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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 21	88°/70°	
Wed 22	87°/70°	
Thu 23	87°/69°	
Fri 24	88°/69°	
Sat 25	90°/70°	
Sun 26	93°/71°	
Mon 27	93°/71°	

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Earl Dew



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The summer heat couldn't stop the folks from coming to the Outdoor Show. Between the heat and the COVID-19 concerns, people came out to enjoy the annual music, vendors, and festivities that this event brings every year.



Tallest Corn In The Land

Morgan County native Otto Melhorn, who now resides in Meigs County, has a corn stalk that is 12 ft 10 inches tall.





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Wartburg



Sunbright

Archie "Junior" Menzo Dishman, Jr., 91

Archie "Junior" Menzo Dishman, Jr., age 91, passed away at his daughters' home in Burrville, Thursday morning July 16, 2020.

He is preceded in death by his wife Cordie Adarine (Jones) Dishman; infant son; parents, Menzo & Bertha (Shoopman) Dishman; brothers, Ralph Ray Russell Dishman; sister, Univee Brumitt; brothers-in-law, JV Brumitt, Ed Brummett, Brady Wright; daughter-in-law, Jane Dishman; nephews, Billy Dishman, Richard Dishman and Walter Dishman.

He is survived by his son, James Ray Dishman; daughters, Etta (Wayne) Cromwell and Brenda Sells; grandchildren, Angela Evans, Andrew Dishman, Amanda Strong, Shastan Branstetter,

Jason Branstetter, Shawn Suk, Savannah Sells, Misty Cogar, Nathaniel Cromwell and Christi Bullard; 19 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; sisters, Beatrica Brummett and Lucille Wright and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family members.

The family will receive friends Sunday, July 19, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. Charles Webb officiating. Interment will follow in the Range Cemetery in the Mt. Helian Community.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Archie Menzo Dishman, Jr.

Ronald Lee "Ronnie" Redmon, 75

Mr. Ronald Lee "Ronnie" Redmon, age 75 of Wartburg, went home to be with the Lord Saturday July 11, 2020 at UT Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a member of Liberty Baptist for 66 years where he served as a Trustee on the Building and Grounds Committee, a Pre-School Teacher, and a Nursery worker. Mr. Ronnie was loved by everyone who knew him, especially the children.



One sister: Rema Redmon Lane. Along with several nieces, nephews, and other friends and loved ones.

The family will receive friends Tuesday July 14, 2020 at Liberty Baptist Church from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Funeral services will follow at 8:00 PM with Rev. David Acres officiating. Graveside services will be Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM in Liberty Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Liberty Baptist Building Fund.

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, is honored to serve Redmon family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.davisfuneral-homes.com

He was preceded in death by his son: Barry Lee Redmon. His parents: Ellis and Lizzie Taylor Redmon. Two brothers and five sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years: Judy Young Redmon. His daughter and son-in-law: Melissa and Keith Longmire.

Rema Sue Adkisson, 80

Rema Sue Adkisson, age 80, passed away peacefully at her home July 14, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Laford and Beulah Snodderly Bunch of Petros. She was born February 15, 1940.



She was an avid gardener and loved and tended to her amazing flowers. She retired from Roane Hosiery and was a member of Middle Creek Baptist Church where she taught Senior Ladies Sunday School Class for 10 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald; son, Gary Adkisson; brothers, Estel Paul, Edward and McKinnley Bunch.

The family will receive friends Thursday, July 16, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. with the funeral service to follow at 6:00 p.m. with Bro. Don Long officiating. Graveside services will be Friday, July 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Petros Cemetery in Petros.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Rema Sue Adkisson.

She is survived by her sons, Randy, Mark, Michael (Nancy) Adkisson, Jeff (Rita) Adkisson; daughter, Penny Pennington; grandchildren, Tony Silvey, Brad Adkisson, Nicole Adkisson, Amanda Moon, Meagan Sutton and Wesly Adkisson; great grandchildren, Morgan, Thomas, Anthony Silvey, Layla Cook and Ava Sutton; sister-in-law, Lana Taylor of Harriman.

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

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Morgan County Fair
July 27 - Aug 2
everyone welcome

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Free Outdoor Children's Play "Alice in Wonderland" Coming to Harriman, Norris and Sunbright

The beloved children's play "Alice in Wonderland" will be making a quick tour through East Tennessee in July and August at outdoor venues in Harriman, Norris and Sunbright, Tenn.

Based on Lewis Carroll's 1865 novel "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," the story tells the tale of a girl who falls through a rabbit hole into a subterranean world populated by peculiar, human-like creatures. Questioning conventional logic, the story has developed a lasting popularity with adults as well as children.

The Harriman performances will be at the city's Riverfront Park on July 30, 31 and August 1 at 7:00 p.m. each night. The show will be performed on a new, multi-use stage being constructed on the park's lawn.

On August 13, the show will move to the outdoor amphitheater at Norris Dam State Park and on August 14 the town of Sunbright will host a performance at its amphitheater. Both shows will begin at 7:00 p.m.

This adaptation is written by Catherine Bush, the playwright-in-residence at the famed Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Va. and is directed by Three Rivers' Managing Artistic Director Martha Wilkinson. It features local actors including Cameron Cook, Brooke Jenkins, Corey Jones, Shelby Stout, Garrett Wright and Amanda Cole as Alice.

Wilkinson is no stranger to outdoor theatre. Before relocating to East Tennessee in 2019, she produced and directed the popular musical "Oklahoma!" at Nashville's Centennial Park bandshell, directed the historic musicals "Spirit" and "Smoke" on several occasions in Adams, Tenn. and has acted "on the lawn" in various productions with the Nashville Shakespeare Company and Tennessee Shakespeare Company. Donnie Hall, Three Rivers' managing producer, says the company will be strongly emphasizing proper social distancing at the performances. "We have been very fortunate in many areas of East Tennessee during this pandemic. However, we still have a duty to behave reasonably, maintain social distancing and engage in sound sanitary practices." Hall added, "While we are anxious to get back on stage, we can only do so by implementing and practicing reasonable safety measures. Doing so is the best way to protect live theatre, the people who create it and the people who attend."

There is no admission charge to any of the performance, but a donation of \$5 is suggested to help support Three Rivers Theatre Company, which is a 501(c)(3), non-profit community theatre serving rural East Tennessee. Concessions will be available and live music is planned prior to each performance.

Hall reminds patrons "The shows are outdoors in the summer, so bring bug spray if you think you will need it."

The company stated that many volunteer positions are available, including props, set construction, sound engineer, ushers and more. For information, go to the company's web site, www.threeriverstheatre.com, or call 865-322-5248.

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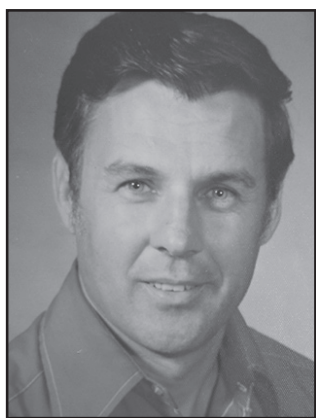
Rates in Morgan County

\$40; \$35 for senior citizens & Veterans

Out of County Rates

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

Let's Stand Up For America



Tom Redmon
Columnist

The following article appeared in one of the local papers in 2019.

