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TUE MAY 5	74°/44°	
WED MAY 6	55°/38°	
THU MAY 7	64°/46°	
FRI MAY 8	56°/37°	
SAT MAY 9	57°/34°	
SUN MAY 10	66°/45°	
MON MAY 11	65°/42°	

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tend to stay full of locals. Angie's restaurant is certainly the loved restaurant for many Morgan County residence. At Angie's patrons are treated as family and that is often more important than the food being served, especially in times of social distancing. I must say myself that it was wonderful to walk into Angie's and be welcomed by their kind staff member Monica welcoming me back by calling me by name.



Veteran of the Week
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Since March safety precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have changed many aspects of our lives. Everything from; the directions we walk down isles of stores, not being able to sit down and eat in restaurants, not being able to get our haircuts at barbershops or beauty salons, schools being closed and no formal graduation ceremonies, church services not being held in traditional ways, no more public hugs or handshakes, no more sporting events, no more family time spent at theaters or parks, malls and other big box stores closed, we must keep six feet apart wash our hands like never before and sadly nursing homes are closed to visitors.

Many if not all of the above activities of our daily lives were taken for granted prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. Like most things in our lives aren't fully appreciated until they're taken away. Hopefully we've all gained a newfound appreciation for the changes we've made in our lives and we will hold the little things in our lives much closer to our hearts in the future.

On Friday, May 1, 2020 some of the safety precautions were lifted and we were able to once again sit down and enjoy meals at our favorite restaurants with our friends and family. Although restaurant patrons had to sit at ever other table and remain six feet apart while in lines, and each table could have no more than six patrons. It was still an exciting and joyful moment to take part in once again.

Dustin Bonham the Pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Wartburg chose to enjoy a meal at Angie's with friends on May 1, 2020. Pastor Bonham, stated, "It's wonderful to sit down with friends and enjoy a meal together once again."

Charles Shadden, enjoyed his meal with a smile on his face and said, "It's great to be back at Angie's."

One thing I've learned over the past couple of months is that small town restaurants, barber-shops, businesses, and churches may be small in stature but all play HUGE rolls in our lives. These places are were moments are celebrated, news is shared, relationships are made, and



God is praised.

Someday we will look back and talk about the current COVID-19 restrictions much like those who lived through the blizzard of 93' reminisce on that mighty blizzard from time to time. Let's find the good in social distancing meaning that it won't last forever and absence makes the heart grow fonder. Once these restrictions are fully lifted visit those in nursing homes. Let them know they were missed and are loved. Enjoy time with your family's at parks, playgrounds, sporting events, and theaters. Enjoy a fresh hair cut at your favorite barber shop or salon. Praise God like never before with your church brethren.

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Edwin Allen Farmer, Jr., 69

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



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

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

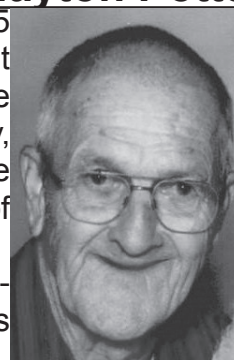
He is survived by his ex-wife, Janice Kay Lowe Farmer; significant other, Brenda Beck; children, Jeanine and Daniel Jones, Tobey Farmer and Rhonda, Roxanne Farmer, Rachel Farmer, Timothy Farmer, Sarah Farmer, Gwin Beck and Christine Beck; 15 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; sisters, Deborah Daugherty,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

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

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

Clayton Potter, 85

Clayton Potter, age 85 of Lancing, TN went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 in the Life Care Center of Morgan County.



Clayton is preceded in death by his loving wife of 42 years, Sabra Potter.

He is survived by a host of children, grandchildren and extended family including sister, Wilva Nelson.

Clayton was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Lancing and truly loved the lord and his church family. He also enjoyed raising a garden and

sharing his produce with others.

The family would like to thank Life Care Center of Morgan County for their care. A special thank you for the love and extended care to Clayton and his wife Sabra by their dear friend, neighbor and landlord, Janet Aulidge.

The family will have a graveside service Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at Potters Chapel Cemetery in Lancing with Rev. Bill Durham officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Clayton Potter.

Jennifer Rose Bunch, 42

Jennifer Rose Bunch, age 42 of Wartburg, TN passed suddenly on April 29, 2020.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Rose Ann Human; grandmother, Reba Wilson; grandmother, Bobby Jean Bunch; grandfather, Dillard "Cline" Bunch and aunt, Frankie Cuthbert.

Jennifer is survived by her sons, Johnny Bunch, Jameson King; father, James "Jimmy" Bunch and wife, Sherry; brother, James Bunch; niece, Bethany; sister, Melissa "Leanne" Laymance; husband, Randel Laymance; step-sisters, Savannah Hawn and Tiffany Wilson; special friend, Joanna McPeters and a host of extended family, friends and cats.

Jennifer would like to let you know that her work here is done. She received an offer you

can't refuse, for an appointment from which she will not be returning. This assignment comes with a huge sign-on bonus, a reunion with family and friends she has not seen in a long time. Her new mission takes her to a wonderful place where she will be socializing, dancing, and singing to her hearts content. Music, laughter, and love are guaranteed. Food is delicious and you never gain an ounce.

The family will receive friends Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg with a graveside to follow at Montgomery Cemetery in Lancing with Bro. Jerry Robbins officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Jennifer Rose Bunch.

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MIA'S View From the Mountain:

THINGS LEARNED FROM AN OLD SEA CAPTAIN



Have you ever planned out your day, week, month or even year to not have one thing go the way you planned for them? I certainly have, in fact, I had great plans when this Coronavirus Pandemic took over. For a while I was sure the pandemic would end in a week or two. Then as it lingered and self quarantine went into place, all my plans had to take a drastic turn and different planning went into place. I now look forward to the "new normal" and wonder what that will look like. The more people you discuss the pandemic with you hear so many different thoughts, so many different opinions. Then the news, talk about confusion, wear mask, no don't wear a mask, on and on. The Bible states in Isaiah the following:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

A Pastor in Florida who pastors a church we used to attend printed this story. (Author Unknown). This to me is great advice.

The story is told about an old sea captain named Eleazar Hall who lived years ago in Bedford, Massachusetts during the era of great sailing ships. He was a highly revered local legend as a sea captain. He worked tirelessly

and caught fish more successfully than anyone else in the area. He would stay out at sea for long periods of time without any navigational equipment to guide his vessel. When asked how he could do so, he would say, "Oh, I go up on the deck and listen to the wind and the rigging. I get the drift of the sea, look up at the stars, and then set my course."

