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Tue 28	86°/68°	
Wed 29	79°/69°	
Thu 30	79°/68°	
Fri 31	79°/66°	
Sat 01	82°/66°	
Sun 02	83°/65°	
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Morgan County Fair: Bouncing In To 2020



The Morgan County Fair is in full swing all week long. Even with the current events throwing curve balls at the event, it is going on as planned. There have been a few changes and noted updates due to the coronavirus and a few cancellations. A notable change is this years carnival and rides will be done with a whole host of bounce houses, foam pits, and lazer tag. The fun and games will be great for the kids with some slides being wet rides and some being dry rides. Party On Inflatables, Lazer Tag, and more are supplying all the rides.



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History: Remembering Coach John "Tex" Davis



Many WCHS football and basketball players from the late 1950s and early 1960s will remember Coach John "Tex" Davis. Coach Davis played his football at the University of Tennessee and was on the 1951 Tennessee national championship team. This picture is Coach Davis on September 1, 2001 when that Tennessee team was remembered and recognized at a UT football game. Coach Davis died two months later.

Tennessee Mountain Laurel Photo Contest Winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill Roger's, winner of the 2020 Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival Photo Contest. His winning photo was made on the bluffs near Potters Falls in Wartburg. Bill's hobbies are birdwatching, watercolor painting, and hiking with the Hike MoCo Facebook group. Bill says that the great thing about the Mountain Laurel Hiking Marathon is that it has taken him to places in and around Morgan County that he would not have discovered alone.

The picture will be used in The Morgan County Tourism Alliance Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival promotion in May 2021. Our Thanks to Sumer Newport for chairing the photography contest and Brenda Duke for designing the certificate.





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John Henry Miller, 62

John Henry Miller, age 62, passed away July 20, 2020. He loved gardening, fishing and camping with his children.

Jennifer and Justin Miller; 9 grandchildren; sister, Barbara; brothers, Joey and James Miller and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Miller, Jr. and Mary Miller.

John's wishes were to be cremated.

He is survived by his wife, Renee Miller, children, Mary Beth, Michael, Chipper, Brittany, LeAnn,

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of John Henry Miller, Jr.

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Morgan County Fair
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everyone welcome

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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 couple 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 Senior Pastor of Harriman Church of God, Jeff Blackburn. Harriman Church of God (HCOG) is a relatively small church in comparison to larger city churches, yet they have a huge heart for children and the community. You instantly feel the warmth and friendliness of the congregation. Here is Pastor Jeff's testimony in his words. (unedited)

I'm glad to say that my testimony is not one of drug addiction, sexual promiscuity, or a life of bondage to sin. It could have very easily been but.... God! But God... at an early age put a purpose in my heart to love and serve him through a relationship with His son Jesus Christ. But God... put a call on my life to preach the gospel when I didn't fully under-

stand what that meant. But God.... kept me, helped me, shielded me, loved me and searches me regularly by the Holy Spirit. You see it is God that makes all the difference. He loves us immeasurably more than we could ever know and His plans for us are great, plans to bless and not to harm. But God...has made all the difference in my life. Let Him in your life and see what But God... moments you will have.

The Bible promises us that God will never leave us or forsake us. He is a good good God. Last week's testimony of Pastor Chris and this week's testimony from Pastor Jeff brings to my mind this beautiful worship song.

This beautiful worship song Good Good Father has such incredible lyrics. The simplicity of the praise to our Heavenly Father makes it all the more powerful and touching.

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like But I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night And you tell me that you're pleased And that I'm never alone You're a good good father It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are And I'm loved by you It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am I've seen many searching for answers far and wide But I know we're all searching For answers only you

provide 'Cause you know just what we need Before we say a word You're a good good father It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are And I'm loved by you It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am Because you are perfect in all of your ways You are perfect in all of your ways You are perfect in all of your ways to us You are...

'Good Good Father' was written by Pat Barrett and Tony Brown and was originally recorded by Housefires. It was being sung in churches in the Atlanta area, which is where Chris Tomlin's wife, Lauren, heard the song and just knew her husband should record it! The song has topped Billboard's Christian charts and won Song of the Year at the Dove Awards in 2016.

Pat Barrett shared that he was inspired to write the song when he became a father himself. credit: songfacts.co *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.*

ELECTION NOTICE

is hereby given, FEDERAL/STATE PRIMARY, COUNTY GENERAL ELECTIONS will be held in all precincts of Morgan County, TN., plus WARTBURG MUNICIPAL ELECTION Tuesday March 3, 2020. All voting precincts in Morgan County will be open between the hours of 9am and 8pm. Below are names and address of each precinct polling place, absentee counting board, and provisional counting board.

Precinct	Location
1-1 Coalfield	Coalfield Senior Citizens Bldg.- 1600 Coal Hill Rd., Harriman, TN 37748
2-1 Oakdale High	Oakdale High School- 225 Clifty St., Oakdale, TN 37829
2-2 Mossy Grove	Fellowship Baptist Church- 1822 Morgan County Hwy., Wartburg, TN 37887
2-3 Oakdale	Oakdale City Hall- 204 Queen St.- Oakdale, TN 37829
3-1 Wartburg	Wartburg Civic Center- 1000 Howard St., Wartburg, TN 37887
4-1 Lancing	Faith Missionary Baptist Church-, Lancing, TN 37770
4-2 Deer Lodge	Abner-Ross Center- 110 Corine Ave., Deer Lodge, TN 37726
4-3 Chestnut Ridge	Chestnut Ridge Fire Dept.- 4744 Nashville Hwy., Deer Lodge, TN 37726
5-1 Sunbright	Sunbright City Hall- 120 Melton Dr., Sunbright, TN 37872
5-2 Burrville	Faith in Grace Gospel Mission- 388 Peters Ford Rd., Sunbright, TN 37872
6-1 Kellys	Union Baptist Church- 3615 Knoxville Hwy., Wartburg, TN 37887
6-2 Petros	Petros Seniors Bldg.- 1007 Back Petros Rd., Oliver Springs, TN 37840
Absentee Counting Board	Morgan County Court House- 415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887 (Meeting August 6, 2020 at 4pm)
Provisional Counting Board	Morgan County Court House- 415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887 (Meeting August 11, 2020 at 1pm)
Certify Election Results	Morgan County Court House- 415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887 (Meeting August 18, 2020 at 1pm)

