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TUE APR 28	75°/58°	
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FRI MAY 1	63°/45°	
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Perkins Gives Back



from pageantry for five years, on a whim, and she won! Kassie competed at Miss for America four months later and was honored to win there as well!

She does much more than just pageants. She has been involved in childhood literacy for years as a children's book author and a spokesperson for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Her children's book is titled "Where there is a Will, there is a Way" which is the mantra that her mother repeated when she was young and had a passion to make her way in the world.

Kassie says, "I'm thankful I could help deliver books to children in my home town that need them most. This is a difficult time for everyone. My hope was to brighten the days of the little ones I saw while delivering books and to remind them that their education is just as important from home as it is from the classroom!"

Kassie Perkins has worked hard since graduating from Sunbright in 2011. She graduated with an undergrad in Accounting and then obtained an MBA from TTU. She currently works as an Account Manager in the country music and entertainment industry in Nashville with a firm called Wiatr & Associates.

She first began participating in pageantry while in college to obtain scholarship money. Last April she entered the Miss Tennessee pageant after being away

Congratulations to Wartburg senior Madison Williams for being named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association Class 1A All-State Team

(Photo/Poster By Terry Futrell)



Sen. Yager announces over \$102,000 in combined grants for volunteer fire departments

(NASHVILLE), April 24, 2020-- State Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) said today that nine volunteer fire departments in Senate District 12, which he represents, will receive over \$102,000 in combined grants through the Volunteer Firefighter Equipment and Training Grant Program. The program was set up under legislation co-sponsored by Yager in the Tennessee General Assembly last year. The program helps Tennessee's volunteer fire departments purchase equipment. It also provides essential funds to help them meet local matching requirements for federal grants for this purpose.

"As a result of my prior experience in county government, I fully understand and appreciate the tremendous value that our fire departments provide in protecting our communities," said Sen. Yager. "These volunteer fire departments operate on limited revenue and this grant will help them with badly needed resources to continue this invaluable service. Our firefighters are heroes and they need equipment to help them stay safe, while they work to keep us safe. I am pleased that our district fared very well with the limited funds available, and congratulate all of these fire departments for submitting a successful grant application."

The majority of Tennessee's firefighters are volunteers. The 22,065 active firefighters that have been reported to the SFMO consist of 14,218 (64.4%) volunteers and 7,847 (35.6%) career firefighters.

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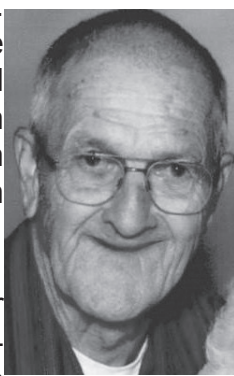
Wartburg



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Edwin Allen Farmer, Jr., 69

Edwin Allen Farmer, Jr. "Mountain Man", age 69 passed away April 21, 2020 at his home in Petros, TN. He was born November 22, 1951 in Crab Orchard, TN.



Mr. Farmer was a boiler maker for the Department of Energy and he also worked for the Department of Transportation where he retired. Edwin loved the mountains, ginsenging and visiting the Obed River.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Audrey Armes Brown; father, Edwin Allen Farmer Sr.; siblings, Carl Farmer, Morton Farmer, Robert Farmer and sister, Audrey Armes; ex-wife, Carolyn Farmer.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Janice Kay Lowe Farmer; significant other, Brenda Beck; children, Jeanine and Daniel Jones, Tobey Farmer and Rhonda, Roxanne Farmer, Rachel Farmer, Timothy Farmer, Sarah Farmer, Gwin Beck and Christine Beck; 15 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; sisters, Deborah Daugherty, Julie Wilson, Wanda Kinser; brother, Loyd Wayne Rollins and a host of family and friends.

The family will have a Celebration of Life, Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Old Petros Cemetery in Petros.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Edwin Allen Farmer, Jr.

Leamon Brown, 86

Leamon Brown, age 86 of Deer Lodge entered into his heavenly home April 20, 2020 in the arms of his loving wife of 63 years. He was born May 18, 1933.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dovie and Estel Brown; sisters, Hattie and Norman Jones, Ruby and Glen Bowman; brothers, Lee and Annie Stedam (Brown) and Odis Brown; brothers-in-law, Lonnie Brown, Tommy Jones, Hershel Brown, Bud Fowler, Luke and Katie Fowler and Tom and Velma Fowler; sister-in-law, Deloris and Bill Mullins and several nieces, nephews and good friends.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Alice Brown; sisters, Dimple Alred, Viola Jones, Louise

Brown and Bonnetta Brown and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends who loved him and will miss him always

We were blessed so now you rest on that mountain.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. with a graveside to follow at 4:00 at Union Grove Cemetery in Sunbright with Bro. Roy Langley officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Leamon Brown.

Robert Hensley, 36

Robert Hensley, age 36 formerly of Petros passed away April 22, 2020.

He is preceded in death by his father, Bruce Hensley; grandparents, Bearl & Gertie Hensley.

He is survived by his mother, Becky Hensley and significant other, Neal Lemmons; children, Michael, Chloe, Katie and Haley Hensley; brothers, Scott and Chris Hensley; sister, Chrissy Presnell; grandmother, Betty Nance and husband, Bill and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends Monday, April 27, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Old Petros Cemetery in Petros.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Schubert Funeral Home for funeral expense.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Robert Hensley.

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MIA'S View From the Mountain: Grandma Prayed

UNEXPECTED HEROES- GRANDMA PRAYED.

As we discussed last week, through life you meet people who have overcome horrendous circumstances in their lives and have become exceptional people. They looked beyond their circumstances and, through Jesus Christ, have found ways to pass on blessings to others. My dear friend, Henry is one of those people. I first met Henry at Church. He calls me Sis and I call him Bro. I knew immediately there was something special about Henry. Immediately, I could tell he had a true servant's heart. At our Church, he teaches Children's Sunday School, takes out trash, volunteers wherever he is needed. Every Sunday morning he makes sure the water for Pastor is on the pulpit. Little things that go unnoticed, that's where Henry serves. Henry also faithfully volunteers as a Mentor inside a local prison. (very few people know that about Henry). Henry, always wears a smile, has a funny story or joke to tell you, yet deep down in your heart you know you can call on him in time of need. Here is Henry's story in his own words.

