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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

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| Tue 09 | 84°/72° |  |
| Wed 10 | 84°/61° |  |
| Thu 11 | 80°/58° |  |
| Fri 12 | 84°/60° |  |
| Sat 13 | 82°/56° |  |
| Sun 14 | 80°/54° |  |
| Mon 15 | 81°/56° |  |

Summer Sling: Huge Success, Brings Out The Masses



Veteran of the Week
Jonnie Beasley



LEO of the Week
James Gibson



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The Morgan County Fair Association tried something new this year. They added an event called the “Summer Sling”. It took lots of planning for months. Then the Covid-19 pandemic hit. It was questionable if the event would be able to take place. After consultation with officials across the state the event was a go.

It was a huge success. Thousands of people turned out to see the mud sling happen on Saturday night. The true spirit of American Freedom was in the air as the crowd cheered and enjoyed having fun with their friends and family. For some, it was the first time they had been out of the house for anything other than the grocery store

in months.

The Summer Sling lasted all night with the final run happening at around 5am.

The crowd was diverse, and energetic. The mud sling is a staple at the annual Morgan County Fair and will be taking place again this year. The fair begins on July 25 this year.

Morgan County Election Commission Launches Poll Official Recruitment Campaign for August Election

Morgan County, TN – Morgan County Administrator of Elections Tim Sweat announces a county-wide campaign to recruit poll officials for the August 6 State and Federal Primary and County General Election. Morgan County residents can apply to join the campaign, Be a Patriot. Become a Poll Official. “Morgan County residents have the opportunity to play a pivotal role in democracy by becoming a poll official for the August election,” Mr. Sweat said. “This is an opportunity for anyone to serve both our county and our state and get paid for their efforts.” Poll officials perform various tasks to help polling sites run smoothly, including greeting

voters, answering questions, processing voters, explaining how to cast a ballot and counting votes. Any voter is eligible to apply, regardless of political affiliation.

Qualifications to be a poll official:

- Be a registered voter if 18 or older
 - Be at least 16 years old
 - Not be a candidate or close relative of a candidate
 - Be able to read and write in the English language
- The following government employees can also serve as poll officials:
- City, County or Metro employees, unless working directly under the supervision of an elected official on the ballot
 - State of Tennessee em-

ployees

- Federal employees – consult your Human Resources department to ensure eligibility

Poll officials are compensated for working during early voting and on Election Day, as well as for attending required training sessions. “Tennesseans always rise to the occasion to serve,” said Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett. “I encourage Morgan County residents to apply to become a poll official today.” For more information or to sign up to become a poll official, visit GoVoteTN.com or MorganElections.com.

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Heather Francis
Editor

Times like we are experiencing now cause us to ask, “what’s really important?” I’ve certainly pondered on this question lately. As I thought about what’s important in my life I thought about my healthy family, our church family, the clothes that our on our backs, and the roof over our heads.

Sure, we don’t have absolutely everything we want but by God’s merciful grace and mighty love, we certainly have more than what we need. He meets our needs and blesses us beyond measure.

What’s Really Important

Satan wants us to feel defeated but born-again Christians are far from defeated. Satan wants us to consume our minds by filling our

Psalm 127:1-3 tells us, 1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in

reward.

Satan wants us to have sleepless nights, filled with overwhelming worries and doubts but God has given us sleep as a precious gift. So, when you lay down tonight fill your mind with peaceful thoughts, by pondering on what you do have verses what you don’t. Think of your family, your love for them, and your love from them. Focus on what is really important. Focus on God’s grace and overabundant love

Don’t waste your breath proclaiming what’s really important to you. How you spend your time says it all.

Eric Zorn

thoughts with anxiety driven worries about what will we eat, what will we do, where can we go, what will we wear, and the worries go on and on and on.

vain. 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrow: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. 3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is the

In Loving Memory

Brenda Luttrell, 71

Brenda Luttrell age 71, passed away May 20, 2020 at her home. She loved spending time at home and with her family.



She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Martha Shore; husband, Steve Luttrell; son, Jason Luttrell and sister, Angie Smith.

She is survived by her son, Mark and wife, Penny Luttrell; sister, Franka Rogers; grandchildren,

Josh and wife, Carolyn Luttrell, Shea Luttrell and Haylee Luttrell; great grandchildren, Karson and Kasen Luttrell; special friend Garlan Davis and a host of nieces and special friends.

The family will have a memorial service at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Brenda Luttrell.

Glen Allen Colston, 65

Glen Allen Colston, age 65 of Sunbright formerly of Oliver Springs passed away, Thursday, June 4, 2020 at Methodist Medical Center. He served in the Army and enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his dog “Lil Red”.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Jackie Colston; brother, Larry Colston; brother-in-law, Herb Dittmer.

He is survived by his sisters, Gayle Dittmer of Knoxville and Lorie (Gary) Kennedy of Sunbright; sister-in-law, Cindy Colston of Sunbright; nieces, Wendy (Seth) Washburn of

Knoxville, Tristan (Chris) Brock of Jacksboro; nephew, Tony Colston; great nieces, Bailey Keen, Zaya Colston and Gracie Brock; great nephews, Isaiah Brock, Gram Washburn and Dominic Colston.

The family will receive friends Sunday, June 7, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with Bro. Willard Gunter officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Glen Allen Colston.

Sammy Ruth Greene McPeters, 93

Sammy Ruth Greene McPeters passed away peacefully in the company of her children on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. She was born December 31, 1926 to Lillie and Houk Green. She was a lifelong resident of the Liberty community of Morgan County, Tennessee. She was a loving wife of Archie for many years and devoted mother to her children. She was a civic minded person serving on various committees and a librarian at Wartburg Public Library, as well as extensive work she did in genealogy for many years. She made many friends of the people she met over the years. She was a strong believer in our Savior Jesus Christ.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lillie and Houk Greene; husband, Archie Davis McPeters; brothers, Rueben, Bruce, Johnny and Earnest; sisters, Mae and Helen.