Well, over time, things changed in Bedford. The large insurance companies said they would no longer insure the ships if the captains did not have a certified and properly trained navigator on board. Many wondered what Eleazar would do. But to everyone's surprise he simply said, "If I must, I will go and take the navigational courses and get certified myself."

Well, Eleazar completed the courses successfully and then took off to sea immediately. After a lengthy time at sea, he finally returned with a great catch. People gathered around the dock on his return and asked how it went navigating with all the charts and equations. Then came his answer—

Eleazar sat down, took a deep breath, and said, "Oh, it was simple. Whenever I wanted to know my location, I would go to my cabin, get out the charts and tables, work the equation and set my course with scientific precision. Then I would go up on the deck, listen to the wind and

rigging, get the drift of the sea, look at the stars, and then go back to the cabin and correct the errors I made in my computation."

Learn a lesson from the sea captain. There's nothing wrong with studying your situation and making plans according to your best calculation. But we must all learn the value of coming up on the deck, opening God's word and listening to the still, small voice of God in your heart giving direction to your life. Only then can you go back below and make adjustments to all those finely studied logical plans which you have drawn up for your life. This is the only way we can be obedient to the scripture which teaches: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

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

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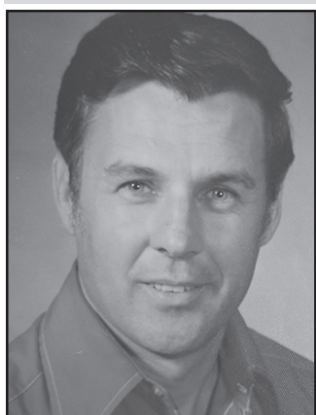
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Let's not Forget about These in Nursing Homes



Tom Redmon
Columnist

I know that we are in the middle of this Coronavirus pandemic and most of us are tired

of this lockdown. You might have a hard time trying to understand why I am writing an article like this one. I hope you to do is to visit someone in worse shape than you are. You can find them in nursing homes. But if you find it hard to go into nursing homes then visit those on the sick and shut in list in your church or community. I visited a lot of people here and in Florida and I've never been turned away or had a door slammed in my face.

People like Shorty Spears might be rare but we all need to reconsider our stances on nursing homes and the elderly. Many of us are at

at the end of the month. The man said "no that won't do, that way you would visit me only once a month, I want you to visit me four times a month."

This story tells me that residents at nursing home really want and relish visitors. I have had people to beg me to come back to see them. Now when I visit one of these people, I come away getting blessed more perhaps than they do.

I would like to mention some people who have

They sang and bright the good news how Jesus loves them.

Deer Lodge Baptist Church has had a ministry there as have a lot of churches in the community.

What I love to see is sons and daughters visiting their mother or father on a regular basis. Many of us hate to see our parents being put into a nursing home, but the best thing we can do for them is visit and make sure they are being taken care of.

One home that I went to in Florida had some of the saddest people that I have ever seen. It almost brought tears to my eyes to see them. But they really needed someone who cared for them so we kept visiting them. Don Pratt who played the keyboard and when we went to the home, said to me onetime, "Tom this is the land of forgotten people." Along with that line and a lady named Annie Babston who was a nighty seven-year-old. She always said to us on our visit that her children never come to see her.

I wrote a song, titled "God Still Loves these Forgotten People." Here is a little of the song.

Today I went to see a sweet old lady and I noticed the teardrops in her eyes. For she said my children never come to see me. It's enough to make a person want to cry. She said my children never come to see me. And life just passes me by. But God still loves these forgotten people. He can take the teardrops from their eyes.

The rest you can hear on my CD by the title, "God Still Loves His Forgotten People".

It is so sad but so true.

Our Greatest Generation is almost gone. Our WWII veterans are either deceased or are in their 90's. Korean War veterans are also going fast and are now in their middle or upper 80's. Vietnam War veterans are in their late 60's or early 70's. Lets honor them by reaching out to them whether in a nursing home or at home. I'm sure every one of you out there knows someone who is in worse shape than you are. Bring the smiles back on their faces and let them know that you care.

God bless you all. Pray for our service men and our country and all those in nursing homes.



the doorsteps now and sooner or later we'll have loved ones or relatives there.

A church I went to in Florida asked people to volunteer and sign up for ministries. The two ministries that had the fewest volunteers were the nursing home and jail ministries. Jesus said in Matthew 25:36, "I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." We must remember that those are God's people Jesus goes on to say in Matthew 25:40 and the King shall answer and say unto them, "verily I say unto you. In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." The least of these could be that ninety-year-old woman or eighty-eight-year-old man lying there in the nursing home. To the world he or she might not be worth much but to God they are his precious children.

Billy Glen Kennedy at Schuberts Funeral Home told me a story I would like to relate to you. He had done a funeral for this elderly man who had lost his wife. This man was in the nursing home and he told Billy Glen that he couldn't pay all of his bill up front and he wanted to know if he could pay him on hundred dollars a month, and Billy Glen agreed. The man told him to come up to the nursing home once a week and he would give him a check for twenty-five dollars. After visiting him a couple of times Billy Glen told him it might be easier for him to write a hundred-dollar check

ministered at the Life Care Center. The first one is Roy Freels. Roy has been going to this nursing home for twenty-five years. On Monday's at 10:00 AM he is there with a group of other singers. Over the years this has changed but not for Roy. He told me it has been a blessing to see the folks smile and worship the Lord. He also has ministered at other nursing homes in Harriman, Clinton and Oak Ridge.

Louis Redmon, my brother is the quite one in our family, but he has reached out to help a lot of people with some of them being at the Live Care Center. In spite of having volunteered at his church for many things that take a lot of his time, and in spite of his two great hobbies; bluebirds and motorcycle he always finds time to visit folks in needs. Two people at the nursing home he like to visit and do things for, was Joe Walls and Donnie (Mouse) Shadden. Joe Walls had a lot of friends, but he told me that Louis was the best friend he ever had.

Herbert my other brother would catch the crap-pie down at Watts Bar; Louis would cook them and take them up to Joe. He built a bluebird box, set it up outside Joe's window and kept food in it so Joe could have something to look forward too. Louis was one who wants no praise for helping people. I hope he doesn't mind me putting this in the paper.

Meadow View Church where Ralph Nance is pastor has been going to the Life Care Center for some time.

of this lockdown. You might have a hard time trying to understand why I am writing an article like this one. I hope you will try to understand as you read this complete story.

If you are tired of sitting at home, and most of us are, then I want you to think about a group of people who are worse off. Just think about those poor people sitting in nursing homes who are not only locked in but are forbidden to have visitors. I know an elderly lady who has two sons and a daughter, who before this pandemic went to see their mother in the nursing home on a regular schedule. Now she sits there day after day praying that maybe today, she will see her children. I know that children understand why the homes are on a lockdown, but what about their 90 plus year old mother? My heart goes out to all those residents all over the country. Maybe they wont die from the Coronavirus but what about a broken heart.

