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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 14	90°/65°	
Wed 15	93°/69°	
Thu 16	92°/70°	
Fri 17	89°/70°	
Sat 18	88°/70°	
Sun 19	89°/70°	
Mon 20	89°/70°	

Highways and the Hedges



Veteran of the Week
Brett Travis



LEO of the Week
Keith Hawkins



Members from Coalhill Baptist Church deployed to the streets of Wartburg to proclaim the name of Jesus and share the gospel with the folks who passed by their way. As others take to

the street to protest, riot, block streets and many other things, these folks battled the heat to stand up for America and proclaim that Jesus is Lord. As he held up his King James Bible,

Pastor TJ Aytes said, "We love America and the freedoms that we have and even more so want to see folks come to the saving knowledge of Jesus."

Morgan Election Commission Encourages Tennesseans to Vote Early

Morgan County, Tenn. – Early voting for the Tennessee State and Federal Primary and County General Election begins Friday, July 17, and runs Monday to Saturday until Saturday, August 1. Election Day is Thursday, August 6.

"Our office has been working diligently to ensure a safe and secure election for voters," said Tim Sweat the Morgan County Administrator of Elections. "I encourage Morgan County voters to help us minimize the amount of time it takes to cast a ballot by voting early."

Early voting provides Tennesseans the opportunity to avoid Election Day crowds. Early voting also offers the flexibility of evening and Saturday hours.

During early voting and on Election Day, Morgan County voters are encouraged to do their part. This includes wearing a face covering and maintaining a six-foot distance from poll officials and other voters. Voters should expect to see signs with further safety instructions at their polling locations. All poll officials will be wearing face coverings and will be trained to take appropriate protective measures.]

"The safety of voters and poll officials are our top priority," said Secretary of State Tre Hargett. "With social distancing measures and many other safety precautions with this election, I urge voters to take advantage of Tennessee's generous early voting period."

Morgan County voters can find early voting and Election Day polling locations, view and mark sample ballots and much more with the GoVoteTN app or online at GoVoteTN.com. You can download the GoVoteTN app for free in the App Store or Google Play. Reviewing your sample ballot and deciding how you will vote will reduce your time at the polls.

Morgan County voters who have moved within Morgan County or have had a name change since the last time they voted can update their registration online at GoVoteTN.com. By making sure your registration is up to date, you can shorten the time you will need to spend at your polling location.

Tennesseans voting early or on Election Day should remember to bring valid photo identification with them to the polls. A driver's license or photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, by Tennessee state government or by the federal government are acceptable even if they are expired. College student IDs are not acceptable. More information about what types of ID are acceptable can be found on GoVoteTN.com.

For more information about early voting in Morgan County visit MorganElections.Com.

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Reba Ann Webb Rogers, 95

Reba Ann Webb Rogers, age 95, went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on July 4, 2020. Stating "Don't Worry About Me, I'll Be Alright". She has been a member of Piney and Boswell Chapel Church. She was also a member of Liberty Baptist Church for over 50 years and currently a member of Union Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband, mother, father and all her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her son, Jerome Rogers and wife, Freida; grandson, Chris Rogers and wife

Amy; great grandsons, Hunter and Parker; great niece, Jody Bennett and husband, Dennis and children, Emily and Ryan; niece, Joyce Waller and husband, Ken and children, niece, Vivian Smith and husband, Tommy and children.

The family will have a graveside service Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Liberty Church Cemetery with Bro. Jason Lowe officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Reba Ann Webb Rogers.

Bobby Martin, 83

Bobby Martin, age 83, a beloved father and husband who was born December 25, 1936 in Virginia, passed away July 5, 2020.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Wolfe and grandson, Patrick Russell.

He is survived of 63 years to Sue Martin of Oakdale, TN.; children, Tammy (Jimmy) Haynes, Treva Martin, Gary Martin, Randy Martin, Bobby Martin, Jr. and Ronnie Martin; grandchildren, Angel Puckett, Michael Haynes, Jeremy Haynes, Shawna Rus-

sell, Cody Russell, Eric Russell, Brandon Russell, Jacob Wolfe, Tyler Wolfe, Caleb Wolfe, Amy Martin, Daniel Martin, Erica Martin, Rodney Martin and a host of great grandchildren.

The family will have a graveside service Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at Rankins Chapel Church Cemetery in Oakdale.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bobby Martin.

James E. Jones, 77

James E. Jones age 77, of Sunbright, TN passed away on Friday, July 10, 2020. James was the son of William E. and Garland R. Jones of Sunbright. James was a lifetime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg. He held various positions in the Morgan County School System for 40+ years.



wife Beth. Grandchildren, Matthew Jones and Savannah Travis; sister Martha Hart and husband Dale; sister-in-laws Darlene Jones and Linda Jones.

Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service and Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in the near future.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William E. and Garland R. Jones, wife Kay Jones, son James E. Jones, Jr. and brothers Bill and John Jones.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church P.O. Box 67 Wartburg, TN 37887.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer and husband Randy Travis; son Joseph Jones and

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of James E. Jones.

Carolyn Sue Jones, 78

Carolyn Sue Jones, age 78, passed away peacefully on Tuesday June 16, 2020. She was born on July 26, 1941 at the family's home on Catoosa and was a lifelong resident of Morgan County. Carolyn received a business degree from Knoxville School of Business in the 1960s. She last worked for East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA) for 24 years. Even though Carolyn worked, she was a mom and home maker. She loved canning what the garden produced yearly and cooking for crowds of people who showed up at the house just in time for dinner. Carolyn ensured no one ever went hungry. She loved spending time with family, traveling and country living.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy E. Jones of

more than 55 years; her parents Eugene VanNorstran and Fannie VanNorstran; brothers Frank (Margaret) VanNorstran and Michael VanNorstran; sisters Veronica VanNorstran and Elizabeth (Mark) Hamby.

She is survived by her three children Susie Jones-Brier, Debbie Jones, and Ricky Jones; and three grandsons Roy E. Brier, Levi and Lucas Williams.

The family will receive friends Friday, July 3, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. Brandon Peters officiating. Interment will follow in the Nelson Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Carolyn Sue Jones.

Eddie Willis, 68

Eddie Willis, 68, of Pine Orchard, TN passed away July 8, 2020, after a valiant fight with Melanoma Cancer.

Born January 4, 1952, to the late Edd and Mary (Summers) Willis and born again when he accepted Christ as his Savior.

Eddie lived a life richly blessed with love for family and friends. Throughout his life, Eddie never hesitated to use his many God-given- talents to help those in need. A pillar of the community, as can be said by anyone who know him, Eddie was never one to shy away from hard work. A self-taught craftsman who could do anything he attempted and did it with excellence. A highly skilled welder by trade who worked at k-25 and retired from Y-12 as a maintenance supervisor in 2014.

Survived by his loving wife, Karen Willis, two devoted daughters, Kelly (Gene) O'Dell, and Karie (Chris) Scott, and 6 grandchildren, Tucker, Gabe, Morgan, Lily, Remington, and Ruger. Siblings Patsy (Mack) Hill, Ben

(Pam) Willis, and Tim (Tammy) Willis. Mother-in-law Margie Sparks and brother-in-law David (Tammy) Sparks. Also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

Eddie will be laid to rest on his farm where he enjoyed to tinker the days away with his tractor and many projects.