Grandma Prayed

I was born in the back woods of Harlan Kentucky. My mom was a young divorcee with two young children and me a newborn baby boy with pneumonia in both lungs. No real pediatrics then and the doctors didn't think I would make it anyway. My Grandmother always wanted a boy. She sent Grandpa to get old fashioned remedies from the woods. She made medicinal tea and fed me with an eye dropper, poultice for my chest and being an old fashioned Church of God woman she PRAYED with all her heart. I was healed and I continued to live with her and Grandpa.

Mom moved away when I was still an infant, life's hard on a single mother with children back then. I didn't see my family much. Later she had my younger brother. I always missed my siblings, especially around the holidays

like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and my birthdays. I would wonder, what was wrong that I wasn't part of the family? That troubled me a lot as a child.

My Grandpa was a coal miner and Union organizer. I remember him going to picket a non-union mine with his shotgun in one hand and lunch bucket in the other. I would sit on the top of a post next to the road and watch for him to come home. He would be black with the coal dust from the mines. I was always glad to see him come back. I loved my Grandpa, but being old school the affection was in provisions, not so much in hugs and such. Grandma would drag me to the country church every time the door opened. She put me under the pew so I wouldn't get stepped on until I started to crawl off. She didn't push Jesus on me, just brought me into His presence on a regular basis. The Pastor was fire and brimstone. I heard the word regularly, saw people healed, miracles and prayers answered. When the saints would run the isles you had better get out of the way! It was REAL and I knew it, but didn't want to make a decision. Not yet. Grandma prayed. I saw no future in that small town so I jumped a Greyhound bus and went to live (uninvited) with my mom in Homestead Florida at 15. Stepdad took offense at me being there and made life uncomfortable for me and them. I quit school, got a job at the local packing house, bought a motorcycle and stayed gone most of the time. Mom would worry and go out all hours of the night searching for me. I was restless, reckless and didn't know what to do in life.

I joined the Army at 17 during the Viet Nam War for a stint, went to Florida then back to Kentucky. I worked in the coal mines for a while till I rejoined the service, the Navy this time. Met my wife and had my OWN family (finally) and strove to be the perfect dad. The year before I retired I accepted Jesus and was learning how to walk this Christian walk. Days before retiring my wife handed

me divorce papers and I hit the wall. No career, no job, no family, little money and no friends here; I felt lost. But I had Jesus. I lived on undeveloped land, in a mobile home without water, electricity or sewage for several months. I prayed, cried and read my bible under candle light. I lost weight worrying and grieving for my family. One night I cried, "Jesus, all I have is you" he told me, "I'm all you need". HIS timing is perfect! He WAS all I needed. He taught me how to stand in the deepest of trials, how to trust Him when I couldn't see the way and how to patiently wait on Him to open doors for me. He has provided me with a wonderful and lucrative career, friends, a fine home and a wonderful adopted family. Jesus has placed me in a loving church where I can teach His word to the youth and of my own walk with Him. I have always craved family and now I have the Christian family He has always been calling me into. I want to thank you Grandma and Grandpa for caring for me; and through it all, my Grandma prayed.

James 4:8 KJV "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." A scripture that is close to Henry's heart.

If you know of an Unexpected Hero in your life and would like to honor them through this column, please reach out to me through Morgan County Today.

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.

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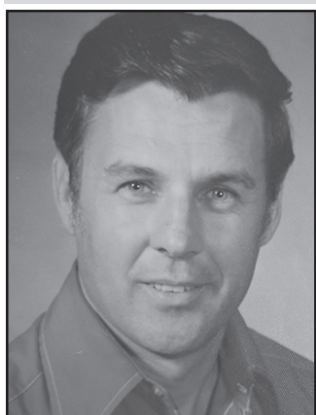
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Stories From The Prison Farm



Tom Redmon
Columnist

I know a lot of you reading this can remember when the prison farm was located on Flat

Fork Road. My house is located on the end of Lee Terry Road and not long ago I could look down the hill to see prisoners working in the field that went all the way to highway 62. Today, thanks to EPA this beautiful field has grown up and we have a swamp there now.

I would like to take you back fifty or more years to where we had prison escapes. The worst offenders were housed at Brushy and the trustees (for the most parts) were incarcerated at the farm on Flat Creek Road (now Frozen Head Park Road). Escaping from the farm was not hard because the trustees were given a lot of freedom, and sometimes it was just a matter of walking off.

In the late 40's my brother Glen and I were always charged with the chore of taking corn out to Gus Heidel's to get ground into meal. One day we were on HWY 62 headed to the mill when we saw two prisoners with jack hammers working on the road. Coming back, in about an hour, we saw the jack hammer laying beside the road but the prisoners were gone. Soon we heard the prison whistle blowing with one long blast, (to let us know a prisoner had escaped) and (another long blast to remind us to be aware). Soon Motor Armes would be out with his blood hounds. Rarely did they get out of the area.

In the early 50's my sister Rose lived in a small house on Liberty Road. Now Rose was the sister who had dressed up like a convict and scared mom and dad to death as they came back from the store one Halloween night back in the 40's. Some of you might remember my article "Run Daddy Run" that appeared in another local paper. Well, now Rose would be on the other side of the fence.

Rose was busy doing housework and cooking a big pot of pinto beans for

her and Jimmy's supper. Suddenly she heard a loud knock on the door. When she opened the door there stood a little man wearing a coat that was much too big for him and pants that he could barely keep up. She thought now here's the dumbest looking man I've ever seen. "I wonder what he's doing around my

house."

Soon she would find out.

The man said a prisoner was out and we have been chasing him all day. "We will get him; he won't get away."

He said, "Lady can you drive that truck out there in your yard? I need to go to Knoxville." Rose lied and told him she couldn't drive. He told her he was so hungry. He asked her if she had something he could eat. Rose couldn't lie again because he could see and smell the food she was cooking. She told him to come in and sit at the table and she would serve him a bowl of pinto beans and cornbread.

As the little man ate, he asked Rose again if she could drive the truck. She told him no, I can't. Even though the man didn't act very smart she sure didn't want him to go back into the bedroom where her baby was sleeping. She knew right away that this man was the prisoner, posing as a guard.

Finally, he thanked Rose for the food, and left headed for Knoxville. But the guard caught him just a few hundred yards from Rose's house. When they brought him by her house, he yelled at her, "see I told you we would catch the rascal and we did." This man should go to Hollywood when he is released.

The Knisley's lived on highway 62, across from Liberty Church. Jeff had to go down to the barn every morning and feed the live-

stock.