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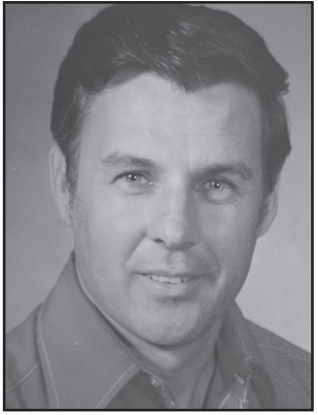
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Where Do We Stand, and Where Do We Go from Here



Tom Redmon
Columnist

I want to take you back to the 1990's when the Clinton's were in power. If you can recall that Hillary Clinton wrote a book entitled "It Takes a Village." Actually, if you look at her intent, she wanted the government to raise our children. This was proven when President Clinton signed the "Rights of Children Act" at the United Nations Convention.

Some of the things in this treaty should make our blood boil. For instance, article 2 says it is primarily the responsibility of government to take whatever steps are necessary to provide for the well-being of children, not the responsibility of the parents but the state.

Article 12 grants children "the right to express views freely in all matters." This means if they want to get a tattoo, wear provocative clothing or say what they please to authority figures they have that right and parents cannot stop them. Article 15 guarantees "freedom of association." This implies parents would not be allowed to restrict a child's choice of friends. If your thirteen-year-old daughter wants to date an eighteen-year-old with a police record, who are you to say she can't.

The treaty goes on to state that children have "a right to privilege" which might well be used to nullify state laws that require parental

notifications before minors can be given abortions. Article 19 gives the state the right to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence. This might well consider or include spanking, confining a child to their room or putting them to bed early. Article 43 set up an international committee to see that those countries who signed the treaty were in compliance. Right away the UK was admonished for insufficient welfare spending, allowing spanking by parents and for plans to incarcerate hardcore juvenile criminals.

This treaty is and has been a pet project of the Children's Defense Fund, which Hillary Clinton chaired from 1986 to 1991. I guess the U.N. and Hillary Clinton

government ruling our lives, we believe in individualism. Under my watch there will be no globalism or socialism in the United States.

Is it any wonder that our public schools are in such bad shape? With our history books being rewritten, our college professors liberal teaching and our government wanting to take over the rearing of our children is it any wonder we have problems? In a recent article I told you that liberal professors outnumbered college conservative teachers 25 to 1. Now I've learned that it is more like 50 to 1. I've also learned that this has also come down to the high school level.

Where do we go from here?



I have my theory and I believe it would save America. The question is are Americans willing

to do what I'm suggesting?

First of all, every evangelical confessing Christian needs to stand up for Jesus Christ. They need to really study what is happening to our nation and start supporting conservatives in states, and national government. Do we want governors, and mayors who want to defund the police? Do we need senators and Congress men and women who

are for 3rd term abortion (right up to the time that the baby is in the birth canal, (or as the governor of Virginia believes even after the baby is born alive)?

Do you want leaders who believe in same-sex marriage? Do we want socialism or globalism? Do you believe that at one time the Clinton's and Obama said they didn't believe in these things, but as Hillary Clinton proclaimed "I have evolved."

God is giving us a choice. I believe we are at a crossroad and the next election is the most important one we have ever had.

Study your party's platform and see what they support and stand for. Don't go back fifty or sixty years ago and think your party is the same now as it was sixty years ago. Some members of both parties are wrong, but one party has gone so far to the left that it is hard to believe. I'm sure most of you figure this out.

Today there is lawlessness in many of our nation's large cities, and still the rioters demand defunding the police. Seattle proposed that this leads to innocent people being killed and chaos in the streets. Just look back at the July 4th weekend.

God told Israel if it would turn from their sins and follow Him they would be blessed, but if they turned from Him they would suffer greatly... and if His people who are called by His name, will humble themselves and pray, He'll do like He's always done in a long and storied history of this land. He'll hear from Heaven, and He'll heal this land.

I believe God is giving us a warning. The choice is ours.

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UNITED STATES SENATE Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Marquita Bradshaw <input type="checkbox"/> Gary G Davis <input type="checkbox"/> Robin Kimbrough <input type="checkbox"/> James Mackler <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Pickrell <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in		Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Tammy R. Howard <input type="checkbox"/> Glen Moore <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
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Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Meg Gorman <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in		ALDERMAN at-LARGE City of Wartburg Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
TENNESSEE SENATE District 12		JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTION
Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in		Court of Appeals Judge - Western Division Carma Dennis McGee Shall Carma Dennis McGee be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced? Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Retain <input type="checkbox"/> Replace
TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 41		
Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> John Mark Windle <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in		
COUNTY GENERAL		
ASSESSOR of PROPERTY Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Gilford (Biff) Wilson IND <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in		
COUNTY ATTORNEY		
Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Tracey Vought Williams IND <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in		
SCHOOL BOARD District 2		
Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Hicks <input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Wade Summers <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in		
UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 3		
Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Chuck Fleischmann <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in		
TENNESSEE SENATE District 12		
Vote for One (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Ken Yager <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in		
TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 41		
Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in		

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brain Lester has applied for a permit to sell beer ON/OFF premise Manufactures permit at the location known as:
Mehlhorn's Farm Brewery, LLC
122 Cassell Rd
Oliver Springs, TN 37840

Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the Morgan County Beer Board on the 11th day of August, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Office of the County Clerk.