I feel like all of us

need to think about the freedom we all enjoy because of the great price men and women had to pay for this freedom. I would like to feel that they did not die in vain. I don't care what party you belong to; democrat, republican or independent. When it comes to patriotism, party should not matter. President Eisenhower said it best in a Reader's Digest Article in the 60's when he said, "without patriotism and a deep respect for our flag we are doomed."

Like many of you out there I don't like the way our country has gone in the past thirty-five years, but I am still thankful and grateful for being born in the United States. I love my country and our flag. Together we can make it better. What do you think when our National Anthem is played?

Do you thank God for the freedom you enjoy?

While standing there with your hand over your heart, do you think of the many men and women who have fought and died so we could enjoy that freedom, or do you take it for granted that since you were born in the United States that freedom is automatically free?

Let me tell you folks, it isn't free.

When you see the flag do you ever think of what those stars and stripes stand for?

When you see the famous photograph of the four men raising the flag on Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, do you pause to think of the 6,820-plus men who died on that awful piece of real estate in February 1945? Many other Marines came out of that battle with physical and mental wounds. What a price we paid for a worthless piece of real estate, but one that Gen. Douglas MacArthur felt had to be taken before we could invade Japan.

When you hear the names of Francis Scott Key, Betsy Ross, Colin Kelly or Audie Murphy, do you know how they contributed to our flag and freedom?

What about those 400,000-plus men who paid the ultimate cost in WWII? How about Korea and Vietnam? Those men who were sent there by our commander-in-chief fought just as hard as our men did in WWII or WWI. They didn't want to go to war, but they went willingly and fought an enemy that in most cases didn't wear a uniform. In many ways it was worse than WWII.

You can never thank these men enough.

All together, we lost more than 500,000 men in

being together.

Yes, there are other things that should bring tears to our eyes and break our hearts when we see our flag dishonored and disgraced by burning or stomped on the ground. Don't these people know the cost of freedom? On Sept. 13, 1814, when the British were bombarding Fort McHenry, a large American flag with 15 stars was flying over the fort. The British bombed the fort for 25 hours and the soldiers at the fort kept the fl ag flying. It meant that much to the sol-

diery, does this make you angry?

Little do these players know or care that it was the many American soldiers that fought and bled that gives them the right to protest.

There are other ways to protest. I'm sure most of these men do not know the history of our country. If they only knew the blood that has been shed since 1776 to keep our country free then I wonder would if they would stand for our National Anthem? I only have to think of one battle in WWII and what

the soldiers had to go through to realize I am lucky to live in the USA. Our country needs to return to patriotism and a love for country. Former President Dwight David Eisenhower said it best in 1963, "Without patriotism and a deep respect for our fl ag and country, we are subject to become slaves and dictators and despots. Yes, we are doomed if we fail to keep this scared trust."

Have we drifted too far for our country to come back? I certainly hope not because I love my country.

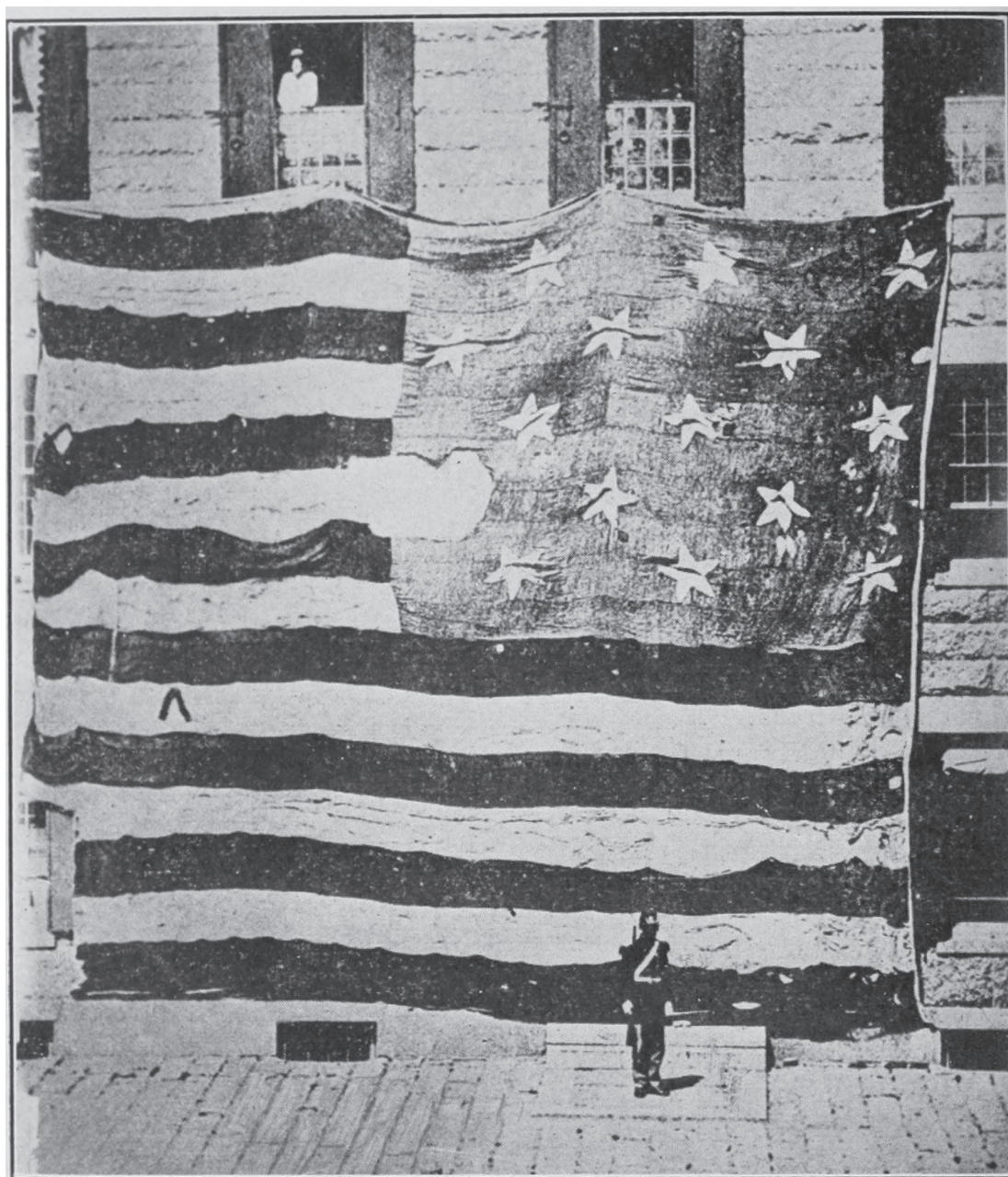
Where else could a poor country boy like me, who at one time didn't have two nickels to rub together, could work hard to be what he wanted to be in life? My country provided me with the opportunity and I took it. God Bless America, the country that I love.

We are all in a battle now and many do not realize it. We have an enemy who is after the very soul of our country. Whether you are a man, a woman, a democrat or a republican, whether you are rich or poor, it doesn't matter. We are all in this battle together.

Whatever you do as a citizen, please read and listen to all sources of news and answer this question: what kind of world do you want your children and grandchildren to grow up in?

I have lived my life, but I am very concerned about my children, who have worked hard to make it in life. I have wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren in whom I would like to have the same opportunity I had to achieve and be what they want to be.

Please take this article serious, and pass it on for others to read. America has been a wonderful country. Let's fight to keep it that way. God Bless America. The country that I love, and one I would die for.