On this particular morning he was rubbing the sleep from his eyes as he climbed up into the loft. He picked up the pitch fork and started throwing the hay down to the cows. He noticed that there was a hump in the hay that he hadn't seen before. He stuck the pitch fork into the

pile and suddenly a big yell was heard and the hay went everywhere. Jeff went one way and the escaped convict went down the hole where Jeff was throwing the hay right on top of David who was milking the cows. Needless to say, that the Kinsley's had

an exciting Sunday morning. The two boys ran to the house and the convict headed to the creek. Mr. Knisley called the prison farm and the prisoner was caught not far from the barn. The funny thing about this episode was that this escapee didn't get but a few hundred yards from the farm before he had to take a nap in the hay.

Diana Cagley said her dad, Steve Crouch liked to take the family down to visit her grandmother on Sunday's after church. She lived between Oakdale and Harriman. He also would stop at his "dime store" in Wartburg to see if everything was alright.

One day Steve pulled his car over and parked in front of the store. He went in to check everything out and when he came out a prisoner came walking out from the little alley between Buxton Lumber Company and the dime store. He had a dog with him. I guess this really scared the family because right away they could tell he was a convict. Diana was only five years old and June was only two or three years older. They locked the doors of their Buick, but no doubt they were really concerned about their dad.

The man walked over to Steve and asked him if he could call the prison farm and tell them to come and get him. He said, "I've wondered around this place for three days and I'm tired and hungry and this dog

(a blood hound) had made friends with me."

Steve went back into the store, called the prison farm, and came out with two twinkie cakes for the prisoner. The prisoner gave the dog one and he ate the other one.

Soon the squad cars came in with their sirens blasting and their lights flashing. Diana said this was exciting times for her. No doubt she and June felt safe in their locked Buick as they watched as they handcuffed the prisoner and put him in the car. But before he left, he thanked Steve for helping him. He knew soon he would get some hot food and have a bed to sleep in tonight.

The Crouch's knew what happened to the escaped prisoner, but they didn't know what happened to the dog, but for sure he would no longer be used in hunting escaped convicts. He had collaborated with the enemy.

Have you ever wondered what happened to the prisoner when they are returned to the prison? They have to be punished in some way, and one thing for certain they have time added to their sentence. They also lose some of their freedom. They could be confined to the prison. If they escape too often, they could be sent to Brushy.

I cannot remember hearing that anyone was harmed by an escaped trustee. Usually the worst thing they would do was steal clothes off your clothes-line or from an unlocked building. I know we had a corn crib that we no longer used for the purpose it was built, and mom had put unused clothes there. A few convicts had borrowed a few clothes from us.

When we were playing in the woods and found convict clothes it would scare us bad. As a child when I heard that whistle blow, I headed home pretty fast.

I don't know what crimes the three prisoners in this story had committed or why they had just walked off from the farm, but I do know they were not violent men. Like all of us I guess they just enjoyed their freedom.



Prison Farm (Photo Submitted)

Historically Speaking Otto Yang Story - Part II

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

On the day part one of this Otto Yang story published, Benita Albert received an email from him. He began by apologizing for taking so long to respond to her questions. She had been so absorbed in doing research on his life she had actually obtained adequate insight to produce the first part of this series without his responses to her questions.

She knew he had been quite busy with his personal involvement in research attacking the COVID-19 crisis. Wanting to share his story with you readers as quickly as possible, at my request, she prepared the story through research alone.

I think you will agree she did a marvelous job helping us appreciate what he has accomplished. Now, take a few minutes to enjoy the additional insights Benita as gleaned from her interaction with Otto Yang. You will appreciate him even more when you read his candid and complimentary memories of Oak Ridge. You will be even more impressed when you read his own words describing the valuable research in which he is engaged as he attacks the hidden enemy, COVID-19!

Otto Yang is a child of Oak Ridge, a town he describes as “A wonderful, idyllic place” during his time here in the 1960s to 1980s. He added, “There was such friendliness and kindness... when I was growing up. I remember being perhaps four- or five-years old, waiting for my mom at A&P (grocery store) ...standing by the gumball machine waiting for strangers to give me pennies and nickels.”

“My mom seemed to know everyone in town, and she was always greeting people and being greeted in return with smiles and friendly jokes. It was another era in Oak Ridge, when kids were free to roam without fear. In elementary school I spent hours unsupervised outside, riding my bike, skateboarding, climbing trees, and running around with friends.”

Otto says he has not been back to his hometown for any significant time since his parents moved away in 1992. But he adds, “I hope it hasn’t changed.”

Otto graduated from Oak Ridge High School in 1983. His collegiate years and medical training were spent in the northeast United States before his final move to the UCLA David Geffen Medical Center in 1999. Otto is the Associate Chief of Infectious Diseases, and he holds a joint appointment in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics.

He describes himself as a physician-scientist since his work also includes seeing patients in the hospital and training infectious disease physicians under his purview. Of his current, urgent assignment he says, “I am up to my eyeballs in the response of the UCLA Medical Center to COVID-19.”

Otto is the lead researcher with cohorts who are vigorously pursuing clinical trials studies. He added the following description of his current efforts: “I have been pulled completely away from my normal work, and I am currently a clinical trials researcher. This is a different field than my usual work with molecules and cells in the lab. It has been exciting and exhausting.”

Noting the anxieties and uncertainties, he continues: “Patients and doctors are desperate and scared, and clinical trials of new agents to treat this virus are the hope that they need so much now. It’s thrust me in the spotlight in a strange way.”

“Although I never was a specialist in running clinical trials, I was chosen for my blend of virology knowledge, scientific knowledge, and clinical knowledge to guide us through this morass of treatments that different drug companies and organizations are offering for us to test. There are so many, we have to prioritize and judge the ones to pursue among the many ideas pitched to us, ranging from crazy to reasonable. This is, I hope, a once in a lifetime situation (maybe second if you count AIDS).”

Much more on Otto’s medical resume’ is detailed in an April 9th Oak Ridger news article entitled “ORHS grad researching COVID-19.” This second installment of Otto’s story will step back in time to cover additional information on his Oak Ridge roots, will offer extended comments on his medical journey, and will ask his opinion on lessons to be learned from the COVID-19 crisis. My questions and his engaging answers follow.

Q: Tell me about your family and their/your Oak Ridge background.