We should not forget our folks in assistant living and nursing homes. A few months ago, I wrote an article about a well-known Morgan County business man who loved to go into nursing homes, he said that the best thing to happen in Morgan County and Wartburg was when the Life Care Center decided to build a home here. He could hardly wait until they finished it. No, Arlen (Shorty) Spears left his place of business about everyday when the building was going up, and he was one of the first visitors when it opened. Over the years shorty not only visited folks in Life Care but he offered to go get things in town they wanted. He never charged them a penny. He cut men's hair and repaired their wheelchairs. He helped to get them to activities and he brought their mail to them almost every day. Shorty did much more. As far as reaching out and helping people in Morgan County I would put Arlen (Shorty) Spears right next to Wayne Solomon.

The Reverent Billy Graham said in one of his writings that if you are lonely and down the best thing for

Historically Speaking

Oak Ridge Gates – More than seven; Pre Manhattan Project Communities – more than four

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

As is usually the case when Historically Speaking runs each week, I get feedback almost immediately. Often it comes politely and earnestly from someone who knows more about some particular aspect of our history than I do. They are kind when they tell me there is more to the story than I included and proceed to give me their personal perspective of the current article's subject matter. I sincerely appreciate these conversations as I always learn more about our Oak Ridge history from individuals who lived it rather than just attempt to capture it second hand and put it in writing.

However, on occasion the feedback is sometimes more direct and precise. When the feedback starts out with "Your story had this or that wrong!" I prepare to listen keenly and get a pencil and paper ready. This is when I truly learn the most about our history and I never fail to get good material for a future article. These conversations are greatly appreciated as well.

One such instance of feedback came recently regarding the article on how Oak Ridge was selected. Bill Sergeant called to tell me that the story of Wednesday, July 5, 2006, in which I had included a comment by Robert Dunbar where he stated that the Blair Gate was named for a Colonel Blair, was just absolutely wrong. Bill can express himself succinctly

and without hesitation, as you surely realize if you know Bill. He is a wonderful friend and I respect his knowledge and experience, so as soon as I heard his message on the answering machine, I got my pen and paper ready and called him immediately. I knew a story was forthcoming!

Bill had already checked the military records to determine exactly when Colonel Blair was in Oak Ridge and when he left. It seems Colonel Blair was only here a very short time. He came in January 1943 and stayed only until August 1943. So he was gone well before the "Blair Road Gate" was named likely in early 1949 when the primary road gates to the city were opened. So, Bill expressed wonder at why Robert Dunbar would have thought that Colonel Blair had anything to do with one of the gates. Additionally, Bill described the changes that occurred at the Poplar Creek Gate when its location was moved and its name was changed to the Blair Gate.

As Bill continued to tell me the story in more exact detail, I found the story expanding to include other interesting facts about the original seven gates as well as the one in question (there were actually at least two more gates). But first let's complete the story about Poplar Creek Gate – one of the original seven – and its transition to Blair Gate.

According to Bill, it was during the transition period in late 1948 and early 1949 when the decision was made to open the primary routes into the city that the Poplar Creek Gate was moved from the above location (on Blair Road where it crosses Poplar Creek) to a more distant location at the Blair junction with the Harriman and Oliver Springs highway at the railroad stop known as Blair. He does not recall exactly when this move was made as it could easily have been made anytime prior to the March 19, 1949 gate opening, but he is sure it was in place by the time the main routes to the city were opened. Bill states the facts regarding the naming of the Blair Gate for the com-

munity as his personal recollection because of his intimate involvement in assuring the gates were secure and knowing which gates were being used and which were not.

This Blair Gate continued to be used even after 1949 and was in use until 1953 when the three plant sites were again fenced closer to the actual sites and protected entrances placed at each location rather than on roads leading to the locations. Gallahar Gate, White Wing Gate and Blair Gate were active as were the three existing checking stations (Oak Ridge Turnpike, Scarboro Road and Bethel Valley Road) making a total of six active gates until 1953.

This brings us to the details of just how many gates there were originally. The seven original gates normally mentioned as giving access to the World War II Secret City of Oak Ridge until March 19, 1949, were located as follows. 1. Elza Gate was on Oak Ridge Turnpike (Highway 95) just east of Melton Lake Drive (then River Road). 2.



Bill Sergeant cites the history of the origin of Blair Gate and recalls even more gates and communities (Photo Submitted)

Oliver Springs Gate was on Highway 62 (now Illinois Avenue) just north of West Outer Drive. 3. Poplar Creek Gate was on Blair Road where it crosses Poplar Creek. 4. Gallahar Gate was located on the Oak Ridge Turnpike at the junction with the southwest end of Bear Creek Road at the Clinch River. 5. White Wing Gate was located on the White Wing Bridge Road (Highway 95) at the Clinch River. 6. Solway Gate was located on Highway 62 at the Clinch River. 7. Edgemoor Gate was located on the Edgemoor Road at the Clinch River.

Bill Sergeant and I talked about these "original seven" gates and he stated that there were at least two other gates that were opened and closed and thus guarded on a regular basis but were not open at all hours. These gates were the Marlow Gate located at the foot of Black Oak Ridge on "G" Road or Key Springs Road. This gate also may have been referred to as the Dossett Gate or the Marlow/Dossett Gate. It was only opened for a couple of hours each morning and evening to allow traffic flow during the time people were coming to work or going home.

In addition to the Marlow Gate there was at least one other gate. Bill says it was located on the road to the Baker's Mill community. This community is located just north of what is now Horizon Center. The road where the Baker's Mill Gate was located leaves the Oak Ridge Turnpike just northeast of the intersection of Highway 95 and Highway 58. Joe Lenhard took me to the location of Baker's Mill and we saw evidence of several homes in that community. When I began to learn the history of Wheat this community of Baker's Mill was cited as a heavily populated area with fine homes and where there were once large peach orchards. There is a huge rock quarry there now and one greatly deteriorated wooden bridge remains over the East Fork Poplar Creek. The foundations for a larger bridge over Poplar Creek can still be seen. Bear Creek also joins East Fork Poplar Creek in this area.