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).

Historically Speaking

Our Own Airmail Beacon House

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

“On April 12, 1939, a bright red Stinson Reliant plane swooped down out of the sky in Latrobe, Pennsylvania snatching a container of mail suspended on a rope between two poles. This event kicked off a unique chapter in airmail history. At that time, airmail service was restricted almost exclusively to metropolitan centers, out of reach of the majority of the country’s population.” The above quote comes from Air Pick-Up by James O’Donnell, an article published in Enroute Volume 9, Issue 1 January–March 2000. Rural America was about to get airmail by a most unusual delivery method! Gordon Fee recalls just such occasions when he, at 12 years of age and living in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, was a part of that historic airmail expansion effort. Gordon’s job was to put the outgoing mail bag on the rope and hoist it up between the two poles. He also was tasked to pick up the incoming mail bag the airplane dropped and take it to the Post Office for mail distribution.

How did I learn this? What connects Oak Ridge with Canonsburg, PA or airmail? I never cease to be amazed at the new and interesting facts I learn in writing these Historically Speaking articles.

I received an e-mail from Pat Parr, Oak Ridge National Laboratory’s Oak Ridge Reservation Area Manager. She said that when TVA was clearing the right of way for an expansion of an electrical power line near ORNL an unusual small building had been discovered. She wondered if I knew anything about its history. I did not, but was sure interested. She said TVA personnel had called the building a “Beacon House.”

As is my usual approach to such “unknowns” that pop up periodically in my research for Historically Speaking, my first thought and immediate action was to e-mail Bill Wilcox and Bill Sergeant. I had found them to be reliable sources of accurate information about Oak Ridge’s history. However, neither of them had ever heard of such small buildings on the Oak Ridge Reservation nor had they ever heard of a “Beacon House” at all.

I replied to Pat, asking to see the Beacon House. She agreed that would be a good idea and set about making it happen. She asked Ernest Ryan, of her staff, to arrange a visit to the site. She also sent a map showing the location of the building as being north of ORNL on top of the first rise of Chestnut Ridge. What a strange location. Why would such a small structure be located there in the midst of the woods? When was it built and for what purpose? The map just raised more questions than ever. I had to see that building! Ernest and I did not get together right away, but in mid-December, I received an e-mail from him asking if I still wanted to see the Beacon House. He also had been doing some research and now better understood what a Beacon House was used for and why it would have been placed on top of that ridge. I was now even more intrigued and anxious to go see for myself.

So, we travelled to the site and to my surprise, the building was in good condition, with the exception of the single door being missing and some rust on the tin roof and metal siding. I photographed the building and examined the surrounding area thoroughly. There are two concrete foundation blocks just east of the building that obviously served to support the fuel tank that powered the generator housed inside the structure.

There were also two depressions that seemed located exactly where two of the four foundations for the light tower would have stood. There is no trace of the large concrete arrow that would have likely been there as a visual indicator of the direction to the next beacon house. They were located approximately 30 miles apart, according to the information I have found on the placement of the beacon houses. There remains the evidence of a road down the ridge from the building. Ernest and I surmised this road was an access road from a nearby home where the family living there would have been employed to start the generator each evening and stop it each morning.

According to the Postal Museum’s web site, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill into law authorizing this experimental airmail service on April 30, 1938. There were two routes opened in early 1939. The first route went from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia. The other went from Pittsburgh to Huntington, West Virginia. One reason for the support for this service was that it would bring airmail service

to rural areas, such as East Tennessee, North Carolina, West Virginia and other Appalachian mountain areas.

The pilot of that first historic air pick-up flight on April 12, 1939, was Norman Rintoul. He also was the pilot on the final flight of the service on June 30, 1949. He later purchased a Stinson Reliant plane when All American Aviation upgraded its fleet in 1949 and donated it to the Smithsonian Institution. That plane is on display at the Smithsonian’s Postal Museum. Dr. Lytle Adams, dentist and inventor, formed All American Aviation. He thought the Air Pick-Up service would soon expand into both North and South America. While that was not



Historic Beacon House located just north of ORNL in TVA’s electrical power line right of way (Photo Submitted)

the case, the service actually only lasted ten years, his company expanded to passenger service, dropped the air pick-up service and eventually became US Airways.

In an article published in The New York Times on Sunday, October 1, 1922, F. A. Collins wrote



Interior of Beacon House showing concrete footers on which the generator sat that powered the airway light (Photo Submitted)

in, LAND LIGHTHOUSES; Future Airways Will Be Illuminated for Nocturnal Fliers, that he foresaw a network of lights that would serve to guide airplanes. He was right, but technology soon surpassed his vision for the future.

These Beacon Houses as foreseen by Collins were located approximately 30 miles apart. They were powerful lights. There were also base lights to allow the pilots to see the numbers on the roofs and the giant concrete arrows showing the way. The main lights pointed straight up so as to not shine in the pilot’s eyes. Many rotated to be more noticeable by the pilots. Often a mirror was used as the motion device with the light shining horizontally into the mirror that reflected it upward.

The following timeline of the history of aviation may help put our Beacon House into better perspective.

On December 17, 1903, Orville Wright in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, made the first powered flight of 120 feet and stayed aloft for 12 seconds. Powered air travel began.

Then on February 7, 1911, Fred Wiseman made the first official airmail flight of 14 miles from Petaluma to Santa Rosa, California. It took two days to complete

Next on May 15, 1918, the Army Air Corps carried the first regularly scheduled airmail between Washington, DC, Philadelphia and New York City for the US postal service. Lt. George Boyle, pilot of this first air mail flight from Washington, DC and Philadelphia lost his way and was forced to land at Waldorf, Maryland. He again tried to get to Philadelphia and again lost his way. He was denied a third attempt.