“My father, Wen-Kuang Yang, arrived in Oak Ridge in 1966, taking a position at ORNL as a postdoctoral scholar. He had graduated from the top medical school in Taiwan in 1963, an era where that was a guarantee of easy wealth as a practicing physician. However, his desire was to do biomedical research, so he went to Tulane for a PhD in biochemistry finishing in 1966... After his postdoc, he took a research scientist position at the Biology Division of ORNL, and we stayed settled in Oak Ridge. His whole life was (still is) research. He did basic research in the early days on transfer RNA, retro transposable elements (transposons), and cancer related research. In 1992, he and my mom moved to Taiwan when the government was spending large amounts of money to lure back Taiwanese scientists in the USA and counter ‘the brain drain.’ There he moved his research in clinical directions, working mostly on a cancer vaccine strategy. Dad is still living in Taiwan, still working on a company he started for cancer vaccine therapy.”

“My Mom, Den-Mei Hsu Yang, came to the US with my dad and studied math at Tulane. Those studies were interrupted by my birth in 1965. My mom was brilliant, in many ways smarter than my father, yet she sacrificed everything for me and my younger brother... She took care of everything, working full time to support dad’s work, cooking, cleaning, and taking us to music lessons and other extracurricular activities. She had been studying math and would have been great at anything she chose to do, but she gave it all up for us. Tragically, she was killed in a car accident in Taiwan in 2010.”

“My brother, Hugo, graduated from ORHS in 1989. He went to Boston University for a combined BS and MD. He is now a practicing internist in the Palo Alto area where he takes care of the rich and famous.”

Q: What Oak Ridge Schools did you attend? Any special memories?

“I LOVED high school. It was the happiest time in my life. My favorite classes were AP Calculus and Calculus II (taught by Benita Albert) and junior English taught by Miss Ruth Cates Baird. Math is the foundation for how I think about everything, science in its purest form. English was the foundation for how I write and organize language, mostly in the form of scientific papers and grant applications. Miss Baird and Mrs. (Carol) Yoakley, senior year, taught a clarity of thought in organizing writing that is fresh in my mind today.”

“Most amazing was being surrounded by smart and nice kids who respected me for being smart. We had such a wonderful social group, especially senior year when we had get-togethers once or twice every week. We’d just sit, talk, watch movies, and play board games most of the time. It was total culture shock when I got to college and found that being a ‘nerd’ or a ‘geek’ was ridiculed at other schools, and that smart kids were ostracized... It was also notable that no cohorts of kids I met in college were as smart, talented, or funny as my gang in high school.”

“Jefferson Junior High was also great. A favorite teacher was Mr. Clifford Smith whose teaching of geometry and proofs were fundamental in laying my math background. Another favorite was Mrs. Pat Aramayo; teaching French, she not only had us learn the language, but (we gained) a deep appreciation for the culture and the context of the language. She also instilled a sense of discipline in learning, making us keep organized notebooks with our lessons. This was invaluable for my future career, and organizing my work. Coach (Dan) DiGregorio brought the world of science into the classroom and inspired his students with a mixture of humor and slight intimidation.”

“Other teachers of special note: Edgar Meyer (Linden and ORHS), who really instilled a love of music and built a competent orchestra from a ragtag group of us. At Linden, Ms. Bedford showed such kindness for all her students. Another memory was of my doing poorly in elementary school. The principal told my parents that my language skills were poor and that I had a learning disability because we didn’t speak English at home.”

Q: What inspired your beyond-Oak Ridge educational and career choices?

“From elementary school I wanted to be a physician-scientist (not just a scientist like my dad, who never did clinical training). A big part in my choice comes from my friend, Cindy Loh, whose parents were friends of my parents. I saw her a lot when our parents got together, and then we started at Linden together in first grade.”

“I was still awkward, unused to American food and utensils. Cindy literally held my hand and introduced me to navigating the cafeteria, eating weird stuff like chili, and talking to other kids (I was super shy). In first grade she got leukemia, was hospitalized, and received chemotherapy.”

“When her parents knew she would die, they honored her last request to be able to go back to school. She sat next to me, very pale, very weak, missing her hair. When she died, I knew I wanted to become a physician-scientist, working with science to benefit medicine.”

“Tragically, her dad died of cancer a year later, and her mother and brother moved away. About a year ago, after almost fifty years, I managed to find her mother and to share memories of Cindy. The mother was surprised that I retained such memory and caring about her daughter whom she said she still misses very much.”

Q: Tell me more about your medical career and professional journey.

(After seven years at Brown University completing a combined college/medical program,) “I chose a residency in internal medicine at as hands-on a place as imaginable: NYU Bellevue Hospital. At this busy hospital we had to do everything, tasks like drawing blood, placing IVs, administering medication, and shooting X-ray films.”

“This was also in the middle of the AIDS epidemic, before lifesaving treatments. About half of my patients had HIV, and I watched helplessly as they died in droves. My original plan to do oncology switched to infectious diseases, both because of this pandemic, and also because this was a field where science could move rapidly to the bedside, while cancer research was still vastly removed from medical practice (which has changed dramatically this last decade).”

“A fellowship in infectious diseases followed at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. I did a highly research-focused training program, essentially doing PhD training (without getting the degree). I developed a research interest in studying how the immune system fights HIV, how the virus reacts to immunity, and why the immune system loses to the virus. I stayed on as junior faculty there,

appointed through Harvard Medical School where I launched my own laboratory research program.”

Note: In 1999, Otto moved to the UCLA David Geffen Medical Center where his important work continues with his research now highly focused on solutions to the COVID-19 crisis.

Q: I cannot imagine the stress you faced while treating so many AIDS patients during a time of high mortality. How did you cope?

“It was tough. Memories of faces of patients, long dead, are still burned in my memory. As with any physician who deals with so much suffering, I learned to compartmentalize myself. I developed a style of being very calm and deliberate and sometimes humorous, because I found that patients and families draw reassurance and strength from that attitude even in the face of hopelessness. I was surprised at how often a patient facing certain death could still laugh at a joke.”

“I’ll give you one anecdote. I had a patient who had late-stage AIDS and had gone blind from cytomegalovirus retinitis (a viral infection of the retinas). I took care of him, he recovered from an illness, and he was about to leave the hospital. I asked what he would do, and he said if he got well enough, he wanted to take a trip to China.”

“I said that I had actually gone once. He asked how I managed the language barrier. I mentioned that I spoke a smattering of conversational Chinese. “What? How did a German guy learn Chinese?”, he asked. He knew me by my first name and assumed I was German. I mentioned my ethnicity, and he said he was shocked. From my voice and my hands, he assumed I was a tall blonde guy with blue eyes. We both had a hearty laugh for quite a while, me, along with this AIDS patient who probably had only months to live.”

