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Homegrown Pediatric Therapy Grand Opening



Homegrown Pediatric Therapy is a new clinic that provides Occupational Therapy to children ages 0-18. Their new facility opened on Monday, June 15th. They are located at 116 Cumberland Street, Wartburg, TN 37887 and are now accepting referrals. Give them a call at 423-215-6520 or 423-215-5858.

Occupational Therapy (OT) can benefit children with a wide range of identified disorders such as Autism, Sensory Processing Disorder, ADHD, genetic and chromosomal disorders, as well as those who are just not meeting

developmental milestones as expected. OT can help children improve handwriting, sensory processing, visual motor and visual perception, motor planning, body awareness, bilateral coordination, crossing midline, fine motor skills, upper body, core, and hand strength, and much more!

“We, as locals are excited to be able to offer this resource to the children in Morgan County. We are aware that many parents

and guardians are driving many miles each week in order to get their children the therapy they need. We are passionate about helping the kids in our own community”, said Tiffany Hawn and Kayla Ruppe with Homegrown Pediatric Therapy.



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Computers for Veterans: Roane State receives Comcast grant to get laptops for veterans

By Bob Fowler
Roane State staff writer

Roane State is one of six community colleges in East Tennessee to receive \$5,000 grants from Comcast for students who are veterans. It's part of the company's tribute to the U.S. Military.

Those students will be given laptops with the grant funds “to help them complete coursework and with post-graduation job searches,” according to a news release from the company.

“Our heartfelt thanks go out to Comcast for this grant to support veterans pursuing their education at our colleges,” said Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Flora W. Tydings. “Like Comcast, we are deeply committed to supporting the men and women who served our country.”

“We put a priority on outreach to our veterans and deliver a variety of services, including surveys to establish needs, orientation programs and giving academic credits in some instances for lessons learned in the military,” added Roane State President Chris Whaley.

The nonprofit Roane State Foundation will oversee the grant funds awarded to the college that are expressly for veterans to obtain laptops.

“We are honored to award this grant to the veteran-dedicated schools in East Tennessee, and to reaffirm our companywide commitment to our veterans and their families,” said Comcast executive Jason Gumbs.

Announcement of the grant awards was made during the NASCAR Xfinity Series Race on June 1 at Bristol Motor Speedway. During the

broadcast, Comcast also recognized employees for their military service, including 23 National Guard members now in active service and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. More than 2,000 Comcast NBCUniversal employees serve in the National Guard and Reserves.

Roane State is a two-year college providing transfer programs, career-preparation programs and continuing education. Founded in 1971, the college has locations in Roane, Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, and Scott counties as well as a branch campus in Oak Ridge. For more information, visit www.roanestate.edu.

Remember, eligible adults can now attend Roane State tuition-free with the new Reconnect grant. Learn more at www.roanestate.edu/reconnect.



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Richard Louis Brown, Sr. (Brownie), 85

Richard Louis Brown, Sr. (Brownie) of Petros, TN peacefully passed away on June 6, 2020. Richard was born on March 25, 1935 in Burrville, TN. He was Chief of the Petros Volunteer Fire Department for 5 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Harriett Brown and their 6 children and spouses, Shirley (Vess) Hall, James (Shirley) Brown of Oliver Springs, TN., Richard Jr (Shelby) Brown, Bruce (Kay) Brown, Katie Burchfield, Faith (Randy) Phillips of Petros, TN.; sister, Bernice Staggs of Nashville, TN; brother, James (Barbara) Brown of Sunbright, TN; 17 grandchildren and spouses, Marsh A. (Michael) Huckaby, James (Tara) Hall, Stephanie (Toby) Malone, James Jr. (Daisy) Brown, Jessica Brown, Dorothy Richardson, Jason Dowdy, William Bradshaw, John (Kristy) Brown, JJ Burchfield, Hailey (Trent) Vespie, Brittany Phillips, Renee (John) Strandridge, Christian (Ashley) Phillips, BJ (Sunny) Brown and children and Shawna Brown and children; 35 great grandchildren, Karlie, Molly, Amieo, Allison, Kyndal, Connor, Macy, Phobe, Silvanna, Brandy, Sarah, Paul, Brayden, RJ, Neveah, Sarah, Daniel, Ab-

igail, Isiah, Isabella, Neveah, Maddie, Mary Lou, McKinny, Morgan, Cohen, Blake, Gabriel, Torvi, Bryson, Laikyn, Kendall, Addilyn, John Luke; 2 great great grandchildren, Jasper and Daxton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Sim Carson and Artie Elizabeth Brown; daughter, Baby Sue Brown; sisters, Ruth Maxine, Jyanell, Leola; 2 brothers, Ernest and Calvin Brown; 1 grand daughter, Branaeleah Addison Phillips; 5 great grandchildren, Noah Parker, Lucy, Justina, Gabby Butler and Jaden Phillips.

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday, June 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Church of Compassion in Oliver Springs with Bro. Eugene Chaney and Pastor Carol Frank and Vess Hall officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Burrville.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Richard Louis Brown, Sr.

Karlon Ann Stowers Hall, 61

Karlon Ann Stowers Hall, age 61 of Deer Lodge passed away June 9, 2020. She was a loving, caring and compassionate wife and mother. She loved taking care of her family and spending time with her animals. And if you knew Karlon you knew about her love for Elvis. She had many friends and will be missed by all.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Shirley Stowers and Bernice Hall; son, Scottie D. Hall; sister, Patty Lou Wallace and nephew Steven Wallace.

She is survived by her husband, Teddy Hall; son, Leon Hall; special niece, Misty Wallace; friend, Patricia Adams and a host of extended family and friends.

Graveside service will be Friday, June 12 at 11:00 am at Springs Chapel Cemetery with Bro. Danny Jones officiating

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Karlon Ann Hall.

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

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2019 Tourism to Obed WSR Created over \$4 Million in Economic Benefits: Report Shows Visitor Spending Supports 47 Jobs in Local Economy

[Oneida, Tennessee] – A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that over 221,000 visitors to Obed Wild & Scenic River in 2019 spent \$4,100,000 in communities near the park. That spending supported 47 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$4,000,000.

“Obed Wild & Scenic River welcomes visitors from across the country and around the world,” said Superintendent Niki Nicholas. “We are delighted to share the story of this place and the experiences it provides. Visiting one of the 13 units of the National Park System in Tennessee is a great way to introduce visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers. National Park Service tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service, and it’s a big factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the US Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$21 billion of direct spending by more than 328

million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 341,000 jobs nationally. More than 278,000 jobs exist in communities adjacent to parks. The cumulative benefit to the US economy was \$41.7 billion.

According to the 2019 report, most park visitor spending was for gas (29.15 percent), restaurants (26.48 percent), followed by groceries (17.99 percent).

Report authors this year produced an interactive tool. Users can explore current year visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>.

To learn more about national parks in Tennessee and how the National Park Service works with Tennessee communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to <https://www.nps.gov/state/tn/index.htm>.



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True Love Stories



Tom Redmon
Columnist

In real life we all witness things on the bright side and things on the dark side. I know we have those feel good ministers who tell us only one side of the story. They are prosperity preachers. The truth is that this world is full of troubled times and it rains on the righteous as well as the unrighteous.

I want to tell you about three people who although they were going through some troubled times, they stood steadfast in their love for their spouse or child. Then I want to tell you about the one who gave His all that we might have life.

These stories are based on 1 Corinthians 13. Paul tells us that we can do amazing things but have not love we become as sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. We can have faith, hope, charity; but the greatest of these is love.

