that are used to cover the first 8 weeks of payroll and certain other expenses following loan origination.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Loan Advance

Small business owners are eligible for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance for up to

\$10,000.

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans for up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. Funds will be made available within three days of a successful application, and this loan will not have to be repaid.

SBA Debt Relief

The SBA Debt Relief program will provide a reprieve to small businesses as they overcome the challenges created by this health crisis. Under this program:

The SBA will also pay the principal and interest of new 7(a) loans issued prior to September 27, 2020.

The SBA will pay the principal and interest of current 7(a) loans for a period of six months.

SBA Express Bridge Loans

The Express Bridge Loan Pilot Program allows small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 with less paperwork. These loans can be used to bridge the gap while applying for a direct SBA Economic Injury Disaster loan.

IRS Employee Retention Credit

The Treasury Department and the IRS created the Employee Retention Credit, which was designed to encourage businesses to keep employees on their payroll. The refundable tax credit is 50% of up to \$10,000 in wages paid by an eligible employer whose business has been financially impacted by COVID-19. The credit is available to all employers regardless of size, including tax-exempt organizations. However, businesses that take small business loans are excluded from the Employee Retention Credit.

Businesses should determine if they would receive more benefit from the business loan or the Employee Retention Credit.

If you are not sure which option would provide the most benefit, I would recommend that you contact a qualified tax professional.

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## 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](mailto:Editor@mocotoday.com) or [Publisher@mocotoday.com](mailto:Publisher@mocotoday.com). Submissions will be printed in the order in which they are received, pending verification of information.

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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).

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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:

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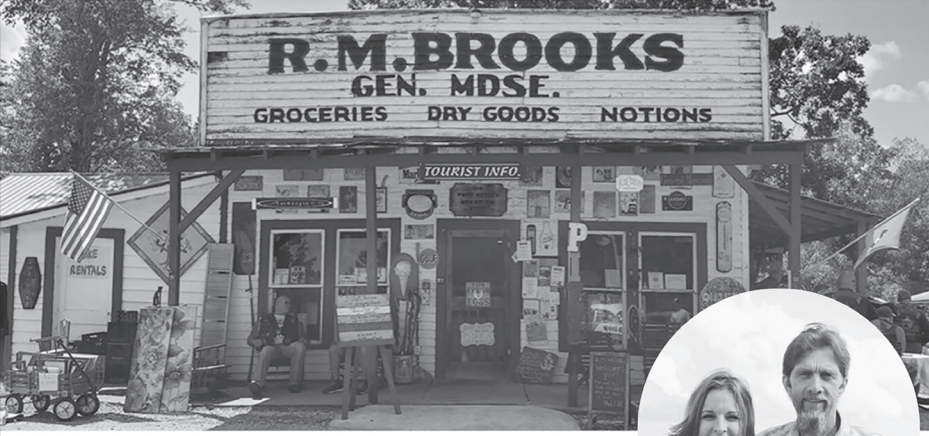
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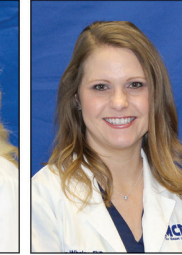
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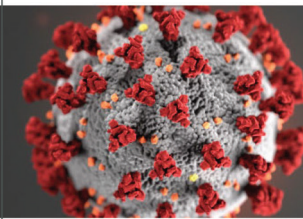
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