

MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

TUE MAY 12	63°/47°	
WED MAY 13	63°/54°	
THU MAY 14	77°/59°	
FRI MAY 15	80°/60°	
SAT MAY 16	83°/62°	
SUN MAY 17	83°/62°	
MON MAY 18	80°/59°	

MCCX Employees Shown Appreciation



Volunteers with the prison ministry "God Behind Bars" provides gift cards to the employees of MCCX to show appreciation (photo submitted)



Veteran of the Week
James R. Mathis



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Once a week for the past three years God Behind Bars and their partnering church Faith Promise Church, have held church services and small groups at Morgan County Correctional Complex. This ended March 8, 2020 when Tennessee Department of Correction closed prisons to all visitors and volunteers due to Covid-19.



On May 18, 2020 God Behind Bars got to go back to the Morgan County Correctional Complex (MCCX) although not inside. According to Raenne Hance, "The officers and staff are just as much a part of the services as the inmates. God Behind Bars and Faith Promise Church wanted to show their appreciation for all of the staff's hard work during this time. These men and women are first responders and show up every day to keep our communities safe."

God Behind Bars showed their appreciation to the officers and staff of MCCX with gift cards of appreciation and snacks while holding handmade signs showering them with praise and

prayers in hopes that the smiles behind the masks were enough to brighten their day.

We can all learn from God Behind Bars and Faith Promise Church's example of placing other people first. Acts of selfless kindness like this are blessings to both the receiver and giver of kindness.



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Delonha Joan Spradlin Heidel, 77

Delonha Joan Spradlin Heidel, 77, passed away Wednesday May 13, 2020 at her home in Wartburg, TN, with her family surrounding her. She was born in Silerville, KY on August 11, 1942 to Gorman and Geneva (Stephens) Spradlin. She was a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg, TN.



She is preceded in death by her father, Gorman Spradlin; grandchildren: Alexander David Heidel and Dakota Robert Heidel; and great-granddaughter, Sydney Hope Heidel.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Garland Ralph Heidel; mother, Geveva Spradlin; children: Charles "Chuck" (Ann) Heidel, Lee (Denise) Heidel, Allen Heidel, Robert "Rob" (Stacey) Heidel, and Lorie (Richard) Marcum; grandchildren: Jessica (Andy) Webb, James (Heather) Heidel, Derek Heidel, Jennifer (Troy) Arquette, Amber (Nick) Watson, Dustin (Teresa) Heidel, Logan Heidel, Amelia Marcum Lawrence Richard Marcum and Elizabeth Alexandria Marcum; great-grandchildren: Elizabeth

Webb, Dewayne Heidel, Abigail Heidel, Aiden and Aria Arquette, and Lily Watson; brothers and sisters, Norma Price, James and Carolyn Spradlin, Pamela Kay and Wayne Gibbs, Sandra and Michael Roysden, Debra and John Mallett, Steve and Sue Spradlin; sister-in-laws, Arnetta and Louis Basler, Ida Mae and Wayne Hamby, Shirley and Benny Parks; special friend, Patty Heidel and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that a memorial be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 67, Wartburg, TN 37887.

The family will receive friends Friday, May 15, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg with Pastor David Graves officiating. Interment will follow in the Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Delonha "Donnie" Heidel.

Edith Pauline Aytes McCormick

Mrs. Pauline McCormick went to her heavenly home surrounded by her family on May 11, 2020. She loved flowers and loved making quilts and crocheting.



She is preceded in death by her parents, Myrle Aytes and Edith Aytes; brother, Bernard (Faye) Aytes; brothers-in-law, Jay Nelson, Steve Hamby, Doug Adams; sisters, Cathy Howard, Jenny Aytes; infant brother, Johnny Mack Aytes; sister-in-law, Yvonne Aytes and granddaughter, Jennifer Pride.

She is survived by her husband of 59 1/2 years, Christopher McCormick; children, Stephanie (Donnie) Williams, Kevin (Laranda) McCormick, Jill (Terry) Bales; grandchildren, Mandy Williams, Mikie McCormick; step grandson, Donald Williams, Jr. and family, Wayne Pride and

family; sisters, Fayne Nelson and family, Libby Adams and family, Nadine Hamby and family Eva Jean Morgan and family, Angel Bates and family; brothers, Dwayne Aytes and family, Butch Aytes and family, David Aytes and family, Jimmy Dean Aytes and family, Bill Aytes and family.

The family will receive friends Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Russell Jones and Bro. Nathan Beasley officiating. Interment will follow in the Potters Chapel Cemetery in the Potters Chapel Community in Lancing, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Pauline McCormick.

Julie Ann Cromwell, 79

Julie Ann Cromwell, 79 of Oakdale, TN passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2020 at NHC Healthcare in Oak Ridge, TN. She was born in Stafford Springs, CT, daughter of the late Joseph P. and Helen (Malinoki) Swatik.

Her late husband, James Lee Cromwell; 2 daughters, Joann Galloway and Linda Cromwell and an infant son, James A. Cromwell; 2 brothers, Andrew Swatik and Robert Swatik preceded her in death.

Julie is survived by her loving son and daughter-in-law, James L. Cromwell and wife Julieann and son Kaden; special granddaughter, Alicia Jarrell and husband, Mark; 2 great grandchildren, Emerson and Cannon; son-in-law, Dennis Galloway and dear friends, Janet Allen, Leslie Yeary and Jill Jones-Lazuka; siblings, Josephine Bell, Anna Robillard and husband, Gerald; special loving sister, Irene and husband, Edward, Mary Pelles and husband, Joseph, Joseph Swatik and companion, Pat Amidon and Michael Swatik; 2 special nephews, Dave Kuca and wife, Temple, and Brad Kuca; a host of nieces, nephews and

cousins. Julia had a passion for working on Genealogy and donated many years of her talents at the Morgan County Genealogical and Historical Society in Wartburg, TN. She also worked diligently on a book about Civil War Stories of Morgan County. She spent years doing research on family history. She was presented a Civil War Remembrance Award by the National Society Daughters of the Union. She had so many talents for craft making, quilting, sewing, crocheting, the list goes on and made so many wonderful things throughout her life that she shared with family and friends. Julie was one of the kindest most caring person to have ever lived. Rest in peace loved one.

The family is honoring Julia's wishes for cremation. No memorial services are scheduled at this time. Family ask in lieu of flowers that contributions can be made to Morgan County Genealogical and Historical Society.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Julie Ann Cromwell.

Martha Bedingfield, 48

Martha Bedingfield, age 48 of Harriman, TN, passed away May 8, 2020. She was an awesome wife and mother, and the best MeMe in the world. She is survived by her mother, Jean Hamby and her father, Oscar Bunch; husband, Michael Bedingfield; daughter, Brittany Sexton; sons: Camryn Bedingfield and D.J. Bedingfield; grandson, Mathew Bedingfield; sister, Lola Bunch; nephew, Greg Bunch; along with many

cousins, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles. As Randy Travis sang, "I'm gonna Love you forever and ever, forever and ever, Amen". The family is honoring her wishes for cremation.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Martha Bedingfield.