She is survived by 2 children

both of Wartburg, Carol Marie (Lonnie) LaRue and Donald Clark (Evelyn) McPeters; grandsons, Todd Davis (Judy) Hamby and Donald Clark McPeters II; great grandchildren, Derrick Ray Davis Hamby, Miss Kayla Marie Hamby and Stephen Travis Hamby; great great granddaughter, Willow Hamby.

The family will receive friends Friday, June 6, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 4:00 p.m. with Dr. Paul Frick officiating. Graveside services will be Saturday, June 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Flat Fork Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family for Sammy Ruth Greene McPeters.

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

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The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Memorial Center is having a “JUNK N THE TRUNK” garage sale Saturday June 13th from 8am till 1pm. It will be in the parking lot of the Center. Just load up your trunk (or pick-up) and come on out. Set up time starts at 7. You may need a table or two to display your items. A small tent might come in handy if it rains to keep your wares dry. It’s a first come, first choice on parking spaces. Don’t forget your mask and hand sanitizer. For more information, call Connie Brimi at 423-628-2850.

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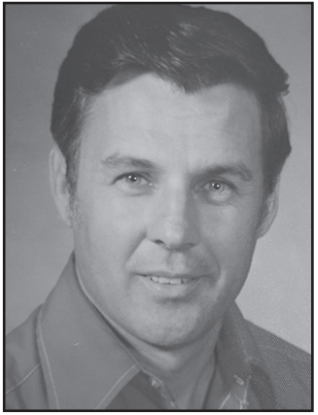
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America is in Trouble



Tom Redmon
Columnist

If you have watched the news on T.V. I don't have to tell you that our country is in trouble. In the

While our government officials sort this all out to find out why this happened, what

months. Our schools and churches have been closed and some people question

around who actually hate our country. They hate our police; our military and they hate capitalism. Our country is 244 years old and since 1776 many men and women have sacrificed so much for our freedom. Many have died in the wars and conflicts we have been through. Did they fight and die in vain?



Next week and in weeks to come I would like to give you my answers to many of these questions. I don't

mean to offend anyone; that is not my purpose for writing these articles. I will go back in to history and explain in lay-

are the American people supposed to do? Many of us have been confined to our homes for over two

How did we get to this point of lawlessness? Has this been brewing in our society for some time? Where is God in this picture?

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many of the decision made by our federal and state officials.

man terms why we are where we are today.

It looks like our divided country would come together to try to solve our many problems. In my over eighty years here on earth I have never seen our country in such a state as it is now. Never did I think or believe that patriotism would sink so low. There are people

In the meantime, we all need to pray for our country. I'm sure we have some leaders who are like you and I are. They love America, and they want to save America.

God bless all.

American Legion Post 149 June Events

June 13 - Pancake Breakfast. We have all kinds of assorted breakfast items for you and the family to eat. We serve breakfast from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Prices are \$8.00 per adult, \$4.50 per child and \$8.50 for to go boxes. Everyone is welcome.

June 14 - We will be celebrating Flag Day at the American Legion at 4:00 pm. For those that do not know what Flag Day is, it is the birthday of the American Flag. After the ceremony we will go inside and celebrate the Army's 245th birthday with cake and ice cream.

June 18 - Post 149 members monthly meeting. We start promptly at 7:00 pm.

*For all of the above events we will be abiding by the state and local guideline for COVID-19. We will also be following the most updated guidelines should anything change.



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Historically Speaking

Joe Oakes article on John Hendrix, part 1

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

The article being featured here was found while browsing through an original set of books containing The Oak Ridge Journal/The Oak Ridger beginning in 1943. They were donated to the Elm Grove School and are now in the possession of Dave Miller. Imagine my delight when I found an article dated November 2, 1944 and titled "John Hendrix, Prophet of Oak Ridge, Predicted Project and Railroad more than 40 years ago!"

Until then the earliest documented account of the John Hendrix story had been in George Robinson's The Oak Ridge Story published in 1950.

The article is included below exactly as published in November 2, 1944:

FROM THE TIME the first cave dweller threw together a few sticks and bits of fur and announced that by stirring them in a stew he could tell what the weather would be like the next Tuesday, right down through the Hebrew fathers, Greek oracles, Roman augurs, medieval philosophers, Victorian mystics, right up to modern international experts who pretend to know where our armies will be next month, men have been forecasting the future and other men have been listening. Some have been laughed at and forgotten; others have been laughed at, then remembered later when certain predictions came overwhelmingly true. Well, forty years ago, folk who lived in this valley laughed at a lonely, eccentric old man named John Hendrix. He traveled from house to house, telling of visions he had been shown, predicting a railroad that would cut across his homeland. They laughed at him. Later he went one better. He said a city would arise on Black Oak Ridge, and factory buildings. They laughed at that, too, and today the ones who remember those prognostications are laughing out of the other sides of their mouths.

There is no written proof that John Hendrix actually made these predictions, no Hagiographa, no Domesday book, no local Book of Morman. He never bothered to write them down, but simply told them to everyone he knew and met. They have survived until they now constitute a local legend.

Sgt. Abe Levitt said to me one day, "You oughta go see a guard lieutenant named Braden, over at the Guard Force. He's got a good story." Further inquiry revealed that Braden knew all about the prophet. I asked a few others about it, and some knew about it and some didn't. They were all pretty vague. Columnist Bert Vincent had touched vaguely on the story in a Knoxville newspaper. The Clinton Courier-News had reprinted Vincent's piece. But no one save Braden, seemed to know the whole tale. So I went around to see him.

I found James W. Braden in the supply room at the Main Guard Headquarters.

By coincidence he was telling his story to Shirley Lee Ashburn and another auxiliary military policeman who happened to be there. Braden has told his story a good many times, of late. It's such an astonishing one that he can always find an audience.