Rev. Bill Keebler was the pasture of Liberty Baptist Church in Wartburg for sixteen years. Before he came to Liberty his wife, Helen came down with crippling arthritis and it worsened after they got here.



Tiffany (Photo Submitted)

The next sixteen years would be challenging ones for Bill and the Keebler family.

Bill would demonstrate to all who knew him what true love is about. The church body really pitched in to help their pastor and this in itself showed love. Rev. Keebler liked to visit his parishioners, and some of the ladies in the church would care for Helen while he was out. Others brought food in and helped out in anyway they could. Many people helped but who I'd like to mention is Barbara Chapman because she went the extra mile.

Rev. Keebler did not neglect his duties because every Sunday (day & night) and Wednesday night he was prepared and delivered a great message to his flock.

Every night Bill would sit in his recliner by Helen's

bedside. He was totally dedicated to taking care of the woman he had married several years ago. He neglected his own health to take care of her. As time went on, I guess his doctor saw what it was doing to Bill. He told him that he should consider putting Helen in a nursing home. Rev. Keebler told him that he could never do that. The well-meaning doctor said that she was so far gone that she would never know that you put her there. Bill said, "but I would know."

Bill didn't live long after Helen passed away. Being a caregiver takes a lot out of you.

Colin Bullen was in a terrible motorcycle accident back in 1982. My brother had grown up with Colin and they did a lot of things



Rev. Bill Keebler, Helen, and their children (Photo Submitted)

together at the coal pits and on mud creek. As a matter-a-fact this group of boys could be called the Mud Creek Boys Volume 2. Colin married a young woman from New York State before the accident. Her name was Patrice

and she showed true love by taking care of Colin who was paralyzed from the neck down. For nineteen years Patrice dedicated her life to caring for Colin and doing everything she could to make him comfortable. He would never be in a nursing home except to get therapy and she was always by his side. I saw Colin several times and I don't remember him being in a bad mood or being down on life. A good woman's love makes all the difference in a man's life or vice versa.

The next story was a hard one to believe, but one that was so touching and heart-breaking at the same time. Roy and Judy Hutchison of Independence, MO wanted to become foster parents and they learned of a handicapped child that no one else wanted. The heart-breaking part was that the baby named Tiffany had been

born to a handicapped teenager in the bathroom floor of a hospital in Kansas City. The umbilical cord had been wrapped tightly around the newborn's neck, shutting off oxygen causing severe brain damage. She was almost totally blind and nearly completely deaf,

and with curvature of the spine that in time would constrict her breathing and shorten her life span. In short Tiffany would never live a normal life.

Most people who take in foster children would never want to take in a child whose needs proved

too burdensome like Tiffany's were. But Roy and Judy decided to take her. At age thirty-seven years old (EMT) who also belonged to a motorcycle club took in the awesome responsibility of raising a child who needed twenty-four-hour care. In time the routine of taking care of Tiffany became so daunting that the couple divorced. But Roy's care did not diminish. The question came up, "what was best for Tiffany"? Should she be put in a group home where she could get the medical care she needed or was individual attention more important. Roy believed the latter; he just couldn't give her up. He was granted full custody in November 1988.

For fifteen years of Tiffany's life she went wherever Roy went. He finally found another woman who had enough love in her heart for a broken little girl. They were married in 1999.

The full story of how Roy loved and cared for Tiffany is hard to believe. The members of the motorcycle club also fell in love with her and soon Roy declared them "uncles".

When Tiffany's condi-

tion became so bad, he stayed with her day and night. He told his wife, I promised I would be with her at the end. As the end came, a look of peace came over her face, and she stopped breathing. Roy whispered, "you'll hurt no more, baby. It's your time now to laugh and sing and play". Tiffany lived to be fifteen years old.

What love this man had in his heart for a little girl no one wanted. It has to bring a lump in your throat and tears to your eyes.

Now we come to the greatest story of love of all. It is of Jesus Christ who loved us so much he suffered and died on the cross at Calvary for our sins. As children we learned John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:17 goes on to say for God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

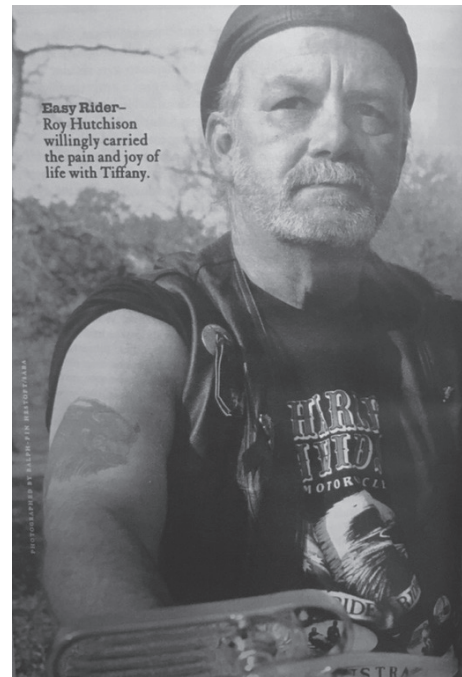
Jesus said in John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Christ laid down his life for all us sinners. God is love, even while suffering on the cross Jesus said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do". He loved us that much.

First Corinthians chapter 13 is called by many the love chapter. It tells us that although I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all

knowledge: and though I have all faith, so that I could move mountains and have not love (charity), I am nothing (verse 2). Verse 13 tells us that of faith, hope, and love the greatest of these is love.

We don't do great deeds for people because we think it will save us. We do them because we love them. My mother demonstrated "Love thy neighbor" by taking them food when someone was ill or someone was in the hospital. Although she had a house full of children, she found time to help a neighbor. When I visited Hazel Bingham she told me, "Tommy you're just taking up where your mother left off." I truly loved the children I taught and the elderly that I visited.

This world needs more true love.



Roy Hutchison (Photo Submitted)

Easy Rider - Roy Hutchison willingly carried the pain and joy of life with Tiffany.

2020 NOVEMBER ELECTION NOTICE

On November 3, 2020, in all precincts of Morgan County, TN there will be a Federal and State General Election, plus Municipal Elections for the City of Sunbright and Town of Oliver Springs in their precincts.

November General Elections: US President and Vice President, US Senator, US Representative-3rd Congressional District, TN State Senator- 12th District, TN State Representative-41st District. Municipal Offices; City of Sunbright in Sunbright Precinct 5-1: Mayor, Alderman-1 seat At-Large. Town of Oliver Springs in Coalfield Precinct 1-1: Alderman- Ward 3 -1 seat, Alderman- Ward 5 -1 seat Alderman- Ward 6 -1 seat.

For Independent Presidential Candidates Candidate petitions are available to be issued starting May 22, 2020 and will continue through the qualifying deadline at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, August 20, 2020.

For all November Municipal Elections Candidate Petitions will be available beginning Monday June 22, 2020 and will continue through the qualifying deadline at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA) are required to file a new request for ballot by mail or email in each calendar year of the election. This may be done with a Federal Post Card Application (Form 76) and can be submitted anytime after January 1st of the election year. This annual one-time application is then good for all elections in that calendar year. Local family members are encouraged to remind those persons living or serving out of state or country to submit their new requests to the Election Commission office.