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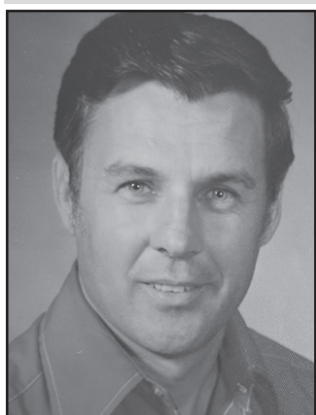
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The Good Ole School Days



Tom Redmon
Columnist

As I recall my school days at Wartburg Central Elementary and High

School, I have come to the reali-

zation that there was something I learned in school that always drew me back to it. Altogether I spent fifty-three years in the classroom; twelve years in the public school, seven years in college, thirty-four years as a teacher/administrator, and that not counting nine months in Navy schools.

I'm going to take you back to the 40's and 50's when schools had pretty good discipline. I had Stella Madden in the eighth grade and

our classroom was in the high school wing. One of the first things she told us was not to intermingle with the high school students and let them get us into trouble. As she turned around, she said in a lower tone, or for you to get them into trouble.

I liked and respected Mrs. Madden. I still remember many things she taught us and the one that is still clear in my mind is what she told us about doing a good job. "When a job is once begun never leave it till its done, be the labor great or small do it well or not at all." I would have counted my eighth year of school a success even if Mrs. Madden hadn't taught me anything else, but she taught me a lot more.

We were allowed to carry knives to school back in those days and Mrs. Madden told all the boys, "don't carry around an old dull knife. If I ask you to use your knife it had better be sharp."

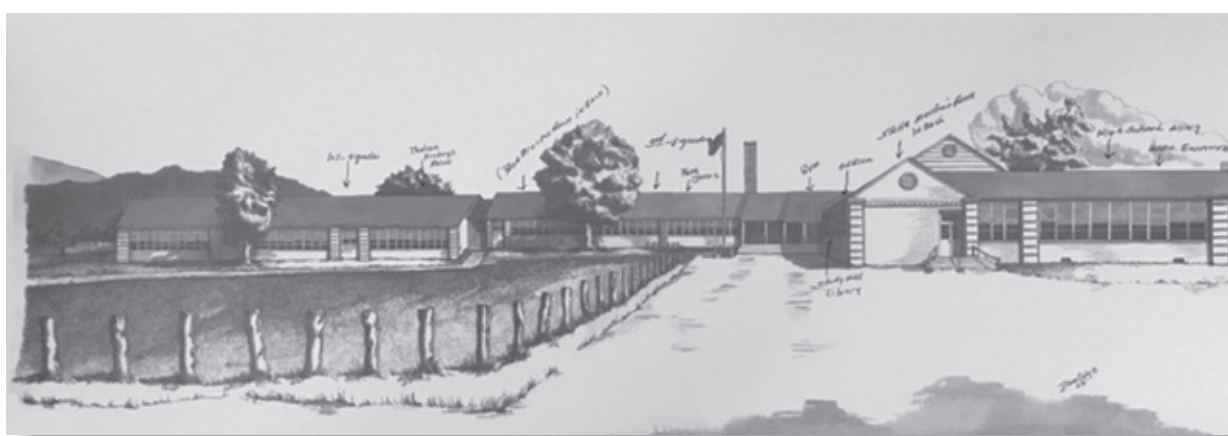
Mrs. Madden had a way of motivating us to work hard and do our best in academics. When she caught many of us loafing, she would say, "it looks like only three or four of you would be going on to high school next year." I looked and saw many intelligent girls and I knew right away I wasn't one of the four so I buckled down and worked harder. Only one boy was held back and he didn't want to go on. He was around sixteen years of age and the teacher just let him sit in the back of the room and read western books.

I loved history and geography and Mrs. Madden must have loved it too because I learned a lot under her. For some reason at county fair time my classmates thought that since I loved geography so much that I should draw and color a Tennessee map and enter it in the fair. I must admit and confess to you that I didn't think the map I drew was very good, and Mrs. Stella thought the same. But it won a blue ribbon so I guess the judges were

either hard of seeing or didn't know what the state of Tennessee looked like.

Stella Madden moved to Oregon soon after the year I had her as a teacher. They lived at Gobey and I guess his job was about to play out. He heard the phrase, "Go west young man" and they did. But to show you that most of the people from Morgan County usually return, Mrs. Stella Madden is buried in the Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery in Gobey.

Miss Ruth Jones was my seventh-grade teacher and I felt like she was also a good teacher. If you folks out there don't



1945 Wartburg School (1st thru 12) drawn by Diane Cagley

know

this, I'll

tell you that the seventh grade is a hard one to teach. I respected Miss Ruth as much as I did any of my teachers, but I still ended up talking back to her. The only time I ever did this. I suppose I deserved a good paddling, but Miss Ruth stopped with a strong reprimand.

Miss Ruth was also a girl scout leader and with some of the prettiest girls in school in the troop I just wished I could have joined.

Miss Ruth had good discipline and I learned a lot from her because later on I would be a seventh-grade teacher in Wartburg, and a middle school principle in Florida. One of my teachers said, "Mr. Redmon they should put all the seventh-grade students on an island and educate them." The seventh graders were always picking on the sixth graders and complaining about the eighth graders. Many of my discipline problems were ninth graders.

One day a Gobey boy, (sorry I can't remember his name) didn't want to be disciplined by Miss Ruth, so as she was getting her paddle out, he was jumping out the window and headed for town. Every student stood up and yelled, "Run ??? Run!" That's seventh grade for you.

I guess the boys father brought him into Mr. Dillon's office the next day and took care of business. Remember the parents back then (for the most part) supported the teachers.

Miss Thelma our fourth grade teacher scared the devil out of most of us. I learned under Thelma Fretag because I was afraid not to. She had reading groups that went something like this; the red birds were the top reading group, the bluebirds were the second best, the yellow birds third, and the blackbirds the fourth and worst group. I never thought of it before but today that would be called racism.

I started out as a yellow-

bird and worked hard to move up to the bluebirds. Today I'm an avid reader so I guess Miss Thelma inspired me.

Before the year was over Miss Thelma managed to paddle everyone in the classroom, that if you considered bending your hand back and whacking you on the open palm with a ruler as a paddling. She always had a pet, and it was always a pretty little girl who took names when she was out of the room. One day I looked like I wanted to talk and she took my name.

Later on, in the early 60's I was a seventh grader, eighth grade teacher at the

That ended the field trips for her class.

I was lucky enough not to have Louise Petit for a teacher. Bill Harper said he wasn't so lucky. He had moved from Carthage the year the school building burned, and he said he blamed John Dillion for putting him in Miss Petit's class. He was a very unhappy sixth grader but Bill spent the rest of his life in Wartburg making his mark as a great citizen of Morgan County.

In high school I had many great teachers who influenced me greatly. Miss Marjorie Waddell would have to be at the

top of the list with Mrs. Knisley and Mrs. Bessie also being in this category. Mr. Harry Fritts was loved by all who knew him.

When I was a junior, I was on the verge of dropping out of school. I was bored and at seventeen years I

thought about going up north and getting a job. I was walking off from school more times than I like to remember. A teacher by the name of Mary Jack Waddell must have sensed that I wasn't very happy. She had a long talk with me and I changed my mind. I spent fifty-three years in school.

Did you know that Stella Madden also taught John Dillon in school? Mr. Dillon was her principal at Central.

Most elementary teacher back then did not have a degree. They probably did as good a job teaching as those teachers with degrees.

Miss Marjorie Waddell ended her teaching career at Deer Lodge teaching in the same room where I started my teaching career.

Mr. Knisley and Miss Waddell had identical 1948 two tone Chevrolet cars. Mr. Knisley ended up in Miss Waddell car several times. When it wouldn't start, he slipped over to the right car, hoping no one saw him.