A tall, well-built man, James Braden lives in E-441, near Scarboro School. He was born in 1891 and knows this country as intimately as the birds and rabbits. He knew old John Hendrix well. "I got the last whipping I ever got from my mother for believin' John Hendrix's prophes-yin'," Braden told me. "That was when I was bout nine."

MOST PROPHETS AND MYSTICS have been simple, ascetic souls who



This photograph of the early gravestone for John Hendrix's grave was provided to me by Ed Westcott when I first published any information on John Hendrix (Photo by Westcott) (Photo Submitted)

lived by themselves most of the time and communicated with the world only to tell of their findings. Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habak-



Guard Force Lt. James Braden, whose mother once spanked him for listening to the prophecies of John Hendrix (U.S.E.D. Photo)(Photo Submitted)

kuk, Zephaniah, Hagai, Zachariah, Malachi, The Hebrew prophets were men of this sort. So was Michael de Notre Dame who has gathered some vogue in the past few years as Nostradamus (although he lived and wrote his predictions around 1550), by predicting (so they say) the war and certain recent happenings. Joseph Smith, founder of Mormonism, was a frugal, thrifty, intensely religious man. John Hendrix, the Jeremiah of Oak Ridge, resembled traditional seers to this extent, at least around the time he began making his predictions.

Hendrix, who lived in a farmhouse just

off Pine Ridge between Emory Valley Road and Union Valley Road directly east of Midtown warehouse area (the house is still standing), and who lies buried on the hill just behind the house, was a farmer. He never had too much money, just enough to keep his wife and family alive. Until his later years, he gave no indication that he would someday be regarded by the local citizenry as a man accorded particular divine favor.

"In his later years," James Braden told me, "old John became very religious. He just about quit work and put in all his time out in the woods, prayin'. When he got home in the evenin' he'd set and read the Bible all the time. He got so much religion his wife decided he was crazy. He was lettin' the farm go and wasn't payin' any attention to anythin' but religion."

"Well, his wife decided he was crazy an' she had him put up. They put him up in the asylum, but he tore out. He tore out and he come home. He went home to his farm and he got eight rocks and put them in a row in his front yard. He said the Lord had told him to put them there to smite his enemies. Well, old John stood there with his eight rocks in a row, and when the commissioners came after him to put him back up they decided not."

The second half of "John Hendrix, Prophet of Oak Ridge" and D. Ray Smith's concluding comments will be published next week.

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.



IS YOUR INTERNET UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Due to the social distancing required to lessen the spread of COVID-19, many families are spending more time at home — with some people working remotely and others learning in online classrooms. These are challenging times for everyone, and the situation puts added demands on internet connections, causing slowdowns and buffering.

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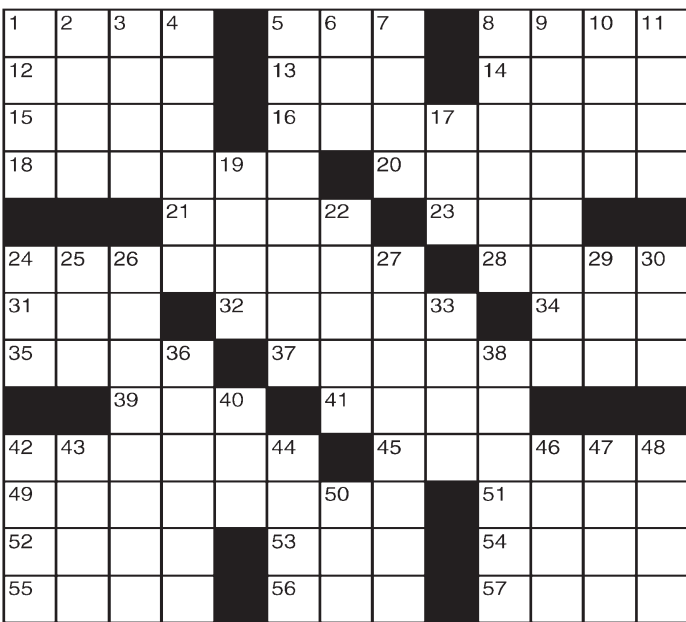
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- 15 Kindly bloke
- 16 Make a mock-up of
- 18 I before E except —
- 20 Draw forth
- 21 Doesn't feel good
- 23 Overly
- 24 Kiss
- 28 Winter forecast
- 31 Debt notice
- 32 Detroit team
- 34 Payable
- 35 Calm before the storm
- 37 Vary a tone
- 39 Winning hand's winnings
- 41 Cupola
- 42 Notlikethis
- 45 Random drawing?
- 49 Count
- 51 Require
- 52 Right angles
- 53 Knight's title



- 54 On the rocks
 - 55 Encounter
 - 56 Skirt terminus
 - 57 "Finding Nemo" character
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 - 2 Not kosher
 - 3 "It — Necessarily So"
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 - 5 Deny
 - 6 "Exodus" hero
 - 7 Knighted woman
 - 8 Page numbers
 - 9 Big snake
 - 10 South American monkey
 - 11 Undo a delete
 - 17 Last (Abbr.)
 - 19 Small stream
 - 22 Remained upright
 - 24 Lubricant
 - 25 Old French coin
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 - 27 Germ layer
 - 29 Result of three strikes
 - 30 Tiny
 - 33 Wrestling style
 - 36 Noisy swarmer
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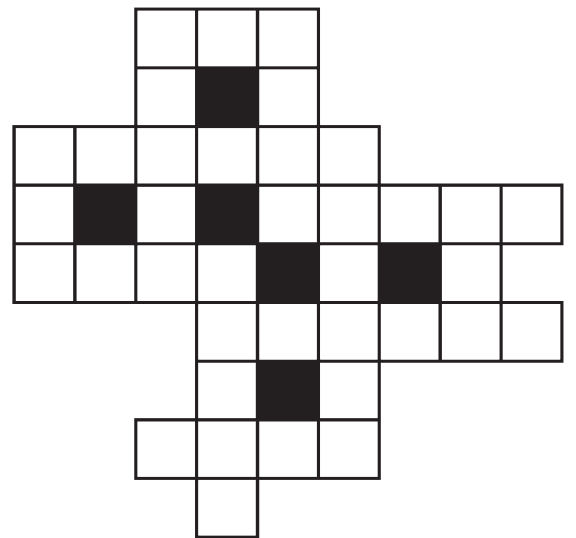
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FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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- BREDOT
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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