Fort McHenry Flag (Photo Submitted)

WWII, Korea and Vietnam. In Korea, we lost 36,914 young men, and 58,280 in Vietnam. Do you ever think about the great cost of war? Maybe some of those men, if they had lived, would have come up with a cure for cancer. Maybe some of them would have made great teachers, physicians, preachers or leaders better than the ones we have now. Who knows what we lost when we lost all these men.

I have talked with veterans from all of these wars. Many did not want to talk about the killing part. They had put that part back into their brain in a compartment not to be opened.

I have talked to ex-POWs who suffered greatly at the hands of the enemy. Even though they came back from the war alive, they still had nightmares and suffered from both mental and physical wounds.

Individually, these men had a hard time talking about the war, but as a group they found it better to release the things they had hidden since the war. They really enjoyed

being together in 1814 and it should mean that much to us today.

Francis Scott Key was aboard a British ship trying to get a prisoner released when he heard the bombardment still going on. He knew Fort McHenry was still in American hands and the fl ag was still flying. He wrote the Star Spangled Banner, which became our National Anthem on March 3, 1931. One soldier said, "the British have their king and queen, and we have our fl ag; let's protect and respect it with our life."

Do you shed tears when you see flag-draped coffins arrive in Dover, Del. with the body of a soldier? That is some mother's son, some wife's husband, and some children who will grow up without a father. They didn't choose to go to war, but they were sent.

We still have soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria. Some question why they are there, but don't ever blame the soldiers, blame the politicians.

When NFL players refuse to stand for the National An-

Historically Speaking John Rice Irwin before Oak Ridge, Part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

In the last column on John Rice Irwin, we enjoyed the poignant letter from John Rice Irwin's mother written to her "mama" when she learned her family would have to give up their home to make way for the Manhattan Project. This week we get to experience that traumatic event in the life of a young six-year-old John Rice Irwin. John Rice has titled the document he provided at my request Before Oak Ridge — The People Who Gave up Their Homes for the Future of Oak Ridge, by John Rice Irwin, who, along with his extended family and their neighbors, was moved in 1942 from his home to make room for the Manhattan Project.

Enjoy the history in John Rice's own words:

I have read numerous accounts of the early Oak Ridge days and the deprivation that accompanied the first workers who came to help build the city. They were living in tents and makeshift shelters in primitive conditions, and plagued by unpaved streets and walks and the ever-present mud. Everyone talked about the mud — shoe-top high, they said.

There were other deprivations with regard to transportation, municipal services, and everything that goes with a "built-overnight town" that went from zero population to a city of some 75,000 of people in a matter of months. But I recall very few written accounts of the tribulations of those "natives" who were removed from their ancestral homes to accommodate the influx of newcomers. Incredibly short and curt notices, sometimes only 14 days in advance, were relayed to the residents.

One such notice from the government, addressed to Parlee Raby and dated Nov. 11, 1942, stated simply: "The War Department intends to take possession of your farm Dec. 1, 1942. It will be necessary for you to move, not later than that date."

Note that the time limit for her to move was only 19 days. Prices mandated for their homes and land was a pittance of the replacement costs. The price of land immediately accelerated in the surrounding area due to the sudden and dramatic increase in demand. None of the people being displaced wanted to move very far — hence, the compensation they received for the farms, taken for "the project," would often purchase only about half the acreage they formerly owned. Adding to their woes was the fact that few trucks were available for moving their chattels.

Additionally, gas and tires were strictly rationed, and the scant ration stamps were issued only to those who owned cars or trucks. There were no provisions to acquire additional fuel that I'm aware of, and the government offered no assistance in locating and acquiring new land and housing.

The project required some 59,000 acres, encompassing several small communities in parts of Anderson and Roane counties. Those who owned a plot of land often had little money. I remember one of our neighbors who lived in the area telling me of a time when her mother asked her father to walk down to Nash Copeland's store to purchase a few staple items — salt, baking soda, and dried soup (or pinto) beans. Her father replied (somewhat embarrassed and humiliated) that a dollar bill was all the money in the world that he had.

The family owned a little house and a few acres of steep and rough farm land. They didn't own a car or truck, so where were they to go, and how would they get there? Neither the family nor their close neighbors had a truck, and even if they could borrow or hire one, they had no "ration card" for gasoline.

But somehow they managed to find and purchase a piece of land near Andersonville. The only son went off to war, but they worked and saved and eventually they became productive, even prosperous, citizens and community leaders. Others were not so fortunate, and found it difficult or impossible to pay for the little farms they purchased.

I remember going with my father, Uncle Morrell, and brother, David, into some remote area adjacent to the project. We passed a man plowing his field with a spirited mule, and the plowman was having a hard time keeping up. The field was filled with clods, I remember, and it was covered with small stones.

And I still remember, after 65 years, the casual, fleeting remark made by my Uncle Morrell: "That feller bought that old rough farm, mostly on credit, and he's about to lose it to the bank. They say he works night and day, and so do

his wife — and their children, who don't go to school. He's trying his best to save every penny and pay the bank."

It was then that I noticed the ragged but determined farmer wore no shoes. "He goes barefooted — the whole family does, so they can keep the bank payments up, and maybe hold on to those few hillside acres."

I've often wondered what the future held for these poor, determined souls. And others had similar stories.

Andy and Lyddy White and their large family lived in a little "board and batten" house on our place, and Andy was the sole breadwinner, working as a handy man and at various odd



One chore each evening was to "find the cows" in the far-off hills of the farm and drive them home for milking. John Rice Irwin (left) and his brother David singled out one of the herd—Old Fillchurn, they called her—and taught her to let them ride her back to the barn. Shown in the background are stacks of wheat awaiting the arrival of Jack Rather's threshing machine. (Photo Submitted)



This Scarbrough School photo of John Rice Irwin was taken when he was starting the 6th grade. He was proud of his "striped overalls." (Photo Submitted)



Even the dogs seemed to sense that this was the first day of school for John Rice Irwin (left) and his brother, David. They attended Roberts-ville School during the first grade, and were transferred to Scarbrough School after the new building there was completed. (Although John Rice was one year older than David, their mother started them in first grade together.) (Photo Submitted)

jobs in the community.

Somewhere, in a nearby dump, Andy found some large worn-out truck tires, much too big for the wheels of his little vehicle. But he brought them home nevertheless and put them over his old tires — a funny-looking improvisation that caused much noise and flopping, but it stopped the wear on his old tires.

By happenstance, I was present when Andy and Lydia left their humble cabin, located in an old field at the foot of a ridge. Bedsteads, old chairs, baskets, cooking pots, and other household goods were piled high and tied on top of the hybrid contraption and on the cab as well. Other extraneous items were tied and wired to

both the front and back bumpers, and a little two-wheel trailer of Andy's own making was attached.

The trailer, too, was loaded with garden tools, mowing scythes, their little black cook stove, and eight or nine children — and Andy's brother, old blind Doc, holding on to the stove. I stood there waving back at the pack of my playmates, wondering where they were going and if I'd ever see them again.

Lydia's people, the Pickles, came from somewhere down in Roane County, I remembered hearing them say. Maybe they were going to stay at Granny Pickle's until they could find a little farm on which to sharecrop.

Nash Copeland, the popular proprietor of Copeland's country store where we "traded," knew the community and its people well — and he knew their plight better, perhaps, than anyone. He often told the story of an old "widow woman" who lived alone up on the ridge near Cassidy's peach orchard.