Allen Nance, Shirley Melborn, Lucy Sweat and Tom Redmon all from the Central Class of 1954 once taught at Wartburg Central.

Coach Homer Rice is still living in Atlanta, Georgia. He is ninety-three and just recently retired from teaching a leadership class at Georgia Tech. What a career he had.

Mr. E. Utley went on to get his PHD at the University of Tennessee and ended up teaching the U.T. Chattanooga Campus.

The Morgan County High School at Wartburg became Wartburg Central in 1917 when Sunbright got a high school.

The Wartburg School burned on January 19, 1940. The new school was not completed until mid-year of the 1945-1946 school year. For five years students had to go to school anywhere they could put them.

elementary school and Miss Thelma was still teaching fourth grade. One day when we met on the playground, I said to her, "Miss Thelma you remind me of a little Bantam rooster strutting around here". She looked at me unbelieving that a former student would say that. Then she kinda smiled and said, "wait here I'm going to go get my ruler."

Mrs. Eva Adcock our third-grade teacher was a very gentle person and we were thankful that she lived by the school with a well full of cold drinking water. Many times, before the new school was finished, we had to draw water from the well. We all drank from the same dipper. It seems that we were fearless back then, even with germs. I started loving geography that year and I guess I carried that love to high school because in study hall when I was bored, I looked out the window and dreamed about being in Florida or Hawaii.

Rose Brock was my fifth-grade teacher and about every week she assigned us something to memorize. I had a problem with that and when my time came to get up before the class and recite, I wanted to miss school.

My sister Rosella had Mrs. Brock for a teacher and one day she took them on a field trip in the hills above Wartburg. She was strict in enforcing rules and set a location where they were to return to at a certain time. Some of them went on up in the hills and they were having fun, lingering there too long. They were in trouble when they got back where Mrs. Brock was. Rose was in the bunch. Mrs. Brock told them to pull their coats off and line up for a whipping. Rose got in what she thought was the last one in line. Her reasoning was that Mrs. Brock would be too tired to swing that switch. But Mrs. Brock walked down the line and started with Rosella.

Historically Speaking John Hendrix – Oak Ridge “Prophet” Part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

While I will not print the whole story of the John Hendrix family here, some interesting and basic facts are included. I hope they help provide you a context for the life of John Hendrix.

John Hendrix’s great-grandfather was Garrett Hendrix. He came from Wilkes County, North Carolina to Beaver Creek in Knox County before 1794. David and Samuel Hall, who had been Revolutionary War soldiers also came from Wilkes County.

The Hall and the Hendrix families lived in the same neighborhoods and intermarried. Samuel Hall’s wife was Letitia Hendrix. David Hall is buried in a cemetery near the Bull Run Steam Plant close to where John Hendrix lived at one time.

John Hendrix’s grandfather was Morgan Hendrix, one of the first settlers in Morgan County. He moved back to Knox County by 1830 and died there in 1843. Morgan had seven children by his first wife, one being Luke S. Hendrix. Morgan married a second time to Sally Bowman. They had 10 children. Dr. E. L. Hendrix of Oak Ridge is a great-grandson of Tarleton Hendrix, a half-uncle of John Hendrix.

John Hendrix’s father was Luke S. Hendrix.

John Hendrix was born November 9, 1865 in Anderson County. He was the eighth son of Luke S. and Jane (Wallace) Hendrix. His family lived in Morgan County at the times of the 1850 and 1860 census. Just prior to John’s birth, his father sold the farm in Morgan County and moved to the Robertsville area (John Hendrix may have been born while his parents lived on a rented farm in Bear Creek Valley - the present location of Y-12!).

In 1888, John married his first wife, Julia Ann Griffith of Morgan County. She was the daughter of Joel and Cloe J. (Hall) Griffith, and granddaughter of John and Sara Griffith. They had four children: Jessee, Elzora Elizabeth, Lela and Ethel Perrgold Hendrix. Donald L. Gray of Oak Ridge was the son of Elzora, who married Roy Lee Gray.

John and his family lived on the west side of the hill above the present-day site of the Bull Run Steam Plant. Their youngest daughter Ethel who was only two years old died of diphtheria. John’s wife, Julia Ann, blamed John for her death. It seems John had spanked Ethel sometime earlier and, in her mind, Julia Ann somehow blamed John. Ethel was buried in the Black Cemetery that was moved from the Bull Run Steam Plant site. Her grave is in the relocated cemetery, marked by TVA with an “unknown” marker.

Around 1900, Julia Ann took her three children and went with her brother to Arkansas. She later wrote John a letter telling him that she and the children were not returning. She later married a

Mr. Bradley near Camden, Arkansas.

John took the death of his young daughter and his family leaving him very hard. It was about this time in his life that he began to think more seriously about religion and to see visions. He prayed to God to tell him the future and he heard a voice say if he would lay with his face on the ground for 40 nights and pray, it would be revealed to him.

John stayed in the woods for 40 days and nights, praying and sleeping on the ground. A neighbor lady found him lying with his hair frozen to the ground and brought a quilt to cover him. She stated that hearing him pray would make your hair stand on end. The cold ground may well have contributed to his tuberculosis.

When John began to describe his visions, people thought him insane and he was imprisoned for a time at the

on the east side of the Clinch River just across from the Oak Ridge Marina and a bit north toward the railroad bridge. It was not rebuilt when it burned from a lightning strike. Its location is still noted on topographical maps.

For many years, the figure of John Hendrix sitting in a rocking chair was the featured attraction at entrance to the Oak Ridge story at the American Museum of Atomic Energy - now our American Museum of Science and Energy. This display was removed when a Washington DC bureaucrat felt the folklore had no place in a “prestigious museum of science” and the museum staff was coerced into removing the display.

Judd Brown tells of remembering when the display was an often-visited attraction and when visitors would ask questions after seeing the unique representation of the “Prophet of Oak Ridge” at the entrance to the Oak Ridge Story display.

Another interesting fact about John Hendrix is that for a number of years, Harry Carper – a singer, a very religious man, an amicable soul, a talented calligraphist, a gifted speaker and a dedicated supporter of the legend of John Hendrix – portrayed Hendrix at various functions. There is even a film that was made of his John Hendrix presentation.

So, now you have read the known facts regarding John Hendrix and his intriguing legend as Prophet of Oak Ridge. You have also read about some real people who are descended from the source of this story that is often used to introduce the history of Oak Ridge and especially

Y-12.

It is for you to decide if you choose to believe in such visions into the future and the telling of things to come. Regardless of your chosen path, surely you must admit that it is an intriguing story with a whole lot of appeal to our heritage tourism visitors. I chose to tell the story and leave the conclusions to the listener.

