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# He's Alive!

## Jesus was Crucified, Buried, and Resurrected: The Tomb is Empty

By: Matthew Ward



When Jesus describes how to follow God properly, it always comes back to love. We are supposed to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind (Matt. 22:37). And then a by-product of loving God is a sacrificial love toward our fellow man. In the words of Christ, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:39). It is one thing for Jesus to give instructions on how to love, but quite another to live it out to the fullest extent.

Jesus said in John 15:13 that the greatest show of love is to lay down your life for your friends. He is, no doubt, describing an uncommon kind of love. It's a love that is on purpose and intentional. It's the kind of love that isn't looking for payback. That's the kind of love that Jesus has for the world. Romans 5:8 says it this way, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

When we come to Easter, it's the story of the Christian's greatest victory. The Bible teaches that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). When you multiply that level of moral imperfection by the global population, you realize what a mission Jesus had ahead of him. In order to offer salvation to everyone, there would need to be infinite sacrifice – or one might say amazing grace. No mere mortal could offer such a sacrifice. It would take God Himself to become the sacrifice for anyone to have hope.

When Jesus came to earth as a baby, born miraculously of a virgin, an angel with a multitude of heavenly host proclaimed, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:13-14). In a world that had been short on peace and good will – Jesus brought those gifts with his presence. He lived approximately thirty years before starting his public ministry. He called a rag tag group of disciples and they began to minister in very radical ways. At seemingly every turn, Jesus found Himself as a Savior to the people but a thorn in the side to the religious leaders.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of an unriden, untested donkey as people praised Him as the Messiah with palm branches. It was the first time He had been publicly celebrated in this way. Up to this point, He would simply say, "My hour has not yet come." But this time was different. Passover was approaching. Passover was the celebration instituted to remember God's protection during the last of ten plagues when Israel was enslaved in Egypt. A Destroyer would pass over the land, and the firstborn in every home would die. Israel placed lamb's blood on their doorposts, and the Destroyer would pass over their

home. The Passover was also the time prophesied for the Messiah to come. So as Jesus rode into town as the King of Peace, the religious leaders were ready to stop Him at any cost. They would take Him down from the inside.

Out of His twelve disciples, there was one that was willing to give Him up to the authorities. Judas led a mob to get Jesus as He was busy praying. His disciples didn't know what to do. They were torn between fighting and scattering. Jesus scolded one attempt to fight, so they scattered and abandoned Jesus. He stood before a religious leader in Caiaphas as he spun a yarn about Jesus committing blasphemy. They took Him to the local governor Pilate who was intrigued by the story of Jesus. He was puzzled by the crowd's desire to kill this man, but he was content to wash his hands of the matter and turn Him over to the bloodthirsty crowd. He went to the cross in torturous fashion. They beat

Him, mocked Him and disrespected Him at every opportunity. They went above and beyond the call of duty for Jesus's crucifixion. After being nailed to the cross, bruised and beaten, death was just a matter of time. He was in a weakened state, but there was more happening on the cross than meets the eye. While the physical punishment was extreme, it

paled in comparison to taking the full wrath of God. While on the cross, Jesus had the unique opportunity to take the punishment reserved for the Sin of every sinner. Because He lived a perfect life, He was able to be the perfect sacrifice. Because He died the perfect death, His blood covers the sin of all who call upon the name of the Lord. When He had drunk every last drop of the wrath of God, He proclaimed, "It is finished" (John 19:30). He did it for you, and He did it for me! While that story of sacrifice is beautiful – it is incomplete. Because on the third day after His death, He arose from the grave! Jesus conquered death! He went to His disciples who were fragile and damaged from seeing their Master crucified, and He began to build them back up. That same Savior that conquered death for His disciples conquered death for you. He is reaching out His nail-scarred hand for you to come follow Him. The offer is a trade. He will trade you His royal robes, unstained righteousness, and victory over Death – for your filthy rags. Now that's what I call amazing grace! He is alive!

"Jesus would rather go to Hell for you, than to Heaven without you."

Max Lucado (And the Angels Were Silent)

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Heather Francis  
Editor

April is Nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Although, the blue ribbon is used as a symbol for this month several years ago the pinwheel was adopted as the national recognized symbol for Child Abuse Awareness. The blue and silver pinwheel is to represent the bright futures for every child.

I am a mother of six. Each of my children are special and unique. They have their individualized gifts and talents. When I think of the idea that every child deserves the opportunity to see a future that is bright I think of my own children and the opportunities they have that so many other children do

not.

In Tennessee the DCS hotline received over 133,248 calls. They receive a call on abuse and neglect every 15 seconds. In the United states a child is abused and neglected every 47 seconds.

During this COVID-19 crisis it is easy to get distracted and be consumed by our own fears. Many children during this crisis has also experienced great loss. Some children have experienced the loss of that teacher, principal, or school worker that greeted them each morning with a loving smile or embrace. Something they may not be receiving right now. Some children's "safe place" of the classroom is gone.

Ten years ago I got involved with an organization called CASA. Court Appointed Special Advocates. I

had personally experienced the love and embrace of a supporting home and loving parents. I witnessed my parents raising two other children that were not their own. My childhood experiences of two of my siblings coming to my home through DCS and as a teenager working our churches bus ministry gave me the heart for children less fortunate than me. I wanted to see kids have the opportunity to have that caring, compassionate, adult with the opportunity of having a bright future.

If you would like to help raise awareness of the April's Child Abuse Prevention Month be a neighbor. Check on the children in your neighborhood. We are

all mandated reporters that if we suspect child abuse we should call. Help CASA of the Tennessee Valley continue to serve abused and neglected children. While we are all staying home follow CASA on facebook.

Share #beabuddy #classmatecheck. Let's not forget the smallest around us who need caring compassionate adults to speak for them. You can be their voice too!

To report suspected child abuse or neglect call 877-237-0004

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## Did You Know...

By Jenni Goodrich - 4-H

"Did you know that you can still use the Universities researchers and experts as "plant issue detectives" even while we are social distancing? Just send us pictures of your agricultural questions and we can share them through "distance diagnostics" to get you the best advice and treatment options for your concerns? Just email a few pictures that show the issue you are worried about, the location of the plant, and add any details you know in a note and send it to jgoodrich@utk.edu."



## 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

### Maisel P. Harney, 82

Mrs. Maisel P. Harney, age 82 of Lancing, passed away on April 4, 2020.

In light of current events, the family understands that not everyone feels comfortable coming out to show their respects. The family will have a grave-

side service on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 1 pm at the Fairview Cemetery, Lancing with Bro. Tim Hamby officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Maisel P. Harney.

### Charles Perkey, 88

Mr. Charles Perkey, age 88, many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. passed away on April 4, 2020 at the Harriman Care and Rehab. He was born March 14, 1933

He is survived by his wife Edna Matheson Perkey and her children.

He also leaves behind 2 daughters: Teresa Khan and Ethel Worley both of Oak Ridge.

Three step-children Franklin Hester Jr. (Syble), Debbie Haney (Jessie), Bobbie Hester (Linda). He also leaves behind

In light of current events, the family understands that not everyone feels comfortable coming out to show their respects. The family will have a graveside service Monday, April 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Union Cemetery, Wartburg with Bro. Anthony Pemberton officiating.

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

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## James "Jimmy" Oliver Gouge, Jr., 86

James "Jimmy" Oliver Gouge, Jr., 86, of Coalfield, passed away Monday, March 30th, 2020, after a brave battle with cancer. He was a member of Big Mountain Baptist Church. Though he worked many jobs, Jimmy drove a taxi locally for many years. He enjoyed taking rides with family or friends and pointing out where old landmarks used to be, describing how much the local landscape had changed over the years.