The footprint of his life is far reaching, and his death will leave a void for all who knew and loved him but one day we will meet again.

The family will receive friends Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 12:00 -2:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Mike Nelson, Bro. Jamie Nelson and Bro. Danny Jenkins officiating. Interment will follow at the Willis Family Cemetery in Oakdale.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Edwin "Eddie" Willis.

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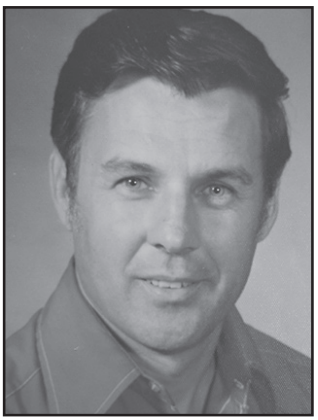
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Out of County Rates

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

I Remember Henry Lane



Tom Redmon
Columnist

Most of you readers probably will not know who I am talking about

I remember one summer when he was here, he invited all the children around to go up to the top of Wylie Armes Mountain with him. I was in that group and I couldn't have been very old. We were up about half way to the top of the mountain when it started to rain pretty hard. We found a little bluff where we could get a little shelter, but as we sat there, with rain running down our faces, Henry reached into his pocket and pulled out a lot of change. He passed it down where we all had at least a dollar, and believe me that was a lot of money back in 1946-47. I guess Henry felt sorry for us, but little did he know or

here to make us realize that East Tennessee is a pretty place to live.

Henry finally bought him a house and some land on the other side of Lancing. But later on, he made a determination that he couldn't leave his job in Louisiana for long periods of time so he put the house up for sale. I hate to say this but I don't think that the man who bought it from him ever paid him a penny. I know my sister walked all the way over there with Henry to see if he could collect the money, but to no avail. He gave my sister some money and stopped in Wartburg on their return trip to get something to drink (probably a

I remember one-time Henry brought his friend Red with him. They stayed at Mc-Neil's Motel on Highway 27. I guess Red was not impressed with Morgan County like Henry was, because he demanded that Henry take him to either a bus station or train station in Oakdale. He wanted to get back to New Orleans as fast as he could. Dad road with them to Oakdale to catch a train and Red ran down our beautiful country all the way. I guess Henry had to look for a new friend when he returned to Louisiana.

Here was a man that we knew little about but we all grew to love and looked forward to

when I mention the name Henry Lane, but the children who grew up in my community in the 40's and early 50's still have precious memories of this man.

Henry was from New Orleans, Louisiana and the first time he came to Morgan County he fell in love with our beautiful mountains and valleys. He found it hard to stay away.

He was in the army during WWII and he became friends with one of the Carter boys who lived on the property where Schubert's Funeral Home is now located. Their property went on back to where the civic center and Solomon Park is. The Carter boy brought Henry home with him and that did it.

Somehow Henry got acquainted with my Grandfather, James Redmon and their friendship grew to include my dad and all the children in our neighborhood. He would come back to Morgan County every summer.



Henry Lane (L) & Perry Redmon (R) 1952 (Photo Submitted)

realize that as youngsters we loved being out in the rain.

It got so that every time Henry came up from New Orleans, we couldn't wait to get with him and enjoy all the beauty of Morgan County. It seems that the folks who are from here just do not realize what we have. We have to have a total stranger come in

coke and some candy for Rose).

Every time Henry came up to our home, he gave all the children money. Jewel Redmon Cross told me that she never remembered seeing Henry Lane, but every Christmas he sent all the children in her family some money. She thought it was a dollar each.

Henry Lane treated us, I have to say he was a special man.

I think Henry's last trip to Tennessee was in the summer of 1954. Most of the children he treated were near adulthood now and some were away from Morgan County. I can assure you that they all had fond memories of Henry Lane. We don't have many men like this.

his visits every summer. He was just a gentleman who had a deep love for our beautiful mountains and valleys here in East Tennessee. He also loved the children here and he never touched one of us. When he took us on a trip through the woods or mountains, he always had a large group with him. When I look back and think about how

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Historically Speaking Oak Ridger, Fred Vaslow, witnessed

July 16, 1945 Trinity nuclear test

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

This Historically Speaking column will reflect on the amazing experiment at the Trinity Site on July 16, 1945. It seems well to include such an article at on the 75th anniversary of the world's first atomic explosion, ushering in the Nuclear Age. It also seems appropriate that the key figure in this article is an Oak Ridger, Fred Vaslow, who lived to be 100 years old.

Just a few weeks ago, I was contacted by a National Geographic writer who was searching for the last surviving person who was at the Trinity test on July 16, 1945, and he thought that might be Fred Vaslow. I agreed to see if I could locate Fred for him. When I went to Fred's house, his neighbor told me that he had passed away in March of this year and that his wife had just passed away the previous Monday.

I contacted the National Geographic writer with the sad news. He was, of course, disappointed and I expressed to him that I sure wish he had contacted me sooner.

So, in Fred's memory, Carolyn Krause asked me if we might publish a Historically Speaking column featuring Fred Vaslow and his experience at the Trinity Site. I agreed, and I know you will enjoy Carolyn's tribute to Fred.:

One of, if not, the longest living of the witnesses of the world's first atomic bomb test 75 years ago was Fred Vaslow, who died in March in Oak Ridge at the age of 100. Vaslow, who had retired in Oak Ridge and volunteered at the American Museum of Science, worked on the chemistry of plutonium for the Manhattan Project.

Shortly before the Trinity test on July 16, 1945, Vaslow was transferred from Ames, Ia., to Los Alamos, N.M. Having driven there himself, Vaslow had extra gas coupons, enabling him to take himself and a few close friends in his car to Alamogordo, N.M., to witness the Trinity test.

Seven years ago, Carolyn Krause interviewed Vaslow for the "Historically Speaking" column. Vaslow, then 93, resided at the Greenfield (now Commonwealth) extended living facility in Oak Ridge. The Chicago native, born on Nov. 17, 1919, described to her his experience at the Trinity test.

"A mushroom cloud started to form, so we dived behind some rocks for cover. I wrecked my red leather jacket. That was my idea of the first nuclear damage. We heard a thunderclap. Then the cloud seemed to be drifting over, so we ran as fast as we could to the car and got the hell out of there."

He drove his fellow passengers to the La Fonda Hotel in Albuquerque to celebrate the success of the detonation. "We toasted ourselves in great joy," Vaslow said. After the war, he earned a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago and then had a long career at Argonne National Laboratory, where he helped write environmental impact statements.

Oak Ridge has another connection to Trinity, the code name of the first detonation of a nuclear device. Analysis of the nuclear material sent from Oak Ridge to Los Alamos forced the design of a new atomic weapon that the Manhattan Project leaders thought required a test in the desert.

The Trinity "Gadget" sitting atop a 100-foot tower on the desert site 60 miles northwest of Alamogordo was an implosion-type plutonium weapon. The Fat Man bomb dropped Aug. 9, 1945, on Nagasaki, Japan, had the same conceptual design as the Gadget.