Steve Goodpasture provided the following information about Baker's Mill. "Baker's Mill was original built around 1830. It was located on East Fork Poplar Creek, about 100 feet upstream from the mouth. It was a 2-story frame structure. It burned around 1918 and was rebuilt as a 2-story structure with metal siding and updated equipment. The dam for the mill was across the mouth of East Fork Poplar Creek and backed up the creek for a mile and a half. The dam was approximately 10 feet high and constructed of large limestone blocks that were quarried from a site not far from the dam site. The mill had numerous owners through the years and its last owner was Charles Baker. Mr. Baker had been displaced by the construction of Norris Dam and Lake. When Watts Bar Dam was built, he moved the mill across Poplar Creek and installed a caterpillar gasoline engine to operate the mill. Mr. Baker relinquished the mill in 1942 to the Federal Government."

Mention of Baker's Mill community and the Blair community causes me to think of the New Hope community and the Bethel community and likely several other small "railroad stop" or crossroads communities that likely were here in this area. Like the original "seven gates" we have historically spoken of four communities, Robertsville, Scarboro, Wheat and Elza. I believe Blair was likely much like Elza – that is a railroad stop and not much more. However, Elza gained fame through the Manhattan Project using it as a delivery point. Bethel and New Hope had churches and were thriving communities but neither as large as Robertsville, Wheat and Scarboro all of which had schools.

There are other small communities that were here and have been lost to the common memory and are being lost to the history - Baker's Mill being one example. The millstones from that community gristmill are now located at the George Jones Memorial Baptist Church. Yet there is time to capture these small communities in more meaningful ways. The New Hope community name is getting a new lease on life through the naming of the Y-12 public interface facility the New Hope Center. That name is a huge source of pride for me as I was permitted to be the one to select that name for the new facility...quite an honor, in my mind.

Do you know the names of other small communities that are being overlooked when the history of the area prior to the Manhattan Project and Oak Ridge is discussed in history? As with the little known gates, only because Bill Sergeant took the time and effort to call me and talk to me about what he recalled about the Marlow/Dossett Gate and the Baker's Mill Gate do we now have a chance to capture what would likely have been lost to our history. These details are fast fading from our collective memory and that should not be.

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.

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

Historically Speaking is written by D. Ray Smith, Oak Ridge City Historian, retired Y-12 National Security

Complex Historian and Vietnam Veteran.

Legal Notice

In the Federal Register dated April 27, 2020, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposed removing the Cumberland sandwort from the list of threatened and endangered species. The Cumberland sandwort is a small plant that only occurs in Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, and Scott counties in Tennessee and McCreary County, Kentucky. The species was listed in 1988 because of threats from habitat modification and destruction due to trampling by recreationists, trampling and soil disturbance from looting of archeological artifacts, and timber harvesting. The species' limited distribution and small populations, along with inadequate regulatory mechanisms for preventing habitat destruction, were other factors that contributed to the Service's decision to list the species. The Service published a recovery plan for the species in 1996, which included criteria for recovering the species to the point that it could be considered for delisting. These criteria state that the species will be considered for delisting when 40 geographically distinct, self-sustaining occurrences are protected and have maintained statistically stable or increasing numbers for 5 consecutive years. At least 12 of these occurrences must be in counties other than Pickett County, Tennessee. In 2013, the Service published a 5-year review for the Cumberland sandwort that recommended reclassifying the species from endangered to threatened. We initiated another 5-year review for the species on May 7, 2018, and determined the species met the criteria for delisting. The basis for this determination is described in the proposed rule published on April 27, 2020, in the Federal Register. While some Cumberland sandwort populations are still exposed to the threats identified as reasons for listing the species, many populations are now protected from these activities, and available data support the determination that the species is more resilient to these threats than was assumed at the time of listing. Our review of the species' status and the listing factors for the Cumberland sandwort indicated: (1) an increase in the number of occurrences of the species within its range and increased abundance in some occurrences; (2) observed resiliency to existing and potential threats; (3) the protection of 66 extant occurrences located on Federal and State conservation lands by regulations or management plans to prevent habitat destruction or removal of plants; and (4) the implementation of beneficial management practices by a variety of federal, state and private partners. This recovery success story is the result of conservation efforts by many partners who worked more than 30 years to conduct surveys to increase the number of known occurrences and to protect occurrences on public and privately owned lands. The partners involved in these efforts include the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Division of Forestry, Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Missouri Botanical Garden, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, The Nature Conservancy, and Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation.

More information on the Service's proposal to delist this species is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Informed and active public participation in this process is encouraged through public comment and is vital to the decision to be made by the Service.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before June 26, 2020. You may submit comments by one of the following methods: (1) Electronically: Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow instructions for submitting comments to Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2019-0080; or (2) U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R4-ES-2019-0080; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: JAO/IN, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

PUBLIC HEARING: Requests for a public hearing must be submitted, in writing, on or before June 11, 2020, to: Lee Andrews, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tennessee Ecological Services Field Office, 446 Neal Street, Cookeville, Tennessee, 38501. Prior to issuing a final rule on this proposed action, we will take into consideration all comments and any additional information we receive.

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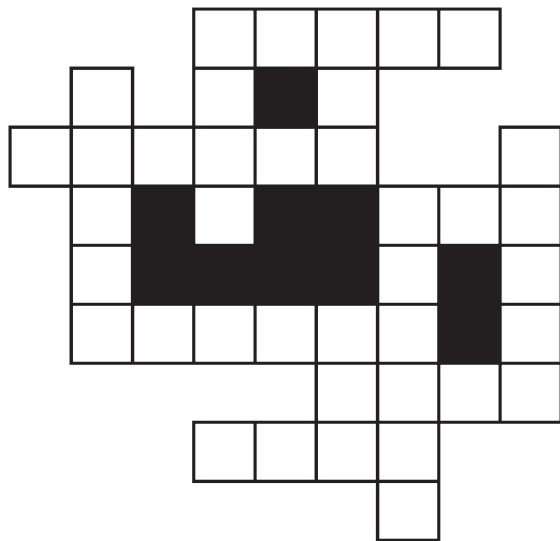
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FEAR & KNIGHT