Jimmy loved listening to bluegrass and was a big fan of Bill Monroe. He also enjoyed football and basketball, cheering on his favorite teams: the Tennessee Vols and the Titans. He was a huge fan of the Lady Vols and Pat Summitt as well. He loved to watch wrestling and never missed a Monday or Thursday night. He also enjoyed watching Judge Judy in the evenings with his sister for many years. While his family and friends will miss him dearly, we find comfort in knowing Jimmy has been healed, reunited with family and friends who went on before him, and will forever be in the presence of God.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy Moore Gouge, his son, James "Bud" Gouge, and his parents, James Gouge, Sr and Rena Liles Gouge. Sisters: Wilma Gouge Edwards, Jane Gouge Marsh, Sue Gouge Pelfrey, Kay Gouge Gamble, Carol Windham Daugherty, and Opal Gouge Covington. Brothers: Jerry Gouge and Billy Gouge. Sister-in-law, Jewel Wilson Gouge, and brothers-in-law, Dusty Marsh, Franklin "Joe" Turner and Loyd Edwards. Nieces: Vanessa Gouge, Sandy Cooper Covington, Shelena Gouge Baker, and Penny Marsh. Nephews: David Edwards, Billy "Lee"

Gouge, and Eddie Lee Daugherty.

He is survived by his daughter, Gail Gouge Buckley and husband David, and grandchildren Brandon Kennedy and girlfriend Jessica, Brittany Kennedy, Natalie May and boyfriend Robin, and Josh May. Bonus grandson: Andrew Barry and wife Rachel. Great grandchildren: Zeven, Colton, Maleigha, Kai, Kieran, Baylee, Ryland, Damien, (Madilyn) Maddie, Kaitlyn, Brooklyn, and (Lillian) Lou Lou.

Sisters: Rose Gouge Turner, Teena Gouge Jones and husband David, and Susan Gouge Jenkins. Brothers: Eddie Windham and wife Donna, and Frank Windham and wife Sherry. Sister-in-law: Bea West Gouge. Brothers-in-law: Larry Daugherty, Tommy Gamble, and Don Pelfrey.

He is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who will miss him tremendously.

In light of current events, the family wishes to express their gratitude that you've shown to them thus far. The family understands that in the circumstances that our world is experiencing at this moment that not everyone feels comfortable of showing their respects. The family has asked for a private funeral service but agrees to let Schubert Funeral Home live stream the funeral at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2020 on our Schubert Funeral Home Facebook page.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for James "Jimmy" Oliver Gouge, Jr.

## Mayagile (Mae) Newport, 82

Mayagile (Mae) Newport, age 82 passed away on March 31, 2020 at Heartland Kettering Assisted Living Complex in Dayton, OH. She was born in Deer Lodge, TN on July 16, 1937, and after graduating from Sunbright High School in 1956, she moved to Dayton, Ohio where she worked for the telephone company.

In addition to her parents of Deer Lodge, Leonard and Belle Hawn, she was preceded in death by her husband John F. Newport (Buster), two sons Terry Deshaun and Jeffery Leonard Newport and granddaughter Chasity Ronsheim all of Dayton.

Siblings preceding her in death were Marjorie Brown (Sam), Lois Jones (Leamon), Kenneth Hawn (Marie), Billy J. Hawn and

Norman Hawn all of Deer Lodge and Agnes Laughlin (Howard) of Junction City, Kansas.

Surviving are one granddaughter Melissa Stewart and four great granddaughters all of Dayton, OH.

She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held Friday, April 3, 2020 at 1 pm at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Deer Lodge, TN, with Rev. Wayne Matthews officiating. There is an on-line guest book available on our website 24-7

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mayagile (Mae) Newport.

## Geneva Ann (Newberry) Beatty, 71

Geneva Ann (Newberry) Beatty, age 71, passed away April 2, 2020 at 7:25 a.m. in Chattanooga, TN. She was born November 8, 1948 in Lancing, TN.



the family wishes to express their gratitude that you've shown to them thus far. The family understands that in the circumstances that our world is experiencing at this moment that not everyone feels comfortable of showing their respects. The family will have a private graveside service but will also be having a memorial service at a later date.

A loving mother who devoted her life to her family and teaching others. She leaves behind three children, Melissa Beatty, Stephanie Beatty and Stephen Beatty all of Chattanooga, TN. She also leaves behind her two grandchildren, Jonathan McPhetridge and Nathaniel Tennyson a host of family members in Wartburg.

She will always be remembered for her patience, kindness and her love for teaching.

In light of current events,

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24.

Her children arise up and call her blessed. Proverbs 31:28.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Geneva Ann Beatty.

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

# GUN AUCTION

## Morgan County Sheriff's Office

Is hosting an on-site SEIZED GUN AUCTION

April 25, 2020 at 10:00am\*

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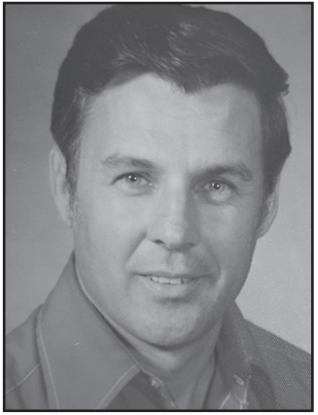
Purchased guns will be available for pickup starting April 27, 2020 at Mid-County Pawn. Buyers will pay a **\$25.00** (per gun) registration and background fee and complete the required paperwork when the guns are picked up.

\*Dates Subject to change

J.C. Higgins	10255	16 Gauge
Winchester	1200	12 Gauge
Marlin	25	.22
Stevens		16 Gauge
Marlin	336	.35
Glenfield	25	.22
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Mossberg	100ATR	.270
Remington	870	16 Gauge
Eureka		.22 short
RG	23	.22
North American Arms		.22 mag
Colt	MK series 80	.380
Star		9 mm
Colt	Mustang	.380
Ruger	P94DC	.40
Beretta	1934	9 mm
Lorcin	L9	9 mm
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Desert Eagle	41-44 CA	.44 Mag
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Smith & Wesson	22A-1	.22
H&R	922	.22
Stevens	22/410	.22 / 410
H&R	SB2	.243
Ruger	10/22	.22
Smith & Wesson	M&P 15	.223
H&R	088	.410
Marlin	80	.22
Norinco	SKS	7.62X39
Marlin	30AW	30-30
Smith & Wesson	M&P 15	.223
Thompson	New England	.50
Winchester	270	.22
Remington	870	12 Gauge
J.C. Higgins	66	12 Gauge
Stevens	311 Double Barrel	20 Gauge
Mossberg	500A	12 Gauge
Thompson	Carbine	.50
Marlin	917	.17
Mossberg	320K	.22
Stevens	9478	20 Gauge
Mossberg	88 Maverick	20 Gauge
Charles Daily	KB1	20 Gauge
J. C. Higgins	20	16 Gauge
Remington	1100	12 Gauge
Savage	340C	30-30
Savage	110	30.06
Ruger	LC9S	9 mm
Ruger	Mark1	.22
Star	SA	.22
German	LA Deputy	.22
Smith & Wesson	M&P 15	.223
Marlin	1849	.44 mag
Winchester	94AE	30-30
Mossberg	Maverick 88	12 Gauge
Rossi		20 Gauge
Savage	Mark II	.22
Winchester	70	30.06
Marlin	1894	.44 mag

## The Goodness Brought out in People During Disasters



Tom Redmon  
Columnist

This week's article will be much different than the ones I have written in the past. Instead, of

the past, I am writing about the present for most parts. At first, I wanted to write on how a crisis or disaster brings out the best or worst in people, but I decided to write only about the best. At this dark time, we need to focus on the goodness of people, and believe me, we have had many examples of goodness displayed by people during this coronavirus epidemic. I also saw evident of how people reached out to victims of hurricanes when I lived in Florida. Our church sent a group of young people to help the people of Charlotte County who had been hit hard by a hurricane. We took chainsaws and other tools to saw up trees that had fallen on houses and yards. Charlotte County is about sixty miles from Sarasota/Bradenton and as we traveled down I-75 we saw a long line of utility-electrical power trucks from Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee on their way down to Charlotte to restore the power to hundreds of homes and businesses. We saw neighbors helping neighbors and we saw churches and merchants bringing in food to storm victims and workers. While there I saw the goodness of people everywhere,

people of Morgan County reached out to those who were affected.