She had a tiny abode, which she called a shack, and a little "scrap of land," but she was happy and content there. She had a cow which supplied her with milk and butter, and she raised her own foodstuffs in her well-kept little garden. The property was considered almost worthless by the appraisers, and the purchase price they put on it was negligible, not even enough to pay for a truck and labor to move her meager possessions (Nash knew the exact amount and quoted it often).

The elderly lady vowed that she would never move, but of course she, like all her neighbors, was forced to vacate her home.

The trauma and anguish among the people who were ordered to move was most intense, and those feelings were especially

enhanced because they were given such a short notice without even a hint of the reasons for the mass exodus.

But years later, when it became obvious that the purpose of "the project" and all the consternation it caused was to help win the war, then they understood and felt, I think, proud to have been a part of the war effort.

For my family, it was the second time in 10 years that they'd been forced to move for a public project.

When the Tennessee Valley Authority took lands in the early 1930s for Norris Dam, my family was forced to give up the Big Valley farms and lands their ancestors had settled in the late 1700s. When they left the Oak Ridge area in 1942, many of my relatives relocated to the Norris-Andersonville area, in another section of Big Valley. I recall they later said that they were glad to be closer to their ancestral homes — and, as my father said, "We got electric lights and we got closer to our kinfolks, and it turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to us."

Now, wasn't that a grand story and one that sheds a lot of light on the experience of those who had to move from their homes to make way for the Manhattan Project. While things can never return to what they were, it is good to recall the memories of youth and to know the experiences that shape our lives.

I hope you have enjoyed the time spent with John Rice. I count him a dear friend and appreciate so much his willing openness and frank expression of the feelings he recalls from his youth.

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.

John Mark Windle Announces Bid For State House

“Upon witnessing young men and women from Middle and East Tennessee deploy to the streets of Nashville and Washington D.C. this summer, I remain convinced that we still have the moral fiber and the work ethic to solve the problems that confront Tennessee and America,” Windle said.

“We still live in the best country in the world,” Windle added. Hard work, common sense, and thrift will solve many of the problems we face. However, this can only be accomplished if there is a level playing field for working women and men and small business.”

“We have to keep our belt tight, but still funded those essential items needed to keep our state moving forward. Unlike Washington, D.C., we balanced our state’s budget while providing two sales tax holidays for Tennessee families, eliminating the death tax, and the Hall income tax. Tennessee has the lowest taxes of any state in America.” “We have continued to represent the interest of our citizens by supporting tax cuts, government reform, expanded educational opportunities, and growing Tennessee’s economy. Constituent service will continue to be my first priority.”

“I would like to thank everyone in Morgan County for allowing me to serve you in the Tennessee State House of Representatives, and sincerely ask for your support in the upcoming election.”

- John Mark Windle

At Morgan County Today we support the men and women who put on the uniform everyday to help keep us safe. American service men and women, men and women of law enforcement, as well as first responders. May God Bless them and keep them safe.

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.

Oak Grove Church will be having our Homecoming service July 26, at 10:30. The Parsons from Ohio will be singing, and Bro. Rick Taylor, one of our former pastors, will be bringing the message. We are being cautious concerning physical contact, but come and join us for a great morning in the Lord.

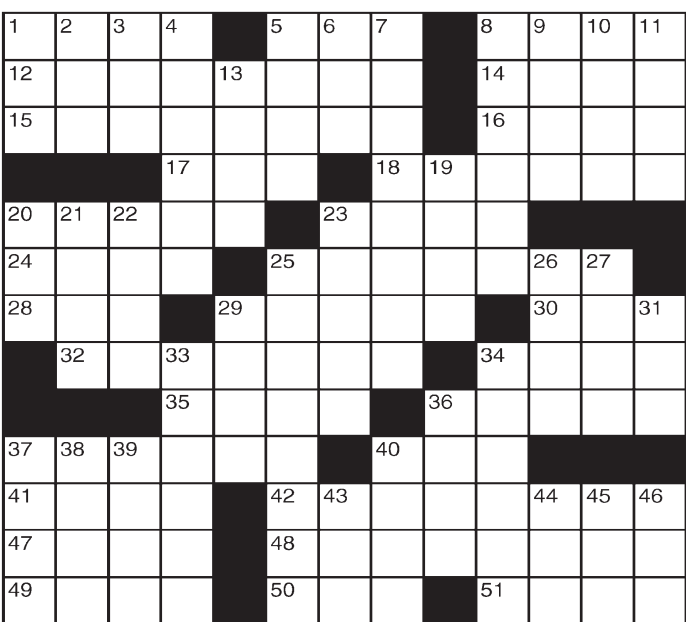
Oak Grove church will have a revival starting July 27th at 7pm. The preachers will be, Bro. Mike McCoy from Crossville and Bro. Rudy Oakes from Pikeville. We are praying for REVIVAL!

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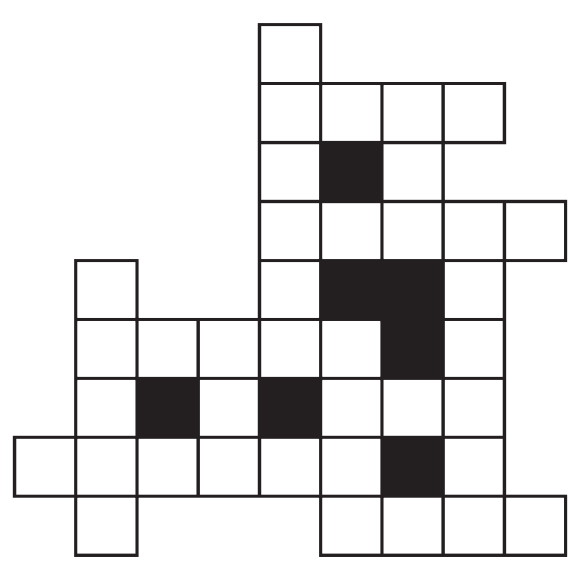
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- 5 "Impossible"
- 8 Get a look at
- 12 Strict disciplinarian
- 14 Small grimace
- 15 Geometric curve
- 16 Former European capital
- 17 Can metal
- 18 "Gracias"
- 20 Orbital point
- 23 Affair of honor
- 24 Coalition
- 25 New Jersey borough
- 28 Coquettish
- 29 Parking lot structure
- 30 Bigwig, for short
- 32 "Semper —" (Coast Guard motto)
- 34 Toy block name
- 35 Thing
- 36 Angle
- 37 Destroyer
- 40 Pod occupant
- 41 Chimney grime
- 42 Irrational fear
- 47 Lip



- 48 Fluidless barometers
 - 49 Act
 - 50 Siesta
 - 51 Feed the hogs
- DOWN**
- 1 Ref
 - 2 Sky safety org.
 - 3 Bobby of hockey
 - 4 Radio interference
 - 5 A party to
 - 6 Aviv lead-in
 - 7 Heights
 - 8 Mummify, maybe
 - 9 Any time now
 - 10 Play a prank on (Sl.)
 - 11 Longings
 - 13 Sacred wading bird
 - 19 Listen to
 - 20 Kimmel's network
 - 21 Fall into a beanbag chair
 - 22 Sauce source
 - 23 Piece of information
 - 25 Jif rival
 - 26 Eye layer
 - 27 Portent
 - 29 Partner
 - 31 Cauldron
 - 33 Disturbed the peace
 - 34 Argentine grasslands
 - 36 Burn something
 - 37 Secondhand
 - 38 Protuberance
 - 39 Venetian magistrate
 - 40 Get ready, for short
 - 43 Literary collection
 - 44 Lubricate
 - 45 Wedding utterance
 - 46 Venomous viner



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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.

