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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 30	82°/68°	
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Fri 03	86°/66°	
Sat 04	87°/67°	
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Mon 06	85°/67°	

Views From The Top: The Fire Tower at Frozen Head



Veteran of the Week
Daniel Orange



LEO of the Week
Kyle Schubert

Have you ever heard “On top of ole’ Smoky?” Did you know we have a place as beautiful right here in Morgan County? Up on top of Frozen Head State

Park is a Fire Tower and the view is amazing. The canvas that God has painted this scenery on is something to behold. You can enjoy this view with just a day hike.

With various trails to the top, you can choose your hike based on your own skill level. It is something we recommend everyone who is able to do sometime.

New Program Provides Much Needed Relief for Tennessee Small Businesses

By Senator Ken Yager

The current COVID-19 public health crisis has triggered devastating economic consequences throughout the state. Small businesses were among the first economic casualties of crisis and I have received heartbreaking calls from local business owners tottering on the brink of total disaster. Even now, many businesses are only partially opened or still closed.

Governor Lee appointed a blue chip group called the Financial Stimulus Accountability Group to find ways to help struggling businesses. That group has worked with the Department of Revenue to provide a lifeline to local business affected by the Governor’s stay-at-home order. The new Tennessee Business Relief Program will direct approximately \$200 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act appropriation to qualified businesses in the state.

Barber shops, beauty and nail salons, gyms, restaurants, and marinas are eligible. Businesses who may have remained open but whose sales were reduced 25 percent as shown on their April sales tax returns are likewise eligible. Go to the state website at www.tn.gov to find the link to the Department of Revenue for more eligibility information.

Recently, I invited the Commissioner of Revenue, David Gerre-gano, to participate in a call with the local chambers of commerce CEOs in my district regarding this program. I’d like to share some of the information we learned.

Approximately 28,000 Tennessee businesses are expected to qualify, including many in the 12th Senatorial District. The amounts awarded will be based on gross sales. Relief payments under the program will range from \$2,500 to \$30,000, depending on the business’s gross sales. The payment will be made by direct deposit if

the business has previously provided bank information to the Department of Revenue. If not, payments are made by check. No application is necessary. Although currently not included, the hope is to include non-profits. Payments should be delivered by the end of July. In order to timely receive it, it is critical that each small business’s information be up to date with the Department of Revenue. I encourage you to go to the department’s website to double check your information. Incorrect or old information should be updated to prevent delayed payment.

I am very pleased that the Governor and Financial Stimulus Accountability Group have developed this plan to help small business, the backbone of our economy. If you have questions or need help, don’t hesitate to call my Nashville office at 615-741-1449 or go to www.tn.gov.

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Mark Alan Collins, 44

Mark Alan Collins, age 44 passed away June 22, 2020.

He is preceded in death by his father, JB Collins; grandparents, Cleatus and Mae Collins, Dewey and Thelma Briggs; cousins, Pastor John Vespie and Steven Vespie.

He is survived by his mother, Janie Collins; brothers, Jay and Stoney (Sara) Collins; niece, Jaime Collins (Shawn Tinch), Alexis and Melody Collins; nephews, Jacob and Eli Collins;

aunt, Joyce Briggs Vespie; special cousins, Kenny and Darlene Briggs Taylor and Doug and Denise Owens and a host of other cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends Monday, June 29, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Mark Alan Collins.

Mildred Evelyn Headden (Cooper), 85

Mildred Evelyn Headden (Cooper), age 85 was called home on June 26, 2020. Mildred was born on March 22, 1935 to Theodore Roosevelt Cooper and Dora Belle Cooper (Stephens). She was the youngest of four siblings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Dora; one brother, Kenneth Cooper and one sister, Marjorie Walls. One sister in law Reba Cooper; two brothers in law Maurice Walls and Wade Butcher.

She is survived by her husband, Lorenz G. Headden, Jr.; one sister, Anita Butcher, one son, Randall Headden and one daughter, Cynthia Miller; two grandchildren, Erik Miller and Shannon Miller, and two great grandchildren, Kirby Marrs and Rowen Marrs; one brother in law, George Headden, two sisters in law, Rachel Headden and Maude Townsend; nieces and nephews are Mike Walls, Mary



Martha Brackett, Michelle Jones, Dwight Butcher, Darrell Cooper, Doug Cooper, Tracy Brown, Regina Headden, Melissa Coley, Tammy Cofer, Matthew Headden, Jaimee Headden, Kaylee Headden, Carlena Mayo, George Headden, Jr.

Mildred was born in Harriman, TN, graduated from Oakdale High School where she lettered in basketball. She attended Boswell Baptist Church. Mildred and Lorenz were married at Oakdale Baptist Church in 1958 and moved to Georgia in 1964 where she raised her two children.

The family will receive friends July 11, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mildred Evelyn Headden.

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

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Together Morgan County: A partnership between Morgan County Schools & Save the Children

Together Morgan County is pleased to announce the Summer Reading Challenge! The Summer Reading Challenge, running for 10 weeks, will start July 1st and run through September 7th. The challenge is open to all children in Morgan County, from prenatal mothers all the way to children age 18. For each book your child reads, they are closer to winning a prize! Many prizes will be available, and those who read and log 100 books in the 10 week period will go in a drawing for an iPad! For information, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/STCSummerReadingChallenge>.

For more information please contact the Community Engagement Coordinator, Sandra Helton at (423) 215-6032 or via email at heltons@mcsed.net.



Dear Mr. Brian Langley,

Across Morgan County, children are calling for help, and because of your support, caring voices are answering!

Please accept this letter of appreciation and acknowledgement for your constant and gracious support of Together Morgan County and all Save the Children programming in Morgan County. Your work, not only as Morgan County Executive, but as a dedicated community member and father, has been invaluable. Your attendance at collaborative meetings, your volunteer spirit, and constant diligence to ensure the success of children in Morgan County is so much appreciated.

Because of your support, Together Morgan County and Save the Children will be able to continue to provide quality support to all children across Morgan County. Thank you, Mr. Brian Langley!

In gratitude,
Michelle Smith

Bid Notification

The Morgan County Sheriff's Office is accepting bids for 25 BODY Cams and equipment with the following specifications:

- 25 Cameras- HD Extended Capacity Wearable Camera with 9 hour continuous HD Recording. Includes one camera mount, 32 GB of storage, USB Charging/upload docking base and 1 year warranty
- 2- Charging Base Kit including Power and USB cables
- 1- Download Port USB Hub, with external power supply

TANNERS ESTATE SALE A LOCAL SUCCESS

The Morgan County Tourism Alliance would like to thank everyone who came out to the estate sale June 11-13, 2020 and those persons who donated to our efforts to save some of the most important items in the store to be part of the restoration.

Community members and antique dealers began lining up early for the 3-day first-come, first serve opportunity to be part of this historic sale. At the end of the third day, the inventory had been reduced by approximately 75%. Just as MCTA and the Tanner family thought it would be, items in the inventory had special meaning to many people.

It is our pleasure to identify those persons who helped us save important items for the restoration. In alphabetical order, as follows:

- Leah Briggs, Gene (Bucky) Buxton, George Dagley, Johnny Dagley, Marcella Darnell, John Davis of Smart Bank, Duane & Lisa Duncan, Economic Development Board, Sara Goodman, Julia & James Hart, Linda Jones, Joe Judkins, Ed & Susan Knight, Rod McPeters, Marta & Gil Monroe, Jon Peters, WECO Radio, Janet Sale, Frank & Nancy Tucker, Jerry Williams, John Mark Windle, Ken Yager.

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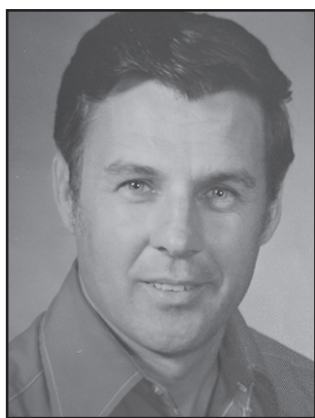
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\$55; \$50 for senior citizens & Veterans

Where We are Today



Tom Redmon
Columnist

For sometime I have been debating with myself about whether I should write an article about what I feel is destroying our country.