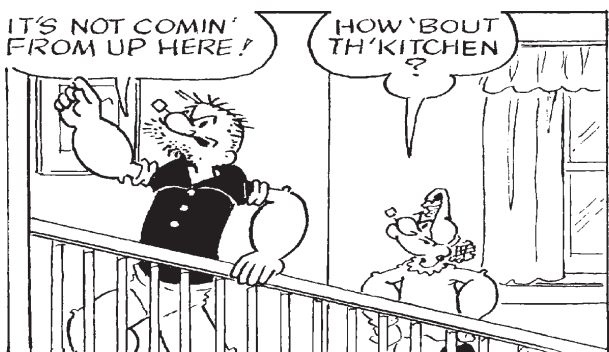
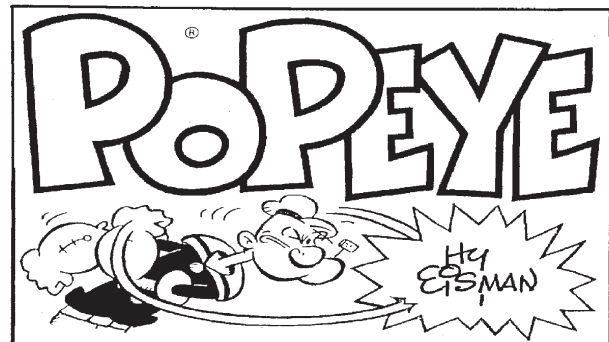
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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MIA'S View From the Mountain: A Summer Memory

With all that is going on around us in the world today, I just needed to take a break and reflect. I began to reflect on beautiful memories. All the seasons hold special moments and have their own beauty. If I had to pick my favorite, I think it would be Spring with Summer as the runner up. I loved Summer as a child. The end of school, family vacations, baseball, riding my bike, playing hide and seek till night, catching fireflies, the beach and on and on. Summer is the hottest of the four temperate seasons, falling after spring and before autumn. At or around the summer solstice, the earliest sunrise and latest sunset occurs, the days are longest, and the nights are shortest, with day length decreasing as the season progresses after the solstice. Yes, I know, Summer does not officially start till June 20, 2020 and ends officially September 21, 2020. Please indulge me and play along. THINK back and dig deep. What is your favorite or one of your favorite summer memories? So hard to just name one, but oh how I loved our times as a family on our sailboat, fishing, sailing, and sitting under the stars. Those were moments that I will never ever forget. One time in particular, we took our sailboat to Bimini. We sailed across the Gulfstream at night to arrive in Bimini in the morning. The colors of the water were the majestic and indescribable. Our whole family sat on our boat as we peacefully sailed into port in awe of the beauty. That trip, we met dancing fish, huge mosquitos, amazing snorkeling and sunsets that only the Lord could paint. I thought how fun it would be to ask some family members and friends what their favorite summer memory was. Here are some of the responses I received.

Bob
I was asked to provide several sentences recalling favorite Summer memories. While there are undoubtedly many others, I will offer up 2 that immediately came to mind. Since I learned to sail, skipper and race sailboats at an early age (approximately age 11); both remembrances include sailing. First, during several summers, our small family (Raeanne, me and 3 small children) spent almost a week sailing Biscayne Bay (Miami) and the southeastern Atlantic into the Keys of south Florida. We visited parks (John Pennekamp, Elliot Key, etc.) and other attractions, including swimming and snorkeling from our own sailboat. We slept and showered and ate breakfast and lunch on the boat. We generally treated ourselves to dinner on shore. We had a blast. Second, only to the above, after Raeanne and the kids outgrew sailing, I remember several times single-handedly sailing our 28' Rhodes sloop in the Atlantic off the shores of Lighthouse Point, Pompano Beach and Fort Lauderdale. Few things can match the thrill of standing on the bow of a sailboat in 25 knot winds while the automatic pilot does the navigating.

Greg
My best summery memory was when my Uncle Blaine offered to take me and my family to the Bahamas for 10 days on his 150' yacht. The adventure began at Ft Lauderdale executive airport where we boarded a small Learjet that flew us to the Bahamas. It was an experience of a lifetime. The flight took 35-minutes and it was the first time my family and I had been out of the country together. We stayed on my uncles' yacht for a couple of days while we were docked in the marina at the Atlantis Hotel. We had the opportunity to swim in all of the luxurious pools at the Atlantis hotel. We had a blast! After a couple of days, we pushed out from the docks from the Atlantis hotel and we headed south to explore the Exuma Islands 80-miles south. We travel from one island to the next swimming in turquois blue water and fishing whenever we stopped. We star gazed at night and wondered as we starred at all of the stars in the sky. It was magical. After 10-days of exploring the Caribbean islands it was time to come home. We boarded another private Learjet and we headed back to Ft Lauderdale executive airport. This was my best summer vacation ever!

Debbie
My favorite memories are having our granddaughters, Ave and Keira, stay with us for a week at a time. Just being with them is a treat because they used to live 5 hours away and having them to ourselves was extraordinary. We would fill the time with baking, going to a waterpark, sightseeing in Washington, DC, near where we lived, and having water balloon and sprinkler wars. In the midst of all this would be lots of laughter along with time to just be quiet together, watch a movie, read a book and talk. The natural conversation that flowed from spending time together is a treasure. I hold those times near to my heart.

Lloyd
Have you ever taken the time to truly see the amazing universe we live in today? One Saturday we were at the State Park by the river. It was a picnic. As the sun began to set, we decided to take out a blanket and lay down and watch the stars come out. What is so amazing is the peace and tranquility that we felt as we took the time to just lay there and embrace God's creation that He prepared just for us! I invite you to take a blanket even in your back yard it wherever you can just lay down and look up at the sky. You will be amazed how peaceful you will feel as you just lay there and look up at the stars. It is a blessing too many people never take the time to enjoy.