Q: What do you do to relax? Do you have any hobbies or special outside of work interests?

“My family, wife Cindy and our 18-month old daughter Charlotte. ...I’m late to the dad game (as compared to my peers). Cindy is an acupuncturist, and Charlotte is still deciding her career.”

“My major hobby over the years has been collecting antique fountain pens. The other practical hobby is cooking. I cook most of my meals at home. I find it very zen to work with my hands creatively after being in my office all day at the computer, looking at data, and writing manuscripts and data applications.”

Q: I couldn’t be prouder of all you have accomplished and continue to do. As your former teacher I am especially impressed with your relatability and your gift for teaching as evidenced both in these answers, and in the many interviews which are now available via online archives. So, this last question, sincerely posed, asks you to speak to the lessons we should learn from the COVID-19 crisis.

“This is an interesting question. I think that what we have learned is that it is critical for society to think long term, for government to invest in science and science-supported infrastructure such as the CDC (Center for Disease Control). We were woefully unprepared for this pandemic which the history of other diseases such as the 1918 Spanish Flu, SARS, MERS, Ebola, and AIDS showed us would be coming.”

“Our CDC, which was a crown jewel for the world, and which used to rush to aid in fighting epidemics across the world, was allowed to crumble to its current state. To a critical point where it could not produce proper test kits in the quantity needed, and it has remained largely absent from guiding us through this crisis. When our politicians ask ‘Who could possibly have predicted this?’, the answer is that many of us were predicting this and were ignored.”

What a valuable insight Benita has provided for us! Otto Yang’s story is one of many she has brought us about graduates of Oak Ridge schools. Yet, his story is one of such magnitude because of the COVID-19 crisis and his personal involvement in the research. Thank you, Benita, for bringing this story to us.

We, the nation, the world, would do well to pay attention to such professional opinions as those of Dr. Otto Yang! As he correctly notes, preparedness must be planned ahead. COVID-19 will not be the last pandemic. Let’s hope that what is learned from this awful experience results in a future where preparedness is planned in advance and when the time to fight the next pandemic comes, we, as a nation, can be even better able to respond quickly and effectively, not only for our nation, but able to provide assistance to the areas in the entire world where help is needed.

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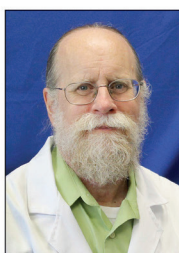
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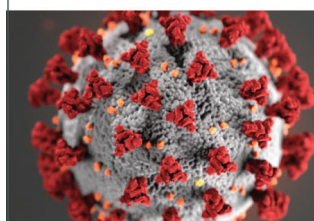
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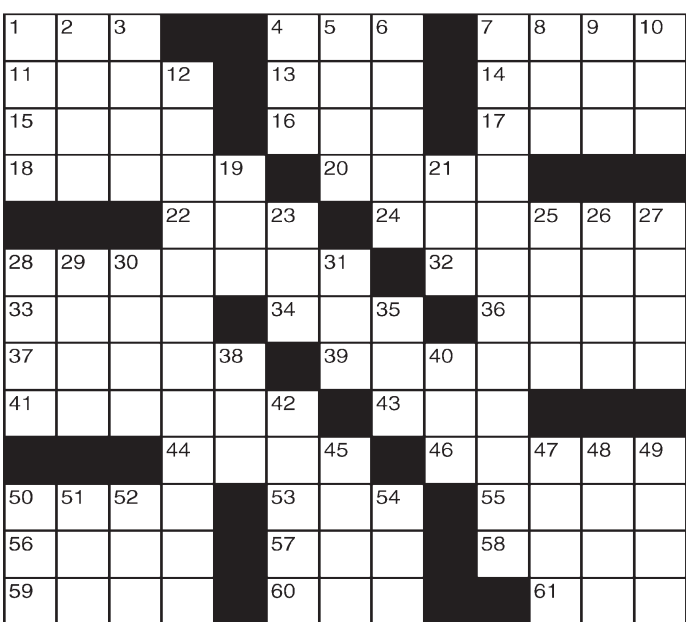
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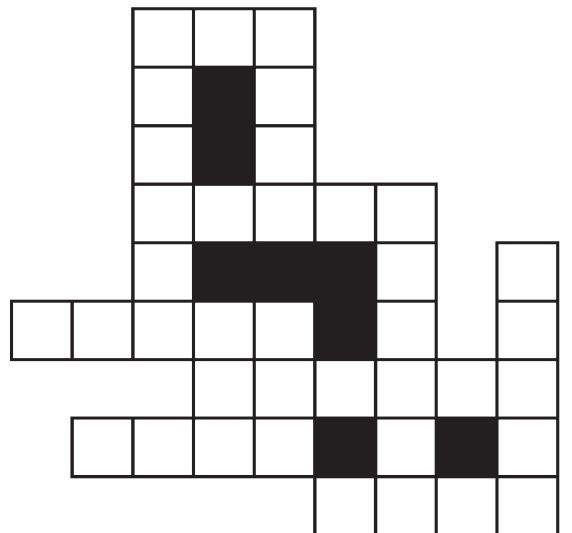
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By: rj johnson