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

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

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

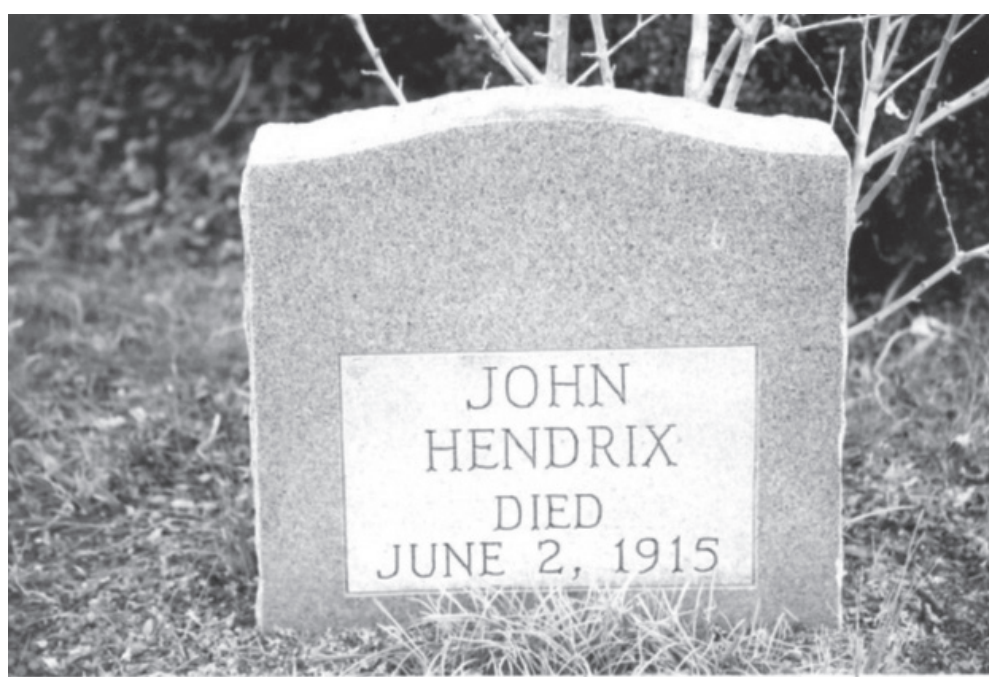
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Complex Historian and Vietnam Veteran.



Ed Westcott photo of early grave marker
(Photo Submitted)

county farm. John “dug out” and es-



Grave marked courtesy of 1966-67 Jefferson Junior High School students of Dorothy Bruce (Photo Submitted)

caped but was spotted by authorities. John shouted to them from outside the fence that the farm was an evil place and that within a month God would strike the building and burn it down. When lightning did strike and burn the building, some people began to fear him as a witch.

However, many of the things he said were not taken seriously by those who heard him talk about his special gift of visioning...at least not while he lived. Later they would remember and wonder at the accuracy of what he foretold.

By the way, the “county farm” known also as the “poor house” where John Hendrix was placed was located



MIA'S View From the Mountain: Always Look On The Bright Side

I heard that expression so many times this week, that I decided to see if the Merriam-Webster had a definition. Here is what is stated: —used to refer to the good part of something that is mostly bad

He lost the race, but on the bright side, he didn't get hurt.

Your cat is very sick right now, but try to look on the bright side. She can be treated with medicine.

From Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English

look on the bright side

to see the good points in a situation that seems to be bad.

I began to contemplate whether or not I have been looking for the "bright side" over these past nine weeks of this Pandemic. And it's not quite over yet. Though the number of new cases is considerably down in East Tennessee (and for that we can be grateful), yet there are still new cases reported every day. Also, have you seen the job reports? Unemployment is way up—too high—if you ask me. I think we all know that people need to get back to work and fortunately businesses are starting to open up in ETN. Also, we've all been nervous at some time in this crisis over a lack of certain supplies like hand sanitizer solution and tissue. I got upset last week when I read that Wendy's was starting to run out of meat—it reminded me of

their commercial a few years ago. Remember the funny lady's question: "Where's the beef?" And really we should be feeling better about a lot of things and striving to look on the bright side of things...

Think about it. Sure we've been through some difficult days, but it hasn't been all bad. For example—Gas has been cheap. I heard a man say a few weeks ago that he was getting about 3 weeks to the gallon. (That made me smile). It's true that retail has not done well. For example, clothing apparel sales is way down but it's not all bad—pajama sales are up 130%. Honestly—it is the new rave—it seems that some people change in the morning from their nighttime pajamas to their daytime pajamas. And guess what? We are all finally able to get hair appointments and that's a relief. Admit it—for some time we've all had bad hair days—really a bad hair year. But the positive side of it is that when we went out in public, since we were all wearing masks—nobody recognized us! Also, I admit I whined a bit early on about a lot of the situation. But the good news for me in recent weeks is that I've rediscovered some of the old shows of my youth like The Andy Griffith Show, Green Acres, and The Lone Ranger. Remember him, kemosabe? (By the way, he wore a mask too—yeah, the Lone Ranger was ahead of his time!)

Not having Church for so long as been a huge challenge. Even though our Church opened last week, we have not been able to

attend. I read this funny announcement on Facebook. ' Since they're allowing 500 people in Home Depot, were having church in the plumbing aisle this Sunday—bring your Bible! (So funny!). I have truly missed church! By that I mean gathering with my Church Family and enjoy-

ing one another's company. In many ways this has not been easy. But God has still been good and even this has not been all bad. We have been able to meet in worship on-line and zoom connect groups. I know it is not the same as when we physically gather but we have every reason to rejoice in these times on-line together.

"Always look on the Bright Side of Life" is a popular song written by Eric Idle that originally featured in the 1979 film Monty Python's Life of Brian and has gone on to become a common singalong at public events such as Football (soccer) matches. (In Europe). Here is one of the verses:

If life seems jolly rotten
There's something you've forgotten
And that's to laugh and smile and dance and sing
When you're feeling in the dumps
Don't be silly chumps
Just purse your lips and whistle, that's the thing
And
Always look on the bright side of life
(Come on)
Always look on the right side of life

One last thought: Our Faith teaches us not only to look for the right side of things, but the bright side of things. It calls for faith, not doubt. Hope, not despair. Love, and not hate. It calls for positive responses to negative circumstances. So as we complete these days of the Coronavirus crisis, may we practice the positive command of scripture: "Rejoice evermore" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). That's what helps you look for the bright side of things...

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ankit Patel has applied for a permit to sell beer OFF premises at the location known as:

Newport's Quality Oil
2470 Morgan County Hwy
Wartburg, TN 37887

Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the Morgan County Beer Board on the 28th day of May, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Office of the County Clerk.

Ahmed Hemani has applied for a permit to sell beer OFF premises at the location known as:

DD's Market
3124 Knoxville Hwy
Wartburg, TN 37887

Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the Morgan County Beer Board on the 28th day of May, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Office of the County Clerk.

Morgan County Highway Department – Accessible Toilet

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Sealed bids for will be received by Joe Miller, Road Superintendent, at his office located at 3519 Morgan County Hwy., Wartburg, TN 37887 for the Morgan County Highway Department Accessible Toilet Addition. Bids will be received until 10:00 AM Eastern, Thursday, May 21st, 2020, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Mailed bids should be addressed to PO Box 250 Wartburg, TN 37887.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM, Eastern Time, Wednesday, May 13th, 2020, 2020 at the project site, located at 3519 Morgan County Highway, Wartburg, Tennessee. General Contractor bidders should plan to have a representative present. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the Morgan County Highway Department.

Addenda will only be issued to Bidders / General Contractors who have registered with the Owner.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bidder's bond executed by the bidder and a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee, for the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid. In-lieu-of a bid bond a cashier's check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, made payable to the Owner, will be accepted. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the contract price, or other security such as letter of credit as described in Tennessee Code Annotated 12-4-201. Bonds must be accompanied by Power of Attorney.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the date set for the opening bid.

All bidders must be licensed contractors if and as required by Chapter 135 of Public Acts of 1945 of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, Section 1. Bidder's name and license number must be placed on the envelope containing his bid and bond.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive informalities therein.