Kathleen
As I think back to when I was a kid, I recall how I couldn't wait for summer to come. I had so much to look forward to. Growing up in the City of brotherly love going to Atlantic City was such a huge treat.

Walking on the boardwalk taking in all the different smells the ocean being one of them. Not to mention the scent of all the different flavored taffy's and peanuts being roasted. I couldn't wait to see the peanut man .He actually dressed up as a peanut.And last but not least, all the thrill rides were a blast. Yea ,they were the days!

Sonia
My most precious memory of summer was the 4th of July. You might ask why; well my youngest granddaughter was born on that day and we always made a big deal about it. She always thought that the fireworks were for her. Her smile will always be in my heart.

Michelle
When I was an adolescent growing up in South Florida. The summers were full of beach days with my Greg Noll surfboard. Riding the waves with glee

I hope you enjoyed reading these summer memories and that they inspired you to walk down memory lane. I would love for you to share your memories with me. contact me

One of the greatest gifts that God has given humanity is the beautiful gift of memory. In a sense, memory allows us to relive a moment that was so special to us.

- Quotes
- "Some memories are unforgettable, remaining ever vivid and heartwarming!"
 - "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."
 - "Memory... is the diary that we all carry about with us."
 - "Memories are special moments that tell our story."

There are times when God is doing things and we might not understand it yet. That is why it's important to cherish the little moments on your walk with Christ. You might not know exactly what He is doing but you know something is being done. Write things down daily and pray about them. In Luke 2 we noticed that Mary treasured and thought about all that occurred and was said before her. She treasured things in her heart even though she didn't fully understand. We should also treasure and cherish the little things even though we don't fully understand and see the full picture yet.

Luke 2:19 "But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart."

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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In The Cool of the Day

By: MSG. Fred Mize



MSG Fred Mize

Fog was lifting just above the river and covered most of the green canopy in the horizon. We enjoyed the

river water breaking against the shoreline aroused Jurni's young curiosity.

LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife hid themselves from

rose on my face because I know as a born-again Christian I will someday walk beside Jesus Christ in

astonishment of seeing His Heavenly creations. He created such a beautiful world for us to enjoy,

My wife and I adopted a German Shepherd puppy named Jurni "Journey". She's a hyper, loving four-month-old pup. This week I began taking her for walks. So far, we've enjoyed walking at Melton Hill Dam and along the banks of Watts Bar Lake.

As I was walking Jurni at Melton Hill Dam in the cool of the day at 6:15 AM I enjoyed the moment in it's fullest by taking in all of God's magnificent creation.

beautiful sounds of birds greeting the new day as the cool, crisp air covered our skin. The soft crash of

As Jurni and I walked in tandem my mind drifted to the book of Genesis 3:8 they heard the voice of the

the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. As I pondered on that verse a smile

the cool of the day, in Heaven. I can't imagine the peace and enjoyment that will bring, nor can I imagine the

especially the vast beauty and wonder of East Tennessee but none will compare to what lies ahead of us in Heaven. If you don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, accept Him now into your life so that He can walk with you now through the Holy Spirit and you too will someday walk beside Him in the cool of the day.



Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Your Career Questions Part 1

I have an exciting announcement. I will be answering your questions on any career related topics for the next few weeks! I realize right now many of you have graduated, faced a company downsizing, or are seeking answers in this turbulent job market. I am here to help. At the end of this article, I will post my contact information. Your questions will be answered in this column each week. Please submit your career related questions and I'll try to answer every single question.

I will start off this week with a very important job interview question. I received this question last week by one of our readers. Shelly writes to me, "What are some good questions to ask



you are interviewing the company, so keep that in mind when you are framing your questions.

Prepare about 10 to 15 questions and ask as many as you can, according to how much time you are allotted at the end of your interview. Jot down notes while the interviewer is answering your questions to show your interest in the answers. Go ahead and prepare your questions and have them ready for the interview.

Questions to ask the hiring manager:

1. Can you describe briefly the company culture?
2. What are some skills and qualities you look for in an individual when hiring for this position?
3. Why is the position vacant?
4. What are the biggest challenges for someone taking this role and what is the best way to overcome those challenges?
5. Can you tell me about your time at the company? What do you like about working here?
6. What distinguishes this company from its competitors, both from a public and employee perspective?
7. What is your leadership style or leadership philosophy? How do you manage your employees?
8. What are the prospects for growth and advancement?
9. What are the expectations of this role for the first 30, 60, and 90 days?
10. What are some of the biggest challeng-

es for the company? Where do you see the company in five years?

11. What is the next step of the interview process? Can you give me a timeline?
 12. Do you see any reservation on my job candidacy today? Is there any reason why I wouldn't advance to the next step? When do you think you'll be making a decision? When should I follow up with you? What form for communication is best (phone call, email, HR)?
 13. Do you have a business card or email address you could give me?
- Submit your questions for next week's article: zack@zackballinger.com



Zack Ballinger



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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the hiring manager at the end of the job interview?"

The questions you prepare and ask the hiring manager are crucial in advancing to the next step of the interview process. After the hiring manager has completed his list of questions, the interview is far from being finished. The hiring manager is still evaluating, accessing, and determining your job candidacy as you ask your questions.

I am going to help you get started by providing a list of questions,, but always frame topics to the position you are applying for. Remember

Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

email: kvhelton@highland.net



Hello! I have been so excited that community members shared news items with me for this column. I almost always make a Facebook post asking....begging....for news. This week, a lot of people shared birthdays, anniversaries, vacations and news about community events. Thank You! This column belongs to all of you. I am just the person that types it up and sends it to the paper and I appreciate you giving me news.