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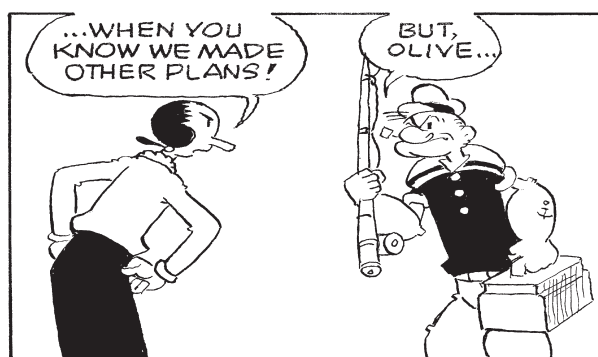
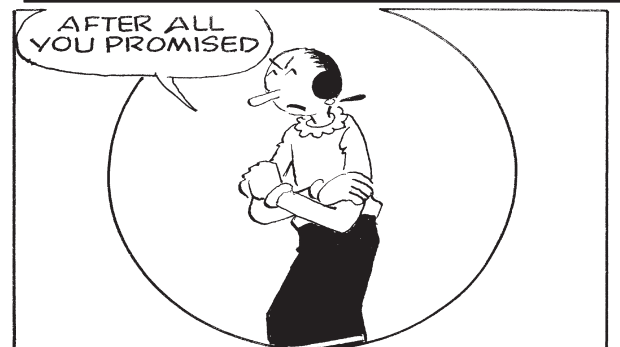
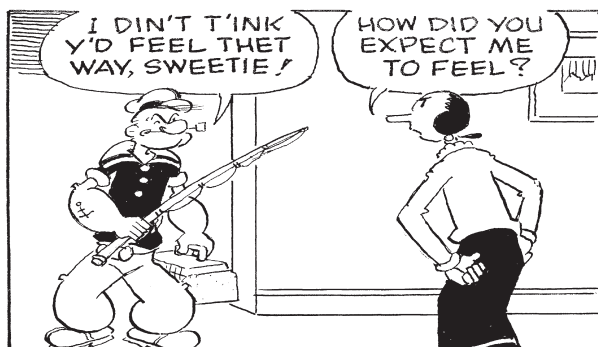
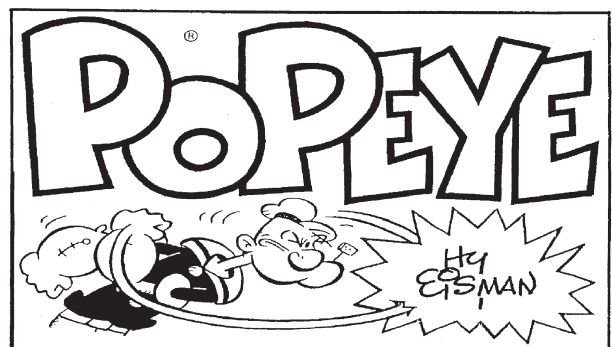
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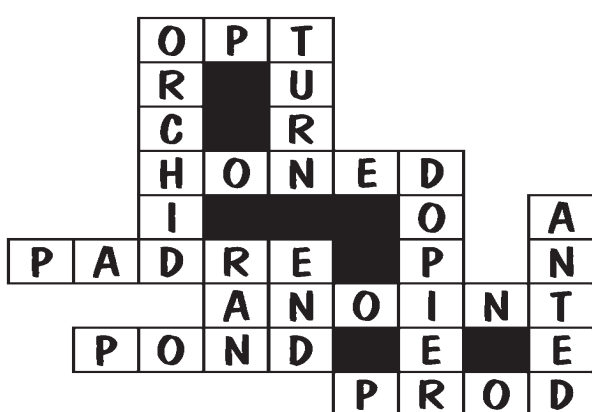
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Weekly SUDOKU

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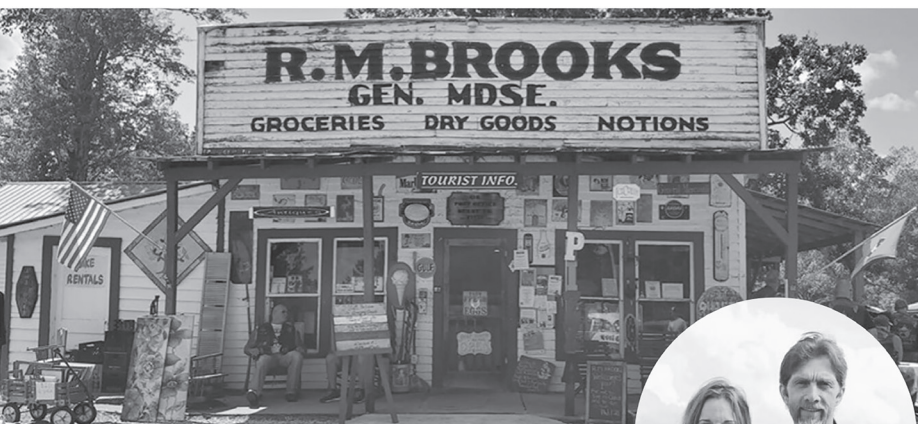
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Morgan County Today Community Calendar

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.

Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Although the last 6 weeks have been very different, there are things that make me happy. I ride a school bus a couple days a week to help with food distribution. I love seeing the children's faces as the bus approaches. Even the parents and grandparents greet us with a smile and a wave. I will miss doing this when the school year ends.

I, like many of you, really, really miss going to church. The first week that my pastor preached online, I cried when I saw him. With that being said, I have really enjoyed watching different local church services online. This in no way can replace the joy of gathering with our church family in God's house, but it has been nice during this time in our lives.

Many school and community events have been cancelled or postponed. While this is disappointing, the thing I feel is most disappointing is the sudden end of the school year for High School Seniors. A Facebook page called Morgan County ADOPT-A-SENIOR Class of 2020 was created as a way of recognizing these

young people. Family members posted their senior on the Facebook page and community members "Adopted" them. This just means they will do something kind for the senior and make them feel special. What a wonderful thing to do!

Local photographer, Ashley Ruppe, has generously offered to do a free mini photo session for all Class of 2020 Seniors. It will include one outfit, one location and 10 edited images on a disc with complete copyright. Donations will be accepted and there is an upgrade option at a discount rate as well. Anyone interested can message Ashley on Facebook to set up a session.

Another Morgan County business is honoring the Class of 2020 in a special way. John Boy's BBQ is going to each Morgan County High School and providing a free meal for the seniors. John Boy's will be at Oakdale School Thursday, April 30 from 11:00 - 5:00. They will have a public sale. I encourage everyone to support this small business by purchasing food from them this Thursday. We

have enjoyed their food several times. It is very good. They have also catered several events that I have been part of. Please keep them in mind for your future catering needs. You can check out John Boy's menu on Facebook.

Belated birthday greetings to Brady Bingham who turned 22 on April 24. We have such fond memories of babysitting Brady and his brother Brett. It sure doesn't seem like they should be young men now. We hope you had a wonderful birthday Brady!

Caroline Sirmans has been using her school break wisely. She has learned to ride her bicycle. Way to go Caroline!

I enjoyed wildflower walks with friends on two different afternoons last week. On Monday, Karen Willis and her mom, Margie Sparks, visited and we took a stroll through the woods to see the lady slippers. It was really great to catch up with them.

On Wednesday afternoon, Missy Longmire visited and we hiked through the woods to the river and along the banks of the Emory River. We saw a lot of different wildflowers and took about 100 pictures each. We had a lovely afternoon.