I remember seeing a scrapbook of the damage done by the tornado that Macel Phillips had put together. When I looked at the pictures, I wondered how anyone survived. Macel's house was completely leveled and she barely escaped to her basement as the storm hit. Macel told me of how people came forward asking her if they could help her out.

Churches and neighbors were there almost immediately offering help to those who had their houses destroyed or damaged. Some

I don't want to bring up any of the worst behavior of people during this time, but I would like to know why people are hoarding toilet

me his phone number and told me to call him if I needed help. Two people from church called me to offer assistance. We are like many

of you are at the age where we have to be very careful. I feel if I get this virus, I'm a goner.

One of the best things I have seen since this coronavirus has hit is a short clip of the Rev. Franklin



Samaritan's Purse in NYC (Photo Submitted)

paper. You can't eat it. If anyone can explain this phenomenon would you please call me.

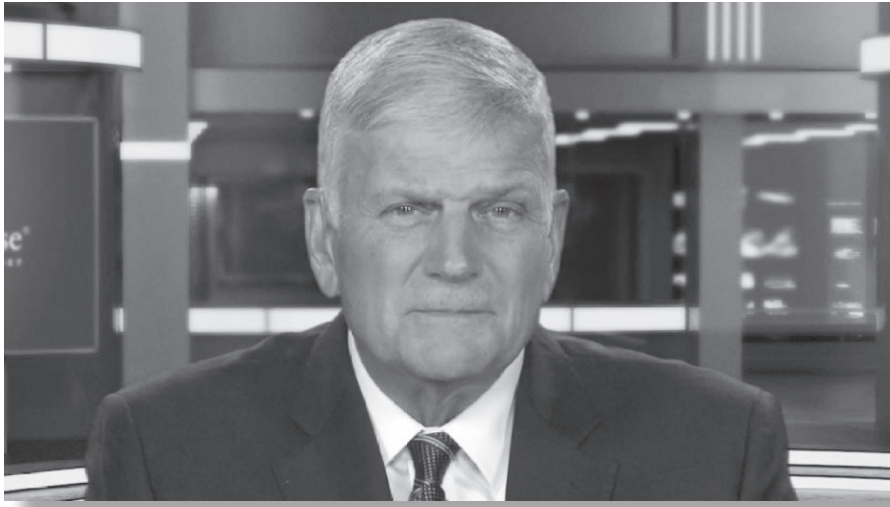
Margaret and I, like many of you out there, are in our third week of isolation or is it house arrest. I have many things in my house that I could be doing but how many times do I have to listen to Johnny Cash and Hank Williams albums. I could be reading or I could be writing more articles for the paper or the story of my life. But after a while I get tired of staying in the house and looking at four walls. I'm a social being and I miss Sunday school and church services. I miss eating out with classmates and friends.

Some of the good things that have happened to us is how neighbors have reached out to help us. One

Graham on both cable and a CBS station. He said, "If you are a Christian you are under the protection of God and so you have nothing to fear. In Hebrew 13:5 we learn that God will never leave us, nor forsake us." If you are not born-again Rev. Graham invited all to pray the sinner's prayer with him.

Rev. Franklin Graham who is the head of Samaritan's Purse has set up a field hospital in New York City. He has many good doctors and nurses to take the pressure off the hospitals. Usually Samaritan's Purse is over in some third world country serving the poor people both physically and spiritually. Our hope during these hard times like always, lies with Jesus Christ. God is still in charge and we need to put our trust in him.

We will get through this and our country will not look the same. Maybe this will bring us together and



Rev. Franklin Graham (Photo Submitted)

of the workers at Schubert's Funeral Home told me that Wayne Solomon took care of the families who had lost loved ones in the storm. Billy Glenn said, "I don't believe Wayne charged them a penny for the funeral services."

Can you believe that this good man has been gone for seven years? He was a friend to us all and he is truly missed. Although Billy Glenn has said many times that "he could never fill the big shoes of Wayne Solomon." He is doing a commendable job.

Now we come to the pandemic we are now going through. Our country has not gone through anything like this since the Spanish Flu Pandemic in 1918. The United States lost 695K people during that pandemic. In the military we lost more soldiers to the flu then we lost in combat during WWI.

neighbor called me and said, "Tommy if you or Margaret need anything just call me. I'm here to do anything I can do to help you." She and her husband have already picked up somethings for us.

Last Saturday afternoon I heard a light knock on my door and when I went out, I saw my fairly new neighbor standing there. He gave

make us think about what is important in our life. I certainly hope so.



(Photo Submitted)



(Photo Submitted)

I looked. Many of you no doubt remembers the tornado that hit Morgan County in 2002. Mossy Grove and the Joyner Community were devastated. I wasn't living here at that time, but I heard many stories of how the good

## Covid-19 How did it Really Begin?

In my last article, I wrote about the future impacts of the coronavirus on the American culture and economy. Like most people, I understand we are living through a historic challenge and I wanted to learn more about Covid-19 and how this scourge found its way into the human population. Ask any cattle farmer about the coronavirus and in most cases, they understand the virus better than your average city dweller. A version of this virus is known to affect cattle and farmers have dealt with it for decades. Coronaviruses encapsulate a large family of viruses and they generally cause cold like symptoms in people and animals. Coronavirus commonly affects cattle, camels, and bats. In the past, strains of the coronavirus have mutated and made the leap from animals to humans. This can open the door for human to human transmission, although it is important to understand this is a significantly rare occurrence.

You might remember that in 2002 and 2003 SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) swept around the world, killing about 800 people and infecting about 8000. This virus too began in Southern China in November 2002. The SARS infection rate fell off quick and disappeared from the media headlines never gaining the attention of its Covid-19 cousin. The SARS outbreak was traced back to a wet market in the Guangdong Province of China.

Wet markets sell both live and butchered animals. In China, these markets sell fish, rabbits, bats, dogs and cats. The name "wet market" originates from the melting ice which is used to preserve the butchered products sold at the shops. After the SARS outbreak the Chinese government placed a temporary ban on wet markets, soon after the outbreak subsided, they quickly lifted the ban and resumed to business as usual.

In December of 2019, reports began to circulate that a never before encountered coronavirus was infecting people in the large city of Wuhan China. Many subsequent reports indicated that this outbreak also originated from a wet market in Wuhan. Soon after, this strain of coronavirus was linked to bats, a common product sold at Chinese wet markets. True to form, in February the Chinese government once again banned wet markets from operation. But recently, sketchy reports have surfaced that the government has allowed some of these markets to reopen under police security. There are reports which indicate that the police may be preventing photographs from being taken of the reopened markets, presumably in an attempt to prevent the world from discovering the

truth.