The implosion design was developed after Emilio Segré at Los Alamos received in April 1944 the first sample of plutonium bred at the pilot-scale X-10 reactor in Oak Ridge. Segré discovered that this plutonium sample was not as pure as cyclotron-produced plutonium (a synthetic element first made in a cyclotron, isolated, and identified by Glenn Seaborg and others).

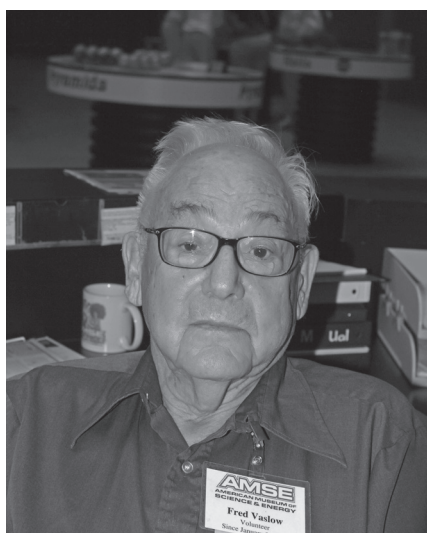
Segré observed that the Oak Ridge plutonium sample contained both fissionable plutonium-239 and plutonium-240. The problem was that the latter isotope releases excess neutrons

at a high rate. Los Alamos weapons designers concluded that the gun-type design to be used in the atomic bomb fueled with uranium-235 from Oak Ridge (and dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945) would not work with plutonium bred by reactors at Hanford, Wash.

So, the Los Alamos weapons designers led by George Kistiakowsky made a small spherical core of plutonium and surrounded it with high explosives that burned at different speeds, compressing the core.

When Vaslow witnessed the Trinity test, he was in the presence of members of the "Who's Who in Science in the 1940s." Also experiencing the great flash, big boom and rush of heat 6 to 20 miles away were J. Robert Oppenheimer (scientific director of the Manhattan Project and director of the Los Alamos laboratory) and his brother Frank, Enrico Fermi, Hans Bethe, I. I. Rabi, Richard Feynman, George Kistiakowsky, Harvard University President James Conant, and Harvard physicist Kenneth Bainbridge, who selected the test site and supervised preparations for the test. Gen. Leslie Groves (military leader of the Manhattan Project) was also there.

Two events almost prevented the planned detonation. What kept Robert Oppenheimer awake two nights before was a failed test of the explosives designed to compress and trigger



Fred Vaslow (Photo Submitted)



Holding trinitite - its removal is prohibited (Photo Submitted)



Jumbo with its 14 inch walls was designed to contain the plutonium if the Trinity test failed, but as time drew near and confidence increased in the plutonium bomb design, Jumbo was not used - rather it was hung up on a tower nearby ground zero. Although the tower was destroyed by the blast, Jumbo was undamaged. In 1946, six 500-pound bombs were exploded inside Jumbo blowing both ends off. (Photo Submitted)

fission in the plutonium core. The cause: blown circuits in the dummy device's wiring.

Then Jack Hubbard, Oppenheimer's meteorologist, correctly predicted that a severe thunderstorm would sweep through the desert site early that Monday morning. While some wanted to call off the test for that day, Oppie agreed with Hubbard's recommendation to postpone the Gadget test from 4 to 5 a.m. and then to 5:30 a.m.

After the countdown, a number of men witnessed an "unearthly mushroom cloud soaring into the heavens above Point Zero" ("American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of Robert Oppenheimer" by Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin).

One of the best descriptions of the landmark event came from Joe Hirschfelder, the chemist assigned to measure the radioactive fallout from the explosion:

"All of a sudden, the night turned into day, and it was tremendously bright, the chill turned into warmth; the fireball gradually turned from white to yellow to red as it grew in size and climbed into the sky; after about five seconds the darkness returned but with the sky and the air filled with a purple glow, just as though we were surrounded by an aurora borealis... We stood there in awe as the blast wave picked up chunks of dirt from the desert soil and soon passed us by."

Groves' deputy, Gen Thomas Farrell, spoke of the "strong, sustained, awesome roar which warned of doomsday and made us feel that we puny things were blasphemous to dare tamper with the forces heretofore reserved to The Almighty." Groves later wrote, "I no longer consider the Pentagon a safe shelter from such a bomb." He had spearheaded the construction of the War Department's massive headquarters in Washington and the creation of a weapon that can destroy it.

Frank Oppenheimer said, "I think the most terrifying thing was this really brilliant purple cloud, black with radioactive dust, that hung there, and you had no feeling of whether it would go up or would drift towards you."

He recalled that he and his brother both shouted with relief, "It worked!" The witnesses cheered, danced, shook hands and laughed while slapping each other on the back. Oppenheimer named the bomb test Trinity when recalling John Donne's poem ("Batter my heart, three-person'd God") and the Hindu scripture Bhagavad-Gita's references to the creator, preserver, and destroyer. In a 1965 NBC television documentary, Oppie said, "We knew the world would not be the same." Quoting the Bhagavad-Gita, he added, "Now I am become death, the destroyer of worlds."

Before leaving the test site, Oppie called his secretary at Los Alamos and asked her to convey to his wife Kitty a coded message indicating the test was a success. "Tell her she can change the sheets."

Thanks Carolyn, Fred Vaslow was a unique individual who had a great career and spent his retirement years greeting visitors at the American Museum of Science and Energy and enjoyed telling tourists of his experiences. He would often tell folks of his presence at Trinity. That place is certainly a special location.

There are tours there twice a year where the public can see the site. The tours are very popular and fill up quickly. They are held in April and October of each year, however, the April 3, 2020, tour was cancelled because of the COVID 19 crisis. October 3, 2020 and April 3, 2021, are the next tours available. See: <https://www.wsmr.army.mil/Trinity/Pages/Home.aspx>.

I want to express my personal pride in being allowed to visit the Trinity Site for four hours alone with only a public relations person from the White Sands Missile Range. I still count that among the highlights of my career as a historian.

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.

Sen. Ken Yager Announces Candidacy for Re-election to Tennessee State Senate

KINGSTON, TN – State Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) today announced his candidacy for reelection to the Tennessee Senate. Yager, who serves in a key leadership role as Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus, is seeking a 3rd term to the 12th Senatorial District.

“Twelve years ago, the people of the 12th Senatorial District gave me the privilege to serve them in the Tennessee State Senate, allowing me to serve without opposition in subsequent elections,” Yager said. “Once again, they have afforded me the opportunity of continued service to them and the district. My one unchanging guideline is and always will be that constituents come first. In that spirit, I announce I am a candidate for re-election, subject to the Republican primary in August.”

“During my tenure in the State Senate, I have risen in seniority and now serve on the Finance Ways and Means Committee. My peers honored me by electing me the Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus. These responsibilities are very helpful tools in my efforts to best serve my constituents and the District.

Yager also serves on the Senate State and Local Government Committee and the Joint Fiscal Review Committee, where he formerly served as chairman of both.

“The next four years will be challenging,” added Yager. “Unemployment - putting people back to work is a critical issue. I will use my experience to work with the local and state agencies to encourage job creation and support programs to train those looking for work to find good paying jobs.”