Elderly voters and voters with disabilities assigned to vote in precincts where the polling place is inaccessible may vote early at the Election Commission Office during the early voting dates or by an absentee ballot by mail, or may vote at the Election Commission Office on Election Day. Any elderly voter or voter with a disability desiring to vote for their first time at the Election Commission Office on Election Day must notify the Election Commission Office in writing by October 24, 2020 for the November 3, 2020 Elections. The last day to register to vote in the November 3, 2020 elections will be October 5, 2020.

List Maintenance: The Morgan County Election Commission is required by law every 2 years to perform "List Maintenance" on voter roles and to purge registrations classified "Inactive" for various reasons meeting certain criteria. This List Maintenance was last performed in 2019. If you have received a notice or believe that your registration may be "Inactive" and subject to purge, or simply want to check the status of your registration, please contact the Morgan County Election Office immediately as you may need to register prior to the deadline for registering in the next election.

For additional information contact: Morgan County Election Commission, PO Box 266 (Location) 415 N Kingston St, Room 105, Wartburg, TN 37887 Telephone (423) 346-3190 FAX (423)346-4350 EMAIL: Election@Highland.net WEBSITE: MorganElections.com OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 8:00am-4:00pm (Excluding Holidays) Alan Bradshaw-Chairman, Ronnie Trout-Secretary, Billy Kries, Comm., Mike Gunter, Comm., Kathy Carroll-Comm., Tim Sweat, Administrator

Historically Speaking John Hendrix Prophecy Article – Earliest documented account known to exist, part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

NOTE: The following is the conclusion of a two-part story which reprints an article about John Hendrix, originally published in 1944 in The Oak Ridge Journal.

His troubles with the authorities over, John Hendrix returned to his ascetic life. Each day he would go into the woods, to meditate and pray. And one day, Braden said, he came out with a wondrous tale.

“John came out from the woods, accordin’ to his wife, lookin’ like he’d seen a ghost,” Braden went on. “They asked him what was the matter and he said he’d been spoke to. He said a voice as loud as any clap of thunder had spoken to him.

“John, sleep with your head on the ground for forty nights and I will show you the future developments of your country in visions,” the voice said.

“Old John decided he’d do what the voice told him. He went out there to a clump of trees near Scarboro School and he slept with his head on the ground for forty nights. About the twenty-fifth or twenty-sixth day, I forget which, it came a wet spell and he got pneumonia, but he toughed it out.”

“Toughed it out, did he?” I asked.

“Toughed it out,” said Braden nodded solemnly.

“Did a vision come then?”

“No,” said branden, “not just then. It wasn’t until a coupla months later he was shuckin’ hay over above Edgemoor and he got overhet. Well, he fell over and while he was in bed he got the first vision. He foresaw the surveyin’ of the L & N railroad. He said the Southern would survey it first but the L & N would beat ‘em to puttin’ through the spur. That must’ve been around 1901. Well, about 18 months after he died they sarterd surveyin’, and it wasn’t more’n a month after that they begin construction work.

“Old John told where each and every station would be. He said it would run from Joe Cox’s place, at Edgemoor, to Tom Braden – my father’s farm – down to Katie Worthington’s placy at Elzy. He said a Clinch River bridge would be built at the lower point of Bradley’s Bluff, where it was.

He said the Black Oak Ridge tunnel would be made under the Butcher Spring and that it would sink the spring, which it did.” Hendrix’s second vision came about two months later, Braden explained. In between times, the prophet told of spending three weeks in Paradise. “He said an airypine with wings two hundred foot long, painted all white, come and get him,” Braden explained. It was a metal airplane, he said.

“The second vision come while he was shuckin’ hay again,” Braden’s story went on. “This time he took sick in Ben Wilkins’ meadow and while he was in bed from bein’ overhet he foresaw the buildin’ of 300 miles of branch line of railroad from that main line he prophesied at Katie Worthington’s right down Lupton Valley to and through the New Hope Gap. He said a Union Depot would be built at Holloway’s Tanyard – that’s where Scarboro School is now. That’s the only part of the prophecy that wasn’t fulfilled.

“John said that Bear Creek Valley would contain factory buildings and that they would hep toward winning the greatest war that ever was or ever will be.

“Then John said that there would be a city on the Black Oak Ridge, and would finally be called Paradise.”

“Paradise?” I queried.

“That’s right,” said Braden, ‘Paradise. Furthermore, John said that the center of government of the city would be in the fields halfway between Joe Pyatt’s farm and Sevier Tadlock’s. That’s where the Administration Buildin’ is right now.

”There wasn’t much more I could say

to that. If the old man’s prophecy was indeed as Braden described it, he had hit everything on the nose. He would have been a great man for the horse-playing ring. I asked Braden what he thought about the prophecy.

“Well,” he said slowly, Sometimes I think he really had visions and sometimes I don’t. I don’t know what to think. All I know is that when they built the railroad a coupla years after old John died, the people all around said,



The porch of Hendrix’s farmhouse, on which he would sit and study the scriptures, perhaps in this same rocking chair. (Journal photo by Westcott) (Photo Submitted)

“Well, Old John just happened to hit it. But now, with this project here and all, it makes you think.”

Braden and I went out later to see John’s house. It’s overgrown with weeds, vines and bushes, and hasn’t been occupied for years.



Part of the farm on which the prophet lived. (Photo by Westcott – from Don Raby collection) (Photo Submitted)

A redbird flew across the porch and a couple of jays squawked in the bushes. There was an old rocking chair sitting in the front yard and



John Malone points out the grave of John Hendrix to Sgt. Abe Levitt. (Journal photo by Westcott) (Photo Submitted)

an atmosphere of decay and death all around. Braden stood and looked over the place, occupied with his thoughts. He didn’t say much of anything.

The next day I got John Malone, a Roane-Anderson employee who knows the ex-

act spot where the grave is located, and he and Sgt. Abe Levitt (who had told me about the story in the first place) and the photographer and I went up to see it. The grave is located at the top of a hill in an overgrown field, surrounded by a flimsy wire fence. A huge boxwood grows at the foot. The grave is marked by a rude, scratched little stone. We stood looking down at the grave while Ed Westcott took pictures. It was a cloudy, quiet day, and somewhere off in the distance, thunder sounded in the sky. It gave me kind of a funny feeling.

This ends the reprint of the earliest documented account of the John Hendrix Prophecy that I have been able to locate up to now. If you know of earlier documented evidence of any part of the John Hendrix prophecies, please contact me at draysmith@comcast.net Ed Westcott gave me some insight into the author of the above article reprinted as first published. Joe Oakes (Journal Prophecy Expert) is the way the author signed the article. Ed sent me an e-mail stating that “Joe Oakes” was actually one of the many bylines used by Richard B. Gehman.

He spent four years in the US Engineer Corps. He was a close friend of Ed’s. He was Associate Editor for the Oak Ridge Journal. Gehman also published under the pseudonyms Meghan Richards, Frederic Christian, Martin Scott, and F. C. Uffelman (a friend of his who worked at Y-12).

As you must know by now, the amazing John Hendrix story intrigues me and I delight in finding new evidence regarding his life and unusual circumstances. Many descendants of his have contacted me as a result of the material I have published on www.SmithDRay.net, even those who are descended from his first wife and children who went to Arkansas.

Many local individuals, such as John Rice Irwin can claim kin through some Hendrix relatives. Several families locally still cherish their ties to arguably Oak Ridge’s most famous character even if he did die 27 years before the major elements of his prophecy were fulfilled.

Interestingly, Faye Childs, a granddaughter of John Hendrix and a daughter of John’s son Curtis Hendrix and his wife, Thelma Lee (Linda) Haney Hendrix recently mentioned to me that there was one part of the John Hendrix prophecy that had not yet come true.