The Bid Envelope Cover Sheet must be completely filled out. Any bids received with Bid Envelope Cover Sheet omissions will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Any Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened.

TIME FOR COMPLETION:

It is hereby understood and mutually agreed by and between the Contractor and the Owner that the date of beginning and the time for completion of the work to be done hereunder are essential conditions of the contract; and it is further mutually understood and agreed that the work embraced

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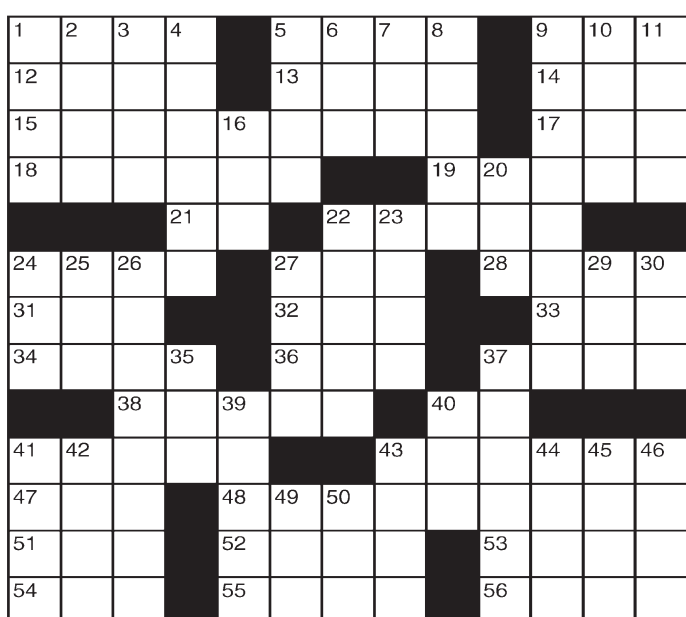
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Comes together
- 5 Sail support
- 9 Drenched
- 12 Met melody
- 13 From the beginning
- 14 Wall crawler
- 15 Voles
- 17 Back talk
- 18 Man's hat style
- 19 Confound
- 21 First word of "America"
- 22 Gotham City super-villain
- 24 Renown
- 27 Standard
- 28 Linger
- 31 Chicken-king link
- 32 Recede
- 33 Mongrel
- 34 Two-wheeler
- 36 Ph. bk. listings
- 37 Relinquish
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- 51 Tolkien ogre



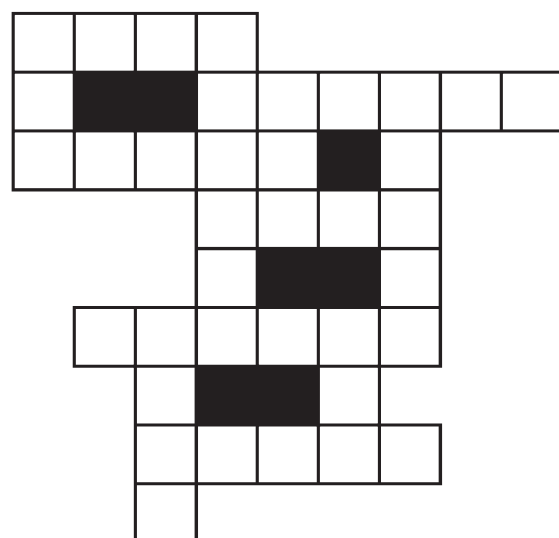
- 52 Beige
 - 53 North Sea feeder
 - 54 Buck's mate
 - 55 Deli loaves
 - 56 Reps.' rivals
- DOWN**
- 1 Handled hook
 - 2 Great Lake
 - 3 Told a whopper
 - 4 Biblical dancer
 - 5 One of the Three Bears
 - 6 Blackbird
 - 7 Moment
 - 8 Make slight alterations
 - 9 Grain also called water oats
 - 10 Satan's forte
 - 11 Work at the keyboard
 - 16 Parched
 - 20 Society newbie
 - 22 Frilly blouse accessory
 - 23 Spheres
 - 24 "Great!"
 - 25 Clay, today
 - 26 "Stop fighting"
 - 27 Teller's partner
 - 29 Flop
 - 30 Before
 - 35 Leading lady?
 - 37 Not straight
 - 39 "Wabbit" hunter
 - 40 — tai
 - 41 Walk wearily
 - 42 Prefix re planes
 - 43 Flightless flock
 - 44 — E. Coyote
 - 45 Warhead weapon, briefly
 - 46 The Bee —
 - 49 Unfriendly
 - 50 Exist

FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- PKI
- ROBIAS
- ♥CPKSE
- OILK
- ♥KOSERT
- ♥OSD
- ♥ATRS
- KERBO
- KSI
- CRETKI
- ♥PDATE
- ♥ITDE



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

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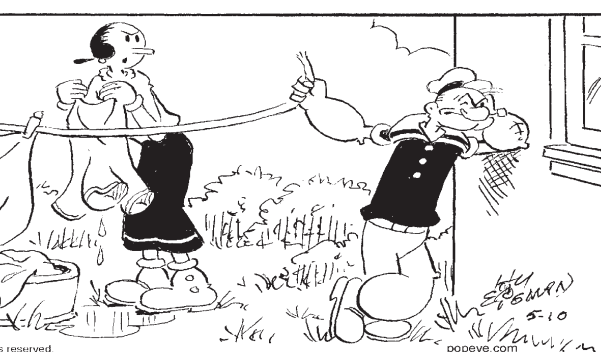
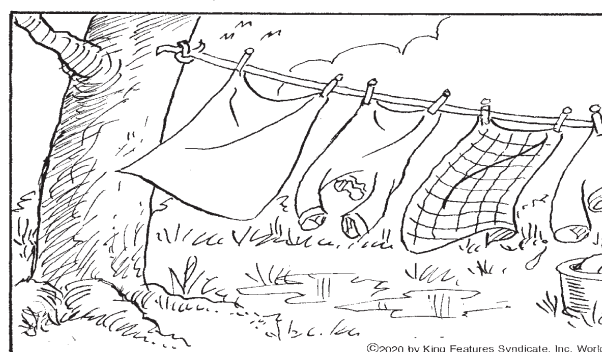
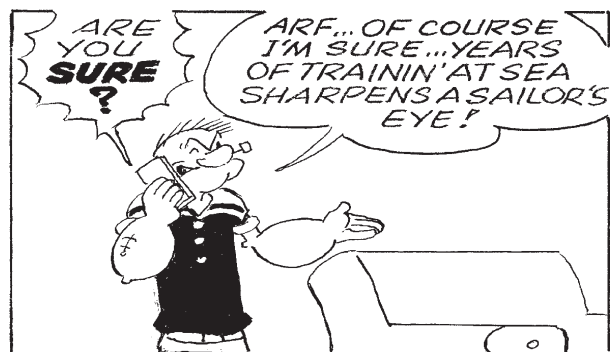
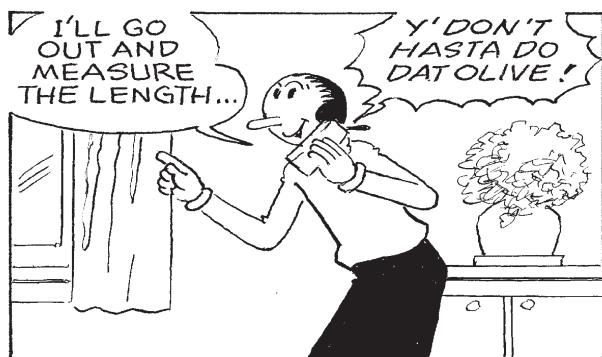
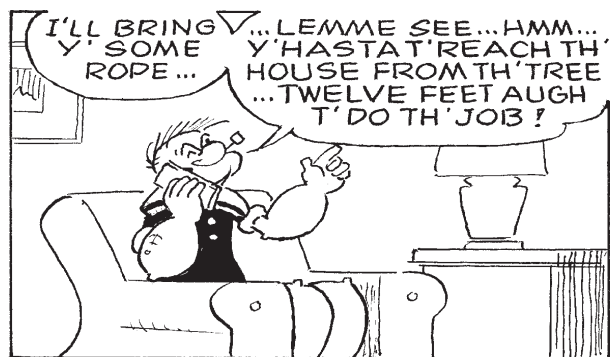
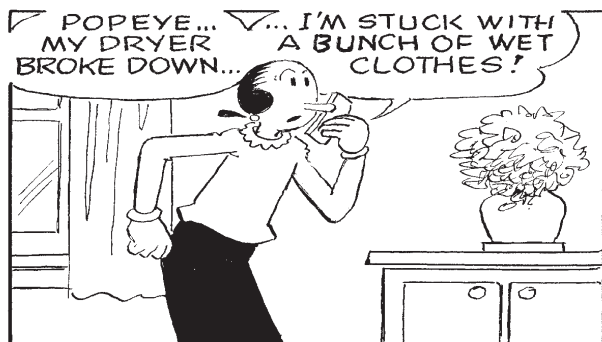
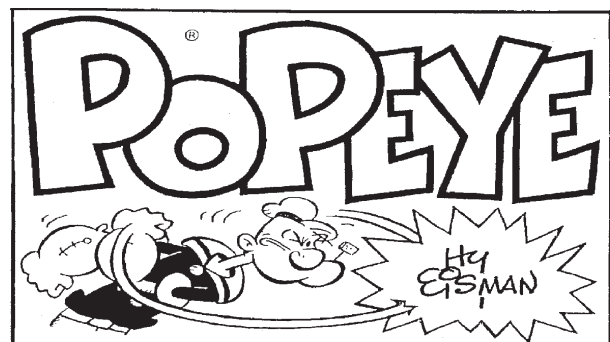
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Marvel not that I
said unto thee,
Ye must be born again.