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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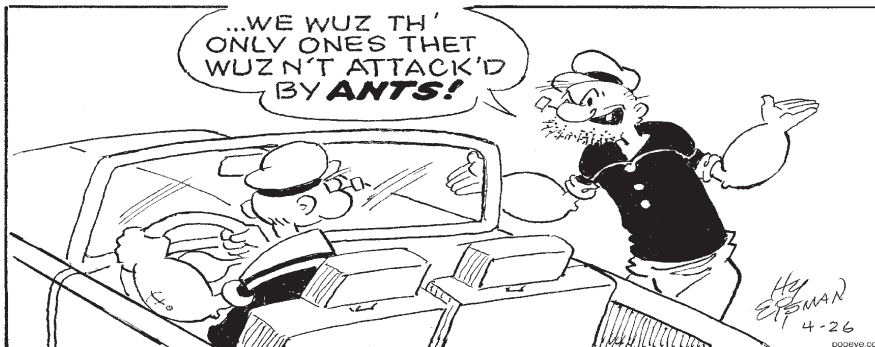
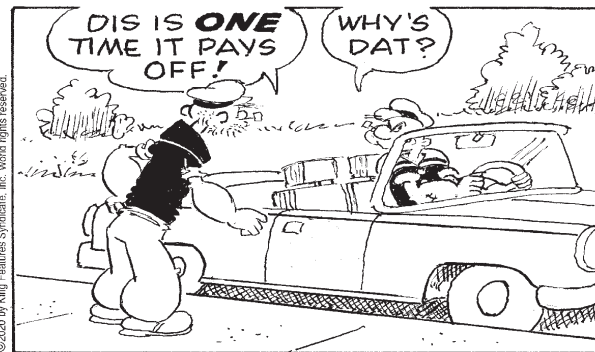
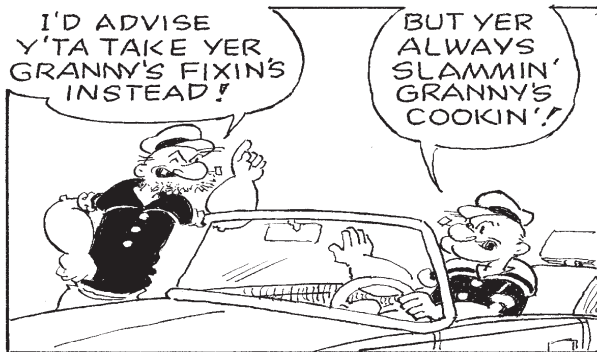
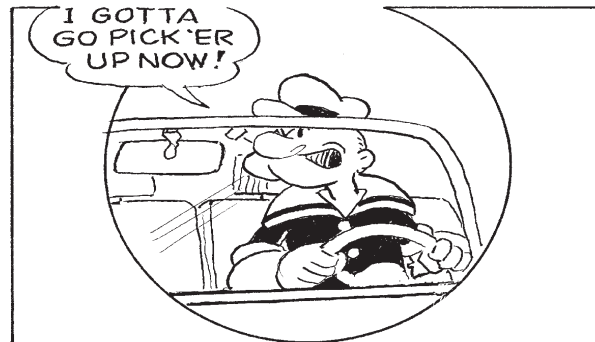
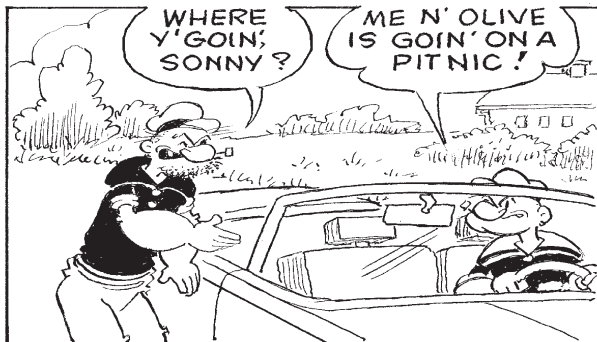
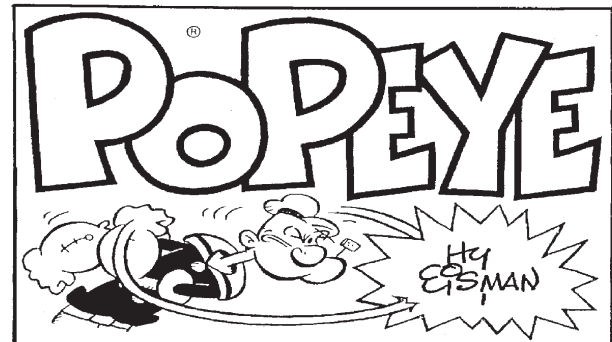
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
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King Crossword

Answers

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

- Jesus

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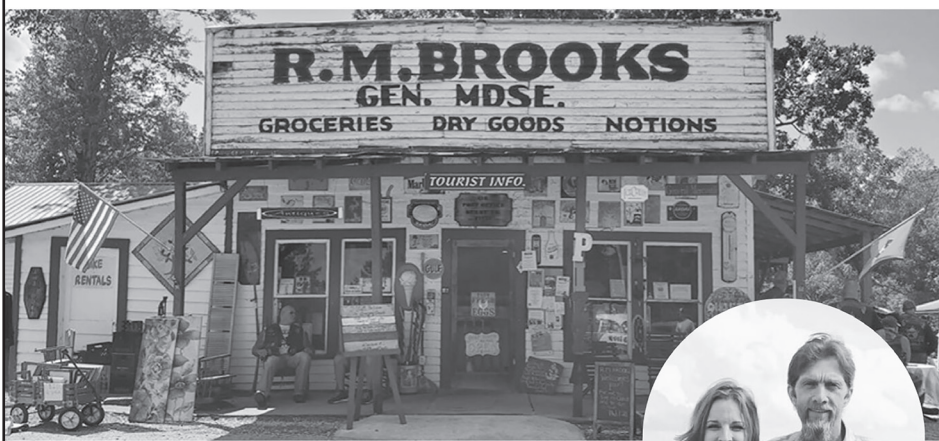
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Bid opening will be at the Morgan County Highway Department – 3519 Morgan County Highway Wartburg, TN 37887 at 10:00am on May 18, 2020. Mail bids to the Morgan County Highway Department at P.O. Box 250 Wartburg, TN 37887 or hand deliver to our office 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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Welcome May! I love the month of May. It is usually the month we leave winter behind and we are just on the threshold of summer. Everything is getting greener and it is just a pleasant time of year.

This is the week that is set aside as Teacher Appreciation Week. Teachers are usually recognized during the first full week of May. Although school is not in session, if students would like to write a note of appreciation to their teachers, or any staff member, they can mail them to Oakdale School, P.O. Box 9, Oakdale, TN 37829.

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 10. I saw a funny on Facebook the other day. It said "FYI Dads. Your child will NOT be bringing home handmade Mother's Day cards and gifts from school this year." Funny but true!

Congratulations to OHS Senior Brandon Basler who has committed to playing football for Maryville College. Brandon, everyone is so proud of you and wish you the very best as you begin this next chapter of your life.