“I represent seven of the finest counties in East Tennessee and the Upper Cumberland. With your help, and God’s blessing, I will continue to fight your battles in Nashville. I will appreciate your vote and support in the August primary and November general elections.”

The 12th District includes Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, Rhea, Roane and Scott Counties. The August primary election is set for August 6, with early voting extending from July 17 - August 1.

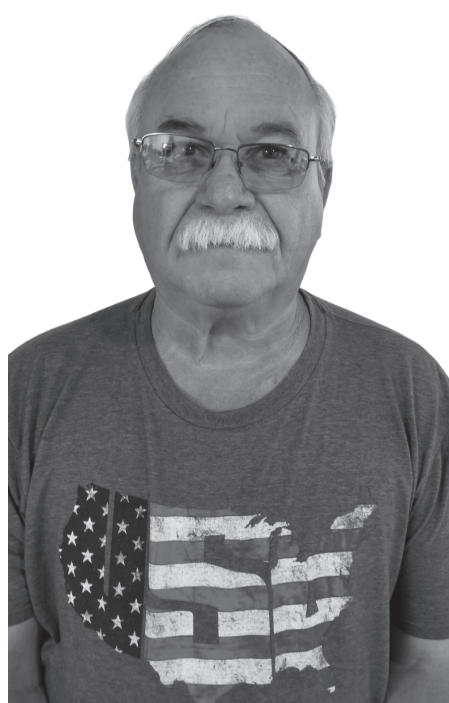
Morgan County, Tennessee Proposed Budget For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

	Actual 2018-2019	Estimated 2019-2020	Estimated 2020-2021
General Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 5,911,254	\$ 6,046,840	\$ 5,882,590
State of Tennessee	664,295	762,922	787,679
Federal Government	75,788	55,480	55,000
Other Sources	2,246,810	2,315,932	2,393,864
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 8,898,146	\$ 9,181,174	\$ 9,119,133
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 6,353,176	\$ 6,449,085	\$ 6,682,637
Other Cost	2,774,458	2,443,029	2,436,495
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 9,127,634	\$ 8,892,113	\$ 9,119,133
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 1,684,947	\$ 1,455,460	\$ 1,744,521
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	1,455,460	1,744,521	1,744,521
Employee Positions (full time)	112	116	116
Highway/Public Works Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 139,494	\$ 105,450	\$ 133,156
State of Tennessee	2,792,518	3,062,899	2,865,000
Federal Government	0	41,568	0
Other Sources	85,595	88,220	66,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 3,017,606	\$ 3,298,137	\$ 3,064,156
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 798,517	\$ 750,384	\$ 971,990
Other Cost	2,048,607	2,631,254	2,997,155
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 2,847,124	\$ 3,381,637	\$ 3,969,145
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 3,505,884	\$ 3,676,367	\$ 3,592,867
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	3,676,367	3,592,867	2,687,878
Employee Positions (full time)	14	14	14
General Purpose School Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 2,907,672	\$ 2,887,522	\$ 2,829,344
State of Tennessee	20,930,716	20,767,114	19,968,403
Federal Government	0	17,721	0
Other Sources	963,268	1,002,589	796,650
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 24,801,655	\$ 24,674,946	\$ 23,594,397
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 20,135,112	\$ 19,744,035	\$ 20,230,188
Other Cost	4,306,568	4,348,557	3,684,266
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 24,441,680	\$ 24,092,592	\$ 23,914,454
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 4,683,347	\$ 5,043,321	\$ 5,625,675
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	5,043,321	5,625,675	5,305,618
Employee Positions (full time)	373	367	375
Debt Service Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$ 1,249,711	\$ 1,234,176	\$ 1,060,122
State of Tennessee	72,593	67,888	70,000
Federal Government	0	0	0
Other Sources	486,073	496,812	493,495
Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 1,808,376	\$ 1,798,876	\$ 1,623,617
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Cost	1,699,001	2,125,814	1,685,617
Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 1,699,001	\$ 2,125,814	\$ 1,685,617
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 2,549,257	\$ 2,658,632	\$ 2,331,694
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	2,658,632	2,331,694	2,269,694
Employee Positions (full time)	0	0	0

Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. in the main courtroom of the Morgan County Courthouse in Wartburg, Tennessee. The hearing is being conducted to review and discuss the Proposed Budget for Morgan County, Tennessee for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Re-elect Glen Moore 4th District School Board Seat



Hello, my name is Glen Moore and I am asking for your vote for re-election in the 4th district school board seat. Over the years I have seen how far Morgan County Schools have come and have a vision of where we are going. I have advocated for the taxpayers and kept their voices heard especially considering the schools' budgets.

I am a voice for the 4th district and proud to be your representative in this area. I am a voice for teachers and students in all academics including vocational education and dual enrollment. It is important for students to learn these skills to be successful in life and I believe that this can be achieved by both going to college and taking vocational education courses. Both paths would give the students the skills they need to be successful in careers after school.

Each decision I have made has kept my district in mind, with having a long status within the school system. Anyone within the school system who has ideas or wants to voice concerns please feel free to contact me. Also, I would like to state that I am running a fair and clean race. I have noticed that signs of mine have gone missing and would like for everyone to keep in mind that each side should have a fair chance to reach the voters. Not only is it unfair to not let the people know their choice, it can also be very costly. Thank you and I hope you will trust me with your vote again this election season.

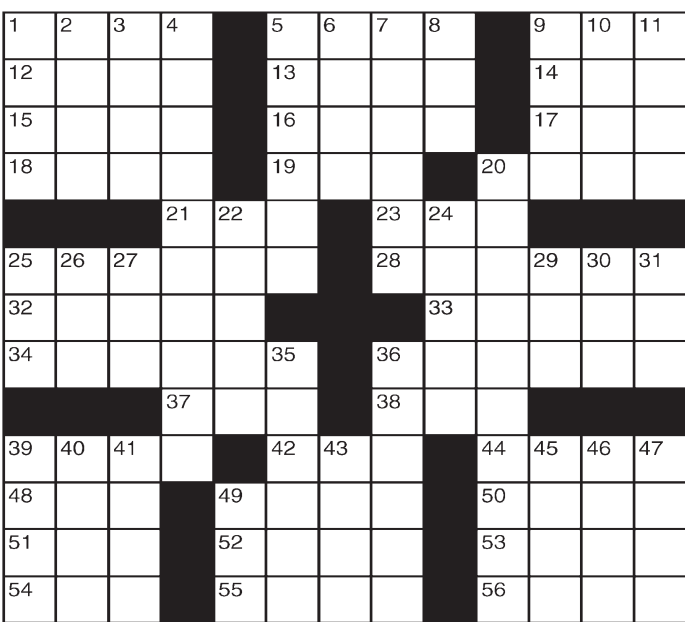
Thank you for your support in the past and I am looking forward to serving you in the future.