Now sixty years later they have accomplished this because today liberal professors outnumber conservative professors over 25 to 1 ratio in our major colleges. Talk to a college graduate who has graduated the last twenty-five years and ask them a few questions about our country's history. They know little about our fore fathers. They know nothing about what they went through to gain freedom from the British and the cost of that freedom. You ask them who we fought in WWII and they give you a puzzled look. To some our precious flag is just another piece of cloth with no meaning. The reason is they have rewritten the history books.

It is sad to think our young people do not know that true cost of freedom. But its because they haven't been taught about D-day

grounded in his/her faith. The way to do this is to have them in church every week and also to teach them at home. Be the best Christian example you can be to them.

I could write all day about what is wrong with our country and it could fill a book. But in the end, it all boils down to a spiritual void in our country. When we leave God out of our lives, we invite sin in to fill the void.

If you go back to 1963 when one woman, Madeline O'Hara, went into her son's Jr. High Class in Baltimore and saw them praying, you will find the beginning of our downfall in religion. She took this to the Supreme Court and was successful in getting prayer taken out of our public schools. Later on, the far-left wanted to take God out of

1960's has declined in morals. Our family traditions are gone, God has been excluded from our lives, and abortions on demand are rampant. We are seeing more children being born out of wedlock and it has now become commonplace. Our prisons and jails are full of men and women from broken homes. It may sound old-fashioned but I believe a child needs both a good mother and father and not a village.

So where are we today? We are now in a very desperate situation. There are groups who are totally intent in destroying America as we know it. What concerns me is we have a political party that has many governors and mayors who are going along with the looting and the burning of our cities. Tammy Seallis, a democratic Settle City Counsel woman said she didn't want to hear any of how constituents complain about the looting. When we have so many blacks killed by white cops (proven to be false). Mayor Jenny Derkins the democratic mayor of Seattle said that white men are the problem and that she wanted to know why looting bothered people so much. The North Carolina Governor said that curfews didn't apply to protestors.

Bob Woodson a black Civil Rights activist explained it this way. He said, "I have seen the light." He went on to say that yes, the federal and state governments pour a lot of money into states with a poor black population, but the poor see very little of this money. It goes to line the pockets of liberal leaders who are in power. The blacks in turn keep saying that the Republicans are racist and they are to blame. Many blacks buy this story, hook, line, and sinker. And the Flames keep spreading.

I could go on, but these are some reasons we have problems today.

Pray that we can come together for the good of our country.

Many of you who have been reading my articles in the local papers for over two years are well aware of how much I love America.

There are those who are after the very soul of our country. There are many who have loved our milk and honey, and many have gotten rich on the back of the poor, but they really spew hate for our way of life.

In the 1960's there were several groups of people who used the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War as an excuse, not to march, against our government, that would have been fine, but they wanted to burn, loot, and destroy our cities. We had the SDS, the weathermen, the Black Panthers, and other far left groups who ravaged many of our large cities. Detroit, New York, Washington, Los Angeles and other cities had block after block completely burned and destroyed. I was in Washington D.C. in 1968 and I witnessed firsthand the devastation of our capitol city in the name of peaceful protest.

These groups were forerunners of Antifa in which many feel is leading the groups of radicals who are looting, rioting, burning and destroying our cities today.

The radical left did not accomplish what they hoped to in the 60's so they changed their strategy. They reasoned that in time they could get far-left professors in our colleges to indoctrinate students to their way of thinking.



(June 6, 1944) or the battle of Iwo Jima, or the Battle of Bunker Hill or about any of the conflicts that our men and women fought in which many died and others came home with wounds that never healed.

Today I do not recommend sending your children to a major college. Yes, Tennessee is one of them. If you send them to a small college check it out thoroughly, A Christian College might be a good ideal.

The best thing to do is make sure your child is well

everything in government and our civil life. Remember in the previous administration with political correctness in full swing when people in public places were afraid to say Merry Christmas? Do we want this kind of world?

In 1973 Roe vs Wade was passed and abortions became legal. At first it was legal in the first trimester (3 months). Now look where we have evolved too - all the way to where the baby is in the birth canal. God cannot be happy with America.

Each generation since the

MIA'S View From the Mountain:



Freedom and Sacrifice- Captain Kangaroo, Lee Marvin and Mr. Rogers

Soon we will be celebrating America's 244th Birthday. For many Americans, that means spending time with family, firing up the grill, and lighting up the sky with fireworks. For other Americans, it means reflecting on our Nation's history, remembering time served in our military, or thinking of loved ones who are currently serving. Independence Day means many things to people. I always loved the Fourth of July, but then I love all holidays. I love celebrations, happiness, joy and laughter. The Fourth of July to me means families come together to celebrate our Independence and freedom as Americans. America's Birthday!!!! It's also a time to reflect on all those who paved the way to make our Country great. For the next several weeks, I will be focusing on Freedom and Sacrifice. In doing research for this column, I came across an interesting story that I think you will enjoy. Captain Kangaroo passed away on January 23, 2004 at age 76, which is odd, because he always looked to be 76. (DOB: 6/27/27) His death reminded me of the following story.

Some people have been a bit offended that the actor, Lee Marvin, is buried in a grave alongside 3 and 4-star generals at Arlington National Cemetery. His marker gives his name, rank (PVT) and service (USMC). Nothing else. Here's a guy who was only a famous movie star who served his timewhy does he rate burial with these guys? Well, following is the amazing answer:

I always liked Lee Marvin, but didn't know the extent of his Corps experiences.

In a time when many Hollywood stars served their country in the armed forces, often in rear echelon posts where they were carefully protected only to be trotted out to perform for the cameras in war bond promotions, Lee Marvin was a genuine hero. He won the Navy Cross at Iwo Jima. There is only one higher Naval award - the Medal of Honor! That is a comment on the true character of the man. Additionally, Lee Marvin credits his sergeant with an even greater show of bravery.

Dialogue from "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson": His guest was Lee Marvin. Johnny said, "Lee, I'll bet a lot of people are unaware that you were a Marine in the initial landing at Iwo Jima and that during the course of that action you earned the Navy Cross and were severely wounded."

"Yeah, yeah... I got shot square in the bottom and they gave me the Cross for securing a hot spot about halfway up Suribachi. Bad thing about getting shot up on a mountain is guys getting shot hauling you down. But, Johnny, at Iwo, I served under the bravest man I ever knew... We both got the Cross the same day, but what he did for his Cross made mine look cheap in comparison. That dumb guy actually stood up on Red beach and directed his troops to move forward and get off the beach. Bullets flying by, with mortar rounds landing everywhere and he stood there as the main target of gunfire so that he could get his men to safety. He did this on more than one occasion because his men's safety was more important than his own life.

That Sergeant and I have been lifelong friends. When they brought me off Suribachi we passed the Sergeant and he lit a smoke and passed it to me, lying on my belly on the litter and said, "Where'd they get you Lee?" "Well Bob, if you make it home before me, tell Mom to sell the

outhouse!" Johnny, I'm not lying, Sergeant Keeshan was the bravest man I ever knew. The Sergeant's name is Bob Keeshan. You and the world know him as Captain Kangaroo." On another note, there was this wimpy little man (who passed away) on PBS, gentle and quiet. Mr. Rogers is another of those you would least suspect of being anything but what he portrayed to our youth. But Mr. Rogers was a U.S. Navy Seal, combat-proven in Vietnam with over twenty-five confirmed kills to his name. He wore a long-sleeved sweater on TV to cover the many tattoos on his forearm and biceps. He was a master in small arms and hand-to-hand combat, able to disarm or kill in a heartbeat. After the war Mr. Rogers became an ordained Presbyterian minister and therefore a pacifist. Vowing to never harm another human and also dedicating the rest of his life to trying to help lead children on the right path in life, he hid away the tattoos and his past life and won our hearts with his quiet wit and charm. America's real heroes don't flaunt what they did; they quietly go about their day-to-day lives, doing what they do best. They earned our respect and the freedoms that we all enjoy. Look around and see if you can find one of those heroes in your midst. Often, they are the ones you'd least suspect, but would most like to have on your side if anything ever happened. Psalm 33:12 (KJV) Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance,

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

Historically Speaking

My Day With The Oak Ridge Boys

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

The Oak Ridge Boys were the entertainment for the 2007 Secret City Festival and I was privileged to get to tour them through the Y-12 National Security Complex and have dinner with them prior to their concert. Jane Miller asked me if I would give The Oak Ridge Boys a tour of Y-12 to include the calutrons. Katy Brown had indicated to her that in conversation with The Oak Ridge Boys publicist she had learned that they were quite interested in the history of Oak Ridge...not just how their name tied to it, but the real history of Oak Ridge. I said, "Yes, I will be happy to tour them."