China has also been accused of purposely misreporting their deaths associated with the Covid-19, as well as using harsh tactics for the containment of the virus. China only officially reports 3,300 deaths, an unbelievably light number compared to what the rest of the world is experiencing. Major news outlets are reporting that United States Intelligence Officials are attempting to gather accurate numbers as they are certain the Chinese reports are false. This is problematic, as accurate numbers would have allowed other countries to create computer models that would greatly assist their emergency management officials. This is yet another example of China thumbing their nose at the rest of the globe.

Although there are many nefarious theories permeating the internet as to Covid-19's origin, the evidence points towards the Chinese wet markets as the real culprit. In the age of many international organizations which monitor activities around the globe, why is the World Health Organization (WHO) not internationally demanding the closure of these markets? Who knows what the next virus will be that finds its way out of a Chinese wet market?



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Author & Columnist

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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.



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1 Radius neighbor  
5 Letterman's network  
8 Atlantic food fish  
12 Public disturbance  
13 Have a bug  
14 Dumbo's "wings"  
15 Pace  
16 Also  
17 Greek vowels  
18 Proofreader's finds  
20 Lava rock  
22 Army rank (Abbr.)  
23 Cul-de- —  
24 Make fun of  
27 Small caterpillar  
32 Literary collection  
33 Actress Vardalos  
34 Cattle call  
35 Braised beef  
38 Help in crime  
39 Swiss river  
40 Spring mo.  
42 Walk quietly  
45 Lengthy list  
49 Defeat decisively  
50 Bashful  
52 Pelvic bones

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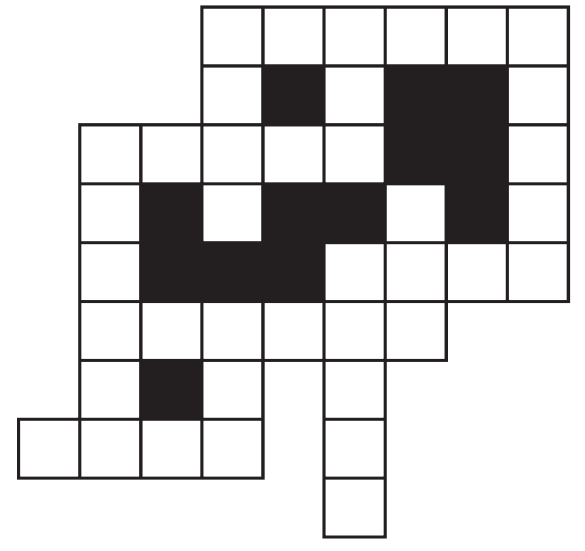
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## FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

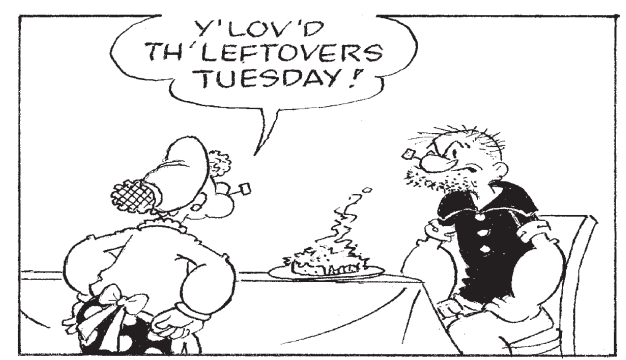
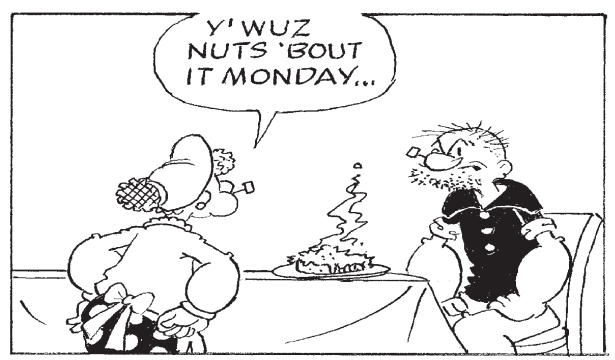
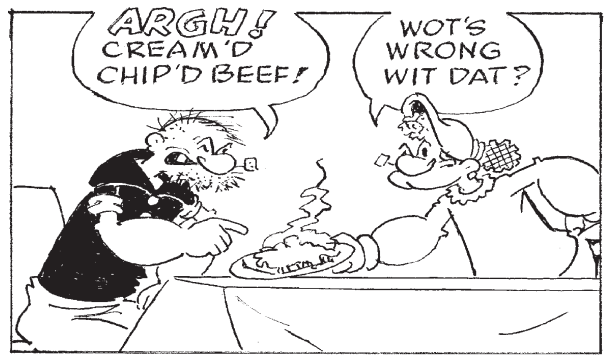
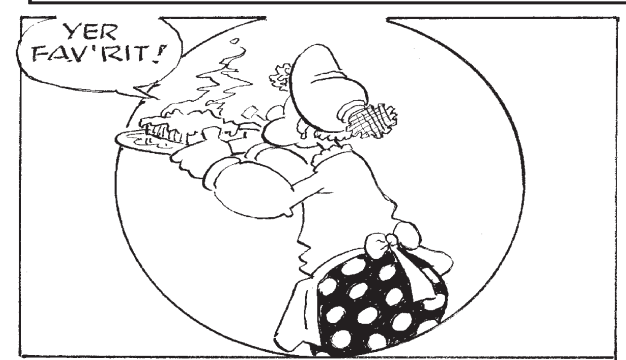
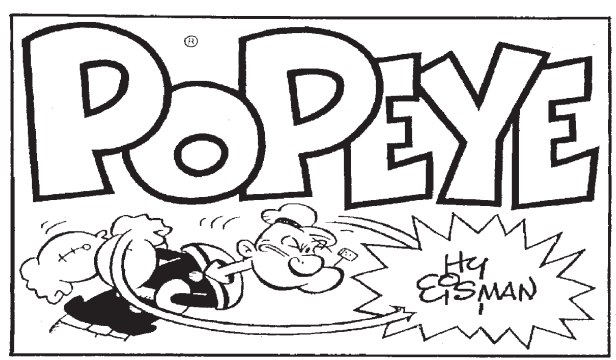
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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### FEAR & KNIGHT

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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### King Crossword

Answers

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## Wash And Be Clean?

2 Kings 5:9-14 “So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. 11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.”

Naaman’s servants gently spoke to the mighty man of valour; are you so proud that you will not submit to God’s word?

God’s grace is what Naaman received that day, even though he was a rebellious Gentiles. Jesus is using this fact to show the Jews that God will skip over the heart hardened Jews and save the Gentiles (Luke 4:25-30).

Many scream and holler: I was saved by God’s grace through faith alone, using Eph. 2:8 as their rock of proof of their salvation. No one will be saved but by the grace of God. But what are the terms by which one (on this side of the resurrected Christ) receives the sweet favor of God. Matthew 18:3 “And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

In order to become as little children, means that one has left that state of innocents and purity and must therefore humble one’s self and return to that condition of mind before the evil of this world lead you astray. No one can be saved from sin until they become a sinner. Sin is the transgression of God’s law. 1 John 3:4 “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”

Belief in Jesus the Christ is the only way by which man can be motivated to humility, so as to change his mind. James 4:7-8 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”

Soap ;and wter will cleanse your hands of blood and many germs, ask the surgon general. But, how is man cleansed from sin on this side of the resurrected Christ? Ask the apostles of the Christ and hear the words of Christ. Divorce yourself from the doctrines of devils and

men. 1 Timothy 4:1 “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”

We have the cure for sin. Try the spirits. See; nearly all have blocked the door of entry into the kingdom of Christ (Matt. 23:13).