She said, “He missed the name of the city on Black Oak Ridge because he said it would be named “Paradise.” Now that was BEFORE I found the above article that mentioned the very fact that John Hendrix said that the city that would be built on Black Oak Ridge would be named “Paradise.”

Look out - we may yet prove that prophecy true – any one for changing our city’s name to PARADISE? Notice that in the reprinted article that the account of this particular part of the prophecy is stated as, “would finally be called Paradise!” It is never too late to prove “Old John” and his prophecy accurate even to this final detail.

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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.



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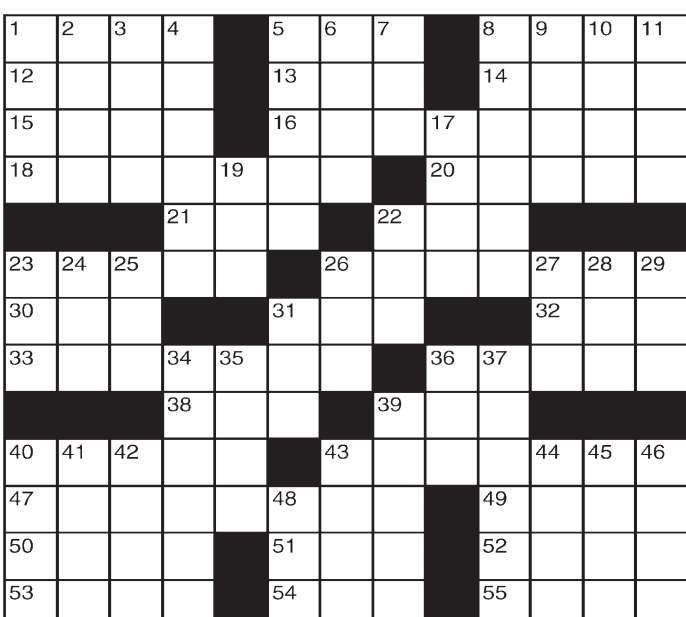
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- 12 Silver salmon
- 13 Kan. neighbor
- 14 Sandwich cookie
- 15 Destruction
- 16 Thrilling
- 18 Passage
- 20 Idles
- 21 Still
- 22 "You've got mail" co.
- 23 Really fun time
- 26 Leave out
- 30 Thither
- 31 Beer cousin
- 32 Queue
- 33 Shout out
- 36 Co-star with Ball, Arnaz and Frawley
- 38 Branch
- 39 Dine
- 40 Larynx output
- 43 Surpasses
- 47 "My bad"
- 49 By word of mouth
- 50 Night light?
- 51 Atmosphere
- 52 Loosen
- 53 Paquin or Quindlen
- 54 Final (Abbr.)



DOWN

- 1 Land measure
- 2 Sauce thickener
- 3 Stylish
- 4 Sweethearts
- 5 Klutzy
- 6 Adjoining
- 7 Leno's network
- 8 "Is that so?"
- 9 Eye part
- 10 Landlord's due
- 11 Garb
- 17 Sporty Camaro
- 19 Emeritus (Abbr.)
- 22 Chopper
- 23 "See ya"
- 24 Bagel topping
- 25 Anti-apartheid org.
- 26 Shade source
- 27 Samovar
- 28 "What's up, —?"
- 29 Ram's mate
- 31 Intent
- 34 Gap
- 35 War god
- 36 Carpet cleaner, for short
- 37 Went to a restaurant
- 39 Put forth, as energy
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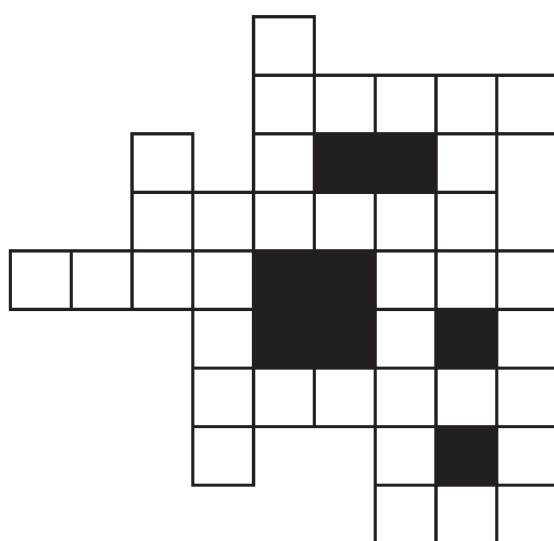
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By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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- LLEPO
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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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by Linda Thistle

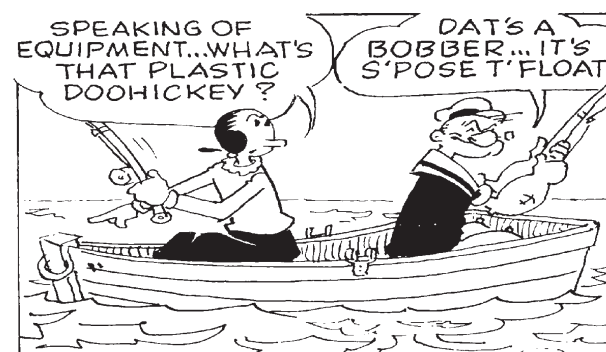
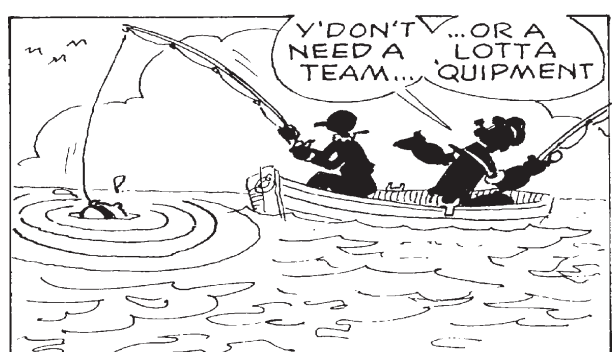
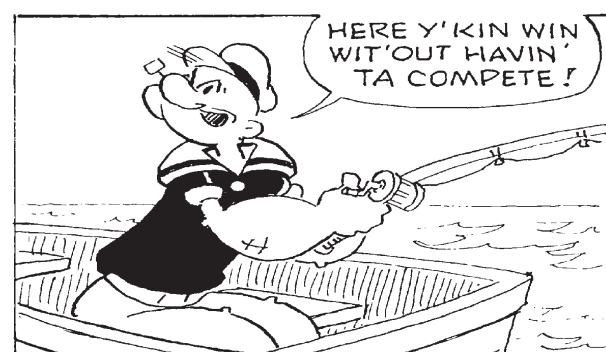
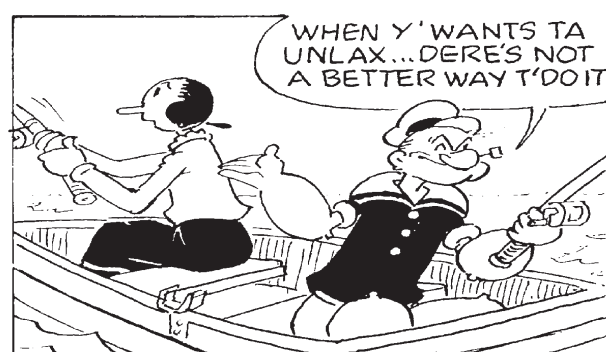
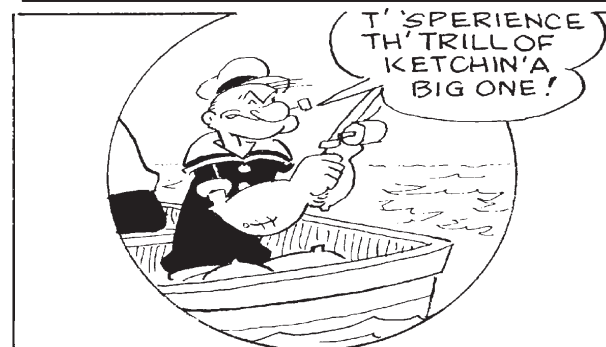
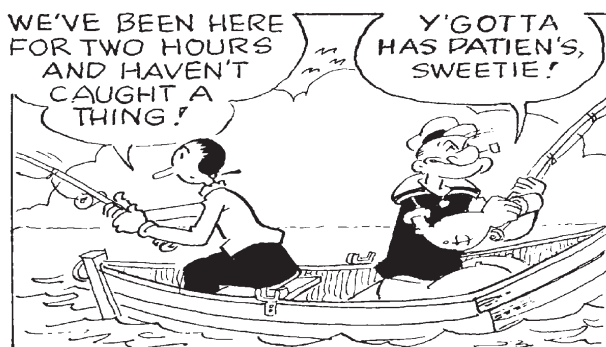
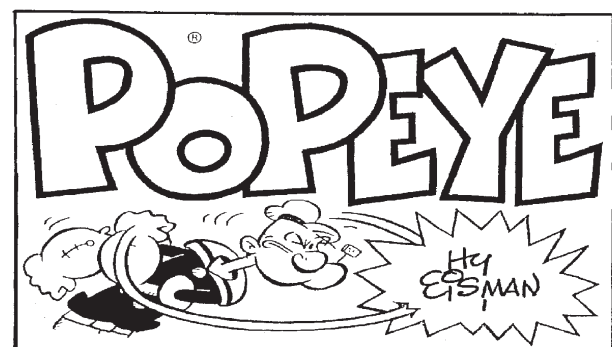
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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MIA'S View From the Mountain: Ann Edenfield Sweets