From this conversation grew a full half-day tour of selected Oak Ridge history and a reception at the Scarboro Road Gatehouse. Jane and I picked them up at the Hampton Inn where their bus was parked and the band members were staying. We arrived at 12:15 PM to get them at 12:30 PM. Almost as soon as we got there, Joe Bonsall came strolling by, obviously finishing a run, with his shirt in his hand saying he had lost a bus. I knew right away that I was going to have a fun afternoon. Our first stop was the City of Oak Ridge sponsored reception at the Scarboro Road Gatehouse. I explained the history of the gatehouse before they got off the bus. The details I gave them were that this gatehouse served as a checking station for entry into Y-12 starting March 19, 1949 and was used as such until 1953 when the gates to the Y-12 site were moved back to the site proper.

When they got off the bus, the immediately began shaking hands and introducing themselves to all who were there. Before long they were looking closely at the historic Ed Westcott photographs lining the walls of the gatehouse. I made sure they understood that if it were not for Ed Westcott, official Manhattan Project photographer, that we would not have the rich photographic history we enjoy today. They closely examined most of the photographs lining the walls asking questions and making keen observations.

I immediately understood that their interest in the history of Oak Ridge was genuine. They were looking forward to the tour of Y-12 and later a tour of Wackenhut facilities. The festive atmosphere included the several staged photos of the Oaks sitting at 1940's era desk with historic artifacts and props.

There were a number of photographers there and many photos were made. Refreshments were served. And the Oak Ridge Boys Way sign was unveiled. This road that runs just north of the Civic Center has been designated the Oak Ridge Boys Way. They were pleased to accept the honor. This ceremony was repeated later at the concert and one of the signs was provided to them to take with them. Joe Bonsall said they should put it up somewhere near their home town as they have yet to name a street for them.

Soon time came for us to begin the tours after badges were provided by Wackenhut. We took them on much the same route as the Secret City Festival Y-12 Public Tour had taken on Friday except the only stop was on Chestnut Ridge at the Water Tanks Overlook. The view of Y-12 gave them an appreciation of the size of the site and the unique historic role Y-12 has played over the years.

We then took them to see the calutrons in Beta 3. There they gained a full appreciation for the magnitude of the task required to separate the uranium needed for Little Boy.

Next, we traveled to Wackenhut's Central Training facility where they saw the protective forces weapons, equipment, canine searches and even got to see the active weapons systems used for training.

By the time we arrived back at the hotel, they indicated that they had drawn a much fuller appreciation for the history of Oak Ridge. With barely enough time for them to eat dinner before the concert, a portion of the Magnolia Tree restaurant was reserved for a quiet dinner for a few guests and the band. This dinner was also an opportunity to have them meet Bill Wilcox, Official Oak Ridge City Historian.

Duane said of Bill Wilcox and their dinner conversation, "I sat at the dinner table with Mr. Wilcox. Wow, what a character, he started me back in 1942 and tip-toed me through the high points of how things came to be. What a wonderful old gentleman! I could have listened

to him for days!"

Duane also wrote a lengthy post on Sunday AM for the Oak Ridge Boys web site's "Oaks Talk" bulletin board for fans. He told of the impact of the Oak Ridge visit on him. He said, "The day began at 1:00, and everything we did during that time was planned to the minute. We were carried into facilities that very few people have ever been. We were shown how the atoms were separated to manufacture the components of the atomic bomb that ended World War II."

He went on to describe more of the tour, "So many questions about our history, and the history of the Secret City were revealed to me. I will later include these historical facts in a book, if I ever get around to finishing it. I was happy to learn, for a fact, that most everything I have been writing about the history of our group, in relation to Oak Ridge and our group singing there in the 40's is true. I learned so many things that I did NOT know. I will try and sort them out and write them in a way that will be a very interesting read. I learned so much yesterday that my brain is in overload and I am



The Oak Ridge Boys — from left, Richard Sterban, Joe Bonsall, Duane Allen, William Lee Golden — on top of Chestnut Ridge overlooking the Y-12 National Security Complex earlier in the day before performing at the 2007 Secret City Festival on Saturday night. (Photo Submitted)

still cataloging all this wonderful history!" The four Oak Ridge Boys, Joe Bonsall, William Lee Golden, Duane Allen and Richard Sterbin are really nice guys. They are down to earth and easy to talk with. They asked very good questions and were intent on learning all they could about Oak Ridge history.

Here is a personal note of interest about William Lee Golden. He and his family own a home in Hendersonville, TN that was originally built in 1786. It has been hit by tornados twice, once about 100 years ago and the second time just a few years ago. It has been restored both times. The first time the ceilings were lowered, but after the second tornado, William Lee said they decided to raise the ceilings back to the original height. The house was rebuilt using the most modern and strong materials, yet remained authentic to the original design. He is rightly proud of that historic home.

There is a DVD The William Lee Golden Story, a sixty-five-minute documentary film that includes interviews with friends, family and music industry family. His mother, Rutha Mae Golden, has published a book of poems, Golden Verses, poems of life, love, family and faith.

Joe Bonsall has written two books, one about thirty years with The Oak Ridge Boys, An American Journey, and the other, GI Joe & Lillie with a foreword by Barbara Bush and the story of Joe's beloved father and mother. I received a signed copy of GI Joe & Lillie and have found it to be a really good read about two World War II veterans who made a wonderful life together and whose love for family is something the world needs to better understand and practice. Reading this book made Joe Bonsall's life take on an even more special meaning for me.

Duane Allen is proud of his boots. He showed them to me. They have the presidential seal on them and are a present from George Herbert Walker Bush, our 41st president. He has worn out three pairs of them! He wears them almost daily! Duane is intent upon learning and documenting the history of The Oak Ridge Boys to the fullest and most accurate extent possible. I am pleased to have been able to help him some with this endeavor and hope to be able to be of even more assistance as he proceeds with the project.

Richard Sterban's trademark bass singing voice and the signature "Omm Bop A Mow Mow" is not the only use he makes of his tremendous vocal abilities. He has recorded

public service announcements for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio network, the "voice" of the National Weather Service. Richard is also the "voice" for the Classic Country channel on Sirius Satellite Radio. He is quiet but keenly interested in everything around him. During the tours in Oak Ridge he watched intently at every new detail and when he asked a question, it was insightful and clearly stated. His ready smile and warmth makes him easy to talk with.

And then there was the concert. A huge crowd gathered in Bissell Park as the hot sun slid slowly toward the horizon. The "Blue Moon Rising" band served some excellent bluegrass music as the opening act.

When the welcoming remarks were ended and The Oak Ridge Boys took the stage, the sunset provided some welcome relief from the heat and the excitement swelled in the crowd. After a couple of songs, Joe took a moment to mention to the crowd how the activities of the day thus far had held much meaning for The Oak Ridge Boys. Their visit was more than another concert and they had learned much about Oak Ridge history.

Of course, I wore my Oak Ridge Boys cap with pride throughout the concert and showed it to all who indicated any interest in what had happened during the afternoon. Scott Fraker, of The Oak Ridger, called me wanting to know the details of the afternoon tour for the newspaper. I tried to tell him on the phone what we had done, but may have been too tired to make much sense. So, I sent him an email later in the evening hoping that would be of use to the newspaper.