On August 12, 1918, the United States Post Office took control of the nation’s airmail service hiring pilots, purchasing aircraft and mapping out routes. And August 21, 1924, marked the first transcontinental flight from San Francisco to New York with the portion from Chicago to Cleveland being flown over the new lighted airways. Here is where the history of Beacon Houses such as ours began.

On September 8, 1920, the first transcontinental

airmail service was established with airplanes being used to fly the mail by day and trains used to transport the mail by night. The elapsed time from coast to coast was 76 hours.

On February 2, 1925, Congress passed the first Air Mail Act or Kelly Bill for commercial aviation to provide airmail service through airmail contracts. And on February 19, 1934, the Army Air Corps took over airmail services after congress accused the postal service of favoritism in contracting out the service.

By April 12, 1939, when air mail service was expanded into the rural areas of Appalachia, our Beacon House was likely a part of a much larger effort to light the airways for night flights of these courageous pilots who flew in all kinds of weather to “deliver the mail.” So, by the time of the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge, the Beacon House on Chestnut Ridge in all probability had been in existence for some time, may have even been in regular operation and had likely been operating for a number of years. What happened to it when the Army moved in? Was it already out of service? Was it maintained by the Army – unlikely as Bill Sergeant knew nothing of it.

Did it just get lost in the transfer of land and buildings for the Manhattan Project? Obviously, I have more questions than answers. I am going to seek to find it on Don Raby’s photographic record of structures here before the Manhattan Project.

The Beacon House was NOT torn down as were other buildings. Was that just because it was remotely located and not in the way of anything the Army wanted to do during the Manhattan Project era? Or, was it still functioning as an airway light in the early 1940’s. Remember, the expanded airmail service using the lighted airways did not stop until 1949.

I do feel that this “Beacon House” located near ORNL may well be the ONLY such structure remaining intact for miles around. It surely may just be the ONLY ONE IN TENNESSEE! I am told there is a “Beacon House Restaurant” near Dickson, TN. However, there is no evidence of the Beacon House for which it is named, only the knowledge that there was once such a beacon house located nearby.

Vhf Omni-directional Radio range or VOR began to be widely used in the 1950’s using vacuum tube technology and by the 1960’s when solid state electronics allowed reduced maintenance and increased reliability, VOR became the primary navigational system for the airways. Airmail delivery soon returned and has continued to function as a primary method for quick delivery over long distances.

Most all of the beacon houses of the early era of aviation are now long gone and were soon forgotten. But we in Oak Ridge have an excellent example of a site that contained a generator building, still has the footers for the fuel tank and the remaining evidence of two depressions where two of the four footers were located that supported the tower on which the light was installed to get it elevated over the surrounding trees.

This structure is being submitted to the National Register of Historic Places, and rightly so. It is truly a piece of aviation history that is unusual and may well be the only such structure left in our state or even surrounding states. The unique situation of the Manhattan Project created an isolation that preserved the structure for future generations to appreciate. It should be preserved and even restored.

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.

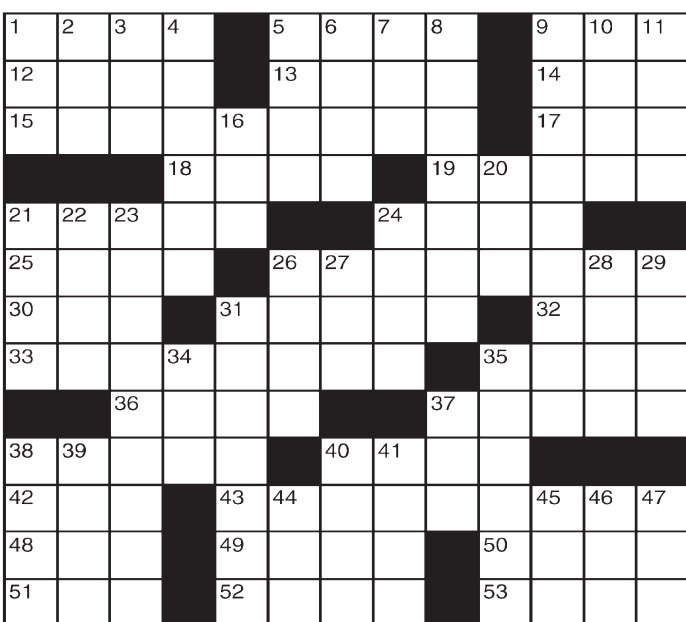
This “Secret City” nestled in Appalachia near Morgan County and where many from Morgan County go each day to work, continues today to produce scientific discoveries used worldwide and still routinely makes history. These Historically Speaking stories will provide insight into the people of Oak Ridge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

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Oil cartel
- 5 Largest continent
- 9 Crime scene evidence
- 12 Lounge around
- 13 Charged bits
- 14 A billion years
- 15 Perry Mason's client
- 17 Entertainment
- 18 Smell bad
- 19 Geneva's river
- 21 Skiers' 7-Down
- 24 String instrument
- 25 Do as you're told
- 26 Old cars for new ones
- 30 "Help!"
- 31 Repeat verb
- 32 Arctic bird
- 33 Confiscations
- 35 Sans siblings
- 36 Diner staffer
- 37 Name
- 38 BLT meat
- 40 Swimming venue
- 42 Alias abbr.
- 43 Secret or Sure
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- 8 On both
- 9 Leaves-dropper?
- 10 Proper subject, maybe
- 11 Heche or Hathaway
- 16 Born
- 20 Weeding implement
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- 24 Cisterns
- 26 Ankara resident
- 27 Fish eggs
- 28 — and void
- 29 Terrier variety
- 31 Former
- 34 Menagerie
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- 47 Explosive stick