I am so grateful for the amazing people I have had the opportunity to meet in my life. We see people but do we really and truly see them? Everyone has a story, some more extraordinary than others. But, if you listen carefully, and look with the eyes of your heart, you will learn from others journeys. When I first met Ann it was at a Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Conference. Everyone there had an interest in working and ministering to families/children of those incarcerated. Then, I had the opportunity to hear Ann speak. I got to see/hear first hand what a remarkable woman Ann is. The strength and faith she had in the Lord was amazing. As you read her story, told by Ann herself you will see how she unwillingly lost it all and then willingly sacrificed it all again for Christ as He called her into her Ministry.

I grew up in Michigan, the oldest of 4 children. I had loving parents, grew up in the same church and neighborhood my whole life, and basically felt I had it all. I had been the first female Student Council President, Cheerleading Captain, Who's Who in American High Schools and Colleges, Phi Beta Kappa, University Homecoming Queen, Outstanding Delta Zeta in the United States, Miss Michigan contestant, flight attendant for 3 different airlines, world traveler, real estate broker/mogul, was married to an airline 747 captain and had a loving marriage, and I was mother to four precious boys.

And suddenly, August 5, 1986, my world came crashing down and changed forever. I now say that I "died" that day, for my husband was arrested and 11 months later plead to a 15-year prison sentence. I was now facing a nightmare that no one could or had prepared me for. It didn't matter who I had been or what awards I had won before— for now I was ONLY known as the "wife of a prisoner".

I became penniless immediately, for every bank called every loan we had. I ended up with a \$3.5 MILLION IRS lien that took 15 years to erase. I'm proud to tell you that I am no longer the \$3.5 million woman! We had 4 young boys ages 6 months – 7 years old and had been members of a church in Albuquerque for 12 years. NO one called us from the church!

I knew I needed a church home so we found a wonderful Senior Pastor that welcomed us to his church. He prayed WITH us and FOR us. I got so involved that soon he had the courage to hire me as Youth Director. For 5 years the boys and I thrived. The youth program grew from 8 to over 250 youth and children.

One morning my husband called to tell me he would be home in 5 months and would serve only 6 years. I went into the church staff meeting and excitedly shared that my husband would soon be home. We now had a new Sr. Pastor and he looked at me..... and in front of the whole staff said, "Then I can no longer be your pastor."

I thought he was kidding until one of our female pastors left the room in tears and only then did I realize he was serious.

The good news is that if he hadn't said that, I would have thought all family members of prisoners were loved and welcomed into churches and I'd probably still be youth director today.

With a husband in prison, I was treated like a leper, or a walking AIDS case. When I share my story about not being welcome in two churches to family members of inmates, usually their eyes fill with tears, for they too haven't been welcomed in a church. Unfortunately, most people believe when a pastor or priest doesn't welcome them into their

church, it's almost as if God had not welcomed them. I grew up in the church and I knew I was still a Child of God and God would never turn from me.

Being suddenly thrown into the world of incarceration was like being thrown into a foreign culture without knowing the language, the people, how to act, or what to do. I needed advice about how to deal with the incarceration, raising 4 boys by myself, the rejection, and I needed to learn this "new world of incarceration".

My pastor didn't have any books. I finally called the head of the psychology dept. at the Univ. of NM. He had a book. I got there – he pulled a book off the top shelf – it was a study of Norwegian fisherman who went to sea for 9 months and the impact on the family. I laughed and left the book there.

That day was the start of my book – Family Arrested – How to Survive the Incarceration of a Loved One. I'm not a writer – never dreamt of writing a book – but that's what I did. I guess it was my positive way of dealing with all the pain, anger, and shame of having a loved one incarcerated.

Of course no one wanted to print my book! I received more rejection letters from publishers than I want to remember. I heard about Prison Fellowship and went to the NM Area Director to see if he would be interested in my book. He didn't think they would want my book, but he told me about Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Project. I thought it was strange my husband had played Santa Claus at the prison for 6 years and I was Youth Director in a Church and yet I had never heard of this program.

I set up a meeting with PF officials & received a small grant to start the Wings Ministry as an extension of the Angel Tree Program in 1995. As I shared with them, a Christmas present is fine, but the greatest gift we can give a person is the gift of our caring, and the gift of being welcome somewhere – especially into a church!

Our logo is an angel with wings, with a trumpet proclaiming the Good News. And what do "wings" do? Support, comfort, protect, and lift you up and hopefully help you fly to new heights. The mission of the Wings Ministry is to connect family members of inmates to local churches.

Christmas 1995 we hosted our first Wings Party. It was so successful that all the volunteers said we can't stop now – let's do an Easter Party. Jesus didn't have a Back-to-School Party, but we do, because that's when church programs start again in the fall, and we want the family members of prisoners to start at the beginning, with all the other new members.

In 1999 the pastor who had originally hired me as Youth Director invited me to meet a friend of his who was starting a new publishing company in Albuquerque. I was going to ask him for money for the Wings Ministry. Instead, he offered me a job! I didn't know a thing about the publishing world, but when he mentioned he wanted to publish my book, I knew I needed to take this new job.

I became VP of Sales. We primarily produced audiobooks and became the largest supplier to truck stops in America. After 3 years they produced my book in print, and I actually even read my own audiobook!