The music of The Oak Ridge Boys was the capstone of a wonderful day for me. The singing was great, the crowd support was strong and the evening was a delightful relaxing time in the twilight and early night with the superb weather and clear sky. The Secret City Festival's premiere concert was a huge hit and I feel the entire day was a whopping success!

Over the years since this unique opportunity to meet and tour The Oak Ridge Boys, Fanny and I have stayed in touch with them and attended most all their concerts in this area. I still swell with pride when they take a few minutes in a concert to explain where they got their name and often mention the tour behind the "secret" location at Y-12 where they saw the Manhattan Project Calutrons up close and personal.

We almost were able to schedule them to return for the 75th anniversary of Oak Ridge, but they had already filled the date before we asked them. I believe they would come again if asked and we could arrange it.

The Oak Ridge Boys Executive Vice President contacted me not too long ago asking for a personal tour of Oak Ridge. He remembers fondly being here in 2007 and wanted to see what else we had opened up for folks to see since then. I assured him I would be pleased to give him a tour and include the Manhattan Project National Historical Park as well as the museums opened since he was here last.

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

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

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

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

My Love for Motorcycles



Louis Redmon
Guest Columnist

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Amy Redmon Stafford

Everyone who has known me for any length of time know that I have a passion for Bluebirds. But I have another passion that is about as strong. It all be-

and I won 2nd place in the Greater Atlanta Bike show with it last year. Needless to say, it is my pride and joy.

I now have seven BSA's, four Triumphs and one Norton Commando. I have restored all of these and they all run well. I go to a lot of bike shows and find old bikes that are only good for parts. I also have a new 2020 Triumph

compounded broken bones in my arm and three broken bones in my back. I even broke the stone in my high school class ring while riding in Indiana. But I still love to ride and just last year I told my son that I wanted to ride the Dragon's Tail on my Norton Commando. We ended up riding it together and I made it alright except my speedometer quit in

gan when I was thirteen years old and in the eighth grade. My love for motorcycles started. My brother Glen had a 250 Allstate that he let me ride. I'm sorry to say that I didn't do well on my first ride. We were at Bullen's Store on Highway 62 around some gas pumps (not a good place to first ride



a motorcycle). I wrecked and ran over two bicycles before I hit the side of the

L Bonneville Diamond Edition. It's a beauty and the British have come a long

for the British motorcycle rally. It was canceled this year due to the Corona virus pandemic.

Sweet-water.

I've been riding Highway 129, the Dragan Tail, almost every year, and I've been going to Georgia every year for the last twenty-seven years



I estimate that I have ridden motorcycles over 500,00 miles. I guess one of my longest trips was from Macon, Georgia to New York State. I have also taken a trip from here to Virginia.

I don't know how many more years I will be able to ride, but I have a friend in Gulf Shores, Alabama who just purchased a new Triumph Bonneville at age eighty-two. So, I guess I have a few years left to hear the roar of the bike engine and feel the wind on my face. I just love to ride.

store. I wasn't hurt bad but I lost one of my shoes and never did find it. Glen felt that I needed more practice before getting on the road so we went up to the high school football field which was pretty rough but I learned to ride pretty good in a safe place.

From then on, except when I was in the Navy, I have always owned a motorcycle. When I got out of the Navy, I purchased a B33 BSA from my cousin for \$50.00. I have always loved British motorcycles. When I was in high school and not able to purchase a motorcycle, I ordered brochures from the BSA company and no doubt looked at them a lot and dreamed of the day when I could buy one.

When I got a job with Southern Teletronics I bought a new 1968 BSA Spitfire Special in Macon, Georgia. I think I was lucky to find one on display because this was the last year for BSA to make this type of bike. I still ride it every year. It is still all original

way in improving motorcycles. This is pretty evident when you see my garage



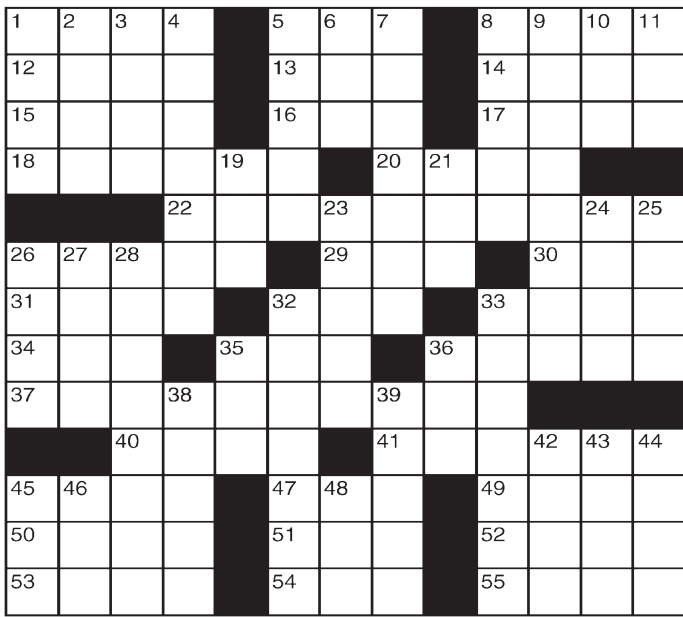
full of BSA bikes manufactured before 1968.

Since my first wreck at Bullen's Store I've had many wrecks. I've had

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 — and call
- 5 Promptly
- 8 Despot
- 12 Verve
- 13 Rd.
- 14 Regulation
- 15 Not yet final, in law
- 16 — -relief
- 17 Blind as —
- 18 Body art
- 20 Pack down
- 22 Half a fluid ounce
- 26 Short
- 29 Swiss canton
- 30 Tokyo, once
- 31 Bergman, in "Casablanca"
- 32 Action star Diesel
- 33 One
- 34 Mel of Cooperstown
- 35 Programmer's woe
- 36 Foolish
- 37 Skiers' carriages
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- 50 Met melody
- 51 Dos' neighbors
- 52 Yemeni port



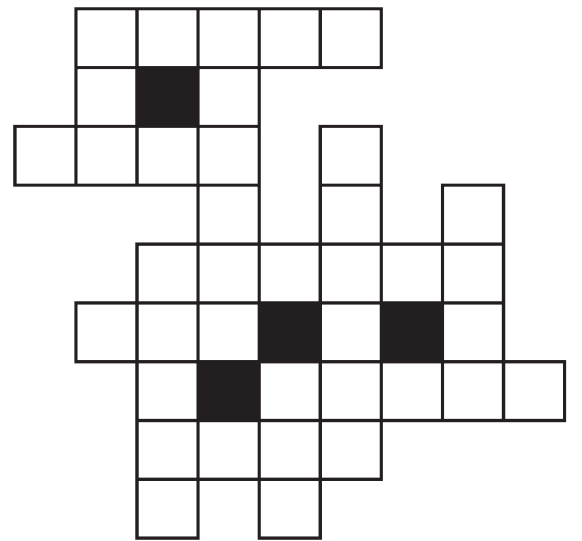
- 53 Helen's home
 - 54 Previous night
 - 55 Saucy
- DOWN**
- 1 Crooked
 - 2 Director Kazan
 - 3 Group of actors
 - 4 Made a sweater, maybe
 - 5 Biz big shot
 - 6 Eggs
 - 7 Oater
 - 8 Chaplin persona
 - 9 Court sum-
 - 10 — carte
 - 11 Pensioned (Abbr.)
 - 19 Lummock
 - 21 "— was saying ..."
 - 23 Playwright Pirandello
 - 24 Valhalla VIP
 - 25 Memo
 - 26 United nations
 - 27 Naomi's daughter-in-law
 - 28 Incised printing method
 - 32 Predatory sort
 - 33 Remove a seat belt
 - 35 Underwear with underwire
 - 36 "Monty Python" opener
 - 38 Dental filling
 - 39 Untrue
 - 42 Took the bus
 - 43 State with certainty
 - 44 Gave temporarily
 - 45 Garfield or Heathcliff
 - 46 Blunder
 - 48 Gun the engine

FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- TFI
- ♥ DOFWEL
 - ♥ PLEAM
 - ♥ NAYM
 - ♥ TINPOO
 - IPE
 - ♥ ADLI
 - ♥ LERFA
 - ♥ DNA
 - TOYMLE
 - WRPLO
 - ♥ TWES



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

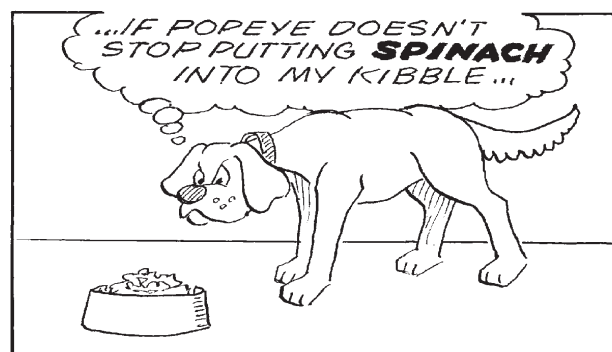
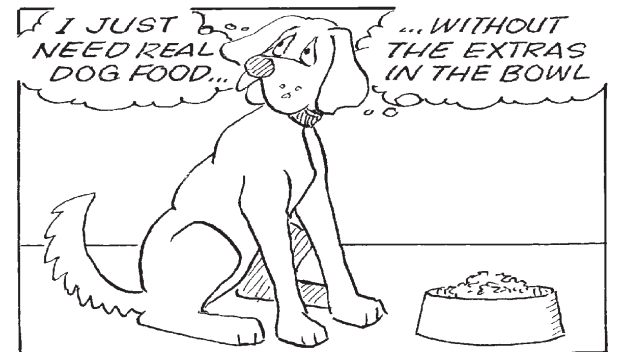
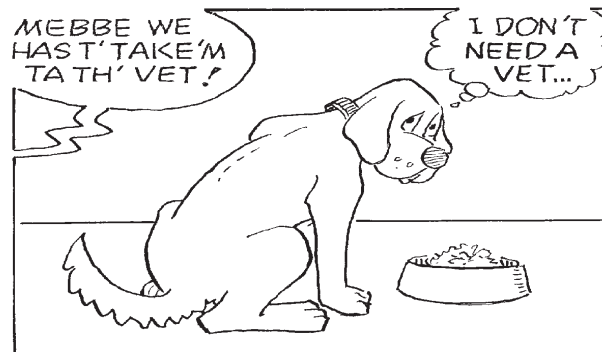
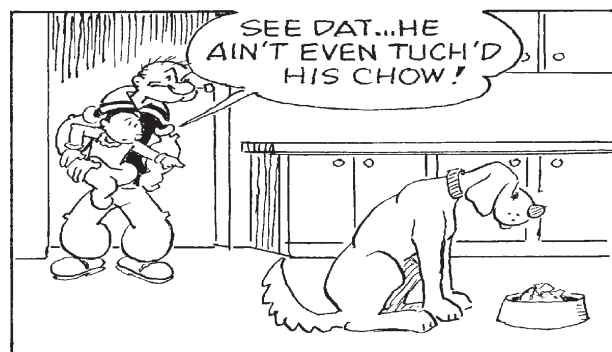
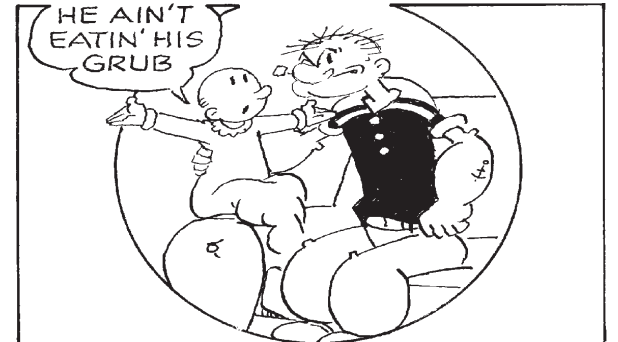
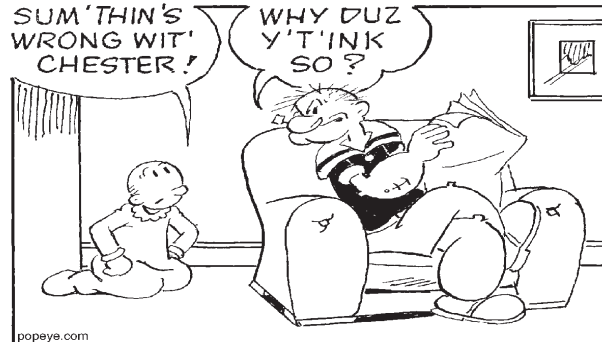
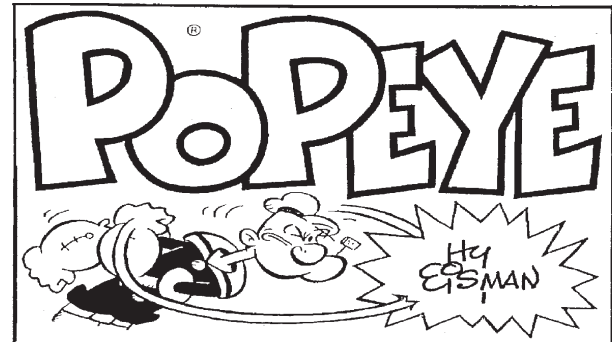
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	5	2	3		4			
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	9		1	5				
4				3	8	7		
		3	7					2

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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answer



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

8	2	1	5	3	9	6	7	4
9	3	6	1	7	4	8	2	5
5	7	4	8	2	6	3	1	9
6	1	9	4	5	7	2	3	8
7	5	2	3	8	1	4	9	6
3	4	8	9	6	2	7	5	1
2	9	7	6	1	8	5	4	3
4	6	5	2	9	3	1	8	7
1	8	3	7	4	5	9	6	2

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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L	U	N	D	V	I	N	U	N	I	T			
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SAMPLE BALLOT & ELECTION NOTICE

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR MORGAN COUNTY STATE PRIMARY AND COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON August 06, 2020		Precinct NEWSPAPER
<p>Instruction Text: To vote for your choice in each contest, turn the SELECT wheel to highlight your choice. Press ENTER to mark your choice. When you are finished voting, press CAST BALLOT until you see the waving American flag.</p>	<p>STATE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY</p> <p>UNITED STATES SENATE Vote for One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marquita Bradshaw</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gary G Davis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Robin Kimbrough</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> James Mackler</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mark Pickrell</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p> <p>UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 3 Vote for One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Meg Gorman</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p> <p>TENNESSEE SENATE District 12 Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p> <p>TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 41 Vote for One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John Mark Windle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p> <p>COUNTY GENERAL</p> <p>ASSESSOR of PROPERTY Vote for One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gifford (Biff) Wilson IND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p> <p>COUNTY ATTORNEY Vote for One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tracey Vought Williams IND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p> <p>SCHOOL BOARD District 2 Vote for One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Hicks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Wade Summers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p>	<p>SCHOOL BOARD District 4 Vote for One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tammy R. Howard</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Glen Moore</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p> <p>SCHOOL BOARD District 6 Vote for One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mickey Ray Tucker</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p> <p>MUNICIPAL ELECTION City of Wartburg</p> <p>ALDERMAN at-LARGE City of Wartburg Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p> <p>JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTION</p> <p>Court of Appeals Judge - Western Division Carma Dennis McGee Shall Carma Dennis McGee be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced? Vote for One (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Retain</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Replace</p>
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<p>TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 41 Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</p>		

ELECTION NOTICE
EARLY / ABSENTEE VOTING
FEDERAL/STATE PRIMARY, COUNTY GENERAL, WARTBURG MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020

THE MORGAN COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION WILL BE OPEN FOR EARLY VOTING FOR ANY ELIGIBLE VOTER TO CAST A BALLOT BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE LOCATED IN THE MORGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 105, 415 N. KINGSTON ST., WARTBURG, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