The Morgan County Genealogical and Historical Society is putting together a time capsule to chronicle life "As It Was" in 2020. They are inviting children to share about their daily lives during this time to be included in the time capsule. The recent virus outbreak has affected everyone and to include snippets of our lives during this time will help in telling our story to the generations who come after us. If you would like your child to write a story or poem, or draw a picture that shares how they are viewing life right now, here are the ways you can submit their work that support the current social distancing guidelines. Submissions can be sent via USPS to: MCGHS, PO Box 684, Wartburg, TN 37887-0684. They can also be emailed to: MCGHSMuseum@gmail.com or placed in the deposit box at the Heritage Museum located at 121 N Kingston St., Wartburg. When students are writing about their lives, please observe a word count of 250. Be sure to include their name, school attending, and their current grade. Submission deadline is: May 9, 2020.

The Oakdale Alumni Association Board would like to thank everyone who participated in any way with

their recent Facebook Auction. The auction was very successful. Thank you to those who sought donations as well those who donated. Thank you to everyone who generously bid on items. Thank you to Ashley Ruppe who photographed auction items, created the online event page and met with the winners to collect payment. Everything went very smoothly and some folks ended up with some nice items.

The Alumni Reunion that was planned for June 27, 2020 has been postponed. Once it is deemed safe for large gatherings, the board will make a decision about rescheduling.

Happy 16th Birthday to Carter and Caroline Mayo. They are the children of Greg and Carlena Mayo. They celebrated with a Quarantine theme at their home. Their cake, along with matching black and yellow quarantine masks, was made by their cousin, Regina Headden. Their brother, Shawn Mayo, stopped by to wish them Happy Birthday. They don't get to see Shawn very often. Carter and Caroline each had two friends sleepover. They opened bank accounts the day after their birthday. They will be saving for cars they hope to get in the very near future!

Happy Birthday to Reggie Headrick and Donnie Norris who celebrated their birthdays May 2.

Happy 51st Anniversary to Mickey and Jeanie Bingham who celebrated their anniversary Sunday, May 3. Mickey and Jeanie were both members of the OHS Class of 1964. This class graduated 56 years ago on May 5, 1964.

Happy Birthday to Kim Mason and Maranda Summers who celebrate their birthday on May 5. They share their special day with the Mexican Holiday, Cinco De Mayo. Happy Birthday to our nephew, Jake Johnson, who also has a birthday on May 5. Hope each of you have a great day!

Three of my cousins married wonderful women who celebrate May birthdays. They are Shirley Chapman on May 8, Liz Goldston on May 9 and Christine Chapman on May 10. Happy Birthday ladies! Hope the boys treat you special because you are!

Thank you to Morgan County School's Food and Nutrition director, Peggy Hamby, for having yard signs

made for all Morgan County Seniors. The signs have the graduate's picture and name. What a wonderful thing for families to be able to display in their yards to honor the Class of 2020.

Sending a BIG special thank you to JohnBoy's BBQ for feeding the Oakdale Class of 2020 lunch last Thursday at no charge! Thanks to Anita Daugherty for the yummy cupcakes. Events like this make me so proud to be from Morgan County where there is such generosity.

John Caddell, owner of Johnboy's BBQ, asked me to extend his gratitude to the Oakdale Community for the support they showed his business last week. He said they really enjoyed getting to meet so many people in the Oakdale area and look forward to setting up to sell in the area again.

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

2019 OHS graduate Tyler Hinds just completed 9 weeks of basic training in the US Army at Ft. Benning, GA. This process was called "Turning Green" and he still has 13 more weeks of training. He will graduate on July 17. Due to Covid 19, his family will not be able to attend his graduation but they are very proud of him and are looking forward to seeing him again. Tyler would like to thank everyone who has sent him cards. He said many of the guys never get mail. He really appreciates those who have taken time to reach out to him.

Sympathy is extended to Stanley, Brant and William Smith and Melanie Hicks and their families due to the passing of their daddy, Mack Smith.

Brother Pat McGee passed away Thursday, April 30. He was loved by many and will be missed.

Condolences to the Helton and Holder families due to the passing of Paula Holder Truckner of Durham, NC. Paula is the daughter of Paul and Janice Helton Holder. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband Jeffrey Truckner, her daughter Amy Truckner and her son Christopher Truckner and a host of other relatives, many who live in Morgan County.

Once again, I would like to thank those who tell me they enjoy reading this column. I appreciate

your kind words of encouragement. As I have said in the past, I rarely post anything without permission. I respect the fact that some people don't want their news reported in print. I welcome everyone to share news items with me. If you want to wish someone Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary or want to share happy family events, please let me know. This column is only interesting if people share things with me.

Please continue to pray for our country and those making important decisions. Pray for the many sick and the families who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Pray for our churches and pastors and most of all, pray for the lost.

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Morgan County Today Community Calendar

SUNBRIGHT CITY COUNCIL
MAY 19TH, 6:30 PM, @
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The Budget Committee will meet
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The Budget Committee will meet
Monday,
May 11 th at 6:pm Via ZOOM.

The County Commission will
meet
Monday, 11 TH at 7:00pm Via
Zoom.

The Oakdale School Wide Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 2:00 - 10:00 p.m. Daytime activities are free; if you would like to attend the dinner at 6:00 p.m., cost is \$20.00

Monetary donations are also being accepted to help cover the cost of the event and continue to build the Oakdale Alumni Association. To purchase tickets or make a donation, please contact alumni treasurer, Becky McClurkan at 865-719-8671 or beckymc@bellsouth.net.

Sunday Morning

(Matthew 28:1-8) The expression, "late on the sabbath day" (ASV), reflects an incorrect translation. The Greek means "after the Sabbath" ESV. Daylight was approaching on Sunday morning. Several of Christ's women disciples (Luke 24:10) came to see the tomb, with the aim of anointing the body with additional spices (see Luke 23:56; 24:1). Suddenly, there was a great earthquake in conjunction with the action of an angel of the Lord, who rolled away the stone and sat upon it (v.2). His appearance was as brilliant as lightning and his raiment as snow. He had the form of a young man (Mark 16:5). Those guarding the tomb were terrified at the angel's presence; they trembled and a psychological "rigor mortis" set in (v. 4).

The angel spoke to the women. "Stop being afraid," he said (the force of the Greek), "I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen. Come see the place where the Lord lay" (V.5-6). Two important points are worthy of remembering. (a) No Jewish writer would have invented the story that the first witnesses to the resurrection were women, for in Hebrew culture women were not highly valued as witnesses in court cases. This is evidence of the credibility of Matthew's record. (b) Observe that the angel referred to Jesus as "Lord" (Heb. 1:6). What forger would have mentioned that?

The women were instructed to "go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead, and behold he is going ahead of you into Galilee; you will see him there" (v. 7). The women left the tomb quickly, filled with reverential awe and great joy. They ran to tell the disciples the wonderful news (v. 8).