Oakdale Public Library has new hours. The library will be open on Mondays from 11:00 – 3:00, Tuesdays from 9:00 – 12:00 and on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 7:00. For anyone concerned about entering the building, curbside service is available. You can speak with a librarian by calling 369-2595. WiFi is available in the library parking lot.

Sadly, some local churches have decided to cancel Vacation Bible School for this year. There will be no VBS at Rankin Chapel Baptist Church or at White Oak Baptist Church.

This is exciting news. Governor's Early Literacy Foundation announces its K-3rd Grade Summer Reading pilot to provide 30,000 students in Tennessee with six books, piloting a Summer Collection from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, at no cost to families or school districts. All rising 1st through 3rd grade students in 33 participating school districts will receive two books delivered to their homes monthly in June, July and August. Morgan County is one of the participating counties.

The summer food program continues in Morgan County. Schedules and locations can be found on Morgan County Food and Nutrition Facebook page. In Oakdale, children can pick up meals at Oakdale School on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 – 12:30. On Thursdays, Gus the Bus will be at Pine Orchard Community Center from 11:45- 12:15 and at Oakdale City Park from 12:30 – 1:00. Children 18 and under will receive food for multiple days.

White Oak Trio was invited to sing at Mossy Grove Baptist Church Wednesday evening, June 3. It was a wonderful evening with good singing, preaching and fellowship. Brother Randy Roper, Big Emory Baptist Association Director of Missions, brought the message.

To celebrate her 90th Birthday on June 1, Zelma Bingham was treated to dinner at MeMe's in Rockwood. She was joined by her children, Terry Bingham, Harry and

Lavanna Miles and Mike and Donna Tilton.

Kyle Miller, son of Stevie and Monica Miller, celebrated his 15th birthday June 2.

Gracie Helton, daughter of Josh and Gayla Helton, turned 9 years old June 3.

Lane Miller, son of Doug and Erin Miller, turned 11 years old June 3. His Momma, Erin, had a birthday on June 6.

Colton Ritter celebrated his birthday on June 3.

Leland and Neyland Hamby, sons of Ryan and Sierra Hamby, turned 6 years old Thursday, June 4.

Holly Brown Davis celebrated her birthday June 5.

Hattie Ruppe not only shares her June 8th birthday with her Aunt Valerie Lake but she shares it with her Great Grandmother Rita Whited.

Valerie Disney will celebrate her birthday on June 11.

Elijah Ruppe will turn 14 on June 15.

Jon and Stacey Smith celebrated their 21st Wedding Anniversary on May 29.

Donnie and Yvonne Norris celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on June 2.

Chad and Jennifer Collins celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 3.

Reggie and Candy Headrick celebrated their 37th Wedding Anniversary on June 3.

David and Gail Watson celebrated their 48th Wedding Anniversary on June 3.

Aaron and Chelsea Helton celebrated their 9th Wedding Anniversary on June 4.

Danny and Sue Redmon celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on June 5.

Larry and Marlene Goldston celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on June 6.

Edgar and Diana Brown celebrated their Wedding Anniversary June 7.

A great big shout out to all of these folks with birthdays and anniversaries. I hope your days were filled with love and happiness.

Homegrown Pediatric Therapy will open at 116 Cumberland Street in Wartburg on June 15th. OTAs Tiffany Hawn and Kayla Ruppe are excited to begin offering Occupational Therapy to children in Morgan County and the surrounding area.

Harriman Public Library is now open. Patrons are required to

wear masks. Masks will be provided for those who do not have one. The library will have a Summer Reading Program Teen Challenge for ages 13-17. Readers should document their reading times from June 10th – July 15th. Whomever reads the most minutes during this time will win a \$100 gift card. Other prizes will be awarded. Registration can be done online or at the library. Younger readers can participate in the Summer Reading Program "Imagine Your Story." Registration can be done online or at the library.

George and Joyce Headden took their daughter Carlena Mayo and grandchildren Caroline and Carter to Kennedy Space Center to see the launch a couple of weeks ago and to show the twins where they lived 55 years ago when George worked at Cape Kennedy while in the Navy. When the launch didn't happen on Wednesday, May 27, they took a tour of the Space Center and then spent a few days at the beach. Traveling home was somewhat scary due to unrest in Atlanta and police and military personnel were everywhere. They are thankful to the Lord for watching over them and giving them safe travels.

Tabitha and Kinley Hamby visited with James and Sandra Helton Saturday evening, May 30 for several games of croquet. Lots of fun and challenges!

A portion of Airport Road near Oakdale School will be dedicated to the memory of Paul Scarbrough, public servant and longtime educator for Morgan County, on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. In January, Morgan County Commission passed a resolution to dedicate a portion of Highway 299 near Oakdale School in honor of Mr. Scarbrough. This resolution was passed in the Tennessee Legislative Body. The event will be held in the parking lot by the front entrance to Oakdale School. State and local officials as well as a former US Congressman will be present. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Young who passed away Sunday, May 31. She is survived by her husband Mark "Wayne" Young. She is also survived by three sons, Lance Boulanger, Jerrod Meier and Cody Langston and her daughter, Kristina Roberts. She is survived by her mothers, Audrey Stone and Donna Graber, four grandchildren and eight siblings. Services were held Wednesday, June 3 at Davis Funeral Home in Harriman. Interment was at Pine Orchard Cemetery on Thursday, June 4.

As always, there is much to pray about locally and throughout our country. Pray without ceasing. God knows all about it but He wants to hear from us.

In closing, I want to share

these words of wisdom from Herman Munster. The Munsters was a television show that aired from 1964 – 1966. My sister shared a You Tube video on Facebook of Herman Munster talking with his son Eddie. For those of you who have watched the show, you know the Munster Family was kinda weird looking. I found his advice to be good for all of us. I hope you agree. Love to all of you until next week!

Words of Wisdom: Herman Munster's Advice to His Son Eddie

"The lesson I want you to learn is it doesn't matter what you look like. You can be tall or short or fat or thin or ugly or.....handsome like your father or you can be black or yellow or white. It doesn't matter. What does matter is the size of your heart and the strength of your character."