On Pentecost Day, about 33 AD, the twelve apostles of Jesus stood of Solomons porch in Jerusalem and delivered the antidote for sin, Sin is more deadly than the coronavirus (Matt. 7:13-15).

Acts 2:38-41 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

Verse 40 says: “and with many other words did he testify” many other words has to come from Holy writ, otherwise you corrupt the antidote which washes away the sins of man. The apostles, no doubt used the Lord’s words of Matt. 18:3. Humble yourselves and submit to the Lord. The apostles, no doubt made it clear that all who hear this gospel from Jesus and are willing and happy to confess that Jesus is the Christ the son of the living God can be immersed into Jesus for remission of your sins (Acts 8:35-39; Romans 10:9-10). Romans 6:3-7 “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.”

Acts 2:47 is when the Lord adds souls to His church. When the blood of Christ and water are applied as delivered by the word of God. The words of God are God breathed, therefor from the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-5).

The Ephesians of Eph. 2:8 were not saved by faith alone, they were saved the very same way that the 3,000 were saved on Pentecost Day. 10 or 12 years eariler is when Paul first met the Ephesians and delivered the antidote for their sins (Acts 18:24 - 19:7). That is a fact and that is when they were immersed into Jesus for remission of their sins.

You can tell this to your preacher, your children, your wife, your husband, to your doctor, to the president, and to the surgon general. This is the antidote for sin (Rev. 2:10, Eph. 5:25-26; 1 Peter 3:20-21).



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## MIA’S View From the Mountain: Victory

This coming week we will be preparing for the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection. Our Lord is alive and well. Years ago Billy Graham wrote a devotion for each day of the Holy Week. I would like to share with you a couple days from Billy’s devotion ( Monday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday). ( I have been given permission to share ). Please ponder the question listed at the end of each day.

Monday: Read 1 Corinthians 15:11-21 - As we gaze on a confused and frustrated world, this Scripture comes to mind: “For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe” (1 Corinthians 1:21). The idea of our world being saved by Christ on the cross was foolishness to the proud and boastful Corinthians of the Apostle Paul’s time, who thought that the wisdom of the world was vested in them. And there are many people like them today. But how different it is for those of us who in simple faith know Christ and Him crucified. For us, as the apostle wrote, the cross of Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. We have been saved by His grace and mercy. We do not deserve it, we did not pay for it, we did not work for it. It has been given to us as a gift. It is by the work of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross—and by His resurrection—that we can claim any right to the great Kingdom that is yet to come. When others look at

you, do they see the hope that you have in Christ, both for this life and for eternity?

Good Friday: read 1 Corinthians 15:44-49 Good Friday celebrates the day our Lord died for our sins on the cross. I have often sat by the hour and tried to imagine the agony and suffering He went through because of our sins. At one point He said from the cross, “It is finished” (John 19:30). He meant that God had accepted His work on the cross as the penalty for our sins. Christ’s death on our behalf is the reason God can forgive us and still be just. And His death teaches us the depth and breadth that there should be in our forgiveness of one another. While that holy Friday was tremendous, it was only a prelude to Sunday morning when He was raised from the dead. Godly women had come to see His tomb, but angels made the glorious announcement, “He has risen!” (Luke 24:6). His resurrection guaranteed that we, too, will be raised, if we are believers and observers of His Word. As you celebrate the truth that Jesus came from Heaven to redeem you, are you reflecting His likeness to those around you?

Resurrection Sunday: Read 1 Corinthians 15:55-58 Easter is a season of great gladness for those who know Christ. But for those who are without “the light of the knowledge of God’s glory” (2 Corinthians 4:6), there is nothing to rejoice over. Jesus left us with the great hope and

certainty that He is going to return to bring a new Heaven and a new earth where, we are told, there will be no more sorrow, trouble, or death for those who have believed and followed Him. There will be trouble, sorrow, and suffering for those who have neglected or rejected Him. As Christians, our great task is to obey the command to tell the whole world about Christ crucified, buried, yet risen again. My prayer for you during this season of the year, when we meditate on our Savior’s great sacrifice for us on the cross, is that you will be filled with great peace and hope, because “He is risen!” That is the Good News. As you follow Christ, are you obeying His command to tell others that He is risen indeed?

Happy Easter, stay safe, stay home and always remember: Hallelujah, Jesus is alive. Death has lost its victory. And the grave has been denied. And Jesus lives forever. He’s alive! He’s the Alpha and Omega. The first and last is He. And because He lives we can face tomorrow.

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

## Historically Speaking

### How was Oak Ridge selected for the Manhattan Project – the “REAL” story

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

As part of the Secret City Festival in 2006, Robert S. (Stan) Norris, author of *Racing for the Bomb* spoke on General Groves at the 1:00 PM session in the American Museum of Science and Energy “K-25: A Monumental Achievement.” While his talk focused on General Groves and the Manhattan Project, he did talk in some specifics about Oak Ridge and especially K-25.

Norris’ most interesting discussion of General Groves was a treat to hear and his research is extensive. His book is full of exacting details and is heavily footnoted. It is a most helpful resource to historians interested in the Manhattan Project era. I have used it extensively. He proceeded to review the known facts about the extent of General Groves expanding scope of responsibility and the “triple A” credit rating he obtained for the Manhattan Project. I particularly enjoyed his story of how General Groves got that rating.

It seems he wrote the letter assigning the triple A credit rating to the Manhattan Project, addressed it to himself and then proceeded to take it to the official who would have to approve that designation. The official at first refused to sign the letter.

Groves said, “That’s fine. I will just recommend to the president that the Manhattan Project be abandoned as the triple A credit rating cannot be obtained and without that rating it will never succeed. The official insisted that he wanted to sign the letter right away. That gave General Groves a blank check and he used that leverage to good advantage throughout the project.

After the formal talk, Norris answered several questions from the audience. One such question regarded what factual documentation existed about exactly what steps were taken to select this exact site for the Manhattan Project.

I was pleased to hear him graciously refuse to debunk the Senator McKellar story that I use on tours. I state that the story is told that President Roosevelt knew he was going to need to spend a lot of money on the Manhattan Project and because of Senator McKellar’s position in the senate as chair of a committee charged with managing a very large budget the president told the senator that he needed to use a large sum of money for the war effort but could not let the specific reason the money was being used become public knowledge. He then asked Senator McKellar if he could help him with that. The Senator from Tennessee is said to have replied, “Yes, Mr. President, I can do that for you – just where in Tennessee are you going to put that thing?” I like that story – obviously!

Of course, there is the other Senator McKellar story in which I place complete trust because Lester Fox, patriarch of our own local Fox automobile dealerships, told me the story and was personally involved. Lester and a friend were skipping school and playing a pinball machine. They had used all the money they had and were walking down the street in Oliver Springs past the telephone office.

The telephone operator stuck her head out the door and yelled at Lester saying, “Lester, you got to go get the principal. He has an important phone call!” Now, Lester was skipping school – but he and his friend went to the principal’s office anyway and told him that he had an important phone call.

The principal went to the telephone office and upon returning to the school immediately called all the students into an assembly in the gym. There he told them, “I have just gotten an important phone call from Senator McKellar telling me to ask you students to tell your parents that their land is going to be needed for the war effort.”