(Matthew 28:9-10; Mark 16:9-11) Jesus appears to the women, as the women were hastening to the disciples, the Lord intercepted them. He greeted them warmly and they fell at his feet and worshipped him. (He had already appeared to Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:19). It is futile to argue that this was a mere customary greeting and not an act of religious devotion. He calms their anxiety and bids them to go and instruct the "brethren" to proceed to Galilee in the north for a meeting there. The "brethren" could include a larger number than the apostles (1 Cor. 15:6).

(Matthew 28:11-15) the report of the guards: while the women were on their way, some of the official guard group left the tomb and came into the city. They arranged a meeting with the chief priests and "told them all the things" that had transpired. This is most significant. It had to involve such matters as the rolling away of the stone, the entrance of the women into the tomb, the missing corpse, the burial clothes lying about in orderly arrangement, etc. Next, there was an assembling of the "elders." There is panic here. An emergency plan must be implemented.

A large amount of money was paid to the soldiers (clearly a bribe) to suppress the fact that the body had disappeared. Here was the cover story (and a weaker one

has never been contrived). "Say this: "His disciples stole the body. They did it in the dead of night. We were helpless to prevent this miscarriage of justice because we were sleeping. Don't worry; if the governor finds out, we will take care of him." How could the soldiers possibly have known the disciples took the body if they were sleeping? A "sleeping witness" is an oxymoron. Would there not have been noise if several men labored to roll away the stone? Moreover, who could sleep, knowing that if someone removed the body, their lives would be forfeited (Acts 12:18-19)? And yet all of the guards slept? A prosecutor could not wish for a flimsier case to pursue.

The payoff money was pocketed and the cover story was fabricated. Pilate himself would be glad because the responsibility for the missing body ultimately would fall to him. The report was widely circulated and was prevalent even years later when Matthew was penning this document. Even today, the "disciples-took-the-body" theory is one of the skeptical rationalizations for the empty tomb. Why were the disciples not rounded up and executed?

(Matthew 28:16-18) the mountain appearance in Galilee: as their Master had instructed, the eleven disciples went to Galilee to a mountain Christ had designated. When they saw him, they worshipped him. Truly, he was deity in the flesh (John 1:1; 14). The fact that some "doubted" is remarkable testimony to the integrity of the sacred narrative. A biased journalist would have discretely passed over that fact. It is a subtle evidence of inspiration.

(Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16) The great commission: In anticipation of his imminent enthronement (Eph. 1:20-23), Christ declared that "all authority" had been given to him "in heaven and on earth"---with the exception of the Father himself, of course (1 Cor. 15:27). Based upon that authority, Jesus dispatched his men to "make disciples" (with the force of a command) of "All nations" hints that the kingdom of Christ eventually will embrace both Jews and Gentiles on an equal basis.

"Baptizing" is a participle form that depicts the culminating process by which one becomes a disciple. No one, in the sense of this text, is a disciple who rejects the command to be baptized. The term "baptize" in this context refers to an immersion in water, as evidenced by the fact that human administrators are implied. "Into the name" is a phrase that expresses the fact the one immersed becomes "the possession of and under the protection of" the one into whose name he has submitted. Father, Son and Holy Spirit reflect the three separate personalities of the sacred Godhead. Disciples are then to be further instructed in more advanced levels of Christian doctrine, just as Jesus has commanded. All of this is undergirded by the promise of the Lord's abiding presence to the very end of the world.

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Planting Seeds

By: MSG. Fred Mize



MSG Fred Mize

We moved to our home this past July and have been very excited to enjoy our first Spring in Kingston. At the end of March, I plowed two small plots of our land for vegetable gardens.

At the beginning of April my wife and I planted young seedlings in our small gardens. We were excited to plant tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers, watermelons, and cantaloupe. The same week we planted our seedlings two

frosts blanketed the garden. My excitement and lack of patience had gotten the best of me once again. I should have listened to the patient wisdom of my wife who felt it best to have waited a couple more weeks prior to planting.

While preparing to battle the upcoming frosts I accidentally stepped on two tomato seedlings and the first frost killed all of the watermelon, cucumber, and cantaloupe plants. Our other seedlings survived and are doing well. We've bought replace-

ment plants for the ones we lost and will be planting them soon. This time they'll have a better chance to flourish because I'll better prepare the soil and have



no worry for a frost.

In Galatians 6 we are taught that a person will reap whatever they sow.

Galatians 6:7-10 (KJV)

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh

reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint

not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

It's important to not get discouraged when sowing seed. It would be foolish to believe that every seed we sow will grow into a fruitful plant. It's even

more foolish to sit back and allow fear to fade our vision and make us believe that all of our work will be done in vain. When we see an opportunity to help others, we must

seize that opportunity. In doing so remember Matthew 25:40 KJV And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. I encourage you to sow your seed and I pray that you not grow weary so that you will reap a bountiful harvest for Christ's glory.

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

South Dakota during COVID-19

The pictures of me at Mount Rushmore are fairly recent. In fact, these pictures are only a week old. I visited South Dakota last week during the COVID-19 epidemic. I arrived in Rapid City, SD on April 21st, 2020. I spent a week in Rapid City, SD. I explored the national parks such as the beautiful scenery at Black Hill National Forest, Bad Lands National Park, and Mount Rushmore. If you enjoy hiking, I strongly recommend the parks and trails in South Dakota.



Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota made headlines for refusing to implement a stay at home order for her state. She has received lot of national criticism for this decision, but refused to back down. South Dakota is much different than NY, California, or NJ. South Dakota's larger cities are even rural; most cities were practicing social distancing before it was cool.

I wanted to experience life in an "open" state during a pandemic. Was everyone in South Dakota filling restaurants,



partying at bars downtown, or piling into stores without any social distancing? I live in Atlanta and in my county we had a shelter in place order. I could only get groceries, conduct essential business, go to the pharmacy, or grab take-out food. South Dakota business' were definitely more open, but it wasn't that big of change.

South Dakota folks listened to the experts and followed social distancing in stores and restaurants. Even though certain business could be open under the law, many of them chose not to open. Rapid City's surrounding counties were allowed to have patrons in the restaurant or bar. They choose not to do this and instead offered food and drinks to go. The businesses had six feet apart tape on the floor, and followed the recommend health guidelines. I didn't see a big difference from Atlanta and SD.

Governor Noem left the safety up to the people and they choose to follow guidelines. Many businesses were allowed to be open, but followed the CDC guidelines. This brings up the argument, if you inform the people and allow them liberty to follow guidelines; does this have the same effect of lockdowns?