Morgan County Today Community Calendar

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Memorial Center will have a Called Meeting on Thursday, Jun 4, at 6pm to vote on and appoint a committee to organize the 4th of July Parade and Celebration. Other business items will be discussed such as a possible "junk in the trunk" yard sale for Jun 13.

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!

Hebrews Chapter 2

The Danger of Neglect: (Hebrews 2:1-4) in view of the exalted position of Jesus Christ, the recipients of this document ought to give surpassing attention to the message they had heard (the gospel), otherwise they certainly will drift away. Apostasy frequently comes slowly. This is not a light matter. The "word that came through angels" was Moses' law. Under that system, violators (all the disobedient) were justly punished (v. 2; 10:28-29). That being the case, how would it be possible to "escape" God's wrath if one neglects the salvation revealed by his Son (in the new covenant)? The new covenant is a divine system authenticated by supernatural manifestations that were "sings" pointing to Jesus' deity, works that excited "wonder," and demonstrations of divine "power" by means of gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit (v. 3-4).

(Hebrews 2:5-9)---subjection of the world: Now comes another argument of the superiority of Christ over angels. The "world to come" is not the "millennial age," but a reference to the Christian age. This era was not subjected to angels, but to man (particularly to be exercised by the perfect man, Christ (v. 9). A quotation from Psalm 8 asks: "What is man that God has been so mindful of him?" Through as to his nature man was made a little lower than the angels, he has been crowned with glory and honor, and placed over the works that issued from God's hands, with all things put under his feet (v. 6-8). When man departed from the ideal authoritative role he was intended to have, it remained for the perfect Man to achieve the task. Again, there is no reference in the context to the mythical "millennium," as dispensationalists contend.

Christ himself was made lower than the angels. The verbal tense indicates that the "lower" (human) identification remains at the time of this writing, even after Christ has returned to heaven. By virtue of his suffering death and subsequent resurrection, Jesus has been crowned with glory and honor; he "tested of death" so that every person who so chooses could be saved (v.9; Mt. 22:37). Here is affirmed the doctrine of universal atonement (through not universal salvation), in contrast to right-wing Calvinism and its dogma of "limited" atonement.

(Hebrews 2:10-18) Christ our brother: God is spoken of as the one for whom the creation exists (it is his); and he is its source as well. He is exercising his plan in bringing many spiritual sons (not national Israel) to a state of glory. The Author (trailblazer, Jesus) of that salvation has achieved the gold by means of his suffering (Rom. 3:21). This involved Christ becoming flesh (Jn. 1:14), so that the sanctified, along with the sanctifier, are of the same human nature (v. 11). This is not a denial of Jesus' deity; it is an affirmation of the retention of his human nature resulting from the emptying of himself and taking upon himself of manhood

(see Phil. 2:5). For this cause the ascended Christ is not ashamed to be identified with the redeemed as brothers. The mystery in this is breathtaking! He thus is happy to declare and praise Jehovah's name in the congregation of his people, even as the psalmist had foretold centuries earlier (v. 12; Psa. 22:22). This quotation, along with others, identifies Psalm 22 as messianic (Ps. 22:1; 16-18). The unity of Christ and his people is reinforced from Isaiah 8:17 by the term "children" (v. 13).

Since his "children" (Isa. 53:10) are "flesh and blood" humans, he himself "partook" of the same to render inoperative him who currently (through temporarily) (1 Cor. 15:15-26) holds the power of death, namely the devil (v. 14). This does not mean that Satan determines who or when someone is to die, but is a reference to his initial malevolent murder of the human race (Jn. 8:44). Human beings are enslaved to the fear of death throughout their lives, but the power of Christ's death and resurrection, as conveyed through the gospel message, has significantly delivered the Christians from the dread of that (v. 15; 2 Tim. 1:10; Phil. 1:23).

The reference to "angels" (v. 16) is capable of two possible views: (1) Christ did not lay hold on (assume the nature of) angels in order to assist them; instead, he came to deliver the spiritual "seed of Abraham" (Gal. 3:29; 6:16). (2) Jesus did not become incarnated to deliver angels, but to deliver men---specifically the spiritual "seed of Abraham". This may indirectly suggest that there is no plan of salvation for those rebellious angels who lived in such close proximity to God, yet sought to be his rivals (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6). The two ideas are not mutually exclusive.

Another aspect of "being made like his brothers" in all things (without sin, of course) lies in the fact that he wanted to be a merciful and faithful high priest in divine matters. He is a "faithful" (trustworthy) priest, thus dependable for the role; he is a merciful priest with the passion to deliver. He functioned as a "high priest" in the offering of his life as a sacrifice. In this sacrificial act he would "make propitiation" for the people (v. 17). Christ's role as high priest---one flawless in character and permanently effective with the offering of one sacrifice (rather than many repetitiously) (v. 10:1)---marks him as unique and is the major theme of this document. The aim was to provide "propitiation", the price necessary to satisfy the justice of God required to atone for sin. He was eminently qualified for this role in that, being tempted himself (4:15), he is able to wholly empathize with his people when they are similarly tempted. What wonderful comfort is to be found in Christ our high priest!

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Morgan County Today is honored to have Specialist (SPC) Jonnie Beasley as this week's veteran of the week. Jonnie grew up in Sunbright, graduated from Sunbright School in 2004, and now resides in Wartburg.

Jonnie was motivated to enlist into the United States Army Reserve due to being inspired by the aftermath of 9/11. He also comes from a long line of military service within his family tree.

When asked what his favorite attribute of military service is, he stated, "The strong sense of brotherhood because everyone knows that no matter what, their friendships will last a lifetime." He also explained that a fellow Basic Combat Training comrade invited him to be a part of his wedding regard-



less of their being a ten-year gap from the last time they saw each other.