"If everyone does a little, no one has to do a whole lot."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

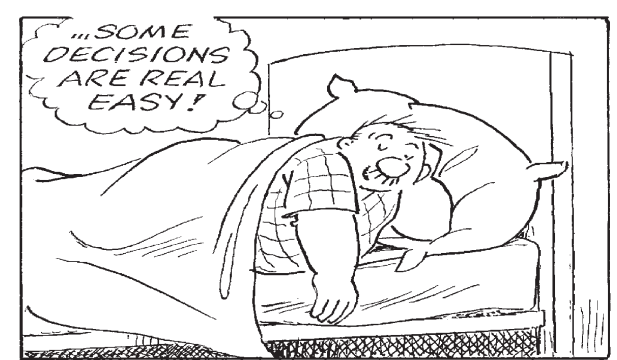
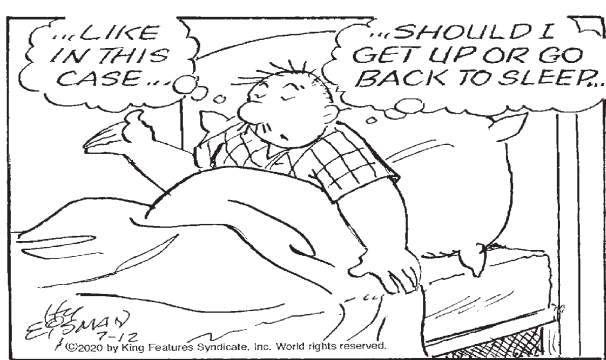
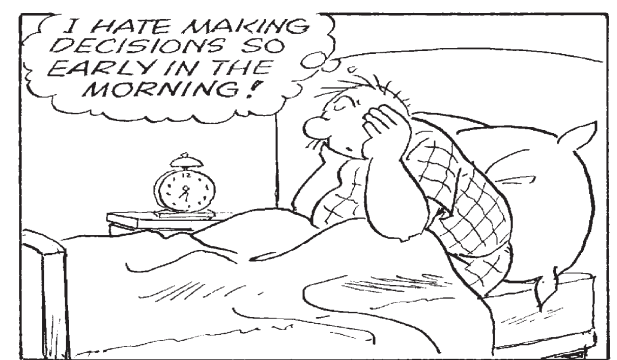
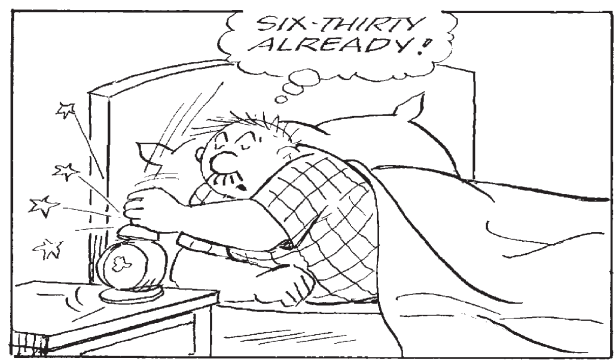
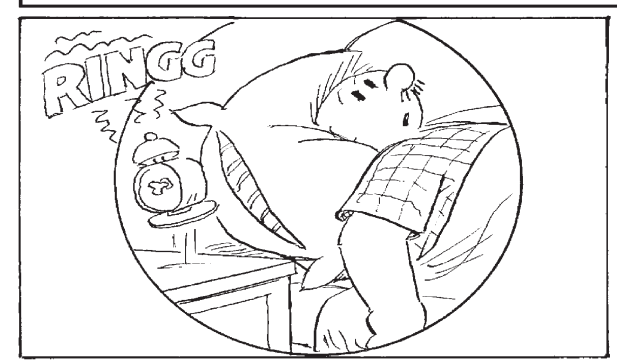
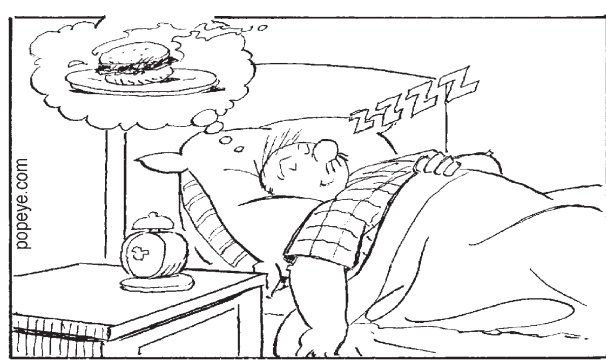
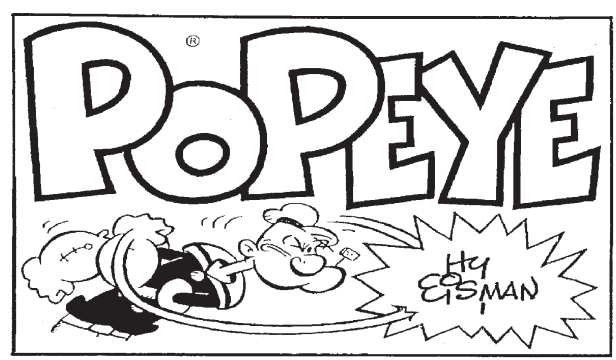
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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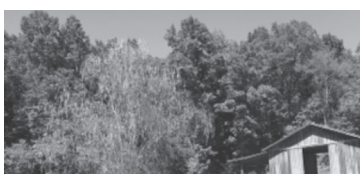
King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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MIA'S View From the Mountain:

Little Is Much

In East Tennessee, there are several hundred churches of all denominations. These churches are led by some of the most amazing men and women that have been called by God to sacrifice and serve their congregation and community. Some serve mega congregations and some serve much smaller congregations. No matter the size, they do amazing work serving, and miracles happen on a weekly basis. I felt it only fitting to showcase a few of these Lead Pastors and introduce them to you through this column. This week it is with great pleasure that I introduce you to the Lead Pastor at Faith Promise Church, which has several campuses surrounding the Knoxville Area. They also have two campuses inside two East Tennessee Prison Facilities. Here is Dr. Chris Stephens testimony in his own words. (unedited).

So, there I was lying in a hospital bed recovering from a drug overdose in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of twenty-two. And as I laid there looking back on my ruined life, I didn't like what I saw.

My dad left my mom, my little brother, and me when I was only three years old and we struggled to get by, living in poverty most of my life growing up. The several step-fathers who passed through my life did more harm than good, physically and sexually abusing me and exposing me to violence, alcohol, and drugs at a young age.

I remember getting high the first time when I was ten years old, and by the time I was eighteen, I was not only a drug dealer, but an addict as well. Which is exactly how I landed in a hospital bed in Chattanooga.

"God, I've wrecked and ruined my life, but you can have it." God didn't get much when He got me, but I found out later He doesn't

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.

need much.

It may not have been the most theologically deep prayer of faith, but I can tell you – without question – this was the day I surrendered my entire life to Jesus. Because ever since, He has changed me, challenged me, and charged me to serve Him with everything I have and everything I am. And I've loved every minute of it!

Now, almost 40 years later, I love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength and I live to help others meet Jesus and grow in His love.