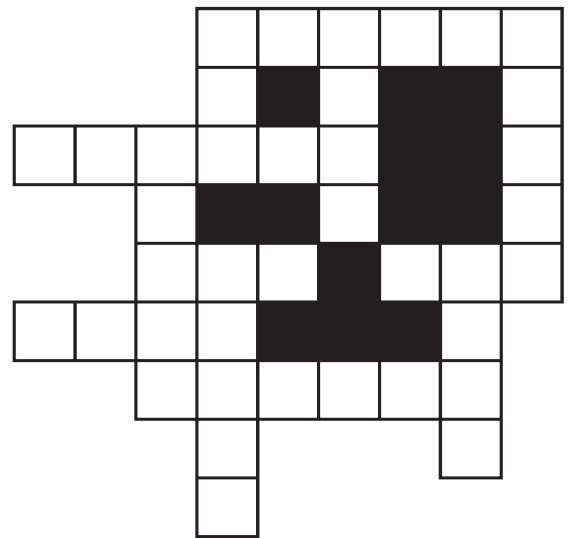
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FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

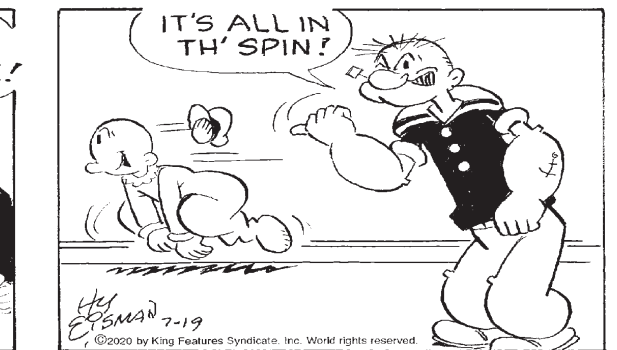
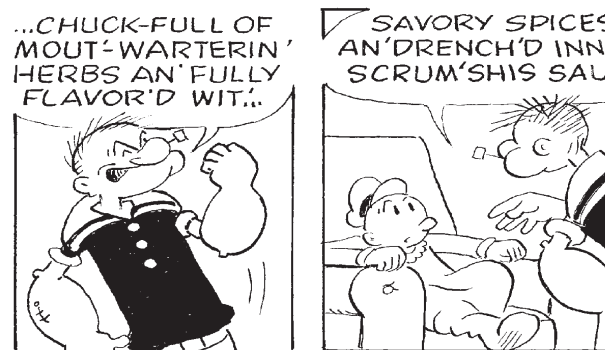
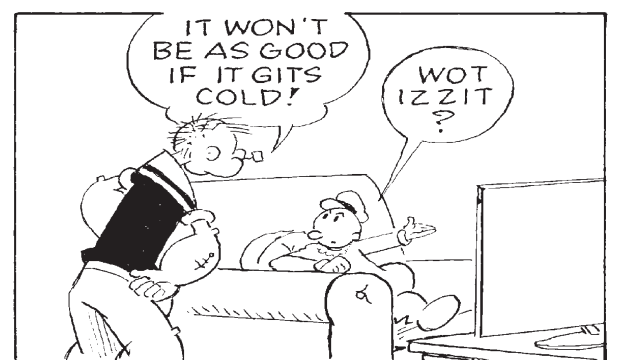
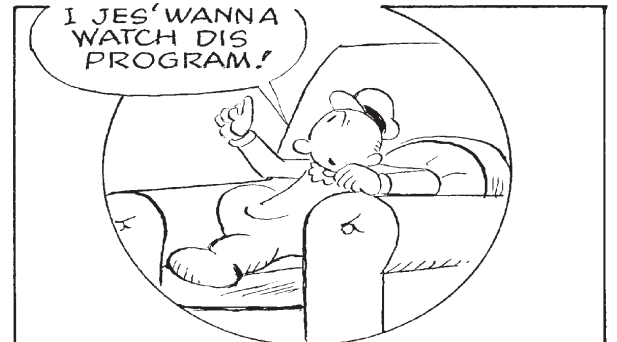
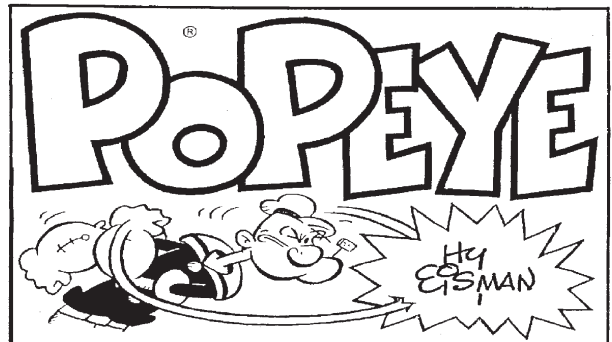
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