SPC Jonnie Beasley served as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army Reserve from 2006 - 2012. SPC Beasley completed Basic Combat Training and Advance Individual Training at

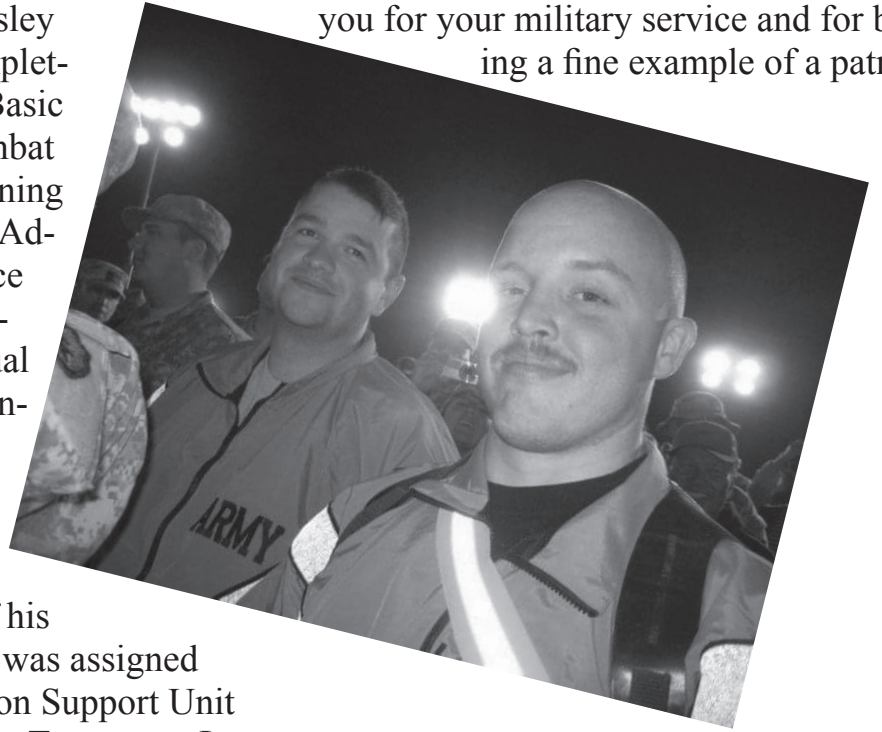
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Upon completion of his training SPC Beasley was assigned to the 3397TH Garrison Support Unit (GSU) in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Later in his military career he was transferred

to the 320TH Military Police Company in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

From January 2008 to April 2009, SPC Beasley served a tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 320TH MP CO while attached to the 101ST Airborne Division.

SPC Beasley, Morgan County thanks you for your military service and for being a fine example of a patriot.



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

This week's Morgan County Today Law Enforcement Officer of the week is James "Hoot" Gibson. James is the Case Management Supervisor at the Morgan County Residential Recovery Court (MCRRC). James is engaged to his loving fiancé Jordan Sarat and has two beautiful children Madison and Olivia. James also enjoyed time as an Assistant Coach at WCHS from 2007-2010.

James is entering his 4th year at MCRRC and is a graduate of Bethel University, where he received

his bachelors degree in Criminal Justice. Gibson has served the Criminal Justice system for 12 years and is certified through the Tennessee Corrections Institute, Tennessee Corrections Academy and the Tennessee Private Protec-



tive Services. He also is licensed by the Tennessee Department of Education with a teaching license in Criminal Justice and Jobs for Tennessee Graduates and he is a Certified Criminal Investigator.

Before coming to MCRRC, Gibson worked for the Tennessee Department of Correction at the Morgan County Correctional Complex, Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary, and the Turney Central Industrial Complex. He also worked for the Morgan County Sheriffs Dept., Southern Tech Academy, & Kentucky Christian University.

James, Morgan County Today, thanks you for all that you've done and are continuing to do for our wonderful community.

Amended income tax returns will soon be eligible to be filed.



David Zubler

If you are planning to amend an income tax return you may want to wait until they are eligible to be efiled. Normally, amended returns can take up to 16 weeks to be processed after they have been received by the IRS.

However, some amended returns have taken longer than 16 weeks for several reasons.

The Internal Revenue Service announced that later this summer taxpayers will for the first time be able to file their Form 1040-X, amended income tax return, electronically using available tax software products.

Making the 1040-X an electronically filed form has been a goal of the IRS for a number of years. It's also been an ongoing request from the nation's tax professional community and has been a continuing recommendation from the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) and Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC).

Currently, taxpayers must mail a completed Form 1040-X to the IRS for processing. The new electronic option allows the IRS to receive amended returns faster while minimizing errors normally associated with manually completing

the form. "This new process is a major milestone for the IRS, and it follows hard work by people across the agency," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "E-filing has been one of the great success stories of the IRS, and more than 90 percent of taxpayers use it routinely. But the big hurdle that's been remaining for years is to convert amended returns into this electronic process. Our teams have worked diligently to overcome the unique challenges related to the 1040-X, and we look forward to offering this new service this summer."

About 3 million Forms 1040-X are filed by taxpayers each year.

The new electronic filing option will provide the IRS with more complete and accurate data in an easily readable format to enable customer service representatives to answer taxpayers' questions. Taxpayers can still use the "Where's My Amended Return?" online tool to check the status of their electronically filed 1040-X.

When the electronic filing option becomes available, only tax year 2019 Forms 1040 can be amended electronically. In general, taxpayers will still have the option to submit a paper version of the Form 1040-X and should follow the instructions.

"Adding amended returns to the electronic family also complements our partnership with the tax software industry, which continues to

work with us to provide better ways to help taxpayers," said Ken Corbin, Commissioner of the IRS Wage and Investment division.

Amended tax returns normally take up to 16 weeks to be processed, but due to the pandemic it could take much longer.

Consequently, waiting until efilng becomes available later this summer should be the quickest method to amend a 2019 income tax return.

Some people think that amending a return will result in an audit. However, I have amended many tax returns every year for the past 30 years and have never had one audited.

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