Lyrics: Ordinary People
Danniebelle Hall
Just ordinary people
God uses ordinary people
He chooses people,
just like me and you
who are willing
to do as he commands
God uses people that will give him all
no matter how small
your all may seem to you
because little becomes much
as you place it in the master's hands

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Just like that little lad
who gave Jesus all he had
How the multitude was fed
with a fish and loaves of bread
What you have may not seem much
but when you yield it to the touch
of the Master's loving hand
then you will understand
how your life could never be the same

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John 6:8-23 NIV
8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up,⁹
"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"
10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.
12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

Mia is a wife to a wonderful man of 45 years, mother of three grown and married children, grandmother of twelve, great grandmother to one. She and her husband have three dogs, one rooster, six hens. She loves Jesus with her whole heart. Please feel free to contact her through Morgan County Today Paper. Your comments are welcomed.

INVITATION TO BID

Morgan County Emergency Management is accepting bids for the following:

2020/2021 Ford Explorer 4WD

Other specifications can be obtained by calling Morgan County EMA Director Jody Zorsch at (423)346-1003 x3. Sealed bids should be delivered to the Morgan County EMA, P.O. Box 1247, Wartburg, TN 37887. Bids may also be dropped off to the Morgan County Finance Office, Morgan County Courthouse Room 304. Bids should be identified on the outside of the envelope as "Explorer 4WD Bid". Bid opening will be Tuesday August 4th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Morgan County Courthouse in Wartburg, Tennessee. Morgan County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Morgan County 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 1965 (42 U.S.C.2000d).

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Marvel not that I
said unto thee,
Ye must be born again.

John 3:7

- Jesus



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MSG Fred Mize

I wasn't sure on what to write about this week so I asked my lovely wife and she quickly replied, "you could write about boss." So here we go... A couple of months ago my wife and I bought our first pig and boy has it been a fun experience thus far. After much debate we decided to name our pig "Boss" and look forward to him transforming from a young pig into Boss Hog.

Boss is very entertaining to watch. As he sees us walk up to his pin with his favorite table scraps, he'll quickly run

in circles and figure 8's. I never thought a pig could move so fast.

The one challenge Boss puts us through is with keeping him supplied with clean drinking water. Time and time again he will dump out his drinking water so that he can use it for more mud. It isn't like he's in short supply of mud but he continues to want more to wallow in. I just refilled his drinking water and the only part of him that wasn't



covered in mud was a thin line across the top of his back. He had been wallowing

like never before. We can gain a new perspective by examining our lives after watch-

ing God's creation, even pigs. Have you ever pushed away the things you knew in your heart you needed and were good for you, so that you could wallow in filth? If you haven't you may need to be more honest with yourself. I'll admit that I certainly

have. I poured out my clean water to wallow in mud. For a time, it was fun and enjoyable but before long my mudhole dried up and the heavy mud caked on my skin. I became ashamed of my decisions but I remembered I'm more than just swine in God's eyes for I am a born-again child of God and sin does not define me nor will Hell ever be my home.

God's grace, mercy, and love all define me. We all have the God given freedom to choose water over mud. We don't have to wallow in sin that may make us feel good for a short time. We can drink God's pure water and never thirst again. What's your choice?

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



Zack Ballinger

MY NEW BOOK THIS FALL: DON'T BE A ZOMBIE: HOW TO FIND A CAREER YOU LOVE



The skies were dark with rain clouds that filled the horizon. The thunder could be heard every few minutes, punctuated with quick flashes of lightening. It was a cold, early spring day in Knoxville, TN. The rain slowly drizzled all morning and evolved into strong storms in the afternoon. The day felt like a scene from a movie. The darkest rain cloud seemed to follow me the entire day.

My dress socks were soaked from accidentally stepping in mud puddles all day long. I finished work and returned home around 4:30pm. I gathered several pieces of mail from my mailbox, opened my garage, and parked my car. I didn't bother looking at the mail. I was too exhausted—not physically, but mentally.

I took off my wet dress shoes and slogged upstairs to my bedroom. I didn't even take off my suit, tie, or dress pants. I lied down in bed, pulling the comforter cover over me. I laid my head in my pillow, placed my hands over my face, and asked myself, "How can I escape this job? How can I continue to do this work?" How can I continue to deal with this boss?"

I remember that day like it was yesterday, even though it was over a decade ago. I tried to figure out how to get out of this mess. The mess was my job. I hated my job and it had begun to take a mental, physical, and emotional toll on my health. I was hopeless and spiritually bankrupt. I felt as though I had no purpose in life and knew I was keeping a job for financial motivations.

My health began to decline, and my once-extroverted personality slowly evolved into an introvert. I stopped communicating, taking phone calls, and avoided social interaction. The worse part no one knew, including my family, friends, and co-workers, was that I dreaded going to work every single day. I didn't get along with my boss and he was making life absolutely miserable for me—both at work and outside of the job.

Fast-forward to 2020 and life for me is much different. I love what I do on a daily basis. I can't imagine going back to that dreary day 10 years ago. I wish the new me could have spoken to the old me back on that day. He would have said, "Not every day is easy and sure there's always challenges, but you have never been this satisfied in a career. You WILL discover your passion, and this will all be a memory."

I discovered my passion and I want to help you do the same. I know what it's like to get up every morning, hit the snooze button six or seven times, lie there in dread, use all your energy to stand up and get out of bed, sulk and moan in the shower, and feel the angst knots in your stomach driving to work. I know what it's like to be under stress, pressure, and with the feeling that there's no way out of this situation. Not liking your job in the US is a very common trend; 70% of Americans feel this way in their current jobs.

In, 2014, I wrote the book, "The Hot Seat: How to Meet the Challenge of a New Era in Job Interviewing". As I started to teach job interviewing workshops, classes, and presenting keynote speeches, I noticed a common theme of questions at the end of my events: Not many people liked their current jobs. In addition, no one really knew what they wanted to do and had no passion in their life. They also had no clue where to begin to find the solution.

Most of the questions they posed

weren't even related to job interviews, but rather focused on finding your passion and purpose in life. "What should I do with my job?" "How do I find a career I love?" "How do I change jobs?" I found myself giving career coaching rather than job interviewing advice. I wrote this book because I believe strongly that we were meant for so



much more.

I wanted to give people hope, provide a road map, and encourage you along your career journey. Life is too short to spend one-third of your life working in a career you despise. It's time to find your true passion in purpose in your career field. My book will take you from a dream to a career. This comprehensive manual is designed to help you find work you love. Are you ready to make a change? Let's begin the journey.

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.

Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Hello! I hope everyone is staying cool. I hope you are enjoying a lot fresh garden produce. We need rain. God knows what we need but it is our responsibility to go to Him with our needs.

The highlight of my week was seeing many of my little friends from Oakdale Preschool Hour. I saw them at Pine Orchard Community Center when they came to get food from Gus the Bus. I have really missed seeing them. Parents and Grandparents, please read this to the children and tell them they made my heart happy with their smiles and hugs!

This is the last week for the Summer Feeding Program in Morgan County. In Oakdale, you can get food at Oakdale School Thursday from 11:00 – 12:30. Gus the Bus will be at Pine Orchard Community Center from 11:30 – 12:00 and at Oakdale Park from 12:30 – 12:45. A huge shout out to everyone who has worked so hard this summer making sure families have had good food, fresh produce, milk and juice. I have seen firsthand how much planning, preparation and hard work goes into making sure Morgan County families have been served with these things.