Condolences to the family of Woody Taliaferro who passed away Wednesday, April

15. Woody is survived by his wife Sheila, daughter Cassidy Taliaferro and son and daughter in law, Trey and Victoria Taliaferro. He is survived by one grandson, Treyson Taliaferro.

A graveside service was held Thursday April 23, 2020 at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville.

Sympathy is extended to Wade and Molly Bingham due to the passing of Molly's daddy. Robert Culton passed away Monday, April 20. He is also survived by his wife, Kay, children Brad (Amy) Culton, Keith Townsend, Bradley (Susan) Townsend and Angela Townsend. He is also survived by several grandchildren and one brother, Dusty (Barb) Culton.

The Graveside service and interment were held at Roane Memorial Gardens on Saturday, April 25.

As we begin the month of May, let us purpose in our hearts to be joyful in spirit and attitude, kind to our fellowman and thankful to God for our many blessings.

"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat." -Laura Ingalls Wilder

Christ, God's Gift to the Lost

1 Timothy 2:1-6 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 WHO WILL HAVE ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, AND TO COME UNTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

(John 3:16-21) Christ, God's gift to the lost: verses sixteen provides further explanation of the preceding promise of eternal life. "God (the source) so (the extent) loved (agape--the noblest term for love) the world (universal love) that he gave (a gratuitous sacrifice) his special Son that whoever (anyone willing) believes (which a loyalty that obeys) should not perish (experience eternal separation from God), but have eternal life (eternal fellowship with God). John 3:16 must not be isolated from other texts that catalog salvation conditions.

Christ's mission to earth was not to condemn; instead, it was to provide a way of redemptive rescue (v. 17). Nevertheless, God's love does not nullify the threat of eternal punishment for those who rebel. His justice demands that.

The one who cultivates a sustained belief (so the force of the verb) need not fear judgment. He who does not maintain obedient faith has fallen under judgment already because he has not acted upon that quality of faith that is responsive to God's unique Son (v. 18). Continuing the idea of judgment, it will be deserved because "the light" has come into the world; but it was rejected, because evil people love darkness rather than light, the reason being their actions are wicked (v. 19). Every person who practices evil as an unrestrained way of life hates the light (the depository of which is Christ). Hence, they do not come to the light because, should they do so, their evil would be exposed (v. 20). But he who practices obedience to the truth comes to him who is light that his obedience may be demonstrated to have been motivated by God (v. 21).

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Open Their Eyes Lord

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On Sunday, April 26, 2020, my family and I enjoyed a church service worshipping the Lord in a non-traditional manner at Liberty Baptist Church in Kingston. Due to COVID-19 social distancing precautions our church held a parking lot service with all of the attendees remaining in their vehicles. Regardless of not being able to fellowship with hugs and handshakes we could still feel the love and presence of God among His people.

For this week's column, I felt it important to share the message preached by our pastor Randy Griffis. His message was

powerful and inspiring, not only because of the talented way with words that God blessed him with or due to his heartfelt enthusiasm but his message was and will remain powerful because of the comfort it can provide in times of uncertainty by the power and compassion that God has for His people.

Pastor Griffis taught from 2 Kings 6 concerning the prophet Elisha and his servant being surrounded by a Syrian army with a host of horses and chariots. Elisha's servant could see no way out. He could not see past the overwhelming problem before him. His faith was only in himself and Elisha. He thought only of what they should or could do to get them out of their predicament.

All the while Elisha remained calm and fearless because his faith was not in what he could do but what God would do. Even in the midst of certain death Elisha stayed focused on God and was comforted by the

servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

God certainly saved Elisha and his servant from what seemed to be a problem with no way out. No matter what we face. No matter what the future holds for us. We can have comfort through our faith in God that He is greater than any problem or situation.

Romans 10:8-10 (KJV)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

I pray that God blesses you with comfort and peace. Above all I pray that you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior if you haven't. Only then will you know true peace. Only then will you know true love. Only then will you have salvation from the punishment of your sins. Dear Heavenly Father, please bless those who are in need of seeing your holy power and presence. Open their eyes Father, that they may see. Amen!



fact that God's presence and power was ever present in their time of need.

2 Kings 6:14-17 (KJV)

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.
15 And when the

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Patience is a Virtue

A few days ago, I ordered to go food from my favorite Chinese restaurant. I have very little patience. It's a weakness of mine. The restaurant worker was extremely rude when I called to order my food. I got to the restaurant and the order still wasn't ready after 45 minutes. When the food service worker came to my car 15 minutes later, she didn't apologize, say anything, and just handed me my food. I picked up my phone to call in to complain or demand something for this inconvenience. I



ended up not calling and remembered something very important.

My pastor from Passion City Church in Atlanta, GA, Louie Giglio, just delivered a message that Sunday on being a shining light during a pandemic. The message was simple; show compassion, love, and, patience to everyone because many people are hurting or scared. That message resonated with me in that moment to take a deep breath, exercise patience, and diffuse the situation. I still left a really good tip. What's the point of the story?

At their discretion, many small businesses will begin reopening this week. Business owners' and employees

have faced unbelievable trying times. Some have relatives sick, some worry about their own family getting ill, or some are struggling to put food on the table. They will be returning to work operating in a new environment. Owners will certainly change how they operate and perform essential functions for us the consumer.



I'm not advocating a restaurant worker crap on our food, cuss us out, or steal our money. We obviously need a certain level of customer service and quality with products or services we buy. There will be mistakes, longer wait times, and potentially stressed out employees. We need to prepare for these situations and be ready to show people an unbelievable amount of generosity, patience, and kindness. Most of us are getting cabin fever and have become eager to frequent a local establishment.

It's time to show support for our community. We need to exercise some patience. There will be many places that won't operate like normal. There will be regulations and guidelines in place to protect employees and customers. You can be different by showing patience, love, and understanding during these difficult times. We can love each other and

our community.

I share the same message as last week; it's time to rally behind our Morgan County business operations. We can do so in a safe, responsible manner that assures everyone stays healthy and vigilant. Continue to follow the CDC



Zack Ballinger

guidelines for COVID 19 as well as listening to guidelines from local state officials. Follow federal, state, and local guidelines to maintain social distancing, clean and disinfect surfaces, and wash your hands often. Let's care for one another

like we would our own family.

If you find yourself getting frustrated remember: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. - Galatians 5:22

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.

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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 or Publisher@mocotoday.com. Submissions will be printed in the order in which they are received, pending verification of information.