But now I had completed my reason for working at the publishing company. Starting January 1st of 2005, I took a giant step of faith and quit my job as VP of a publishing company. I started full time with Wings. We had \$1582 in our newly formed 501 (c) 3 checking account. The Board of

Directors voted to pay me \$1500/month. The questions was asked – how do we pay you next month? I told them I felt I was called by God to do this ministry and if there wasn't money to pay me next month, then I would have to get a "real job". Well – I'm here in front of you today, 4 years later! People believe in what we are doing and I know God has uniquely qualified me to do this job!

Wings Parties are based on Acts 2:42, where the early disciples got together and did 4 things – Sang together; studies the Bible together; played together – we do games and crafts; and ate together. We use the LOGOS Ministry model, for those of you familiar with LOGOS. In fact if you aren't familiar with LOGOS, it is the finest model of youth ministry in the world in my opinion.

The Wings Parties help plant or water a seed. We now do Wings Parties in prisons and juvenile facilities too.

But I knew we needed more. My book is a "how to book" and I knew that people needed support. So we started Wings for L.I.F.E. – Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education.

Wings for L.I.F.E. is an "empowerment group", for the whole family. Former inmates are invited to join us as well. I firmly believe we need to teach parents and caregivers "old fashioned" parenting skills, for we have generations of Americans that have never grown up in a healthy household where manners and discipline were taught. One of Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets is shared at each meeting, and families are encouraged to help one another.

I'm proud to share that in 2009 WFL won the prestigious American Probation & Parole's National Award of Excellence in Crime Prevention and has been recognized as a Best Practice Model.

In our society where children are all at risk in one way or another, children whose parent(s) are in prison, face even more challenges.

It is now estimated that 7 out of 10 children of incarcerated family members will be incarcerated.

Over 50% of the children who have a parent in prison NEVER visit their parent in prison.

78% of inmates claim to have had a relative in prison.

1 in 10 children in America has a parent in jail, prison or probation.

1 out of 8 African-American children has a parent in prison.

If current trends continue, 1 out of 15 Americans will spend time in a State or Federal Prison sometime within their lifetime.

Because of these staggering statistics, we believe that committed, caring people in our communities need to take an interest in our children. Education and life-skills are necessary to help prevent another generation of inmates and to cut recidivism. We provide group mentoring for children of prisoners, family members, and returning citizens who are positive role models.

Ann's book is available on Amazon and a great resource for families of incarceration.

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.

Morgan County Schools now accepting bids for HVAC installation for Wartburg Central Elementary gymnasium and Petros Joyner School gymnasium bids to be opened June 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be bonded and insured. Morgan County Schools reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids pertaining towards this project. Morgan County Schools does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.2000d)

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John 3:7

- Jesus

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MSG Fred Mize
Yesterday my family enjoyed a dual celebration for two birthdays for a niece and nephew of my wife. Their mom and dad prepared an amazing day filled with family, food, and fun. Although the special day was shared by the two children their parents made each of them feel special and cherished. Their mom sent out party invitations well in advance and spent countless hours in preparing the party. She ordered two delicious personalized cakes,

ordered and arranged birthday party decorations. Their dad prepared an amazing BBQ for the whole family to enjoy together. As I was surrounded by smiles and laughter throughout the day a single Bible verse filled my mind. Jesus said in John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. I have such wonderful news! Jesus Christ has sent an invitation to everyone for what will be the greatest celebration of all time. His invitation is in John 3:16 For

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. These two Bible

verses should bring tremendous joy to your life as they do mine. Ponder on the fact that

Jesus Christ is now preparing a place for you. Although many will be present in Heaven, He is making a place specially and perfectly made by His own hands for you.

In order to enter into the place, He is preparing for you all you must do is accept Him

as your Lord and Savior by believing in Him just as John 3:16 tells us. Just as a child who's excited for their upcoming birthday celebration, I can't imag-

ine what Jesus Christ is preparing for us in Heaven. Jesus Christ did such a marvelous

job in His creation of Earth and all of our universe but nothing we know of today will compare to the beauty of what awaits us. If you haven't admitted to Jesus Christ that you're a sinner and accepted Him as your Lord and Savior from your sins then I beg you to do so now. I want you to celebrate the homecoming Jesus Christ is preparing for me. He's also preparing a place for you if you will only accept it as I have. Jesus is preparing a place for you and He's preparing to return for you. You must be ready...



Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Your Career Questions Part 2

This week's question comes from Stephen in Morgan County: How can I practice for a job interview?

I recommend you practice and record a real-world job interview scenario. Find a friend, family member, educator, or a professional, and have them ask you a list of questions while you provide answers just as if it were an actual job interview. Technology nowadays makes it easier than ever to practice a mock interview. Record these practice interviews with a computer webcam, smartphone, tablet, or just a plain, old, video camera. Use the interview questions listed on zackballinger.com and practice on video. Whether you are a beginner at interviewing or a seasoned professional, this is an essential step to becoming a master at the interview process.

Who is the best person to administer the interview? Multiple people could help you with your mock interview. If you happen to be on a short time crunch, conduct the mock interview with a friend or family member. Choose a relative who may have had experience as a manager, or a friend who may have climbed the corporate ladder. Most career centers on university campuses offer this service for free. Take advantage of this service! The career counselors can often offer advice on your posture, pinpoint any annoying habits, or give objective, professional feedback on your answers to the interview questions. You would be surprised at some habits you aren't aware of.

These might be simple things as saying "like" all the time, picking your nose, making off-the-mark gestures, or some other off-putting practices. The hiring manager may be more focused on your annoying habits than your terrific answers. We have all sat through a presentation for school, church, or some informative session, and you found yourself focusing more on the presenter's distracting quirks than the mate-

rial. While the way you deliver information during an interview is important for the hiring manager, it is also equally important to direct their attention to the information you are presenting.

I had this one professor in college who smacked his lips after every sentence. I think I learned more about how he smacked his lips in front of a group than I did about macroeconomics. That explains my final grade in the class. There are no right answers to common interview questions, but there are some wrong ones. You need to make sure you aren't saying anything that is making an employer doubt your abilities to do the job.

I was interviewing a gentleman years ago for a job. I asked him, "What is something you need to work on as far as a develop-

mental area from a previous job or a perceived weakness?" He responded by saying he had a hard time getting out of bed in the morning. The position required the individual to work independently, working mornings, and arrive promptly to begin work. Do you think he was hired? He did so well on all

the other questions in the interview, but this one answer was a deal-breaker. He might have been an extremely qualified candidate—if only he could manage to get out of the bed in the morning. The poor guy will never get a quality job if he keeps answering that question the same way. Catch those missteps on video before the actual interview. If you can master interviewing on video, you can definitely master a real world interview.

Submit your questions for next week's article: zack@zackballinger.com

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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Zack Ballinger



Sandra Helton's weekly column
Oakdale Area News
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We have sure enjoyed some nice weather over the last few days. Beautiful sunshine, lower humidity and more daylight hours make me happy!

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21. The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

Dub Jones asked me to share this sad news. Oakdale High School graduating classes of 1959, 1960 and 1961 have been reuniting every year for several years to enjoy fellowship, good food and talk about "old times". With all the COVID-19 restrictions and continued pressure along with some other types of sickness by some of our members, we had to call off the meeting scheduled for June 27th. You can look for this group to rise again in the future, hopefully in the near future. The current plan is to get beyond some medical issues and pick a time in the Fall to get together. Our folks won't be still, we will meet again - it just matters when. Right now, we need to focus our attention on praying some folks through some rough times.