John 3:7

- Jesus

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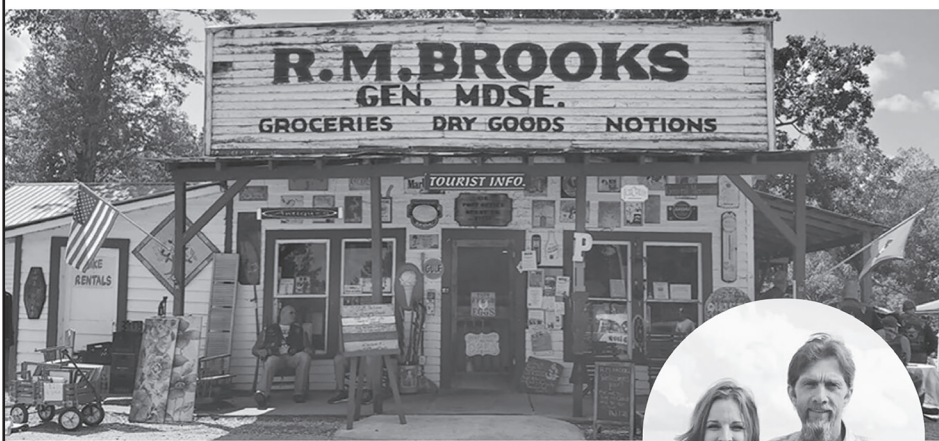
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Morgan County Highway Department will be taking bids for a gas and diesel fuel system to be installed at 3519 Morgan County Highway in Wartburg. System specifications and bid packages are available at the Highway Department located at 3519 Morgan County Highway Wartburg, TN 37887. All bids must be equal to or greater than specifications set forth by Morgan County Highway Department.

Bid opening will be at the Morgan County Highway Department – 3519 Morgan County Highway Wartburg, TN 37887 at 10:00am on May 18, 2020. Mail bids to the Morgan County Highway Department at P.O. Box 250 Wartburg, TN 37887 or hand deliver to our office at 3519 Morgan County Highway Wartburg, TN. **(Fuel System Bid)** must be printed on the outside of the envelope. The Morgan County Highway Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Morgan County Highway Department is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate. Any questions please call us at 423-346-6661.

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When I first heard about Covid and things began to change, I never thought it would last this long or that things would change as much as they have. I am sure many of you didn't either. I don't know if things will ever be as they were and I have no idea when we might start to experience the new normal.

A couple of summertime traditions have been cancelled for this year. There will be no Deer Lodge 4th of July Parade and there will be no fireworks in Kingston. Hopefully families will be able to spend time together and start new traditions.

This is the last week for food distribution on Morgan County School Buses. Thursday, May 21 will be the last day. Thank you to Morgan County Food and Nutrition Supervisor, Peggy Hamby, for making sure Morgan County children were provided with food. Thank you to the cafeteria workers who have really worked hard preparing and packaging the food. Thank you to the bus drivers and the volunteers who have ridden the buses. I have to say I am going to miss seeing the children along the bus route I have been on.

Congratulations to Cindy Tilson and Maude Townsend who were both honored by having the 2020 EAGLE dedicated to them. Unfortunately, the annual yearbook dedication program that is held at Oakdale School couldn't happen this year. Both of these women are very deserving of this honor for their dedication to the students of Oakdale School.

Oakdale Public Library remains closed to the public but the librarians are willing to deliver books curbside if you contact them. You can message the library on Facebook or call 369-2595 on Monday or Wednesday afternoons or Tuesday mornings.

Keep Morgan County Beautiful is sponsoring an Anti-Litter Poster Contest. Any school aged child can enter. Simply create a poster/flyer with an anti-litter message, take a picture and send it in through Facebook messenger or e-mail it to kristiseay21@gmail.com. The winner will be rewarded with a basket of outdoor activities and games. For more information or if you have questions, call (423) 346-0196. The contest ends June 5, 2020.

Morgan County will have a general election on August 6 and the Presidential Election on November 3. If you would like to vote in either of these elections and are not registered, have moved or have married and have a name change, contact the Morgan County Election Commission. The deadline to register for the August Election is July 7. The deadline for absentee voting is July 30. All registered voters age 60 and above can absentee vote. Voters need to call the Election Commission Office and ask for an application for ballot. Once that is filled out and returned, they will be sent a paper ballot. The phone number for the Election Commission office is (423) 346-3190.

Jeremiah Johnson is now giving horse riding lessons at a Wartburg Stable. Cost is \$25 for 30 minutes and all items are supplied. Appointments can be made by contacting Jeremiah on Facebook or at 423-223-6520.

Melinda Massey and her daughters hosted a Mother's Day cookout for Fayette Helton and Irene Helton. Fayette's daughters Velma Human and Melinda Massey and her sons Bunt Helton and Keith Helton were able to be there as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Everyone had a nice afternoon and those who couldn't be there were

missed.

Bradley and Tammy Rogers enjoyed having family with them for Mother's Day. They cooked for Bradley's mom, Carol Rogers, Tammy's parents, Danny and Sue Redmon and their daughter, Natalie Rogers.