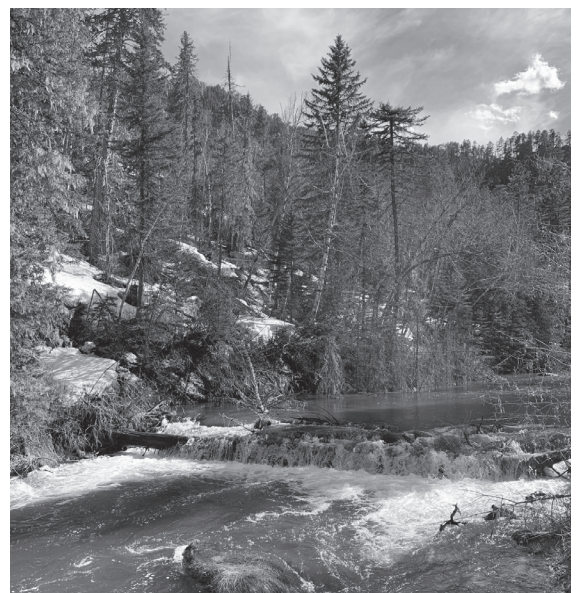
Governor Noem could have easily closed her state. She trusted her people to make the right decisions. I was

really impressed at how many people were taking proper precautions.



Zack Ballinger

American businesses our resilient and creative. If you give them the chance to operate, many businesses' goals is to keep their staff and customers safe. Most businesses just want the chance to operate under the new guidelines while making sure their staff & customers remain safe and given a chance to survive. Give these small businesses the chance to make us feel safe and earn our business. If we can shop at Lowe's, Home Depot, Sam's, Walmart, Target, etc., why can't the business owner decide if they can operate within the same guidelines? It's past time to open in most areas. We can learn a lot from states like South Dakota.



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

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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

Morgan County Today is honored to have Donald R. Mathis as this week's veteran of the week. From the moment of Donald's birth his life has been influenced by the military. He was born at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas and was named after his uncle Donald (Buzz) R. Mathis who was killed in action on May 28, 1971 while serving in the Vietnam War. Donald lived at several military bases throughout his childhood. He graduated high school at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Donald decided to continue his family's tradition of military service and enlisted into the United States Army in 2001. Like all who lived during 9/11 he will never forget where he was and what he was doing on that tragic day. During the 9/11 attack he was in basic training qualifying on the rifle range.

Donald served four years at Fort Lewis, WA as an Administrative Spe-



cialist and earned an Additional Skill Identifier of Postal Operations. Donald was honorably discharged at the rank of Specialist. During his four years of military service he served eight months in Pakistan/Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and one year in Iraq station

at Camp Anaconda "Mortorville" in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While serving in Operation Enduring Freedom Specialist Mathis had a close call when a mortar round crashed through the side of a wall of his living quarters. The mortar round went through a bunk mate's bed, and through the floor. Thankfully the mortar round was a dud and didn't explode. No one was injured during the mortar attack but it will forever be a reminder of how quick life on earth can end.

Specialist Mathis, Morgan County Today, thanks you for having the courage to continue your family's tradition of military service and for all you experienced in both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Wartburg Family Medical Center

Morgan County Today is pleased to honor TVA Police Inspector Stephen Harris as this week's Law Enforcement Officer of the week. Inspector Harris, grew up in Pilot Mountain and graduated from Wartburg Central High School in 2003. He now resides in Wartburg with his wife Lorra and their beautiful daughter Cheyenne.

Inspector Harris was inspired in high school to earn a career in law enforcement. What appealed to him as a teenager was his high degree of respect he had for law enforcement professionals. He hoped to someday serve his community by becoming a law enforcement

professional himself. In 2007 his childhood dream became reality when he became a Patrol Deputy for the Morgan County Sheriff Department.

Since 2007 Inspector Harris as served in many differ-



ent ways as a Patrol Deputy, Sunbright Police Captain, K-9 Officer, Narcotics Officer, Investigator, and as a School Resource Officer at Wartburg Central Middle School and Vocational Technology Center. Inspector Harris was hired onto the

TVA Police ten months ago and serves in both Roane and Loudon Counties.

Inspector Harris often reflects on his time while serving in Morgan County. He loved being a deputy for the county. His most memorable and fulfilling position that he's served in was a the SRO for WCMS. He'll never forget the enjoyment of talking to the kids and being there for them on a day to day bases to make them fill safe and secure.

Inspector Harris, Morgan County Today, thanks you for your dedicated service to Morgan County and East Tennessee.

Stimulus News and Tips



David Zubler

If you've had trouble accessing the Get My Payment tool to check on the status of your coronavirus stimulus payment, you may want to try again. The IRS announced it had made "significant enhancements" to the

web portal, which first went live on April 15.

The changes are aimed at creating what the IRS said would be an improved and smoother experience. The adjustments should make it easier to check on status of your payment and add direct deposit information. The IRS was not specific about what adjustments were made. Some individuals have reported difficulty in accessing and inputting their information on the site.

"These further enhancements will help even more taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig in a statement. "We urge people who haven't received a payment date yet to visit Get My Payment again for the latest information.

If you plan to recheck the Get My Payment tool, you'll need to act fast. Once your stimulus payment is scheduled for mail deliv-

ery, it will be too late to update your online information."

Since the web portal went live on April 15, some people reported having difficulty with the site, either by receiving an error message or the inability to add direct deposit information. If you are having problems with the IRS portal there are several things that you should try: Always be sure you start with the website IRS.gov

Enter your address in all caps.

Enter your information exactly as it on your 2018 or 2019 return.

Try entering your address into the USPS site and copy that directly into the address field in the IRS portal.

Try entering your social security number with dashes in between like 123-45-6789.

Try using a different browser.

Try using STREET instead of ST.

The IRS launched a separate place for non-filers to enter in their information. The online tool Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here will enable non-filers to receive their stimulus.

Last week, the government announced that Supplemental Security Income and Veterans Administration beneficiaries have until May 5 to add information on qualifying depen-

dents into that portal. Children under 17 are generally eligible for stimulus money.

The IRS is urging homeless and low-income Americans to use the non-filer tool to ensure they get their economic stimulus payments.

The amount of stimulus you receive will be based on the income you reported on your most recently filed tax return (2018 or 2019).

Adjustments for stimulus will be made on 2020 tax returns. People who qualify for more stimulus than they have received will get a larger refund on their 2020 tax return. Anyone who has a child in 2020 and claims them as a dependent will receive an additional \$500 on their 2020 tax return since it wasn't received as part of their stimulus payment.

David Zubler is a tax accountant and Enrolled Agent representing clients before the IRS with over 25 years of tax experience. He is the author of four tax books and is the founder and president of Your Tax Care. The company provides business and tax education to the public at its website, YourTaxCare.com. David can also be contacted by email at zublerdavid@gmail.com

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