Mrs. Ruth Headrick enjoyed a drive by parade of her church family on Sunday, June 7. Ms. Ruth has been unable to attend church for a few months and she has really been missed. After the Sunday night service,

friends and family drove by her house and waved at her as she sat on her porch. It was a blessing for everyone.

Marilyn and China Hutchinson visited with their Aunt Ruth Headrick Friday, June 5. They had a wonderful visit. Reggie Headrick arrived before they left so they got to see him as well.

Hattie Ruppe celebrated her 2nd birthday with a farm themed party at her home on Friday, June 5. Many friends and family members joined in the fun.

The Annual Bingham Family Reunion was held Sunday, June 7 at Cumberland Mountain State Park. The family of the late Ellis and Marie Bingham began having the reunion in the mid 60s. At that time, all of their 16 grandchildren had not been born. Now the family has grown and there is a great, great grandchild. Ellis and Marie had 7 children. Of the four surviving children, Betty, Tom and Marlene attended. Gladys was unable to be there. The oldest present was Zelma Bingham who just turned 90. The youngest present was Lukas Hensley who just turned one. Valerie Helton Lake traveled the furthest to attend. Everyone enjoyed a bountiful meal, catching up with each other and sharing memories. Those who couldn't attend were sure missed.

Frederick and Janine Shelton, Ryan and Erica Shelton and Jimmie, Elaine, Sarah and Luke Hensley spent the weekend of June 5-7 in Tennessee. They were able to attend Hattie's birthday party, Sophia

Hensley's enjoyed camping at Caney Creek during their stay.

First Baptist Oakdale has made the decision to not have Vacation Bible School this year.

Thanks to everyone who shared birthdays and anniversaries for the last paper. I don't have as many this week.

Happy Birthday to Carol Scroggins who celebrated her birthday June 13.

Happy Birthday to Amanda Grizzle and Kaylee McMahan who celebrated their birthdays on June 14.

Happy Birthday to Cheryl Johnson who is celebrating her birthday today, June 16. GG Melhorn also has a birthday today.

Tomorrow, June 17, several ladies will celebrate their birthdays. They are Cindy Bunch, Jeannie Miller, Tammy Melton and our niece, Hailey Osborn.

Jeremiah Johnson is giving horse riding lessons in Wartburg. The cost is \$25 for a 30 minute session. All items are supplied. You can contact Jeremiah on Facebook or by calling 423-223-6520.

Heather and Savannah Alonso are making plans to join 1,200 horse riders in Myrtle Beach, SC in November for the 39th annual American Heart Association Beach Ride. Heart disease and stroke are the #1 and #5 leading causes of death in the United States and the AHA is working hard to get those numbers down. In order to participate in the beach ride, Heather and Savannah have to raise money for the AHA.

They plan to have an online Facebook auction June 26 - 28 as a fund raiser. All money raised will go directly to the AHA. They have a lot of good new and used items for the auction including pearl earrings from BK Jewelers, an oil change, boots, a cowboy hat, horse blankets and lots more. Donations for the auction, as well as monetary donations, would be appreciated. Anyone who would like to donate or learn more can contact Heather at 865-816-7024. Be sure and watch for more information about the auction on Facebook and make plans to bid on some great items.

Morgan County 2020 Commencement Ceremonies have been scheduled. Dates and times are as follows. Independent Study Program - July 28 at 6:00 p.m. Coalfield High School - July 30 at 7:00 p.m. Oakdale High School - July 31 at 7:00 p.m. Wartburg Central High School - August 1 at 10:30 a.m. Sunbright High School - August 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Erika Davidson who passed away last week. Services will be held tonight, June 16 from 6:00 - 8:00 at Davis Funeral Home in Harriman.

"Kindness makes you the most beautiful person in the world, no matter what you look like." - Unknown

**Morgan County Today
Community Calendar**

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!

The Deer Lodge Historical Society would like to invite and welcome everyone to the Deer Lodge 52nd year, July 4th Parade and Celebration.

We will be serving breakfast from 8:00 - 9:30 for \$5.00 which will consist of sausage, biscuits, eggs, gravy, and drinks.

Dinner will begin at 12:00 which will consist of Kentucky Legend Ham, home made potato salad, green beans, a roll, and drink for \$7.00. Both meals will be served in covered to go containers.

The afternoon will consist of entertainment of kids' games and music. We will close the day at 2:00 with God Bless America and our drawings for the raffle will be for; \$500, \$300, \$200, & \$50.

Door prizes from all breakfast and dinner tickets. A brief business meeting will follow.

As you enjoy the day with family and fiends please remember social distancing. Thank you in advance for all the support and participation, so many of you have acknowledged in our newly formed July 4th Committee.

Hebrews Chapter 3

(Hebrews 3:1-6) Christ in contrast to Moses: The readers are addressed as "holy brothers" who are "partakers of a heavenly calling". They were called by the gospel (2 Thes. 2:14) into a special saved and set-apart relationship with God, namely the church (the origin of that term signifying "called out). Jesus is, in a special sense, designated as an "Apostle" because the word means "sent forth", and God "sent" his Son to earth to die for sin (Jn. 4:34). Christ's role as high priest is the major theme of this book (see 4:14). Christ's role as high priest is the major theme of this book (see 4:14). "Confession" suggests the Christian's commitment to Christ in obedience.

Jesus was faithful to God to the point of perfection; Moses, Israel's great leader, was "faithful" (relatively so) as well. Moses was faithful in God's house (v. 2). The argument now unfolds that Christ was superior to Moses in several particulars, the point being the new covenant (of Christ) is greater than the old covenant (of Moses). (a) Jesus was the builder of God's house; Moses was an inhabitant in God's house. The builder is worthy of "more glory" than the resident (v. 3). (b) Every house is built by someone. This is the law of causation. Every effect must have an adequate cause! God is the builder of all things (v. 4)! The pre-incarnate Word (Christ (Jn. 1:14) was the active agent in the construction of the entire universe (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2, 10). (c) Moses was faithful in his house as a servant; Jesus was over his house as a Son (v.5).

The argument is clear; Judaizing apostates are leaving the greater for the lesser! These Jewish Christians must hold fast their hope to the very end (v. 6). Christians can forfeit their salvation, Calvinism to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Hebrews 3:7-11) Israel's unbelief in the wilderness: the sacred writer quotes from the Holy Spirit, a divine person who speaks, and who speaks through Scripture (Psa. 95:7). There is an urgent warning to the reader. "Today", do not "harden your hearts". Hardening is a gradual process, and if allowed to continue, becomes fatal. Many church members today have religious arte-

riosclerosis. This is what the nation of Israel did during the days of Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, even though they saw the wonderful works of the Lord; God was not pleased with them (v. 10). Jehovah, with the measured "wrath" of justice, took an oath that they would not enter into his rest. As will be apparent subsequently, the "rest" was a symbolic picture of heaven. The unfaithful Christian risks losing his hope of heaven.

(Hebrews 3:12-19) the application of the example: the Old Testament example had an appropriate application to straying Christians in the first century. Note: (a) The warning is addressed to "brothers", not those outside of Christ. (b) It is possible to develop an "evil heart of unbelief". (c) Such results in "falling away" from God. (d) That falling away leads to eternal punishment (10:27; 30-31).

Accordingly, the saints are to exhort (encourage) one another every day, while there still is a today (of opportunity), so that sin does not "harden" them to the point of being beyond feeling (v. 13; Eph. 4:19). (The inference is that there is no postmortem plan of salvation---contra the theories of purgatory, baptism for the dead, a second chance, etc.)