- July 17th: 9 A.M.- 4 P.M. • July 18th: 9 A.M.- 12 NOON
- July 20-24th: 9 A.M.- 4 P.M. • July 25th: 9 A.M.-12 NOON
- July 27-29th: 9 A.M.- 4 P.M. • July 30-31st: 9 A.M.- 6 P.M.
- August 1st: 9 A.M.-12 NOON

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN PERSON OR BY MAIL POSTMARKED FOR THE AUGUST 6, 2020 ELECTIONS WILL BE TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020. REGISTERED VOTERS WHO WILL BE UNABLE TO GO TO THEIR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY MAY VOTE BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

1. **VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE**
BEGINNING JULY 7 – AUGUST 1, 2020, A VOTER DESIRING TO VOTE BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE SHALL GO TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE, PRESENT A VALID FEDERAL OR TN STATE ISSUED PHOTO ID, SIGN AN APPLICATION TO VOTE, AND CAST THEIR VOTE ON A VOTING MACHINE. THE LAST DAY TO EARLY VOTE BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON.
PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT FOR ALL VOTERS AT POLLS:
All voters must present a Federal or TN State issued photo ID. The ID must contain the voter's name and photograph. For more information regarding exemptions, acceptable and non-acceptable proof of photo ID, please contact our office or you may visit the Tennessee Division of Elections web site: <http://www.tn.gov/sos/election/index.htm> or <http://www.GoVoteTN.com>. Acceptable PHOTO IDs (even if expired) include: TN driver license with your photo, TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security photo ID, TN State issued gun carry permit with your photo, United States Military photo ID, United States Passport, or any photo ID issued by the Federal or TN State government (excluding college student IDs). Registered voters that do not have a valid PHOTO ID may obtain one for voting purposes from the Tennessee Department of Safety at any participating driver service center or added onto an existing driver license or ID at the Morgan County Clerk office. Under the voter ID law, in order to get a photo ID for voting purposes, voters must show the following documentation to the Driver Service Center examiner: Proof of US citizenship (such as a birth certificate); and, two proofs of Tennessee residency (such as copy of a utility bill, vehicle registration/title, or bank statement). REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ID WITH YOU WHEN YOU APPEAR TO VOTE. THIS APPLIES TO EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY.
2. **VOTING ABSENTEE**
IN ORDER TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL, A VOTER MUST MEET CERTAIN LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS. A VOTER WHICH REGISTERED IN PERSON AND DESIRING TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL, SHALL IN WRITING OVER HIS SIGNATURE EITHER IN PERSON AT THE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE OR BY MAIL, REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. SUCH REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY BE RECEIVED NO EARLIER THAN THE 90TH DAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, AND MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY 30, 2020 AT 4:00 PM. THE REQUEST FOR AN APPLICATION CAN SERVE AS AN APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT IF IT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING: NAME, ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ADDRESS TO MAIL THE BALLOT TO, THE ELECTION/S THE VOTER WISHES TO VOTE IN, THE VALID REASON THE VOTER WISHES TO VOTE ABSENTEE, AND THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE. A voter may make the request or submit an application to vote by mail, facsimile transmission or email with an attached document which includes a scanned signature.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT EARLY VOTING, PLEASE CONTACT:

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John 3:7

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On Sunday, June 28, 2020 I was asked to speak at my church (Liberty Baptist Church, Kingston) pertaining to my feelings about being an American. This is what I said.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 reads, 1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; Psalm 139:14-18 reads, 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest

parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. Just as stated in Ecclesiastes we were not born by mistake or happenstance but we were born in the will of God. The LORD chose us to be born on the exact date and time we where born. The LORD chose us to be born by our parents, as members of our families. The LORD will choose the date, the time, the location and reason for which we will take our last breath on earth. Our lives are short let's not waste a

moment. I'm thankful the LORD chose us to be born Americans. Let's be thankful and appreciative of being born Americans or for the right and freedom to become Americans legally. As Americans we

and to petition. We have the rights to bear arms, to own private property, to equal justice, and to enjoy many other freedoms such as; to live or travel anywhere in our nation, to work at any job for which we are qualified, to marry

country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Our country needs to deeply embrace this frame of thought once again. We all must do our part to ensure freedom to others and that our freedoms are not infringed upon.

sacrifice, pride and selflessness, fear and fearlessness, killing and compassion. I'm thankful for all I've seen, experiences, and done because those actions have molded me into the man I am today.

We must spoil ourselves on our freedoms and rights. We must embrace them and exercise them daily. Do your part daily by being law abiding citizens, live full and meaningful lives, stand up for Christian beliefs and values and lastly VOTE.

In closing just as JFK quoted, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." As Christians let's strive to, "Ask not what God (Jesus Christ) can do for us, ask what we can do for Him."



have rights and freedoms unknown in other nations. It's important to know our rights and freedoms so that we can appreciate them all the same. We have the freedoms of religion, of speech, of the press, of assem-

and raise a family, to free public education, and to join any political party, unions, or other legal groups of our choice. President John F. Kennedy stated in his inaugural address "Ask not what your

On October 13, 1999 I decided to do my part by enlisting to serve in the Tennessee Army National Guard. Throughout my twenty years of service I've see the best and worst of humanity. I've seen; greed and

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Your Career Questions: Final

This week's question comes from Teresa in Wartburg, TN: Should I send a thank you letter after my job interview?

When it comes to the topic of job interviewing, most publications—whether books, articles, or newspapers—highly recommend you send a "thank you" note afterwards. There is normally a specified time frame each author suggests for taking this step after the interview has ended. Some experts are adamant it should be right after the interview, others have stated you have a maximum of a 24-hour window, and some often argue that it's reasonable to take up to 48 hours to send a note.

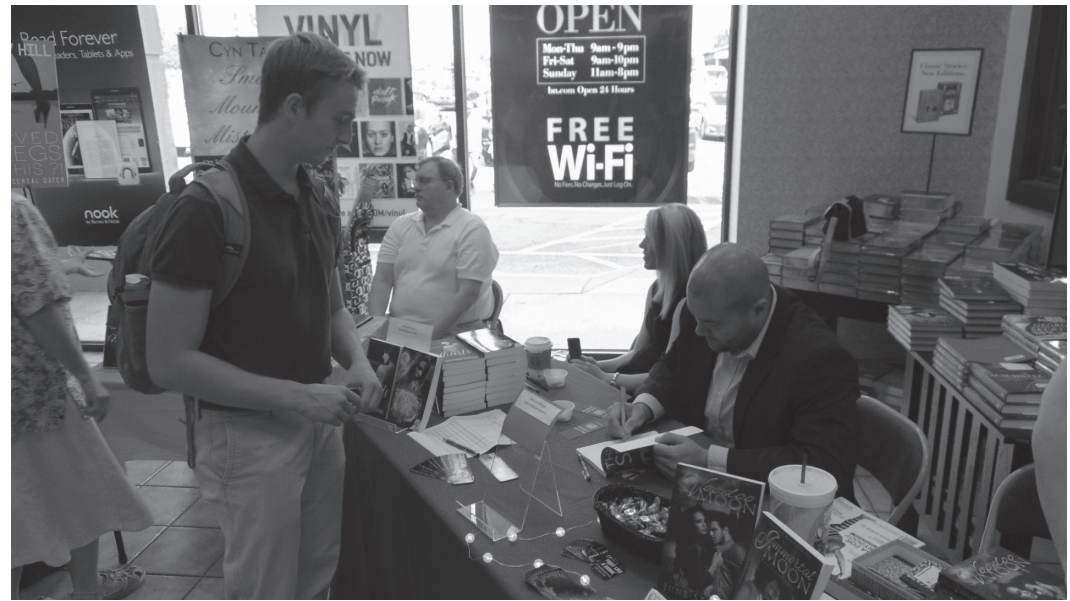
I would argue that 48 hours seems a bit

thing that sets you apart from your competition. A prompt "thank you" note may show the hiring manager you're excited about the position and enjoyed the conversation.

their corporate office. Are they ever going to even be at the headquarters to receive a



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letter? Even if they do, your note may arrive after the hiring decision has been made.