Barbara Holder enjoyed her Mother's Day with an early day lunch at Aubrey's with her daughter, Debbie Holder. Her son, Kenny Holder came that afternoon to visit with her and Phil Holder. Pastor Matt Ward from Wartburg First Baptist Church also stopped by with a lovely gift. Earlier in the week, she had breakfast out with Debbie and her great granddaughter, Baylee. She was presented with moss roses and entertained with a fashion show. Barbara enjoyed the visits and calls.

Fabian Stanley Horton of Rockwood passed away Tuesday, May 5. In addition to his wife, his parents, his siblings, children and grandchildren, he is survived by his uncle and aunt, Bobby and June Horton and their family of Pine Orchard. Services were held Friday, May 8.

Mrs. Beulah Clark of Harriman passed away Saturday, May 9. She is survived by her sons and daughter in laws Gerald and Kim Clark of the White Oak Community and Ronnie and Leasha Clark of Harriman. She is also survived by six grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, several siblings and a host of other friends and family members. Visitation and the funeral were held Tuesday, May 12 at Liberty Baptist Church in Kingston. Interment was on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Julie Cromwell passed away Sunday, May 10. Julie was well known in Oakdale for craft making, quilting, sewing and crocheting. She participated in the annual Oakdale Christmas Craft Fair and the Pine Orchard Fair for many years. Julia was very active with the Morgan County Genealogical and Historical Society. She is survived by her son and daughter in law, Jay and Julieann Crom-

well and their son Kaden. She is also survived by her granddaughter Alicia Jarrell, great grandchildren Emerson and Cannon, her son in law, Dennis Galloway and several siblings and other family members. Julie had many, many friends and she will be missed.

"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you are given a test that teaches a lesson." Tom Bodett

Morgan County Today Community Calendar

SUNBRIGHT CITY COUNCIL
MAY 19TH, 6:30 PM, @
SUNBRIGHT CITY HALL

The COUNTY BUILDINGS Committee will meet on Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 6:00 in the 3rd floor Conference Room.

The Sunbright Alumni Banquet scheduled for Memorial Day weekend has been Postponed. At this time the officers are looking at possible dates in the fall and will make a decision in the coming months. Please stay safe during these times.

First Baptist Church of Wartburg "Virtual" Bible School (VBS) Come join us on a new fun-filled adventure through God's Word! June 22nd - June 26th FBC Wartburg will host a "Virtual" Bible School. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday of VBS week, we will deliver Bible Lessons, Crafts, Games & Snack to your home! Each night at 6pm, we will live stream from our Facebook page and our website your Bible lesson for that evening! We hope you will join us for this unique VBS! Registration is required and can be filled out on our website at www.fbcwartburg.org. The deadline to register for VBS is June 15th, so don't delay! For more information, please contact the church office at 423-346-3550, First Baptist Church Wartburg on Facebook, or our website!

Jesus Prayed

Though Jesus prayed many times while on the earth; the Holy Spirit reveals to us only a few of His actual prayers. Jesus at the request of his disciples taught them a respectful method of approaching God the Father in prayer. He never commanded that people recite this model prayer from that day forward and forever. To do so is vain repetition (Matt. 6:7).

The Lord's prayer (John 17) reveals his imminent glorified resurrection from the dead, which is the hope of every God believing soul on earth today, but can only be realized by those who submit to the new birth, immersion in water by God's instruction by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-5). It goes without saying that this being born again is only applicable to those who have sinned, gone astray from the innocent state of little children and who truly believe God and are willing to (symbolically) duplicate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (I Cor. 15:1-4, Rom. 6:3-5, Mark 16:16). The commands of Jesus will still be the same on that great Judgment Day.

Here is the Lord's Prayer: John 17:1-26 "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine: and I am glorified in them.

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone (the apostles), but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am (in Heaven); that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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MSG Fred Mize
Our lives as born-again Christian aren't meant to be lived in fear but in freedom. We are freed from the wages of sin and death's sting. Jesus Christ freed us from our sins and we should free ourselves from the pain of our sins that have already been long forgiven. The below song lyrics are from my favorite Christian music artist, Crowder. On August 3, 2019 Crowder put on a live concert at Brushy Mountain. You may have seen and heard him there. I only wish I had been able to as well because I thought Brushy Mountain was the perfect venue for him to sing his songs *Crushing Snakes* and *Forgiven*. Although I believe Crowder is a great

Crushing Snakes

By: MSG. Fred Mize

Christian musical artist know that the power behind his music would be nothing if Jesus Christ had not lived the life and die the death he did. Let's walk freely out of our prison cells and never look back because Jesus Christ has paid our ransom, He has opened our cell doors and thrown away the locks. He has crushed the snake, Amen!
We learn the meaning of this in Genesis 3, particularly in Genesis 3:14-15 which reads, 14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Crushing Snakes

We're not afraid
Terrors of night, arrows that fly by day
Ten thousand may fall but we
We will remain
We're not afraid
A promise of God can never be torn away
Walking on hands of angels, crushing snakes
Safe under the shadow of His wings
Our fortress and our strength
Our fortress
We're taking back our freedom
Our battle has been won
We have been liberated
Back from the dead

we've come
We're taking back our freedom
Our battle has been won
We have been liberated
Back from the dead we've come



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Walking on hands of angels, crushing snakes
Safe under the shadow of His wings
Our fortress and our strength
Our fortress

We're taking back our freedom
Our battle has been won
We have been liberated
Back from the dead we've come
Do you see Him, King of Heaven
Champion of all creation?
Eyes of fire, voice of thunder
Tearing through the sky in wonder
Dressed in light, we see Him coming
On a horse that's white like lightning
Do you see Him?
Do you see Him, King of Heaven
Champion of all creation?
Eyes of fire, voice of thunder
Tearing through the sky in wonder
Dressed in light, we see Him coming
On a horse that's white like lightning
Do you see Him?
Do you see Him?
Do you see Him, King of Heaven
Champion of all creation?

Eyes of fire, voice of thunder
Tearing through the sky in wonder
(Raising through the sky)
Dressed in light, we see Him coming
(Breaking through the thunder)
On a horse that's white like lightning
Do you see Him?
Do you see Him?
We're taking back our freedom
Our battle has been won
We have been liberated
Back from the dead we've come
We're taking back our freedom
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Back from the dead we've come
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Back from the dead we've come
We've come, we've come
We've come, we've come

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Don't Be A Zombie: Discover Your Passion and Purpose Part 2

You should discover your passion for whatever brings you the most happiness in life—and you need to do this before you start interviewing for a job. If you are not passionate about your career, you will become bored, miserable, and will hate your life. I understand you may need to take an entry-level job to work your way up the ladder, but the ladder should lead to your dream job. I think one of the best career counselors and coaches in America is Dan Miller. Dan has written one of the best job books out there called, *48 Days to the Work You Love*. In this book, the underlying theme is your “vacation needs to be your vocation”. The time is now to discover what you want to do with your life. If you are going to the interview just because you see a good job opportunity—but you know you would hate this particular job day in and day out—then don't go to the interview. I don't care how much money you think you are going to make, eventually you will burn yourself out and be looking for another

job. Then you will read this book again to refresh your memory about successful interviewing. Find your passion in life and once you do it will lead you to happiness and financial peace. For years, I read many self-help books on trying to discover my passion in life. What was my calling? What could I do that would bring me the most joy? I grew very unhappy in my job as the years progressed. I would search for answers from friends, relatives, books, TV, prayer, self-help articles, etc. No mat-

I've learned by talking to many people that David is an exception to the rule, rather than reality. Most people whom I have interacted with don't like their day job. Most of them say the same cliché statements: “It pays the bills.” “I am just glad I have a job.” “I don't really like it, but there's nothing else out there.” “This is all I know how to do.” I don't like my job, but I have no choice.”