Glen Moore, 4th District School Board Member

King Crossword

ACROSS

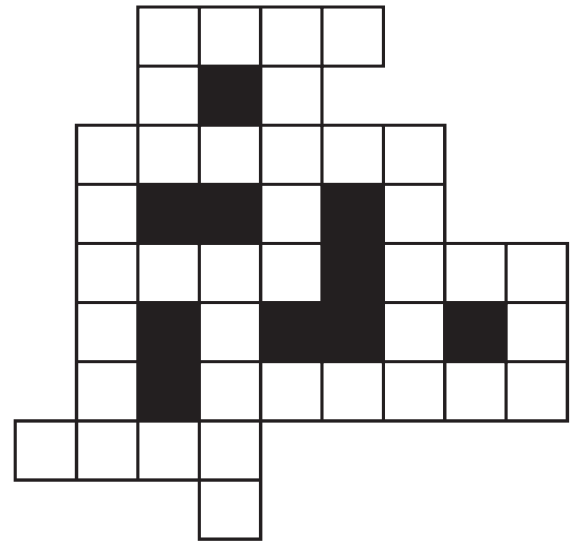
- 1 Give a darn
- 5 IOU, e.g.
- 9 Trip to Mecca (Var.)
- 12 Like 28-Across
- 13 Top-notch
- 14 Chicken-king link
- 15 The Swedish Nightingale
- 16 Hold sway
- 17 Cartoonist Chast
- 18 Creche trio
- 19 Auto grille cover
- 20 "For cryin' out loud!"
- 21 Id counterpart
- 23 Personal question
- 25 Beckon
- 28 Vast sandy expanse
- 32 Leafy shelter
- 33 Release a deadbolt
- 34 Trolley sounds
- 36 Present from birth
- 37 Common Mkt.
- 38 Pigpen
- 39 Pre-swan
- 42 Puncturing device
- 44 It gets in the whey



- 48 Seek restitution
 - 49 Neighborhood
 - 50 Quite eager
 - 51 Historic time
 - 52 Read bar codes
 - 53 — good example
 - 54 Press for payment
 - 55 Cattle group
 - 56 A bit unclear
- DOWN**
- 1 Tranquil
 - 2 Bocelli solo
 - 3 Peal
 - 4 "Two Tickets to Paradise" singer
 - 5 Diamonds, essentially
 - 6 Session with a shrink
 - 7 Extended family
 - 8 Shirt shape
 - 9 Tortoise's opponent
 - 10 Lotion additive
 - 11 Satchmo's genre
 - 20 "I Walk the Line" singer
 - 22 Canyon
 - 24 Obsess
 - 25 Pouch
 - 26 Surfer's destination
 - 27 Biz deg.
 - 29 Lawyers' org.
 - 30 Snitch
 - 31 Exist
 - 35 Hard to find
 - 36 Gilligan's home
 - 39 Secondhand
 - 40 Mentor
 - 41 Slender
 - 43 Sport
 - 45 Eye layer
 - 46 "Puttin' on the —"
 - 47 Crucial time
 - 49 Blond shade



- GBU
- BUENAR
- AGTON
- LELT
- GOBNLE
- ♥AGT
- ♥RGA
- NAGOL
- ♥UNB
- TOTMUS
- ♥MEBAL
- ♥ERGA



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

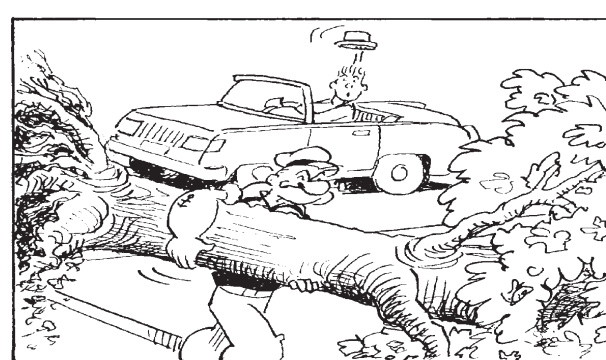
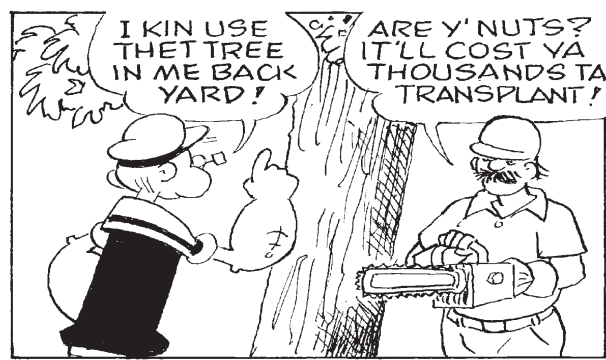
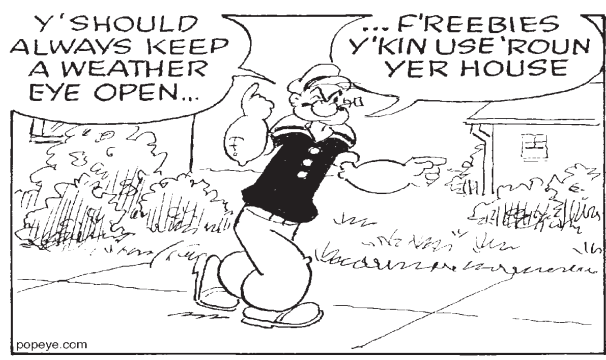
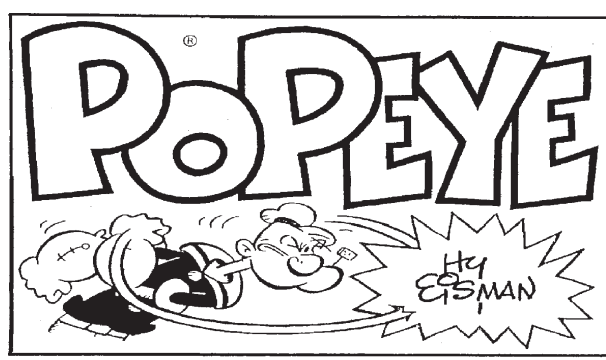
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Weekly SUDOKU

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8	3	2	5	9	7	6	4	1
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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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IMPRESSED

Are you impressed?

The meaning of impressed according to the Dictionary: feeling or showing admiration or respect for someone or something.

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What things impress you? Money, position, intelligence, education? I asked myself this same question, and here is my list.

Intelligence, integrity, honor, humor, empathy, compassion, sound morals, strength of conviction. People who have a good sense of who they are and can easily hold themselves accountable for their actions.

Who in your life has impressed you? Who was/is your superhero? I have been blessed to admire and be impressed by many in my life. But, number one on my list would be my Mother.

She has played an important role in shaping me as a person through her thoughts and her teachings. My biggest learning from her is one that sticks with me even now – no matter how bad the situation, be positive. She always told me I could do anything I wanted if I put my mind to it. Her love for her family was unwavering. She lived in the service of others. Her goal was to nurture, protect, and keep her family safe.

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John was arrested for this and, according to history, was thrown into a cistern of boiling oils as a painful death penalty—but it didn't kill him! Some said “John refused to die” but I've always said—God chose for John to live! God had one more assignment for him... Since the Roman authorities couldn't seem to kill him, they decided to exile him. That's how he ended up on the remote Isle of Patmos. There he would live out his remaining days and, in the authorities' minds, they would finally silence his voice and forever suppress his influence. But it didn't work! It was here that God gave him the last book of the New Testament and the final Revelation of our Lord. I love the Revelation of Jesus found here and the story of how history will end. This is the great story that tells us how one day God will get the glory!