Early voting is going on now through August 1 in Tennessee. Registered voters can go to Morgan County Courthouse to vote. You will need to use the side entrance, have your temperature taken and exercise Social Distancing (aren't you tired of hearing that term?). Make sure to take a state or federally issued photo ID. You can vote on Saturdays during this

time from 9:00 – 12:00. Everyone age 60 and older, as well as those who have a valid reason for doing so, can vote absentee. Just call the Election Commission Office at 423-346-3190 to get the information.

Oakdale High School Graduation for the Class of 2020 will be Friday, July 31 at Hollis Eble Football Field. In the case of inclement weather, changes will be announced.

Children entering Kindergarten this year can stop by Oakdale Public Library to pick up their copy of #Randys-RaceToReading. This is a fun kindergarten readiness activity. Children can earn prizes by participating. Everyone is encouraged to visit Oakdale Library. Many resources are available in addition to books. WiFi is available in the parking lot when the library is closed. The current hours are Mondays 11:00 – 3:00, Tuesdays 9:00 – 12:00 and Wednesdays 2:00 – 7:00. For those wanting to check out books but would rather not enter the building, curbside service is available by calling the library.

The Little Free Library behind Oakdale City Hall has books for children and adults. The concept is to "Take a Book, Leave a Book" but it is fine to take the books you want without leaving a book.

Margaret Disney turned 90 years young Sunday, July 12. Happy Birthday Ms. Margaret. Wishing you many more blessed years.

Former Oakdale boy Otto Melhorn recently climbed a ladder to access the top of a corn stalk in his garden. The

stalk measured 12 ft 10 in tall. That is some tall corn.

Roane County Park was the site of the celebration of the first year of life for Charlee Blair Manis, daughter of CE and Bridgett (Holder) Manis, Harriman. Her big sister, Baylee, age 6, helped her open gifts. Charlee is the youngest great granddaughter of Phil and Barbara Holder of Oakdale. She is the granddaughter of Kenny & Anne (Costello) Holder of Mossy Grove, Dawn Fallon of Kingston & Charles Manis of Harriman. Everyone had a wonderful time and Charlee loved her gifts and cupcakes.

Ted and Cindy Bunch of Piney hosted a family celebration on June 20 in honor of their children Wesley and Emily Bunch who are 2020 graduates of OHS.

Emily Bunch will celebrate her 18th birthday on July 25. Happy Birthday Emily!

Jeremiah Johnson and some young people who have been taking lessons from him will be participating in the Morgan County Fair Horse Show July 25 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the show and cheer on these young riders. A small admission fee will be taken up at the gate. Jeremiah would also like to thank all the kids and parents for their dedication and support of lessons. As of right now Jeremiah is booked but if you wish to do lessons, you can message him on Facebook to be placed on a waiting list.

There will be Wild Hog Festival on Saturday, August 29 at the track next to Wartburg Central High School. This is a benefit for CASA. There will be several local vendors and organizations taking part. You can learn more about this event by looking for the ad in this paper.

Make plans to attend this family event and support this worthy cause.

Most everyone in Morgan County knows, or has heard of, Missy Redmon Longmire. Missy is known for her generosity in supporting every school and organization in the county. Sadly, her daddy Ronnie passed away last week. He is survived by his wife Judy, and Missy and her husband Keith as well as other extended family. Services were held at Liberty Baptist Church Tuesday, July 14 and burial was on Wednesday in Liberty Church Cemetery. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they adjust to life without him.

Our lives are still very different from what we have enjoyed in the past. Unfortunately, I don't know if we will ever enjoy the carefree life we knew before. God is in control just as He always has been. He assures us in His Holy Word that "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Please pray for our nation and our leaders. Pray for our churches and pastors, our schools and teachers, our homes and families, the sick, the lonely and the grieving. Most of all, pray for the lost because Jesus is soon coming.

"When asked if my cup is half full or half empty, my only response is that I am thankful I have a cup." Sam Lefkowitz

Morgan County Today Community Calendar

The Morgan County Farmers Market will have its main opening this Friday, July 24, 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 8

(Hebrews 8:1-6) Christ's heavenly priesthood: the inspired writer hopes they can appreciate his point: the Christian's high priest, having ascended in the heavens, has sat down on the right hand of the throne of the majesty on high (1:3). There was no seat for the high priest in the holy of holies for use on the day of atonement, for sacrificial work was never completed under that order. The seating of Christ following his sacrifice suggested it would never need repeating.

Jesus is a minister (one who serves in a priestly capacity) in the sanctuary (place of holy things), also designated as the true tabernacle. The true is that which the symbolic copy represented. In the Old Testament order of things, the holy of holies in the tabernacle prefigured heaven (v. 2). High priests were appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices. Since Christ serves in this manner, it was imperative that he have something to sacrifice (v. 3). This, of course, was himself. He could not have served as a priest in this earthly domain because there already were those appointed for earthly priesthood, and they had to be from the tribe of Levi---which the Lord was not (v. 4; 7:14). (Christ could not serve as an earthly priest. But he was to serve as priest and king simultaneously (Psa. 110; Zech. 6:12-14). He therefore could not reign as a king on earth. It thus had to be a heavenly reign. This demolishes the millennial theory of an earthly reign of Jesus.)

Earthly priests were appointed to serve in a capacity which was but a copy, a shadow, of heavenly things. Why would one wish to cling to the copy and reject the heavenly reality? Yet that was what the Judaizers were doing. But the copy played an important role in foreshadowing the reality. That is why Moses was warned to construct the tabernacle (with its holy place and most holy place) according to the pattern revealed to him at Sinai (v. 5). (If the type (the holy place) had to conform to the pattern, why would not the anti-type (the church (1 Tim. 3:15) likewise have to conform to the pattern laid down in the New Testament?)

Christ's ministry (v. 2) is declared to be more excellent. The comparative term is an incidental reference to the old covenant. And whereas Moses was the mediator God used in conveying the first covenant (Gal. 3:19), so now the Lord Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant, grounded upon better promises (v. 6). Again, an implied question would be: "Why abandon something that is better than that with which it is contrasted." The Judaizers are theologically irrational!

(Hebrews 8:7-13) the first and second covenants contrasted: the author continues with his juxtaposition of the two systems. (In this connection, see also 2 Cor. 3.) If the first covenant had been faultless, a second one would not have been given to replace it. How could the first covenant be faulted, since it was given by God? It was not characterized by fault in the sense that it was incorrectly designed or morally flawed. It was perfect to do what it was intended to do. Moses' law had only animal sacrifices to atone for sin in

satisfying divine justice (Rom. 3:21); such could never have been efficacious in providing redemption (Gal. 4:4; Heb. 9:15; 10:1, 4). The second covenant, with Jesus' blood behind it, is faultless. Only a foolish person would trade the faultless for that which has fault.

The writer now changes the point of emphasis from the inherent fault of the Mosaic covenant, to that of the people to whom that covenant was given (v. 8). Israel could not keep it perfectly (which was required (Gal. 3:10), and frequently did not even try. By their sins, therefore, they were guilty of serious fault. Nevertheless, centuries in advance, the prophets had heralded the coming of a new covenant. One example is found in Jeremiah. An extended quotation from that prophet is now introduced.