Zack Ballinger



I know these statements very well. In fact, I've recited them to everyone I knew and even to random strangers.

Zack graduated from Wartburg Central High School in

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

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

ter how much time I invested reading, soul-searching, pondering, studying, and meditating, the answer never came and it seemed like all hope was lost. I kept praying and begging God to let something hit me like a ton of bricks to alert me to my calling for life. Days, weeks, months, and years passed. I looked up and it had been eight years since meeting with David. Nothing had changed in my life. I was still stuck in the same industry with a job I really didn't like. I was making a decent living, but dreaded work. I never had my “aha!” moment. I grew more depressed each day, but I never gave up. I continued to wait for my moment.

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Morgan County Highway Department will receive sealed annual bids for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Products must meet all state specifications and be able to comply with all state regulations. **ANNUAL BID** must be printed on the outside of the envelope on bid. More information can be obtained from the Highway Department office at 3519 Morgan County Highway Wartburg, TN from 7am-5pm, Monday through Thursday. You may also contact us by phone at 423-346-6661.

Sealed bids will be publicly opened on June 18, 2020 at 10am on the following categories:

- Asphalt-Hot Mix
- Emulsified Asphalt
- Corrugated Metal Pipe
- Crushed Stone
- Road Striping
- Salt

The Morgan County Highway Department reserved the right to reject any and all bids.

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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.



Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

This week's Morgan County Today, veteran of the week is James R. Mathis. He enlisted into the United States Air Force in October 1984 and trained as an Electronic Cryptographic Communications Equipment Specialist at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.



Upon completion of his training he was assigned to the 2164th Communications Squadron RAF in Bentwaters, UK where he performed maintenance on highly complex US and NATO cryptographic equipment which provided secure voice and record communication for the 81st TFW.

Once James completed his first assignment he then served in; the 3380th Avionic Maintenance Squadron at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS, the 2146th Communications Group in Osan AB, Korea, the 77th Communications Squadron at McClellan AFB in California, the AFELM Detachment at Vandenberg AFB in California, and he finished his military career assigned to the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

While assigned to the Pentagon James was a member of a selectively staffed organization that reported directly to the Secretary of the Air Force. James led an eleven-person team that was responsible for operations and maintenance of the NRO HQ 9,000 sq. ft, secure communications-computer facility.

Some of the highlights of James' Air Force career included being chosen to support the State Department's

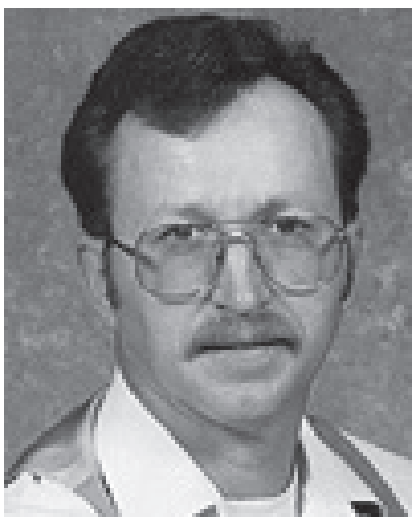
Special Intelligence Program which directly supported the Secretary of State, Colin Powell at "The Summit of Americas" in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada in April 2001. James also deployed International Maritime Satellite Services, Worldwide Remote Electronic-mail Systems and additional secure communication systems in



support of the Secretary and the State Departments Intelligence and Research Unit. James retired from the Air Force in November 2004 with twenty years of service at the rank of TSgt. TSgt James R. Mathis, Morgan County Today is proud to honor you for your service to our wonderful county and beloved country. We are forever thank-

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Wartburg Family Medical Center



In honor of National Police Week, Morgan County Today is honoring Correctional Officer Wayne Thomas "Cotton" Morgan and Captain Ralph Braden as this week's law enforcement officers of the week.

On August 9, 2005 Officer Morgan and his partner were loading prisoners into a transport van after a court appearance, when the wife of one of the inmates drove up and opened fire with a shotgun, striking Officer Morgan in the abdomen. Officer Morgan's partner returned fire as the escaping prisoner climbed inside his wife's vehicle.

The women and her inmate husband, fled the scene in the vehicle but switched cars a short distance away. They were apprehended the next day in Ohio.

Officer Morgan was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and had served with the Tennessee Department of Correction for twenty-eight years.

Captain Ralph Braden paid the ultimate sacrifice on May 2, 2011 due to his bold actions while upholding justice on April 22, 2011.

All who had the grand pleasure to know Captain Ralph Braden will forever remember a man who was dedicated in ensuring justice and safety to all under his watch. Captain Braden epitomized loyalty to his department and community while serving with the Wartburg Police Department for twenty-two years.



Morgan County Today, will never forget these two noble officers who gave their all in service to their communities while protecting others.

Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week is an observance in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and federal peace officers who have died, or who have been disabled, in the line of duty. This year it was celebrated from 10-16 May 2020.

Reasons Your Stimulus May Be Different Than Expected



David Zubler

Some people may receive a stimulus amount different than they expected. Payment amounts vary based on income, filing status and the number of dependents who qualify for additional stimulus.

Only children eligible for the Child Tax Credit qualify for the additional payment of up to \$500 per child. The child must also be under the age of 17 at the end of the year for the tax return on which the IRS bases the payment determination.

A qualifying child must have a valid Social Security number (SSN) or an Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number (ATIN). Parents who are not married to each other and do not file a joint return cannot both claim their qualifying child as a dependent. The parent who claimed their child on their 2019 return may have received an additional \$500 for their qualifying child. When the parent who did not receive an additional payment files their 2020 tax return next year, they may be able to claim up to an additional \$500 per-child amount on that return if they qualify to claim the child as

their qualifying child for 2020.

If the IRS has not yet processed your 2019 return it will use the 2018 return information to calculate your stimulus. Remember, the IRS accepting a tax return electronically is different than completing processing; any issues with the 2019 return mean the IRS would've used the 2018 filing. The 2018 return may have higher or lower income and would not include the birth or adoption of a child in 2019.

In many cases, however, these taxpayers may be able to claim an additional amount on the 2020 tax return when they file next year. This could include up to an additional \$500 for each qualifying child not reflected in their stimulus. The stimulus is offset only by past-due child support. The Bureau of the Fiscal Service will send the taxpayer a notice if an offset occurs. For taxpayers who are married filing jointly and filed an injured spouse claim with their tax return, half of the total payment will be sent to each spouse. Only the payment of the spouse who owes past-due child support should be offset.

If you filed an injured spouse claim with your return and are impacted by this issue, you do not need to take any action. The injured spouse will receive their unpaid half of the total payment when the issue is resolved.

The stimulus is not protected from garnishment by creditors by federal law once the proceeds are deposited into a taxpayer's bank account.

In many instances, eligible taxpayers who received a smaller-than-expected stimulus may qualify to receive an additional amount early next year when they file their 2020 federal income tax return.

The stimulus is technically an advance payment of a new temporary tax credit that eligible taxpayers can claim on their 2020 return. Everyone should keep the letter they receive by mail within a few weeks after their payment is issued.

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