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John 3:7

- Jesus

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A Storm Is Brewing

By: MSG. Fred Mize



MSG Fred Mize

As I sit at our dining room table writing this article, I hear the clash of thunder and see outside our living room windows and our back door that the wind is picking up as a storm is brewing. As I wait with great anticipation for my wife to return safely from the store, I ponder on the effect's storms have on people. While for many storms are a source of worry, I've inherited a love of storms from my maternal Grandmother. As a child I remember sitting beside her watching lightning flash in the distance while hearing the

rumble of thunder surround us as we watched approaching storms coming our way. I've never felt unsafe during a storm because I'm comforted in knowing who creates the storm for, He is the same creator of the calm after the storm. We all face storms in our lives. Many can be seen and heard off in the distance coming our way while others hit us without any warning. Seeing how we all face storms what makes us different

from each other is how we handle the storm. Do we run in fear or do we wait out the storm with faith and comfort? Each time I have a major storm in my life I'm comforted when I run to the creator but when I turn my attention to the creation (myself and my own control of the situation) verses

more on the creator (Jesus Christ) then and only then does the storm have the ability to take control of my situation. In John 3:7-8 Jesus told Nicodemus, (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (8) The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof,

but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Just as we as born-again Christians may not know where or when a storm is going to come, we can be comforted in even the mightiest of storms. Our comfort comes from not our own un-

derstanding of the storm but in knowing we are saved by the Holy Spirit and death has lost its sting. We may never be able to fully comprehend God's grace, mercy, and love for us sinners. He loved us so much that He gave his only begotten Son to die for us (John 3:16). If you are going through a storm you don't have to go through it alone. Seek comfort in Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and Savior. He and He alone is capable to give you safe shelter throughout any storm you will ever face and He desires to ride out the harshest of storms beside you. Amen!



Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

The Unicorn Fund: Interview with Cathy Jones

community to help those in need.

The main revenue source for The Unicorn Fund is the store itself. People can donate unwanted items at any time. They have a drop box that's really convenient for donations. You can also donate monetarily to The Unicorn Fund. "We have a drop box where people can donate items, we have volunteers that come in and help with the store, we have some people that sponsors us, and sometimes we have fundraiser once a year," replied Jones.

seems to be operating and following proper sanitization protocols. "Our Store manager, Geraldine, has always been big on sanitation. Now she has doubled down, we sanitize all day long." "Her grandson works here, and she's got him cleaning all



Zack Ballinger



My granny loved doing yard sales. She enjoyed setting up her tables outside, talking with customers, and making a little extra money. For Granny, I really do believe it was more about helping people than making money. The one thing she didn't like was clutter in her house. After her yard sales in Warburg, she would take the remainder of the items and donate them to The Unicorn Fund. I didn't really know a lot about this non-profit organization as a kid. I wanted to see first-hand what this organization was all about. I conducted an interview with Cathy Jones, head of The Unicorn Fund, to learn more the non-profit organization.

For years I saw The Unicorn Fund as just a consignment store. I didn't realize what they did with the proceeds from the store. The Unicorn Fund actually gives to the community in several different ways. Everyone that works there volunteers there time and no one is compensated. It's much more than just a thrift shop. "We do scholarships, help people with utilities, and that's all funded from the store," said Jones. The proceeds go back to the local

I actually got to take a tour through the store and was quite impressed. I noticed how clean and organized the store was from top to bottom. The country is in the middle of a pandemic dealing with the coronavirus.



Some people are being cautious about returning to retail shopping areas, but The Unicorn Fund

day long", said Jones.

What I love about The Unicorn Fund is all the workers are volunteers. This is all about giving back to Morgan County. If you are a student living in Morgan County, consider giving back to your community by volunteering. The Unicorn Fund employees work hard, many hours, and deal with many different obstacles. I asked Cathy what made her do this and why? "I worked for so many years I didn't get a chance to do anything, but work. I find I enjoy helping people. Any tragedy that puts people in need, I just like helping them". If you would like to donate items to The Unicorn Fund you can find them at: 602 Main Street in Wartburg.

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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Thank You Lord for sending the rain! Some got more than others but everyone was thrilled to see the rain. Our yards and gardens sure were thirsty.

The Morgan County Summer Feeding Program has come to an end. I would like to extend a great big Thank You to all of the workers who have had a hand in preparing and delivering food to children in Morgan County. I have seen the work going on behind the scenes. It has really been a team effort and we all appreciate your dedication.

Early voting will continue at Morgan County Courthouse through Saturday, August 1.

Tax-free weekend in Tennessee focuses on clothing and other back-to-school items. It begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 31 and ends Sunday, August 2 at 11:59 p.m. During this time, clothing, school supplies, and computers and other qualifying electronic

devices may be purchased tax-free.

Happy Birthday to my sweetheart who will celebrate his birthday tomorrow, July 29. Happy Birthday Bunt!

Happy Birthday to Montana Nealon and Ashlee Bunch who both have a birthday on July 29. Wishing you ladies a wonderful day.

Happy Birthday to Ms. Jeanie Bingham who will celebrate her special day July 31.

Belated birthday greetings to Kayla and Elee Caldwell. Elee turned 5 years old July 17 and her mom, Kayla, turned 30 on July 20. I hope your girls had wonderful days.

Hutch, Marilyn and China Hutchinson of Nolensville spent some time in Oakdale last week. I asked Marilyn to share highlights of their visit and this is what she shared. "For some time, Hutch has been wanting to hike through Catoosa and find George Bing-

ham's home place. My Dad (Jess Powell) and Uncle Henry (Powell) had told so many stories of walking to the Bingham place, singing for hours, spending the night in the barn, and going home the next day. My Uncle George (Penny) Powell had told me if you want to find out anything about Catoosa, talk to Cecil Stone. Uncle Penny was right. Cecil shared a wealth of information. His wife, Ruth, updated me on so many friends in the community. Later in the afternoon, I visited with Aunt Ruth Headrick and Darlene. Rolland stopped in and sat for a moment, and then I visited Diana Smith at her home. On my way back, I met Elijah Ruppe taking Hattie for a ride on the 4-wheeler and said "Hey" to them. Winding my way down the hill, I saw Danny and Sue Redmon, tooted my horn and waved at them. So many friends... limited time to visit. Hutch and I always comment on the "quiet" and stillness of the countryside. It is always a welcome getaway."