There are several thank you letter

Compose a handwritten "thank you" after the interview. I always write both an email communication within a 12-hour window and a handwritten thank you note. Have a blank thank you card with you and fill it out immediately after the job interview. The hand-written note doesn't need to be a novel. A paragraph or two will completely suffice. Your detailed letter will be composed and sent via email. A common excuse I hear is, "but my handwriting is terrible". Well, my own handwriting looks like chicken scratch from a one-legged bird. It's absolutely terrible! That's no excuse for me not to leave a handwritten note for the hiring manager. My handwriting is still terrible, but I can take my time to make it look legible as possible.

templates and examples floating around on the Web. While these boring pre-formatted, unoriginal examples are readily available, your note still needs to be customized to you, the job, and the interview that took place. It doesn't need to be a cookie cutter note you copy and paste. Do you think the interviewer has seen that same template before? Do you want to give the impression that you are sloppy, lazy, or uninterested in thanking the interviewer for their precious time? Make sure you customize your thank you email after the job interview.

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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too long and right after isn't always feasible. The Hot Seat generally recommends sending the note within a 12-hour time frame. Why? Technology controls most of our lives today. Most smartphones are equipped with email features. You can easily submit a "thank you" email right after the interview via your phone, tablet, or a laptop. Just do it and get it over with. Besides, the longer you procrastinate, the greater the chance of forgetting to email it at all. I would send a note the day of the interview or later that evening. This effort is one more

With handwritten notes, the general rule thumb is that it's like the bad Christmas present Aunt Kathy gives you each year: it's the thought that counts.

Not many people write notes nowadays, which makes them even more distinctive. The best place to leave the handwritten note is underneath the meeting room door after the interview, with a receptionist, or someone who can be trusted at the venue to get into the hiring manager's hands. Most of the time the address on the hiring managers business cards are from

Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Another month has come and gone. 2020 may not be our favorite year but I still would like time to slow down a bit. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable July 4th. Please remember why we celebrate.

Don't forget to contribute to local cemetery funds. Cemeteries don't mow and trim themselves.

New Student Enrollment for Oakdale School will be Wednesday, July 15, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the school.

The 2020 Tennessee tax-free holiday weekend begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 31 and ends Sunday, August 2 at 11:59 p.m.

Congratulations to Greg and Phyllis Langley who celebrated their 42 wedding anniversary June 17.

On Father's Day Sunday, Valerie and Cartie Disney attended Boswell Chapel Baptist Church to be in the service with their Dad and Papaw, Kerry Ruppe. Later, the Disney family had Jim and Tracy Disney and Granny Margaret Disney for lunch. They enjoyed a cookout and good time with them as well as with Chloe Reynolds and her family. Noah Disney stopped by after

work.

Bunt and I enjoyed Father's Day with Kyle, Kayla, Elijah, Clara and Hattie Ruppe. We also celebrated Elijah's 14th birthday. The Ruppe's treated us to homemade ice cream on Sunday afternoon and then a delicious supper later on.

Get well wishes to Lanni Grizzle, daughter of Jamie and Amanda Grizzle, who underwent back surgery last week.

Families with children age 4 that are interested in registering for Pre K in Morgan County, should call Morgan County School's Central Office to make an appointment for registration. Children must turn 4 years old by August 15 to attend Pre K.

Happy Birthday to Dawson Smith who celebrated his birthday June 27.

Happy Birthday to Kristi Headrick who celebrated her birthday June 28.

Happy Birthday to Bridget Smith who celebrated her birthday June 30.

Happy Birthday to Ryan Powers who will celebrate his birthday tomorrow, July 1. His dad, Glen, will celebrate his birthday July 5.

Happy Birthday Seth and Ethan Johnson who will have a birthday on July 4.

Happy Birthday to Lyndell Goldston who will also celebrate his birthday on July 4.

Happy Birthday to two of our friends and neighbors who celebrate their birthday on July 8. Anna Shelton and Rhylan Hicks will both have a birthday on that day.

Congratulations to Tyler and Maude Townsend on the birth of their granddaughter. Cora Jean Feezell arrived at 4:13 Thursday morning, June 25. She weighed 6 lbs 5 oz and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Isaiah and Rebecca Feezell. Congratulations Everyone! Let the spoiling begin.

Happy Birthday to Paul Yeary who celebrated his 84th birthday Tuesday, June 23. His wife Leslie, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren celebrated Father's Day and his birthday with him on Sunday, June 21.

On Wednesday, June 24, Michele Gilbert and her sons, Bryson and Camden, Teresa Gilbert and Tiffeney Yeary went to Little Ponderosa Zoo in Clinton. Tiffeney

and Teresa had fun feeding the baby goats but the boys were scared to do it. On Thursday, June 25, they went to Parrot Mountain in Pigeon Forge. Bryson and Camden loved looking at the birds but they did not want to feed them!

Kevin and Beverly Foster of Oakdale and Michael Redmon of Rockwood along with Mark and Carol Felker of Nashville are proud to announce the marriage of their children. Blake Redmon and Jordan Felker were married June 20, 2020 at Owen Farm in Chapmansboro, Tennessee. Many friends and family were in attendance to enjoy the ceremony. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Destin, Florida.

Pray, Pray, Pray! There is so much to pray about.

In honor of America's birthday, I leave you with these well known words.

"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me. And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today. 'Cause there ain't no doubt, I love this land, God Bless the U.S.A." -

Musician Lee Greenwood

Morgan County Today Community Calendar

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.

Commodity Distribution Rescheduled

East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA) will distribute commodities, Thursday, July 16th, 8 am to 12 pm, at the Wartburg Civic Center.

You may pick up for 3 households only. Please bring a box for your commodities. Households can pre register prior to distribution date at the ETHRA office located next to Wartburg High School. For more information, call 423.346.6651, extension 6501. This program is funded under an agreement with the Department of Agriculture. In accordance with federal law and USDA, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

DWR MEETING MONDAY JULY 6 @ 4:30PM @ CITY HALL Wartburg, TN. DWR's meeting times have been moved to 4:30 pm to encourage business owners to attend and make their business needs known. The Downtown Wartburg Revitalization (DWR) team's goal and focus is to revitalize the downtown community to bring more visitors and patrons to the downtown area. Please come give us your ideas on how we can make this happen.

Hebrews Chapter 5

(Hebrews 5:1-10) qualifications for priesthood: under the Mosaic regime, the high priest was selected from among men (specifically, from the lineage of Aaron). He was divinely appointed to officiate over religious ritualism, offerings that pertained to pardon of sins (some living, other non-living). He was to have a compassionate disposition for the ignorant and the wayward. He had to acknowledge his own sin, thus offering sacrifice for himself as well as others. He was not to arrogate the office unto himself, but conform to the will of God (1-4).

The high priest, to a degree, symbolically foreshadowed Christ; but there were significant differences as well. Jesus "glorified not himself" as high priest. He was appointed by God. Psalm 2:7 is quoted to that end. The language is flexible, the same text being used elsewhere for Jesus' birth and his resurrection from the dead (1:5; Acts 13:33). Jesus was a priest after the order of Melchizedek (a contemporary of Abraham). See chapter seven.

The sacred writer now speaks of Jesus "in the days of his flesh" (v. 7)---implying that he had a pre-flesh existence (Jn. 1:14; 1 Tim. 3:16). The emotional "humanness" of our high priest now is underscored. Especially are the Gethsemane and Calvary ordeals referenced (2:12; Psa. 22:1; especially v. 24). With strong crying and tears (not mentioned in the Gospels), he prayed to God, confident that the Father was able to "save" (deliver) him "from" (out of) death (an allusion to his resurrection). He was heard for his godly reverence, being raised from the dead (v. 8). The Lord's resurrection is the key evidence of his legitimate qualification as our high priest for sin. Combining figures of speech, Jesus is both the priest and the sacrifice.