It was not long until the official notices began to arrive. Lester says this is exactly how the first word came to this area that the farmers were going to have to move and I believe him. So, just how much did the senator know and when did he know it? I am confident he knew nothing about the details of the Manhattan Project, but I am not convinced he knew nothing about the selection of the site.

Might it be that such a thing as the selection of the Oak Ridge site could be seen differently from different perspectives? I wonder if the historical research of documented evidence might be too limited a method to rely upon. The stories that abound about historic events often convey more truth than they are often times credited with containing. Just because they are stories often causes the classic historic research to resist including them. Not me. I love a good story and often try to include them is the historic narrative because I believe they add to the overall historic perspective.

Now, let me tell you another story about the selection of the Oak Ridge site. This one came to me contained in a speech written by Robert J. Dunbar and was provided by John Clark.

Robert Dunbar tells it this way. On Sunday evening, June 28, 1942, he was called by Theodore Parker, Chief Engineer of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and asked to accompany a



Senator Kenneth Douglas McKellar – Tennessee Representative and Senator 1917 – 1953 who lived 1869 - 1957 (Photo Submitted)

group the next day over the East Tennessee area and give them any information they requested. It was very unclear as to who they were or what they wanted.

The next day he met the group, headed by Colonel James C. Marshall (who was later to be promoted to General and spent the war in the Pacific. At the time of this speech by Dunbar he was Director of Minnesota State Highway Department). Also, a member of the group was Captain Kenneth Nichols (who was later to be promoted to first Colonel and then Major and who was General Groves’ right-hand man actually running the day to day activities of the entire Manhattan Project from Oak Ridge).

Nichols was not actually present the first day Dunbar toured the group because he had to go home and get his uniform. This bit of irony allowed Robert Dunbar to always hold it over Nichols that he was senior to him by one day. Robert said, “He and I twit over who is senior. I claim one day.”

Another person in the group was Captain R. G. Blair who by the time Dunbar was speaking was a manager for the Atomic Energy Commission at Aiken, South Carolina. It was for Captain Blair that Blair Gate, one of the seven original gates to Oak Ridge, was named, according to Dunbar. (Note: Here is the danger in a seemingly “good story.” According to Bill Sergeant, who was the head of security during and after the Manhattan Project, the name of the Blair Gate came from the community that was already there, not from the Captain Blair as claimed by Dunbar.)

Others in that group were two Stone and Webster men. According to Dunbar, Stone and Webster laid out and built the first 3,000 houses in Oak Ridge, the community center and built Y-12. He said that a “Mrs. C” picked the designs for the houses.

Dunbar said his desk pad indicates that General Groves was first here in April, 1943. However, General Groves records in his book “Now It can be Told” that on September 23, 1942, he left a most important meeting early on the very day he was promoted to Brigadier General and openly began to take charge of the Manhattan Engineer District, to visit the

proposed production site in Tennessee so the land acquisition could proceed. That would have been September 24, 1942. Dunbar does not mention this tour so likely Marshall took Groves alone.

Dunbar describes in detail how the selection of the Manhattan Project site that is now the Oak Ridge Reservation took place. He states that he and the group studied maps on that Monday morning June 29, 1942 they first took a trip down the south side of the Tennessee River toward Cleveland. Later, they returned to the north side of the Tennessee to Watts Bar where they ate a late evening meal at the camp where the third-stream unit was being installed there. He commented to Marshall and the group that there was plenty of power that would be ready for them although he really had no idea what “it” was they wanted.

Dunbar says, “Later I got up my nerve and asked Marshall privately just what do you want? He outlined roughly 100 square miles, hills, building area, and not too far from a city. With this in mind, I slept over it. I had been well over Tennessee and Kentucky in my work with the TVA, a part of which was the listing of possible sites for future steam plants. Among the sites was one near Wheat and also near Elza.”

“The next morning, I asked, does this have to be on the Tennessee River? I then suggested this area. Colonel Marshall was impressed, so we came out, crossed over Solway Bridge and on to Oliver Springs, thence to Hariman where we had lunch and returned and crossed over through the Wheat area into Bethel Valley by devious routes, ended up near the present Jackson Center. As I had gone as far as I knew, we all got out and stood in the middle of the road (traffic was not a problem) and looked around. There was no further explanation or comments so the tentative recommendation was silently made right there.”

Now what do you think? The events described by Robert Dunbar happened months before General Groves was assigned to the Manhattan Project. Do you suppose that either Marshall, who had the project for several months before Groves, or Nichols who had been involved in discussions about the project for months with Marshall, might have spoken with Groves about this spot in East Tennessee that Robert Dunbar showed to the special group in June 29, 1942?

The rest of the story of Robert J. Dunbar will be included in a future *Historically Speaking* article. I could not resist lifting this key bit of history to illustrate how we often miss the details of exactly how things happen unless we have the stories told by the actual participants. Such are the oral histories being collected about the history of Oak Ridge right now at the new K-25 History Center, located at 652 Enrichment St. at the East Tennessee Technology Park (old K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant site).

If you have stories that you want to live on, please – PLEASE – seek out the oral history programs and volunteer a bit of your time to capture the stories for future reference. Without the stories of the people actually involved, historians are left to guess and often must rely on sketchy information at best.

Ray Smith  
Oak Ridge City Historian

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## At the Feet of Jesus

By: MSG. Fred Mize



MSG Fred Mize

All too often I catch myself racing to complete task after task while constantly thinking of what must be done next. I do this at work and at home. My mind is filled with never ending to do list. I'm certain that I'm not alone with these thoughts and feelings.

The world we live in today is such a fast-passed world. We live in a technology driven world that seems to create more of a need to do more rather than make

our lives easier and slow us down.

I'll take this moment to openly admit that I take medication for anxiety and depression for much of the reasons I just mentioned. I believe many people like myself are prescribed medication for living such rushed lives and never learning or mastering how to slow down and simply relax.

God wants us to slow down. He wants us to relax. He wants us to not only know what's important in life but to align our lives and actions

on what really matters and that's God Himself. We need to focus our hearts, minds, and strength on, Jesus Christ.

Luke 10:27

and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted

as being the "good part" for us to focus our lives on in Luke 10:38-42

38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about

much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore

that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Let's place our faith in Hebrews 4:16 that teaches us, 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.



And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength,

among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

We are taught what Jesus Christ desires for us to acknowledge

## Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

### 4 Job Interviewing Trends

Some job interview trends stay, and some trends go. I have the unique inside knowledge of private sector job interview trends to know which will play a bigger role in the future of job interviewing. Let's explore four hot interview trends and some ways for today's professionals to prepare for them.

1) Skype Interviews: Skype interviews are becoming more prevalent especially with advances in technology. As technology continues to advance at a rapid pace and companies are constantly searching for cost savings, it's safe to say that Skype interviews are not going away for a long time. I've seen many "How to Skype Interview" videos on YouTube. Matt Gnaizd's video is one of the best. It covers Skype interview basics such as proper sound, lighting, professional dress, potential distractions, posture, eye contact, computer set up, and appropriate speech. Professional screen names are a must, and make sure to have a strong Internet connection.

2) Quirky Questions: I was doing a career presentation at a small college last year. At the end of the presentation I asked if any of the students had any questions. One asked, "How do I answer the tree question?" The scenario went something like the following, "If you were a tree, what would it be, and why?" Questions like this have a particular purpose in interviews, and it's important to know why they are being asked.