So John wrote these words as an old man still serving His Lord and suffering for his faith. But there is not one hint of fear, despair or defeat. There is no whisper of doubt. There is no whiff of discouragement. No undertone of questioning the outcome. And certainly there is no sense of bemoaning his own trials but, instead, we find John rejoicing over Jesus' triumphs! His words shout at us with bold assertion and positive confidence, “Hallelujah! For Our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!” (Revelation 19:6-7).

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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.

Veteran of the Week

Davis Funeral Home is proud to sponsor Morgan County Today's feature, Veteran of the Week. Each week, a different local Veteran will be spotlighted, and honored and appreciated for their service. The Veteran's name, branch of service, service dates and other pertinent data should be emailed to Editor@mocotoday.com or Publisher@mocotoday.com. Submissions will be printed in the order in which they are received, pending verification of information.

ACCEPTING BIDS

Morgan County Medical Center is soliciting bids for a one-time floor cleaning service which will include: stripping, waxing and buffing all tile floors while protecting baseboards and walls from overspray; and vacuuming and shampooing all carpeted areas.

Bidders must be experienced professionals. Bidders are required to submit written proposals that present the Bidder's qualifications and understanding of the work to be performed.

The Bidder's proposal must include:

- Two letters of reference from a business for whom the Bidder has completed work in the last 24 months
- Proof of Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1 million

Bidders must not be debarred or excluded from doing business by the Federal Government.

The scope of the project will include lobby, hallways, exam rooms, offices, restrooms, training/meeting rooms in both the medical and dental portions of the building. Bidders are asked to provide separate bids for the medical and dental portions of the building.

Written bids will be accepted through 5 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 2020.

Interested bidders should contact the CFO at (423) 346-6221, Ext. 225 or email info@morgancountymedical.com to express interest and arrange to tour the building to assess the scope of work to be completed. If sending an email, please put Floor Cleaning in the subject.

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Pulling Up Weeds

By: MSG. Fred Mize

MSG Fred Mize At the beginning of this past spring my wife and I completed a landscaping project in our backyard. We planted a flower garden filled with multiple azaleas, rhododendrons, gardenias, ivy, and several other flowering plants, completed with a pea gravel walkway. I most enjoy looking over our masterpiece while sipping on my morning coffee. Its spectacular to look at the massive rhododendron blooms, brilliant azaleas blooms mixed among the humble while gardenia blooms all mingled in the morning mist.

As I gaze at God's creation my attention gets pulled to dark green unwanted weeds that never give up their relentless pursuit to rise above our garden's soil. I soon shift my focus back on the beautiful blooms and my flavor rich coffee but the weeds remain as flaws in a painting. I desire to pull the weeds the moment they appear but know that if I focus so much on the weeds I'll miss out on the relaxing enjoyment of the garden's gifts. If I fail to pull up

the weeds within a week, they soon begin to take over the garden and try to choke out the most fragile flowering plants. So, I battle the weeds once a week and am astonished

how fast the weeds multiply and grow in just a week's time. As I was pulling up our garden's weeds early this

morning I pondered on the weeds (sins, mistakes, and regrets) in our lives and how we must also remain fully aware of their presence. If not, these weeds will do their best

up weeds to maintain their gardens beauty. As human beings we've all sinned, made countless mistakes, along with regrets in our lives and if we are honest, we may we also need Jesus Christ to tend to our sins. A flower cannot pull up the weeds that surround them. Neither can we overcome the sin the surrounds us on the inside or out but the battle is not lost. All we must do is humble ourselves, cry out to the LORD Jesus Christ and ask Him to remove the sin from our lives. We've all sinned, made mistakes, and have regrets but our lives don't have to be overcome by this. We can live victorious lives just don't try to do so on your own and let Jesus Christ live within your heart, mind, and soul. His standing ready to pull up the weeds in your garden. All you need to do is ask Him to.



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even have more weeds than flowers in our personal gardens. Just as flowers need someone to tend to the weeds,

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Jessie Rees Foundation: JoyJars

I wrote last week about the many challenges and obstacles our country faces in 2020. Non-profit organizations and charities are helping families in the community that have been impacted by COVID from an economic standpoint. There are many great non-profit organizations right here in Morgan County. I will be featuring some of these great charities/non-profit organizations in the upcoming weeks. Some of us are still blessed to be in a position to volunteer our time and/or financial resources. These local charities could use our help.



Zack Ballinger

Up! We fulfill our mission by CONNECTING with families, bringing AWARENESS to their stories, offering them a network of helpful RESOURCES and sending the entire family continual doses of ENCOURAGEMENT throughout their journey.

Their daily inspiration will always be twelve year old Jessie Rees. Her heart to help other kids fighting cancer back in 2011 as she was fighting terminal cancer is what started this tidewater of compassion and sustains them today. If you would like to learn more about this amazing non-profit organization, visit their website at www.negu.org

everyone. Jessie had one "wish", which is the mission of her foundation.

Jessie's compassion for others led her to ask her parents a short and simple question, "How can we help them?" Jessie was referring to the other children who were in long term, in-patient treatment at Children's Hospital of Orange County, the same hospital that Jessie was receiving her treatment from.

After receiving the "go ahead" from the hospital and her parents she created JoyJars... 64 oz plastic jars stuffed to the very top with new, age appropriate, toys and games. Jessie stuffed over 3,000 with family and friends before she lost her fight. By the end of 2019,



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



Over the next few weeks, I am going to feature some of these non-profit organizations that are impacting our community for the better. I want to first tell you about a national charity that is changing lives in America. Most of this information is found at www.negu.org. It's an amazing non-profit organization that really impacts children with cancer. What is NEGU? What is a Joyjar? Who is Jessie Rees?

The Jessie Rees Foundation was, and always will be, inspired by one courageous and compassionate 12 year old little girl. Her name, Jessica Joy Rees, better known as "Jessie". Jessie was a faith-filled, beautiful, athletic, caring and loving girl who courageously fought cancer (DIPG) from March 3, 2011 to January 5, 2012. She loved her family very much and her puppy Mr. Moe. She created JoyJars and was the first one to coin the term "NEGU", which was her motto and message to

over 300,000 of Jessie's JoyJars will have been stuffed and sent to kids fighting cancer in all 50 states and over 40 countries.

NEGU mission is very simple. Encourage every kid fighting cancer to Never Ever Give

Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

email: kvhelton@highland.net



Hello! I hope everyone had a memorable 4th of July. I am sure there were a lot of family and friends gatherings, a lot of good food, games and fireworks.

As I write this column (Thursday night), God has blessed us with rain.

Oakdale Graduation is Friday, July 31, 2020 at Hollis Eble Football field at 7:00 p.m. In the case of inclement weather, changes will be announced.

New Student Enrollment for Oakdale School will be Wednesday, July 15, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the school. This includes Kindergarten Registration. Appointments for Pre K registration can be made by calling Morgan County School's Central Office at 423-346-6214.