Even though the Savior, in his relation to the Father, was "Son" in nature, he had to "learn" obedience. Such is a part of the human experience. As the Lord "grew" intellectually (Lk. 2:40, 52), his comprehension for complete obedience did as well. By his experiences, he "was made perfect". This is not moral perfection; he always was that. "Perfect" suggests he was "completely qualified" for his priestly role. He was

the source of eternal salvation. Who are the recipients of this salvation? Not everyone, as argued by "universalists". Nor are a mere select few, unconditionally ordained as the "elect" before the world's foundation, as Calvinists contend. Rather, those who pursue "obedience" (the Greek tense reflects ongoing action) are bestowed salvation (v. 9). Jesus is the source of salvation for all, but only the obedient will be saved. Calvinistic attempts to harmonize the "obedience" of this passage with their "faith-only" theory would be humorous if not so pathetically tragic.

(Hebrews 5:11-14) the tragedy of spiritual degeneration: the writer now wishes to address the spiritual condition of many Hebrews who will read his epistle. The things under consideration are not intrinsically "hard" to fathom, but they are hard when exposed to "dull" listeners. "Dull" is the opposite of the "honest and good" heart (Lk. 8:15; Acts 17:11). With the passing of time (probably thirty years or so with some), when they should have developed into informed, stable teachers, they were in need of learning the ABCs of Christian doctrine. They were still in spiritual kindergarten. Some never get beyond "first principles", others recklessly abandon them!

Consider the cartoon-like picture of a thirty-year-old person who still is sucking on a bottle of milk! The imagery marks one as "inexperienced" in God's righteous word, and like an overgrown, undernourished "baby" in Christ. Such cannot chew and digest solid food, for they have never grown in the faith (v. 14). They may have been in the church for twenty years, but they only have one year's experience twenty times! These have not developed "their senses" to discriminate the difference between "good and evil". How very vulnerable they are. Little wonder there was a Hebrew-Christian apostasy danger. Without the ability to discern the difference between moral good and evil, or religious truth and error, one is blown to and fro with every wind of false teaching (Eph. 4:14). People are responsible for whether they grow or not and for what they believe and teach.

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Morgan County Today is pleased to honor MSG (R) Daniel Orange as this week's veteran of the week. Retired Master Sergeant Orange served in the United States Army, for three years from May 1974 to May 1977. He served seventeen years from June 1979 to June 1996 in Special Forces to include the training.

MSG (R) Orange was awarded nineteen medals and two Presidential Unit Citations in his twenty years of active military service.

He was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY, Fort Bragg, NC, Okinawa, Fort Lewis, WA, and Fort Myers, VA. His duty included serving in South East Asia for nine years while working in Japan,

South Korea, Guam, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines and Laos.

His area of operation was along the Mekong River and assignments included service as a military instructor for years in Northern Thailand and Philippines. He worked out of the Laos Consulate as a Lao Linguist for Medical Capabilities, Civil Action Projects, and in support of the search for down pilots remains from the Vietnam war. Some of his notable military experiences was being in Sam Nua, Laos at the opening ceremony for the Ho Chi Minh Museum as a guest of the Provincial Chief, selected as the Ninja of the Year, working for years in the Philippines mostly at Fort Magsaysay and in Northern Thailand as a Military Instructor.

Other duties were SF 1st Group Medical Sergeant, Military Intelligence and as a Team Sergeant in Southeast Asia and USA. These years were spent on Special Forces A Teams as his specialties were Jungle Survival, Close Quarter Combat Operator, Medical, Linguist and Military Freefall. His last duty assignment was the Senior Military Instructor, ROTC, at Georgia State University.

Dan was born in Morgan County on a small farm in Lancing and grew up in Oliver Springs. He was the captain of the elementary and high school football teams. He currently lives on a

homesteading farm. His hobby is gardening, raising pigs, chickens and fish. He specializes in oriental vegetables.

He has worked the past twenty-four years for the State of Tennessee. He is the President of Roane County Tennessee State Employee Association, the 1st Vice Commander of American Legion Post 112, Oliver Springs, and Director of Neighborhood Watch areas in East Roane County.

His family includes wife Lulu, daughters are Lily Belle and Rose Marie and son Mitchell with his wife Amy and granddaughter Olivia.

He now encourages all Veterans to join and support their local American Legion Post. This has proven to be the best avenue for camaraderie among the prior service men and women.

You will have occasions to assist our comrades in times of need, provide opportunity for our youth and serve the community on annual events and special projects.

MSG (R) Orange Morgan County Today thanks you for your service and dedication. You're truly an inspiration!



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

Morgan County Today, is pleased to recognize Kyle Schubert as this week's Law Enforcement Officer of the Week. Kyle grew up in Mossy Grove and graduated from Wartburg Central High School. He still resides in Morgan County with his loving wife Joanna and their two-year-old son, Leeland.

Kyle's childhood dream was to work in law enforcement. He was inspired by his father's service to

Morgan County. His father has had a long thirty-four-year career as a Correctional Officer at the Morgan County Correctional Complex.

Kyle immediately reached for his childhood goal by getting hired on at the Morgan County Sheriff's



Department right after his high school graduation in 2010. He now serves and protects Morgan County's citizens as a Patrol Deputy. He's thankful for his position at the MCSO because he enjoys helping the residents of Morgan

County anyway he can. Deputy Schubert is thankful for everyone who helped him along the way to get him where he is in his life today.

Deputy Schubert, Morgan County Today, thanks you for caring for our community and enforcing law and order with professionalism, dignity and respect.



David Zubler

The benefits of tax-saving business strategies

Using tax-saving business strategies can substantially reduce the amount of taxes paid by a business. Maximizing the tax savings requires determining the best tax strategy. Tax-saving

business strategies have completely changed as a result of the 2018 Tax Cuts and Job Act. If you haven't changed your strategy to take advantage of the new tax laws, you could be paying a substantial amount more in taxes each year than you should be.

The 2018 changes created the 20% QBI deduction for businesses. This can reduce your taxable business income by 20%. However, not all business income is qualified for the 20% deduction. The 20% QBI deduction is too involved to be covered in one article and will be covered in future articles.

When determining the best tax-saving business strategy there are several entities to take into consideration. These include the sole proprietor, partnership, LLC, S corporation and C corporation. There are several variables to consider in order to determine which one is best for you.

Some of the factors that you should

consider when determining your strategy is the amount of your profit and whether you have other sources of income. Other factors that will impact your strategy are your marital status and whether your spouse has income. Additionally, if you have children, this may also affect your strategy.

A substantial amount of money may be saved by taking advantage of an S corporation. By forming an S corporation, a business owner may be able to substantially reduce self-employment taxes. The owner of an S corporation does not pay payroll taxes on the profit, which could provide significant tax savings.

As an example, if a sole proprietor has a profit of \$100,000, the self-employment (SE) taxes would be about \$14,130. By forming an S corporation and taking a reasonable salary of \$60,000, it would eliminate the payroll taxes by 40%. This strategy would reduce payroll taxes by about \$5,652 (\$14,000 x 40%).

Another strategy is having your spouse rent property to you, since there are no SE taxes on rental income.

As an example, your spouse rents a building to you. You pay your spouse \$2,000 rent each month. This strategy reduces your self-employment income by \$24,000 which reduces your taxes by SE taxes by \$3,391 each year.

Hiring your children can provide a tremendous tax savings. The standard deduction for a child is \$12,400 in 2020. Any W-2 wages to the child less than the standard deduction is tax-free.

As an example, you pay your child \$100 a week. This would reduce your taxable income by \$5,200. Consequently, your self-employment taxes would be reduced by \$735 and your income taxes would also be reduced. The amount of your income tax savings would depend on your income tax bracket. If you were in the 22% bracket your income tax savings would be \$1,144. This would result in a total tax savings of \$1,879.

These are just a few of the many possible strategies. Before implementing any strategy, it is important to research all of the details since this article only provides a brief synopsis. Additional strategy information will be provided in future articles.

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