Quirky questions don't necessarily have a right or wrong answer. The candidate mainly needs to make sure to at least come forward with an answer. The

worst thing an interviewee can say is "I don't know," or, "That's a weird question." The interviewer wants to see the interviewee's analytical skills, sense of humor, professionalism, creativity, and how well he or she thinks on his or her feet.

3) Group Interviews: Most of us hate group interviews. They are not necessarily a new trend, but they are becoming even more popular. Companies are consistently looking for ways to reduce expenses and increase revenues, and group interviews are cost effective measures for companies.

Most people are naturally nervous



during a job interview, but if you've researched the company, participated in mock interviews, and practiced the most commonly asked interview questions, you can be more confident and less nervous. Wondering how to address a panel? If one panel member is asking the questions, the student should focus on that member but should also speak to the other members on the panel with good eye contact. Afterwards, you'll need to

send individual thank you letters to each member in the group.

4) Video Profiles: Video profiles may be required by a company, or some job seekers may choose to create one in order to set them apart from the competition. When produced well, they can be a phenomenal tool or additional advantage.

Professional dress, proper lighting & sound, eye contact, and an appropriate background are all necessary elements. Hiring committees that require a video profile generally have specific instructions on what they want the candidate to address on camera. For the most part, video profiles are typically a short 2-minute introduction of yourself. In other words, answer the popular question, "Tell me about yourself."

Who would have ever thought that job interviews would be conducted in noisy venues like Starbucks? Who would have imaged 15 years ago a program called Skype would change the way we conduct job interviews? It's important for job seekers to keep up on these trends so they can be prepared and best present themselves.

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## Sunbright School Honor Roll

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All A's9th Grade  
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Jared Cromwell  
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Matthew Sexton

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## Sandra Helton's weekly column

## Oakdale Area News

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Hello everyone! I hope everyone is doing well. Please do your best to stay home and stay safe. Things are a little inconvenient right now but if we all try to do as we have been asked, it won't last forever.

I wish each of you a Happy Easter. Even if we can't worship in God's house on Easter Sunday, we can worship and thank God for sending His son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to save us from an eternity in hell. Let us never forget the price He paid for us.

Both Adam's Barbershop in Oakdale and RB's Barbershop in Wartburg, in compliance with Governor Lee's mandate that nonessential businesses close, will remain closed until the mandate is lifted.

There are a lot of things about Social Media that are frustrating but currently, it is wonderful. One of the best things about it being able to see "Live" church services. It is impossible to see all of them at the same time but after they are recorded, they are available to view any time. We miss going to church with our church family and I am sure many of you do as well. However, we have enjoyed being part of many church services in our area via Facebook.

Congratulations to Samuel and Summer Butler on the birth of their son, Hudson Cole Butler. Hudson was born March 18. He weighed 8lbs 11 oz and was 21.5 inches long. He was welcomed home by his big brothers Tristyn and Keegan and his big sister Sophia. I haven't gotten to meet Master Hudson yet but I have seen pictures and he is beautiful!

Happy Birthday today, April 7, to our baby girl, Kayla Ruppe.

Happy Birthday to Kathryn Johnson who also celebrates her birthday today. Wishing both of you a wonderful day.

The juvenile turkey hunt was the weekend of March 28-29. Several youth were successful but only 2 young men sent me information to share. Congratulations to Joseph Summers whose turkey had a 9" beard and 1 1/8" spurs. Congratulations to Elijah Ruppe who killed his first ever turkey. It had a 9" beard and 3/4" spurs.

Kennedy Bell has started a rock painting business in her garage. It is called "Kennedy On the Rocks." Her mom is furloughed from work right now so she is Kennedy's assistant. I remember hiding rocks I had painted at Kennedy's grandmother's house for her to find a few years ago.

Clara Ruppe spent an afternoon with me last week. We painted some Easter rocks. It was fun. Even if we get to hide them, I am not sure anyone will be out to find them.

Following Spring Break, Grab and Go Sites and Bus Routes in Morgan County will only be operating on Mondays and Thursdays. Children under 18 will receive food on those days and meals to cover the other 3 days. This will begin on Monday, April 13. Expect buses approximately

2 hours later than they have been. Lunches will be handed out at the Grab and Go sites from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Convenience Centers in Morgan County are back to their regular schedules. They will be closed on Wednesdays.

Due to not having much news for this column, I sent out a Facebook message asking parents to ask their children what the best and worst things are about not going to school. This may be my best ever column. I enjoyed their answers.

Anna Summers reported the best thing about being home is "Eating good food" and the worst thing is "Not seeing my friends." Her brother Joseph said the best thing about being home is "Getting to fish whenever I want" and the worst thing is "Not getting to play baseball." Their little brother Knox said the best thing is "Playing with my brother and sister" and the worst thing is "Not seeing my Gramma." Knox, I am sure Gramma feels the same way! Anna, Joseph and Knox are the children of Paul and Bobbi Lyn Summers.

Konlin Headrick said the best part is "We don't have to take hard, hard tests" and the worst part is "I miss hanging out and playing with my friends and SPORTS!" His sister Kloe said the best part is "Playing outside with my dog Lady and my toys whenever I want" and the worst part is "I miss all my teachers and my friends." Konlin and Kloe are the children of Drew and Kristan Headrick.

Elijah Mathis said "I like being out of school but I miss my friends a bunch and Mrs. Sierra a little bit." Elijah is in Pre K and his teacher is Mrs. Sierra Hamby. Elijah's parents are Jonathan and Chelsea Mathis.

Justin and Erica Coffey's daughter Marissa said the best part is "Staying home and playing outside with Treyson" and the worst part is "Getting in trouble at home and missing my friends and missing my teacher, Mrs. Amber."

Benton Delius, the son of Wesley and Christy Delius, said the best part is "Getting to spend time with my family" and the worst part is "Knowing that eventually I will have to go back to school." I totally understand Benton!

Cartie Disney, a Pre K student in Mrs. Sierra's class, enjoys being home. She said "I love the homework I got." She has been helping her parents cut down trees and bushes in the yard. She likes playing in the "Sand Saw" also known as saw dust!

Aubrey Langley said the best part of being out of school is "I get to be with my mommy and ride the 4 wheeler and eat a lot of chocolate and I get to have a party every day." Aubrey said the worst part is "I miss Mrs. Kim and my friends."

Malachi Summers said the best part of being out of school is "I get to play outside all day and be with my best friend Aubrey and I get to eat all day and ride my side

by side." He said the worst part is "I miss Mrs. Whitney and all of my friends."

Blair Summers said the best part of not going to school is "Playing with my dog and my new rope course is the best!" She said the worst part is "Not seeing or talking to Ms. Michele and Mr. Zach." Her brother Brody said the best part is "Playing Fort Nite longer" and the worst part is "Not seeing my buddies." Blair and Brody's parents are Adam and Maranda Summers.

Remington Bunch said the worst thing about no school is "Not going to Preschool Hour and not seeing Mrs. Sandra" and the best part is "Getting to stay home and play." His sister Rebekah said the worst part of no school is "Not being able to see my friends" and the best part is "Getting to ride the 4 wheeler." Remington and Rebekah are the children of Andrew and Ashlee Bunch.

Many of our local high school students were very saddened by the sudden halt to their school year. Oakdale High School Prom was scheduled for last Saturday, April 4 at Calhouns on the River. There is also the possibility of no High School graduation and many other end of the school year activities. Many athletes were denied the opportunity to play sports for their final season. To all of the seniors and other students, we are all sad right along with you.

As well as hearing from students about their feelings about no school, several teachers asked me to relay messages to their students.