Each week I put a post on Facebook asking people to share news with me for this column. I appreciate those who are always

willing to help out. As I have said before, I read a lot of things on Facebook but without permission, I usually don't share those things. Last week I got this message from my friend Connie Jackson and it made me chuckle. Connie said "I don't exactly live in Oakdale. More like a suburb of Oakdale." She shared her observations. "It is Hot! My dog is eating my tomatoes as soon as they get ripe." I assume she meant the dog is eating them right off the vine. Smart Dog!

I had a most pleasant... and delicious surprise... a few days ago. Karen and Amanda Eble gifted me with a tray of homemade cookies. They were so good. Since then, they gave me a sample of Key Lime Cookies. Karen has a Facebook page called "Karen's Kitchen." Check it out and when you need cookies for an occasion or just because, order from her. Have a Great Week Everyone!

"Let your smile change the world but don't let the world change your smile." Unknown

INVITATION TO BID

Morgan County Sheriff's Department is accepting bids for the following:

Twenty (20) Body Worn Video Cameras

Other specifications are available at the Morgan County Sheriff's Office in Wartburg, Tennessee or by contacting Captain Brad Aytes. Sealed bids should be delivered to the Morgan County Office of Finance, P.O. Box 250, Morgan County Courthouse Room 304, Wartburg, Tennessee 37887, and should be identified as "Body Cam Bid". Bid opening will be Monday, August 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in Wartburg, Tennessee. Morgan County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Hebrews Chapter 9:1-14

Hebrews 9:1-10 the elements and nature of the Old Covenant: these ten verses contain the most compact depiction of the Old Testament tabernacle and its components, with the affirmation of their typical (prophetic) elements, found anywhere in the entire Bible. We will discuss these in the order of their divine arrangement. The first covenant had (note the past tents; it is gone) regulations for sacred worship on earth in the Mosaic dispensation. First, there was the tabernacle (a movable tent, hinting of the temporary nature of the entire system) designed by God; it was always set up facing east. It consisted of a first compartment, the holy place, and a second one, the holy of holies (v. 2-3). This was surrounded by an outer court. The holy place represented God's house on earth (Acts 15:16-17; 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Tim. 3:15), the church; the holy of holies was a symbol of the Lord's heavenly house, heaven itself (6:19-20; 9:8, 24).

Each item in the outer court and in both rooms had special significance, symbolizing certain elements of the Christian regime. To the extreme east, in the outer court, was the altar of burnt offerings, each sacrifice of which foreshadowed the voluntary sacrifice of the Lamb of God (Jn. 1:29). To the west of the altar was a huge basin called the laver; it was a symbol of cleansing. Paul connected it with baptism (Eph. 5:26; Tit. 3:5). The priest washed their bodies in this basin and adorned themselves in priestly garments before entering the holy place to engage in worship, just as the Christians must cloth himself with Christ (Gal. 3:26-27) before he is prepared to worship.

The holy place had three items of furniture. On the south was a seven pronged golden candelabrum fueled by pure olive oil. Seven was the number of completeness, and the lamp stand represented the complete light of God's word (Psa. 119:105, 130). To the west, in front of the veil that separated the holy place from the holy of holies, was the altar of incense. Sweet incense was burned by the priests morning and night; this suggested the prayers of the people (Lk. 1:9-10; Rev. 5:8). Finally, at the north side was the table containing twelve loaves of bread (representing the twelve tribes of Israel and replaced each Sabbath). It was called showbread or bread of presence, perhaps conveying the idea that God's presence is more precious than life itself. (Some charge that verse four contains an error, allegedly putting the altar of incense behind the veil. The original construction is elastic, however, likely suggesting that the altar of incense and the ark of the covenant were connected theologically, not in terms of actual locale.)

Separating the holy place from the holy of holies was a thick veil. No one could venture beyond it except the high priest, and he only once a year on the

day of atonement. On that occasion, the high priest passed through the veil with atoning blood on behalf of himself and the people. This imagery previewed Christ's journey from the days of his flesh into heaven following his death, his blood being the redemptive payment for human rebellion (10:20-21).

Beyond the curtain was a small chest called the ark of the covenant, containing three items---the two tables of stone containing the ten commandments, a golden pot with a sample of the manna provided in the wilderness of Sinai, and Aaron's almond rod that had miraculously budded on one occasion. The tables of law reminded Israel of this responsibility to obey the Lord, and yet they failed to do so. Aaron's rod demonstrated his unique position as God's high priest. The manna reminded the people of Jehovah's care for them in the wilderness. The cover of the ark was called the mercy seat. In a figurative sense, it shielded the view of God from the condemning testimony of the law, thus was a symbol of divine mercy. The fact that it was sprinkled with blood on the day of atonement pictured the ultimate shedding of the blood of his Son, its atoning effect, and the hope of man to be reconciled to his Creator. All these elements in concert were prophetic glimpses of the unfolding of Heaven's marvelous redemptive plan. As the writer of this book states, they were a figure for the present time (v. 9).

These items were preparatory in nature; they could not of themselves initiate any sort of permanent perfectness (9), for they were carnal (material, external) things that had been divinely imposed only until a time of reformation (v. 10), which was the equivalent of the present time (v. 9), namely the Christian age.

Hebrews 9:11-14 the importance of Christ's priesthood: the good things that have come are the result of Christ's high priesthood; these are spiritual in nature, not material, such as was characteristic of the Old Testament system. The blood of animals could not atone for sin in any permanent sense. Jesus was able, however, by his own blood to obtain eternal redemption once for all (a procedure never needing to be repeated) (v. 12). The sacrifices of the Mosaic order had only a ceremonial sanctification. They could not purge the soul (v. 13). How much more effective was the sacrifice of our Lord, who, being without moral or spiritual blemish, through the eternal spirit (either his eternal spirit or the eternal Holy Spirit) offered himself as a sacrifice. The effect was to cleanse the conscience from dead works (works of sin, the law, human merit, tradition, etc.) to serve the ever-living God (v. 14).