Marvel not that I
said unto thee,
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John 3:7 - Jesus



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Bid opening will be at the Highway Department-3519 Morgan Co. Hwy. at 10:00am. On May 12, 2020 Bids mailed in must be sent to Morgan County Highway Department P.O. Box 250 Wartburg, Tn. 37887 and must have (**ROOF BID**) boldly and plainly printed on the outside of the envelope. Morgan County Highway Department is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate. The Highway Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For any questions please call 423-346-6661.

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



This week's Morgan County Today Veteran of the week is William R. Mathis. He en-

listed into the United States Navy in July 1943 and served until he was honorably discharged in December 1945 at the rank of Seaman First Class.

William completed his USN basic training in San Diego, California and served throughout WWII on two different battleships. He was first assigned to the USS Colorado (BB-45) and later served on the USS Nevada (BB-36).



Seaman First Class William valiantly performed his duties while aboard the USS Nevada to help the US Marines win the fierce battle of Iwo Jima. Seaman First Class William and his fellow brave sailors bombarded the prized island with the USS Nevada's

mighty 14"/45 caliber (356 mm) naval guns.

WWII was a war filled with intense battles and the sail-



ors assigned to the USS Colorado and the USS Nevada certainly saw their fair share. The Morgan County Today humbly thanks Seaman First Class William and all of the United States Sailors who served beside him throughout WWII for their service, sacrifice, and dedication to our beloved country.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

This week's Morgan County Today Law Enforcement Officer of the week is James Francis. James grew up in Mossy Grove and graduated from Oliver Springs High School in 2005. He now resides in Wartburg with his eleven-year-old daughter Camryn.

James was selected for this honor due to his high level of dedication to his family and community. It isn't easy for anyone to fulfill the duties of a correctional officer day after

day, shift after shift and it takes a highly dedicated officer like James to maintain his resiliency by adding in a long commute from his home in Wartburg to ful-



fill his duty at the Federal Prison in McCreary County, KY.

James decided to begin a law enforcement career by becoming a correctional officer due to having several family mem-

bers who have done the same. James has served at the prison since December 2011 and is thankful to do so still today because he earns great benefits and has plenty of job security. Providing for his family is very important to James. His family and community all benefit from his professionalism and dedication. Correctional Officer James Francis, Morgan County Today thanks you, and we hope you continue to have a long, safe, and fruitful career.

Reasons You Have Not Received Your Stimulus



David Zubler

Only about half of the stimulus payments have been received by April 17. The IRS is sending the stimulus in batches. They are starting by sending it to people who could get it the fastest. This is anyone who filed their 2018 or 2019 return with direct deposit information.

Individuals who received Social Security but didn't file a tax return for 2018 or 2019 will receive their refunds next. Then the IRS will begin sending payments to people who will be receiving checks. If the IRS does not have your bank information necessary to direct deposit your stimulus, your payment will be delayed because it takes longer to get the payment by check. The IRS can only process up to 5 million paper checks per week, so some taxpayers may have to wait until as late as September to receive their stimulus check. If your bank account is no longer open, your bank should have rejected the funds transfer. The IRS will then be notified of the closed account by the bank and you will

receive a paper check instead.

The IRS website's Get My Payment tool allows people to provide their bank information so that their payment will be direct deposited. However, the tool has had problems.

Some users have received the message "According to information that we have on file, we cannot determine your eligibility for a payment at this time. This may happen for a variety of reasons, for example, if you didn't file either a 2018 or 2019 tax return or you recently filed, and the return has not been fully processed." Some people then question whether their 2018 has been filed. However, keep in mind that this is just an example of one reason why a payment has not been made. A message that mistakenly told some users that payments rejected by banks were being re-sent to the same account. Those payments are actually being mailed to the taxpayers.

There are several reasons why you may not receive your stimulus payment. If you owe child support, the stimulus will be applied to the child support. Debt collectors may be able to take your stimulus if they have a legal judgement

against you and are legally able to garnish your income. However, if you receive a paper check, you may be able to protect your stimulus by cashing it instead of depositing it in the bank.

Some banks are taking an individual's stimulus if they are behind on loan payments or have overdraft fees. Anyone who is age 17 or older and was claimed as a dependent is ineligible for the stimulus. This includes disabled adults and adult dependents.

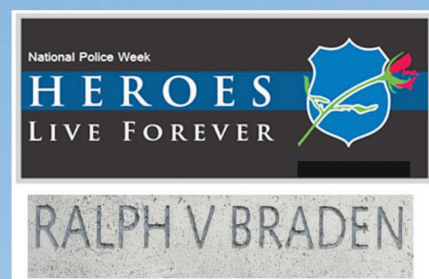
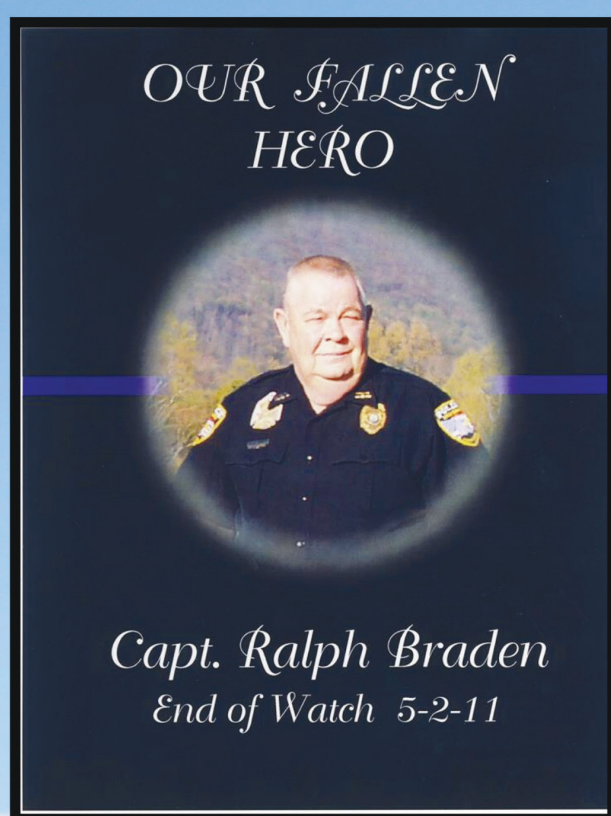
If your gross income was too high on the most recently filed tax return you will not be eligible to receive the stimulus.

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.

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