Bunt and I enjoyed having our granddaughter Maura with us for a whole month. She is such a joy to be around. While here, she got to swim with our neighborhood children, take horse riding lessons with Jeremiah Johnson, spend time with her cousins and other family members and go to church with us. She really missed not getting to attend VBS this year.

The Annual Lawson Reunion was held Sunday, July 5. Descendants of the late Walter and Lola Hamby Lawson gathered at Camp Howard to share a day filled with a lot of reminiscing, laughter, food and fellowship. Although the crowd was down from years past, folks traveled from Texas, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and all across Tennessee.

The Melhorn family continued tradition by camping at Camp Austin and taking a wagon train along with several horseback riders across the mountain. This tradition has been going on well over 50 years.

Congratulations to Buford and Pam Cook who celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary July 7.

Rhylan Hicks enjoyed a 14th Birthday/ 4th of July celebration with friends and family on Saturday, July 4th. The evening was fun with a slip n slide, games and fireworks to end the night.

Kelsey Smith turned 8 on July 7. She spent the day jumping at a trampoline park with her brother and sister. She was then treated to ice cream and got to get the new Trolls World Tour movie. She requested one of her favorite meals, beef stroganoff, for supper.

Will and Kristy Smith celebrated their 16th anniversary on June 5 with a short trip to North Georgia. They went white water rafting on the Ocoee River and tubing on the Toccoa River. It was a beautiful area to visit.

Happy Birthday to Sue Redmon who celebrated her birthday July 12.

Happy Birthday to three of my aunts. My Aunt Linda Ellis, who lives in Georgia, had a birthday on July 10. Aunt Marlene Goldston will celebrate her birthday July 20 and Aunt Betty Chapman will celebrate her birthday July 23. Wishing you each many more blessed years.

Three of our "White Oak Boys" have July birth-

days. Although they have grown up, they are still our boys. Joshua Helton has a birthday on July 11. Rudy Chapman has a birthday on July 17 and Cody Chapman has a birthday on July 19. Happy Birthday Boys!

Thursday, August 6, 2020 will be the State/ Federal Primary and State/ County General Election in Tennessee. Early voting will be Friday, July 17 – Saturday, August 1, 2020 at the Election Commission Office located in the Morgan County Courthouse. Those wishing to vote must be registered in Morgan County and provide a Federally issued photo ID. Everyone age 60 and older can request an absentee ballot. The Absentee Ballot Request Deadline is Thursday, July 30, 2020. Those wishing to vote absentee can request an application for ballot by calling the Morgan County Election Commission at 423-346-3190.

Acceptable forms of ID to vote include:

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2. United States Passport
3. Photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
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6. Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo

Our hearts are saddened by the passing of our good friend, Eddie Willis. Please keep his wife, Karen,

his daughters Kelly and husband Gene O'Dell and Karie and husband Chris Scott and grandchildren Tucker, Gabe and Lily O'Dell and Morgan, Remington and Ruger Scott in your thoughts and prayers. He is also survived by his brothers Benny and Tim and his sister Patsy and a host of other family members and friends. Services were held Saturday, July 11 at Schubert Funeral Home and burial followed at the Willis Family Cemetery in Oakdale.

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra." – Jimmy Johnson

Morgan County Today Community Calendar

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.

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Memorial Center is having a "JUNK N THE TRUNK" garage sale Saturday July 18th 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.

The Morgan County Farmers Market will have its main opening this Friday, July 17, 2020. The market will run from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM or sellout. The market will be held in the parking lot of the Morgan County Visitor Centers.

Hebrews Chapter 7

(Hebrews 7:1-3) Melchizedek, the mysterious priest: Melchizedek, a contemporary of Abraham, was king of Salem (later known as Jerusalem), as well as a priest of God Most High. (He was not a worshipper of "El, the high Canaanite god," as modern liberal writers contend.) The fact that he was both a king and priest is significant. His dual roles foreshadowed the priesthood of Christ (Psa. 110, Zech. 6:12-13). After Abraham had rescued Lot, in route back home, patriarch paid tithes to Melchizedek and was blessed by the renowned ruler (Gen. 14:17). Our writer describes him as king of righteousness and peace (v. 2). He was a type (picture prophecy) of Christ. He was without genealogy--not literally, but with reference to his kingly--priestly functions. His priesthood was not determined by a physical genealogy, nor was his office limited by a set number of years (as was Aaron's); rather, it is described as without beginning or end, it had no term limit.

(Hebrews 7:4-10) two priesthoods): the greatness of Melchizedek is emphasized by the fact that Abraham gave him a tenth of the spoils he had taken in war. This was similar to the fact that the Levites, descendants of Abraham, later took tithes from the Hebrew people under Moses' law. Our author will now argue that this arrangement demonstrated that Melchizedek's priesthood was superior to Aaron's. This case will be made in three ways. The first argument is found in this section (v.4-10).

Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek, and the king blessed the patriarch. But the lesser person is always blessed by the better (v.7). Hence, in some sense, Melchizedek was the--not morally, but in rank or position. In a way, therefore, Levi, who received tithes from the people under the Mosaic regime, also paid tithes representatively through his ancestor, Abraham. This order of payment subtly suggested that the administration of Melchizedek was superior to that of Aaron; or, to say it in another way, the covenant of Christ (of whom the king--priest was a prophetic picture) was superior to that of Moses (of which Aaron's administration was representative). Why, then, were these Hebrews tempted to forsake Christianity and return to Judaism? That did not make sense.

(Hebrews 7:11-22) the Levitical priesthood analyzed: now to the second argument for the superiority of Melchizedek's over Aaron's. If there had been perfection (redemptive adequacy) through the Levitical priesthood (the system of Moses' law), that order of things would have continued permanently. But it did not. A priesthood of another kind (see v. 11, 15) replaced the former. Inasmuch as the priesthood was changed, such indicated the necessity of a change of the law (v. 12). The law of Moses was abrogated (Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14); the law of Christ replaced it.

The change in the law required a new high priest from a different tribe (v. 13). The new priest came out of the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10), for which tribe there was no authorization in the law for the selection of priests (v. 14); hence, another law would

have to replace the first. (From this comes the truth that one is not permitted to act in religion in the absence of divine authority.) The new priest would be our Lord (v. 14); the new law would be the new and better covenant (v. 22).

The old regime was of a carnal nature (v. 16), thus was weak, unprofitable, and made nothing perfect (it could not deal with sin permanently). It had to be removed to make way for a covenant with a better hope through which we draw near to God (v. 18-19). Jesus Christ, therefore, became the surety (guarantee) of the new, better covenant (v. 22), underwritten by the oath of God (which never happened in the interest of Aaronic priest (v. 21). In view of these facts, why would one forsake perfection (that which was divinely efficacious through Christ) and return to that which was not? The Judaizers are not thinking logically.

(Hebrews 7:23-25) the superiority of Christ's priesthood: the third and concluding argument relating to the priesthood issue is contained in verses twenty-three through twenty-five. The many priests of the Old Testament regime, one by one, died out. (During the 107-year period, from the time of Herod the Great until the destruction of Jerusalem (37 B.C. --A.D. 70), twenty-eight men held the office of high priest. Not a one had the qualifications of the Aaronic line). In contrast, Christ, as our high priest, abides perpetually, having served already for more than twenty centuries! His priesthood is unchangeable. He ever lives to make intercession!