If, therefore, one is to be a "partaker of Christ", he must "hold fast" the confession (pledge of faithful obedience) which he made at the beginning of his Christian life; yes, grasp firmly to the very end (v. 14). Again the psalm is cited to buttress the point (v. 15). Was it not Israel who was led from Egypt by Moses? Was not God displeased with them for forty years? Did not their sins cause them to die in the wilderness (v. 17)? Those disobedient unbelievers were forbidden to enter his rest. The suggestion is: "Those of you flirting with apostasy had better take note; learn the lesson of history!"

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

This week's veteran of the week is United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt.) Stacy Redwine.

GySgt. Redwine served in the USMC and USMC Reserve from 1981 – 2000. Throughout his military career he served at multiple locations and held multiple duty positions. His USMC career began at boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina. After completion of boot camp, he served at;

Twentynine Palms, California, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California, Okinawa, Japan, and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. While in the USMC Reserve he served at the USMC Reserve Centers in Knoxville and Chattanooga.

While assigned to the Knoxville USMC Reserve Center during Desert Storm,

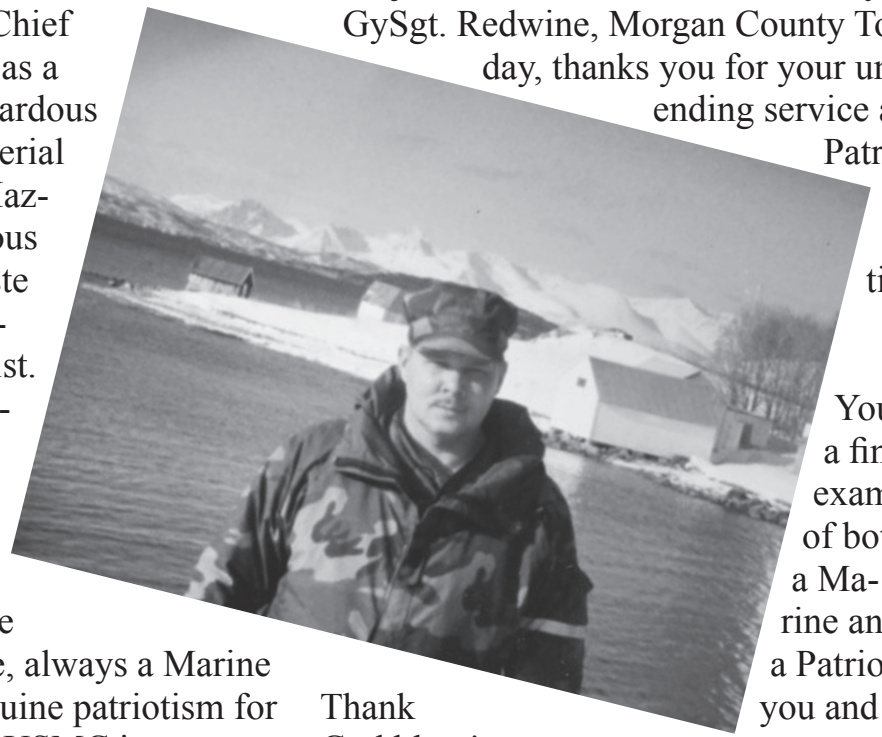
GySgt. Redwine served at a Mobilization Center preparing Marines for deployments to Kuwait and Iraq.

Two of the duty positions held by GySgt. Redwine were as a Communications Center Chief and as a Hazardous Material & Hazardous Waste Specialist. Al-

though GySgt. Redwine is no longer serving in the USMC he puts meaning to the phrase, once a Marine, always a Marine by demonstrating genuine patriotism for the United States and USMC in everything he does.

GySgt. Redwine is thankful for the direction and values the USMC instilled into his life. He will never forget the unending camaraderie among his fellow Marines. He is extremely thankful for his loving wife Rhonda, his daughter Eessie and his precious Granddaughter Halen, who just celebrated her sixth birthday.

GySgt. Redwine, Morgan County Today, thanks you for your unending service and Patriotism.



Thank God bless!

You're a fine example of both a Marine and a Patriot. you and

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

This week's Morgan County Today Law Enforcement Officer of the week is Corporal Mark Avery. Corporal Avery is a Correctional Officer and the Grievances Chairman at the Morgan County Correctional Complex. Corporal Avery is originally from Orlando, Florida but has lived in Wartburg for the past ten years.

Mark knew his entire life that he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement. He earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from University of Phoenix in 2008 and has served Morgan County and the state of Tennessee

as a Correctional Officer for the past seven years. Prior to becoming a Correction Officer, he worked in the private security field for ten years.

Corporal Avery truly enjoys his profession. He is inspired to strive to make positive changes in other people's lives. He does so by treating the inmates at the Morgan County Correctional



Complex with respect while also keeping safety of everyone his highest priority.

Corporal Avery will never forget being on a cruise and hearing someone call him by rank and last name. He was astonished to see a former

inmate standing before him. The former inmate thanked him for not

only being a positive influence in his life but for making a positive change in his life. He thanked him for always encouraging him to better his life for himself and for his family.

Corporal Avery, Morgan County Today thanks you for your dedication in protecting and encouraging the inmates of the Morgan County Correctional Complex. Your positive influence benefits all who have the pleasure to know you as their Correctional Officer, friend, family, and fellow team member.



David Zubler

The IRS has sent 159 million stimulus checks so far. But there is still an estimated 30 million to 35 million payments that remain to be sent.

The IRS had previously announced that it

would be sending stimulus checks to people that it does not have bank account information needed for direct deposit. However, the IRS is now planning to send prepaid debit cards to some of these individuals.

If you have not received your stimulus yet, be careful when throwing away junk mail. If the IRS sends a stimulus debit card, it will be sent in a plain envelope from Money Network Cardholder Services.

If you have a question about your stimulus payment the IRS phone number for stimulus questions is 800-919-9835. The IRS still has a reduced number of employees so you should expect a long wait time. However, if you have a tax pro, they may be able to get through to the IRS on the Tax

Practitioner Hotline in a matter of minutes. Currently, IRS employees don't have the ability to adjust stimulus payments. Most people who need to adjust their stimulus if it is too low will need to make the correction when they file their 2020 tax return. Taxpayers will reconcile their amount of stimulus when filing their 2020 tax return. The pandemic has had a huge impact on the IRS. They are beginning to slowly bring back employees in order to work on essential services such as processing mail. Millions of pieces of mail have piled up while their offices were closed. Consequently, there will be huge delays in processing taxpayer's mailed tax returns and other documents.

Due to the long delays in processing IRS mail you may want to consider efilng your return even if you have always mailed it in the past. By efilng and using direct deposit, you can normally expect to receive your refund in about two weeks. Mailing your return could result in having to wait months for your refund.

The IRS has announced changes with its use of the private tax-debt collection pro-

gram.

The IRS must also allow two years to elapse since the assessment for the tax to become eligible before being turned over for private debt collection. Previously the amount of time was one year.

The IRS has been barred from turning over low-income individuals to private collection.

Taxpayers will soon be able to set up an installment agreement to pay off their taxes in seven years instead of five years. However, you should consider paying off your tax debt as quickly as possible to avoid paying additional amounts of interest.

David Zubler is a tax accountant and Enrolled Agent in East Tennessee representing clients before the IRS and has 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 be reached at (865) 363-3019 or contacted by email at zublerdavid@gmail.com.

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