Note the following particulars: (a) The speaker is Jehovah; the coming days are those of the Christian age. The Hebrew text has last days (Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17). (b) The Lord would make a new covenant with the nation of Israel. From other texts one learns that Gentiles will be included (Isa. 2:2-4). The giving of a new one implies the cancellation of the old. (c) It will be of a different nature from that given to Israel when the Lord brought them to Sinai. This demonstrates that the ten commandments were included in the abolition of the old covenant, a truth that Sabbatarians deny. (d) Israel refused to continue in the law given, and such displeased God greatly, because they continued not in the first covenant. (e) There would be, therefore, another covenant given after those days, the days of Israel's unique relationship with the Lord. This new covenant would be with another Israel, spiritual Israel, the church (Mt. 21:43; Gal. 3:29; 6:16). The days of physical Israel were numbered. God would not favor that nation indefinitely. (f) Under the new system, those in covenant relationship with Jehovah would be required to learn God's laws, and from their hearts obey them (Rom. 6:17). This was quite unlike the situation in ancient Israel when children were physically born into a relationship with the Lord and subsequently had to learn what it was about as they matured. They first must be taught before they could come to know him, and all in covenant relationship with him would know him. This eliminate infants. (g) Under the new covenant, the Lord would be merciful to their iniquities (a disposition of lawlessness) and remember no more their sins (missing the mark of the divine standard for conduct). The expression, remember no more, is a reminder that the sins committed under Moses' law were remembered year by year (10:3).

Finally, the writer says that when Jeremiah spoke of the covenant that was new he had indicated (permanently, so the verbal tense suggests) the first covenant was old. To prove his point, he notes the well-known principle---when one speaks of something as old, he admits it is near unto vanishing away. As a legally binding system, it did die---when Christ died!

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Morgan County Today is proud to honor Earl Dew as this week's veteran of the week. Earl grew up in Lake City and was drafted at nineteen-years-old, into the United States Army in April of 1953, to serve our country during the Korean War.

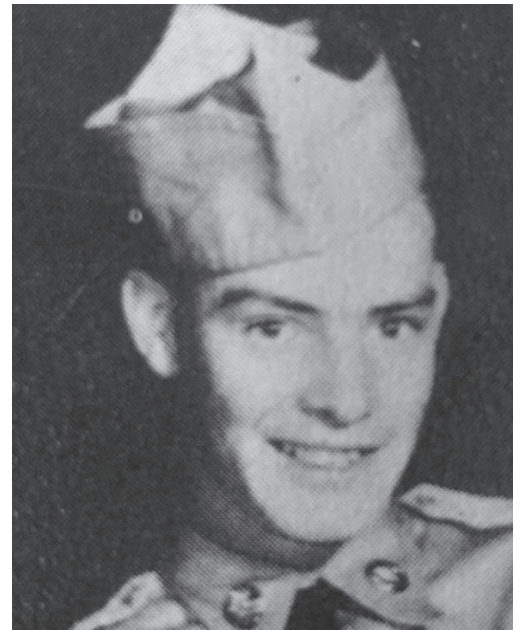
Earl was assigned to the 8th Infantry



Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After he completed Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson he was assigned to serve as a Company Clerk in Budingen, Hanau, and Gelnhausen Germany.

Earl served in the Army until 1953 and earned the rank of Corporal. Earl is thankful to have served in the Army when the country called upon him to.

In 1969 Earl married his loving wife Maxine. God blessed them with two chil-



dren Ina and Troy. Earl now resides in Harriman and is a faithful attending member of Liberty Baptist Church in Kingston.

Corporal Earl Dew, Morgan County Today, thanks you for your military service and for being a faithful servant to Jesus Christ. Keep up your faithful service and continue being a shining light to all around you.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Cindi Jones, Morgan County Trustee

This week the Morgan County Today wants to educate through appreciation by sharing the Correctional Officer's Creed with our readers.

Correctional Officer's Creed

To speak sparingly... to act, not to argue... to be in authority through personal presence... to correct without nagging... to speak with the calm voice of certainty... to see everything, know what is significant and what not to notice ... to be neither insensitive to distress nor so distracted by pity as to miss what must elsewhere be seen...

To do neither that which is unkind nor self-indulgent

in its misplaced charity... never to obey the impulse to tongue lash that silent insolence which in times past could receive the lash... to be both firm and fair... to know I cannot be fair simply by being firm, nor firm simply by being fair...

To support the reputations of associates and confront them without anger, should they stand short of professional conduct... to reach for knowledge of the continuing mysteries of human motivation... to think; always to think... to be dependable... to be dependable first to my charges and associates, and

thereafter to my duty as employee and citizen... to keep fit... to keep forever alert... to listen to what is meant as well as what is said with words and with silences...

To expect respect from my charges and my superiors yet never to abuse the one for abuses from the other... for eight hours each working day to be an example of the person I could be at all times... to acquiesce in no dishonest act... to cultivate patience under boredom and calm during confusion... to understand the why of every order I take or give...

To hold freedom among the

highest values though I deny it to those I guard... to deny it with dignity that in my example they find no reason to lose their dignity... to be prompt... to be honest with all who practice deceit that they not find in me excuse for themselves... to privately face down my fear that I not signal it... to privately cool my anger that I not displace it on others... to hold in confidence what I see and hear, which by the telling could harm or humiliate to no good purpose... to keep my outside problems outside... to leave inside that which should stay inside... to do my duty.

Relief for people affected by COVID



David Zubler

The CARES Act provides new benefits for people affected by COVID-19 who have retirement accounts. Normally anyone who withdraws money from their retirement account before reaching the age 59 ½ may be

subject to an early withdrawal penalty.

The CARES Act allows qualified individuals affected by COVID-19 to withdraw up to \$100,000 from their eligible retirement plans, including IRAs, between Jan. 1 and Dec. 30, 2020.

These coronavirus-related distributions aren't subject to the 10% additional tax that generally applies to distributions made before reaching age 59 and a half, but they are still subject to regular tax. The income can be spread over three tax years, which may reduce your tax liability on the distribution.

Some plans may have relaxed rules on plan loan amounts and repayment terms. The limit on loans made between March 27 and Sept. 22, 2020 is raised to \$100,000. Plans may suspend loan repayments due between March 27 and Dec. 31, 2020.

The law defines a qualifying person as someone who:

Has tested positive and been diagnosed with COVID-19

Has a dependent or spouse who has tested positive and been diagnosed with COVID-19

Experiences financial hardship due to them, their spouse or a member of their household:

Being quarantined, furloughed or laid off or having reduced work hours

Being unable to work due to lack of childcare

Closing or reduced hours of a business that they own or operate

Having pay or self-employment income reduced

Having a job offer rescinded or start date for a job delayed

Employers can choose whether to implement these coronavirus-related distribution and loan rules. Qualified individuals can claim the tax benefits of coronavirus-related distribution rules even if plan provisions aren't changed. Administrators can rely on an individual's certification that they're a qualified person.

There has also been changes made to the required distributions of retirement accounts. Under the relief, taxpayers with required minimum distributions from certain retirement plans can skip them this year. Distributions that can be skipped were due in 2020 from a defined-contribution retirement plan. These

include a 401(k) or 403(b) plan, as well as an IRA. Among the people who can skip them are those who would have had to take the first distribution by April 1, 2020. This waiver does not apply to defined-benefit plans.

People who already took a required minimum distribution from certain retirement accounts in 2020 can now roll those funds back into a retirement account.

The 60-day rollover period has been extended to Aug. 31, 2020.

Financial experts typically advise against withdrawing early from your retirement accounts. Even though the penalties have been removed it reduces your future earning potential. It should only be used as a last resort.

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Sincerely,
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