Jesus, therefore, is able to save to the uttermost, the equivalent of unchangeable, not subject to alteration. (This contains no implication of the impossibility of apostasy, as sometimes claimed.)

Hebrews 7:26-28) Christ, the perfect High Priest: this high priest of Christianity has certain qualities unrivaled by anyone else. As our high priest he is holy (truly pious), guileless (void of all that is wrong, without malice), undefiled (stainless, untainted), and separated from sinners. The verbal form suggests an action performed on him by another, and that with abiding effect. It alluded to his exaltation into heaven out of earth's sinful environment--consequently, his having been made higher than the heavens (an explanatory phrase).

Our perfect high priest did not need to offer daily sacrifices, as the Aaronic priests did--certainly not for his own sins (of which he had none). Neither did he need to offer up himself for the sins of the people each time they sinned. This he did once (meaning once for all times) at the cross. Under the Mosaic law system, high priests, good as each might have been, nevertheless were sinful. On the other hand, God's oath, nevering his Son as high priest, provided a system a sacrifice permanently efficacious. (As an incidental matter, this affirmation negates the Roman Catholic doctrine of the sacrifice of the mass, which alleges that Jesus is sacrificed over and over, thousands of times, each time the Church accommodates a mass). Answering the error@GBNTV.ORG BIBLETALK.TV Mark Mazzalongo video.wvbs.org FortifyYourFaith.org



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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Morgan County Today is honored to praise Dr. Brett Travis as this week's veteran of the week. Dr. Travis was born and raised in Southern, Ohio. He attended Wheelersburg High School and enlisted directly out of high school into the United States Air Force in 1971. He served until the close of the Vietnam War. He then enrolled into the University of Kentucky ROTC program in 1975 while also assigned to the Kentucky Army National Guard. Dr. Travis served as Cadet Sergeant Major, was a member of Pershing Rifles, and graduated top 5% of his ROTC class.

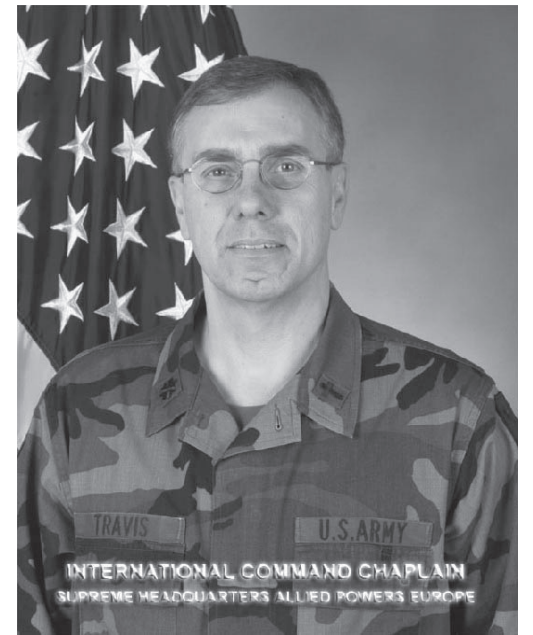
Upon graduating in 1977, he commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and branched Medical Service CORPS. After serving 12

years in the Kentucky Army National Guard as a Medical Service CORPS Officer, he felt the call to be an Army Chaplain. Chaplain Travis received a direct appointment into the United States Army Chaplain CORP in January of 1989. He served 22 years until retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2008.

Chaplain Travis has been engaged in military deployments since 1989, the first being "Operation Just Cause" in Honduras. He then served in Turkey at the Military Intelligence Field Station during the Gulf War. He continued his Chaplain duties on September 11th, 2001 concerning the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers. Later, Chaplain Travis served as the joint Deputy Command Chaplain at US Central Command in Tampa, Florida where he helped develop the Chaplain Joint Manpower Structure for combat support operations for over 46,000 troops in the Afghanistan and Iraq regions. He further deployed with the United States Special Operations Command-Central Command in Qatar as the forward Command Chaplain.

Upon completion of his tour in Iraq, he was re-assigned as the Deputy Command Chaplain in Heidelberg, Germany with the 26th Area Support Command in 2003. Chaplain Travis was reassigned in 2003 as the Command Chaplain for US Army NATO, in Casteau, Belgium to provide joint operational leadership as the NATO Command Chaplain for 29 different countries.

He was also the International Command Chaplain and religious envoy representing the United States during United Nations open sessions and functions in Brussels, Belgium.



In May of 2008, Chaplain Travis asked for his retirement assignment as a hospital chaplain working with the "Wounded Warrior Project." He was also asked to develop the military spiritual re-integration component for Soldiers returning from combat in the Middle East.

Currently, Dr. Travis and his wife, Pam Travis, reside in Knoxville Tennessee where he

is very active in the community concerning veteran relief programs. In addition, Dr. Travis has his own private counseling practice intended to aid struggling veterans.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Cindi Jones, Morgan County Trustee

This week's Morgan County Today Law Enforcement Officer of the week is Investigator Keith Hawkins with the Morgan County Sheriff Department. Investigator Hawkins is originally from Halls, TN but now resides in Sunbright with his loving wife and their four-year-old son.

Keith earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from East Tennessee State University but never lost sight

on his childhood dream of a career in law enforcement.

He began his law enforcement career as a Drug Induction Officer for the Scott County Sheriff's Department in 2008. In 2018 he transferred



from the Scott County Sheriff's Department to become an Investigator for the Morgan County Sheriff's Department, where he serves our community today.

Investigator Hawkins enjoys his profession.

His most favorite moments are when he is able to see the positive impact him and his fellow officers make throughout Morgan County.

Investigator Hawkins, Morgan County Today, thanks you for your dedication in serving and protecting all of the residents of Morgan County. We are all thankful you fulfilled your childhood dream.

Ask The Expert



David Zubler

Q. I will soon be receiving an inheritance. Will it be taxable?

A. Generally, inheritance is not taxable. However, if you inherit a retirement account, it may be taxable.

Money contributed to a conventional IRAs and 401(k) is generally not taxed before it is put in. Consequently, it becomes taxable income when it is taken out.

Q. I have tax returns and receipts for over 20 years. When is it safe to throw them away?

A. That depends on your particular situation. In general, you should keep your records for

at least three years after the filing date of your return. However, there are scenarios where you need to keep them much longer. If you are depreciating an asset, you will need to be able to prove the cost if you are audited. As an example, if you have a rental house, it is depreciated over 27 1/2 years. You may need to be able to prove how much you paid for it for up to 3 years after it has been fully depreciated. If your income is understated by more than 25%, the IRS has 6 years to audit your return. There are other exceptions, but for most people, without businesses, it is 3 years.

Q. I drive almost 30 miles a day to go to work. Is there any way I can deduct it on my tax return.

A. If you have a business with an office in the

home, you could deduct it. But if you are a W2 employee, commuting to work and back is not deductible. Additionally, with the 2018 tax changes, all employee business expenses have been eliminated.

Submit your questions to Ask the Expert at zublerdavid@gmail.com

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