Oakdale Pre K teacher, Sierra Hamby, said "Let my kiddos know I miss them and I hope their work is going well."

First Grade Teacher, Mrs. Amber Kirby, said "Hey kiddos! I hope you are enjoying extra time with your family! I miss you! Spring is here! I know you all have been waiting for warmer, sunnier days! Get outside and enjoy the great outdoors! I miss you! See you soon!"

Susan Brewer said "Sending love to each one of the students from this substitute teacher. I miss each of you and I am proud of all of you. You are loved!"

The teacher parades continued last week. A teacher convoy followed different buses each day during the food delivery. Students looked forward to seeing the bus and their teachers. Michele Bingham, 3rd grade teacher, enjoyed being in the parades. She said "I loved seeing the children." Mrs. Chelsea Stewart, also a third grade teacher, is not familiar with Oakdale. She enjoyed getting to see the students and more of Oakdale beyond the school walls. They enjoyed seeing Mrs. Tammy Helton, Gracie and Calem and loved the sign they made to hold up during the teacher parade.

Mrs. Jeanie Bingham shared the following. "As a lifetime Oakdale Eagle, OHS Alumnus and retired teacher, I didn't think I could be any more proud but during this time when food is being delivered on a daily basis, teachers are driving behind the buses and waving and greeting their students and helping give out food, the bus drivers are waving and honking their horns at the students and the cafeteria workers

are working so hard to prepare and bag meals for the bus routes and the grab and go stations and everyone showing how much they care. . . . it makes me even more thankful and happy to be part of the Oakdale Eagle Family!" Ditto Mrs. Jeanie!

I would like to give a huge shout out to Mrs. Peggy Hamby. She is the Morgan County Food and Nutrition Supervisor. She has done a phenomenal job since the beginning of this quarantine period. She had a plan in place the first day and there were Grab and Go sites for everyone under 18 to get a prepacked breakfast and lunch. She along with Morgan County School's Transportation Department had bus routes lined up to deliver food all over Morgan County within 2 days. I have heard many families say how much they appreciate the meals and the bus deliveries.

Ashley Ruppe said "I just want to say a BIG "Thank you" to everyone that has been involved with getting food out to the kids during this time. There is nothing more heartbreaking for me right now, than to think of kids sitting at home hungry."

There are many others in the school system who have worked daily to make this the best situation possible for families. Save the Children staff members have tried to make sure students receive books to read while they are home and schools and libraries are closed. Countless online resources have been made available and several school employees have done book readings and shared them on Facebook so students can see a familiar face read a story to them. School staff members have made themselves available in any way asked of them and many have rode on buses to assist with food distribution. Teachers that had projects started in their classrooms have shared on Facebook cocoons and butterflies and baby chicks hatched with the help of an incubator. These things may seem small and simple but to children who love their teachers, it is a big deal!

Last week, Morgan County Schools organized a plan for distribution of assignments to be completed at home. Much of the work can be done online but some students don't have computers or internet at home. Teachers worked in different shifts to make work packets for students. According to Oakdale School Principal, Heath Snow, everything was very organized and went very well. Again, our teachers really care about their students.

Please continue to pray for our country, our leaders, our medical teams, those who are sick and all the many other things we know we should pray about. God is in control but He still wants to hear from us.

*He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words. Luke 24: 6-8*



## Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Morgan County Today, is honored to present Clarence D. "Cid" Heidel as this week's Veteran of the Week. Cid, was born in Wartburg, TN on February 28, 1947. From that day on he certainly made his parents Clarence D. Heidel Sr. and Lois

D. Heidel very proud by living a full and fruitful life.

He was a 1965 graduate of Wartburg Central High School, attended Boy's State in 1964, and received his B.S. in Business Administration in 1969 at the University of Tennessee while graduating with Cum Laude honors.

While attending the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Tennessee he commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. Cid, served two years active duty in the United States Army followed by twenty-four-years in the Army Reserve, while serving in the 844TH Engineer Battalion and in both Command and Staff positions. In 1995 he retired from the Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Later in life after Cid's military career was completed he became a long-time advocate for veterans, and an original member of the Southeast Tennessee



Veterans Home Council. He was credited with being instrumental for Bradley

County securing funding for its veterans home (Only the fifth veterans home in Tennessee).

At Cid's funeral, Bradley County Mayor D. Gary Davis quoted, "Cid Heidel: These two words are more than a name, they represent one who cared deeply for his community, worked tirelessly for our veterans, and who represented all that was good of the greatest generation." These other quotes were also made, "Great men

live forever; not in the sense that their frail bodies defy the inevitabilities of age and wear, but that they are remembered for making a difference in the lives of others, even the lives of those they might never meet" and "We salute a great man today, He is Cid Heidel. We will salute him again with the heartfelt opening of the Bradley County Tennessee State Veterans Home".

Just as Clarence D. Heidel Sr. and Lois D. Heidel, were blessed to have Cid Heidel as their son, Morgan County will be forever blessed to have a resident such as Cid Heidel, reside within it's history.



## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Wartburg Police Officer Todd White as this week's Law Enforcement Officer of the Week. Officer White, grew up in Petros, TN and graduated from Wartburg High School in 1989. He now resides in Wartburg with his wife Tiffany and their two sons Gage and Tyson.

Officer White's law enforcement career began as a Correctional Officer at the Morgan County Correctional Complex five years ago. After leaving the Morgan Country

Correctional Complex Officer White transferred to the Morgan County Jail and served there as a Correctional Officer for one year. He then reached his goal of becoming a Patrol Deputy for the Morgan County



Sheriff's Department. He served Morgan County as a Patrol Deputy for four years and now serves our community as a Wartburg Police Officer. He will be reaching his one year anniversary in that position this month.

Officer White's favorite aspects of being a Police Officer is his direct interaction with the citizens of Morgan County

because he enjoys helping and talking with people. According to Officer White, the most alarming part of serving in Law Enforcement is the war on drugs. Officer White stated, "Drugs destroy families and drugs don't discriminate. Drugs affect the poor and the rich alike."

Officer White, Morgan County Today, thanks you for your dedicated service to Wartburg and all of Morgan County. Keep up the fight against drugs and keeping our citizens safe!

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

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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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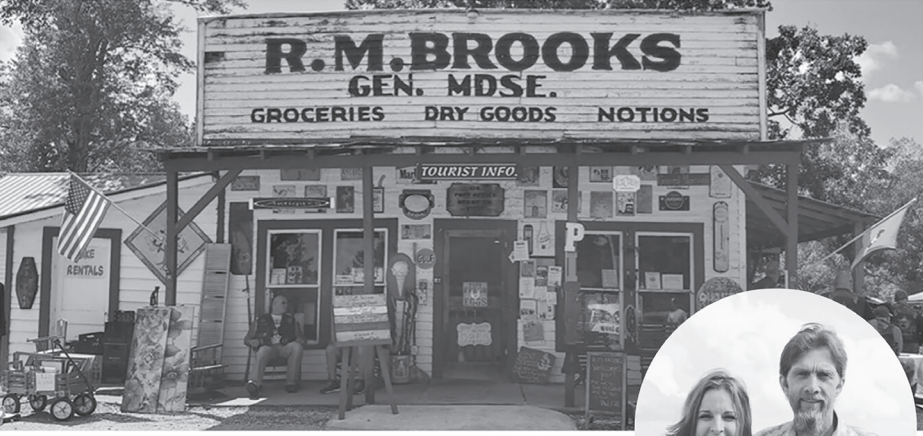
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