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Sergeant First Class (SFC) Daniel "Danny" Finstad as this week's veteran of the week.

SFC Finstad's military career began in 1999 when he enlisted into the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He decided to enlist in order to earn college benefits by serving his country in an honorable manner as a U.S. Marine.

Soon after enlisting he completed boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina and then graduated Advanced Individual Training as a Combat Engineer.

In February 2005 he was deployed on a peace keeping mission to the Horn of Africa. His unit was assigned to Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa. Camp Lemonnier is a United States Naval Expeditionary Base and the only permanent U.S. military base in Africa. There he served in base security operations throughout his deployment and returned home with his unit in September 2005.

In 2007 he enlisted into the Tennessee Army National Guard and became qualified as an Army Automated Logistical

Specialist (92A). In 2009 he transferred to the TNARNG Recruiting and Retention Battalion to serve as a Recruiting and Retention NCO.



SFC Finstad has been blessed with a flourishing military career but more importantly with a beautiful blended family. He married his loving wife Anjelica in 2017. Combined they have five won-

derful children Matthew, Lilli, Maggie, Michael and Cecelia.

Between his military and family life he maintains a high level of physical fitness by running half and full marathons. Thus far he's completed three full marathons and six half marathons.

He has also shown his support of Gold Star Mothers who have lost a child in combat by completing the Mountain Man Memorial March which is a 26.2-mile ruck march held annually in the Great Smoky Mountains.

At the end of the march the participants give a gold star and photo of a military service member who gave their life serving our country in combat, to the service member's mother. This represents that their child was never left alone nor will their sacrifice ever be forgotten.

SFC Finstad, Morgan County Today thanks you for your military service, dedication to your family and for living an honorable life that others should strive to emulate.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Cindi Jones, Morgan County Trustee

This week's Law Enforcement Officer of the Week is going to take our readers on a history lesson. We at Morgan County Today decided to educate our readers by honoring the first Morgan County Sheriff Garrett Hall.

Sheriff Garrett Hall served as sheriff for two terms. His first term was from 1818 – 1820. He served once again from 1840 – 1842.

Garrett was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina on

November 9th, 1785 and died of the American Revolution,

in Morgan County on October 4th, 1862. Garrett was the son of Samuel and Letitia Hall. He was married to Matilda (Tali-tha) Davidson which made him the son-in-law of Colonel William Lee Davidson.

According to the Daughters



“Colonel Davidson arrived in Morgan County, Tennessee about 1810, when it was still part of Roane County. In 1817 the governor appointed him as one of five commissioners

to set up the government of Morgan County he presided over the first county court held in January 1818.”

Hopefully this newfound knowledge will inspire you to learn even more about the rich history of Morgan County.

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Advice if you missed filing by the July 15 deadline



David Zubler

Don't stress if you owe taxes, but don't procrastinate. Ordinarily, the failure-to-file penalty is 5% of the tax owed for each month or part of a month that a tax return is late.

For example, if you owe \$1,000 the late filing penalty is only \$50 during the first month late, which isn't a huge amount.

It is important to file within 30 days of the deadline to avoid paying a larger late filing penalty.

However, if a return is filed more than 60 days after the due date, the minimum late filing penalty is either \$435 or 100% of the unpaid tax, whichever is less. This can be a steep penalty for people who owe a small amount of taxes. For example, if you owed \$400, the minimum penalty would be \$400, which is 100% of the unpaid tax.

Some people make the mistake of not filing their taxes because they don't have the money to pay their taxes. Don't make this mistake.

The late filing penalty is much larger than the late paying penalty. The late

filing penalty is 5% a month compared to the late paying penalty of 0.5%. So, if you owed \$1,000 and filed less than a month late, the late filing penalty would be \$50 but the late paying penalty would only be \$5.

If you haven't had any late filing penalties in the last three years you may qualify for the first-time penalty abatement. If you believe you qualify, you can call the IRS and request the abatement. If the penalties are substantial you may want to call a licensed tax pro. They can normally call the IRS and get through in a matter of minutes. Taxpayers may be on hold for hours before they are able to speak with an IRS employee. Additionally, a tax pro can pull your transcripts and verify whether you qualify for a first-time penalty abatement. A tax pro may also be able to determine if you qualify for a reasonable cause abatement of penalties.

I have encountered many people who stress about filing their taxes before the IRS deadline even though they are getting a refund or don't owe taxes. If you don't owe taxes you are not penalized for filing after the deadline.

However, if you don't file within three years of the deadline you lose the right

to the refund for those years. I had a client who went six years without filing because he thought his refunds would be small and he didn't need the money. His refunds turned out to be over \$5,000 each year. Unfortunately, because three of the returns were more than 3 years late, he lost out on over \$15,000 in refunds for those three years.

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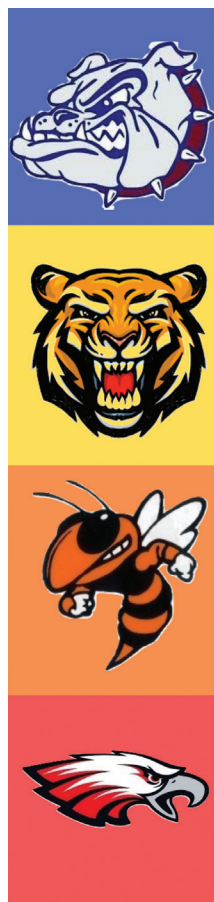
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I want to express what an honor and privilege it has been to serve as Morgan County Assessor of Property for the past 13 years. My office staff and I continue to work to support the forward progress of our County in the best interest of the citizens and communities we serve. I humbly and respectfully ask for your complimentary vote in the upcoming August election, all of which are appreciated so much as I do not take this position for granted.

Sincerely,
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